

# THIS IS ELDORADO



## Prairie Trails Golf Course Sale

By: *Tabitha Sharp, City Clerk*

In October of 2018, GreatLife Golf and Fitness submitted an unsolicited offer with options to purchase, lease or manage the golf course. The purchase options offered to purchase the course for \$550,000 and included a commitment to invest \$800,000 in capital improvements over the first five years. These improvements could include: zoysia turf on fairways and tee boxes; a state-of-the-art fitness center; locker rooms, lounge and patio improvements; golf shop renovations, new golf carts, and pickle and bocce ball courts. The lease option provided a five-year lease for one dollar per year and GreatLife would invest a minimum of \$250,000 in capital improvements. The final option provided for the management of the course by GreatLife for \$36,000 per year plus 10% of gross revenues exceeding \$600,001 per year.

The Prairie Trails Advisory Board reviewed the options, and after discussion with representatives from GreatLife, the board voted 6 - 0 in favor of the purchase option.

Following the recommendation, the City Commission reviewed the proposal and decided to pursue the purchase option. The City proceeded to negotiate a sale contract and prepared a plat in order to preserve easements for the bike path and utilities. The final plat will be voted on at the City Commission's February 18th meeting. Following approval of the plat, the sale of the golf course will proceed with hopes that GreatLife will be operating the course in March 2019.



The City will save nearly \$200,000 in annualized expenses following the sale of Prairie Trails. The first year's "savings" and the sale proceeds will likely be used to pay the City's share of a tennis court complex to potentially be built in partnership with USD 490. Following the initial year, the "savings" will offset operational expenses such as police and fire, or allow for continued investments in parks.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

- T-Ball & Machine Pitch registrations available at City Hall
- March 4 & 18 City Commission Meetings
- March 9 El Dorado Recreation hosts Mother Son Bowling
- March 11 - 15 USD 490, USD 375 & BCC Spring Break
- April 1 & 15 City Commission Meetings
- April 17-19 Kansas Governor's One Shot Turkey Hunt

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## Free Smoke Alarms

The El Dorado Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross and we would like to install 10-year lithium ion smoke detectors in your home! Call the Fire Department at 316-321-9100 ext. 201 to schedule a time for the crews to come out and install them. You can also go to <https://www.getasmokealarm.org/> and fill out the appropriate information for your home.

Have smoke alarms? Here are a few safety tips to make sure yours are always in working order.

1. Test smoke alarms monthly. If they are battery powered, change the batteries at least twice a year.
2. Put smoke alarms on the ceiling or high on a wall.
3. Do not put smoke alarms in kitchens, they should be at least ten feet from the stove.
4. Smoke detectors should be installed inside each sleeping room and outside each sleeping area.
5. Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
6. Larger homes may need more alarms, check with your local Fire Department to see how many are recommended for your home.



Roughly 3 out of 5 fire related deaths happen in homes without smoke alarms.

## Sewer Infrastructure

By: Kurt Bookout, Public Utilities Director

Did you know some of El Dorado's sewer collection system was built in 1905? That means the men that built these lines and the El Dorado citizens that paid for these lines, could have been around during the Civil War. This very well built infrastructure has been serving many, many generations of El Dorado citizens.

In many areas of town, these 110+ year old sewers continue to serve in relatively good condition. However, some of the over 90 miles of sewer lines, have succumbed to the years of wear and tear of freeze-thaw cycles, tree roots and the geologic forces of nature. Over the last 20 years we have rehabilitated about 800 of the 1600 sewer manholes, and relined many miles of sewer mains.

You have probably seen the sewer line repair that is going on in Graham Park. In late 2018, staff discovered a failing line that runs along the east side of the park. Emergency crews were dispatched and the portion of the line that was in the worst condition (270 feet) was replaced within the week. This failure of aging infrastructure cost approximately \$74,000. Due to the age and fragile state of the remainder of this pipe, the City Commission decided to proactively replace an additional 920 feet of pipe for approximately \$140,000. By utilizing a company already mobilized for the Union Tank project, and not waiting for the pipe to deteriorate more, we estimate a savings of \$112,000 in construction costs alone. It definitely pays to be proactive with infrastructure replacement.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?



**Avoid flushing wipes**



**Do not pour hazardous materials down the drain.**



**Do not pour grease down your drain**

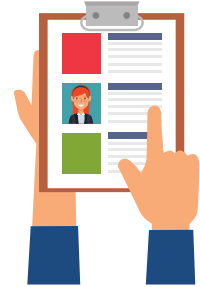


**Do not plant trees directly over sewer lines**



## THE CITY OF EL DORADO IS HIRING

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## Summer Help Needed!

Do you or someone you know want to gain quality employment experience while contributing to the community? Do you enjoy the outdoors?

The City of El Dorado Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting applications for part-time summer adventures to include: mowing, paint crew, lifeguard, concession stand, umpires and other maintenance positions.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age on or before May 1st, 2019. Applicants for mowing positions must be 17 years of age on or before May 1st, 2019.

Applications can be found on the city's website, [www.eldoks.com](http://www.eldoks.com). They are to be turned into the Recreation Department located at 220 E. First or at the Activity Center located at 401 McCollum, El Dorado, KS 67042.

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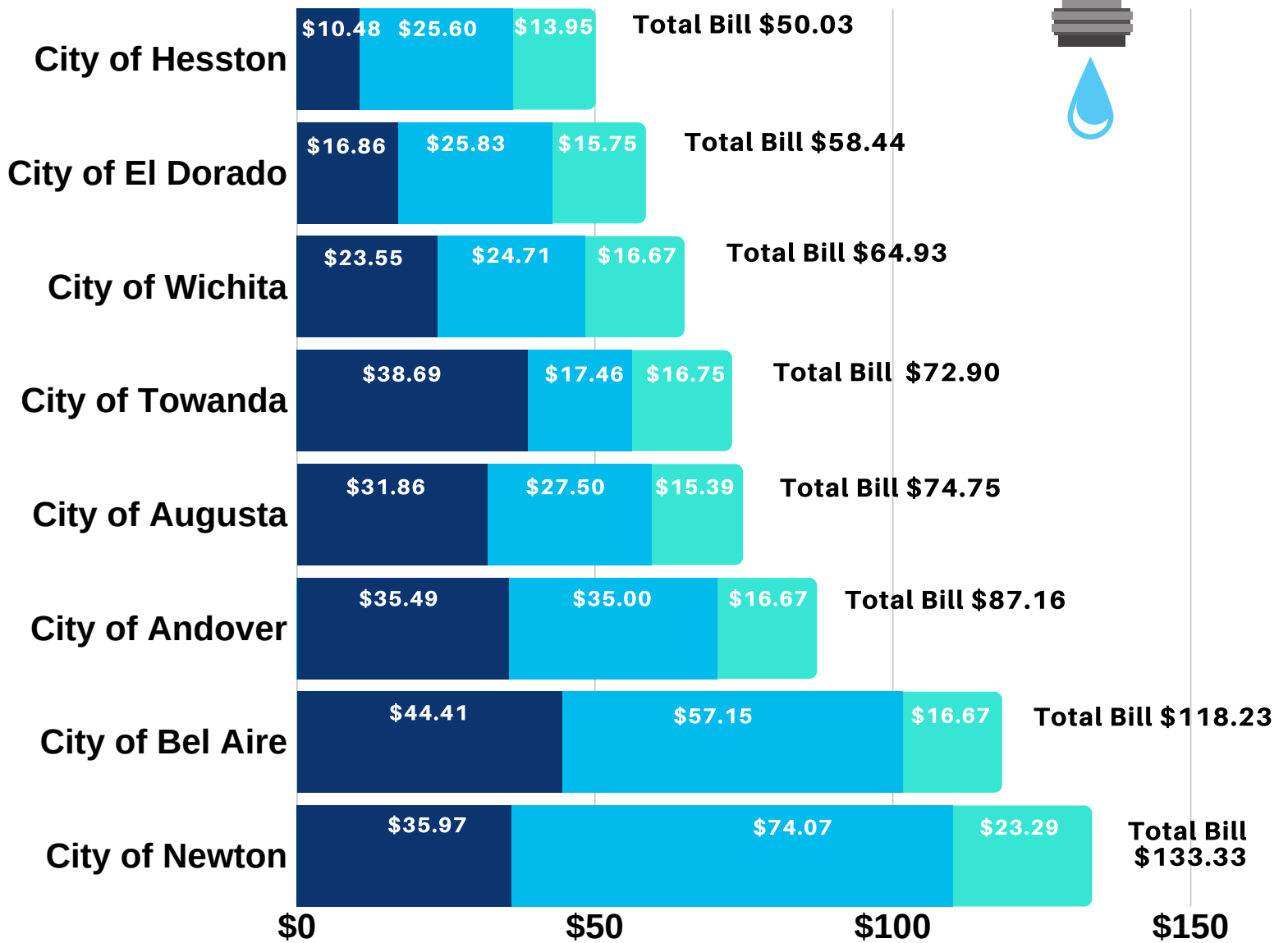
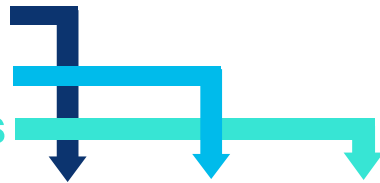
**YOU COMMENTED. WE NOTICED.**

**Responses from the Citizen Satisfactory Survey showed concern with our utility rates.**

**So, we decided to compare our rates to surrounding cities.**

**Here's what we discovered.**

**Water Rates**  
**Sewer Rates**  
**Refuse Rates**



*All information is based off of the average four person household with the usage of 3,800 gallons of water. Please note that any additional fees charged by the cities listed above are not included in the total.*