

THIS IS ELDORADO

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

- July 1 & 16 – City Commission Meetings
- July 4 – City offices closed - 4th of July Celebration @ East Park and Fireworks @ McDonald Stadium after the Broncos Game
- July 12 – Summer Concert at the Depot, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- July 12 – Twilight Swim, Municipal Pool, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- July 15 – Drums Across Kansas, BG Stadium, 7:00 p.m.
- July 20-24 – Butler County 4-H Fair
- July 25-27 – Dam Music Fest, El Dorado Lake
- August 2 – Twilight Swim, Municipal Pool, 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- August 3 - Fly In & Pancake Feed at the El Dorado Airport
- August 3 – City Wide Garage Sale Day
- August 4 - Miss Frontier/El Dorado Pageant
- August 5 & 19 – City Commission Meetings
- August 6 – National Night Out, East Park
- August 9-11 – HollyFrontier Western Celebration

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Free Chlorine Treatment

By: Kurt Bookout, Director of Public Utilities

The City of El Dorado Water Department will be conducting a free-chlorine disinfection of the water distribution system August 1 – 30, 2019. Water utilities use a form of chlorine called “chloramines” in finished treated water. The advantage of using chloramines is that you can’t smell or taste it. The disadvantage is that it’s a mild disinfectant. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment recommends periodically switching to free-chlorine and flushing to maintain a healthy distribution system.

During the switch to free-chlorine, customers may notice a chlorine taste or odor. This is perfectly normal and the water is still safe to drink. Customers who want to remove the chlorine taste during this one-month period may purchase one of the many inexpensive faucet mounted filters that are very effective at removing chlorine.

Fire hydrants may be opened periodically to flush the distribution system, and aide in distributing chlorine to areas of low use. Anytime fire hydrants are flushed, cloudy water may occur due to calcium carbonate deposits being dislodged. Flushing your faucets briefly should clear the water. The faucet screens may need to be cleaned as well. Minor air pockets and temporary pressure fluctuations are possible while hydrants are being flushed.



Customers using tap water for kidney dialysis should properly monitor for complete neutralization of the free-chlorine disinfectant residual and should contact their doctor for more information. Customers using tap water for aquariums should also monitor the chlorine residual.

Questions? Please call the Public Utilities Department at (316) 322-4411.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey Question of the Month

By: Tabitha Sharp, City Clerk



This month’s survey topic is spraying for mosquitoes. The City discontinued spraying for mosquitoes about two years ago due to the anticipated costs to continue the program. At least one of the sprayers being used was in need of replacement and the department responsible for this task has been unable to fill open positions. Employees would have been required to either be pulled from other tasks or work overtime which is a significant cost to the City.

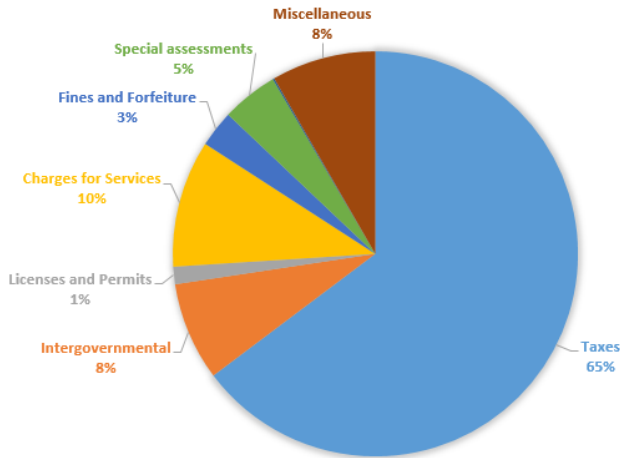
Spraying for mosquitoes only affects those mosquitoes that reside within twenty feet of the area from which the spray is discharged. The spray does not kill most mosquito larvae. In order for the spray to be even temporarily effective, every resident would need to ensure that all areas of standing water were dry and all areas of tall grass and brush were cleared. Typically these areas can be found in the back yards of unkempt properties and those cannot be reached by the sprayer from the street.

There are many products available that residents can use on their properties including sprays for yards and tablets that can be placed in stagnant water. The local nursery also has plants available that help to ward off mosquitoes. We encourage residents to keep areas clear of standing water and keep yards maintained and free of dense brush.

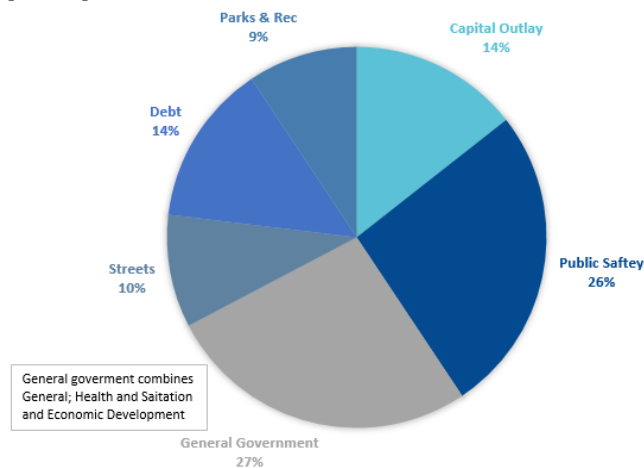
2018 Financial Audit

Each year the City of El Dorado is required to obtain an audit of the financial activities of the previous year.

The City collected \$4,548,270 in property taxes in 2018, this is 65% of the total revenue received by the General Fund. The chart here shows all revenue to the General Fund.



The General Fund had a total of \$14,275,171 in expenses in 2018. The chart below shows how those expenses were divided out. Capital Outlay costs are expenses for tools or equipment in a project; Public Safety includes police and fire expenses; General Government includes cemeteries, animal control, economic development and administration; Streets shows expenses for repairs and maintenance to city roadways; Debt represents the principal and interest paid on items such as Tower 1, the new fire truck, and streets such as Towanda Avenue; and Park and Recreation includes expenses for the parks, pool and recreational facilities.



The audit is a large undertaking each year and requires assistance from all of our departments. A huge thank-you goes out to everyone who participates in making sure that it goes as seamlessly as possible.

You can see the full report at www.eldoks.com/137/Finance-Department

Splash Park Vandalism

By: David Dillner, City Manager

In 2005, the City constructed the first splash park at Graham Park. Following the success and overwhelming enjoyment of the splash park, a second one was built in 2010 at North Main Park. These two locations are free to the public to use and enjoy throughout the summer.



Recently, vandalism has been elevated at both locations. Individuals are taking items and blocking or clogging the drains which prevents the water from circulating and creates a shallow pool. These actions are causing the pumps to over-heat and malfunction and require the City to replace them much sooner than planned. Funds spent replacing these pumps could be used for many other items in our parks and recreational areas.

Staff spoke to the City Commission on numerous occasions regarding the vandalism and a plan of action has been developed. I recently directed the Parks and Recreation Department to turn-off both spray parks for three days if the parks continue to be plugged by patrons. A sign explaining the reason for the service interruption will be posted so the public knows why the spray park(s) is not in service. A second offense will lead to a more lengthy interruption of one week. The third offense may require the spray park(s) to be out of service for an extended period of time. The hope with this strategy is that the offenders learn of the impact of their actions the first time, and the actions stop or that others will do their civic duty and report abuse.

It is a crime to deface public property, if you see any individuals vandalizing these parks, or any other parks, please call the non-emergency number at 316-322-4398. If you have a camera available and feel safe to do so, take a picture as that is beneficial in helping our officers locate these vandals.

