

THIS IS ELDORADO

BBQ & Fire Pit Safety

By: El Dorado Fire Department

Summer time is upon us and families will be enjoying the outdoors. In 2017, approximately 5,300 burns were reported in the U.S. as a result of outdoor fires. A majority of these burns came days after homeowners assumed the fire was out, but coals proved to still be hot. While there is nothing better than burgers hot off the grill or an evening around the fire pit, without following some simple fire safety rules, your next summer activity can go up in flames.



Between 2013 and 2017, grills, hibachis or barbecues were involved in an average of 10,200 home fires per year. These fires caused annual averages of 10 civilian deaths, 160 reported civilian injuries, and \$123 million in direct property damage. Almost all of these losses were the result of a structure fire. July is the peak month for grill fires. 85% of grills involved in home fires were fueled by gas while 10% used charcoal. One-Quarter of grill fires result from grills not being properly cleaned. Gas grills were involved in an average of 8,700 home fires per year. Leaks were the primary problem with gas grills. Approximately 11% of gas grill structure fires and 23% of outside fires were caused by leaks or breaks in the grill. Charcoal or other solid fueled grills were involved in 1,100 home fires per year.

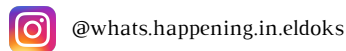
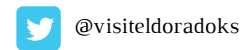
FIRE & GRILLING FACTS

- Outdoor open fire appliances should be 50 feet from structures and other combustibles.
- The fire should always be attended.
- You should never start your fire with flammable or combustible liquids.
- Don't wear flammable clothing or loose-fitting clothing.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Roughly half of injuries involving grills are thermal burns.
- There should be a readily available water source on hand.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.
- **If the fire or grill should get out of control, call 911!**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

- 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
- September 2 - Labor Day - City Offices Closed
- September 3 & 16 - City Commission Meetings
- September 14 - Night Lights Sky Lantern Festival, El Dorado Lake
www.nightlightsevent.com

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Citizen Satisfaction Survey Question of the Month

By: Tabitha Sharp, City Clerk

This month's survey topic is recycling. The announcement from Butler County has caused many people to call City Hall and the Public Works department regarding recycling. The market for goods that can be recycled has declined sharply in the last few years. Companies that previously purchased these products from the United States and recycled them were inundated with product, and have been unable to keep up with the demand which caused them to slow or completely halt the purchase of recycled goods. Many of them now charge recycle collectors to take away these goods instead of purchasing them. The expense of paying a hauler to pick up our recycled goods is double or triple the expense of hauling items to the landfill.

We are currently still recycling as we have in the past, but the City Commission has been having discussions with staff regarding the future of the recycling program. No decision has been made at this time. If you would like the Commission to hear your comments on the future of the recycling program, their contact information can be found at www.eldoks.com/379/Meet-the-Commission. You can also send comments to me at tsharp@eldoks.com and I will forward them to the City Commissioners.

Please remember that recycling items include plastics labeled with a 1 or a 2, aluminum cans, tin cans, cardboard and boxes such as cereal boxes. Please try and clean your recyclables and make sure that they are free of trash. If trash is found in your recycle cart, it will not be picked up because it will contaminate the recyclables.

Lake Debt Payoff

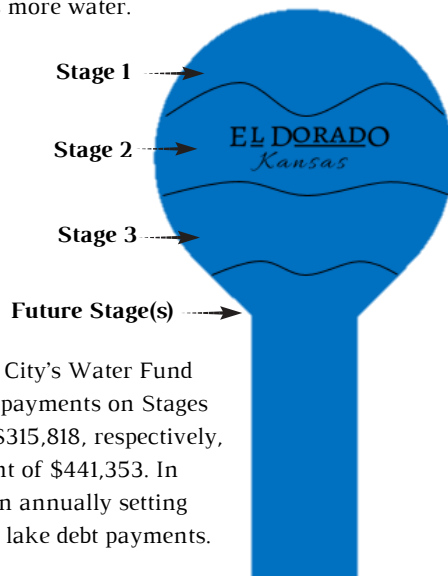
By: David Dillner, City Manager

In 1981, the City of El Dorado contracted to purchase the water storage rights for El Dorado Lake from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These rights covered approximately 142,800 acre-feet of water storage, amounting to about 22.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of water capacity available to use or sell by the City.

The initial value of the water storage rights after construction was \$33.18 million, although this value was reduced by \$11.05 million due to a credit from the federal government for the local contribution of Bluestem Lake to the El Dorado Lake Project. Therefore, the value of the water storage rights was adjusted to \$22.13 million. This adjusted value of the water storage rights was subject to compounding interest at a rate of 3.502%.

The City of El Dorado activates use of the water storage in stages or spaces. One may think of these stages as the water between two elevations in a water tower as depicted in the graphic below. The City may activate, or call into service, additional levels of the water tower as the City requires more water.

Stage 1 was paid for from the credit received for Bluestem/Old El Dorado Lake. Stages 2 and 3 were amortized over a fifty year period at the time the storage rights associated with each of these respective stages was activated. The City's Water Fund had been making annual payments on Stages 2 and 3 of \$125,535 and \$315,818, respectively, for a total annual payment of \$441,353. In addition, the City had been annually setting aside \$225,000 for future lake debt payments.



As of July 2019, the City owed an outstanding balance of \$8.6 million for both Stage 2 and 3. The City elected to pre-pay the remaining balance with funds on-hand that had been saved over the years for the purpose of repaying lake debt. As such, the City owns the water storage rights for Stages 1, 2, and 3. This means the City has the right to use the water stored within the elevations designated by the USACE in the original contract with the City. The decision to pre-pay the lake debt for Stages 2 and 3 will ultimately save water customers over \$6 million in interest charges that would have otherwise gone to the federal government.

The remaining storage space, commonly referred to as "Future Space," will be available when activated for use by the City as a result of demand due to future growth. This Future Space had an original construction cost of \$18.5 million. Per the original contract with the USACE, this principal amount has been and will

continue to compound at a rate of 3.502% until activated or the remaining debt matures in 2081. Presently, the principal amount of the Future Space is about \$48.5 million. The principal amount will increase to about \$409.7 million in 2081 if the space is not activated when the note matures.

The City presently sells 7.9 MGD (35.5%) of the 22.2 MGD available in water storage rights contained in El Dorado Lake. The City is currently evaluating future demand projections and reviewing options to sell additional water from El Dorado Lake to minimize future liabilities. With the recent pre-payment of Stage 2 and 3, the City Commission is actively discussing use of the funds that would have otherwise be allocated to payments. Preliminary discussions have prioritized the use of the \$665,000 for water and sewer infrastructure investments (\$200,000), future lake debt payments (\$360,000), and rate reduction (\$100,000). The City is also focusing on proactively attracting water-intensive industrial water users as well as making water storage available for future growth in Butler County.

BRADFORD MEMORIAL LIBRARY 60th Anniversary

By: Kristi Jacobs, Library Director

In June, 1957, Mrs. Ruth Bradford, a library trustee, donated \$200,000 for the construction of a new public library building as a memorial to her husband, Robert Bradford II. Mr. Bradford had been a leading citizen of the El Dorado community, he was: president of the El Dorado National Bank, vice-president and treasurer of the El Dorado Refining Company, oil producer and a real estate owner.

Architects Caton, Yadon, and Potter from Winfield designed the building. Huff Construction Company broke ground on the new library in 1958. The Library Board that spearheaded this project consisted of: R.A. Clymer, R.Y. Taliaferro, Mrs. Corah Mooney Bullock, Mrs. Robert H. Bradford (Ruth Ewing), Miss Frances Frazier, Max Bickford, Harley E. McMillen, and Mayor Pearl H. Jellison.

The new "handsome, ultra modern" Bradford Memorial Library opened it's doors to the public August 31, 1959. Miss Anna Louise Borger was the Library Director, and her assistants included: Kay Fabian, Marilyn Baker, and Henry Crist.

The Friends of the Library are hosting a 60th Anniversary Celebration on August 30th 11 am-1 pm. Please stop by and celebrate with us and enjoy birthday cake and cookies!



EL DORADO

FALL

EVENTS

EL DORADO
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

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 @whats.happening.in.eldoks



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SEPTEMBER


1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Labor Day City Offices Closed	Commission Meeting City Hall 6:30 p.m.				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
						Night Lights Sky Lantern Festival El Dorado Lake nightlightsevent.com
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Commission Meeting City Hall 6:30 p.m.	Brown Bag Lunch Concert Coutts Museum 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.			Oktoberfest Gordy Park	Walter's Pumpkin Patch Opening Weekend Family Fun Day Kansas Oil Museum 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
						





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OCTOBER

NOVEMBER



		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Commission Meeting City Hall 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 Brown Bag Lunch Concert Coutts Museum 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Family Fun Day Kansas Oil Museum 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
20	21 Commission Meeting City Hall 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Friends of the Library Sloppy Joe Dinner Civic Center	26 El Dorado Historic Cemetery Tours Kansas Oil Museum
27	28	29	30	31  Trick or Treat Down Main Street		

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3 Daylight Savings Ends	4 Commission Meeting City Hall 6:30 p.m.	5 General Election Vote today! 	6	7	8	9 Celebration of Freedom Parade Downtown 11:00 a.m.
10	11  Veterans Day City Offices Closed	12	13	14	15	16 Family Fun Day Kansas Oil Museum 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
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24	25	26	27	28  Thanksgiving City Offices Closed	29 City Offices Closed	30  Shop Local. Shop El Dorado!

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Fall Youth Sports



Soccer

With the YMCA

Coed league for players
3yrs old to 6th grade.



Volleyball

Coed league for players
3rd-6th grade.



Flag Football

Coed league for players
1st-5th grade.

**It is now time to
REGISTER**

REGISTRATION LOCATIONS:

→ City of El Dorado
Recreation Department

220 E. First
316-321-9100
M-F 8A-5P

→ Activity Center

401 McCollum
316-322-7400
Hours Vary

**Recreation
Weather Hotline | 316-322-7471**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, AUGUST 23



Activity Center



**Beginning
September
3rd**

Fall Hours

Monday	3-9P
Tuesday	3-9P
Wednesday	3-9P
Thursday	3-9P
Friday	3-7P
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	1-5P

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www.eldoks.com/175/recreation

