



THIS IS ELDORADO

El Dorado Receives Grant Funds

By: Kristina Traina, Administrative Assistant

The City received a Commercial Rehabilitation Grant through the U.S. Small Cities CDBG Program. The award of \$247,950 will



assist the new owners of the District 142 building with reconstruction of the roof membrane and drains. It will also allow them to install a fire suppression system in the building. The new owner will then be utilizing the space for retail and some offices.

The Police Department received a \$3,410 grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice's FY 2019 Bulletproof Vest Partnership. The funds may be used by the Police Department to purchase National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests. The Federal Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) awarded the Police Department a grant in the amount of \$34,399. The funds are for crisis intervention team training and development. Lastly, the Police Department was awarded \$1,000 from Wal-Mart, which will help fund the purchase of crime prevention education materials.



The Fire Department was also awarded \$1,000 from Wal-Mart which they will use to provide a new carbon monoxide detector program. The U.S. Forestry Service granted the El Dorado Fire

Department a Wildlife Fire Apparatus Truck. It is in the process of being equipped for fire service. Firehouse Subs granted the Fire Department \$19,500 for extrication equipment.

All of these accolades speak to the professionalism and dedication of staff and the community and our commitment to meeting the highest quality standards in service.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

- November 4 & 18 - City Commission Meetings
- November 5 - General Election
- November 7 - Thankful Thursday - Shop specials downtown!
- November 9 - Celebration of Freedom Parade - Downtown El Dorado
- November 11 - Veterans Day (City offices closed)
- November 28-29 - Thanksgiving (City offices closed)
- November 30 - Shop Small Saturday - Shop Local in El Dorado!
- December 5 - Thankful Thursday - Shop specials downtown!
- December 7 - Old Fashioned Christmas and Parade Downtown
- December 19 - Holiday Craft Party for Kids!

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El Dorado, KS CVB

Citizen Satisfaction Survey Question of the Month

By: Tabitha Sharp, City Clerk

As the holidays come our way, we would like to address this question, "How do I find out what is happening in El Dorado?"

The City is working every year to find more ways to disseminate information on the activities happening around town. In addition to the calendar above this article, we also release several forms of a calendar; one in your utility bill each quarter; one that is posted around town; and one that is the most updated on our website. We also create events or share them for other groups on our CVB Facebook page (@eldokscvb).



Cox Cable customers can see all events on Channel 7, the local informational channel and our public buildings all have media screens that scroll information for various events around town.

Should you have questions about, or want to advertise an event that is open to everyone, please call us at 316-321-9100 or e-mail Molly Denton, Community Marketing Manager, at mdenton@eldoks.com or myself at tsharp@eldoks.com. You can also sign up for notifications on our website at www.eldoks.com. Make sure to watch these calendars, events will be advertised there for El Dorado's 150th birthday next year!



Veteran's Day (Nov. 11) trash routes will run normally. Thanksgiving week, Thursday's route will be picked up Wednesday the 27th. Friday, the 29th, trash will run normally.

From the City Manager's Desk

By: David Dillner, City Manager

The City of El Dorado has authorized the demolition of the wind turbine presently located at the Water Reclamation Facility. The City solicited bids for demolition services and marketed various components of the wind turbine for sale to interested parties.

As a result of these actions, U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) will purchase the wind turbine blades for \$30,000, and Ethos Distributed Solutions, Inc. will purchase various surplus parts from the wind turbine for \$17,200. The City contracted with All Metal Recycling, LLC for the demolition of the wind turbine tower. The company will pay the City \$24,711 for the right to dismantle the structure to recycle the material.

The demolition project is expected to begin in early October and will be completed, pending cooperative weather, in early to mid-October.

The City Commission elected to authorize the removal of the wind turbine due to the facility not functioning in a manner suitable to generate electricity to offset the Water Reclamation Facility's electric needs as originally intended. The \$2.1 million project was originally funded from several U.S. Department of Energy grants and a revolving loan from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

The City determined that continued investment in the wind turbine, to return it to working condition, would be cost-prohibitive and not in the best interests of the community. After demolition is completed, the City will continue to make an annual payment to repay the remaining balance of \$1.6 million on the outstanding KDHE revolving loan.



When do I need a permit?

By: Engineering Department

Accessory structures are buildings on your property other than your house, such as small storage sheds, detached garages, and carports. Any of these buildings larger than 60 square feet requires a permit. The permit process allows us to ensure these structures are placed in a way to not impact your neighbors, provide adequate fire separation, ensure they are not placed on top of public utilities, and are built to building code. Fire and building codes are there to keep us safe while zoning regulations exist on the basis that every property has the right to sunlight, air (wind), and open space and is one of the reasons for setback requirements - to protect you from a large structure on your property line that blocks sunlight during certain seasons, blocks the flow of wind and air, and reduces open space. These regulations are a balancing of property owner's rights; you both have the ability to build structures, albeit in a way that does not impact your neighbor.

We frequently hear that storage sheds are "temporary" and built on skids. Prebuilt buildings typically have skids for ease of delivery and maneuvering on the destination property. However, that does not make them temporary. Tents are temporary; trailers are mobile. Buildings are permanent and rarely move. Therefore, they must be attached to a permanent concrete foundation or anchored in the ground. After all, you don't want to give a shed to your neighbor in the next wind storm.

Like structures, most fences also require a permit. A permit is required anytime you are replacing more than 50 percent or installing a new style. Replacing small sections of your existing fence with the same materials does not require a permit. Fence regulations primarily focus on improving public safety by limiting fence height and requiring transparency near intersections and in front yards around driveways.

How do I get a permit? Visit our website (www.eldoks.com) or visit the Engineering Department at 216 N. Vine Street to complete and submit a building permit application. In addition to the application, please bring a site plan showing your property lines, structures on the property, and the location of proposed structure(s) and/or fence(s).



Just a reminder, as you're out getting ready for the holidays, shop local! Money spent in El Dorado is reinvested in our community!