



THIS IS ELDORADO

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

- January 2 - Thankful Thursday Shop Local!
- January 6 & 21 City Commission Meetings
- January 7 - Community Dialogue with the City Manager
- January 9 - Community Dance at Senior Center, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
- January 11 - Kidzfest at Blackmore Elementary, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Offices Closed
- February 6 - Thankful Thursday, Shop Local!

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El Dorado, KS CVB

Meet the Mayor

Bill Young was born and raised in Kansas where he spent the majority of his childhood moving around the state. His family finally settled in El Dorado his junior year of high school.



After graduating at El Dorado High, he attended both Butler Community College and Wichita State University, majoring in business.

Bill started his career at the young age of 20 in the technology field and worked for an international consulting company for seven years.

In 1997, he married his wife, Dacia. They welcomed their daughter Annalise to the world in October of 2000. For the last eighteen years Bill has passionately enjoyed coaching recreational sports for children, especially his daughter's softball team.

Originally, Bill was hired as the Chief Information Security Officer because of his extensive background in cyber security and experience as a policy consultant at Butler Community College. Two years ago, he was appointed as the Vice President of Digital Transformation and is currently the Chief Information officer at the college.

An important part of Bill's childhood was giving back to others and the community. Inspired by that, Bill has served on the Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, was EHS Athletic Booster Club President and was a member of the City Commission 4 years ago.

The Young family enjoys hunting, fishing, traveling and catching a football or baseball game when they have time. Mayor Young's contact information is byoung@eldoks.com or 316-322-5349.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey Question of the Month

By: **Tabitha Sharp, City Clerk**

Trash service is always on the minds of our citizens, so here are a few reminders for the coming year.

- Trash carts should be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your designated trash day. The cart must be removed within 24 hours.
- The lids must be fully closed. Extra trash can be placed in the carts with the orange lid or orange bags can be purchased at City hall for \$6.
- Do not tie the lids on the carts down.
- Cardboard recycling is available at the old recycling center on the south end of the drive off of Vine Street. The boxes must be broken down and no other trash placed in the slot. This area is monitored by cameras.

Please take a moment to review the flyer (pictured here) you received with your December utility bill or place it on your fridge so that you are aware of all holiday route changes in 2020.

Truck failures can cause delays in the trash route, please do not move trash that has not been picked up until the morning following your trash route. Should your trash not get picked up, move your carts back to your house the morning following your trash route day and call the Public Works Department at 316-322-4481.



Got Cardboard?? Don't forget, the City still offers a drop off location for cardboard recycling at the old recycling center on the south end of the old recycling drop off drive.

From the City Manager's Desk

By: David Dillner, City Manager

The City of El Dorado, like many cities throughout the country, has a practice of averaging water usage during the months of December, January, and February to determine each utility customer's sewer rate for the year. The usage from these months is billed in January, February, and March. Residents often ask about this practice, so I thought I would take a moment to explain why cities take an average to determine the sewer rate for the year.

Section 13.20.040 of the City Code sets forth the method by which sewer bills are calculated for utility customers with sewer connections. Sewer usage is different from water usage in the fact that sewage volumes are not metered. Sewer volumes are not measured because sewer connections do not have a meter to measure the flow of sewage to the City's sanitary sewer system.

Water volumes may be measured since service lines are metered and can be measured to determine the



amount of water used at a given address. Cities use water volumes to calculate sewer volumes because of the fact that water volumes may be measured and sewer volumes cannot.

So why average water use to calculate sewer use instead of using the actual volume of water consumed at each address? Water volumes do not necessarily equal the amount of wastewater generated at a particular address. Most of the water used at an address will be sent to the Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) for treatment. Showers and baths, sinks and toilets, dishwashers, and washing machines contribute quite a bit of water to the waste stream. Wastewater must be treated to meet federal and state requirements before being discharged to the watershed.



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Got a Leak??

Keep the paperwork from the repair and call 316-321-9100, option 1 and the billing staff will be happy to help you with the paperwork necessary to adjust your bill if possible.

The theory behind sewer averaging comes from the idea that some water used during warmer months does not enter the sanitary sewer system for treatment at the WRF. Instead, certain uses send water to the storm system where it eventually reaches a natural watershed without treatment. Examples of such water usages include lawn and garden watering, outdoor pools and "slip and slides," and car washing in the yard.



By using the average of winter use for billing, the City attempts to avoid billing utility customers for water use that does not enter the sanitary sewer system. Needless to say, no billing system perfectly captures all water use in a manner that allows for the economic costs of the use of the water and wastewater systems. Sewer averaging, for most utility customers, will provide a lower annual sewer rate than using the actual volumes throughout the year.

It should be noted that the City Code requires sewer averaging for all residential contributors. The City will use the median charge for all other residential customers if an average has not yet been established by a new customer. Nonresidential customers are billed based on the actual monthly usage as measured by the water meter.



Wastewater Plant Pictures courtesy of Kurt Bookout