



THIS IS EL DORADO

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO FIND MORE EVENTS AT WWW.ELDOKS.COM

- November 11 - Veteran's Day - City Offices CLOSED
Trash Routes will remain the same.
- November 16 - City Commission Meeting
- November 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed
Thursday trash will be collected Wednesday, Friday will run normally.
- December 7 & 21 - City Commission Meeting
Check out one of the sites below for daily updates!


From the Desk of the City Manager

Early results from the 2020 Strategic Planning Survey have shown several themes. One of these themes is that the people of El Dorado want more walking/biking paths. The photo below shows the plan for the bike path around and through various areas of El Dorado. The solid red lines are paths that already exist.


The dotted lines are areas where the City hopes to expand or is in the process of expanding the path now. The area on 6th Avenue has already been completed save for a small area around the railroad. We hope that when the path is complete, citizens will be able to walk, run, or bike around the entire City.


Much of the path has been paid for with grant funds or sales tax monies. The next section, near the dog park on the south east side of town is being paid for with a grant from the State of Kansas.

As we do more to interpret the results of the survey, we will address other issues each month. We look forward to providing you with answers to the many questions you asked.

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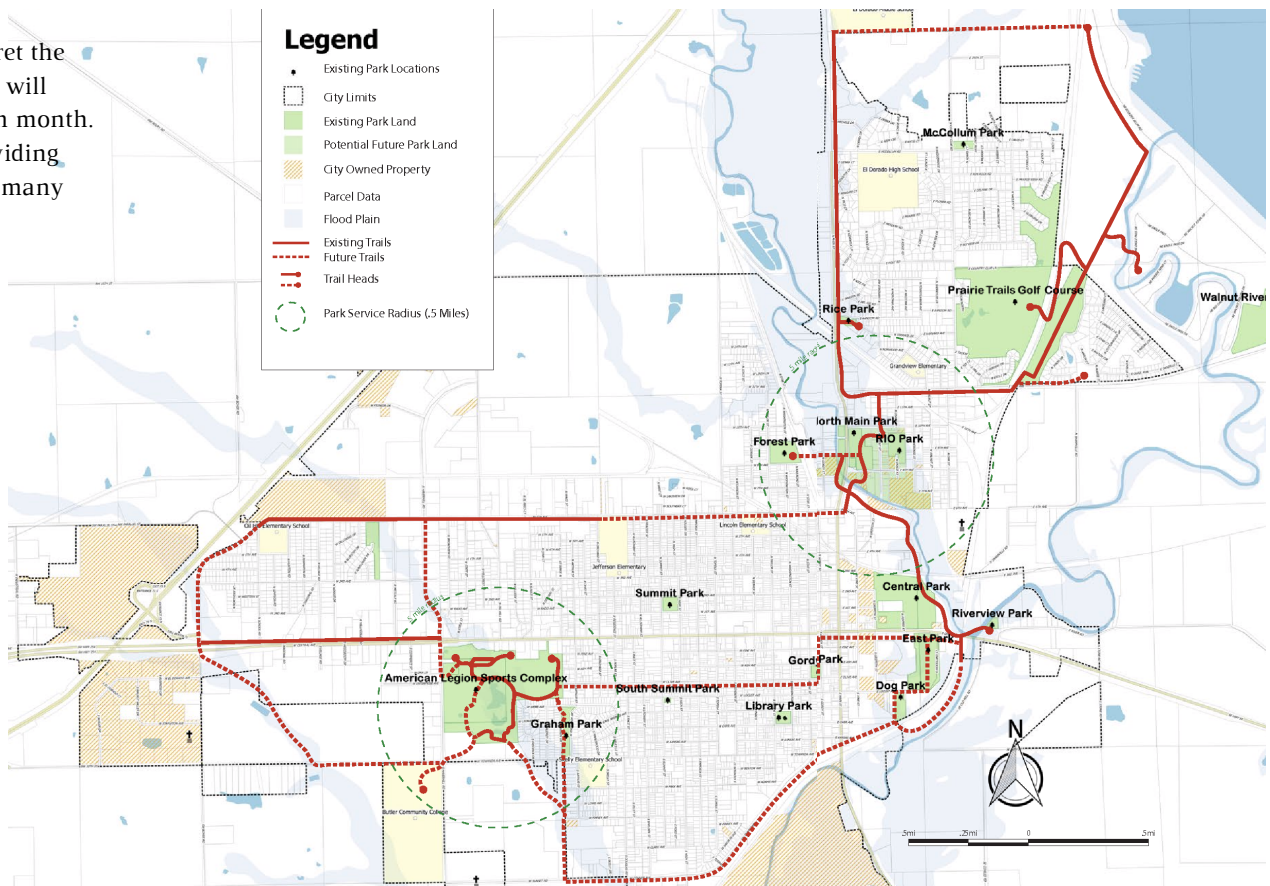
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 City of El Dorado, KS



Have a public comment, but don't have time to attend a Commission meeting? Please send it to the City Clerk at tsharp@eldoks.com or call 316-321-9100 ext. 105. We will read it at the next available meeting.





Countdown to the 150th Celebration:

History of the Fire Department

Have you ever noticed the bell at the north east corner of central and Vine? That bell originates from the original El Dorado Fire Station. What a wonderful way to commemorate the once standing building that also housed City Hall.



Historical records located at the Butler County Historical Museum stated that after the city of El Dorado was incorporated in 1871, two months later two fire wardens were appointed. "In 1880, the city purchased a hand pump and in 1886 established its first real fire department. In 1907, the department acquired its first fire wagon. Prior to that, it had used two wheel carts, and later dray teams.

The fire department consisted of the Chief (W.F. Foley), who during almost all of the year, had the additional duties of plumbing inspector, a truck driver, and ten volunteer firemen. A duplex siren was purchased and installed in the tower of City Hall, which gave warning to all of the volunteers. The department had only one piece of equipment, a Republic Truck carrying 1500 feet of hose.



Some of the earliest historical tales of the El Dorado Fire Department include a horse drawn fire wagon (pictured left at the previous Fire Dept/City Hall 1912) that carried ladders and fire hose. The horse team driver was Floyd Sanford. Rumor has it one of the hands that help tended to the horse and wagon was a young man by the name of Donald J. Rayburn. Mr. Rayburn would later become Fire Chief Rayburn.

Top 10 causes of fire in 1918:

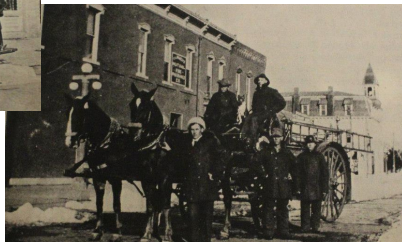
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| Gas & Oil Connections - 35 | Overheated Stove - 4 |
| Defective Flues - 10 | Children with matches - 4 |
| Burning Trash - 7 | Defective Wiring - 3 |
| Spontaneous Combustion - 5 | Tar Kettle - 1 |
| Auto Fire - 4 | Sparks from Engine - 1 |



Annual total loss - \$156,943.09



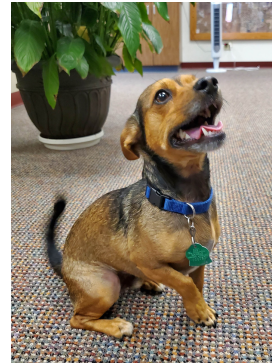
Fire Engine #1 ca. 1929



Fire Wagon team - ca. 1927

It's Time to Get Your Pet's 2021 License

Each resident of El Dorado who owns a dog or a cat must license those pets with the City. Animals must have a current rabies vaccination in order to be registered. Pet owners may obtain the vaccination from any licensed veterinarian in the city. Licenses for sterilized animals are \$5.00 per year, while non-sterilized animals are \$40.00 per year. Monthly late fees apply to those registering after February 28th. Licensed pets are happy pets, just like JJ pictured above!



For your convenience, licenses may be purchased at the Animal Shelter located at 222 E. Locust Ave. or El Dorado City Hall, located at 220 E. 1st Ave., and at many local veterinarians offices throughout El Dorado.



In addition to any combination of up to four dogs or cats, residents in El Dorado are also allowed to have up to six chickens (hens only), each chicken must have 50 square feet of lot space. They must also have a coop or similar shelter at least 3 square feet per chicken or 8 square feet if there is not an outdoor run available. The coop must be at least 50 feet from any other structure. A laying box and roost is also required.

No farm animals such as roosters, geese, ducks or exotic pets such as constrictor snakes or rear fang snakes are allowed.

All pet owners are required to:

- Provide rabies vaccinations for their pet(s).
- Purchase current license(s) and keep them on your pet(s).
- Keep your pet(s) confined on your property at all times, except to exercise or walk, at which time you must have complete control of the pet. If your animal defecates on any property other than your private property, you must clean it up.
- Provide your pet(s) with proper veterinary care, food, water and proper shelter from the weather.

The dog park is located at 321 E. Locust Ave., which offers a safe environment for your dog to get lots of exercise and play without being on a leash.

Please call (316)322-8844 or visit the City's website for more information about animal control.