

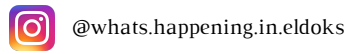
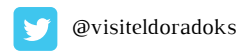


# THIS IS EL DORADO

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

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- June 7 & 21 - City Commission Meeting
- June 14 - City Band Flag Day Celebration
- June 18 - Kansas Veterans & Family Reunion
- June 24 - City Band Memorial Concert and Ice Cream Social
- June 25-27 City Wide Garage Sale
- July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 - City Band Concert
- July 3 - City 4th of July Events & Fireworks
- July 4-10 Kids Week (more information available on website)
- July 6 & 19 - City Commission Meeting



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### From the Desk of the City Manager

The City of El Dorado has voted in favor of a one percent sales tax since 1990. The current sales tax began October 1, 2019 and ends September 30, 2024. City Ordinance G-1281 states that \$600,000 is allocated to street rehabilitation, \$1,650,000 is allocated to property tax reduction, and \$100,000 is allocated to economic development. After ordinance items are funded, the remaining balance is deemed "excess sales tax". Each City Commissioner nominates an individual within the city to the Excess Sales Tax Committee. The committee makes recommendations for the use of excess sales tax and submits them to the City Commission for consideration.

Per Ordinance, the excess sales tax can be used for municipal services and functions provided directly by the City, or Capital Expenditures that directly support City operations and that are included in the current Capital Improvement Plan.

The 2021 Excess Sales Tax Committee met and discussed the allocation of the excess sales tax funds from 2020. The City of El Dorado collected \$2,683,572 in 2020 from the one cent sales tax. After ordinance items were funded, a total of \$334,812 was available for allocation. The committee provided the following recommendations with a unanimous vote. The City Commission will vote to approve the committee's recommendations on June 7, 2021 as follows:

• McDonald Stadium Project Bank	\$50,000
• Chelsea Bike Path	\$19,890
• Central/East/Lake Bleachers	\$55,000
• Forest Park Improvements - Band Shell	\$80,000
• Paving South Side of Sunset Cemetery	\$92,439
• Restroom Concession facility at ball field (TBD)	\$37,483
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$334,812</b>

If the City Commission approves the projects, planning will begin this year and they will be completed in 2022.

The City encourages residents to support their neighbors and friends by shopping local.



Some of the projects to be completed this year include:  
East Park Batting Cage, Civic Center Parking Lot Resurfacing, Riverview Playground Equipment Replacement and Senior Center Painting.



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## Countdown to the 150th Celebration: Tornado



On the south end of Graham Park is a tornado memorial for the lives lost in the June 10, 1958 tragedy. That day is still vivid in the memories of many citizens, but, were you aware El Dorado has a history of tornadoes?

Memorial at Graham Park

Past records show the month of June was favorable for these storms. Reports stated three lives were lost on June 16, 1871 and a local newspaper headline read, "El Dorado in Ruins". Reports also stated there were over 100 homes destroyed. The storm approached the unsuspecting citizens around 8 p.m. The damage extended four to five miles surrounding the city.

On March 27, 1905, another tornado touched down and caused substantial damage, but no deaths. June 1, 1914 another "wrong way" tornado came from the northwest around 10:30 in the morning. The city and our citizens were unprepared as the tornado hit what is known as the Riverside area north of town. Luckily, there were no deaths as many citizens watched the storm pass by on their porches and others hid in caves.



Looking South on Main St.

June 10, 1958, aka "Black Tuesday". It was supper time, and it was a typical hot and humid day. Citizens recalled seeing a black cloud near Oil Hill. The cloud suddenly created a funnel, and then released destruction. The "wrong way tornado" traveled east and south. It ravaged into town south and west of the area known as the



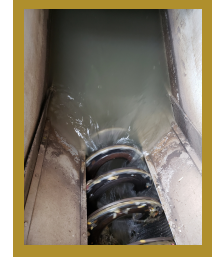
American Legion golf course. Houses were immediately consumed as the tornado carved a two mile long and hundred yards wide zig-zag course across the south side of town. The tornado (seen above), only lasting two minutes, caused thirteen deaths, at least 175 people were injured; 192 dwellings destroyed; 81 others damaged and Skelly school badly damaged. Volunteers began to arrive from near and far to help with the victims and clean-up efforts. The search for survivors and the hefty clean-up continued for two weeks. Estimates of the damage were 3 million dollars. Financial assistance came from the Red Cross, Salvation Army and from President Eisenhower, who released federal funds for relief.

As many times as storms have hit our city, it is no secret that our citizens have remained resilient during challenging times. We shall always remember those lives lost during these tragic events.

*Jessie P. Stratford & Lawrence P. Klintworth, The Kingdom of Butler 1857-1970;  
May 26, 1961 edition of the El Dorado Times*

## Where does go?

It's gross and stinky. We don't like to talk about it, but it is part of life. Where does the water, among other things, go when it leaves our homes? Below you can see how the Water Reclamation Facility processes the City's sanitary sewer flows.

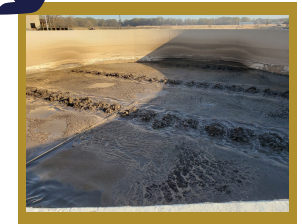


**Headworks**  
Trash Screening & Grit Removal



**Clarifier**  
Settling of Solids

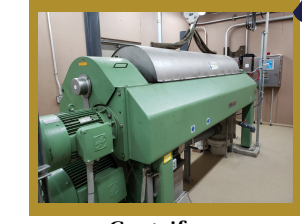
**Microbiology at Work**  
Treatment Process



**UV Disinfection**  
Inactivation of Pathogens

**Digester**  
Thickening of Solids

Here the process splits.



**Effluent Cascade**

**Centrifuge**  
Separation of Solids



**Walnut River**

**Compost**

For questions, please contact the Water Reclamation Facility at 316-322-4981.



**Land Application**  
Fertilizer