

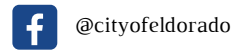


THIS IS EL DORADO

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

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- July 1 - City of Gold Fest buttons go on sale
- July 4 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- July 4 - Fireworks at McDonald Stadium
- July 5 & 18 - City Commission Meetings
- August - 1 & 15 City Commission Meetings
- August 2 - National Night Out @ East Park 5 pm



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Free Chlorine Starting in August

The City of El Dorado Water Department will be conducting a free-chlorine disinfection of the water distribution system beginning August 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022. Our typical disinfection treatment process combines chlorine and ammonia to create chloramines. It is necessary to periodically switch to free-chlorine disinfection to maintain a healthy distribution system. Disinfection of our drinking water also reduces the potential for coliform or other types of bacteria in the distribution system. During this period of time, the water disinfection process will be changed from chloramines to free-chlorine, which is a stronger and faster-acting disinfectant. Fire hydrants may be opened periodically to flush the distribution system, helping to distribute the chlorine to areas of low use. After this free-chlorine disinfection process, chloramines will be reintroduced into the distribution system.



During the temporary change, customers may see discoloration or cloudiness in the water and a minimal chlorine taste or odor. This is perfectly normal during this operation. If so, run the water for several minutes until it clears up.

The water is safe to drink. Minor air pockets and temporary pressure fluctuations may also occur. Fire hydrant flushing should remove the majority of the discoloration and odor, but some may reach the customers' lines.

Customers using tap water for kidney dialysis should properly monitor for complete neutralization of the free-chlorine disinfectant residual and should contact their doctor for more information. Customers using tap water for aquariums should also monitor the chlorine residual.

Why is the free chlorine disinfection process necessary? The City of El Dorado performs this yearly routine maintenance to insure a healthy water distribution system. Systems that feed chloramines are more prone to have nitrifying bacteria present in the water distribution system. Nitrifying bacteria can lead to biofilm growth in the system. This biofilm growth can cause a reduction in the effectiveness of chloramines, the primary disinfectant, over time. This free-chlorine disinfection process will help cleanse the lines and reduce the occurrence of nitrification and biofilm. Customers with questions can call the Water Treatment Plant at (316) 322-4443.

Convention & Visitors Bureau, now "Experience El Dorado"

It has been a year of celebrations and events since the City of El Dorado's CVB (Convention & Visitors Bureau) re-branded to "Experience El Dorado". This concept was influenced by the new Destination Services Coordinator at the City of El Dorado, Javan Gonzalez.

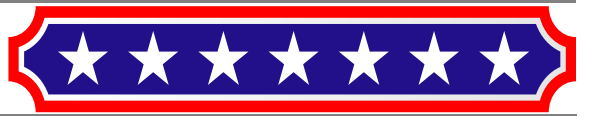
Javan is a native of El Dorado and is a graduate of El Dorado High School. Javan functions as the Destination Services Coordinator with Experience El Dorado and works to promote tourism and visitors to El Dorado along with facilitating local events. Javan began working with the City of El Dorado in 2021 and has a background in marketing, branding, and advertising for several different organizations and agencies. Javan has worked on various events in the El Dorado and Wichita area including Tallgrass Film Festival, Wichita River Festival, and El Dorado's 150FEST.



Javan works with the Experience El Dorado Committee, which is comprised of El Dorado citizens. This committee works purposefully and energetically to bring new events for all ages to the City. Check out the "Experience El Dorado" Facebook page for local events and activities to enjoy!



If you use your golf cart to commute around your neighborhood, you are required to register your golf cart with the City. Please register at City Hall, 220 E. First Ave.



Tall Grass and Weeds Ordinance

CORRECTION: This article about the City's tall grass and weeds ordinance was printed by mistake. This ordinance is still being considered by the City Commission and has not been approved.

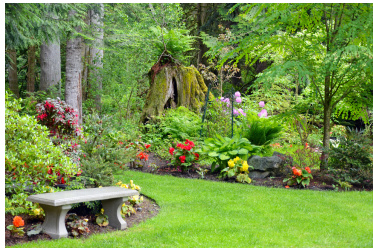
At the June 20th City Commission meeting, the Tall Grass and Weeds Ordinance Number G-959 was discussed. Currently, the Ordinance allows all grasses and weeds up to six (6) inches, then it must be cut/removed. The reason why the Ordinance states six (6) inches is when those grasses and weeds become dry, it could become a fire menace to the adjacent property. There is also the concern that those tall areas harbor rats, insects, animals, and reptiles, which may cause a hazard to health, public safety or welfare. Residents are not allowed to have noxious weeds, such as Johnson Grass, Musk, Thistle, Bur Ragweed, Kudzu, Field Bindweed, Russian knapweed, Hoary Cress, Canadian Thistle, Quackgrass, Leafy Spurge, Sericea Lespedeza, and Pignut. These noxious weeds are designated by the State of Kansas Department of Agriculture and Entomology.

There has been some inquiry about allowing residents to have tall grass on their properties. As of late, the City Commission amended the current Ordinance to allow native grass planting on said properties.

You will now need to complete the "Natural Landscape Permit" and submit a proposed landscape and planting plan for the native prairie, meadow, or natural vegetation planting prior to approval and installation at the Engineering Department. After the permit and plan have been returned, the Compliance Officer has up to ten (10) days to review and approve or deny the request.

There will be a list of native grasses that will be allowed. Those grasses must be in the backyard of the residence and have a privacy fence. Along with the privacy fence, there will need to be five (5) feet from the side and/or rear lot lines to provide a transition zone, which will allow a buffer so those grasses will not wander onto the neighbor's yard.

It will also be required that The Native Plant Landscape Area is cut at least once annually between September 15 and November 15 to a height no greater than six (6) inches.



The Native Plant Landscape should not exceed a height of eighteen (18) inches throughout the year and maintained throughout the year except for native grass that can be tall. If at any time the Native Plant Landscape becomes a health and safety concern it will be required to be mowed at no greater than six (6) inches. Have questions? Please contact the Compliance officer at 316-321-9100.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2 at East Park, the El Dorado Police Department will be hosting its annual "National Night Out" at 5:00 p.m.

This event is meant to bring citizens and our local Police Department together to build a safer community and to allow people to know your neighbors and your surroundings.

The National Night Out website states that it "Was introduced in August of 1984 through an already established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups and volunteers across the nations. The first annual night out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states." Fun fact: the state of Kansas has 23 cities that participate in this national event.



This year's event will be hosted by the El Dorado Police and Fire Department. They are anticipating several other local agencies to join in on the fun. The Red Devils will be present cooking up hotdogs, along with games, live music and prizes. All of the agencies will be sharing their knowledge and giving safety demonstrations along with letting everyone explore their vehicles and equipment. Bring yourself or your family and come on out to join the fun!



The El Dorado Police Department is seeking donations and sponsorship for this great community event. If you or your organization would like to help make this event the best it can be, please contact Lt. Travis Pierce at tpierce@eldoks.com, or call 316-321-9120.

