



THIS IS EL DORADO

\$2 million ballfield project gets underway with concessions



The design for the new concession and restroom facilities at East Park and Central Park ball fields.

Residents will soon be noticing the start of \$2.062 million in improvements to Central Park and East Park ballfields, as well as McDonald Stadium.

The first part of the projects to get underway are the new concession and restroom facilities at Central Park and East Park fields.

The Commission approved a bid from Conco Construction at its May meeting to build these facilities. The plan is to have them in place between the end of the Summer baseball and softball games in July and the start of the Fall season.

Much of the fabrication for the project will be done off-site, then it will be moved on-site and completed once the summer season is over. The cost of the project is \$599,948.

Plans will be getting underway for additional projects at the fields. The City Commission approved the four-year ballpark improvement plan at a meeting in December 2022. The plan is being funded with excess sales tax dollars.

The plan includes \$546,000 for improvements to the East Park fields. This will include upgrades to the scoreboards in Orndorff and Snell fields; the Orndorff bleacher pad; field fences,

What's Happening in El Dorado

- **July 3** - El Dorado Senior Center Community Potluck
 - **July 3 & 17** - City Commission Meetings
 - **July 4** - Independence Day Celebration
 - **July 4** - City Offices Closed for Independence Day
Monday trash as normal; Tuesday trash collected
Wednesday; Thursday and Friday as normal
 - **July 5** - Chamber Chat
 - **July 6** - Thankful Thursday @ Downtown
 - **July 6** - El Dorado Municipal Band
 - **July 8** - Hell on Gravel 50K, Marathon and Half
 - **July 9** - El Dorado Farmers and Art Market
 - **July 9** - Kansas Oil Museum Sunday Speaker Series
 - **July 13** - El Dorado Municipal Band
 - **July 18** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
 - **July 18** - Kansas Oil Museum History Happy Hour
 - **July 18** - Library Book Club
 - **July 18** - Summer Concert Series @ Kansas Oil Museum
 - **July 20** - HF Sinclair Kids Day @ Kansas Oil Museum
 - **July 20** - El Dorado Municipal Band
 - **July 23** - El Dorado Farmers and Art Market
 - **July 24-28** - El Dorado Kids Week
 - **July 27** - El Dorado Municipal Band
 - **July 28** - Coutts Caterpillars Preschool Program
- Sign up for event notifications online at www.eldoks.com**

bullpens and backstops. There also will be the addition of shade structures.

The Central Park ballfields, including North, Red Day, Mitchell and Hamblin fields, will see approximately \$610,000 in improvements. Field upgrades will include new scoreboards, field fences, bullpens, backstops and irrigation. These fields also will get new shade structures.

At McDonald Stadium, there will be about \$906,000 in upgrades, including turf and mound replacement, outfield fence repairs, facade updating, bleacher benches, a new scoreboard, backstop and other building improvements.

The City is excited to bring these upgrades to facilities used by so many of our citizens and visitors.

What your city staff does for you...

Public Utilities - Water Treatment



The Public Utilities Water Treatment Department staff work hard every day to ensure residents have reliable and great-tasting water in their homes and businesses.

The water plant, located on East Central Avenue across from East Park, was built in 1937. It treats in excess of a billion gallons each year, using water from El Dorado Lake. The drainage basin above El Dorado Lake is predominantly the tallgrass prairie of the Flint Hills and rainwater runoff comprises most of the water entering the Lake. Because of these factors, the water is relatively soft (low mineral content) and its clarity is very good.



The superior quality of El Dorado's drinking water is the result of a combination of the proper operation of a multistage treatment facility and a laboratory that performs 2,500 monthly tests on samples taken during the treatment process and throughout the 129 miles of distribution system piping.

The El Dorado Water Treatment Plant is a traditional treatment facility, meaning the raw water undergoes disinfection, flocculation, sedimentation, and lastly filtration. In the lab, they run about 100 tests a day to make sure the water is treated properly to meet KDHE guidelines. Water quality is monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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Don't forget to pick up your landfill pass at Public Works, 222 E. Second, or City Hall, 220 E. First. Each residential address within the El Dorado city limits will receive two free vouchers to the Butler County Landfill, to be used through Dec. 31. You must bring your driver's license or ID with you to show you live at the address for which you are picking up the vouchers.



Commission to look at other options for 9th Avenue project

The El Dorado City Commission has been looking at options to repair Ninth Avenue for some time. Initially, the project was estimated at \$1.2 million, but when the City revisited the project the cost had increased to between \$1.7 and \$2 million. Because of the cost, the Commission voted in May not to continue with the plan that had been presented to improve the street.

The Commission discussed a number of different options reducing the scope and modifying the project, looking at such things as the amount of asphalt to be included on the project, sidewalks, stormwater, curb and gutter. Despite these possible options, they determined the project was too expensive at the present time, but they didn't want to stop looking at the project altogether.

Rather, they will be considering alternate plans that might be a little more economical for the city and taxpayers.

"The City Commission recognizes that it may be time to review its existing street policy to look at options for a more economical approach to street improvements," said City Manager David Dillner. "This review will allow the governing body to determine the best path forward for 9th Avenue and other unimproved streets in El Dorado."

El Dorado's Finance Department receives two awards

The City of El Dorado Finance Department continues its trend of receiving recognition for its work.

In May, the Finance Department was notified it received two awards for the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACRF), including the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting.

The City has received the Certificate of Achievement award for financial reporting every year since 1977.