



THIS IS EL DORADO

2nd Annual City of Gold Festival to be held Sept. 23



Aaron Watson is the headliner for the 2023 City of Gold Festival Block Party on Sept. 23.

Experience El Dorado is preparing for the 2nd Annual City of Gold Festival, coming in September. There will be fun, activities and excitement, concluding with the big Block Party on Saturday, Sept. 23.

After a day of shopping at the Artisan Market, enjoying some tasty festival food and take part in the photo booth, mechanical bull, rock climbing wall and many other kids activities, the concerts will get underway. Tyler Halverson and Isaac Hoskins will be opening for Aaron Watson, who will take the stage at about 9:30 p.m.

For over 20 years now, Aaron Watson has traveled the land as country's ultimate underdog troubadour – a truly independent artist with the spirit of the American frontier in his veins, and a self-made empire to match. He reached the Top 10 of Billboard's Country Album chart five separate times, including his triumphant 2015 set, *The Underdog*, which landed at Number One.

Prior to the Block Party, events will kick off with mud volleyball and other activities at East Park, and the Miss El Dorado Pageant at the Civic Center on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The week leading up to the Block Party there will be clues each

What's Happening in El Dorado

- **Sept. 3** - El Dorado Farmers and Art Market
- **Sept. 4** - City Offices Closed for Labor Day
Monday trash collected Tuesday; Tuesday trash collected Wednesday; Thursday and Friday as normal
- **Sept. 5 & 18** - City Commission Meetings
- **Sept. 6** - Chamber Chat
- **Sept. 7** - Thankful Thursday @ Downtown
- **Sept. 8-9** - Kansas Oil Museum Murder Mystery and a Meal
- **Sept. 11** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **Sept. 16** - Miss El Dorado Pageant
- **Sept. 16-17** - Native American Festival @ KS Oil Museum
- **Sept. 17** - Kansas Oil Museum Sunday Speaker Series
- **Sept. 19** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- **Sept. 19** - Kansas Oil Museum History Happy Hour
- **Sept. 19** - Library Book Club
- **Sept. 21-23** - Gold Fest
- **Sept. 27** - Coutts Caterpillars Preschool Program
- **Sept. 30** - Butler County Bridal Fair @ KS Oil Museum

Sign up for event notifications online at www.eldoks.com

day as part of our Gold Fest Medallion Hunt, where you could win \$500.

Other events are still being added to the schedule so be sure to check our website for details. Buttons will be available for purchase in August.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the planning and events the day of the Festival. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit the Experience El Dorado Gold Fest page to sign up.

All of these events would not be possible without our wonderful sponsors. If you would like to be a sponsor, more information can be found on the website.

To learn about all of these opportunities and check out the schedule, please visit www.experienceeldo.com/gold-fest.



What your city staff does for you...

Sanitation Department

City of El Dorado

DUMP TRUCK PROGRAM

April 17 - October 12
(weather permitting)

Call 322-4481 for reservations



Trucks are available to property owners for clean-up of household trash or furniture. They are NOT available to contractors, roofers, etc. or for remodeling or construction materials. (Call and ask about our roll offs for construction & remodeling needs)

ABSOLUTELY NO tires, washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves, hazardous materials, air conditions, leaves, grass, concrete (rocks) or remodeling/construction debris

- Monday through Thursday ONLY
- \$15 fee (Active and current service required. If moving or trailer park address, fee must be paid prior to day of delivery.)
- Delivered by 4 p.m.; picked up after 7 a.m. following morning
- Cancellations must be made by 1 p.m. on scheduled day or fee will be applied
- Limbs must be loaded on the top of the load
- Do not overload and leave tailgates down

Municipal refuse collection is invaluable for maintaining public health, protecting the environment, enhancing the aesthetics of communities, ensuring compliance with regulations, and generating economic benefits. It is a vital public service that supports sustainable development and the well-being of society as a whole. The Sanitation Division of the Public Works Department takes pride in the work our crews do in every type of weather making sure the trash needs not only for residential customers but also commercial businesses are taken care of week after week.

Residential trash is collected Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday starting at 7 each morning. Wednesdays are used as our holiday alternative day - we recommend signing up for Holiday Change text/email alerts on our website. Each home is supplied with two 64-gallon carts for their trash needs. We require carts be at curb by 7 a.m. and not overflowing with trash. Excess trash can be discarded two ways – Orange bags that be purchased at City Hall (\$7 for a roll of 10 bags – no limit to how many are set out) or renting a third cart (\$6.50 a month added to your water bill). For elderly and disabled residents who are unable to get their carts to the curb, we offer a special program that allows them not to have carts but have special bags delivered that can be picked up from their house on their collection day. You can also purchase black trash bags at City Hall (\$5.25 for a roll of 25).

Our trash crews also run Commercial routes Monday through Friday beginning at 4 a.m. each day. We offer businesses single collection during the week up to all five days.

Our department also offers a few other programs to help citizens with their trash or remodeling needs. For residential small cleanup projects we offer our Dump Truck Program that runs mid-April to mid-October, depending on weather. Trucks can be rented for a fee of \$15, Monday – Thursday (evenings). (NOT available for construction or remodeling). For more information call our office at 316-322-4481 or see above.

For larger cleanup, construction or remodeling needs we have three different size Roll Off Dumpsters available. Fees for this program vary and requires an agreement to be signed that can be found on our website or obtained at our office.

For more information, visit www.eldoks.com/155/Trash-Services, call 316-322-4468 or stop by our office at 222 E. Second, Monday – Thursday 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. or Friday 7 a.m. - noon.



Officer Herrick and Rico are helping keep the community safe

El Dorado Police Officer Ethan Herrick has always known he wanted to be a K-9 handler and with the support of the police chief and deputy chief, he made that dream a reality this year.

“I’ve always wanted to be a K-9 handler since I was a little boy,” said Officer Herrick. “I’ve always just loved dogs. In early 2019, I graduated the academy and fell in love with law enforcement and the patrol side.”

After starting with the El Dorado Fire Department, then briefly moving to Augusta Public Safety, where he could experience police work, Officer Herrick decided to apply for an opening at the El Dorado Police Department in 2021. In early 2022, he inquired about getting a K-9. He was told to write a proposal and do research on the cost and time frame to get a dog.

“We looked at the proposal to see if there was a need and the answer was yes,” Deputy Chief Jeff Murphy said. They wanted a dual-purpose dog for narcotics and missing persons, as well as article searches. Rico, who is a three-year-old Belgian Malinois from Holland, fit those needs.

To pay the costs for the dog and training, Officer Herrick reached out to local businesses for donations and applied for and received the Tim Underwood Memorial Grant. Once everything was paid for, he traveled to Illinois for 10 weeks to be matched with a dog and for training. One other need was a car to accommodate Rico, which Officer Herrick researched and got a grant for \$8,000 to fund. The community also funded a vest for Rico in just five days through the group Keeping K-9s in Kevlar.

“It’s amazing to see the community rally together,” Officer Herrick said of the support they have received. “I’m appreciative of all of the community support from citizens and businesses.”

Since they have been back from training Officer Herrick and Rico have been hard at work. Rico has assisted in such things as a search for a missing autistic boy, an article search in a case and several drug sniffs. They also have provided assistance to surrounding agencies.

“Officer Herrick did this on his own,” Deputy Chief Murphy said. “Not only has he learned a new skill that he can hand down to someone, but he has more ownership in the program.”