



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## Newest mural project brightens up downtown area



El Dorado now has another mural project decorating the walls surrounding our downtown businesses.

EIDo Plaza, located at 110 W. First Ave., is the newest home for two murals - the Ad Astra Per Aspera mural created by Brickmob (pictured above), as well as a mural of the El Dorado flag on the adjacent wall. The area also features an “El Do” sculpture by a Kansas artist in the center of the area.

After holding a virtual town hall meeting regarding the mural and accepting proposals from area artists, Brickmob’s proposal was selected. They began work on the mural in August.

EIDo Plaza was formerly a commercial building that was torn down to help with drainage in the area. The goal was to beautify that area and attract more visitors and foot traffic to the area. Experience El Dorado received \$10,000 from the Kansas Creative Arts Commission and the other half is being funded by Experience El Dorado.

This is the third mural in the downtown area, with more murals planned over the next year.

## What’s Happening in El Dorado

- Oct. 2 & 16 - City Commission Meetings
- Oct. 2 - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- Oct. 4 - Chamber Chat
- Oct. 5 - Thankful Thursday @ Downtown
- Oct. 8 - Kansas Oil Museum Sunday Speaker Series
- Oct. 14 & 21 - Kansas Oil Museum Cemetery Tours
- Oct. 17 - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- Oct. 17 - Kansas Oil Museum History Happy Hour
- Oct. 17 - Library Book Club
- Oct. 25 - Coutts Caterpillars Preschool Program
- Oct. 31 - Trick or Treat Down Main Street

## Upcoming projects to impact Downtown El Dorado area

The Downtown area will be seeing some changes coming later this year and next year, which will impact traffic and access for a while as several improvements are being made.

Branches, formerly the Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, will continue their remodel of the former Gizmos building in the 100 block of North Main Street, later this year. The construction of a daycare facility is projected to take about nine months. After that, the alley beside the building, sidewalk and parking in front of the building will be open to the public again. This also will impact the outside lane of traffic at times.

Another construction project that will be impacting downtown will be a remodel by the Coutts Museum of Art on the building just to the south of the museum. This project will start right after the City of Gold Festival, which is Sept. 23, and is projected to take about a year to complete. There will be times during the construction that it will close the outside lanes of traffic immediately around the building.

In addition, the City’s downtown storm water project will begin next year. This will include a new storm sewer from the Oil Museum to Star Street on the North Side of Central, which will be a 6-foot by 6-foot box. While this is being installed, traffic will be down to one lane each way in that area. Be watching for more information on this and other downtown street projects in the future.

We ask for your patience during all of these projects.



# September 16 - 23

## City of Gold Festival

- Sept. 16 **Mud Volleyball** - 9 a.m. @ East Park
- Sept. 16 **Miss El Dorado Pageant** - 3 p.m. @ Civic Center
- Sept. 17 **Elks Bingo** - 2 p.m. @ Elks Lodge, 121 E. Pine
- Sept. 18-22 **Medallion Hunt** - Daily clues at Experience El Dorado Facebook
- Sept. 21 **Paint and Sip** - 6 p.m. @ Coutts Museum of Art
- Sept. 22 **Trivia Night** - 6 p.m. @ Kansas Oil Museum Energy Education Center
- Sept. 22 **Karaoke** - 9 p.m. @ Club Vaudeville

## Sept. 23 Downtown Block Party

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|------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2 - 8 p.m. | <b>Kids Activities</b> | 2 - 10 p.m. | <b>Food Trucks</b>        |
|            | <b>Artisan Market</b>  | 4 p.m.      | <b>Ballet Wichita</b>     |
|            | <b>Photo Bus</b>       | 5 p.m.      | <b>Pie Eating Contest</b> |
|            | <b>Axe Throwing</b>    | 6 p.m.      | <b>Tyler Halverson</b>    |
|            | <b>Mechanical Bull</b> | 7:30 p.m.   | <b>Isaac Hoskins</b>      |
|            | <b>And More</b>        | 9 p.m.      | <b>Aaron Watson</b>       |

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