



Community Newsletter

For the week of Feb. 6-10, 2017

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- The Dodge City Fire Department personnel are finishing up the second phase** of their new training facility. The staff have put in extra hours in between emergency calls and other duties to reach this stage and are thrilled with the opportunities it presents. When completed, this training facility will provide DCFD fire personnel the ability to receive training that was previously unavailable locally. It also provides the department the opportunity to host regional fire training schools through Kansas University and the Kansas State Firefighters Association. This will bring in Fire Instructors and Firefighters from throughout the region and the state which offers benefits to the city economy. Another benefit to the completion of the DCFD Training Facility is its' positive impact on the city's ISO rating which affects insurance premiums for businesses and homeowners in Dodge City. (picture to the right- part of the smoke maze which will simulate realistic fire conditions for search and rescue training).



- Applications for the 2017 Heritage Trust Fund Grant** from the Kansas State Historical Society grant round were due November 1, 2016 and awards were announced February 4, 2017. The Mueller Schmidt House Museum (Home of Stone) was included in the recipients. The funds will help regrade the landscape to stop water from entering

the building as well as repair the stone facade, front porch and windows and doors. These grant funds will be matched with funds from the Ford County Historical Society and a grant from Why Not Dodge Organizational Funding. The following is the list of grant applications approved for funding, pending availability of funds:

<u>County</u>	<u>Property Name</u>	<u>Grant Award</u>
Chase	Carter Building / Chase County Nat'l Bank	36,825
Ellsworth	Ira E. Lloyd Stock Farm	19,167
Ford	Mueller-Schmidt House	70,689
Lincoln	Cummins Block	22,800
Lyon	Cross, Col. H.C. & Susan, House	86,841
Marion	Elgin Hotel	90,000
Marion	Pioneer Adobe House	69,340
Morris	A.F. & A.M. Lodge / Electric Theater	29,914
Ness	Ness County Bank	90,000
Republic	Woodland Place Stock Farm	44,448
Sedgwick	Anawalt House	55,716
Sedgwick	Fresh Air Baby Camp	9,315
Sedgwick	Wey Mansion & Carriage House	40,481
Sedgwick	William Sternberg House	34,080
Shawnee	North Topeka Baptist Church	<u>53,818</u>
Total Grant Award		\$753,434

3. **United Wireless and VenuWorks hosted a reception and ribbon cutting** to celebrate the signing of the renaming rights and contract extension for the arena. Featured speakers at the event included Vice Mayor Kent Smoll, County Commissioner Chris Boys, United Wireless Arena and Boot Hill Casino Conference Center Executive Director Chris Ragland and United Wireless General Manager and CEO Todd Houseman.



4. **City staff met this week with the Chamber of Commerce on a partnership** to collaborate on Dodge City Days activities at the Long Branch Lagoon. This will be a great opportunity to showcase the facility with some fun events at the park. Watch for more information on the 10 day mega-celebration in the coming months at <http://www.dodgecitydays.com/>.

5. **The Southwest Kansas Nonprofit Advocacy Association (SKNAA) met this week** to discuss training opportunities for area nonprofits for 2017. The group was very fortunate to

once again receive grant funding from the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas. The group would like to focus their efforts for this year on volunteer recruitment and retention. SKNAA is a collaboration formed for the purpose of developing and maintaining an ongoing effort to assist the non-profit sector with marketing and advocacy.

6. **The City of Dodge City has received phone calls from concerned citizens** about U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) being in our community. The City has verified that ICE was in Dodge City this past week. The purpose of their visit was to arrest specific individuals that were wanted for previous felonies or had deportation orders. This visit is not in contradiction to Chief Drew Francis' statement that was issued previously in regards to Executive Order signed by President Trump.
7. **The Cultural Relations Advisory Board met on Friday and are organizing** a meet and greet of downtown businesses for their April meeting in celebration of 'Diversity Month'. The event will be Friday, April 7, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, gathering at the El Capitan statue on 2nd & Wyatt Earp Blvd. Participants will visit the restaurants/shop/businesses in the downtown area and become familiarized with what they have to offer. The downtown area has a lot of diverse opportunities that we may not take advantage of unless there is a special occasion. The public is invited to participate in the Celebrate Diversity Month event with Advisory Board members.
8. **The Dodge City Fire Dept. wants to remind citizens to call 225-8187 before burning. Open Burn General Guidelines for Dodge City, KS.** No authorization shall be given for any open burning within the City of Dodge City, except for grass, leaves, and twigs which are accumulated as a result of routine lawn care on residential property. The following guidelines shall be utilized when a request for open burning is made:
 - *During daylight hours only and on the same day as permission is given. Must call the fire station before you start.
 - *Wind must remain under 15 MPH.
 - *Burn shall not be less than 25 feet from structures.
 - *Pile size should not be greater than 3 feet in diameter or 2 feet in height.
 - *A garden hose to a water supply, a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or other approved fire extinguishing equipment shall be on the burn site and available for immediate utilization until the fire is extinguished.
9. **Crews will begin picking up limbs in the Country Club** area next week. They completed the area between Comanche and Highway 50 between 14th and Central this week. They will begin north of Highway 50 and the Country Club area next week and hope to complete those areas along with South Dodge in the next two weeks. There will be two large burns next week and a few smaller burns the week of February 20th and will close the site on February 24th. All limbs will need to be taken to the Ford County Landfill from that point on. If residents have any questions about tree limbs stills piled at the curb, contact Public Works at 620-225-8170. We appreciate everyone's patience as we complete the storm debris removal process.
10. **Ray Slattery and Paul Lewis attended the awards ceremony for the 2017 Kan-Struct** conference on Friday of last week. Long Branch Lagoon was awarded the Award of Excellence for public buildings in 2016. The nomination was submitted by McCownGordon, the Contractor at Risk for the project. Long Branch Lagoon was the only building project

receiving the Award of Excellence. Kan-Struct is an annual conference from multiple disciplines including architects, engineers, contractors and sub-contractors. Pictured are Pete Smith, Chris Marquart, Paul Lewis, Ray Slattery and Barry Schmidt.

11. **AFM staff finished installing the new solar light and park bench at St. Mary campus.** The light is controlled by an eye so that it comes on at dusk and goes off at dawn. There's also an auto dimming feature so after a few hours, the intensity drops and then comes back up closer to dawn so the light isn't as glaring during the middle of the night. The charge on the battery will last three or four days so a really overcast day doesn't impact the light at night.



12. **January 3rd started the new fixed route transportation system.** So far the response seems to be good and ridership is up from January of 2016. The time schedule has been a little bit of a challenge on the new Blue Route but some adjustments have been made to adapt. The Green Route was modified and the path reversed and we've received some positive comments that it fits rider's needs better.



13. **City staff and members of the community attended the first legislative coffee of the year** from 9:00 – 10:30 last Saturday hosted by the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce. Comments were given by Representatives Brad Ralph, Leonard Mastroni, Boyd Orr and Senator Bud Estes with a question/answer session following the comments.



14. **Staff is working with members of the local soccer community to host an indoor event at United Wireless Arena in March.** This men's tournament will host up to 18 teams over a three day weekend. Staff is completing tournament information including a tournament website. This will be a great event to gauge the interest of soccer tournaments in the community and hope to expand these events once the high school field house is completed. Flyer **attached**.

CALENDAR

City Hall:

Joint City/County Commission – Mon., Feb. 13, 6:00 pm
City Commission meeting – Mon., Feb. 20, 7:00 pm
CFAB – Wed., Feb. 22, 6:00 pm

United Wireless Arena:

Sat., Feb. 25 – Newsboys
Sat., March 4 – D.C. Law vs. Duke City Gladiators @ 6:35 pm
Sat., March 25 – D.C. Law vs. Salina Liberty @ 6:35 pm
Sat., April 1 – D.C. Law vs. Dallas Marshals @ 6:35 pm
Sat., April 15 – D.C. Law vs. Wichita Force @ 7:00 pm
Sat., April 29 – Kenny Rogers
Tue., May 16 – The Illusionists – Live from Broadway
Sun., Aug 27 – Comedian Tim Hawkins

Community:

Thur, Feb. 16 – Community Concert Russian Quattro, 7:00 @ Civic Center
Thur., Feb. 16 – The Murder of Emmett Till presentation, 7:00 @ Public Library
Sat. Feb. 18 & Sun. Feb. 19 – Extreme Air @ Western State Bank Expo
Sat. Feb. 18 & Sun. Feb. 19 – Young Guns Timed Event Extravaganza @ W. S. Bank Expo
Thur., March 23 – Boot Hill Museum Platinum Party, 5:00-7:00 @ Museum

2017 Wild West Turf Bowl

March 17th-19th
United Wireless Arena
Age Group: Men 16 and Up

7 v 7

Entry Fee: \$225

(Price will increase to \$275 after March 1st)

Register online at:

<http://www.dodgecity.org/dcsoccertournaments>

Contact:

Molly Madsen

620-225-8100

tournamentdirector@dodgecity.org

OR

Contact:

Michael Aviles

620-682-5279



From: Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau <cvb@dodgecity.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Jane Longmeyer
Subject: Happy February!



Live @ the Longhorn Room
Boot Hill Casino
February 10; 8:00 PM

Enjoy a variety of live local music in the Longhorn Room at the Boot Hill Casino. A great way to unwind at the end of the weekend in a fun atmosphere!

Nana's Naughty Knickers
Historic Santa Fe Depot
February 10-12

Bridget and her grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite Nana in New York quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling hand-made naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five borough area.

You'll truly enjoy this delightful dinner theater production

For more information 620-225-1001.

Community Concert - Russian Quattro
Dodge City Civic Center
February 16: 7:00 PM

Born from two cello players of the Rastrelli Cello Quartet, Russian Quattro is a fabulous group featuring two violins and two cellos. Precise

musicianship, down to earth stage manor and a bevy of classical favorites and memorable pop tunes will make for a charming and unique evening of music and fun.

For more information 620-225-4404

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February 17-18

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Young Guns

Western State Bank Expo

February 18-19

Watch as these young rodeo athletes compete and hone their craft. You may be watching tomorrow's PRCA champions!

For more info 620-338-8284.

STAY CONNECTED:

Boot Hill Museum
PLATINUM PARTY



March 23rd 5-7 p.m.
70th Anniversary

Come out and **Raise a Ruckus** at our 70th Anniversary Platinum Party.
Fun For the whole Family and **FREE** to the public!

- Tours of new exhibits & displays
- **FREE** Hamburger feed for the first 500 people
- Old-fashioned gunfight at 6 p.m.
- Music in the Long Branch Saloon
- Sarsaparilla only .70 cents
- Photos with Miss Kitty & the Marshal
- Association drive featuring special challenge coins
- Drawings & Prizes: Grand prize package of 70 Long Branch Variety Show tickets



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