



Community Newsletter

For the week Sept. 5-8, 2017

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. **The Dodge City Fire Department spent Sunday, September 3rd at the Dillon's store and Monday, September 4th at Wal-Mart** for their annual Boot Drop for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. In just those two days, they were able to collect \$6,861.09 from the citizens of Dodge City beating last year's total by \$1,293.65. Hopefully the trend will continue and next year we can collect even more to fight this terrible disease. This is a nationwide charity campaign and fire departments across the United States will raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy.



2. **As you are probably aware, the milling and overlay of the east bound lane of US 50** from the west intersection of US 50 and West Wyatt Earp Blvd. to the rear entrance of the Dodge City Community College is underway. The construction will skip US 50 through town and resume approximately ¼ mile east of Central Ave. The mill and overlay project will continue through the Fairway & US 50 Intersection work zone and end at the intersection of US 50 and US 56/US 283 (east end of Wyatt Earp Blvd) near the Koch Nitrogen plant three miles east of Dodge City. The contractor will then turn around and mill and overlay the west bound lane of US 50 from this intersection back to the west intersection of West Wyatt Earp Blvd. and US 50. The intersection of Comanche St. and US 50 will also receive a mill and overlay operation during this phase. The mill and overlay operations on this part of US 50 should take 7-10 days. You can expect delays up to 15 minutes through the work zone. Please drive cautiously through the project and "Give the Highway Workers a Brake". Updates for this project can be found on KDOT's KANDRIVE.org web site.

3. **The City of Dodge City received notice on Tuesday that PenAir**, the regional airline provider, will cease all operations out of their Denver International Airport hub. The cessation will come into effect on September 10 and will affect the Kansas communities of Liberal and Dodge City, as well as other communities in Nebraska. PenAir is claiming extraordinary circumstances from the loss of pilots which occurred immediately following their public announcement of filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The City of Dodge City is working with the U.S. Department of Transportation and our federal legislative delegation to aid in securing a new airline for the Essential Air Service. The press release with additional details is **attached**.
4. **A special reception was held in honor of Nancy Trauer's service** to Dodge City on Tuesday. As Nancy remarked, she has been a City Commissioner, the Mayor, a City employee and volunteer. Nancy and her husband Rex will be leaving Dodge City the end of the month. Nancy currently serves on the Historic Landmark Commission and Tourism Task Force. She was the past director of the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau and served on the City Commission from 1974-1978. In addition, she was the first woman mayor of Dodge City.



5. **The Tourism Task Force held their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, September 5.** At the meeting, the board approved \$20,000 in funding for the Eisenhower Park project. The project involves improving the pocket park located at Gunsmoke and First Avenue in Downtown Dodge City. Also during the meeting, updates were received on the Kansas Dialogues that was held the last weekend in August as well as updates from the City Manager, Mariah Fund, Project Development Coordinator, Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau and Main Street.

6. **Ave. A between St. Joseph St. and Plains St. will be closed to through traffic starting** mid-morning Monday, September 18th, to reconstruct the bridge deck of the Ave. A Bridge. The detour route will utilize US 50, 6th Ave., and Ross Blvd. The project is schedule to last 60 calendar days, weather permitting.



7. **Western Kansas County and City Managers met in Dodge City** on Thursday of this week at the Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center. Also in attendance were ten graduate students from the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Kansas University. All managers/students participated in the ICMA Coaching Webinar Program. The topic was “Effective Communication of Complex Issues to the Public”. After the webinar, all participants engaged in a roundtable discussion of common issues.



8. **The Dodge City Family YMCA kicks off its annual Corporate Cup Challenge** on Thursday, Sept. 28. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 12. The Corporate Cup Challenge is a program hosted by the YMCA that is designed to encourage staff and community collaboration through participation in healthy lifestyle activities. The Challenge will include 20 individual and team events over a span of 16 days. Events include pickle ball, giant Jenga, Texas hold'em, darts, pool, and a cook off, amongst others. All registered team members will receive a free team t-shirt, and a free YMCA membership for the month of September. Cost to participate is \$425 per team and \$375 for YMCA Corporate Partners. The cost to register additional teams within participating businesses is \$300. Businesses interested in becoming Corporate Partners may do so for free during the month of September. Businesses who would like to participate but lack team members may contact the YMCA to be matched with another team, or may choose to partner with another business to meet the minimum requirements. For more information visit ymcaswkansas.org or contact Healthy Living Director Stacie Droste at 620.225.8157 or sdroste@ymcaswkansas.org.
9. **Park dept. staff is in the process of installing a water faucet** to the dog park. The waterline is being run in order to provide water for the dogs while they are exercising/socializing. During this installation time, the dog park is closed and expected to be open later next week.



10. **The Kansas State Fair starts this weekend and the CVB staff was in Hutchinson** on Thursday setting up the Dodge City booth which is located in the Pride of Kansas building. Various community members will be manning the booth throughout the week to promote Dodge City. When attending the State Fair, stop by the booth and visit with the volunteers.
11. **A reminder of the 9-11 memorial service on Monday** at 7:00 pm and a tree planting ceremony beginning at 7:45 am, both at Liberty Garden in Wright Park. The flyer with details is **attached**.
12. **Patrons packed the Dodge City Public Library to hear Tom Clavin**, author of the New York Times bestselling book Dodge City. Mr. Clavin shared stories from the book that features tales of the wickedest town in the west along with legends Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson and Doc Holliday. Mr. Clavin also did a special book signing at Boot Hill Museum earlier in the afternoon. The event was sponsored by the Dodge City Conventions and Visitors Bureau.



CALENDAR

City Hall:

- McDonald's ribbon cutting – Wed., Sept. 13 @ 10:30 am
- Dodge City Medical Center blessing & dedication – Fri., Sept. 15 @ 4:30 pm
- City Commission – Mon., Sept. 18
- Southwest Kansas Coalition - Wed., Sept. 20, 6:00 pm
- Public Officials Exchange – Thur., Sept. 28, 6:30 pm @ Bucklin
- Joint City/County Commission – Mon., Oct. 2
- City Commission Candidate Forum – Wed., Oct. 18, 7:00-8:30 pm @ Public Library

United Wireless Arena:

- Fri., Sept. 8 - Jake Owen's American Love Tour
- Sat., Sept. 16 – Comedian Ron “Tater Salad” White @ 8:00 pm
- Sun., Sept. 24 – Matthew West concert
- Fri., Oct. 20 – KANSAS Leftoverture tour
- Sun., Dec. 10 – Wynonna Judd concert @ 7:30 pm

Community:

- Mon., Sept. 11 – 9-11 Day of Remembrance Memorial Service, Wright Park @ 7:00 pm
- Thur., Sept. 14 – Groundbreaking for Santa Fe II 9:30 am Ave. H & Brier St.
- Thur., Sept. 14 – Trivia Night @ the Library 6:00 pm DCPL
- Sat., Sept. 30 – Victory Electric Health Fair 8-11:00 @ Expo Center
- Sat., Sept. 30 – Public Library Storyboard Walk ribbon cutting @ 10:00 am

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Corey Keller, Dodge City Regional Airport Manager, coreyk@dodgecity.org

PenAir Update

DODGE CITY, Kansas. — The City of Dodge City received notice on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, that PenAir, the regional airline provider, will cease all operations out of their Denver International Airport hub. The cessation will come into effect on September 10, 2017 and will affect the Kansas communities of Liberal and Dodge City, as well as other communities in Nebraska.

“PenAir is claiming extraordinary circumstances from the loss of pilots which occurred immediately following their public announcement of filing Chapter 11 bankruptcy,” said Cherise Tieben, City of Dodge City City Manager.

It is this claim that is allowing PenAir to immediately cease operations rather than provide the community with a time for transition to a new air service without disruption.

“The City of Dodge City is working with the U.S. Department of Transportation and our federal legislative delegation to aid in securing a new airline for the Essential Air Service, Tieben said.

The due date for proposals to start the review process of airlines desiring to serve as the EAS service for the Dodge City Regional Airport is Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

“Once an airline is secure, there will be a minimum of 60-90 days of transition time,” said Corey Keller, Dodge City Regional Airport Manager. “We are diligently working to ensure that a new airline is put in place as quickly as possible, as we understand how important it is to our residents to have commercial air service out of Dodge City.”

For those with flights after September 10, 2017, please contact PenAir at 800-448-4226 or info@penair.com for information regarding refunds.

Attached below is the press release sent out by PenAir on September 5, 2017.

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The logo for PenAir, featuring the word "PenAir" in a stylized, cursive script font.

THE SPIRIT OF ALASKA
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Date: September 5, 2017

CONTACT: Melissa Roberts,
PenAir V.P., Marketing and Sales

Alaska-based PenAir announces the Cessation of Service out of their Denver Hub

Alaska-based PenAir has announced, effective September 11, 2017, they will cease all operations out of their Denver based hub. Affected communities are: Liberal and Dodge City, Kansas, and Scottsbluff, Kearney and North Platte, Nebraska.

According to CEO, Danny Seybert, “the cessation of service is due to extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances beyond our control and beyond our ability to resolve – the precipitous massive loss of Saab-340 pilots and PenAir’s inability to replace them. As a result of our pilot resignations (totaling 17 pilot departures to date), it will be physically impossible for PenAir to continue to operate the Nebraska/Kansas flights beyond September 10. Our last flights to all communities out of our Denver base will be September 10, 2017.”

PenAir had evaluated whether it could operate a reduced service (e.g., 1 daily flight at the Kansas/Nebraska communities), and has determined that it could not do so without negatively impacting crews further from other PenAir EAS flights, which would adversely impact other PenAir EAS services at other communities and run the risk of more pilot departures, causing a further downward spiral. PenAir is unable to transfer Saab-340 pilots from their Alaska or Boston hubs to Denver. “Alaska pilots won’t move because they love the Alaska lifestyle and the fact that they are home every night with their families. Additionally, Boston needs every available pilot to maintain current EAS at the communities served in and out of that hub. We are doing everything we can to enhance pilot retention however this is an industry wide challenge effecting all carriers including the majors.” says Seybert.

PenAir has been a dedicated and reliable EAS provider and an active participant in the EAS program since the 1980s. From their first EAS route until this week, PenAir had built a solid record of providing reliable service that earned it strong support from their EAS communities. However, after petitioning for Chapter 11 protection, PenAir has experienced massive unanticipated pilot resignations. These extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances, which were beyond PenAir’s control and ability to resolve, are the main cause of PenAir’s decision to cease the Nebraska/Kansas flights after September 10, 2017.

Passengers scheduled to fly out of the Denver market may contact the airline their travel was originally booked on, or PenAir at 800-448-4226. The company anticipates high call volumes during this time and will proactively, begin calling customers with travel dates of September 11 forward. Passengers may also contact the company’s reservations department by emailing info@penair.com.

REMEMBERING 9/11



**Please attend the
9-11 Tree Planting Ceremony**

**Monday, September 11, 2017
Liberty Garden in Wright Park**

**Trees will be planted at 7:45 am, 8:03
am, 8:45 am and 9:10 am in memory
of those who died as a result of the
9-11-01 terrorist attack.**

***9-11 Annual Memorial Service
Monday, September 11, 2017
7:00 pm
Liberty Garden in Wright Park***

Celebrate!

You're invited to join us as we
celebrate the retirement of

Van the Trolley Man

After more than a decade of service to the
Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau,

Van is changing hats!

When: Sunday, September 10, 2017, from 1:30–3:00 PM

Come & Go

Where: Best Western Plus, 506 N 14th Avenue, Dodge City KS

Please come to congratulate Van and share a few memories!



Hosted by Colleen Hastings and the CVB Team

Jane Longmeyer

From: Housing <housing@dodgedev.org>
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Clayton I. Kerbs; Patti Israel; Dan Love; Jane Longmeyer; Tom Taylor; Debbie Snapp; Ric Marboeuf; Craig Mock
Subject: Santa Fe II Groundbreaking Ceremony

Please mark your calendar for the Santa Fe II groundbreaking ceremony.

SAVE THE DATE

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

Date: September 14 at 9:30 am

Location: Avenue H & Brier Street



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1. [Tom Clavin, author of Dodge City, Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson: Peace Officer](#)
September 7, 7:00 PM @ Dodge City Public Library

The Dodge City Public Library will host a special presentation by Author Tom Clavin September 7, 2017 at 7pm. Clavin's 2017 bestseller Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West has earned overwhelmingly positive acclaim. The book chronicles the birth and early years of Dodge City including Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and many other famous figures of the day. Clavin will share his experience of researching and writing the book as well as elaborate further upon some of the stories found within his book.

2. [Women's Ranch Rodeo Association World Finals](#)

**September 8, 8:00 AM -
September 9, 10:00 PM**

The hours of the event will be Friday and Saturday morning from 8am-10pm. (MST). The World Finals Ranch Rodeo is a two day western heritage extravaganza, featuring at least 72 cowgirls from nine states across the U.S. This event has grown by leaps and bounds in the last two years! The festivities begin on Friday at 9 am with team introductions. A second performance will begin at 6 pm. Saturday starts off with an Open Stray Gathering at 9 am for anyone wanting to participate! The Championship Round starts at 2 pm with teams being crowned after the performance ends, at the awards ceremony.

3. [Jake Owen American Love Tour](#)
September 8, 7:30 PM @ United Wireless Arena

4. [Live at the Longhorn](#)
September 8, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM @ Boot Hill Casino and Resort
Music and FUN

5. [Filmore](#)
**September 8, 10:00 PM -
September 9, 2:00 AM**
Coors Light Concert series presents Jake Owens After Party featuring.....
FILMORE. Admission is \$5 with a ticket stub from Jake Owens or \$10 without a ticket stub. Special Thanks to our sponsors Glazer's Stay Suites Jason Putnam Insurance

6. [Downtown Farmer's Market](#)
September 9, 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM @ 2nd Ave & Front Street

Support local agriculture and buy direct from the Downtown Farmers' Market. The Downtown Farmers' Market showcases Dodge City area producers offering fresh fruit, vegetables and so much more every Saturday, June – October. You'll find fresh herbs, beautiful flowers, farm fresh eggs, handmade crafts, an endless selection of baked goods, and much more. The Dodge City Farmer's Market is open every Saturday in June through October from 7 am to 12 noon along Front Street between 3rd & 2nd Avenue in Downtown Dodge City.

7. [9-11 Day of Remembrance Tree Planting Ceremony](#)

September 11, 7:45 AM - 9:15 AM @ Liberty Garden in Wright Park
Four trees will be planted to coincide with the terrorist plane crashes in remembrance of those who perished on Sept. 11, 2001

8. [9-11 Memorial Service](#)
September 11, 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM @ Liberty Garden in Wright Park

[View all calendar events here](#)

[Submit an event](#)

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- Sales Tax on Materials
- Sales Tax on Labor
- Project Exemption Certificates
- Sales Tax Returns
- Billing



Date: **September 28, 2017**

Times: >>Small Business Workshop:

9:00AM – 12:00

>>Contractors Workshop:

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Location: **Historic Santa Fe Depot
101 E. Wyatt Earp 2nd Floor
Dodge City, KS 67801**

Registration: limited space, advanced registration is required
Call 620-417-1955 Liberal