



CITY OF DODGE CITY

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Week of June 29 - July 3, 2020

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. City of Dodge City main facilities will be closed for the 4th of July holiday on Friday, July 3.

Public Transportation will not be offering transportation services on Friday; regular transportation hours will resume on Monday, July 6.

The Visitors Center will be open its regular summer hours from 8 am to 5 pm. If you need information about activities going on in the community over the 4th of July week, visit the Convention & Visitors Bureau website at www.visitdodgecity.org.

Sanitation services normally provided on Friday will be scheduled for Monday, July 6. Please have polycarts placed at the curb by 7:00 am.

The CREW Recycle Center will be open on Friday, July 3, and closed on Saturday, July 4. The Civic Center drop-off is available twenty-four hours day as well as the bins at the recycle center at 716 E. Military.

The Community 4th of July fireworks display has been canceled for this year. However, personal fireworks may be discharged on July 3, 4, and 5, from 10 am to 11 pm each day. See the attached release for more information on fireworks in City limits.

We hope that everyone has a safe 4th of July holiday weekend.

2. The City of Dodge City has launched a community survey for feedback regarding the planned downtown streetscape project as part of the City's Sales Tax Revenue (STAR) Bonds project. STAR Bonds provide Kansas municipalities the opportunity to issue bonds to finance the development of major commercial, entertainment and tourism areas and use the sales tax revenue generated by the development to pay off the bonds. The focus of the Dodge City STAR Bonds project has been the expansion of the Boot Hill Museum and the improvement to the infrastructure and design of our Historic Downtown. Watch a short video presentation at <https://vimeo.com/434710850>, and then take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQPQDT6>.
3. The Community Housing Association of Dodge City is excited to show off their new build with the DCCC Building Trades Program. Please join them for an Open House on July 14 between 4:00-6:00 pm at 806 Westlawn. The build is funded by a Moderate Income Housing (MIH) grant from Kansas Housing.
4. The Dodge City Fire Department continues their annual fire hydrant testing, which started May 11 and is scheduled to go through the end of July. A full schedule of the fire hydrant testing is listed at <https://www.dodgecity.org/994/2020-Hydrant-Testing-Schedule>. Any questions regarding fire hydrant testing should be directed to Captain Brian Hudson at 620-225-8187.



CITY CALENDAR

Fri., July 3 - CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

Mon., July 6 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Location TBD

Mon., July 20 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Location TBD

Reopening Dates for City Owned Facilities

All dates are subject to change, forward or backwards, based on a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases in Ford County.

Began May 18

Public Transit: Demand Response, door-to-door transit services, operating from 8 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday

Parks and Facilities: Hennessey Hall

Why Not Dodge Facilities: *United Wireless Arena* Ticket Office only

Began May 22 [Begin max gathering limit of 15 people]

Mariah Hills Golf Course: Resume golf cart rental and continue operations with restrictions

Starting May 26

City Hall: Employees return to offices, but facility remain closed to the public, regular phone numbers will be back in use

Phase 1.5

Phase 2: Estimated June 1, 2020

City Hall: Resume regular business operations and open to the public with restrictions

Parks and Facilities: Santa Fe Depot Complex open to the public with restrictions. Open Park playgrounds, shelters, restrooms.

June 8 - Open Wright Park Zoo

Mariah Hills Golf Course - Driving Range Open

Visitors Center: Open to the public with restrictions

Why Not Dodge Facilities: *Legends Park* - Local teams begin scheduled games, clinics with open registration will be allowed, practice will be held at separate practice facilities. **June 5** - *Saint Mary's Soccer Complex* - Open for practice

Phase 3: Estimated June 15, 2020

Mariah Hills Golf Course: Resume golf tournaments with restrictions

Why Not Dodge Facilities: *United Wireless Arena and BHCR Conference Center* - Resume activities* *Dodge City Raceway*

Park - Practices and Races resume* *Legends Park and Cavalier Field* - Tournaments begin*

Saint Mary's Soccer Complex - Open for games*

June 22 - *Long Branch Lagoon Waterpark*- Open for the season with restrictions*

**per capacity requirements*

Phase 4 - Phase Out: Estimated June 29, 2020 [Continue Physical Distancing]

Parks and Facilities: Hoover Pavilion rentals

Mariah Hills Golf Course: Resume normal operations

Public Transit: Resume full service

Visitors Center: Resume Trolley Service

Temporary Suspension of Fireworks Ban

DODGE CITY, Kansas - The City of Dodge City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2020-19 on Monday, June 15, allowing for the temporary discharge of fireworks in the city limits on the dates of July 3, 4, and 5, 2020, during the hours of 10 am to 11:00 pm each day.

Fireworks cannot be discharged on public property, including public parks, public recreation areas such as ball fields and soccer fields, any school grounds including school playgrounds and athletic facilities, as well as any public rights-of-way or public parking areas.

The Dodge City Fire Department advises residents to handle fireworks with safety and supervise children. It is illegal to store fireworks in the city limits when the ban is in place. Residents are encouraged only to purchase what can be used in the three days they are allowed to be discharged, and please clean up and dispose of fireworks debris and litter properly.



City of Dodge City

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – July 2, 2020

DODGE CITY, Kansas—The City of Dodge City is set to reopen City Hall to the public on Monday, July 6, 2020. This reopening comes after City administration chose to close the facility to public access on June 11 when an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

“We had already implemented health and safety procedures for cleaning public areas when one of our employees was confirmed positive for the disease,” said City Manager Nick Hernandez. “For the safety of not only the staff but the public as well, I felt it was best to close while staff recovered and additional deep cleaning could take place again.”

An additional item that has been added to cleaning procedures is the implementation of ultra-violet light sanitizers that are run after business hours in the public lobbies, bathrooms, and other common use areas. An increased supply of hand sanitizer dispensers has also been placed at all building entrances.

The janitorial staff has also reworked schedules to provide more frequent cleaning throughout the building. All staff will continue to wear masks when in public areas of City Hall and wash or sanitize hands and working spaces as often as possible.

“We encourage those entering the facility to take advantage of the hand sanitizer we have placed in the public lobbies and to wear a face/safety mask if able,” Hernandez said. “The health and safety of our patrons and employees are one of our biggest priorities right now, and we are doing all we can to be proactive for them.”

All web, phone, and dropbox services remain available for the payment of utility bills, court fees and fines, and development services permits. Residents are encouraged to utilize these contactless services whenever possible.

Municipal Court remains open by appointment only and for scheduled hearings. Please call 620-225-8107 to schedule an appointment.

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DODGE CITY, Kansas—La Ciudad de Dodge City está programada para reabrir City Hall al publicó el Lunes, julio 6 de 2020. Esta reapertura es posible después de que la administración de la Ciudad decidió cerrar las instalaciones al acceso público el 11 de junio cuando un empleado dio positivo a COVID-19.

“Ya habíamos implementado procedimientos de salud y seguridad limpiando las áreas públicas cuando uno de nuestros empleados fue confirmado positivo con la enfermedad”, dijo el administrador de la ciudad Nick Hernández. “Por la seguridad no solo del personal sino también del público, sentí que era mejor cerrar las instalaciones mientras el personal se recuperaba y podría realizarse una limpieza profunda adicional.”

Un elemento adicional que se ha agregado a los procedimientos de limpieza es la implementación de desinfectantes con luz ultravioleta que se ejecutan después del horario comercial en los vestíbulos públicos, baños y otras áreas de uso común. También se ha colocado un mayor suministro de dispensadores de desinfectante para manos en todas las entradas del edificio.

El personal de limpieza también ha modificado los horarios para proporcionar una limpieza más frecuente en todo el edificio. Todo el personal continuara usando mascararas de seguridad cuando estén en áreas públicas de City Hall y se lavan o desinfectan las manos y los espacios de trabajo con la mayor frecuencia posible.

“Alentamos a los que ingresan a las instalaciones a aprovechar el desinfectante de manos que hemos colocado en los vestíbulos públicos y a usar una máscara facial/de seguridad si es posible”, dijo Hernández. “La salud y la seguridad son nuestras principales prioridades en este momento, y estamos haciendo todo lo posible para ser proactivos en ello”.

Todos los servicios web, telefónicos y el Dropox permanecen disponibles para el pago de facturas de servicios públicos, multas judiciales y permisos de servicios de desarrollo. Se alienta a los residentes a utilizar estos servicios sin contacto siempre que sea posible.

La Corte Municipal permanece abierta solo con cita y para audiencias programadas. Llame al 620-225-8107 para programar una cita.

WE'RE SHOWING OFF OUR NEW HOUSE!
07.14.20 | 4:00 PM TO 6:00 PM
806 WESTLAWN AVENUE



OPEN
HOUSE



Please join the Community Housing Association of Dodge City and the DCCC Building Construction Technology Program.

THIS NEW BUILD IS FUNDED BY A MIH GRANT FROM KANSAS HOUSING.

DODGE CITY
MAIN STREET
EST. 1872

RELIVE THE STORY

*We Are All In
This Together*

#dcpenforbusiness #shopdodgecityfirst
#dodgecitylovinglocal #strongertogether



**FREE
WEBINAR**
via Zoom

Social Media & Online Marketing

JULY 14TH 11 AM TUESDAY

Whether your small business has existed for years, or just recently started up, effective online marketing is critical. In this presentation, we will cover the fundamentals of utilizing and understanding social media for your business, Search Engine Optimization, the importance of a website, and your Google Business listing.

Please register in advance
bit.ly/3i3dPek



Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration

Dodge City Social Service Organizations Update:



Catholic Charities: Catholic Charities is now working from their office and seeing people there by appointment only. To schedule an appointment please call 620-227-1588.

Manna House: Although the shelter remains closed, the food pantry is in need of supplies for local families' especially canned items, empty egg cartons, hamburger helper, pancake mix, peanut butter and hygiene products. In addition, they are making deliveries under special circumstances. For more information, please call in advance at 620-227-6707 during their open hours from 2-4pm Monday-Friday. They welcome donations including gift cards to local super markets.

CASA: We had a wonderful time giving out free books this past Saturday at the Downtown Farmers Market! Thank you to those who donated books. Our summer Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer training class is full and we are filling a fall/winter volunteer training class. Want to learn more? Spend a few minutes watching this video from Texas CASA. [What is a Court Appointed Special Advocate?](#) Ready to help a LOCAL child? Contact Mindy or Kristin at 620-225-1278 to learn more or apply.



Genesis Family Health located at 1700 Ave F, encourages those requesting food or utility assistance to visit www.genesisfamilyhealth.org. If individuals are in need of cleaning supplies like soap, bleach and gloves, they have a pick up opportunity for these supplies at the drive up. The Clinic is open Monday and Tuesday with a health practitioner and on Wednesdays and Thursdays with offering telehealth appointments. They are requesting donations of rice, beans, macaroni and cheese and cereal. To arrange a drop off at the door, please call Contact Elva Dominguez or Uriel Campos at 620-225-0625. They are open from 8-5pm Monday –Friday and closed from 12-1pm for lunch.



Crisis Center Crisis Center is providing Crisis intervention services (9am-4pm) Monday-Friday, their **Hotline # 620-225-6510** is available 24 hours a day and the office number is 620-225-6987. The confidential intake process, needs assessment and safety planning is offered by phone or face to face advocacy services are available by appointment. Find us on Facebook. For donations please call the office phone so set up an appointment!

Salvation Army: The Thrift Store has now reopened with requirements for safety. If you and your family have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, the Salvation Army has help available. Please visit our emergency assistance page to fill out your application form. <http://ow.ly/23GP50zz7IQ>. Top of Form To make a donation or to inquiry about assistance or services please call 620-225-4871.

Harvest America continues to assist the community even through these hard times! Their doors are closed to the public but they are processing applications and services through phone, email, and mail. They provide rent, food, utility, fuel, and car repair assistance. In the past, they were only able to assist with electric and gas bills but as of right now we are now able to also assist them with their water bills as well. The car repair assistance would be for safety items (brakes, tires, etc.), general maintenance (oil change, battery, etc.), and can also help with tag registration or renewals. We have applications outside of their office door at 100 Military Ave Suite 122 or by phone or email to request one. The phone number is (620)227-7882 and email is lontiveros@harvestamerica.org.

Friendship Feast Association: The dining room is **now open** and serving meals from 1130-1230 Monday through Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 803 Central Avenue. Recently, Friendship Feast received hand sanitizer from Boot Hill Distillery, so they are able to hand those out to our guests, as well. Currently, they are serving about 50 individuals daily and they are requesting donations of breads, pastas and fresh fruit. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1075, Dodge City, KS 67801 For more information, contact Sarah Speakman at 620-408-5594.

LIVE UNITED



UNITED WAY OF DODGE CITY

United Way of Dodge City: The United Way of Dodge City continues to care for community members by serving as a resource both via telephone and online. They are providing quality information to help our neighbors during this crisis. Additionally, the United Way 211 program is helping connect Kansans to resources outside of our region. United Way of Dodge City has established the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to provide aid to those affected. The funds will be disbursed to nonprofit agencies who directly impact the lives of individuals who may experience a lack of basic needs being met during this time. We have set up two easy ways to donate:

- Donate online: www.unitedwaydodgecity.org
- Checks can be mailed to United Way of Dodge City, 2010 1st Avenue, Dodge City, Kansas 67801.

For questions or more information, please contact the United Way of Dodge City office by calling [\(620\) 227-8793](tel:6202278793) or emailing uwayofdc@att.net.



New Chance Inc: Front lobby access will happen on July 6th in a limited fashion. Persons needing to access the facility will still need to call our main number (620-225-0476) and ask for access. Some in-person appointments will occur but only based on client need. They will continue to provide out-patient and evaluation telehealth support. Residential services began on a limited basis on May 26 and is continuing in a limited fashion. Social Detox has not been restarted yet.

DOWNTOWN

FARMER'S
MARKET



Saturdays

7 AM - Noon

**Front Street
Between 1st &
2nd Ave**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 28, 2020

Contact: Mollea Wainscott

Phone: 620-371-3869

Email: housing@dodgedev.org

PAINT DODGE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE HOUSING CONDITIONS IN 2020

Dodge City KS – The Community Housing Association of Dodge City (CHAD) is excited to continue the Paint Dodge program for 2020. Paint Dodge provides paint and supplies to qualifying homeowners who live in Ford County. Since its creation in 2017, Paint Dodge has successfully painted eighteen homes and has two more in the pipeline to be completed this spring. Paint Dodge is currently accepting applications.

Paint Dodge provides paint and supplies to qualifying homeowners to enable them to repaint the exterior of their homes. If the homeowner is elderly or disabled, CHAD will help find volunteers to provide the labor. Painting is one home improvement strategy that is cost effective, produces immediate results and keeps your home protected from inclement weather. Exterior painting can enhance the value and prolong the lifespan of homes while alleviating deteriorating housing conditions within the county.

Residents must meet the following requirements to qualify for Paint Dodge:

- Applicants must own the land and residence and have permanent residence.
- Applicants may not own more than one property.
- Applicants income must be at or below 200% of poverty relative to federal low-income guidelines. A two persons household income must be \$34,480 or less.
- Applicants must be current on property taxes.
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Homeowners interested in receiving assistance can apply through the Community Housing Association of Dodge City. Applications are available online at www.dodgecityhousing.com, in person at 101 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd, 2nd floor or can be requested by emailing housing@dodgedev.org.

Paint Dodge is sponsored by the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas and partners with Sherwin Williams.

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OUTCOMES

- Reduce the number of homes in violation with City codes
- Identify other critical repairs needed and assist homeowners with solutions
- Enhance the value and prolong the lifespan of homes
- Improve the condition of houses in blighted neighborhoods

SPONSORS

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 **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of Southwest Kansas**

 **Community Housing Association of Dodge City**

Paint DODGE!

DODGE CITY EXTERIOR HOME ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The purpose of Paint Dodge is to provide assistance to eligible homeowners in Dodge City to enable them to repaint the exterior of their homes and alleviate deteriorating housing conditions within the city.

101 E. Wyatt Earp Blvd. | PO Box 818
Dodge City, KS 67801
620-371-3869
housing@dodgedev.org



7 TIPS FOR GROCERY SHOPPING DURING COVID-19



Shop only when necessary.



Send one person to shop.



No self-serve food or drinks.



Only touch what you buy.



Practice social distancing.
6 ft. apart & 10 or less in one area



Avoid cash transactions.



Wash hands after handling your purchases.



7 CONSEJOS PARA REALIZAR COMPRAS EN EL SUPERMERCADO DURANTE COVID-19



Compra solo cuando sea necesario.



Envía a una persona a comprar.



No utilices autoservicio de comida o bebidas.



Solo toca lo que vayas a comprar.



Practica el distanciamiento social
Al menos 6 pies de distancia y 10 o menos personas en un area



Evite las transacciones en efectivo.



Lávate las manos inmediatamente después de realizar sus compras.



**MY mask protects YOU.
YOUR mask protects ME.
Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19.**

Homemade masks can be helpful when you're in situations where it's hard to physically distance yourself from others:



Shopping at grocery stores or pharmacies



Visiting your health care provider



Using public transportation



Interacting with customers at essential businesses



When feeling sick, coughing or sneezing

STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [KDHEKS.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://kdheks.gov/coronavirus).



**MI máscara TE protege.
TU máscara ME protege.
Juntos, podemos frenar la propagación del virus COVID-19.**

Las máscaras caseras pueden ser útiles cuando estás en situaciones en las que es difícil distanciarte físicamente de los demás:



Compras en supermercados o farmacias



Visitar a su proveedor de atención médica



Uso del transporte público



Interactuar con los clientes de las empresas esenciales



Al sentirse enfermo, toser o estornudar

QUÉDATE EN CASA, MANTENTE A SALVO, SALVA VIDAS. PARA MAYOR INFORMACIÓN VISITE [KDHEKS.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://kdheks.gov/coronavirus)

Census data matters to your community.

An under count in **Dodge City** means our community could miss out on approximately **\$64,333.80** in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census.

KANSAS COUNTS CENSUS2020

FACTS ABOUT DODGE CITY *(based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau)*

COMMUNITY:

Total Population (as of 2017): **27,961**

Population Change Since 2010: **+621**

Median Age: **29.3**



ECONOMY:

Median Household Income: **\$46,770**

Number of Residents (age 16+) Employed: **19,950**

Number Employed in Health Care, Social Assistance, and Educational Services: **2,057**

Population Working Outside of City: **28.1%**

Average Commute Time to Work: **13.5 minutes**



HEALTH:

Number of Population with Health Insurance: **22,768**

Number with Private Insurance (i.e. Employer, Direct-Purchase): **17,882**

Number with Public Health Insurance (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare/military): **6,783**

Number with No Insurance: **4,779**



*Residents can have multiple forms of insurance

HOUSING & LIVING:

Median Household Size: **3.09**

Median Household Value: **\$106,100**

Total Number of Structures: **9,359**

Single Unit: **6,453**

Multi-Unit: **1,962**

Mobile Home: **944**

Boat, RV, van, etc.: **N/A**

Households with Broadband Internet Access: **6,291**



EDUCATION:

Number of School-age Children: **7,564**

Total Population Over 25 Years of Age: **15,849**

*Graduated High School (incl. GED): **3,894**

*Attained Some College, No Degree: **3,035**

*Attained Associates Degree: **1,219**

*Attained Bachelor's Degree: **1,741**

*Attained Graduate or Professional Degree: **882**



*Data points indicate highest education level achieved

Ensure that **you count, Dodge City counts, and Kansas counts** by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.