



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

City News

- ★ The City of Dodge City primary offices will be closed in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 31, 2021.

Public Transportation will not operate the buses on Monday but will resume regular hours on Tuesday.

The Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau information center will begin its summer schedule on Saturday and will be open from 8:00 am until 6:30 pm, seven days a week, including holidays, through Labor Day.

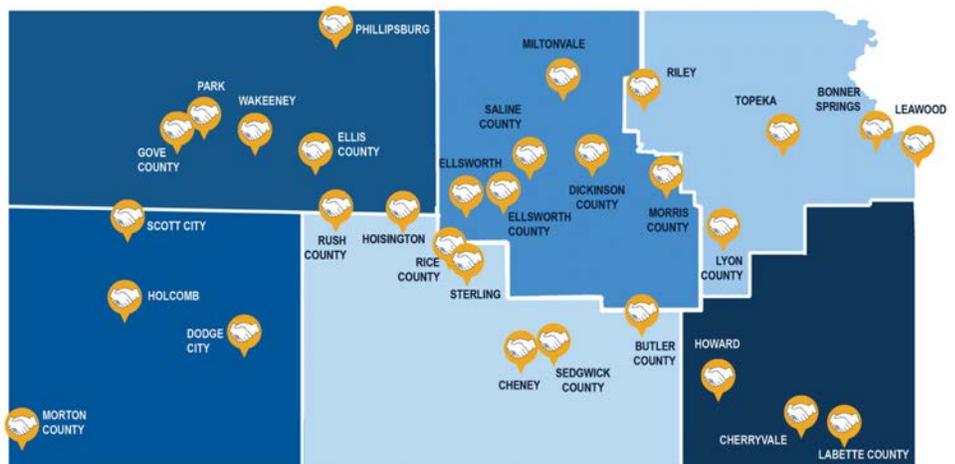
Sanitation collection scheduled for Monday will be serviced on Tuesday. Residents are asked to have polykarts placed at the curb by 7:00 am. Grass and limb routes will also be picked up later than regularly scheduled. Please leave grass karts at the curb until they have been serviced. The Jane Longemeyer Recycling Center will be open regular hours on Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and closed Monday for the holiday. Please get your recycling to the center during operational hours.

- ★ Dodge City Parks and Facilities would like to remind everyone of the rules and regulations regarding grave decorations at Maple Grove Cemetery. Temporary decorations may be placed for Memorial Day on and around headstones starting three days before the holiday (May 28, 2021) and must be removed within six days following (June 6, 2021). Temporary decorations include artificial and real flower arrangements, toys and stuffed animals, wreaths, potted plants, flags, figurines not more than 18" in height and hanging iron planters. Any items left longer than six days after the holiday will be removed beginning Monday morning to assist the staff in mowing and trimming the cemetery. For more information, go to <https://www.dodgecity.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1189>.

- ★ Governor Laura Kelly and Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz announced that Dodge City was one of the 30 transportation construction projects across Kansas to be awarded funds from the 2021 Spring KDOT Cost Share grant. The City of Dodge City will receive \$2,000,000 to support the Downtown Streetscape Project to be put towards the project's construction phase, which is set to begin in 2022. Read the full release at the end of this newsletter.

Spring 2021 Cost Share Projects

Part of the Kelly Administration's IKE Transportation Program



Why Not Dodge Facilities & Events

- ★ The Long Branch Lagoon Water Park will open for the summer season on Saturday, May 29, at 12 pm. There is still time to buy your season pass at www.lblagoon.com. For more information, please call 620-225-8156.
- ★ Drivers Appreciation is scheduled at the Home of Horsepower, the Dodge City Raceway Park, on Friday, June 4. Then, on June 5, the two-day Boot Hill Championship will entertain fans featuring Modified and North Sport Modified classes. For more information, view the complete media release at the end of the newsletter or visit DodgeCityRaceway.com.

City of Dodge City In The Community

- ★ On Friday, May 7, children from Prairie Winds Christian School in Montezuma came to the airport for a tour! The kids enjoyed learning how the TSA process works, what it looks like inside an airplane, talked to a pilot, and what the ARFF crew does at the airport.

Special thanks to Crotts Aircraft Service, Inc., Dodge City Fire Department, and DDC TSA for their help.



- ★ The City of Dodge City began the newly re-structured Engage Dodge program on May 18. So far, the class has heard from Mayor Rick Sowers & Commissioner Blanca Sota, the administration team, Public Transportation, and the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau. Engage Dodge is an interactive educational opportunity designed to introduce citizens to city services, programs, and the employees who serve the Dodge City community. By the end of the program, the participants will have heard from every department within the City.



- ★ City Administration, Engineering, and Main Street Dodge City staff have been conducting informational sessions with community groups to provide education on the Downtown Streetscape Project. The next session will be at the Main Street Festival on June 5, 2021, from 9 am to 2 pm.

COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Mon., May 31 - CLOSED for Memorial Day

Mon., June 7 - 6 pm City Commission Work Session, Commission Chambers at 806 N 2nd Ave.

Mon., June 7 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Commission Chambers at 806 N 2nd Ave.

OR Watch live online at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Dodge City Awarded 2021 KDOT Spring Cost Share Program Funds

Dodge City, Kansas— - Governor Laura Kelly and Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Julie Lorenz announced that Dodge City was one of the 30 transportation construction projects across Kansas to be awarded funds from the 2021 Spring KDOT Cost Share grant. The City of Dodge City will receive \$2,000,000 to support the Downtown Streetscape Project to be put towards the project's construction phase, which is set to begin in 2022.

"We are thrilled to be a recipient of the KDOT program, and I believe the success of this application is due in part to the support we received from the community in our submissions," said City Manager Nick Hernandez. "We received 34 individual letters of support from community businesses and partners, both in and out of the downtown district. Along with that, we received a joint letter signed by 25 downtown business and property owners."

"While STAR Bond funds anchor the project, we knew those revenues would not cover everything. This grant will help us in our goal to complete the project in one phase," Hernandez said.

The streetscape project is currently in the final design stage and will be out to bid this summer. Staff is set to have the project under contract for construction in October to begin the construction phase in January of 2022.

Main Street Director Coral Lopez stated that the application focused on three significant benefit aspects of the project, "updating aging and inadequate infrastructure, increasing pedestrian safety through walkability of the area, and boosting economic development by revitalizing the spirit of the district and bringing back a welcoming atmosphere."

The project's total cost estimate is \$10,297,726, with \$7,015,000 of funding secured between STAR Bonds revenues, American Recovery Act funds, and the KDOT Cost Share Grant. City staff is working on additional grant applications to dedicate to the project.

To learn more about the streetscape project, stop by the City's informational booth at the Main Street Festival on Saturday, June 5, 2021, from 9 am to 2 pm.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DODGE CITY, KS – DODGE CITY RACEWAY PARK

The June 4 weekend is shaping up to be a big one at Dodge City Raceway Park, where more than \$35,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded on Driver/Fan Appreciation night along with the 'Boot Hill Championship' two-day pointed event for the Modified and Northern Sport Modified classes.

DCRP expects a packed house for the Driver/Fan Appreciation Friday night. On Driver Appreciation night, drivers are challenged to give away tickets to the races in a competition to be eligible for a drawing for prizes. Friday will also kick-off the first of a two-night special for the Modified and Northern Sport Modified classes.

"The format for this special event will be a draw, re-draw which mixes things up and makes for some exciting racing," Director Craig Dollansky said.

Friday night attendees will be encouraged to return on Saturday night when 'The Boot Hill Champions' are crowned. On both nights the IMCA Weekly classes will also be in action, slated on Friday night with the Mods and Sport Mods are the Sprint cars, Stock cars, Hobby Stocks and Sport Compacts. One variation for Saturday night's show will be the addition of the Mod Lights in place of the Sport Compacts. Both nights will be complete shows for all classes.

A highlight for the kids on Saturday night will be bike races, and a candy-cash give away. Three lucky kids will go home with new rides if they put their pedal to the dirt track at DCRP. The bike racing classes will be broken down by age groups, 5-7, 8-10 and 11-13 year olds. All youngsters will be invited down to the track front stretch for the cash and candy at the conclusion of the bike racing.

The DCRP Short Track Series will in action on Sunday June 6, and teams will also be displaying their cars and carts on Friday and Saturday nights. For more information about the Short Track Series contact Kent Lampe at 620-682-3570.

Tickets are \$12.00 for Friday and Saturday night unless you present a Driver/Fan Appreciation ticket on Friday, with this ticket there will be no charge. Grandstand tickets are free for kids 12 and under. Pit passes are \$30.00. Pit gates open at 3 p.m., grandstands open at 5 p.m., and racing begins at 7:15 p.m.

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Info@dodgecityraceway.com

For More Information
DodgeCityRaceway.com
Ph. 620-225-3277



SUMMER SEASON DAILY ACTIVITIES

10 AM

HISTORY OF THE CAN CAN
LONG BRANCH SALOON

10:15AM

CAN CAN LESSONS
LONG BRANCH SALOON

10:30AM

DEPUTIZING
LONG BRANCH SALOON

10:45AM

DEPUTY PRESENTATION
LONG BRANCH SALOON

12PM HIGH NOON

GUNFIGHT BY THE WORLD
FAMOUS BOOT HILL MUSEUM
GUNFIGHTERS ON FRONT STREET

1:00 PM

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LONG BRANCH SALOON

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1:30PM

DEPUTIZING
LONG BRANCH SALOON

1:45 PM

DEPUTY PRESENTATION
LONG BRANCH SALOON

2:15 PM

TEACH TIME-PRESENTATION
NEW EXHIBITS

3:00 PM

HISTORY OF THE CAN CAN
LONG BRANCH SALOON

3:15 PM

CAN CAN LESSONS
LONG BRANCH SALOON

3:30PM

DEPUTIZING
LONG BRANCH SALOON

3:45PM

DEPUTY PRESENTATION
LONG BRANCH SALOON

3:30PM

DEPUTIZING
LONG BRANCH SALOON

6:30 PM

GUNFIGHT BY THE WORLD FAMOUS
BOOT HILL MUSEUM GUNFIGHTERS
ON FRONT STREET

7:00 PM

COUNTRY STYLE DINNER
MARSHAL PASS WRISTBAND REQUIRED
MARIAH GALLERY

7:30 PM

LONG BRANCH VARIETY SHOW
MARSHAL PASS WRISTBAND REQUIRED
MARIAH GALLERY





PRESS RELEASE

DODGE CITY, Kansas —With heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing of our white bison, Berry, on May 27, 2021. He was found unresponsive by zoo staff at the morning check and pronounced deceased by our veterinarian. Currently, the cause of death is unknown and

pending necropsy results. These results may take up to several weeks to come in.

Berry came to the Wright Park Zoo in 2018 with his half-brother, Thorn, from the Wild West Heritage Foundation. He was just shy of his 3rd birthday at the time of passing. Berry will be remembered for his loveable personality as well as his unique color. Thorn and Aster, our two remaining bison, are grieving at this time and receiving care and support from the zoo team.

Bison have a long history at the Wright Park Zoo, having been housed on-site for over 50 years. Once found over much of North America, this magnificent species nearly went extinct due to habitat loss and overhunting. Through the work of zoos and private ranchers, the bison has come back from the brink and is no longer considered an endangered species.



We are collecting books for children ages 0 to 18!

Bring new or gently used books to the CASA office.

2008 1st Ave., Ste. 806
in Dodge City

Come see us at the
MainStreet Festival on
June 5th to get a free book!



10TH ANNUAL MAIN STREET FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 5, 2021
Downtown Dodge City
9am - 2pm

Arts & Crafts | Z-98 Great Quack Attack | Local Entertainment | Food Vendors
Shopping | Children Activities | Car Show | & Much More

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9 a.m.–2 p.m. Vendors, Activities, Food & More
1:30 p.m. Z98 Great Quack Attack

ENTERTAINMENT

Danza Santa Cruz | White Tiger Martial Arts
Hector Almend | Vegan Shark | Rancho Nopalito

Auto's for Alzheimer's Cruise & Shine

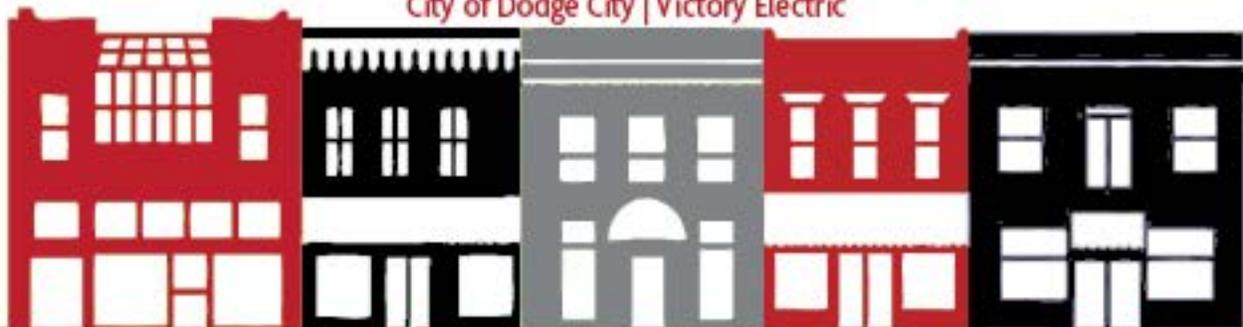
9 a.m.–2 p.m.

*For information contact Debbie Morgan at:
debbie.morgan82959@gmail.com

Event Sponsors



Central Station Bar & Grill | Boot Hill Distillery | Fidelity State Bank & Trust | Landmark National Bank
City of Dodge City | Victory Electric



Main Street Office: 620-227-9501 or corall@dodgecity.org



Chalk Art Competition

Saturday, June 5th from 10-2 pm

During the 10th Annual Main Street Festival

Contest Guidelines

- Participants will need to complete their artwork by 2:00 pm.
- All supplies will be provided that day.
- The competition has no entry fee and will consist of three age groups: grade school, middle/high school, and adults.
- One winner per age group will receive a prize.

Registration

Registration will be that day, **June 5th**
at the Carnegie Center for the Arts during the 10th Annual Main Street Festival.

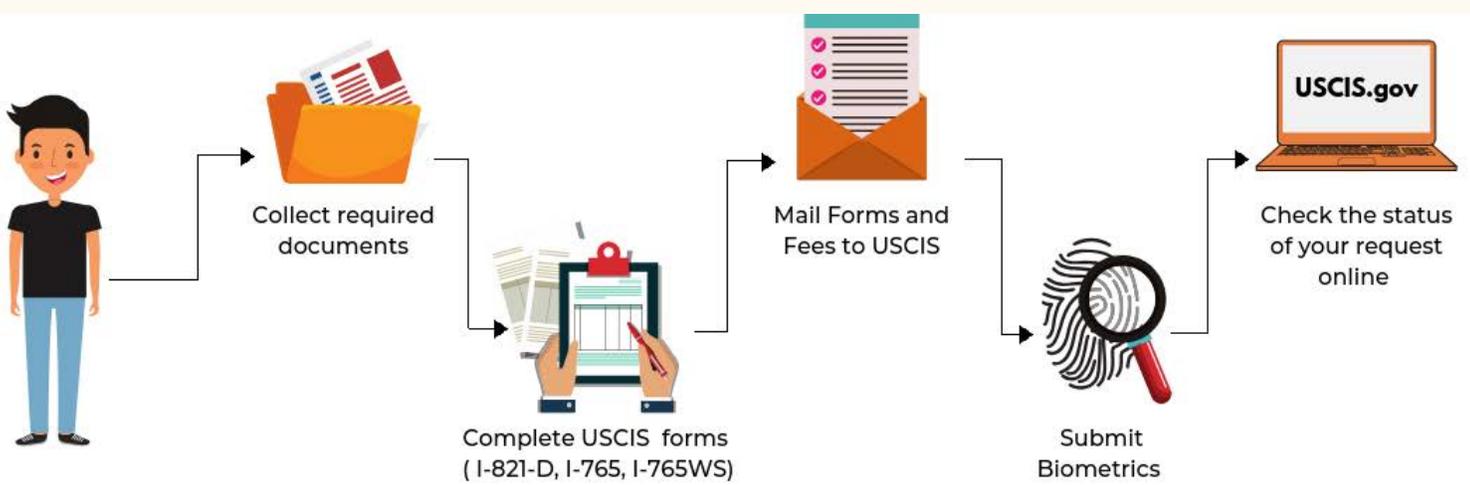
Participants will need to **check-in and pick out their supplies during registration.**

For more information contact -

Bobbi Brown at 620-225-6388 or stop by 701 N. 2nd Ave

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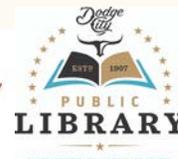
*Tuesday, August 31, 2021
1:00 - 5:00 PM*

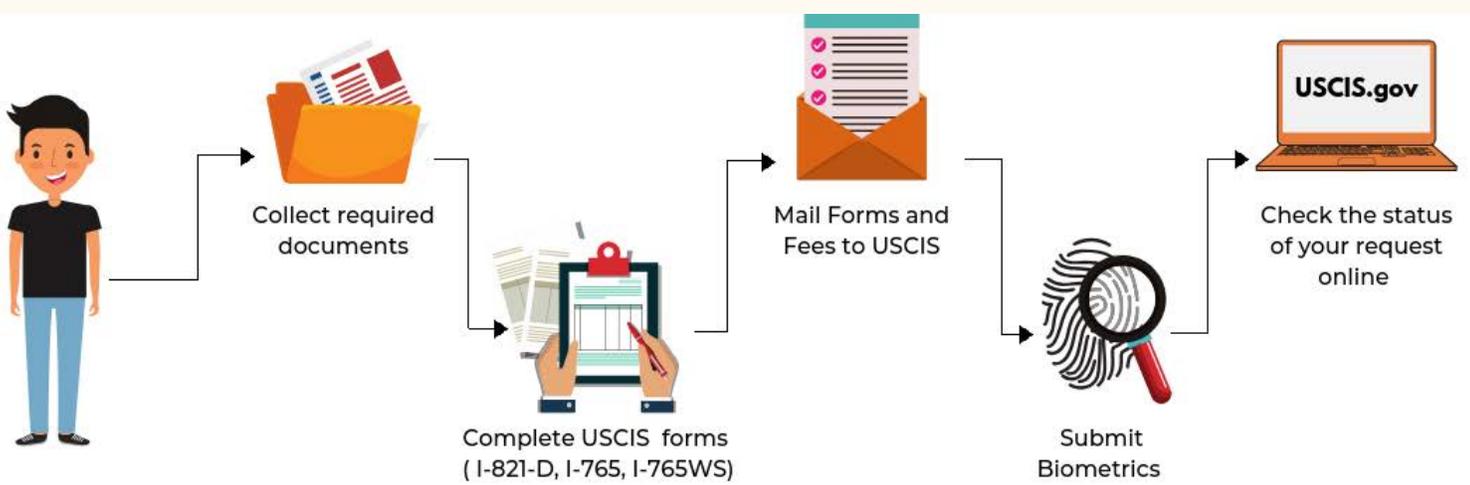
**Dodge City Public Library
1001 N. 2nd Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801**

This clinic is for current DACA holders whose DACA will expire soon. Applicants should bring current Employment Authorization card, copy of the last application (forms I-797, I-824D, & I-765), and personal check or money order payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security" for \$495.00. Applicants with convictions of any kind will be referred to Catholic Charities of Southwest KS.

Questions? Please contact Kate Schieferecke at 620-227-1584 or Ernestor De La Rosa at 620-225-8100.

****Initial applications will not be processed at this clinic****





Clínica Gratuita de Renovación de DACA

Martes, 31 de Agosto, 2021
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Biblioteca Pública de Dodge City
1001 N. 2nd Ave., Dodge City, KS 67801

Esta clínica es para los actuales recipientes de DACA cuya autorización caducará pronto. Los solicitantes deben traer la tarjeta de autorización de empleo actual, copia de la última solicitud (formularios I-797, I-824D, e I-765), y cheque personal o giro postal pagadero a "U.S. Department of Homeland Security" de \$495.00. Los solicitantes con convicciones de cualquier tipo serán referidos a Catholic Charities of Southwest KS.

¿Preguntas? Comuníquese con Kate Schieferecke al 620-227-1584 o con Ernestor De La Rosa al 620-225-8100.

****Las solicitudes iniciales de DACA no serán procesadas en esta clínica****



FORD COUNTY Legacy Center *Presents*

MOTORSPORTS Legends



**A Display of Vintage Racers
& Racing Memorabilia
*Opening to the Public - June 5, 2021***

**Ford County Legacy Center
310 Gunsmoke
in Historic Downtown
Dodge City, Kansas**