



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWS

★ Participants of the 2021 Engage Dodge program were recognized for their commitment to educating themselves about their local government and community at the July 19 City Commission Meeting. Once a week for nine weeks, these individuals learned about the City’s mission, departments, and operations. They met with every department across the City of Dodge City and toured numerous city facilities. They also toured a Community Housing of Dodge City (CHAD) house and the Nor-Am Cold Storage Facility and were shown where the new Hilmar Cheese Company Processing Plant will be located. To be a part of next year’s class, be sure to follow us on Facebook and watch this newsletter for announcements.



★ Dodge City Regional Airport would like to let passengers know that there is overflow parking. If the parking lot is full, you will need to go back out on Airport Road and turn into the area designated by a sign as “Overflow Parking.” Passengers will need to park their car on either side of the drive facing north and south. This area will also be free of charge to customers flying with DDC.

★ Dodge City Public Transportation will provide special service hours to the general public to include rides for the Dodge City Concert on Saturday, July 31, and each night of the Dodge City Roundup PRCA on August 3-8, 2021, from 6 pm to 11 pm. All rides are FREE. Our residents and visitors are encouraged to call 620-371-3879 to book their rides. These services are available and will be provided within our current service area. Please see the attached flyer for more details and be sure to share with family and friends.

★ This summer, the City hosted two Ogallala Commons Interns in the Information Technology and Development Services & Inspections Departments. As a part of their internship requirements, they presented their experience to all City Department Heads and Ogallala Commons’ representatives earlier this week. Both interns have done an outstanding job during their time with the City. The Development Services & Inspection intern has even accepted a full-time position with the department. The City hopes to continue to host interns throughout the years. If you know or you are interested in an internship with the City next summer, please do not hesitate to contact our Human Resources Office at 620-255-8100.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- ★ Parks and Facilities have been busy preparing for Dodge City Days throughout the downtown and Wright Park areas. The staff has hung up banners, placed mulch in planter beds and staked boundary fences around the park to host events. Staff



has also placed mulch in the flower beds at United Wireless Arena, sprayed weeds in curb lines and roadways and installed a new sign at the Wright Park entrance off of 2nd Ave.

- ★ Utility department crews repaired six main breaks and one broken valve in July. The main breaks occurred at 2nd and Brier, Greenwood and Division, 2nd and Market, 907 Ave. G, Meadow Lark and Hennessy, 3rd and Front St., and Ave C and Division. All main breaks were repaired, and customers had minimal service interruption.

PROJECT UPDATES

- ★ City Branding Implementation—The new City brand has slowly emerged through different departments as we build a cohesive look. The latest implementation of the new brand can be seen on three Dodge City Police Department patrol vehicles, and a fourth will be added to the fleet in the upcoming weeks. The rest of the patrol fleet will be updated to the new brand as the DCPD orders new vehicles each year to replace those going out of service. It is anticipated that all DCPD vehicles will be wrapped in this design by 2024.



- ★ Asphalt Street Projects—City of Dodge City staff has made the decision to stop the Fairway Drive asphalt overlay project in favor of completely reconstructing the street from Comanche St. to University Drive. The asphalt inlay that was completed last fall started to fail in areas, and additional concerns were uncovered during the repair process. For more information, read the full release at the end of this newsletter.
- ★ Wright Park Zoo Master Plan — A site survey was conducted by SMH consultants, identifying perimeter boundaries, utilities and elevations around the property. Once these documents are received by staff, they will help determine work that will need to be done and used during all construction phases.
- ★ Downtown Streetscape —The City Commission will approve the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Cost Share grant award for the Downtown Streetscape Project at their August 2 meeting. The grant award is for an amount not to exceed \$2 million. For more information and to follow the project, visit <https://www.dodgecity.org/1020/Downtown-Streetscape>.

- ★ Animal Shelter Expansion—The final set of new dog kennels have been installed in the Dodge City Animal Shelter as part of their expansion that began in 2020. The project has allowed the



Shelter growth to meet the demand for more space to hold animals in their care while also upgrading the facility to meet the State of Kansas revised licensing requirements.

WHY NOT DODGE FACILITIES & EVENTS

- ★ Registration is now open for the inaugural Lee Braddock Memorial Co-ed Kickball Tournament at Legends Park! This is a three-game guarantee, and teams must have seven men and three women to play, and ten may play the field. The entry fee is \$200/team, and prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd. To register, contact Sports and Events Coordinator Jordon German at jordong@dodgecity.org or 620-225-8160. Or register online at <https://baseball.exposureevents.com/.../lee.../schedule>
- ★ Friday will mark the Stock Car, Hobby Stock Shootout at Dodge City Raceway Park. Races will kick off at 7:30 pm, and tickets are \$15. For more information, visit <https://dodgecityracewaypark.com/> or call 620-225-3277.
- ★ Long Branch Lagoon is a great place to cool off this summer and is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 7 pm, and from noon to 6:00 pm on Sundays. Night Swim is on Tuesdays and Thursdays till 9:00 pm. For more information, visit www.lblagoon.com or call 620-225-8156.

CITY OF DODGE CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- ★ The Welcoming Plan Steering Committee under the City's Cultural Relations Advisory Board participated in the USD 443 in-person school enrollment events last week to encourage our residents to complete a Welcoming Plan Survey. A total of 115 residents participated in that survey, and the steering committee plans to conduct other events to gather more community input. This survey data will be utilized to craft a plan for Dodge City, which aims to improve and create programs for the benefit of the immigrant and refugee community. Our goal is to strengthen these populations in our community who make a large percentage of our workforce and play a critical role in our local economy.



OTHER NEWS

- ★ On July 7, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly and Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz were in Dodge City at the Santa Fe Depot to announce expansion projects for the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation (IKE) program. The projects will provide improvements in Ford, Edwards, Kiowa, Meade, and Pratt Counties. For more information, visit www.ksdot.org/ike.

COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 2 - 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

Mon., Aug. 16 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, Commission Chambers at 806 N 2nd Ave.

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View the meeting agendas the Friday prior at <https://www.dodgecity.org/78/Agendas>



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - July 29, 2021

Fairway Drive Asphalt Overlay to Change to Complete Reconstruct

DODGE CITY, Kansas—City of Dodge City staff have made the decision to stop the Fairway Drive asphalt overlay project in favor of completely reconstructing the street from Comanche St. to University Drive. The asphalt inlay that was completed last fall started to fail in areas, and additional concerns were uncovered during the repair process.

“When work restarted, it was discovered that portions of the existing asphalt street did not have sufficient thickness for the inlay operation,” said Director of Engineering Services Ray Slattery. “Also, the sub-grade under the street had become wet over the years and is not stable. Without doing major modifications to the sub-grade, any maintenance operation would not have lasted as long as it should.”

Engineering staff halted the repair work once the issues to the street were found and worked to develop a plan to move forward. Staff has contacted several contractors requesting bids for concrete pavement and asphalt pavement along with estimated work timelines.

“We fully understand the inconvenience this is to the residents along Fairway Dr. and those who have to access it to reach their neighborhoods,” Slattery said. “We are trying to remedy the situation as quickly as possible. However, it may take a few months before the street is back open to free-flowing traffic.”

Additional information on the construction project will be published once available. For more information or questions regarding this street project, contact the Engineering Services office at 620-225-8106

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DODGE CITY DAYS

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE



FREE RIDES

**To the Dodge City Days Concert on Saturday, July 31
and each night of the
Dodge City Roundup PRCA Rodeo on August 3-8, 2021
6 pm - 11 pm**

Schedule your ride today at 620-371-3879

Transportation will be provided from origin to destination within our current service boundary and buses will be readily available immediately after the event is over each night.

****All Dodge City Public Transportation Policies will apply to this service. Please review the policies at <https://www.dodgecity.org/727/Public-Transportation>****

LEE BRADDOCK MEMORIAL KICKBALL TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 14, 2021
LEGENDS PARK, DODGE CITY, KS

Three Game Guarantee
Single Elimination Bracket
Coed 7/3
\$200 Per Team

Registration:

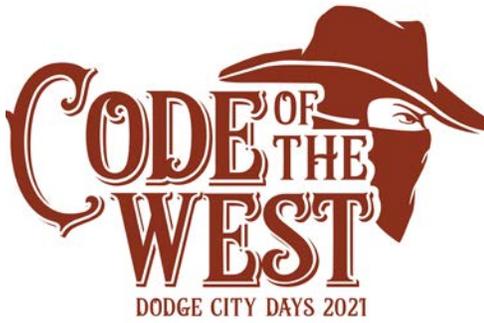
<https://baseball.exposureevents.com/171347/lee-braddock-memorial-kickball-tournament/registration>

Deadline to register is *August 10*

Tournament Contact:

Jordon German at jordong@dodgecity.org

or call 620-225-8160



Code of the West

Dodge City Days 2021

Summer is finally here in Dodge City and you know what that means? Time to start making your Dodge City Days plans! The festival is celebrating its 61st year and continues to bring new and exciting events to the community along with the festival favorites that have been around since the very beginning.

This year's festival is celebrating the grit and stamina of the people that have called this area home for the last 149 years. The theme "Code of the West" is the unwritten, socially agreed upon set of laws that have shaped the cowboy culture

of the West and still holds true today.

The Dodge City Days event schedule is now online at the all new www.dodgecitydays.org and on the new & improved Dodge City Days App that is available on the App Store and Google Play, just search "Dodge City Days." Check in regularly for updates on all your favorite events. The printed festival guides will be dispersed throughout Dodge City in July.

The Dodge City Days Committee along with Cargill and National Beef are excited to announce the return of the public hamburger feed in Wright Park right after the parade! Bring the family down, grab a free burger, stroll through the Park and visit with world famous Pitmasters as they compete for points and an invite to the BBQ World Championship. Check in on the Backyard competitors and cheer on our Little Smokies KidQ competitors! Stay for the party at the amazing Bud Light Tailgate mobile bar. So be sure to follow the BBQ aroma into the park and stay for food, drinks, and fun!

The Dodge City Days Kickoff Concert will be in-door at the United Wireless Arena on Saturday, July 30th. This year the concert welcomes country music stars Chris Lane, Tyler Farr, and Adam Doleac! Beat the heat and come inside this amazing venue for an epic night of country music. This is one concert you do not want to miss!

The 2021 edition of the Dodge City Roundup Rodeo is a GO! "Last year we were able to have the rodeo through the great efforts of the committee and our community partners. We had a fantastic rodeo but we missed some fans due to COVID. Once again, we will have great contestants and acts so we urge all of our fans to come out and enjoy the action. Get your friends and come back to the rodeo! Tuesday night at 8 pm is Xtreme Bulls. Then Wednesday through Sunday is rodeo action with Sunday being the finals. We are the only PRCA Tour Rodeo in Kansas so you will see the best contestants and animal athletes. You will once again have a great time and enjoy the Greatest Show on Dirt." – Dr. Trotter

Lastly, the fan favorite Longhorn Cattle Drive brought to you by Boot Hill Casino & Resort and the Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau will be on Saturday, August 7th on Wyatt Earp Blvd. The cattle will start at Wyatt Earp and 4th street and head directly West on Wyatt Earp. They will drive all the way down to about Wright Street and then turn around and head back to 4th street heading East. So stay in your seats because you will have two opportunities to see the amazing Longhorns!

Dodge City Days is the second largest festival in Kansas. For all up-to-date information about the events, please visit the NEW Dodge City Days website www.dodgecitydays.org or visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/dodgecitydays.

DODGE CITY

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
3-7 PM

2ND AVE. NEAR EL CAPITAN STATUE

**INQUIRIES FOR FOOD & VENDORS
PLEASE CONTACT:**

**INTERESADOS EN PARTICIPAR
COMUNIQUESE CON:**

corall@dodgecitydev.org or 620-371-3872



DODGE CITY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Belonging Begins With US!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2021

3-7 PM

DOWNTOWN DODGE CITY

We are very excited to celebrate Dodge City's diversity, ethnicities and cultures during National Welcoming Week.

Vendor Space Available

Food & Beverage - Open to all area food and beverage vendors. A limited number of 210-volt outlets are available on a first come first served basis.

Arts & Craft / Commercial Vendors - Open to all arts & crafts vendors with original work or artist reproductions, as well as all local commercial vendors and home-based business concepts. Each space will be 12 ft by 12 ft. Access to electricity is limited so please request only if necessary.

Criteria For All Vendors

- ~Each vendor space is \$50. you will need to provide your own table and chairs
- ~Exhibitors are responsible for setting up and taking down of their own booth.
- ~Set up time begins at 1:30 p.m. (Time subject to change)
- ~All vehicles, except Food Trucks, must be removed from the vending areas no later than 2:30 p.m.
- ~All participants agree to be open from 3 - 7 PM
- ~*There will be no refunds issued.*

Vendor Registration Form

Business Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Type of Space: Food Vendor Arts & Craft Vendor Commercial Vendor

Booth Description: _____

of spaces (**\$50 Each**) _____ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

It is understood by the undersigned that the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Dodge City & the City of Dodge City are not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to the item(s) exhibited or other possessions. By signing below, you agree that you are fully responsible for your own sales tax, business license, and other business or sales related requirements. All federal, state, and local laws governing sales tax must be followed.

I understand the rules and regulations of the show and will comply. I realize failure to comply may result in expulsion of the show. The Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Dodge City & the City of Dodge City, hold no responsibility for legal or product liability or any other requirements pertaining to its vendors. Your signature indicates acceptance of all conditions. Application forms without a signature will not be accepted.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All vendors forms and fees must be in by **Monday, September 6th**. make all check payable to: Main Street Dodge City.
Return forms to: Main Street Dodge City Attn: Coral Lopez PO Box 818, Dodge City, KS 67801 Email - corall@dodgecity.org Phone - 620.371-3872

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If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below and send it back to the Main Street office by **Monday, September 6th**. You will need to provide your own table and chairs, you are also welcomed to bring a tent for shading. Booth space will be 12 ft x 12 ft.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Coral Lopez at 620.371.3872.

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Dodge City International Festival Non-Profit Booth Registration Form

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Booth Description: _____

Please return this form by **Monday, September 6th** to: Main Street Dodge City ▪ Attn: Coral Lopez
PO Box 818, Dodge City, KS 67801 ▪ Email - corall@dodgecity.org ▪ Phone - 620.371.3872

DODGE CITY HAS JOBS!

GET THE
HECK
— ~~OUT OF~~ **into**
DODGE!



WHY NOT DODGE?

DODGE CITY HAS:

- A PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY
- A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES
- GREAT SCHOOLS
- ECONOMIC STABILITY
- STATE OF THE ART FACILITIES



VISIT
WWW.DODGECITYHASJOBS.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Benefit Co-Ed Softball Tournament
SATURDAY , AUGUST 21ST 2021

LEGENDS PARK - DODGE CITY, KS

Prizes to be announced later

SWINGING FOR CAM

**A FRIEND OF OURS IN THE SOFTBALL
COMMUNITY RECENTLY HAD A BABY. THIS
BABY HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A TUMOR
ON HIS BRAIN STEM AND A COUPLE MORE IN
HIS BACK. THE FAMILY IS MISSING WORK
FOR APPOINTMENTS AND DR VISITS. ALL
PROCEEDS WILL BE GOING DIRECTLY TO THE
THEM, TO HELP WITH THIS!**

\$250 Entry Fee

7Guys 3 Girls

USSSA Rules

3GG

Raffle Items

3HR then Out

2HR Bands Per Team \$20 each

Classic M or Classic Plus - Classic W for the ladies

Max 20 Teams!

Donations are welcomed

TO REGISTER OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT JOSH

LANE ON FACEBOOK. OR TEXT 620-290-1985

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**