



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWS

- ★ The City of Dodge City Commission approved Resolution No 2021-21 at the August 16 meeting authorizing a question to be submitted on the 2021 Election ballot regarding an additional one-half cent sales tax to be dedicated to street projects. Once submitted to the Ford County Election Clerk, the question will be added to the ballot for Dodge City residents to vote on. Read the full release at the end of this newsletter and view the Frequently Ask Questions and Q&A videos at <https://www.dodgecity.org/1023/Proposed-Street-Project-Sales-Tax>

- ★ The City of Dodge City offices will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 6.

Sanitation collection normally scheduled for Monday will be picked up on Tuesday. Residents are asked to have polycarts placed at the curb by 7 am.

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

The Convention & Visitors Bureau's Visitor Center will be open Saturday, Sunday & Monday from 8 am to 5 pm and will resume fall/winter hours from 8 am - 5 pm Mon.-Fri. beginning Tuesday, September 7.

Wright Park Zoo will also be open on Labor Day from 9 am - 5 pm.

Have a safe, enjoyable Labor Day holiday.

- ★ The annual 9-11 Day of Remembrance Tree Planting Ceremony and Memorial Service are scheduled for the morning and afternoon of Saturday, September 11, 2021. This year, the tree plantings that coincide with the plane crashes will occur at Dodge City Fire Department Station 1, 201 Soule St, and the memorial ceremony will be at 1 pm at the Liberty Garden. For more information, see the attached release.
- ★ City staff is working on applications from the Economic Development Administration. The two different grants are for the Downtown Streetscape and improvements to the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- ★ The City of Dodge City received notification that they were approved for historic rehabilitation tax credits. The tax credits are for improvements at Hennessey Hall for the future KANSASWORKS Workforce space, restrooms, and new Makers Space. The Makers Space is a project through the Rural Education and Workforce Alliance (REWA) and will be open to the public for use.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- ★ Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) has seen a very busy summer season. For May through July, there has been a 200+% increase in travelers over 2020 and a 69% increase over 2019. The Historic Trolley Tour season will wrap up on Labor Day. The Center will continue to assist incoming tourists that make Dodge City their destination and assist bus travelers, meetings/conferences, and various sporting events.

- ★ The CVB recently added new merchandise to their collection. The two new 'Dodge City' vanity plates and the new City Flag are currently being sold at the Center.



PROJECT UPDATES

- ★ A proposal meeting was held with prospective contractors at risk on Friday for the Downtown Streetscape project. Staff along with the Engineering and Architecture firm will review the project, discuss the utility replacements, go over the design and construction schedule and funding. For updates on the Streetscape project, visit <https://www.dodgecity.org/1020/Downtown-Streetscape>.

WHY NOT DODGE FACILITIES & EVENTS

- ★ The Dodge City Raceway Park will host the 9th annual Jerry Soderberg Memorial this Saturday, August 28. This special show honors Soderberg, who passed after a lengthy racing career and years as owner and operator of SOS. Engine Service. For tickets and more info call, the Track office at 620-225-3277. The Short Track Series will be held on Sunday, August 29. For the full schedule and Track News and Updates, visit <https://dodgecityracewaypark.com/>.
- ★ There is still time to enjoy a few more days of summer at the Long Branch Lagoon. The Western Inspired Water Park will be open this Saturday from 12-7 pm and Sunday from 12-6 pm. The last day of the season is Labor Day, September 6, from 12-7 pm. For more information, visit www.lblagoon.com.

CITY OF DODGE CITY IN THE COMMUNITY

- ★ The Dodge City Police Department will be hosting another Police Academy beginning September 14, 2021, and continuing until November 16, 2021. The class will meet on Tuesday evenings starting at 6:30 pm and last until approximately 9:30 pm each night. The class will meet one Saturday during that time to go to the firing range for weapons training. Applications are available through the following link, <https://www.dodgecity.org/193/Citizen-Police-Academy>, or at the Dodge City Police Department. All interested people will need to fill out and return an application before September 11, 2021. A brief background check will be done on all applicants. All applicants must be 18 years or older.

If you have any questions, please contact Lt. Lee Kolbeck at the Dodge City Police Department at 620-225-8126 or leek@dodgecity.org, or Captain Shannon McGee at 620-225-8126 or shannonm@dodgecity.org.

- ★ The Dodge City Police Department staff, Dodge City Fire Department and Administration participated in the Dodge City Days Pepsi Dog Day Afternoon Wacky Trike Race. The teams all pedaled hard, and ultimately the DCFD team took home the trophy! DCPD had two teams this year and DCFD had three racers along with one staff from admin.



COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Tues., Sept. 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

Mon., Sept. 20 - 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>



CLOSED ★ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

We will be closed in observation of Labor Day.

CERRADO ★ LUNES, 6 DE SEPTIEMBRE

Estaremos cerrados en observación del
Dia del Trabajo.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – August 17, 2021

City of Dodge City Commission Approves Special Question for the 2021 Election Ballot

DODGE CITY, Kansas— The City of Dodge City Commission approved Resolution No 2021-21 at the August 16 meeting authorizing a question to be submitted on the 2021 Election ballot regarding an additional one-half cent sales tax to be dedicated to street projects. Once submitted to the Ford County Election Clerk, the question will be added to the ballot for Dodge City residents to vote on.

“This question is asking the voters to choose yes or no on whether to increase the Dodge City sales tax by one-half cent, which is equal to 0.5%, or an increase of 50 cents for every \$100 in purchases for the next ten years to fund street-related projects,” said City Manager Nick Hernandez. “The increase would begin no earlier than April 1, 2022, and by law, the revenues from the increase would only be able to be used on street projects.”

Currently, the street maintenance budget for residential streets ranges from approximately \$300,000-\$500,000 per year, with an additional \$1-\$1.5 million of debt issued for additional City/Highway modernization and expansion projects. If approved, the one-half-cent increase in sales tax is projected to generate an additional \$4.6 million in street funding per year.

According to Hernandez, though the question for the ballot is for a 0.5 % increase the current sales tax rate in Dodge City would increase by 0.35 %. This is due to an existing 0.15 % sales tax for Horse Thief Reservoir expecting to sunset, or end, the beginning of 2022.

“The current sales tax rate in Dodge City is 8.65%,” Hernandez said. “When you account for the Horse Thief tax ending and if the proposed streets sales tax passes, the sales tax rate would come out to 9%.

City staff is in the process of creating an educational page on the www.dodgecity.org site to address questions and concerns regarding the proposed ballot question.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Annual 9-11 Tree Planting Ceremony and Memorial Service Scheduled

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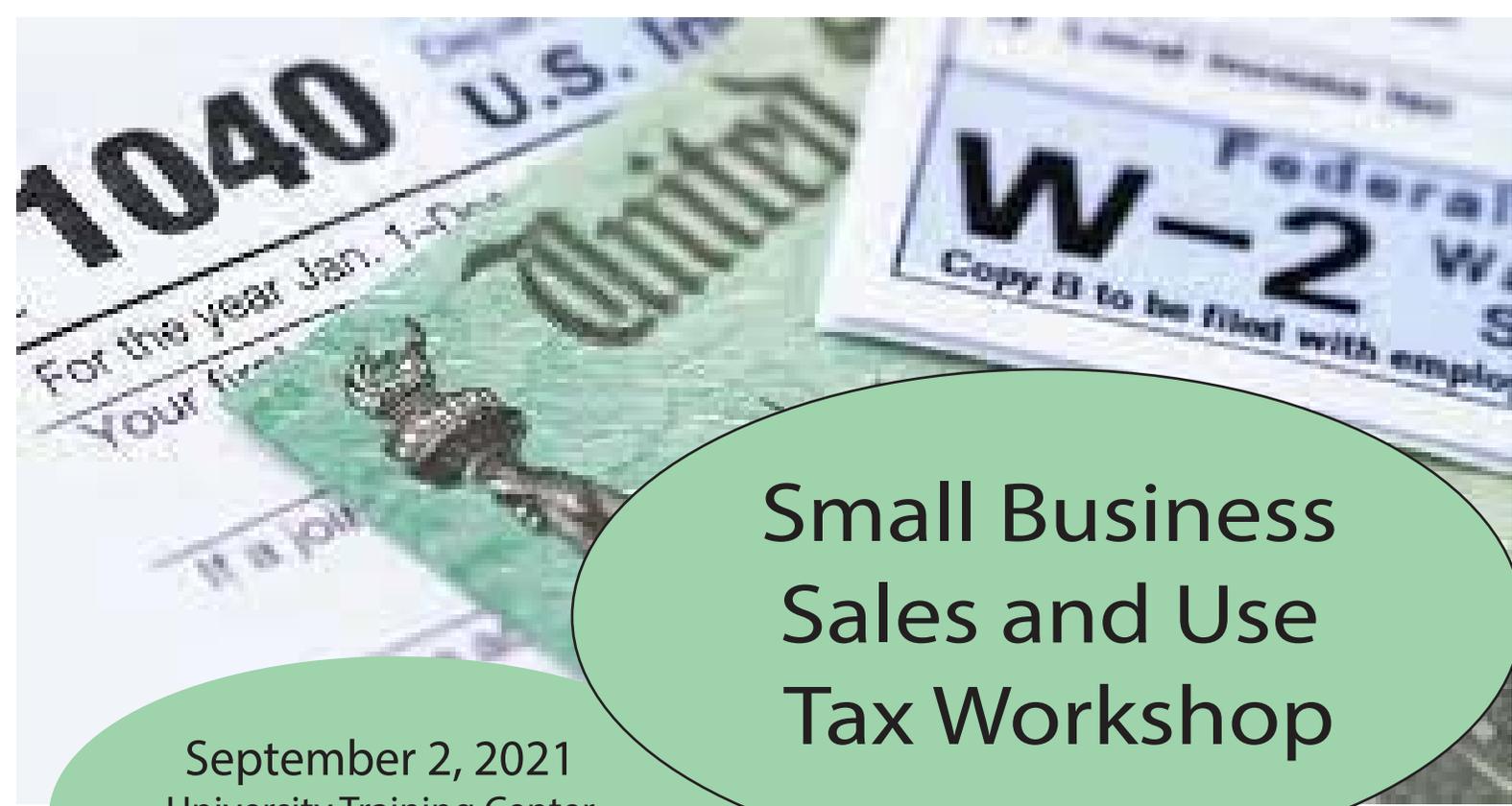
The first tree planting will begin at 7:45 am, in remembrance of those who died from the first plane crash into the north tower of the World Trade Center. Three more trees will be planted at 8:03 am, 8:45 am, and 9:10 am to coincide with the other plane crashes.

“We want to thank Western Beverage and Fidelity State Bank for sponsoring two of the trees that will be planted,” stated Corey Keller, Keep Dodge City Beautiful Coordinator. “The planting of the trees is also in conjunction with the Keep America Beautiful annual National Day of Planting, which begins September 8.”

At 1:00 pm, the Day of Remembrance Memorial Service will take place at Liberty Garden on the east side of Hoover Pavilion. The service is held to remember those who lost their lives from the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, and those servicemen and women who gave their lives and who continue to serve in the fight on terrorism.

“The public is welcome at both events and encouraged to participate in this day of honor and remembrance,” said Kelli Enlow, Dodge City Regional Airport Manager.

For those that are unable to attend, but would like to watch the tree planting and memorial service, the City of Dodge City will be broadcasting the events live on their Facebook page.



Small Business Sales and Use Tax Workshop

September 2, 2021
University Training Center
236 San Jose Dr
Dodge City, KS

Retail 9am - 12pm

This class focuses on the basics of sales tax for businesses making retail sales. We will explain the differences between the Kansas Retailers' Sales Tax, the Kansas Retailers' Compensating Use Tax and the Kansas Consumers' Compensating Use Tax. You will gain a basic understanding of the goods and services subject to sales tax, and applicable exemptions.



Register Here
Or here:
<https://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/26324>

Construction 1pm - 3pm

This workshop is devoted exclusively to sales tax issues for construction contractors and subcontractors. We will discuss how sales tax applies to materials and labor, Project Exemption Certificates, and billing.



Register Here
Or here:
<https://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/26325>

Webinar options are also available here:




Pre-registration is required for all sessions

For information, please contact Ashley Still at ashley.still@sccc.edu or 620.371.3871



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DODGE CITY

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 19th

3 - 7 P M

Downtown Dodge City



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INTERESADOS EN PARTICIPAR COMUNÍQUESE CON:

corall@dodgedev.org or 620-371-3872





U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

USCIS ENGAGEMENT

A conversation about “How to Become a U.S. Citizen”

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) invites you to join the conversation! Learn about the naturalization process and what you need to become a U.S. citizen. This is a free event open to the public. USCIS representatives will be available to answer your questions.

DATE: Thursday, September 23, 2021

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Dodge City Public Library - Lois Flanagan Room
1001 N Second Avenue, Dodge City, KS



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and Immigration
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REUNIÓN CON USCIS

Una conversación sobre “Como convertirse en ciudadano estadounidense”

¡El Servicio de Ciudadanía e Inmigración de los Estados Unidos (USCIS, por sus siglas en inglés) le invita a unirse a la conversación! Infórmese sobre el proceso de naturalización y lo que necesita para convertirse en ciudadano estadounidense. Este es un evento gratuito abierto al público. Los representantes de USCIS estarán disponibles para responder a sus preguntas.

FECHA: Jueves, 23 de septiembre de 2021

HORA: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

LUGAR: Biblioteca Pública de Dodge City - Salón Lois Flanagan
1001 N Second Avenue, Dodge City, KS



EMPOWER FUND

LAUNCHING IN SELECT COMMUNITIES SUMMER 2021

NETWORK KANSAS INTRODUCES THE EMPOWER FUND TO ASSIST MINORITY FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ENTITIES LOOKING TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR BUSINESS PROJECTS.

The Empower Fund was created to further the mission of increasing access to funding in socially-disadvantaged populations. For the purposes of this loan program, "minority-owned" is defined as any organization that is at least 51% owned by a non-white person, including Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino, and People of Color.

The Empower Fund is a pilot project in select communities. Certified partners will submit applications on behalf of potential borrowers in the pilot communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more information about the loan or to apply, please contact Coral Lopez at 620-371-3872 or corall@dodgedev.org

UP TO \$15,000
48 MONTHS
4% INTEREST RATES

LOAN FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR:

- Equipment
- Inventory
- Repairs
- Building purchase
- Infrastructure
- Refinancing existing business debt
- Working Capital

NO EARLY PAY-OFF PENALTIES
NO MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED



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KANSAS HEALTH
FOUNDATION



EMPOWER FUND

LANZAMIENTO EN COMUNIDADES SELECTAS VERANO 2021

NETWORK KANSAS PRESENTA EL EMPOWER FUND PARA AYUDAR A EMPRESAS MINORITARIAS CON FINES DE LUCRO Y ENTIDADES SIN FINES DE LUCRO QUE BUSCAN OBTENER AYUDA FINANCIERA PARA PROYECTOS EMPRESARIALES.

El Empower Fund se creó para promover la misión de dar un mayor acceso a financiamiento en poblaciones socialmente desfavorecidas. Para efectos de éste programa de préstamo "Empresas Minoritarias" es definido como cualquier organización que sea al menos 51% propiedad de una persona no blanca, incluyendo Afroamericano, Indígena, Hispano/Latino, y personas de Color.

El Empower Fund es un proyecto piloto en comunidades selectas. Los colaboradores certificados presentarán solicitudes a nombre de los posibles aplicantes en las comunidades piloto.

PARA MAS INFORMACION

Para mas informacion sobre el prestamo y para poder aplicar, puede contactar a Coral Lopez al 620-371-3872 o corall@dodgedev.org

HASTA \$15,000
48 MESES
4% TASA DE INTERES

LOS FONDOS SE PUEDEN USAR PARA:

- Equipo
- Inventario
- Reparaciones
- Compra de local
- Infraestructura
- Refinanciamiento de una deuda actual
- Capital

SIN PENALIZACIONES POR PAGO ANTICIPADO
NO SE REQUIERE IGUALAR FONDOS



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KANSAS HEALTH
FOUNDATION

DODGE CITY HAS JOBS!

GET THE
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— ~~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



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