



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWS

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Daniel Cecil has been promoted to Director of Parks and Facilities as of September 13, 2021. He has worked for the City for eight years as the Parks Supervisor, the Assistant Director of Parks and Facilities, and the interim Director. Daniel can be reached at 620-225-8160 or danielc@dodgecity.org for parks and facility-related questions.

City staff met with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Congressional staff, USCIS officers and staff from the Kansas Congressional Delegation to discuss the continuation of USCIS Mobile Services in Southwest Kansas. Local representatives continue to advocate for more frequent USCIS Mobile Services in our area and request a USCIS Field Office in Southwest Kansas in the future. City staff shared that these services are in great demand in Southwest Kansas as Dodge City, Liberal and Garden City are home to a large percentage of immigrant communities and refugees and our employers are affected when their immigration paperwork is backlogged, which impedes them to continue working.



It's never too soon to look forward to the holidays, and Dodge City Regional Airport can help get you there. Book tickets to Denver (\$192), Dallas (\$155), Las Vegas (\$155), and Orlando (\$299). For more information, contact the local United office at 620-225-8918 or visit www.united.com for more destinations.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Sanitation schedules for special pickup items such as metal and furniture have changed due to limited staffing. Items will still need to be scheduled; however, they may not be picked-up on the normally scheduled Fridays. Metal and furniture items will still be picked up on a case-by-case basis when staff has time once daily trash, grass, and limb routes are completed. This might mean that some items sit at the curb longer than the regular schedule would have allowed. If you have questions or think that items might have been forgotten, please contact Public Works at 620-225-8170 or by request tracker at <https://www.dodgecity.org/RequestTracker.aspx>. We appreciate your patience as we work through this issue.

Back in April, Parks and Facilities were contacted by Koch Industries about installing a solar light along the walking trail to improve visibility and safety for all users. Koch agreed to purchase the solar light if City staff could install it. After delayed shipping, AFM staff installed the new solar light along the walking trail, east of the YMCA and northwest of soccer field 6. The solar light has been a great addition to the trail loop around the YMCA.

Parks and Facilities staff has been working at Hennessy Hall painting and preparing rooms for new tenants. New carpet will be installed and split units for heat and A/C. Blinds and lights have already been updated in rooms 40, 45 and 125, giving each room a new, fresh feel for each occupant.

PROJECT UPDATES

Proposals have been received and are being evaluated by the City for the Construction Manager at Risk for the Downtown Streetscape project. In addition, the staff is working on an Economic Development Administration grant for the project to provide additional funding, although approximately 75% complete. For more information and updates on the project, visit <https://www.dodgecity.org/1020/Downtown-Streetscape>.

The City Commission approved improvements for Hennessey Hall at their meeting on Monday evening. This included upgrades to existing restrooms in preparation for the addition of the Kansas Department of Commerce Workforce Center and the Rural Education and Workforce Alliance (REWA) Makers Space. REWA has received a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture that will reimburse the City for the Makers Space, which will provide resources for local entrepreneurs. Construction is anticipated to begin this month.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

The Community Facilities Advisory Board Meeting will occur on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 806 N 2nd Ave. The meeting room is open to the public; however, space is limited to allow for distance between chairs. You may also watch the meeting live on the City Facebook page or at www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity. Comments on the video stream will not be monitored during the meeting and may not be replied to until the following business hours.

WHY NOT DODGE FACILITIES & EVENTS

Dodge City Raceway Park welcomed more than 30 riders from six states to the Raceway for Flat Track Motorcycle racing last weekend. Also, the DCRP Short Track Series wrapped up their season on Saturday. There are still two more events remaining with the DCRP Championships this Saturday and the Steve King Memorial on October 8 and 9. For more information, visit <https://dodgecityracewaypark.com>

The United Wireless Arena is welcoming several events for October. Including Roller Skating on October 1, 2, 8, and 9; Banda El Recodo with guest Jary Franco to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, October 15; Jeff Dunham on October 22; and the Kansas State High School Athletic Association (KSHSAA) Volleyball tournament on October 29. For more information, call 620-371-7390 or visit www.unitedwirelessarena.com.

The Long Branch Lagoon is closed for the 2021 season but will reopen in 2022 under the City of Dodge City management. Watch for updates from the City and the Long Branch Lagoon Facebook page.



The Swinging for Cam Benefit was hosted on August 21 at Legends Park for a baby who has been diagnosed with a tumor on his brain stem and more tumors in his back, organized by Josh Lane with consultation from Tournaments and Event Director, Jordon German. The tournament had 24 teams, with a lot of prizes donated to raffle off. The money raised from entry fees and raffles was to help the family who was missing work for appointments and doctor visits. Through this partnership, the City decided to host the Swinging for Cam benefit tournament moving forward and bring Josh on to get the prizes for raffles and sponsorships. The parents of baby Cam would like to thank Josh Lane for putting on a successful tournament and raising the money for their family. They would also like to thank the City of Dodge City for the use of Legends Field.



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>



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The annual 9-11 memorial service was held at Liberty Garden in Wright Park on Saturday at 1:00 pm on 9-11-2021. The Liberty Garden was constructed and dedicated on 9-11-2002 and contains a piece of steel from the World Trade Centers, a piece of limestone from the Pentagon, a rock from the Pennsylvania crash site, and replicas of the World Trade Center towers. Many businesses and individuals provided funding and/or labor to construct Liberty Garden.

We want to thank the following for being part of the 2021 memorial service: Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe Boy Scout Troop #162 of Dodge City for presenting and posting the colors; Christina Haselhorst and DeeDee Royle for leading the singing of the National Anthem; and Pastor Jerre Nolte for the invocation.

Dodge City Police Dept. Chief Drew Francis and Ford County Sargent Russel Fleming placed the wreath by the steel under the flag; Captain Scott Wadley read the Fireman's Prayer; Fire Chief Ken Spencer and Ford County Fire/EMS Chief Rob Boyd rang the traditional 4 5's.

The memorial service is also a tribute to the military who have lost their lives or continue to serve in the war against terrorism. The VFW Post #1714 Rifle Squad presented the three-volley salute followed by taps. Representatives from the Citizens Supporting Vets lined the Garden holding flags during the service.

Special Thanks to Humble Flowers for constructing and donating the wreath that was placed under the flag; John Tignor and his daughters Sandy and Ruth Ann for reading the passages in the ceremony; Hunter Carson from Senator Moran's Office for his speech during the ceremony; Western Beverage, Fidelity State Bank, CREW Recycling, and Ron Hamm for the donation of trees during the tree planting ceremony.

Thank you to those from the public who attended. Let Us Never Forget.

Liberty Garden Committee,
Jeff Myers, Lori Bone, and Jane Longmeyer

Corey Keller, Director of Public Works

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PROPOSED STREET SALES TAX FAST FACTS

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WHY NOW?

Over the last few years, our residents, business owners and visitors continue to tell us that more work on our streets is needed. If the voters approve the proposed increase, the City will commit \$4.6 million more per year for street improvements. This means increasing the street maintenance budget from approximately \$300,000-\$500,000 to at least \$4.6 million per year. If the proposed increase is approved by the voters, more street work can begin in 2022.

PROPOSE SALES TAX RATE

If approved, a portion of the City sales tax will change by an increment of .35% due to the .15% Horsethief Reservoir Sales Tax expiring at the end of 2021 and the new proposed 0.5% Street Sales Tax taking effect. This will change the total community sales tax from 8.65% to 9%.

WHAT FUNDS STREETS NOW?

Currently, the street maintenance budget for residential streets ranges from approximately \$300,000-\$500,000 per year. The funds come from gas tax collected by the state.

Concrete Street Repair — \$ 100,000

Brick Street Repair — \$ 80,000

Traffic Signals — \$ 90,000

Pavement Markings — \$ 50,000

Sidewalk Construction — \$ 50,000

Large Crack Sealing — \$ 90,000

Small Crack Sealing — \$ 40,000

TOTAL — \$ 500,000

An additional \$1-\$1.5 million of debt is issued for City/Highway modernization and expansion projects, with potential grant opportunities through the Kansas Department of Transportation for projects on state shared roads.

MORE INFORMATION

We have compiled a Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ) document, recorded presentations and Question and Answer videos to help provide further education surrounding the proposed sales tax increase at <https://www.dodgecity.org/1023/Proposed-Street-Project-Sales-Tax>.

Contact: Angie Gonzalez
Phone: 620-371-3870
Email: angieg@dodgedev.org

CHAD partners with the American Red Cross for their Sound the Alarm Campaign

Dodge City KS – The Community Housing Association of Dodge City (CHAD), the City of Dodge City, and the Dodge City Fire Department have come together several times over the years and installed free smoke alarms in various neighborhoods. Today we are excited to announce CHAD's partnership with the American Red Cross for their Sound the Alarm Campaign. The American Red Cross has provided us with ten year smoke alarms to continue our efforts in making households safer in the community.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE Help protect your family against home fires by taking two simple steps: Practice your two-minute escape drill and test your smoke alarms monthly. Visit SoundTheAlarm.org for more information and to pledge to prepare your family against home fires.

- **Create an escape plan** with at least two ways to exit every room in your home. Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as your neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows to meet.
- **Practice your escape plan** until everyone in your household can get out in less than two minutes.
- **Place smoke alarms on each level of your home**, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas. Change the batteries at least once a year if your model requires it.
- **Check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms.** If they're 10 years or older, they likely need to be replaced. Follow your alarm's manufacturer instructions.



Homeowners who are in need of smoke alarms or are interested in receiving other assistance through one of the various programs (Paint Dodge/ CHRP) available 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.



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FAFSA WORKSHOP

FREE CLASS

Parents and students are invited to come out for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid workshop. We will have volunteers available to help in the process of filling out the FAFSA application. Dinner will be served. Please bring laptop or iPad.

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

6:00-8:00 PM

Dodge City High School

2201 Ross Blvd.

Dodge City KS, 67801

Enter in the Maker Space Entrance

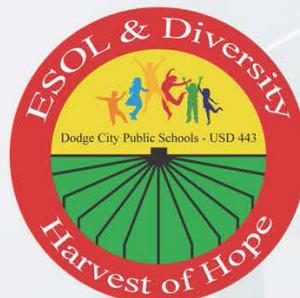
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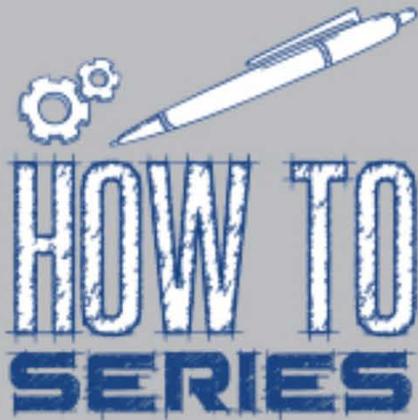


The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, is the form that the federal government, states, colleges, and other organizations use to award financial aid. Submitting it is your key to accessing grants, scholarships, work-study programs, and federal student loans.

For more information contact Kyla Keller,
620-227-9501 or kkeller@dodgecityks.org

Register online in advance at <https://www.raisingthewest.org/training-events/fasfa>





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FAFSA WORKSHOP TALLER DE BECAS

CLASE GRATIS

Padres y estudiantes les ofrecemos la oportunidad de asistir a un taller de FAFSA. FAFSA es una solicitud gratuita de ayuda Federal para estudiantes que seguirán con sus estudios en el Colegio o Universidad, el proceso de esta forma es su oportunidad de tener acceso a becas, subvenciones, programas de trabajo y estudio, y prestamos federales para estudiantes. Tendremos voluntarios disponibles para ayudarles con el proceso de llenar sus solicitudes de FAFSA. Serviremos cena. Necesita traer su computadora o iPad.

Martes, 19 de Octubre 2021
6:00-8:00 PM
Dodge City High School

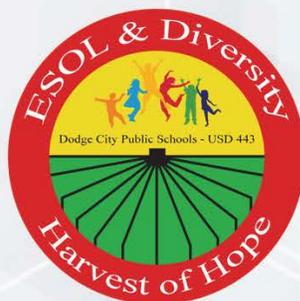


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Entre por la primera entrada en la parte Este.
(Maker space entrance).

Para mas Información contacte a Blanca Soto al,
620-371-1048 o soto.blanca@usd443.org

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Ford County Historical Society

Presents

HISTORIC CEMETERY TOUR

Maple Grove Cemetery

Dodge City, Kansas

October 16 & 17, 2021

3pm, 4pm, 5pm

October 23 & 24, 2021

3pm, 4pm, 5pm

There will be three sessions on each date, commencing at the Ford County Legacy Center where tour members will hop aboard the Dodge City Trolley and ride to Maple Grove Cemetery where they will enjoy a 45 minute walking tour of the historic area of the cemetery.

**Tickets on Sale at the
Dodge City Conventions & Visitors Bureau
\$20 each (cash only)**

Guests will learn about Dodge City founding fathers such as Chalkley Beeson, F.C. Zimmerman, George Hoover, Ham Bell, the Adam Schmidt family and others as the walking tour visits their final resting place.

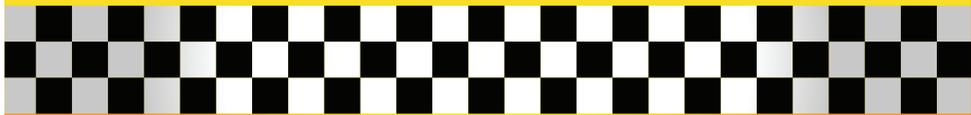
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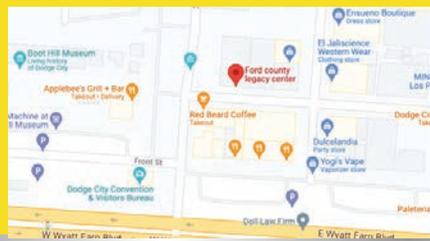


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NETWORK KANSAS INTRODUCES THE EMPOWER FUND TO ASSIST MINORITY FOR-PROFIT BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFIT ENTITIES LOOKING TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR BUSINESS PROJECTS.

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

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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

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