



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWS

Airport Record: Dodge City Regional Airport (DDC) had the 8,000th passenger, Carolyn Miller, fly out of DDC on December 23rd, making it a record for most passengers departing in a single year from Dodge City. DDC receives yearly entitlement funding through the FAA based on passenger enplanements. Previously, the airport received \$150,000 in funding, but with 8,000 enplanements, this number will increase to \$600,000 to fund airport improvement projects. We want to thank Dodge City and the surrounding communities for showing their support which proves the need for reliable commercial jet service. Those looking to travel in the New Year can book flights from Dodge City today at www.united.com



KACM: City Administration staff attended the Kansas Association of City/County Managers Association (KACM) Winter Conference in Atchison, Kansas. Sessions were held on various topics, including community development, childcare facilities, and mental health and well-being. At the KACM Membership meeting, Assistant City Manager/Public Affairs Melissa McCoy was appointed to the KACM Board of Directors. McCoy's term will begin in January 2022. She joins Ford County Administrator, JD Gilbert who also represents Southwest Kansas on the board of Directors.

Advisory Boards & Commissions: The City of Dodge City seeks applications from Dodge City residents to fill vacant and expired terms on the city-appointed boards and commissions. The boards and commissions make the city government reflect on its residents' attitudes and beliefs. See the release at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Holiday Hours & Services: City of Dodge City facilities and services, aside from public safety, will be closed Friday, December 31, 2021, and Monday, January 3, 2022, in observance of the New Year.

- ★ Sanitation services for Friday routes will be picked up on Thursday, December 30 and routes for Monday, January 3 will run until 11 am. Please ensure that polycarts are placed at the curb by 7:00 am, and all trash bagged and securely tied. Trash set out late may not be picked up until the next business day.
- ★ Public transportation services will also be closed Friday, December 31, and Monday, January 3.
- ★ The Jane Longmeyer Recycling Center building and the outside drop-off bins will be closed from December 31 through January 3 for the New Year's Holiday. We ask recycling customers to please plan to bring recyclables during our staffed-operating hours this holiday season.
- ★ The location to dispose of real Christmas trees is in Wright Park, just east of the dog park, until Sunday, January 9, 2022. All decorations, tinsel, stands, and plastic covers must be removed.

PROJECT UPDATES

Hennessey Hall: Work is nearing completion at Hennessey Hall. Projects include improvements to the future space on the ground floor for the KansasWorks Workforce Center, the Rural Education Workforce and Alliance (REWA) Maker's Space and restrooms. All the projects are located on the ground floor of the building.

Street Projects: The Fairway Drive reconstruction project was completed and opened to traffic on Monday, December 27th. The project was completed by Building Solutions, LLC and consisted of reconstructing the street with 7" concrete on a 6" crushed concrete base. Citizens should be aware of a new feature along the route. A new raised golf cart crossing was installed to improve safety and reduce speeds. City crews were able to replace two water main crossings while the road was under construction as well. The City would like to thank all the inconvenienced residents in the area for their patience and understanding throughout construction.



WHY NOT DODGE FACILITIES & EVENTS

Long Branch Lagoon: 2022 Season passes are now available for purchase for the Long Branch Lagoon. Passes are available at www.lblagoon.com. Also, the City is currently accepting applications for the Aquatic Manager and Aquatics Maintenance Technician II. To apply, please visit www.dodgecity.org. Also, watch the website and the City's social media for other upcoming positions.

Dodge City Raceway Park: Craig and Julie Dollansky, Operators/Promoters of the Dodge City Raceway, are finalizing an exciting schedule for the 2022 season, so be sure to follow their social media and visit their website <https://dodgecityracewaypark.com/> for updates.

United Wireless Arena and Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center: The special event center has had a busy winter schedule and is getting ready for a great lineup for 2022. This includes Chris Janson, the Harlem Globetrotters, Marisela, Fairytale on Ice and Gabriel Iglesias. For a full schedule, visit <http://unitedwireless.arenadodgecity.org/>.

COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Tues., Jan. 4 - 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

Tues., Jan. 18 - 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

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



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—December 1, 2021

City seeking applications for advisory boards and commissions

DODGE CITY, Kansas — The City of Dodge City seeks applications from Dodge City residents to fill vacant and expired terms on the city-appointed boards and commissions. The boards and commissions serve to make the city government reflect on its residents' attitudes and beliefs.

Applications for the following boards/commissions will be accepted until 5 pm on Wednesday, January 5, 2022: Airport Advisory Board, Convention & Visitors Bureau Advisory Board (2 representing hospitality, 1 at-large, and 1 attraction), Dodge City Planning Commission, Dodge City Public Library Board, Golf Advisory Board, Historic Landmark Commission, Housing Authority Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and the Recycling Advisory Board.

Applications are available online and at City Hall, 806 N. Second Ave. or by calling 225-8100. Information about the boards and commissions, and the online application, can be viewed at <http://www.dodgecity.org/82/Boards-Commissions>.

Completed applications should be sent to:

City Manager's Office
City Hall
P.O. Box 880
Dodge City, KS 67801

Or by e-mail to abbeym@dodgecity.org. Questions regarding the boards/commissions can be directed to Abbey Martin at 225-8100.

If more applications are received than available positions, the applications will be kept on file if an opening occurs during the year. Appointments are anticipated to be made at the January 18, 2022, City Commission meeting.



The City of Dodge City currently has the following vacancies:

Full Time:

Aquatics Maintenance Technician II – Parks Department
Aquatics Manager – Parks Department
Athletic Field Maintenance Worker I – Parks Department
Civil Engineer I
Engineering Technician I
Firefighter/EMT
Maintenance Worker I – Parks Department
Police Officer
Sanitation Driver – Public Works Department
Utility Worker II – Public Works Department

***Regular Part-Time:**

Animal Shelter Attendant
Transportation Bus Driver

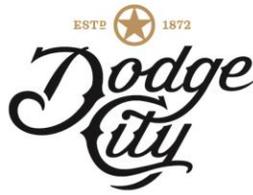
Seasonal:

CVB Seasonal Clerk
Train Station Attendant

To view pay ranges and to apply, please visit www.dodgecity.org/careers

For questions, please contact Tara at 620-225-8100 or by email at taras@dodgecity.org

All full time and regular-part time positions come with the City's full benefits package, including health/dental/life insurance (single-only health option for regular PT positions), KPERS or KP&F retirement with employer match, sick time, vacation time, paid holidays, and a complimentary Employee Assistance Program.



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For Immediate Release

2021 Light Up Dodge City Holiday Lights Contest Winners Announced



DODGE CITY, Kan. (Dec. 23, 2021) - Tuesday night, under the cover of darkness, a team of judges selected the best entries in the fifth annual Light Up Dodge City Holiday Lights Contest. Factoring into the judges' decisions were originality, creativity, and storytelling. Niles and Sue Wiseman, 1002 Ragan Rd. were chosen as this year's first-place winner. Second place was awarded to Josh Pankratz, 106 LaVista Blvd.

The contest is made possible through a partnership between the Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Dodge City Daily Globe. This year's competition received several impressive submissions that incorporated everything from lighted archways and glowing menageries to traditional nativity scenes. Prizes included \$200 in Chamber Bucks, valid at any Chamber business, for first place, \$100 in Chamber Bucks for second place, and a sign declaring their home a Light Up Contest award winner.

Megan Welsh, manager of the CVB, said "The contest has become an important part of the Dodge City holiday tradition and provides homeowners that go the extra mile with their holiday decorations a chance to be rewarded for their efforts."

The Light Up Ford County Holiday Lights Contest, hosted by the Dodge City Daily Globe and Victory Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., is ongoing, with submissions being accepted through Dec. 26. This contest is open to anyone who lives outside of the Dodge City, city limits.

About the Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau: The [Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau](https://www.visitdodgecity.org) (CVB) promotes year-round leisure, business, meetings, conventions, and sports travel to one of the most historical cities in Kansas. As the official destination marketing organization for Dodge City, ranked amongst the top ten western towns in the United States, the Dodge City CVB is responsible for ongoing advocacy for the tourism and hospitality industry - which is one of Dodge City's largest industries. To drive tourism and generate revenue, the CVB provides visitors with complete destination information and assists meeting and convention organizers with planning and execution of their events, free of charge.



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6th Annual Ford County Youth Entrepreneurship Competition Results

Dodge City, KS – Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation, in association with the Network Kansas E-Community Partnership, hosted the sixth annual Youth Entrepreneurship Competition on Thursday, December 9th at the Little Theater on the Dodge City Community College campus. Twenty- nine students representing Dodge City High School and Bucklin Junior High School presented their business concepts with formal presentation and executive summaries to judges.

The winning concepts were:

First prize, winning \$1,500 was Karlee Evans an 8th grader at Bucklin Junior High with her business Karlee's Kreations. The second prize of \$1,000 went to Juan Vazquez a junior at DCHS, his business was Chick-fil-A. What's Popping?, Isabel Bowman and Emmerson Kirk (Bucklin Junior High's 8th graders) and Evers' Air BnB, Ever Najera (Senior at DCHS) tied for third place each business received \$500 in prize money.

"YE provides hands-on learning opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom, that helps students realize their innate gifts and talents, then apply them in a way that benefits themselves and others in their communities," said Kylie Stupka, president of Youth Entrepreneurs. The Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge allows students to gain hands-on entrepreneurship experience. Students are empowered to solve everyday problems in their own community, which helps them to see that entrepreneurship is a viable career option. The exponential growth of YEC has reiterated that there is a hunger for youth entrepreneurship in Kansas. This year we expect the YEC Series to involve over 1,000 students and be the biggest year for YEC yet!" says Bailee Henry, Product Manager of E-Community Programs.

In addition to prizes and recognition, the first-place finisher has the opportunity to compete in the NetWork Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge at K-State University. This event will include the top young entrepreneurs from schools across the state.

The goal of the competition is to expose Kansas middle school and high school students to entrepreneurship and give them a hands-on experience. The students' work was judged by Tara Burhart, Landmark Bank; Kurt Lancaster, SMH Consultants; Coral Lopez, Main Street Director; Christy Preston, Network Kansas; Randy Rienkenberg, United Wireless; Tara Schraeder, City of Dodge City; Tracy Smith, CropQuest; Ashley Still, Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Our local sponsor SMH Consultants is located at 707 3rd Avenue in Dodge City, KS. This is the 6th time the Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation has brought this competition to our community. The competition was opened by guest speaker Jeff Hiers. The youth

entrepreneurs had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers; Tim Heitkamp, Tim's Yard Care; James Kuehl, McDonalds; Ric Marboeuf, MR Builder; and Sammy Werner, Ivory Elephant.

For more information, contact Angie Gonzalez, Dodge City/Ford County Development Corporation at 620- 317-3870 or angieg@dodgeudev.org.

For more information about NetWork Kansas or the E-Community Partnership, visit www.networkkansas.com



3rd place



1st place



2nd Place

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BUSINESS EDITION

Learn the resources available to start a new business or grow an existing business.

BUILD A RESUME



FREE CLASS

Kansas WorkforceOne Business Services Director/Rapid Response Coordinator Tucky Allen will share his knowledge on the steps/procedures necessary to build a resume.

Thursday, January 20th, 2022

6:00-8:00 PM

University/Training Center

236 San Jose

Dodge City KS, 67801

Enter in the Northeast Entrance

Topics Include:

- What makes a Great Resume
- Why do you need a Resume
- Sections of a Resume
- Types of Resumes
- Dos and Don'ts
- Follow Up



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

Register online in advance at www.raisingthewest.org



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Small Business Development Center Trainings January - March 2022

Use the QR Codes to find out more details and to register

JANUARY

Tax Incentives for Small Businesses with the
Kansas Department of Commerce--
January 27, 2022



FEBRUARY

How to Hire Your First Employee--
February 10, 2022



Business Plan Bootcamp--
February 19, 2022



Fundamentals of Search Engine Optimization--
February 24, 2022



MARCH

Financial Statements 101--
March 10, 2022



Human Resource Compliance and Tax Credits
for Small Businesses --
March 24, 2022



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training events registration site:

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