



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWS

Dodge City's 150th Anniversary: The Dodge City 150th Anniversary Committee announced plans earlier this month for a year-long celebration of the “wickedest little town in the west.” The committee, comprised of city employees, members of civic and historical organizations, and private business owners, has been developing a series of events to celebrate the city’s rich history and the cultural significance it played in shaping the west. Join them today, beginning at 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Long Branch Saloon at the Boot Hill Museum as part of Final Fridays in Dodge City for a fun meet and greet, cookies, and even an appearance by Miss Kitty as we kickoff the 150th year of Dodge City! A short speech will be given at 5 pm by Mayor Kent Smoll followed by information on how you can get involved with the celebration. View the press release at the end of this newsletter for more information.



14th Ave & Soule Traffic Signal: The signal at 14th Ave. & Soule St. came down during the December windstorm because the anchor bolts twisted and broke. Because of this, new footings had to be placed, and new anchor bolts had to be ordered. Staff is working with another company to drill the footing’s 10’ by 3’ diameter hole. Once all the materials for the new footing are on hand, the concrete footing will be placed and will have to cure for roughly approximately two weeks before the signal pole and arm can be reinstalled.

Staff Promotions: The Parks and Facilities Department is excited to announce recent promotions with existing staff members. This includes Daniel Cecil, Parks and Facilities Director, Chris Austin, Landscaping & Grounds Superintendent, Ross Sweley, Parks Superintendent and Roger Brush, Head Zookeeper. To connect with these Parks and Facilities staff members, please visit <https://www.dodgecity.org/68/Parks-Facilities>

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Convention & Visitors Bureau: The Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) continued preparations for the 150th Anniversary. Media Guidebook and Brand Standards have been completed, and premium partnerships have been added to the POS system at the Visitor Information Center. This partnership program will allow partners to create 150th merchandise for a small fee. A 56’ x 12’ billboard has been acquired, artwork featuring the 150th Anniversary is in production and should be in place by early February.

Conversations have begun with social media influencers and travel writers regarding stories for the upcoming year.

CVB staff traveled to Grapevine, TX for the American Bus Association Marketplace Conference and Topeka, KS, for the Monster Buck Classic. During the ABA, staff had the opportunity to connect with

more than 400 motorcoach and tour operators. Monster Buck gave staff access to hundreds of hunting/outdoor enthusiasts.

In observance of National Plan for Vacation Day, the CVB drew the name of one traveler who requested information during December and January who will receive a free one-night stay in Dodge City. Our partners at the Hampton Inn and Suites and the Boot Hill Museum generously donated a room for two and two Marshal Passes, respectively. The recipient will be notified by mail and will also receive passes to additional attractions and a gift basket from the CVB.

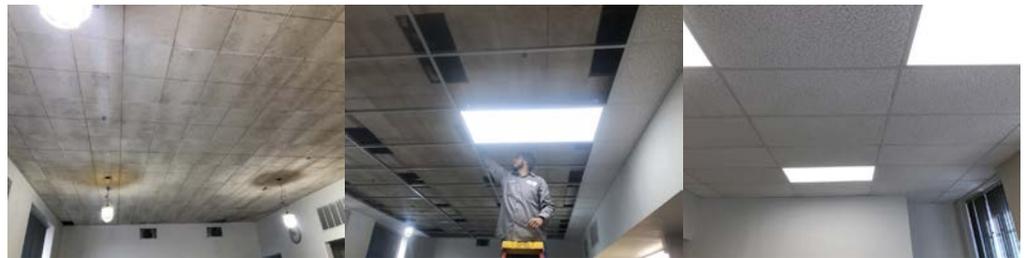
Parks & Facilities: Forestry and Landscaping spent the early part of January taking down holiday decorations. Painting projects and bush removals were done at the Visitors Center in anticipation of new landscaping being installed in the spring. Zoo staff transferred the Birds of Prey into different enclosures to prepare for the removal of the silo-style enclosures.



In addition, Parks staff traveled to the town of Ford to pick up some parking spot stops that had been donated to the City of Dodge City. Staff installed the parking stops along the north side of Hennessey hall. Once the stops were placed and secured, city staff then freshened up the stops with a fresh coat of paint.

PROJECT UPDATES

Hennessey Hall: City construction staff assisted in the renovation of the SWKAA breakroom ceiling. Staff removed old light fixtures in preparation for the new drop-in ceiling. Once the ceiling grid was installed, City staff installed new LED light fixtures that completed the breakroom renovation.



Iron Road: A majority of the underground improvements have been completed On the Iron Rd. project between 6th Ave. and Ave. A. Work is underway on the paving of the new roadway. Most of the curb & gutter has been placed, and the mainline paving is completed on Iron Rd. from 6th Ave. to just west of Gary Ave. The contractor is currently placing the mainline of 6th Ave. between Cervantes Rd. and Iron Rd, then the contractor will concentrate on paving from Gary Ave. to Ave. A. Once completed later this year Iron Rd. will be a three-lane section roadway with a center two-way left-turn lane for a portion of the roadway; two islands will be constructed near the 6th Ave. and Ave. A intersections to help delineate traffic. A multi-use trail will be along the south side of Iron Rd. and be set up for future extensions.



Milstock Addition: Work is underway installing the underground infrastructure for the Milstock Addition off of Division St. to the east of Wright Ave. As soon as all the underground work is completed, the paving of Milstock Ave. will take place. This new infrastructure will open up an area for an additional 24 residential lots.

Ave. D Drainage: The repairs to the Ave. D Drainage finger are underway. The contractor has repaired all of the erosion along the levees of the drainage finger. They are installing reinforcing matting to the bottom and sides of the drainage finger and adding extra protection where the finger drains into the river bed. The concrete flume at the start of the drainage finger is being enlarged to increase the capacity and reduce the velocity of the stormwater as it flows to the river.



WHY NOT DODGE EVENTS, FACILITIES & NEWS

CFAB Officers: At the January Community Facility Advisory Board (CFAB) meeting, the election of officers was held. Michael Brakey was elected to serve another term as Chair of the board, and Angela Unruh was elected as Vice-Chair. The Board also thanked Michael Martinez for his service as he has completed his second term and Michael Burns who was elected to serve on the City Commission. To view CFAB meetings and receive updates on meetings, visit <https://www.dodgecity.org/list.aspx>

CFAB Organizational Funding: The Joint City and County Commissions approved the CFAB recommendations for the 2022 Community Facility Advisory Board Organization Funding. \$110,000 was awarded to five different organizations. To qualify for funding, applicants must be a Kansas not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation, or organization with its principal offices located in Ford County with the primary function to promote and or/preserve the western heritage of Dodge City and Ford County, the promotion of tourism and attracting visitors and conventions to the area through the construction and/or maintenance of public facilities and or conducting public activities may submit a request for Organizational Funding.

Tournament & Events: The 2022 season schedule for Legends Park is now available on dodgecity.org with the Spring Kickoff on April 16-17. In addition, Jacob Miller was recently hired to serve as the new Sports and Events Coordinator. For questions, please email jacobm@dodgecity.org.

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 Aquatics Manager. 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, have released 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, Fairytales on Ice and Gabriel Iglesias. For a full schedule, visit <http://unitedwireless.arenadodgecity.org/>.

OTHER NEWS

As of the first of the year, the base sales tax rate within Dodge City has dropped from 8.65% to 8.5% with the sunset of the Horsethief Reservoir Sales Tax. Rates will vary slightly in areas currently designated as Community Improvement Districts and STAR Bond Districts. For a complete list of the changes in sales and use tax changes in Dodge City and Ford County, go to <https://www.ksrevenue.gov/pdf/edu960122.pdf>.

COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

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



From the mythic tales of steel-eyed lawmen facing down impossible odds to the stories of hope and strength born from the community that formed the “Mexican Village,” these stories represent the DNA of our community. The Dodge City’s 150th Anniversary committee wants you to share your Dodge City story. Whether it’s a forgotten detail of our past or an event that made you remember why you are glad to call Dodge City home, we’re happy to have it. All of us have a story to tell.

Visit <https://forms.gle/AMLvhHU3AJcpUNt47> to tell us yours.



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For Immediate Release

Year-Long Celebration Planned for City's 150th Anniversary

DODGE CITY, Kan. (Jan. 5, 2022) – The Dodge City 150th Anniversary Committee announces plans for a year-long celebration of the “wickedest little town in the west.” The committee, comprised of city employees, members of civic and historical organizations, and private business owners, has been developing a series of events to celebrate the city’s rich history and the cultural significance it played in shaping the west. The anniversary will also celebrate the community’s cultural diversity and how it has empowered and bolstered the city. A kickoff event is planned for Jan. 28 at the Boot Hill Museum, beginning at 4 p.m.

“There were many milestones that impacted the founding of Dodge City,” said City Manager Nick Hernandez. “Numerous historical events allowed the city to maintain its relevance long after the cattle drives and, our diverse community helped keep us strong. So, to us, it makes the most sense to celebrate this anniversary as long as we can.”

As new events are solidified, details will be available on the anniversary’s social media pages (DodgeCity150) and a dedicated website, made possible through a partnership with the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce. One new event that has already been confirmed is Founder’s Weekend, set to take place from June 17 through June 19, and will celebrate George Hoover and the establishment of the first business, as well as the city’s rough and rowdy early years. Also being planned is the return of Ham Bell’s Pioneer Picnic.

“America’s favorite icon, the cowboy, has securely cemented Dodge City’s place in wild-west history,” Dodge City Mayor Kent Smoll said. “Having been the home of some of the greatest heroes and villains, both real and imagined, of the wild west, people travel from all over the world to experience our city’s western charm. The 150th anniversary represents the chance for us to showcase not only the best of our past but celebrate the community that makes us great in the present.”



FINAL FRIDAYS

January 28

DODGE CITY'S 150TH CELEBRATION KICKOFF 4-6

500 W WYATT EARP BOOT HILL MUSUEM

BOOT HILL DISTILLERY 3-11

501 W SPRUCES ST

THE VINTAGE BELLE BOUTIQUE 4-7

1308 GUNSMOKE ST

RED BEARD COFFEE 5-7

319 GUNSMOKE ST

2ND AVE ART GUILD 5-8

608 N 2ND AVE

DODGE CITY BREWING 4-10

701 3RD AVE

FLOWERS BY IRENE 5-7

509 N 2ND AVE #4

BIRDS OF A FEATHER 5-8

314 W SPRUCE ST

CARNEGIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS 5-8

701 N 2ND AVE

DEPOT THEATER "THE PLAY GOES WRONG" OPENING

201 E WYATT EARP -

CALL TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS

**The Depot Theater Inc.,
Presents:**

**THE PLAY
THAT GOES
WRONG**

January 28th - 30th

February 4th - 6th

February 11th - 13th

2022

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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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<https://ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events?CenterID=1000028>