



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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CITY NEWS

Proposed Street Sales Tax—At the August 15 City Commission meeting, Resolution No. 2022-30 was unanimously approved. The Resolution authorizes a special question to be placed on the ballot for the general election on November 8. This will allow voters to have the opportunity to decide whether to approve a special dedicated sales tax that can only be used to provide property tax relief, pay the cost of street improvements and associated utilities. The proposed sales tax is one-half percent (0.50%).

The City is planning a Town Hall at 7 pm on September 29 in the City Commission Chambers. For more information, contact City Administration at 620-225-8100.

Downtown Streetscape—The Dodge City Commission unanimously voted to approve the Downtown Streetscape Project at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 15. This monumental decision comes 150 years to the day of the signing of the Dodge City Town Charter. The \$13.9 million multi-phase project that will revitalize our historic downtown is anticipated to start this fall. For more information, visit <https://www.dodgecity.org/1020/Downtown-Streetscape>



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Parks and Facilities — Tony Hornberger, Parks and Facilities, Park Maintenance Supervisor, is celebrating his 22nd year with the City of Dodge City. Tony started with the City on August 28, 2000. During his time with the City, he has served as the Park Operator, Head Zookeeper and Maintenance Worker. But Tony is also reaching another mile marker this year, his 25th anniversary hosting the longest-running Blues music radio program in Kansas. The program has been on the air since HPPR's early days, over 40 years, and he has been the host since August 26, 1997. The City would like to thank Tony for his years and service and dedication to our community.



Parks and Facilities staff has been busy installing new tee markers at Chilton Valley, the disc golf course that spans both Chilton & Spiers Parks. In addition, they have been installing new LED lighting for the DCPD in their Sally port, a secured entryway. Facilities staff have installed the competition nets, added new sand, and raked our sand volleyball courts in preparation for the Dodge City Sports, LLC volleyball tournament.

Athletic Field Maintenance—AFM staff repaired an irrigation main break at the dance and cheer buildings on the St. Mary campus. A large section of the line had to be dug up and replaced as part of the repair. Staff also started upgrades around Cavalier Field by removing the old net and turf from the batting cage. The support poles will be straightened, new brackets welded in place, then a new net and turf will be installed for teams to utilize.



Police Department—The Dodge City Police Department (DCPD) is excited that school is back in session as the school resource officers helped welcome back students and their families. In addition, the department has been providing several active shooter trainings.

The Citizen Police Academy began last Tuesday, August 16. This year there are 12 participants, and the course will finish on October 18.

DCPD is pleased to announce that Officer Michael Imel graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center last Friday in the 297th Class.

Animal Control—The new dog room at the animal shelter is up and running. There are 36, 6x4 dog runs ready for strays. With the addition of the new room, the space has been full almost every day. However, dogs are still going to rescues, and people are reclaiming some, but they have been coming in faster than anticipated.

The shelter has also added cat rooms, with 24 new cat cages. There are both friendly cat rooms and wild cat rooms ready to view cats.

If members of the public are interested in adoption, the fee for dogs is \$80, which includes the cost to have the dog spayed or neutered, examined by a veterinarian, tested for heartworms, and updated on all necessary vaccinations. Dogs spayed or neutered before entering the shelter can be adopted for \$40. The adoption fee for cats is \$71, which includes the cost to have the cat spayed or neutered, examined by a veterinarian, tested for feline leukemia virus disease complex, and updated on all necessary vaccinations. Call 620-227-4646 for more information.



Fire/EMS—The Dodge City Fire Department (DCFD) personnel have been performing the service testing of their fire hose. The National Fire Protection Association requires this through NFPA1962, the Standard for Firehose Testing, Inspection, and Care. All hoses on the trucks and in storage are tested and inspected by DCFD personnel. This process takes about four weeks to complete.

The fire hose is the most important and relied-upon tool a firefighter carries to control and extinguish fires. The purpose of NFPA 1962 is to provide a reasonable level of safety for users of fire hose and a reasonable degree of assurance that the hose, coupling assemblies, appliances and nozzles will perform as designed. This applies to the care of all types of fire hose, coupling assemblies, appliances, and nozzles while in service, in use and after use, including inspecting and service testing.



Convention and Visitors Bureau—CVB staff assisted with the unveiling and ribbon cutting of the storyboard for the “Kansas Wheat Shock” sculpture on August 3. CVB staff also assisted city and chamber personnel with the annual longhorn cattle drive down Wyatt Earp Blvd., on Saturday, August 6.

CVB staff attended the Kansas Media Market event in Abilene, KS, on August 3. This two-hour event allowed representatives from across the state to meet and network with professional travel writers. Organizations were grouped by region, with Dodge City representing southwest Kansas along with representatives from Liberal, Garden City, Greensburg, Ulysses, and Hodgeman County. The group visited with over a dozen travel writers interested in doing pieces in Kansas.



CVB staff presented a proclamation on August 1 to the Ford County Commission on behalf of Dodge City’s 150th Anniversary Committee. The same proclamation was also presented to the City of Dodge City Commissioners by Miss Kitty on the evening of that same day. It officially proclaimed August 15, 2022, as Dodge City’s 150th

anniversary and invited the community to continue to participate in the celebratory events throughout the remainder of the year.

CVB staff held a birthday celebration for Dodge City on August 15 between 11 am and 1 pm at the Visitor Information Center (VIC) at 400 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd. The VIC was decorated with streamers, balloons, banners, and 150th swag. Hungry visitors, eager to celebrate Dodge City's birthday, gobbled down more than 200 cupcakes and drank gallons of punch.

PROJECT UPDATES

Comanche & 14th Ave. Construction—The City recently had a slight delay with the Comanche St. project west of 14th Ave. During the pavement removal of Phase 2, the existing waterline under the street broke because it was only 18" below the top of the pavement. It took a little time to determine the appropriate repair and if materials were available. The final decision was made to replace the entire water main due to the bury depth and condition. This required quotes that were presented and approved by the City Commission at last week's meeting. Work has resumed and will continue until the project is completed. Today, the waterline contractor will connect the new line to the existing 16" on 14th Ave. Due to this, several businesses and homes along 14th from Comanche St. south to Division St. will be without water for most of the day. Water service is expected to return by early evening on Friday, August 26.

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

9-11 Memorial Services—The annual 9-11 Day of Remembrance Memorial Service is scheduled for 5 pm, Sunday, September 11, 2021. The Tree Planting Ceremony that coincides with the plane crashes will occur on Monday, September 12, near the Wright Park Band Shell, St. 71, N. 2nd Avenue. The full media release is attached at the end of the newsletter.

9.11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE MEMORIAL SERVICE
AT THE LIBERTY GARDENS IN WRIGHT PARK
 Sunday, September 11, 2022 ★ 5 pm

9.11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY
AT THE WRIGHT PARK BANDSHELL
 Monday, September 12, 2022
 Tree Plantings ★ 7:45 am, 8:03 am, 8:45 am, and 9:10 am

International Festival—The Dodge City Cultural Relations Advisory Board and its partners are hosting the third annual Dodge City International Festival in Downtown Dodge City on Saturday, September 10th, 3-7 pm as part of Welcoming Week festivities. Join your friends, family, and neighbors downtown as we celebrate each other with a day full of food, a car show, entertainment, live music, and more! The planning committee is grateful to our sponsors this year. Without their support, this event would not be possible.

We look forward to Saturday, September 10, so be sure to mark your calendar and celebrate with the entire community!

Ham Bell Pioneer Picnic—Planning continues for the Ham Bell Pioneer Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 10, from 6 pm to 9 pm in Wright Park. In addition to the festivities, the Ford County Historical Society will unveil and dedicate a storyboard for the flour mill wheel that stands in Wright Park.



Housing—Housing Presentation in Garden City: The Southwest Kansas Coalition (Dodge, Garden and Liberal) is hosting and sponsoring a housing presentation in Garden City on Friday, September 16 at 10 am. The presentation will focus on Kansas development resources and programs available for housing opportunities. The Kansas Housing Resource Corporation and Kansas Department of Commerce staff will be the presenters. The event is free of charge. If this is of interest to you, please join us.

WHY NOT DODGE EVENTS, FACILITIES & NEWS

Dodge City Raceway Park—Dodge City Raceway Park is making a schedule change this weekend. The sanctioned ASCS show will be incorporated into the Steve King Memorial Sprint Car and Midget Nationals on October 7th and 8th. However, racing fun returns this Saturday and will include the DCRP 305 Sprint Cars, Mod-Lites and A class Micros Non-Winged and Restricted Winged class. For the full schedule, visit <https://dodgecityracewaypark.com/schedule/>.

Long Branch Lagoon — Just two more weekends to enjoy the Long Branch Lagoon. The facility is open Saturdays from 12-7 pm and Sundays from 12-6 pm. The last day is Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

United Wireless Arena—The Dodge City Days concert with John Pardi and special guest Kylie Morgan played to a sold-out crowd. Many other great events are coming up, including the KC Metaphysical Fair this weekend, JoDee Messina on September 16, and Roller Skating this week. For more information and to buy tickets visit <https://www.unitedwirelessarena.com/>

COMMISSION MEETING CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 6-5:30pm Taxing Entity Meeting, USD 443 Admin Building Board Room. 2110 First Ave.

Tuesday, September 6-6:30pm City Commission Work Session, Budget Review, Commission, Chambers, 806 N. 2nd Ave.

Tuesday, September 6-7:00pm, City Commission Meeting. Commission Chambers, 806 N. 2nd Ave.

Monday, September 19- 6:00pm, City Commission Work Session, Commission, Chambers, 806 N. 2nd Ave.

Monday, Monday, September 19- 6:00pm, City Commission Meeting, Commission, Chambers, 806 N. 2nd Ave.

OR Watch all meetings live online at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Dodge City Commission Approves Downtown Streetscape Project

DODGE CITY, Ks. —The Dodge City Commission unanimously voted to approve the Downtown Streetscape Project at their regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 15. This monumental decision comes 150-years to the day of the signing of the Dodge City Town Charter.

The \$13.9 million multi-phase project that will revitalize our historic downtown is anticipated to start this fall.

The focal point of the project is a western-inspired plaza at Second Avenue and Front Street that will serve as a gathering space. A plaza street with improved traffic control for community events will be created on Second Avenue from Front Street to Gunsmoke Street. Other improvements include updating utility services, landscaping, lighting, new sidewalks, and reconstructing streets with raised intersections to create safe, slow-speed crossings for pedestrians. A new walking/bicycle trail from Third Avenue to Central Avenue is another amenity included in the project.

The engagement, feedback, and support of our community and downtown business owners have been invaluable for the revitalization of our historic downtown," said City Manager Nick Hernandez. "Strengthening and revitalizing our downtown were two objectives supported strongly by our citizens in our Dodge City 2030, Comprehensive Plan. This project goes a long way towards accomplishing both of those objectives."

Building Solutions, LLC, was selected as the construction manager at risk and prime contractor following a competitive bid process. The design team for the project was TranSystems and LK Architecture.

"The revitalization of Dodge City's historic downtown is an essential part of the Dodge City STAR Bond project," said Mayor Kent Smoll. "The 50-year-old streetscape and the 100-plus-year-old brick streets and utilities are well beyond their useful life, and it shows. Downtown has been a regional and international draw, and the recent expansion of the Boot Hill Museum has increased the influx of visitors to our community. In its current condition, our historic downtown is hampering economic development and failing to meet the expectations of our visitors and citizens alike."

The project is funded through STAR Bonds, a KDOT Cost Share Grant, ARPA funds, and debt issuance by the City of Dodge City. The Commission is also considering additional improvements to Gunsmoke Street and adding funding the project for awnings on Front Street which will be determined later as the current project moves forward.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Annual 9-11 Memorial Service Scheduled and Tree Planting Ceremony

Dodge City, Kansas— The annual 9-11 Day of Remembrance Memorial Service is scheduled for the 5:00pm, Sunday, September 11, 2021. The Tree Planting Ceremony that coincide with the plane crashes will occur on Monday, September 12 near the Wright Park Band Shell, St. 71, N. 2nd Avenue.

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.

At 5:00 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 Nick Hernandez, City 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.



We are hiring!!!

The City of Dodge City currently has the following vacancies:

Updated 07/20/2022

Full Time Vacancies:

Hourly Range/Salary:

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| • Airport Manager | \$20.77-\$30.11 |
| • Civil Engineer I | \$28.78-\$41.73 |
| • Finance Technician/HR Assistant | \$16.61-\$23.24 |
| • Firefighter/EMT | \$41,117-\$56,551 |
| • Forestry Maintenance Worker I | \$13.66-\$19.12 |
| • Inspector I | \$16.61-\$23.24 |
| • Mechanic - Public Works Dpt. | \$16.61-\$23.24 |
| • Police Officer | \$21.10-\$29.65 |
| • Public Information Officer | \$22.43-\$32.53 |
| • Sanitation Driver | \$20.00 |
| • Streets Maintenance Worker I | \$17.50 |
| • Utility Worker I | \$17.50 |
| • Utility Worker II | \$20.00 |

Regular Part-Time Vacancies:

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| • Customer Service Associate I – CVB | \$13.01-\$27.31 |
| • Transportation Bus Driver | \$15.03-\$19.12 |

Seasonal Vacancies:

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| • 12 or 26 Week Seasonal- Parks & Public Works | \$11.00-\$13.00 |
| • Admissions and Concessions Attendant | \$10.00-\$12.00 |
| • CVB Seasonal Clerk | \$10.00 |
| • CVB Trolley Driver Lifeguard Scorekeeper | \$15.00 |
| • Lifeguard | \$11.50-\$14.50 |
| • Scorekeeper | |
| • Train Station Attendant | \$10.00 |

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. We also have a bilingual pay incentive.



Estamos Contratando.
La Ciudad de Dodge City actualmente tiene las siguientes vacantes:

Vacantes de Tiempo Completo:

	Rango por hora/salario:
• Gerente del Aeropuerto	\$20.77-\$30.11
• Ingeniero Civil I	\$28.78-\$41.73
• Técnico de Finanzas/Asistente de Recursos Humanos	\$16.61-\$23.24
• Bombero/Técnico Medico de Emergencia	\$41,117-\$56,551
• Trabajador de Mantenimiento Forestal I	\$13.66-\$19.12
• Inspector I	\$16.61-\$23.24
• Mecánico – Departamento de Obras Publicas	\$16.61-\$23.24
• Oficial de Policía	\$21.10-\$29.65
• Oficial de Información Pública	\$22.43-\$32.53
• Conductor de Saneamiento	\$20.00
• Trabajo Mantenimiento de Calles I	\$17.50
• Trabajador de Servicios Públicos I	\$17.50
• Trabajador de Servicios Públicos II	\$20.00

Vacantes de Medio Tiempo:

• Asociado de Servicio al Cliente con el Departamento Centro de Convención para Visitantes	\$13.01-\$27.31
• Conductor de autobús de transporte público	\$15.03-\$19.12

Vacantes Temporales:

• Trabajador de Mantenimiento de Campo Temporal de 12 y 28 Semanas	\$11.00-\$13.00
• Asistente de Admisiones y Concesiones	\$10.00-\$12.00
• Asociado temporal de Servicio al Cliente	\$10.00
• Conductor de autobús con el Departamento Centro de Convención para visitantes	\$15.00
• Socorrista en el parque acuático	\$11.50-\$14.50
• Marcador para juegos de beisbol	
• Asistente de estación de tren	\$10.00

Para ver los rangos de pago y para aplicar, visite www.dodgecity.org/careers

Para preguntas, comuníquese con Tara al 620-225-8100 o por correo electrónico a taras@dodgecity.org.

Todos los puestos de tiempo completo y medio tiempo incluyen el paquete de beneficios de la Ciudad, que incluye seguro de salud / dental / vida (opción de salud única para puestos regulares de PT), jubilación de KPERS o KP&F con coincidencia del empleador, tiempo de enfermedad y vacaciones, y un Programa de Asistencia al Empleado. También tenemos un incentivo de pago bilingüe.

Southwest Kansas Coalition is excited to offer you a chance to learn more about Kansas development resources and programs available for housing opportunities

Friday, September 16th, 2022
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Garden City Clarion Inn & Conference Center
1911 East Kansas Avenue
Garden City, Kansas
(Meeting Will Be Held in Banquet Room North)

Use this link to RSVP attendance - [RSVP Now](#)

Presenters Include:

*Ryan Vincent, Executive Director,
Kansas Housing Resource Corporation*

*Randy Speaker, Housing Specialist,
Kansas Department of Commerce*

What You Will Learn?

Kansas Department of Commerce programs can assist with your localized plan to support housing financing. The Department can assist your community with completing a Housing Assessment Tool (HAT), applying for a Rural Housing Incentive District (RHID), and understanding what type of housing is needed for your community.

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) can provide financial support for infrastructure and housing units for developers and local government. KHRC programs for low and moderate income housing have helped communities in Kansas expand housing.

Recently approved affordable housing incentives, in the form of state income tax credits for investors in construction of residential housing that contributes to economic development in Kansas, can be used to increase quality housing in your community.

The existing income tax credit program and creation of new state credits represent significant expansion of resources to support statewide housing development

2022 Legislative action also included a separate historic structure tax credit that provides \$10 million each year for rehabilitation of older buildings as well as \$2 million for rural home loan guarantees.

Randy and Ryan will help you understand the programs, application processes and timelines for award of these funds.

Why?

It's time to formulate our plan for getting those resources into our communities and learn how we can leverage new state resources to develop quality, affordable housing.

This event is free and sponsored by **Southwest Kansas Coalition** Members -



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10th **saturday**
SEPTEMBER

3-7 pm

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