



Community Newsletter

For the week October 30-Nov. 3, 2017

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. **In-office advance voting started Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the Ford County Clerk's office 4th floor of the Ford County Government Center, 100 Gunsmoke.** Hours are 9:00 am. to 4:30 pm and open through lunch. In-office voting ends at noon on Monday, Nov. 6th. Polls are open Election Day- November 7th - from 7:00 am. to 7:00 pm.

2. **The Community Housing Association of Dodge City (CHAD) accepted a \$5,000 grant** from Amerigroup Kansas Monday morning. The funds will support the Community Home Renovation Program (CHRP). CHRP is designed to preserve the affordable housing stock, reduce blighted areas and encourage economic development in Dodge City. This program provides eligible low-income homeowners with the materials and labor to make critical home renovations such as plumbing, heating, electrical, window replacement and door replacement. The goal of the home renovation program is to encourage and assist residents to upgrade the conditions of their homes. This program is principally funded by Black Hills Energy.



3. **The Dodge City Fire Department (DCFD) finished up Fire Safety Month** this week. They were able to reach 2,016 kids and 122 adults with the fire safety message of ‘Know 2 Ways Out of Your House’ and ‘How to Make a Home Escape Plan’. They were able to go to all of the elementary schools in Dodge City and also had Bucklin and Ingalls schools come to Station 1 for a station tour and learn fire safety. All of the DCFD personnel enjoy the month of October with the big push for fire safety and will continue fire prevention activities throughout the year.



4. **Volunteers Needed! Winter is coming and the Community Housing Association of Dodge City (CHAD) needs volunteers** to help complete the painting of a house for the Paint Dodge program. Painting needs to be completed as weather permits and painting days will be far and few between. Please contact Mollea at 620-371-3869 if you are interested in helping complete the project in the near future.

5. **A big thank you to students from the Community in Schools program** at Dodge City High School who painted a shed for an elderly resident on Sat., Oct. 28, which was nationally celebrated as Make a Difference Day. Several came back on their ‘no school’ day on Wednesday to put on the second coat and finish the project. The shed is located in a neighborhood identified by the Blight Task Force in which the neighborhood serves as a model for staff to work specifically on a number of issues to help improve the housing stock and quality of life for the residents in the whole neighborhood.



6. **Individuals and their furry four legged friends participated in the Fifth Annual Southwest Kansas Bully Walk** to raise awareness for the National Pit Bull Awareness Day on Saturday, October 28. The walk started at Lions Park and ended in front of the Dodge City Convention and Visitor's Bureau. All participants were required to follow the City ordinance guidelines and all dogs were registered and insured.

7. **The Depot Theater Guild was busy this week decorating the Historic Santa Fe Depot** in preparation for the upcoming holiday season. Parks and facilities staff from the City assisted with bringing up trees and decorations from storage.

8. **City staff gave a presentation for the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals** and the general public on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The presentation explained how DACA works and the current status of the program.

9. **SMH Engineering recently installed the Stan Herd Murals on their property** just north of their office building and Dodge City Brewing on 3rd Avenue in Downtown. The murals are owned by the City of Dodge City and feature two different scenes - one involving work along the railroad and another with a wagon along the trail. This will also be the future home of Dennis Hopper's La Salsa Man which will be erected sometime next week weather permitting.



10. **City Commissioners and staff attended the annual Black Hills dinner and meeting** at the Boot Hill Casino and Resort Conference Center. At the meeting, Black Hills introduced staff and provided a presentation on their projects, programs and sponsorships.

11. **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T) program continues** to hold graduations. This week 5th grade students from Linn and Beeson Elementary Schools completed the program.



12. **City of Dodge City water customers will be receiving a letter** in the mail on Saturday regarding a notice that two water samples were not received by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Labs in a specified amount of time. Mailing a notification letter is a routine requirement of KDHE even though all subsequent samples showed negative results. A copy of the letter is **attached**.

13. **A water service line to Ashley Furniture experienced a break** last Saturday afternoon. The line was dug up and exposed Sunday afternoon after the building was closed so that there was no service interruption. After exposing the line, crews found that it was a lead service and were able to replace the service the same day. Concrete was poured on Thursday, Nov. 2nd. and the lane opened on Friday.

14. **Street crews have been cleaning several drainage ditches throughout** the city this week. They will be removing silt and sand and any other blockages from drainage ways.

15. **CH2M Hill, the City's contracted wastewater operator, had a safety audit** last Wednesday from their regional health and safety management team. The team made sure that all safety documentation is in place and is being used for the safety of its employees to prevent any accidents and inspect all facilities of CH2M Hill. Out of a possible 100%, they scored 98%.

16. **Airport staff heard from Boutique Air this week.** Air services will start back up at the Dodge City Regional Airport January 1, 2018. An official press release will be coming as early as next week.

17. **City staff met with staff from the City of Hutchinson to discuss our** Historic Preservation program. The focus of the meeting centered on implementation and enforcement of the program. We followed the meeting with tours of the Santa Fe Depot and the Distillery. They were very impressed with both projects and thoroughly enjoyed the tours and visit! A Historic Landmark Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7, 5:15 pm. in the City Commission Chambers. A Planning Commission meeting is also scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 pm.

13. On Saturday, October 28th, several hundred kids came to the downtown area to trick-or-treat at the 22 participating businesses and organizations in the sixth annual Main Street Trick or Treat event! In addition, Main Street Dodge City also hosted a Downtown Scarecrow Contest where businesses from the community were encouraged to create a scarecrow display. The displays were judged during the Trick-or-Treat event by a group of Main Street Volunteers, as well as giving all the children a chance to vote for their favorite. After all the votes were tallied, the Dodge City Police Dept. won the overall ‘Winning Witch Award’ and Dodge City Brewing was awarded with the “Children’s Choice Award”.

City Hall staff participated in handing out candy as part of the Downtown Trick-or-Treat event and entered in the Main Street Scarecrow contest with three straw Minions and Oscar the Grouch – Sanitation man. Staff was still in holiday spirits on Halloween day. The water counter ladies dressed as the ‘Four Seasons’, employees from inspections and parks came to work as a ‘Six pack of Coca-Cola’. There was also a lone witch and biker in the office.



14. Here is a quick update to the projects going on around town:

- The contractor is currently incorporating fly-ash into the sub-grade of the 6th Ave. Extension Project. Once complete, preparations will begin for the placement of concrete pavement and curb & gutter.
- The steel super structure has been replaced on the Ave. A bridge. The contractor is finishing up some welding and bracing of the steel beams and such. The super structure will then be sandblasted and painted. Placement of the concrete deck will begin shortly and it is anticipated that the bridge will reopen by December 12th, depending on weather.



- Work has begun on the detention facility at Village Square Mall to help reduce the erosion. The concrete work is currently underway with landscaping scheduled for next spring.
- The mill and inlay on Layton St. was completed this past week. The contractor will CLOSE Soule St. from 14th Ave. to 13th Ave. starting Monday morning, after 8:00 am, for milling operations. The street will reopen at night and then close again during milling and asphalt placement operations.
- Concrete placement for the medians at the railroad tracks on 1st Ave. and 4th Ave. near Wyatt Earp Blvd. should be completed Friday. 1st Ave. & 4th Ave. will reopen next week after some cure time on the concrete. Once open, the contractor will begin the median work at the 11th Ave. and 14th Ave. crossings. 11th Ave. will be closed to traffic during this work. 14th Ave. will remain open, but narrowed to one lane in each direction during the median installation. Traffic will be moved to the outside lanes on 14th Ave. during this work.
- Sidewalk and curb & gutter replacement is taking place in the North Front Street parking lot between 1st Ave. and 2nd Ave. The contractor will be working in this parking lot next week before moving to the 700 Block of N. 2nd Ave. to replace some sidewalk.

15. **City staff attended a refugee forum in Garden City on Thursday hosted by the International Rescue Committee in Garden City and the Kansas Office for Refugees.** A presentation on 2017 statistics and programs was given. A panel of refugees also told their story of how they came to reside in Garden City. The case worker for Dodge City was in attendance with his intention to work with the Cultural Relations Advisory Board on refugee matters.

CALENDAR

City:

Commission meeting – Mon., Nov. 6 @ 7:00 pm
Election Day – Tue., Nov. 7
Historic Landmark Commission – Tue., Nov. 7, 5:15 pm in City Commission Chambers
Planning Commission meeting – Tue., Nov. 7, 6:30 pm in City Commission Chambers
Closed for Veteran’s Day – Fri., Nov. 10
Cultural Relations Advisory Board – Fri., Nov. 10, 12:00 noon @ Public Library
Recycling Adv. Board – Mon., Nov. 20, 5:15 pm, City Hall Engineering Conference Room
City Commission meeting – Mon., Nov. 20 @ 7:00 pm
City Employee Chili Lunch – Tue., Nov. 21, 11:30 @ Hoover Pavilion
Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday – Thur. & Fri., Nov. 23rd & 24th
Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony/Chili Cookoff/Parade of Lights – Mon., Nov. 27, downtown

United Wireless Arena:

Sat., Nov. 4 – Jay Owenhouse illusionist @ 7:30 pm
Sun., Dec. 10 – Wynonna Judd concert @ 7:30 pm

Community:

Holiday Food Drive – Nov. 1 – Dec. 8 @ Police Department
America Recycles Day – Sat., Nov. 4, 10:00-1:00 @ Civic Center
Knowledge @ Noon – Thur., Nov. 9, 12:10 pm @ Public Library
Tacos For Troops – Sat., Nov. 11, 10:00 am - ??? @ Kansas Soldiers Home
Human Trafficking: Closer Thank You Think – Tue., Nov. 14, 7:00 pm @ Public Library
Mickey Mouse Birthday Bash – Nov. 18, 2:00 pm @ Public Library
First United Methodist Church Bell Choir – Sat., Dec. 2, 3:00 pm @ Public Library

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for City of Dodge City, KS

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During September 2016, a raw water sample wasn't delivered to KDHE labs in the allotted time to test the water for E. Coli bacteria and in the Second Quarter of 2017 KDHE labs did not receive the required sample in the allotted time for the Disinfection By-products of Haloacetic Acids (HAA) and Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) as required by Kansas Administrative Regulations. Therefore, the City was unable to confirm the quality of our water during that time in relation to those contaminants. Even though this was **not an emergency**, as our customers you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

What does this mean?

***This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.** However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes and/or haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

What happened?

In September 2016 a sample was not received within the specified time to the KDHE labs to monitor the raw well water following a coliform positive routine monthly tap sample in turn leading to a noncompliance.

In May of 2017 the KDHE Labs did not receive the 2nd quarter sample for the Haloacetic Acids (HAA) and Total Trihalomethanes (TTHH) in the specified amount of time for the required quarterly testing in May of 2017.

What is being done?

In September 2016 it was determined for the coliform-positive sample that the locations were contaminated at the faucet. Once cleaned and repeat samples were taken from the original and two additional sites per state requirements; water was deemed E. Coli and Coliform negative and safe.

On August 12th, 2017 the third quarterly sampling took place and the results came back within the regulated levels dictated by KDHE. The 2017 year first and third quarter sampling results are available at this time.

For more information, please contact Corey Keller, Public Works Superintendent, by calling 620-225-8170

Or by mail: 806 2nd Ave, P.O. Box 880, Dodge City, KS 67801

Please share this information with all other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses.) You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Dodge City, KS

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K-STATE
Research and Extension

Ford County

Knowledge at Noon

Thursday, November 9, 2017

12:10 - 12:50 PM

Chiropractic - It's More than Snap, Crackle, Pop

Presented by:

Dr. Scott Fischer,
Fischer Chiropractic

*Dr. Fischer will talk about acupuncture,
dietary habits and computer
instrument adjusting.*

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The public is invited to attend, free of charge. Bring a lunch if you wish. Coffee and tea will be provided. For more information, contact the Ford County Extension Office, 620-227-4542, or e-mail Ethel Schneweis, Family and Consumer Science Agent at eschnewe@ksu.edu.

Sessions are held in the Lois Flanagan Room of the Dodge City Public Library, 1001 North Second Avenue.

Sponsored by Ford County Extension Family & Consumer Science Program Development Committee & the Dodge City Public Library



Veteran's Day

Saturday November 11th, 2017

Stop by With:

- * Non Perishable Food Item
 - * Basic Toiletries
 - * Free Will Donation
- and be treated to some delicious tacos!

All proceeds will benefit the
Kansas Soldiers Home
here at Fort Dodge
Tacos for Troops
starts at 10AM,
lunch will be served at Noon
until tacos are gone!

Music

Food

Raffles

**Serving those who served our
Country**

**NO ONE
SHOULD GO HUNGRY**

Dodge City Police Department

**HOLIDAY
FOOD DRIVE**

**Donations Accepted
November 1st - December 8th**

**Drop box is located at the Dodge City Police Department
110 West Spruce St**

Please donate only non-perishable foods.

Some Suggested Items:

Peanut Butter
Canned Fruits & Vegetables
Tuna, Canned Meat
Soup, Chili, Baked Beans
Rice, Pasta

No glass containers please.

