



CITY OF DODGE CITY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Week of December 23 - 27 2019

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. The City of Dodge City and the City of Garden City sent a letter to the Kansas Congressional Delegation requesting that they demand that the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) withdraw a proposed regulation that would increase immigration application fees, eliminate most fee waivers, and transfer funds from application fees to immigration enforcement. The proposed rule would increase the U.S. citizenship application fee by 83 percent, changing it from \$640 to \$1,170. It would also increase the cost for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) renewals from \$495 to \$765. Additionally, it would add a \$50 fee for certain asylum applications. If implemented, the fees would make the U.S. the fourth country in the world to charge those seeking asylum. The rule would also eliminate most fee waivers and would also take \$112 million that USCIS collects from application fees and transfer it to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for enforcement purposes. To view the letter in its entirety, see the attachments at the end of the newsletter.

2. The Dodge City Fire Department has been working on holiday safety through its Community Risk Reduction program. Social media is one of the tools that is used to try to get fire and life safety out to the public. Flash, the Fire Elf, has been a great help spreading messages and good cheer on Facebook and Instagram. Since he was seasonal help, he left for home on Christmas Eve. The hope is that he will return next year with more good safety information. Rumor has it that he is already training a recruit to join him next year to help with the workload.



3. Forestry staff has been working at Hennessy Hall pruning and removing trees around the building. Pine trees are getting limbed up and deciduous trees are getting the dead removed from them or removed completely if there is not a viable canopy left once pruned.



4. Parks staff continues to clean out the room that previously held molds for the ceramic program to make space in the building. These molds will later be sold at auction.



5. There will be a special meeting of the City of Dodge City Commission at 8 am on Monday, December 30th. This meeting will consist of a public hearing regarding amendments to the 2020 budget, approval of the 2020 budget amendments, and approval of a consulting service agreement for Candle Tree #6 design and improvements to Iron Rd.

CALENDAR

City:

Wed., Jan. 1 - CLOSED for the New Year Holiday

Mon., Jan. 6 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, City Hall Commission Chambers

Mon., Jan. 20 - CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tues., Jan. 21 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting, City Hall Commission Chambers

United Wireless Arena:

See attached flyers

Dodge City Community College:

See attached flyers

Community Events:

See attached flyers for more events

Dodge City Public Library Events:

See attached flyers

For additional events, applications, trainings and more — continue scrolling.



City of Dodge City

WE WILL BE CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 FOR
New Year's Day

ESTAREMOS CERRADOS EL MIÉRCOLES, 1 DE ENERO,
EN OBSERVACIÓN DEL
Día de Año Nuevo

December 12, 2019

United States Senator Jerry Moran
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Room 521
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Proposed Rule to Increase Fees for Citizenship, Lawful Permanent Residency, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Asylum, and Other Applications and Transfer of Funds for Enforcement

Dear Senator Jerry Moran;

We write on behalf of the thousands of Dodge City and Garden City residents who have deep roots in our cities and communities and who contribute so much to local economy. These community members are eligible for citizenship, lawful permanent residency, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), asylum, employment authorization, and other statuses and benefits. We respectfully urge you to call on U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to withdraw the proposed rule Fee Schedule and Changes to Certain Other Immigration Benefit Request Requirements, CIS No. 2627-18; DHS Docket No. USCIS-2019-0010, RIN 1615-AC18, and work with Congress to identify alternative agency funding for the adjudication of applications and not enforcement that undermines access to our immigration system.

The proposed rule would negatively affect approximately nine million lawful permanent residents in the United States who are eligible for citizenship. These are family members of U.S. citizens and are an integral part of the social, cultural and economic fabric of our nation. The same is true for immigrants who are eligible for lawful permanent residency; for the hundreds of thousands of DACA eligible youth who have grown up in the United States and for whom it is their only home; and asylum seekers, who come to this country in search of a better life for themselves and for their children. Many of those affected are also part of community and the workforce of Dodge City and Garden City.

The rule that USCIS proposed would, if implemented, undermine our values by excluding millions of eligible immigrants and refugees who call our cities and counties home, based solely on their inability to afford applications fees. We disagree with the following aspects of the proposal:

- Raising the citizenship application fee from \$640 to \$1,170; an 83 percent increase despite the social and economic benefits that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) previously considered in setting fees;
- Raising fees associated with lawful permanent residency by 79 percent, from \$1,220 to \$2,195;
- Raising the fees for DACA renewals from \$495 to \$765, giving the administration a potential tool to limit the program should the Supreme Court declare that the administration's efforts to end DACA are unlawful;

- Creating a \$50 fee for affirmative asylum applications and requiring that asylum seekers pay for employment authorizations—which has been raised to \$490 for all seeking a work permit—while their asylum cases are pending;
- Eliminating fee waivers for citizenship, permanent residency, employment authorization for many applicants, and other applications; and
- Attempting to justify raising fees by transferring \$207.6 million from USCIS to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for enforcement purposes, including denaturalization.

Additionally, USCIS is currently experiencing citizenship backlogs that near 700,000 applications and processing delays that have doubled in recent years, exceeding 20 months in some offices. The proposed rule makes reference to USCIS' insufficient resources, so we cannot understand any justification for further depriving USCIS of resources the agency acknowledges that it needs. USCIS, an agency that is responsible for adjudicating benefits, should not be transferring its much-needed funds for enforcement purposes, including denaturalization.

Immigrants of all socioeconomic backgrounds contribute immensely to our municipalities, states, and to our nation as a whole. It benefits all of us when immigrants pursue legal pathways towards permanent status, obtain work authorization, and have their applications adjudicated in a timely fashion. Citizenship and the ability to obtain the immigration status for which you are eligible should not depend on the size of your bank account.

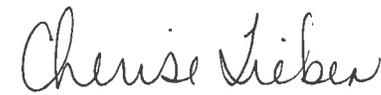
Our communities have consistently advocated for removing unnecessary barriers to Southwest Kansas residents who seek citizenship through the current naturalization process. Chief among those barriers is distance and cost. The proposed USCIS rule builds back barriers we've collectively worked with you to remove and begins heading down a slippery slope of tying "citizenship" to "ability to pay."

For these reasons we urge you to request USCIS withdraw the proposed rule. Instead, we call on USCIS to work with Congress to find more appropriate and less harmful means to address the agency budget shortfalls and the application backlogs and delays.

Sincerely,



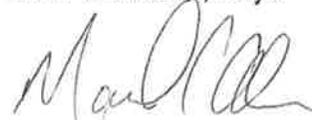
Brian Delzeit, Mayor



Cherise Tieben, City Manager



Dan Fankhauser, Mayor



Matt Allen, City Manager



January 2020

June 1, 2019 – May 31, 2020 –

OES Service Dog Raffle

Dodge City;

All Day

For More Information: 620-255-5032

November 9, 2019 – January 31st, 2020 –

Pheasant Hunting Contest

Rooster Roundup & Bounty Bird

Ford County, KS;

All Day

For More Information: 620-225-8186

January 1, 2, 3 – Adult Winter Reading Program

Dodge City Public Library;

All Day

For More Information: 620-225-0248

January 1, 4 – High Plains Youth Hockey

Association: Sign up, Practices, & Games

United Wireless Arena;

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

For More Information: 620-371-7390

January 4 – Young Guns Rodeo

Western State Bank Expo Center;

All Day

For More Information: 620-338-8284

January 13, 27 – Yarn & Yack

Dodge City Public Library;

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

For More Information: 620-225-0248

January 16 – Justin Moore & Tracy Lawrence

United Wireless Arena;

7:30 PM

For More Information: 620-371-7390

January 17, 18, 19 – Southwest Kansas Winter Expo

Western State Bank Expo Center;

For More Information: 620-338-8284

January 18 – Painting Class

Carnegie Center for the Arts;

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

For More Information: 620-225-6388

January 23, 24, 25 – 77th Annual

Tournament of Champions

United Wireless Arena;

Thursday 2:00 PM

Friday 1:00 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM

For More Information: 620-371-7390

January 25 – Dodge City Raceway Park

Drivers Banquet

Western State Bank Expo Center;

6:00 PM

For More Information: 620-338-8284

January 27 – February 1 – SPIAA

Basketball Tournament

United Wireless Arena;

All Day

For More Information: 620-371-7390

January 31 – Final Friday

Downtown Dodge City;

5:00 PM

For More Information:
Facebook – Final Fridays in Dodge City



Calendar of Events provided by
Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau
www.visitdodgecity.org

Enero 2020

Junio 1, 2019 – Mayo 31, 2020 –

OES Service Dog Raffle

Dodge City;

Todo el Día

Para Mas Información: 620-255-5032

Noviembre 9, 2019 – Enero 31st, 2020 –

Pheasant Hunting Contest

Rooster Roundup & Bounty Bird

Ford County, KS;

Todo el Día

Para Mas Información: 620-225-8186

Enero 1, 2, 3 – Programa de Lectura para Adultos

Biblioteca Pública de Dodge City;

Todo el Día

Para Mas Información: 620-225-0248

Enero 1, 4 – Hockey Juvenil de High Plains

Asociación: Registro, Prácticas y Juegos

United Wireless Arena;

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Para Mas Información: 620-371-7390

Enero 4 – Young Guns Rodeo

Western State Bank Expo Center;

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Enero 16 – Justin Moore & Tracy Lawrence

United Wireless Arena;

7:30 PM

Para Mas Información: 620-371-7390

Enero 17, 18, 19 – Exposición de Invierno del

Suroeste de Kansas

Western State Bank Expo Center;

Para Mas Información: 620-338-8284

Enero 18 – Clase de Pintar

Carnegie Center for the Arts;

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Para Mas Información: 620-225-6388

Enero 23, 24, 25 – 77th Torneo Anual de

Campeones

United Wireless Arena;

Jueves 2:00 PM

Viernes 1:00 PM

Sábado 11:00 AM

Para Mas Información: 620-371-7390

Enero 25 – Dodge City Raceway Park

Banquete de Conductores

Western State Bank Expo Center;

6:00 PM

Para Mas Información: 620-338-8284

Enero 27 – Febrero 1 – SPIAA

Torneo de Baloncesto

United Wireless Arena;

Todo el Día

Para Mas Información: 620-371-7390

Enero 31 – Final Friday

Centro de Dodge City;

5:00 PM

Para Mas Información:
Facebook – Final Fridays in Dodge City



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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



SET YOUR VISION FOR
2020
LET'S DO THIS!

OPEN HOUSE
WHEN: Jan 2nd 2020
WHERE: The YMCA!
TIME: 11am-4pm

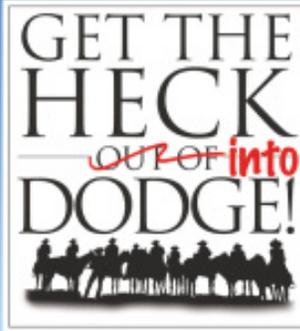
FREE!

Join in JANUARY for \$20
And get 1 month FREE!
Join the Y between January 2-31st and only pay \$20. No contracts. No Pro-Rated dues. Just SOLID GAINS for 2020!



303 E. 11th, East Dodge City, KS 67801
620.227.7641 / 800.668.1770

November 9, 2019 to January 31, 2020



2019-2020

“Bounty Bird” with “Rooster Roundup” Pheasant Hunting Contest

PUBLIC SKATING

December 2019

\$7 per 1 hour session

\$2 discount=student/own skates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 YOUTH HOCKEY	2 **PLEASE BRING OWN PROTECTIVE GEAR	3 YOUTH HOCKEY	4	5 YOUTH HOCKEY	6 3:30-4:30 5:00-6:00 6:30-7:30	7 UNITED WIRELESS SKATE DAY
8 YOUTH HOCKEY	9	10 YOUTH HOCKEY	11	12 YOUTH HOCKEY	13 3:30-4:30 5:00-6:00 6:30-7:30	14 YOUTH HOCKEY TOURNAMENT
15 YOUTH HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	16	17 YOUTH HOCKEY	18	19 YOUTH HOCKEY	20 12:30-1:30 5:00-6:00 2:00-3:00 6:30-7:30 3:30-4:30	21 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00 3:30-4:30 6:30-7:30
22 YOUTH HOCKEY	23 12:30-1:30 3:30-4:30 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 12:30-1:30 3:30-4:30 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00	25 CHRISTMAS DAY MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 12:30-1:30 3:30-4:30 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00	27 12:30-1:30 5:00-6:00 2:00-3:00 6:30-7:30 3:30-4:30	28 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00 3:30-4:30 6:30-7:30
29 YOUTH HOCKEY	30 12:30-1:30 3:30-4:30 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00	31 LAST DAY 12:30-1:30 3:30-4:30 2:00-3:00 5:00-6:00	HAPPY NEW YEAR			

PUNCH CARDS
ARE AVAILABLE

PRIVATE PARTIES
AVAILABLE

FRIDAY EVENING
SATURDAY MORNING
SATURDAY EVENING
CALL TO GET AVAILABLE
TIMES FOR WEEKDAYS

CONTACT SKATE SHOP TO GET MORE
INFO ON PRIVATE PARTIES
620-371-7390 620-371-7841
RLAZELLE@UNITEDWIRELESSARENA.COM

JUSTIN MOORE & TRACY LAWRENCE



THE LATE NIGHTS AND LONGNECKS TOUR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
UNITED WIRELESS ARENA

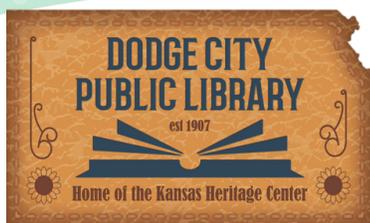
THE DODGE CITY PUBLIC
LIBRARY PRESENTS...

*Adult Winter
Reading
Program*

FOR
ADULTS
18+

Prizes Available by Drawing on January 3rd

**THIS PROGRAM RUNS FROM
DECEMBER 1ST TO JANUARY 3RD
SIGN UP FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE
CIRCULATION DESKS**



**DODGE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
1001 N 2ND AVENUE DODGE CITY
620-225-0248**



FREE DENTAL SERVICES!!

GET THE HECK ~~OUT OF~~ DODGE

INTO



Kansas Mission of Mercy
Making a Difference



Kansas Dental
Charitable Foundation

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2020 ★ WESTERN STATE BANK EXPO CENTER ★ DODGE CITY

FEB 7-8

**Clinic Doors Open
At 5:30 am**

**Western State Bank Expo Center
11333 US Hwy 283 • Dodge City, Kansas**

**No Appointments • First Come, First Served
Children and Adults**

PATIENT INFORMATION

- Continue taking any prescription medications as directed and bring them along so a dose is not missed.
- Bring a list of current medications, allergies, and health conditions.
- No eligibility, income, or residency requirements needed.
- Services include cleanings, fillings, and extractions....NO dentures.
- Nearly 800 patients will be treated each day so be prepared to wait several hours.
- Biscuits and gravy for breakfast and a hot dog/chips for lunch will be provided at no charge, but bring snacks and water (especially diabetics).

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For KMOM clinic updates during the event, go to the KMOM Facebook page, www.ksdentalfoundation.org