



**CITY OF DODGE CITY**

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Week of December 30, 2019 - January 3, 2020

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

1. The Dodge City Convention and Visitors Bureau received nine proposals for the Rebranding Request for Proposals that was due on December 30. City and CVB staff are in the process of reviewing the proposals and determining which firms will be interviewed. Interviews will take place on January 14th and 15th, and the staff anticipates taking the recommendation for the project to the City Commission at their meeting on January 21. The rebranding project was one of the recommendations from the recent marketing audit.

## CITY CALENDAR

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

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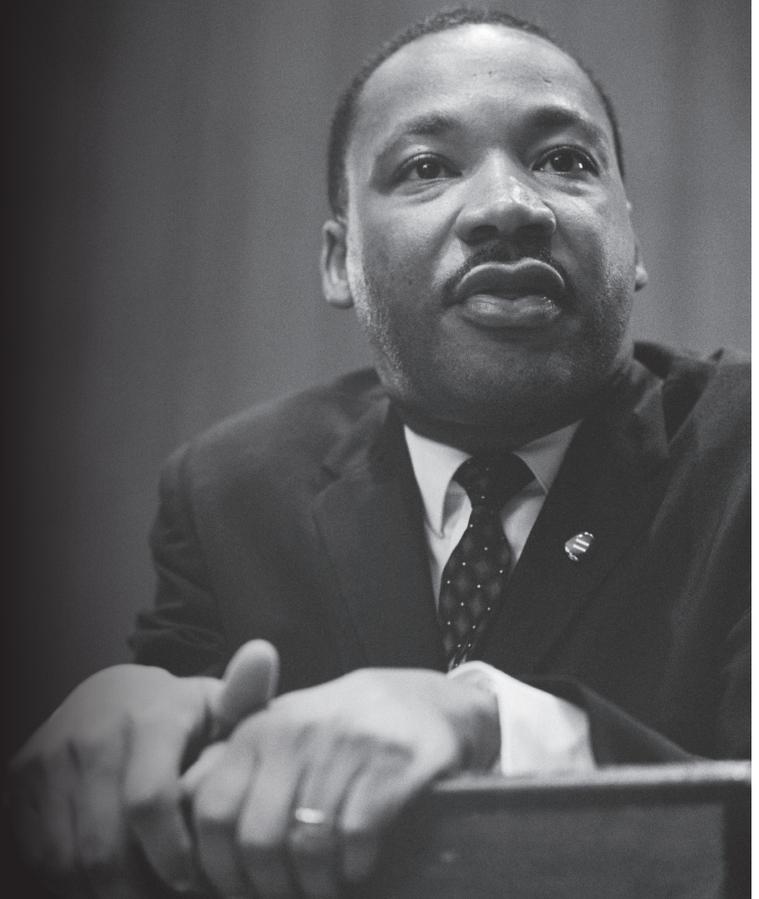


**We will be closed on Monday, January 20th  
in observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

*"We must learn to live together as brothers or we will  
perish together as fools."  
- Martin Luther King Jr.*

**Estaremos cerrado el lunes, 20 de Enero  
en observacion del dia de  
Martin Luther King Jr.**

*"Tenemos que aprender a vivir juntos como hermanos o  
vamos a perecer juntos como tontos."  
- Martin Luther King Jr.*



## Letter from the Mayor | Response to Refugee Letter of Consent

"I continue to receive numerous inquiries in response to the Refugee Letter of Consent published on Thursday, December 12, 2019, by the City of Dodge City. I wanted to take the opportunity to provide the history of that consent and clarify everyone's concerns.

Simply stated, this is a mere continuance of the same program the City has approved for more than 45-years by allowing people legally entering America to come to our community. Cooperating with the Federal Government toward accepting Refugees that legally enter America is something the City of Dodge City has complied with for 45-years that I can recall. It's been much longer than that, but I don't know exactly when the City of Dodge City officially started accepting refugees legally entering America. The letter of consent is simply a new compliance requirement by President Donald J. Trump set forth by Executive Order 13888 and requires that the letter be publicly posted, which is the only difference from how this process has occurred in the past.

The Federal government, State, nor the City of Dodge City provides shelter or financial assistance to refugees entering the City under President Trump's Executive Order 13888. A requirement in Executive Order 13888 is that the community must have an organization that can help the refugees upon arrival complete certain government requirements (i.e., get a job, obtain a driver's license & seek medical evaluation all within 90-days of arrival) to aid the refugees in becoming productive members of our society. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is the local group that performs this task throughout Southwest Kansas and has aided in refugee resettlement since 1975. Their goal is to help refugees meet the requirements as defined in Executive Order 13888 set forth by the federal government upon arrival in the United States. The federal government used to have its own agency located in Garden City that completed this process for Southwest Kansas. However, the number of refugees coming to Southwest Kansas did not meet the minimum guidelines to retain the office, and it was closed. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas then stepped in to assist in the government's absence. The majority settle in Liberal, Garden City and Dodge City. While the number of refugees coming to Southwest Kansas has been less than 50, I expect that number to be even less going forward as President Trump has reduced the number of refugees entering America by 82%.

You are asking, are refugees entering the United States without inspection or illegally? The answer is no. The definition of a refugee is someone who has fled their country due to persecution based on their ethnicity, nationality, religion, political opinion, or social group. They are individuals who must receive a referral to the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP) for consideration as a refugee. If they receive a referral, refugees complete an application and then are interviewed abroad by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), the federal agency that will determine whether they are eligible for refugee resettlement in the United States. Refugee status is determined on a case-by-case basis through the interview process. During the interview, USCIS examines all relevant evidence, including testimony, to determine if the individual meets requirements and is admissible under U.S. Law. USCIS also confirms that security checks have been completed, and the results of the checks are reviewed and analyzed before approval.

## Letter from the Mayor | Response to Refugee Letter of Consent — Cont.

Refugee resettlement is the most challenging way to enter the U.S., and refugees are the most thoroughly vetted individuals in the U.S., going through all screenings before they step on U.S. soil. The vetting process includes biometric and biographic checks; interagency intelligence sharing; screenings against multiple domestic and international terrorist and criminal databases; background investigations by the FBI, Department of Defense, State Department, and National Counterterrorism Center; and in-person interviews by Homeland Security officers. This investigation takes 18-24 months to complete per individual due to the intensity of the investigation; therefore, it is the least successful route for a terrorist or religious radical to enter America. Refugees from around the globe may apply under Executive Order 13888 except those from 7-specific countries that are deemed religious radicals, train or shelter terrorists.

The average workforce participation rate of refugees is 81.8%, above the national average. Many industries, like hospitality and meatpacking, rely on refugee workers — Cargill and National Beef employ most of the refugees in Dodge City. Garden City last week stated that Refugees have played an important role toward their growth over several years and their ability to attract retail and new business. If Dodge City wants to do the same, then we too, must find responsible ways to grow our workforce and population.

It is for all these reasons that the City of Dodge City decided to continue its more than 45-year tradition and grant the letter of consent to Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas under the supervision of President Donald J. Trump. We believe that refugees fill the unemployment gap in jobs that are the least desirable and make an overall economic impact on our local economy.

If I could abbreviate this entire letter, I would tell you that my signature as Mayor supporting the Refugee Consent Letter is simply a continuance of what this City has done for more than 45-years only this time under the supervision and guidelines of President Donald J. Trump's Executive Order 13888.

I hope this answers questions, concerns, confusion & miscommunication toward the truth of what is factually happening in our community now and in the past. If you still have additional concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to attend a City Commission meeting and share your thoughts. The City Commission meetings are the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at City Hall, starting at 7 pm. There is a meeting this coming Monday, January 6th. Citizens can come before the Commission during the Visitors section to discuss any topic they desire. The Visitors section is shortly after the opening of the meeting. Therefore, I recommend being in attendance by 7 pm. You may leave any time after making your comments or remain for the entire meeting — a very citizen-friendly process.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brian Delzeit"



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### City of Dodge City Names New Airport Manager

DODGE CITY, Kansas — The City of Dodge City Human Resources Office has announced that Kelli Enlow has been promoted to the position of Airport Manager effective January 1, 2020. The role was previously filled as a dual role to the Director of Public Works, currently held by Corey Keller.

According to Keller, the decision to divide the dual position was made in preparation for the approval of a jet service airline at Dodge City Regional Airport.

“We needed to be able to focus more on the new airline with a full-time person on site,” Keller said. “Our goal is to ensure that we can meet all of the marketing needs, not only for the airport but the jet service as well.”

Enlow has worked in the Public Works department as a Utilities Record Technician in the water division since December 2016. Her three years of experience with the department has allowed her to learn more than just her department division, Keller said.

“Kelli has done an excellent job overseeing all her responsibilities within the Water Division for Public Works and is a valued employee,” Keller said. “She demonstrates a positive attitude and readiness to complete any task. I feel she has the professionalism necessary to help market the airport to the next level.”

To best prepare her for her role, Enlow has been splitting her time with her previous role while slowly working her way into the new position since accepting the position in August 2019 after being selected in the hiring process.

“With the recent runway reconstruction being finalized and the new jet service starting in February, I am excited to begin work in this position,” Enlow said. “I am looking forward to the upcoming terminal remodel and implementing my ideas to help make Dodge City Regional Airport successful.”



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#### City of Dodge City Names New Public Information Officer

DODGE CITY, Kansas — The City of Dodge City Human Resources Office has announced that Abbey Martin has been promoted to Public Information Officer effective January 1, 2020.

Martin has worked for the City of Dodge City as a Public Information Specialist since 2017.

“She has been instrumental in our efforts to develop our social media reach, increase community engagement and implementing live streaming of our City Commission meetings,” Melissa McCoy, Assistant City Manager of Public Affairs said. “We look forward to more progressive accomplishments as Abbey further develops the City’s Public Information efforts.”

Martin stated that she is excited about the change and is looking forward to developing new strategies to communicate the City’s goals with the community.

“My overarching goal since I started with the City was to increase transparency with our residents,” Martin said. “With this promotion, that goal does not change. It will simply be expanded. I don’t want just to tell the public what is going on in their local government, I want to engage and promote conversation as well.”

# 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](http://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 Publica 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;

Todo el Día

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6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Para Mas Información: 620-225-0248

**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

Sabado 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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[www.visitdodgecity.org](http://www.visitdodgecity.org)



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



# SET YOUR VISION FOR 2020 LET'S DO THIS!

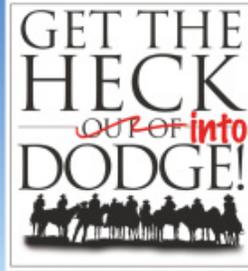
**OPEN HOUSE**  
WHEN: Jan 2nd 2020  
WHERE: The YMCA!  
TIME: 11am-4pm

**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!



November 9, 2019 to January 31, 2020



2019-2020

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

**JUSTIN MOORE & TRACY LAWRENCE**



**THE LATE NIGHTS AND LONGNECKS TOUR**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16  
UNITED WIRELESS ARENA**

# FREE DENTAL SERVICES!!

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INTO



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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](http://www.ksdentalfoundation.org)