








THIS IS EL DORADO

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

FIND MORE EVENTS AT WWW.ELDOKS.COM

- January 18- City Hall **CLOSED**
- January 18 - **TRASH SCHEDULE CHANGE** - Monday collected Tuesday. Tuesday collected Wednesday.
- January 19 - City Commission Meeting
- February 1 - City Commission Meeting
- February 15 - City Commission Meeting

Check out one of the sites below for daily updates!

 @eldokscvb
  @visiteldoradoks
 @whats.happening.in.eldoks
  El Dorado, KS CVB
 Follow your City Manager on Twitter: @EldoCityMgr

From the Desk of the City Manager

The City of El Dorado has voted in favor of a one percent sales tax since 1990. The current sales tax began October 1, 2019 and ends September 30, 2024. City Ordinance S-1323 states that \$600,000 is allocated to street rehabilitation, \$1,350,000 is allocated to property tax reduction, and \$50,000 is allocated to economic development. After ordinance items are funded, the remaining balance is deemed "excess sales tax". Each City Commissioner nominates an individual within the city to the Excess Sales Tax Committee. The committee makes recommendations for the use of excess sales tax and submits them to the City Commission for consideration.

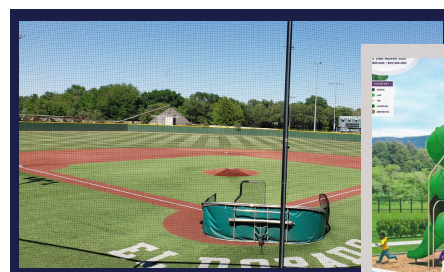
Per Ordinance, the excess sales tax can be used for additional street rehabilitation, property tax reduction, and capital expenditures. Property tax reduction can be no more than \$1,650,000 (\$1,350,000 + 3.49 mills). Capital expenditures are described as "an addition or structure that enhances the value of a property, a replacement or upgrade that extends the life of an asset or equipment acquisition." Street rehabilitation is described as maintaining and rehabilitating the existing geometrical alignment of improved city streets, which included portions of curb and gutter removal and replacement, mill and overlays, pavement replacement, and pavement related to storm drainage facilities.

The 2020 Excess Sales Tax Committee met this year to discuss the allocation of the excess sales tax funds from 2019. The City of El Dorado collected \$2,678,447 in 2019 from the one cent sales tax. After ordinance items were funded, a total of \$678,447 was available for allocation by the Excess Sales Tax Committee. The committee met to review the process and proposals after which they provided the following recommendations with a unanimous vote.

The Commission voted to reallocate funds previously awarded to activity center to the excess sales tax fund and

re-distribute them to new projects. The commission also voted to approve the Committee's recommendations as follows:

• Additional Property Tax Reduction	\$300,000
• Riverview Playground	\$60,000
• McDonald Stadium Project Bank	\$50,000
• Civic Center Parking Lot	\$141,402
• Spray Park Pump Equipment Replacements	\$20,000
• Senior Center Painting	\$7,400
• Central/East Bleachers	\$25,845
• Park Maintenance Shop Painting	\$4,800
• Graham Park Playground North	\$50,000
• East Park Batting Cage	\$15,000
• Additional funds to McDonald Stadium Electrical Project	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$682,447



McDonald Stadium



New Playground at Riverview Park



Cleaning out your linen closet and have towels/blankets that you no longer want? You can donate those items to the Animal Shelter located at 222 E. Locust.



Countdown to the 150th Celebration: Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital

El Dorado's first hospital was established in 1914, by Dr. Frenn L. Preston. In 1919, Dr. Preston enlarged the hospital to 50 beds by building a 4-story facility, now known as the Smith building. The hospital was sold in 1921, to the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas and became known as St. Luke's. St. Luke's School of Nursing was in operation from 1922 through 1933.

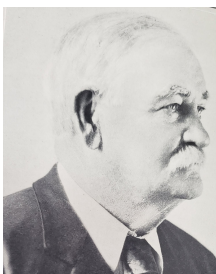
By the late 1920's the need for a modern hospital was recognized by local businessman Frank Allen and others. Mr. Allen contributed the land, which was where his mother's house sat, and \$100,000 to construct a hospital to be named Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital in honor of his mother. The balance of funds needed to build and equip the hospital was contributed by local citizens and on September 19, 1931, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital opened. In 1934, the F.S. Allen School of Nursing began training, continuing through 1961.



Undated photo of
Susan B. Allen

There were several additions and remodeling projects over the years. A nurses' dormitory opened in 1951 and a center wing was added in 1954. By 1964, the hospital grounds included the entire block. More space was needed and in 1969, a north wing was added, bringing the total number of beds to eighty-three. Changes continued and in 1974, the former nurses' dormitory was remodeled for doctors' offices and an ambulance garage was built. In 1978, another expansion/remodeling began. Ancillary areas were expanded and 20 beds added. New facilities included the Gladys Wiedemann Health Education Center for hospital and community use. Many additions and remodeling have continued to this day.

Today, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit, general acute-care medical facility, including Medical/Surgical and Skilled Care, SBA Family Birth Center, and the SBA Cancer Center. The Emergency Department provides 24/7 emergency medicine.



Undated photo of
Franklin S. Allen

Tragically, Franklin S. Allen met a fateful death on the afternoon of January 23, 1943, when he was suffocated by smoke from a fire that broke out downtown. Soon after his death, it was revealed that in November of 1942 Mr. Allen had set up a trust fund of \$1,165,000 for the support of the hospital. If it wasn't for his vision and generosity we would not be able to have a hospital in our

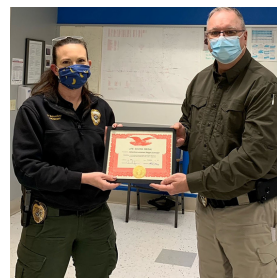
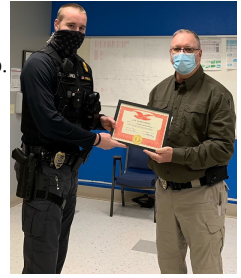
town. Thank you Mr. Allen for your compassion and foresight for El Dorado.

Personal Documents from the Butler County Oil Museum - Marilyn Milhon contribution; http://www.sbamh.com/about_us/history

Police Department Awards

At the December 7 City Commission meeting, a few of our police officers were presented much deserved awards.

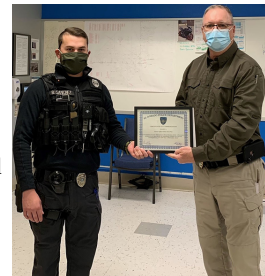
On February 24, 2020, emergency units were dispatched to a 24-year-old Code Blue in El Dorado. Sergeant Sean McCormick immediately responded to the scene and found the male unconscious, not breathing and turning purple. He began chest compressions until arrival of El Dorado Fire and Butler County EMS. Officer McCormick was able to obtain information on what the subject possibly ingested and relayed that information to medial personnel. His quick actions were instrumental in saving this young man's life.



On April 22, 2020, Detective Lieutenant Maggie Schreiber was dispatched to a motel for an unknown call. Upon arrival, she observed a man lying on the floor profusely bleeding from his thigh. She located the wound and applied pressure to stop the bleeding as the victim was going in and out of consciousness. She determined the victim's wound was from a gunshot. Butler County

EMS transported the victim to the hospital. EMS advised if Lt. Schreiber had not stopped the bleeding, the victim would probably have died.

On January 30, 2020, Patrol Officer Brett Sanchez was dispatched to a suspicious person hiding a motorbike in a drainage ditch. Officer Sanchez was able to locate the suspect after he drove away in a vehicle. Through exemplary and effective handling of a criminal investigation and subsequent search, Officer Sanchez located illegal narcotics, a stolen firearm out of Wichita and several other items of paraphernalia, which are now off the streets.



Officer Scott Stewart received the El Dorado Police Department Certificate of Commendation for exemplary field investigations for three cases. Two cases in December of 2019 included an aggravated assault investigation where Officer Stewart found evidence at the scene, worked with his crew to interview suspects and was granted a search warrant. In the other case, Officer Stewart was proactively patrolling storage units after a string of burglaries, when he noticed a freshly cut lock on a unit. When he investigated further, he caught three individuals actively burglarizing the unit. In January of 2020, Officer Stewart investigated the report of harassment and stalking involving a large business and its employees. One employee had a protection order against a former boyfriend. His harassment was causing major disruption to the business. Officer Stewart gathered statements, digital evidence and recordings. Officer Stewart along with other officers served the warrant in Wichita.