



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## What's Happening in El Dorado

- **March 2** - Kansas Oil Museum Family Fun Day
- **March 4 & 18** - City Commission Meetings
- **March 4** - Community Potluck @ Senior Center
- **March 6** - Chamber Chat
- **March 14** - Thursday Speaker Series @ KS Oil Museum
- **March 19** - Coutts Brown Bag Program
- **March 19** - Library Book Club
- **March 23** - RockFest @ Kansas Oil Museum
- **March 27** - Art and Culture in Early Day El Dorado Lecture Series @ Coutts Museum
- **March 28** - Artful Evenings @ Coutts Museum

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## CITIZENS ACADEMY

## Learn about local government through the Citizens Academy

Do you have questions about how the local government works or some of the processes that are used? Would you like to know more about what each department is responsible for in the city? Do you want to get more involved with your local government?

The new Citizens Academy video series will help to answer these questions and more. Join City Manager David Dillner, along with some staff members, as we explore municipal government, day-to-day operations, finances and more.

The first module looked at municipal government, including government structure, roles and responsibilities; the different levels of government; the City Commission's Role in decision making and policy setting; and the different municipal departments.

As the series continues, topics will include budgeting and finance; planning and development; public engagement; public safety and emergency management; technology and innovation; and facility tours.

Videos will be published weekly on the city website at: <https://eldoks.com/575/Citizens-Academy-Video-Series> and our YouTube Channel at: [www.youtube.com/@cityofdoradoks7809](http://www.youtube.com/@cityofdoradoks7809)

Be sure not to miss any of the videos by signing up for notifications when a new one is released at: <https://eldoks.com/list.aspx>

## City continues to see increase in revenue from sales tax

For the second year in a row, the City of El Dorado exceeded \$3 million in sales tax and once again set a new record in sales tax collections in 2023.

The 2023 total exceeded the funds raised through the one cent sales tax the previous year by 12.3 percent. Previous years have totaled \$3,183,395 in 2022; \$2,974,496 in 2021; \$2,683,572 in 2020; \$2,825,900 in 2019; and \$2,974,496 in 2018.

These funds benefit the community in a number of ways, including \$1,650,000 for property tax reduction each year, \$600,000 for street rehabilitation and \$100,000 for economic development. Residents recently approved renewing the sales tax in 2023, so beginning in 2025, \$1,650,000 will go to property tax reduction; \$700,000 will be for street rehabilitation; and the remainder will go to capital projects.

DID YOU KNOW?

Animal Control provides live trapping within the City Limits. The service will begin in March, weather permitting, and is available through Fall by calling the Animal Shelter at 322-8844. Trapping is prohibited by individuals within the City.

## Public input sought on Transportation Master Plan

Work is continuing on El Dorado’s Transportation Master Plan to address current and future needs of roadways, industrial development and pedestrian infrastructure.



Scan for Survey

The first public meeting was held at the end of January by JEO Consulting. During the open house, the public learned more about the project, as well as how to give their input on transportation in El Dorado. You can continue to give input on the needs and concerns you may have about transportation through the project storyboard, which can be found on the City’s website: [www.eldoks.com/571/Transportation-Master-Plan](http://www.eldoks.com/571/Transportation-Master-Plan) or by scanning the QR code in this newsletter. We will gather input through March. For those who prefer to respond on paper rather than the website, contact the Engineering Department to give your feedback.

Following more stakeholder engagement, the final plan is anticipated to be presented for approval in July of this year.



## Community Improvement Districts fund expansion, renovation costs

Have you looked at a receipt and wondered why taxes were more at one store than another? Property owners can request a Community Improvement District for their property.

Community Improvement Districts (CID) are an economic development incentive offered by the City of El Dorado, which allows additional taxes to be levied on a designated area to fund capital improvement projects or certain on-going operational costs within the district. The taxes come from retail sales or special assessments on real property within the designated district.

El Dorado currently has five CIDs in place. Three are for lodging in the community, including Days Inn and Baymont Inn, which also includes Anita’s Restaurant. These are both in place for 22 years with them starting in 2015 and 2018, respectively. Holiday Inn also has a 15-year CID that started in 2018. All three of these are set at 2 percent.

In addition, the strip mall at 2710 W. Central and El Dorado Plaza Strip Mall at 2354 W. Central each have an additional 1 percent tax for 22 years. These started in 2017 and 2024, respectively.

You can find updated information on Community Improvement Districts within El Dorado on our website at: [www.eldoks.com/576/Community-Improvement-Districts](http://www.eldoks.com/576/Community-Improvement-Districts).

## Police Department News



The El Dorado Police Department had a busy year in 2023. Here is a look at the crime statistics:

- 1,534 cases (includes criminal and miscellaneous activity officers respond to throughout the year)
- 13,817 total incidents (includes calls for service, whether a case number is required or not)
- 2,672 notices to appear in court, with 2,557 charges issued by officers
- 389 off-truck route citations
- 313 warrants issued by Municipal Court
- 233 warrants served by officers
- 1,157 code enforcement complaints and 610 court cases, including:
  - 529 complaints for grass
  - 232 complaints for trash
  - 86 structure complaints
  - 24 camper complaints
  - 197 complaints for vehicles

### 2023 Crime Statistics

