

Water-Wise Tips

Regularly check hoses and irrigation systems to ensure they work properly.

Don't overfill pools or hot-tubs to reduce splashing and spilling.

Try to water when the sun is down, and when it is less windy.

Upcoming Events

Independence Day
July 4th

Council Meeting
July 7th – 7:00pm

Council Meeting
July 21st - 7:00pm

National Night Out
August 5th – 7-9pm

Primary Election
August 5th

Visit the Goddard Library website for even more community events



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Second Quarter Update

The City had a successful second quarter with lots of improvements and changes. The council approved the STAR bond development, started an employee wellness program for City staff, and approved development in Elk Ridge. Council also issued a water watch declaration to help encourage residents to reduce their consumption of water.



During the May 19th City Council Meeting it was unanimously decided to put the 1% sales tax special question on the August 5th primary ballot. For more information about this vote please refer to the story on the other side of this newsletter.

Council enjoys hearing from residents. Please contact them to share your suggestions and ideas for the community.

Independence Day Event

On July 4th the join with us in celebrating the independence of our beautiful nation. We will be gathered at the baseball fields west of Discovery Intermediate School (201 S. Main Street).

The event is set to start at 7pm with free hot dogs, water, chips, and ice cream for the first 400 people.

There will be softball, inflatable bounce houses, fireworks, and following the firework show there will be a free pool party.



Photo Courtesy of Times-Sentinel

Remember to leave your personal fireworks at home, and have a safe holiday. Fireworks are not allowed after 10pm from June 27th-July 5th; with the exception of July 4th when they are allowed until 11pm.

Contact Information

In the Event of an
Emergency
Dial 911

City of Goddard
Hours 8am-4:30pm
118 North Main
316-794-2441

Police Non-
Emergency
316-794-2051

Goddard Public
Library
316-794-8771

Goddard City Pool
316-794-2644

Chamber of
Commerce
316-833-8385

Government Websites

City of Goddard
www.goddardks.gov

USD 265
www.goddardusd.com

Sedgwick County
sedgwickcounty.org

State of Kansas
www.state.ks.us



Upcoming Sales Tax Ballot Question

Helpful information about the proposed 1% sales tax that will be voted on during the August 5th primary election.

Why is a sales tax being proposed?

Goddard's property tax paying population is just under 5,000 people. The services provided through property taxes are enjoyed by more than 12,000 people who work and live here during the day, and approximately 30,000 people who drive on Kellogg each day. Police protection, roads, and parks are all paid for by residents, but used by so many more. A sales tax would allow the City to tax some of those people who do not live here, but who use our resources.

What will the taxes be used for?

25% of the revenues will go to reducing property taxes. This means that after collection begins the mill levy from the City will be lowered. This is to help provide property tax relief to Goddard Residents.

75% of the revenues will be used to fund infrastructure projects including a new park and walking/bike trails on the north side of Kellogg, Park improvements on the south side of Kellogg, road improvements throughout town including rehab of existing roads south of Kellogg, and storm water projects to prevent flooding.

When would the tax end?

This tax would only take a simple vote of the City Council to end. Unlike other sales taxes that are set for a certain duration, this tax can be stopped through a simple council vote at any time.

How will I know what the money is being spent on?

The City is committed to openness in how it spends tax revenues. All revenues from the sales tax will be posted online along with the expenditures for each sales tax related project. The City is also subject to open records acts for those interested in more information.

Who can I talk to about the sales tax?

The City is setting up two open houses to help keep you informed about the upcoming vote. They will be held on July 22nd and July 31st from 7-8:30pm in the City Council Chambers. More information is also on the City's website www.goddardks.gov/salestax

What is the City's current sales tax rate?

The City does not currently have a sales tax. The State collects a sales tax of 6.15% and the County collects 1% in sales taxes.

The sales tax ballot initiative is a complicated question, and the City encourages residents to be engaged in understanding what they will be voting on during the primary election.

Primary Election: August 5th 2014

Location: Church of the Holy Spirit – 18218 W U.S. 54