



Goddard Glance

April, 2020

COVID-19 Update

Hi Neighbors! Due to the COVID-19 City Hall is remaining temporarily closed to the public. To pay bills, Neighbors can call (316) 794-2441 or visit goddardks.gov and select the "Pay Online" tab on the home page. Also, there is a dropbox for checks out front of City Hall. Currently, the most at-risk City Staff are working from home and other departments are limiting hours. The Police Department is still fully staffed and operational. Please do not hesitate to call 911 or our non-emergency line at 316-794-2051 if you need police services. City Hall will remain operational unless there is any other direction from the County or State government. As always, please wash your hands, use hand sanitizer and disinfect surfaces whenever possible. Also, please only travel outside for necessities, such as groceries or food and avoid going to public places as much as possible. For more information, visit the cdc.gov, whitehouse.gov, sedgwickcounty.org, kdheks.gov.

Goddard Gatherings 2020

Neighbors, due to concerns of COVID-19, Goddard Gatherings will be postponed until at least June 2020. We are sad to have to make this decision, but it is not likely the event limitations will be removed by the County and State governments until later this Spring. We will try to have bigger events or contribute more to the staple events like National Night Out, Fall Festival, Fireworks show, etc. The City will work with local food trucks in the future to make their presence greater in Goddard. We hope to continue to bring the community together for gatherings in the future!



Neighbors United 2020

Due to the concerns of COVID-19, Neighbors United has been postponed until Fall 2020. The Goddard Chamber of Commerce will be releasing the exact date in the coming months. Due to this cancellation of Neighbors United, the City will have a makeup trash dumping day in late May or early June, depending on when concerns of the virus have subsided. Also, the brush pile is closed until further notice. For alternative methods of disposing trash, please consult with our Public Works Department at (316) 794-8992. We look forward to making up this wonderful day of service to the community in the near future!



Trash Cans in Residential Areas

With recent high winds, it is important to secure your trash dumpster lids. Please make sure the lid is closed firmly and there is no gap due to being overfilled. Additionally, please do not place loose trash in dumpsters. If dumpsters tip over and the lid comes open, loose trash can blow across the street and into your neighbor's yards. Therefore, if you put all trash in a trash bag, it will not blow around even if the dumpster does tip over. Thanks for your support in keeping our community clean!

To report loose trash in someones yard, please call City Hall at (316) 794-2441 and ask to speak to the Code Enforcement Officer or a member of the Police Department



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Flushable Items

Hi Neighbors! We understand that there is a limited amount of toilet paper on shelves right now. However, please refrain from using “flushable” wipes, as they do not degrade like regular toilet paper. Also, please avoid flushing other non-flushable items like paper towels, cleaning wipes, etc. Since these products take much longer to degrade, or do not degrade at all, it causes costly sewer backups in homes and damages the wastewater collection system. Thanks for your understanding!



The photo on the left compares toilet paper to wipes -- after one year in water!

Flushable wipes should never be flushed!

The photo on the left shows a sewer pipe blocked by wipes.

Police Department Speed Trailer

When driving around Goddard, neighbors might notice a small trailer on the side of the road that displays your speed as you drive by. The purpose of this is to track speeds of drivers around Goddard. Since our officers cannot be everywhere at once, it allows them to monitor traffic in different areas of town. As a result, officers can identify areas where they believe many cars are speeding. This is very important for streets with a heavy presence of children and pedestrians. The primary goal is to ensure the safety of all people in Goddard by accurately and ethically monitoring the speed of traffic. Please check the Goddard PD Facebook page, @GoddardPoliceDepartment, as they will post the data periodically from roads that have been monitored by the speed trailer.



Lifeguard Application 2020

The opening day of the Goddard Municipal Pool is slated for May 22, 2020. At this point, we hope to have the pool open on time, or by early June at the latest. However, we will monitor the situation in the coming months and keep our Neighbors informed. The City is currently seeking qualified lifeguards and swim instructors for the pool. While previous experience is preferred, we are willing to hire first-time guards. However, we hope that the guards can become Lifeguard, First Aid and CPR/AED certified. Guards will be expected to work morning, daily and evening hours along with weekends. Lifeguards will monitor regular visitors at the pool and be expected to teach swim lessons in the morning. Please call (316) 794-2441 for more details. Or email tmoddie@goddardks.gov for more information.



Save Some Time, Pay Online!

As a reminder, City Water Bills can be paid online! In order to save time, you can create an account on the City of Goddard Website, GoddardKS.gov. Under the ‘How Do I...’ tab, find the link titled Submit a Utility Bill Payment. In order to sign up, please have access to an account number and the exact address of the property receiving service. For any questions on setting up your online account, call City Hall at (316) 794-2441. As always, you can still pay the bill in person at Goddard City Hall on Main Street!

