



# Goddard Glance

August, 2020

## Kansas Real ID

On October 1, 2020 there was set to be a new ID requirement for those 18 and older to be able to fly. The updated ID will include a Gold Star on the upper right-hand corner of the ID card. This requirement date was recently moved to October 1, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, if your license is expiring before then, it is a good chance to go ahead and get it updated. This new ID system will be required to board a plane or enter a federal facility. Existing IDs, paper licenses or other forms of identification will not be accepted. However, passports will still be accepted. For more information visit [ksrevenue.org/realid](http://ksrevenue.org/realid) or call 785-296-3909.



## COVID-19 Update

As Sedgwick County is still seeing a rise in COVID-19 cases, life is still not completely back to normal. However, City Hall is open, with limited access. We are encouraging neighbors to conduct their business over the phone whenever possible. If not, residents are asked to wear a mask when they enter the building. Masks are provided right inside the door. City Council and Planning Commission meetings are still taking place live at City Hall. However, there is limited seating to allow for social distancing and additional sanitation measures in place. Also, masks are recommended at these meetings and will be provided to the public if they choose to wear one. Live meetings are streamed on the City Facebook Page and uploaded to YouTube and [goddardks.gov](http://goddardks.gov) the following day. The goal is to keep City Hall open to the public and ensure live meetings continue to happen. Wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, and washing your hands will help us accomplish these goals.



## Pool Closing Date 2020

The Goddard Municipal Pool will be closing on the date of August 7, 2020. We encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the pool while they can in the next few weeks! Any leftover concession items will be discounted on the last week the pool is open. The Governing Body and City Staff appreciate our community members for understanding the late opening date and extra precautions to keep everyone safe. As the pool closes, the Splash Pad will remain open through September, depending on the weather.



## Utility Bill Late Payments

Neighbors, the Goddard City Council recently voted to not renew the grace period for delinquent payments on utility bills. This was extended in May, to last until July 31. The intent was to give community members time to set up payment plans or pay their bills entirely. At this point, citizens can still choose to enter a payment plan system, where late fees will be waived. However, the bills must be paid within 90 days of starting the payment plan to avoid these late fees. We highly recommend setting up this payment plan in August. Those who do not set up a payment plan will face shutoffs starting in September 2020. Please call the Utility Billing Clerk at (316) 794-2441 to discuss your options.



The Goddard Glance is a news release for citizens, published by The City of Goddard, KS. The Glance is included with monthly water bills. Also, it is available at Goddard City Hall, on [goddardks.gov](http://goddardks.gov) and our Facebook page @goddardkansas. If you wish to include any potential articles you can do so by emailing [tmoddie@goddardks.gov](mailto:tmoddie@goddardks.gov) or calling (316) 794-2441. The articles must be submitted one week before release of the publication.



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## Sedgwick County Rural Meals

Neighbors, Sedgwick County has recently implemented a Rural Meals program for Senior Citizens. If you live in the Goddard City Limits or nearby in rural areas, you can likely qualify. This program is for Senior Citizens, over the age of 60. To qualify, you must be homebound (unable to leave the home or only able to leave for medical appointments, essential tasks).

During the COVID-19 crisis, homebound includes those seniors who are at risk for being out in public. The program includes 14 meals, every two weeks. The meals are delivered in a cooler to your doorstep and simply must be carried inside and stored by the resident. The meals are nutritionally tailored for each person and you have a decision in what you want to eat. To see if you can qualify for this program, call – (855) 200-2372.



## Mowing Season 2020

It is mowing season again. The City of Goddard would like to remind everyone to maintain their lawns and to keep their grass cut below eight inches. If you notice a Neighbor with overgrown grass, please call City Hall at (316) 794-2441

Weeds are considered a nuisance by the City of Goddard and the City would like to remind everyone to remove all weeds from their lawns and gardens. The City would like to thank everyone for their help in keeping Goddard a beautiful place to live!



## Brush Pile

As a courtesy to our residents, the public works department operates a brush pile for tree limbs or brush on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. during the summer and on the second Saturday each month from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The pile is located at 1206 S. 199th St. W.

By law, the City cannot accept trash, boards, logs, or fencing of any kind. Please refrain from including any of these materials when utilizing the burn pile. To schedule an appointment, call the Public Works line at (316) 794-8992.

## 2nd Street Construction

Hi Neighbors! As a reminder, street construction on 2nd street will be taking place. The construction company will be grading the road and improving the surface. Please use caution when traveling through the area. Find alternative routes if possible! Also, during construction, please drive slowly and watch for any workers present. Also, always drive around cones and never through construction! City Staff hopes this construction will solve the issue of potholes in the area and improve the street surface for the near future.



## 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.



## 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!

