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## Water-Wise Tips

Use organic mulch around trees and plants – you can get free mulch at Christmas tree recycle sites

Check for leaks in your pipes that may cause additional use

Install a low flow showerhead to reduce water usage

## Upcoming Events

New Years-  
City Offices Closed  
January 1st

Council Meeting  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

Dr. Martin Luther King  
Jr. Day-Offices Closed  
January 20<sup>th</sup>

Council Meeting  
January 21<sup>st</sup>

Visit the Goddard Library  
website for even more  
community events



## Mayor's Message

Hello Friends and Neighbors:



I hope 2014 is off to a great start for you and your family! Since the City of Goddard doesn't have a formal "State of the City Address", I thought I would re-cap some of our accomplishments for the past year. Our new storm shelter opened in the spring, and was used by many residents when the Tornado sirens sounded. Thanks to the Lions Club, and our Public Works employees we have new playground equipment in linear park. We began a community yard waste compost site. Our citizen notification system "the Goddard Pulse" has been put in place for alerting residents about situations

of concern. The Veteran's Memorial was opened in linear park to honor all military service people. Our city enjoyed great participation for community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Celebration, National Night Out, our Goddard Gatherings, the Fall Festival and the Christmas Tree Lighting and Evening with Santa. There are always fun things to do in our wonderful city, with more great things yet to come! Stay tuned.

*Warmest wishes, Marcey*

## Christmas Tree Recycling

As the new year begins and our holiday decorations come down there is one question that many of us have, "what should I do with my Christmas tree?" Instead of hiding it in your back yard or trying to stuff it into the trash, you should recycle it. Sedgwick County has a few Christmas tree recycling sites that you can take advantage of, and as an added benefit, they provide free mulch at the recycle sites.

Christmas tree recycling sites are open until January 13<sup>th</sup>

115 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Colwich, Kansas  
7001 W 21<sup>st</sup> St., Wichita, Kansas  
Garden Plain Water Tower



## 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](http://www.goddardks.gov)

USD 265  
[www.goddardusd.com](http://www.goddardusd.com)

Sedgwick County  
[sedgwickcounty.org](http://sedgwickcounty.org)

State of Kansas  
[www.state.ks.us](http://www.state.ks.us)



## Water Payments

Paying your water bill on time can save you a lot of money.

Remembering to pay your bills can be difficult, especially when life gets busy. This is evident every month when late fees are added and services are shut off. If you don't pay your bill before the 20<sup>th</sup> a late fee of 10% is added to the bill. Late fees can really add up if you

frequently forget to make your payments on-time. To save yourself the trouble of writing a check each month you can sign up for automatic payments from your checking account (ACH). Signing up for ACH doesn't take long and forms for automated payments can be found online or by visiting City Hall. ACH is a free service, and can save you from any late fees.

City Staff does not like to charge late payments or shut off water services, and it ends up costing you a lot of money when it happens. Please remember to pay on time!

\* If you would like to pay with your debit or credit card there is a 2.5% fee (\$2.00 Minimum) if you make that payment at City Hall, or there is a 2.5% fee (\$3.95 minimum) with online payments.

## Winter Travel Kit

It is important to be prepared when you travel this time of year. Here are 10 things you should have with you in your car

1. Windshield Scraper
2. Water/Snacks/Energy Bars
3. A Flashlight with batteries
4. First Aid Kit- with medications, bandages, cleansing pads, etc.
5. Small Shovel
6. Tow Rope or Chain
7. Road Salt and Kitty Litter
8. Booster Cables
9. Hats/Mittens/Blankets/Coats
10. Common Sense



The City is committed to make winter driving as safe as possible, but it is up to you to do your part. Make sure to stay safe and watch out for others. If you ever think that driving conditions are unsafe please stay at home, never go out if you don't feel comfortable