



Goddard Glance

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Lake Afton Park

Lake Afton Park is located just Southwest of Goddard on W MacArthur Road. Although it is owned and operated by Sedgwick County, the lake is still in close proximity to Goddard. The lake is 258 acres with the ability for recreational boating, swimming and fishing. There is also RV and tent camping sites surrounding the lake, that are available for rent. Shelters can also be reserved for events. Other amenities include Lake Afton Public Shooting Range, which is managed by Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Also, there is the Lake Afton Public Observatory where public visitors can view stars and planets. To schedule a visit to the observatory, go to lakeafton.com. As for more information on Lake Afton Park, visit sedgwickcounty.org/parks/lake-afton-park/.



Chicken Permits

The City of Goddard allows citizens to have up to 6 female chickens if they can build a coop and a run for the chickens. A chicken permit is also required and must be renewed annually. If you have an HOA in your neighborhood you must also obtain permission from them before you can pull a chicken permit. Chicken permits can be obtained through the City permit portal at the following website link: goddardks.viewpointcloud.com. If there are any questions regarding owning chickens in Goddard feel free to call the City Planner at 316-794-2441.



GUMC Clothes Closet

The Goddard United Methodist Church has a ministry that provides gently used clothes, shoes, housewares and various other donated items. The Clothes Closet is located at 301 N. Elm and is always open to the public. The hours are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A nominal fee of .50 cents per item is charged. Gently used items are accepted in the donation bins which are located on the premises. No furniture is accepted. If you have questions, feel free to contact Glenda Riemann at (316) 794-2207.



Goddard Glance Digital

Are you interested in reading previous Goddard Glance articles? They are now consolidated to one place! If you visit goddardglance.com, every edition of the Glance since 2013 is available to read digitally. On the website, the Glance can be found under the Transparency Tab. We encourage you to read previous editions of the Glance if you are curious about previous articles! The City strives to keep the public updated through the Glance. We hope to continue to expand the Glance and increase transparency. If you have an idea for an article, update about an event or knowledge of local projects, email story ideas to marketing@goddardks.gov.

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Water Leaks

Hello Neighbors! Are you noticing an unusually steep water bill? It might have something to do with a sudden jump in water use due to leaks. This could be on purpose, due to taking more showers or running the sprinkler system in the summer. However, if your behavior has not changed but your bill has, you might need to investigate it further. First, you should check your toilets, sinks and showers for leaks. Some toilets may flow water continuously if not running properly. Sinks and showers in rooms that are not used often may leak without your knowledge. Also, checking your sprinkler system for leaks could help mitigate any extra water use. Next, make sure you have not left a hose or spigot on, even slightly! Lastly, if you feel your water use has dramatically spiked without any major changes, check with City Hall! There could be a pipeline leak or water meter issue when bills change dramatically in a short window. Call City Hall at (316) 794-2441 if you have any further questions on your bill or conserving water!



Lost and Found

Hi Neighbors! As a reminder, there have been numerous items found by the Goddard Post Office! The post office is located at 328 N Main St. If you have lost any items in the past year, they may be at the post office. The local post office keeps a box of miscellaneous items that have been lost in the community. If you find a lost item, you can always deliver it to City Hall and leave it with the Goddard Police Department at 118 N Main St.



STOP for School Buses

Neighbors, as a reminder when a school bus is stopped, you must stop. When the STOP Sign on the side of the bus is deployed and the flashing lights are on, it is your responsibility to stop and watch for children entering the bus or crossing the road. If you are behind the bus, do not try to pass. If you are coming from the opposite direction, make sure to stop completely until the sign is closed and the flashing STOP lights are off. Often, bus drivers will wave you on when the children have already entered the bus and it is safe to move forward. If you notice a bus starting to stop or leaving from a stop, it is always wise to slow down and watch for children. Being safe around buses and following the law helps protect children who ride the bus! The few extra seconds it takes to stop for a school bus will not impact your drive time substantially. Please always consider safety around school buses!



Cleanup After Pets

The City of Goddard would like to remind all citizens to please pick up after your animals if they use the bathroom. This applies to private as well as public property. Every pet owner is responsible for cleaning up their animal's waste in their backyard on a weekly basis or more frequently if the need calls for it. If animal waste is not cleaned up frequently enough to the satisfaction of the City, property owners will be cited. If your animal defecates on the sidewalk, street, or neighbor's lawn you must pick up that waste. Please help us all work towards keeping Goddard clean!

