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Newsletter for May 2018



Kansas Begins Here!



Annual Water Quality Report

Your 2018 Consumer Confidence Report covering 2017 is now available. This report is a snapshot of the quality of the water we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to EPA and state standards. The City of Goodland's annual water quality report online at www.cityofgoodland.org. Please call 785-890-4500, if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

*****NOTICE*****

City Offices will be closed on May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

New Alarm Ordinance to Go Into Effect June 1, 2018

During 2017, 90 False Alarms requiring emergency response were reported out of 90 Total Alarms (100%). As of April 2018, 29 False Alarms were reported out of 30 Total Alarms (96%). In an effort to cut down on false alarms requiring emergency response, the City Commission approved Ordinance 1712 on April 16, 2018. Here's what you need to know:

- Individuals and businesses shall be required to register their alarm system with the City beginning June 1, 2018
- Applications for an alarm permit will be available at the Police Department
- A one-time fee of \$25 will be assessed
- There will be no charge for annual renewals
- A City inspection must be completed before a permit can be issued
- A sticker will be provided to permit recipients to place on their front door
- After the third false alarm, fees will be assessed on an increasing scale for each false alarm thereafter
- Emergency Services will always respond to alarm signals, regardless of false alarm history

Similar ordinances have been shown to drastically reduce the number of false alarms in other communities. For further details and a full-text copy of Ordinance 1712, please contact the City Office.



Run For The Wall - May 19th-20th

Help us welcome the riders to Goodland!

Saturday May 19th

-They will ride into town around 5:30 pm. Go north on K-27 to 8th street and across to Caldwell and across 13th to Northwest Tech.

-Flags at overpass on Road 17.

-Flags at Gulick Park 5:30 pm.

-Dinner will be served to the riders at Northwest Tech.

**College opens at 4:00 PM.

-Public welcome to see the bikes.

-A short welcome program.

Sunday May 20th

-Rotary will serve them breakfast at Northwest Tech.

-Get your flags out and line Caldwell or Pioneer Park around 8:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to show your support. They will parade down Caldwell from 13th to K-27 at 8:15 AM.

Upcoming Events at the High Plains Museum



- May 5th: WWII Walking Cemetery Tour: Tours begin at 1:00p & 3:00p, at the Goodland Cemetery. This will be a WWII focused tour with Veterans, “Rosie” and home front agriculture stories. Community volunteers will be acting as characters. Please bring assistive devices, such as wheelchairs, if needed.
- May 11th: Science Olympiad Exhibit begins. Learn the history of the team and explore the interactive science exhibit using Science Olympiad projects, designed by the GHS Science Olympiad Team and Kim Artzer’s Speech class.

Information on Industrial Revenue Bonds

On April 16th, The Goodland City Commission unanimously approved the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs) for a new hotel project in Goodland. Leading up to the meeting, there was some confusion regarding what an IRB is. Here are the basics:

- IRBs are one of the most popular and cost-effective Economic Development tools in a City’s toolbox.
- IRBs are used in Kansas to finance acquisition and construction of a broad variety of industrial and commercial properties.
- IRBs require a governmental entity to act as the “issuer” of the bonds, who will hold an ownership interest in the property for as long as the IRBs are outstanding.
- The issuer is a passive conduit whose role is essentially to lend its status as a municipal corporation to the transaction.
- There is never any obligation for the issuer/City to pay bondholders, and therefore no risk to taxpayers.
- The issuer can provide property tax exemptions and sales tax exemptions on construction materials for the project.
- Whenever tax exemptions are anticipated, a Cost-Benefit Analysis must be provided to prove the project’s value and return on investment.

For further information on IRBs, or to apply for an IRB your project, please contact Suzanne McClure, Economic Development Director or Andrew Finzen, City Manager at 785-890-4500.

Highway 24 Garage Sales are set for June 1st - 3rd. Stop by the City Office to get your name on the map. *\$10.00 per address* Maps will be available at Cowboy Corner, Casey’s, and High Plains Museum, beginning on Friday, June 1st. Community maps can also be viewed on the Highway 24 Garage Sales Facebook Page.

Goodland Police Department Bicycle Roundup

Join us May 30th from 8am-10am at the Goodland Elks Lodge for snacks, prizes, games and a bicycle obstacle course. This event is specifically for children ages 6-11. Make sure to bring your bicycle and helmet to join in on all of the fun! Pre-registration is due by May 25, 2018. To register you may call the Goodland Police Department at 785-890-4570 or the Sunflower Extension Office at 785-890-4880, stop by 204 West 11th Street Goodland, KS 67735 or email goodland.police@cityofgoodland.org. If you choose to pre-register by email please include the child’s name and age. Parents are encouraged to attend! (The roundup is limited to fifty participants, and a parental release form must be signed on or before the date of the round up.) **A special thank you to the Sunflower Extension Office, Patrick Gleason, Walmart, Elks and Kiwanis Recycled Cycles Program, for helping to make our Bicycle Roundup a continued success.**

Tree Corner



The public is invited to celebrate Arbor Day on May 7th at 1:30pm, at Chambers Park. Goodland will also be celebrating 39 years of being named a Tree City USA community.