

City of Goodland

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Newsletter for August 2017



Kansas Begins Here!



School offices open August 1st

Enrollment for Pre K - 12th grades

August 8th 7am to 1pm

August 9th 1pm to 7pm

@ Goodland Jr/Sr High School.

Jr/Sr High - 890-5656
North Elementary - 890-6558
West Elementary - 890-6163
SCECC - 890-2552

Enrollment procedures include: Verifying schedules, paying fees/lunches, and confirming transportation.

ALL OVERDUE FEES NEED TO BE PAID FOR AT ENROLLMENT.

**Please note there is a new lunch balance policy taking effect 17-18 school year.

Proof of identity: State law requires proof of identity be provided to the school for all students new to the district.

****If you can not make it to enrollment please contact the school your child is attending on August 1st to make arrangements.****



Steever Water Park Updates:

- ◆ Steever Water Park Fair Week Hours: July 29th-August 4th 1pm-5pm
- ◆ August 17th and 18th: Open from 4pm-7pm
- ◆ Steever Water will be closing for the season on August 20th. The water park will be open that day from 1pm-4pm. There will also be a Pooch Plunge from 4pm-6pm.



Volunteer Paint the Parks Day

Goodland has received a grant to help refresh our playground equipment at Chambers, Phillips, and Rosewood Parks.

Volunteers are needed to help with this project.

It is tentatively planned to paint on September 13th, from 4pm-8pm.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer, please contact Jessica at the City Office: 785-890-4500, to sign up.

A Volunteer Appreciation Hamburger and Hotdog Feed will be provided that evening.

Let's work together and brighten up our parks again!





How to Handle Approaching Emergency Vehicles on the Road and Driving Safely Around Emergency Vehicles

In order to ensure that emergency vehicles get clear passage to respond to situations quickly, there is a protocol that drivers must follow when an emergency vehicle is approaching.

The Steps You Should Take:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) provides a set of steps under the acronym SIREN to help drivers understand what they should do in this situation. The SIREN protocol is as follows:

- **Stay Alert:** As a driver, this is something you should be doing at **all times** anyway, but there is special emphasis on listening to your surroundings so that you can hear emergency vehicle sirens or horns. This means paying attention to the road, keeping the music down in your car, and possibly even driving with your window cracked to better hear outside the vehicle. **Remember to check your rear view mirror regularly, while driving.** When you hear an emergency vehicle's sirens, look to see where it is on the road.
- **Investigate:** Look in your rearview mirror as well as to the sides of your car to gauge how fast the emergency vehicle is going and to figure out what you will do next.
- **React:** Pull over to the side of the road safely, signaling as you do so to alert the driver of the emergency vehicle of your intentions. Though it's important to react quickly, you shouldn't put yourself or anyone else in danger. After pulling over, wait until the emergency vehicle has passed, and look for others—there may be more than one on the way.
- **Enter:** Next, re-enter the roadway. Be sure it is safe for you to get back on the road, then signal and merge with traffic. If you are on the side of the highway, be extra careful as you will need to get up to freeway speeds.
- **Never:** There are a few things you should avoid doing in this situation. Don't pull over or stop somewhere if there isn't enough room for you to do so safely. You should also never follow an emergency vehicle or try to pass one. Remain a minimum of 500 feet behind a moving emergency vehicle that has its lights and siren on.

What If I See a Stopped Emergency Vehicle?

If this is the case (for instance, emergency responders are helping individuals involved in an accident), you should reduce your speed and move over a lane if you can. If you're unable to change lanes, you will need to slow down and proceed cautiously. This is known as the "Move Over Law," and it applies in all 50 states. Be sure to pay attention and follow the instruction given by those, who are directing traffic. Though you may be interested in the situation, please focus on how you can safely and efficiently drive through the area.

