

# City of Goodland

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Newsletter for January 2019



**Kansas Begins Here!**



**Free Tag Day will be on  
\*\*TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th\*\***

**Hours are 7am - 4pm**

**Proof of rabies vaccination required**



- City Offices will be closed on January 21st during Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Note that the 2nd City Commission meeting of the month will be held January 22nd because of the holiday.



The Animal House will be holding a vaccination clinic. MUST have an appointment. Please call 890-6166 for more information.

\*Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 9am - 3pm

\*Monday, January 7, 2019 - 9am - 4pm

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### Happenings at the High Plains Museum



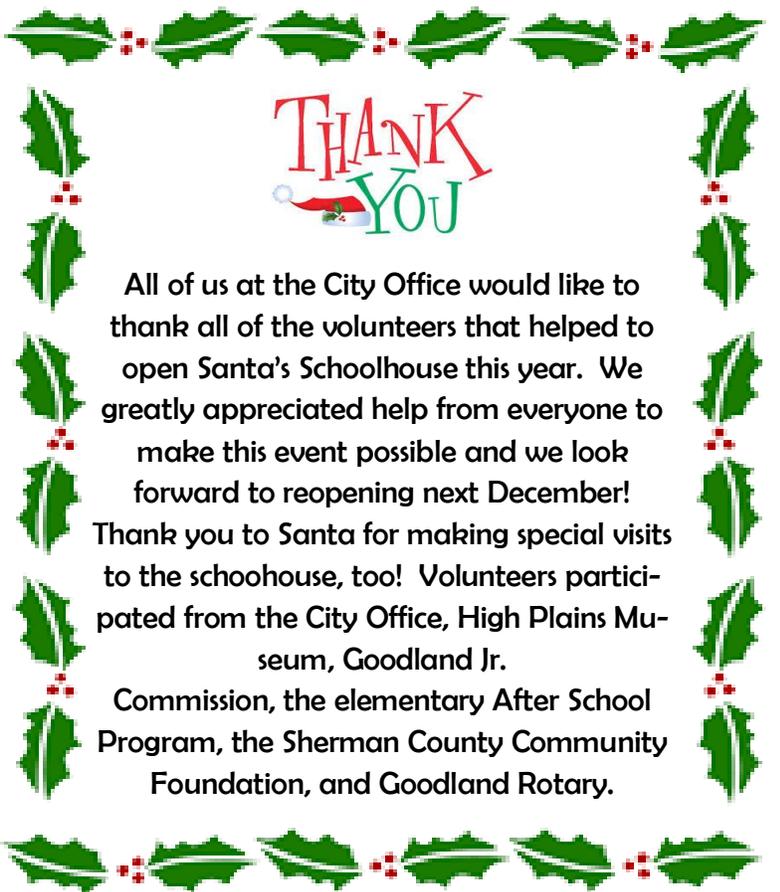
Arriving January 4th - Stop in the explore Kansas from A to Z with the traveling exhibit, "K is for Kansas", from the Kauffman Museum.



**THANK YOU**

All of us at the City Office would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped to open Santa's Schoolhouse this year. We greatly appreciated help from everyone to make this event possible and we look forward to reopening next December!

Thank you to Santa for making special visits to the schoolhouse, too! Volunteers participated from the City Office, High Plains Museum, Goodland Jr. Commission, the elementary After School Program, the Sherman County Community Foundation, and Goodland Rotary.



## *Message from the Manager...*

*Happy New Year 2019*

From all of us at the City of Goodland, I would like to wish the Goodland community a Happy New Year. As we enter 2019, I think it is important to reflect upon the successes of 2018 and to convey how we have been responsible stewards of your tax dollars.

The City has always focused on infrastructure improvements in our community and 2018 was no exception. This past year, construction began on a \$2.3 million street rehabilitation and pavement project addressing numerous streets across Goodland. At the end of the year, pavement and/or curb and gutter work has been completed on 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Industrial Park Road, Cherry Street from 17<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Cherry to Caldwell. This project will be completed in Spring of 2019 with work on 15<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Caldwell, Eastridge from 10<sup>th</sup> to Eustis, Eustis from 8<sup>th</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Main to Broadway, Center from 17<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, Sherman from 17<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Grand to Sherman, and 25<sup>th</sup> Street from Commerce to the ballfields.

The Electric Department was able to complete its first phase of replacing street lights on Highway 24 east of the Highway 27 intersection with new LED lights. These lights allow for increased visibility and lower operational cost. In addition, we ran all underground conduit for this project, so no more overhead power lines!

In 2018, the City was able to acquire and remodel property at 524 E. Highway 24 which has become the new Goodland Welcome Center. Its location immediately in front of our biggest tourist attraction – the Van Gogh painting – has allowed us to interact with a record number of visitors to our community, enabling us to help direct them to local businesses and attractions.

The services our firefighters and police officers provide become more demanding each year as calls for service seem to continue to increase annually. I would urge you to thank our first responders every opportunity you can as they put themselves in harms way to afford us the security and protection we all enjoy.

The City continues to pursue unfit and hazardous structures in the community. While there are always more unfit structures to be addressed than funding allows in a given year, we were able to address six properties in 2018 which had hazardous and blighted conditions.

This December we were able to organize the first “Santa’s Schoolhouse” in Goodland. Utilizing the one-room school house next to the High Plains Museum, we were able to give families the opportunity to enjoy an early 1900’s Christmas, complete with Santa, his sleigh, and historical decorations and goodie bags for the kids. This was the “trial run” of an event we hope to grow and improve upon for years to come.

City administration is always looking for grant opportunities to help fund projects and take the burden off our taxpayers. In 2018, we were able to secure grant funding for another block of Main Street brick street improvements from the Kansas Department of Transportation (\$300,000), trail funding from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation (\$250,000), playground equipment from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation (\$15,000), a replacement Police K-9 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation (\$5,000), funding for Run for the Wall from the Sherman Community Foundation (\$5,000), a replacement Police K-9 from the Sherman Community Foundation (\$5,000), playground equipment from the Sherman Community Foundation (\$5,000), the Santa’s Schoolhouse project from the Sherman Community Foundation (\$5,000), and improvements to the flower bed on the north side of Gulick Park from the Sherman County Community Foundation (\$3,300). There are dozens of other projects the City has accomplished in 2018, but hey, they only give me a page! We are able to achieve so much here thanks to our excellent staff. The City is, after all, an organization made up of people; many of whom have committed their lives to public service. I would also like to thank our City Commission for doing the difficult and often thankless work that elected officials are tasked with doing.

Again, Happy New Year from the City of Goodland – let’s make the year 2019 even better than the last!

-Andrew Finzen, City Manager