

**Airport Report
Garnett Industrial Airport
February – 2019
Gary Ecclefield – Manager**

1. Completed February Report.
2. Fuel Transactions and Invoices.
3. Sent Weather Data to the National Weather Service.
4. Attended Community Development meeting.
5. Green beacon is still out. (The white only beacon indicates our Airport is a heliport.)
6. Have learned the Ottawa and Allen county Airports are using Buypass (same as us) to process their credit card fuel sales.
7. Manager's contract and review/evaluation is due.
8. Cost to have a dedicated phone line for the fuel credit card system was eliminated by a new technology called phone stick. (note from 2011)
9. Still pursuing a company to process our credit card sales.
10. Kdot Aviation Division informed of our Grant submission to the FAA for runway renovations.
11. Total moisture received for the month of February was 1.43 inches. Total snowfall was 4.6 inches.

Flight Activity

Many days of below VFR weather conditions for fixed wing aircraft. Had some helicopter operations and one out of state flight by a local pilot for advanced flight training, otherwise a very slow month for the Airport.

Projects

1. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs. (bids received)
2. Fueling ramp pavement.
3. Heights and Hazards awareness.
4. Pursue Master Plan.
5. Air Fair 2019.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 5, 2019

GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Membership-I am currently working on maintaining current memberships and recruit new members.

The Chamber Budget report was completed for 2018 as well as 2019, which was approved by the board.

There will tentatively be a ribbon cutting ceremony for AirMedcare at Anderson County Hospital towards the end of April.

Weekly eblasts continue. Monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, visiting businesses to meet their needs.

This week, I will assist Susan with the Neighborhood Champions/Everyday Heroes event on Wednesday. She continues to teach and expand my knowledge of events, the planning and preparation that goes into them, and the promotions necessary.

I participated in the First Impressions Program with Julie, Susan, Chris and Jody. I learned from each of them about assessment of a community, paying attention to the small details, and learned about infrastructure, signage, and building structures. I am also learning about city codes and how to stay in compliance.

Chamber Board and Tourism Board meetings Continue.

Working on City and Chamber websites to make sure information is current. Working with Susan on Community Calendar information, adding new events and updating where necessary. Continue to update www.travelks.com website to get that information current for events and businesses in Garnett. Will be taking brochures and materials to the depot, library and kiosks as well as businesses to make sure city brochures and upcoming event posters are current.

I will be attending the Entrepreneur Education Series presented by Kansas SBDC through PSU, which includes Social Media, Marketing, and Understanding Financial Statements. There will also be a Grant Writing Workshop at the end of the month that I am hoping to attend, along with several local events for Marketing and Promotional purposes.

Kris Hix, Executive Director

Nuisance Violations 2018

128 Inspections

128 Notices delivered or mailed

66 Property owners or residents corrected the issue without further action

10 Citations were written resulting in at least 20 court appearances and one appeal to Anderson County District Court. All pled or were found guilty and given ample time to pay their fines.

68 Weed and brush notices were delivered or mailed.

15 to 20 Properties were mowed by the city crews.

6 Properties still non-compliant and have asked for more time .

January—February 2019

8 notices were sent for junk and inoperable vehicles. Two have requested more time due to weather. 6 notices will be delivered next week if the weather allows. Slick sidewalks and steps have really slowed delivery down. 5 are for untagged or inoperable vehicle and one is for junk.

I will continue to work north and then start all over again.

Report for Community Development/Tourism for March
By Susan Wettstein

We have been working on preparation for the *Celebrating Community Champions and Everyday Heroes* event, which had to be postponed from February 20th to March 6th due to winter weather.

The annual Vested Water Rights reports were submitted to the state recently. Work continues to cross train office staff in the utility reports and other duties I have had over the years.

We have been promoting some workshops and events. A free workshop will be held March 7th by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) helps businesses and organizations learn how to promote themselves on social media, followed by a workshop on Quickbooks applications. A grant workshop will be held by the Frontier District, K-State Research and Extension on March 28th. We are co-sponsoring this event in hopes that civic organizations, churches and governmental entities in this area will take advantage of this opportunity to learn the basics on how to find and write grants. The cost for the grant workshop is \$10 and includes lunch. It is vital to the success of businesses and the future of our organizations to participate in these types of workshops to equal the competitive playing field.

We took a trip to Columbus, Kansas as a part of our First Impressions program. In reciprocation, members of their community have visited Garnett. In this program, we were tasked with researching their website and online presence, and then visit areas in the community, such as the business districts, schools, hospital and healthcare, parks, government offices, etc., to provide feedback on our first impression about appearance, access to services, infrastructure, and how we were treated by members of the community. On April 15th, we will be hosting a public forum to release the first impression findings that members of the Columbus community gave on their perception of Garnett. The forum will be held at Town Hall Center at 7 p.m.

Following the selection and final design work of a city flag design, we are now looking at purchasing city flags that will fly at city facilities under the Kansas flag.

We will be quoting fireworks for Libertyfest. Fundraising will take place in the upcoming months. Donations can be given to the Garnett Community Foundation. Libertyfest will be held on Saturday, July 6th.

Applications for the Garnett Remembers patriotic banner project are trickling in. Deadline to sponsor a banner is March 30th.

We will be hosting the League of Kansas Municipalities one day City Clerk Fundamentals training (Municipal Training Institute) on April 5th in the Archer Room. City clerks from around the state will be attending. As hosts, we are able to have City Clerk Travis Wilson attend at no charge.

We are meeting with local motel management and reaching out to local attractions to see how we can better promote the Garnett area and bring in more visitors.

As usual, website and social media work keeps us busy. *Town Talk* will be printing this month and mailed out by the end of March. The newsletter is distributed to over 2,200 households by mail, with additional copies available at the library, depot and city hall. The newsletter also makes it into our welcome bags that are given out to campers in our parks, to the motels and B&B to put in rooms, and provided to meetings, workshops and special events.

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3/6/19

Electric Distribution Department.

The line crew repaired lighting at city hall, recreation center, and lighted street signs, street lights, and security lights throughout the city as reported.

The crew is currently cutting trees away for services and primary lines at these locations:

404 N Hickory

Between 4th&5th on Spruce Between 1st&2nd on Elm

Between 2nd&3rd on Walnut 2nd & Olive north to Monroe

From Olive on Monroe Between 6th&7th on Pine to Elm

Between 1st & Monroe remove 2 trees.

They helped the street crew pick up brush from trees cut along Olive.

Performed routine maintenance on all of our arborist saws and stick saw. Sharpened and replaced chains that were worn out. Performed routine maintenance on line trucks. Preparing for the possible incoming inclement weather.

Repaired 200 amp underground service at 59 Leewood. It was determined that at some point in time work was done on the sewer line from the residence to the sewer main. It was back filled with soil that had rock in it. A rock or rocks got directly on both phases cutting into the insulation causing the failure. We covered the wires with clean dirt free of rocks.

Moved telephone wire to file room for the fax machine to be moved.

Rewired the sign in front of Garnett Fire Station to be able install new LED lamps. Repaired runway lights at the Garnett Airport.

Started removing Winter Banners and installing Green Spring banners. The Green Spring Banners are the oldest banners we have. We have owned these banners for approximately 15 to 20 years now. The stitching on the banners are failing, we inspected them before installing, but we will have 1 to 3 a week depending on weather conditions (windy conditions) that we will need to replace and get to a seamstress for repairs.



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February 2019

Department Responses

2/1/19 Medical assist on North Oak

2/4/19 Fire Call at Business on North Maple

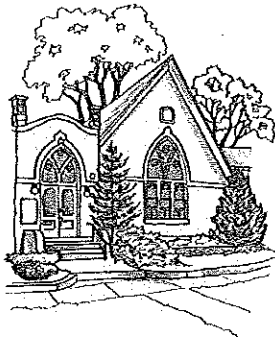
2/18/19 Smoke in a house on South Elm

2/22/19 Fuel spill 4th & Oak

2/26/19 House Fire on East 7th House destroyed

2/27/19 Assist EMS on Links Drive

Training is ongoing with two classes in February, the National Weather Service talking about severe weather and a three class on bleeding control. Active shooter class is coming up in March, an all day class, and we are participating in a large scale drill in May .Two classes were cancelled because of weather.



GARNETT PUBLIC LIBRARY²⁶

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March 4, 2019

Dear Mayor Gwin

The Garnett Public Library Board of Trustees has two positions that need to be filled. I am taking a new job out of town and will be moving very soon, so someone will need to be appointed to fill out my unexpired term. Betts Abraham has served her two full terms on the board so her position is open as well.

Two members of the community have expressed interest in serving on the board and we are asking the commission for their appointments to the board.

Denise Scheibmeir has previously served on the Friends of the Library Board as well as on the Library Board many years ago. She continues to be a staunch supporter of the library and a great volunteer, currently serving as the FOL book sale chairman.

Sharon Yost is an avid user of the library, a FOL member and is actively involved with the Senior Citizen Center.

Please consider both of them as new appointments to the library board.

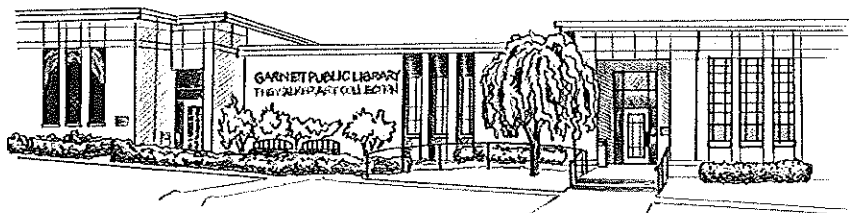
Additional board members are: Mike Hermann, Linda Huettenmueller, Sandra Moffatt, Carrie Rulon and Jennifer Sibley.

Both Betts and I have enjoyed our service on the board and thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Steve Markham
President
Garnett Public Library Board

2019



March Madness at the Library!!!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 *Peanut Butter Lovers Day Check something out from the library – get a Reese’s peanut butter cup!	2 *Old Stuff Day – check out a book published the year you were born, enter your name in a prize drawing!
3	4 Adult Reading Program Celebration party 7:00	5 Story Time 10:00	6 Teen Tech Grades 5-8 4:00	7 *Community Service Day – Bring in a non-perishable food item for ECKAN	8 *Team Color Day – wear your team logo to the library and get entered into a prize drawing.	9 *Guess the title of the book in the jar – enter to win a prize.
10	11 Spring Break Fun! Games and activities for 2nd-4 th grades. 1:00-3:00	12 “Llama, Llama Red Pajama” Storytime for Preschoolers -1 st grade 6:30p.m.	13 *Remember When- Musical Memories 10:00	14 Pi(e) Day – Celebrate Pi(e) Day at the library \$2.50 per slice.	15 *Guess the number of words in the book, closest guess wins a prize	16 *Check out a green book, enter your name in a prize drawing.
17	18 *Guess how many candies are in the jar – closest guess wins the jar of candy!	19 Story Time 10:00	20 *Caffeine & Colors Relax and enjoy an afternoon of coloring 1:00	21 *My library card can do what?!?!?! Learn all the free things you can do with your library card. 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	22 *Family Movie Night Smallfoot 7:00 in the Archer Room	23 Quilt Program The Library and the Quilt Guild are sponsoring a quilt program at the Community Building 10:30 a.m.
24	25 *Don’t Be a Victim! How to avoid identity theft and fraud. 7:00 p.m.	26 Story Time 10:00	27 Book Discussion “A sound among the trees” By Susan Meissner 7:00 p.m.	28 *Container Gardening Learn all you ever wanted to know about Container Gardening 7:00 p.m.	29 *Patron Appreciation Day! Come on in for a yummy gift.	30 Book Folding – Create a work of art from an old book 10:00 a.m. Preregistration is required.
31	<p>March Madness at the Library!</p> <p>Stop by the library during the month of March and help us celebrate our version of March Madness. An activity is scheduled each day. Each time you participate in a starred event, your name will be put in a drawing for a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. Complete details of each event will be available at the library. Call 448-3388 for more information or follow us on Facebook!</p>					

Parks/Recreation/Cemetery
Monthly Report
March 5, 2019

The guys continue to cut brush around the lake when the weather allows. They hope to have completed the entire East side of the lake before spring, but this all depends on the weather. They have also been pushing a lot of snow much like everyone else in the city. They help to clear the sidewalks around the recreation center and the trail. They also help the housing authority if they have time. While inside they have built some new signs for the lakes that show the length and creel limits for each individual lake. They are also in the process of rebuilding and fixing the soccer goals for the smaller soccer field. Along with that we have had a few funerals the past month as well.

Basketball season has come to an end and it was a very successful season. The final games of the season and the tournament were very action packed. It is always good to see the kids learn and grow throughout the season. The coaches, parents, and fans work very hard to make every sport a success. Up next is soccer and soon after that is baseball/softball. Registrations for soccer are closing soon and I hope to see good numbers again this year. I have tried to encourage more people to take advantage of the online enrollment and have seen that many have. This is very encouraging; the end goal is to decrease the amount of actual paperwork that we have, to help with efficiency and cut costs on paper that we use.

In February attended the Kansas Recreation and Parks Association state conference in Hutchinson. I came back with a lot of new ideas and some very valuable information on some programs and ideas that we may be able to implement here in town. I was also able to talk to many professionals about how their department is run and the direction they are taking things to keep up with the ever-changing demand placed on parks and recreation. Going to the conference is a great time to network with others around the state and see what everyone else is doing and what is new in the world of parks and recreation.

This past week I traveled to South Bend, Indiana to attend training for the new infield groomer that we had purchased. It was an excellent training and I am very excited to be able to use our new piece of equipment and be able to show you, the commissioners, and anyone that uses our ballfields that this purchase will take our fields to a whole new level. I am hoping that the weather dries out, so we can get on the fields soon. We have already started prep for this year's baseball/softball season. The school has graciously agreed to purchase more of the infield material, and we will be putting that down as soon as we get onto the fields. This material along with the new machine should decrease the number of rainouts that we have this year. I am looking forward to the season starting.

The recreation center is as busy as ever. With the cold weather there have been a lot of people coming in to workout. This in turn has again increased our membership and we continue to keep growing. With the recent retirement of Howard Purcell, we have been left with figuring out how to cover the extra hours at the recreation center. I have been filling in a couple days a week to relieve Charley and keep him from working all the time. We have also adjusted the hours during the school year to be more efficient with the hours we are working at the recreation center. The current hours are 2-7pm M-F and 8-12 on Saturday. However, when school is not in session like for spring break and holidays, we will expand hours to allow those kids to come in and have some fun on their break. I have also had a few people approach me and ask about personal training and some nutrition advice. This is not something that we currently offer, but I am looking to fill that gap very soon. I have also been in contact with an individual that is interested in donating some equipment to the recreation center, so I hope to be reporting on that as well.

We have done interviews for the Recreation Coordinator position and we have two individuals that are above all the other applicants. We are in the process now of deciding who to hire and when we can get them here and to work. I am very excited about this opportunity to add to staff. Like I said we need to not only focus on making sure what we currently offer is great but we need to look to the future and see what we can add to make sure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to take part in programs if they so choose.

If you have any questions about the parks or the things that we are doing do not hesitate to ask.

Thanks

Phil Bures

Parks and Recreation Director



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GPD Monthly Report for February 2019.

On February 2, 2019, GPD located a suspicious vehicle in the area of Red Jacket Campground. After an investigation a 36-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

On February 3, 2019, GPD conducted a traffic stop for a speeding infraction and noticed the driver did not have an ignition interlock device as they were supposed to. The 29-year-old male was arrested.

On February 3, 2019, GPD conducted a traffic stop for speeding and noticed the driver appeared to be under the influence of drugs. A field sobriety testing and DRE was performed on the driver. Based on the evaluation the driver was suspected to be under the influence of drugs. The 41-year-old female was released at that time and transported to the Anderson County Hospital by ambulance per her request for a previous injury. Once the lab reports return from the KBI, the driver will be charged with DUI based on the results.

On February 8, 2019, Officer Baumgardner was called out to perform a DRE on a driver for the Anderson County Sheriff Office.

On February 9, 2019, GPD was dispatched to a residence for a past burglary of theft of prescription medication and money. After the initial report the cases was turned over to investigations. GPD detective spent several hours working this investigation and once the victim refused to cooperate in the investigation, the case was closed out as unfounded. GPD spent approximately 40 hours working this unfounded investigation.

On February 12, 2019, GPD responded to an illegal burn in Garnett. Once GPD arrived, they located drug paraphernalia on a person. The 38-year-old male was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On February 12, 2019, GPD responded to a injury accident, car vs. bicycle, at 4th and Maple. A minor child rode their bike onto Maple at the cross walk and was struck by a northbound vehicle. The child suffered minor injury. No citations were issued as the child was at fault.

On February 15, 2019, GPD responded to an erratic driver call. GPD officer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. The officer then noticed that the driver appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance. After conducting SFST the driver, a 43-year-old male was arrested for DUI.

On February 16, 2019, GPD conducted a traffic stop for speeding. While the officer was talking to the driver, he noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver. The officer conducted SFST on the driver. A 23-year-old male was arrested for DUI.

On February 18 and 19, 2019, GPD officer noticed several areas in Garnett had been vandalized by graffiti. A total of 8 different places were the victim of criminal damage to property, including the City of Garnett. The case is under investigation currently.

On February 23, 2019, GPD responded to a domestic disturbance call. Once GPD arrived on scene and investigated the incident, a 53-year-old male was arrested for domestic violence and booked into the Anderson County Jail.

On February 24, 2019, GPD responded to a domestic disturbance call. Once GPD arrived on scene and investigated the incident, a 52-year-old male was arrested for domestic violence and booked into the Anderson County Jail.

On February 25, 2019, GPD took a report of theft from a local church. The church reported that they had been a victim of financial crimes. This case was turned over to investigations. Two detectives have been working this case around the clock since the initial report. During this investigation, other victims of financial crimes have been identified. The investigation is still ongoing.

On February 28, 2019, GPD was dispatched to a residence for suspicious activity. When GPD arrived, they spoke with an individual that appeared to be under the influence of methamphetamine. After a short struggle with officers, the 47-year-old male was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, battery on a LEO x2 and interference with a LEO. This case was sent to the County Attorney's office for Review.

On February 4, 2019, Tom Johnson was hired by the Garnett Police Department as an administration Sergeant. Tom's job will consist of assisting on administrative day to day operations, assisting in investigations, fill in on patrol when needed and several other roles within the department as needed. Tom brings in over 25 years of experience within Law Enforcement and over half of those years were in investigations and/or administration.

On February 12, 2019. Officer Frazier attended Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) re-certification. Re-certification is required every two years. This training also covers legal updates associated with DUI laws.

On February 13, 2019, Officer Donovan attended 8 hours of training in Mental Health First Aid. This class covered how to deal with people in crisis and the support systems that are in place for them.

For the month of February 2019, GPD took a total of 158 calls for service, conducted 71 traffic stops, and had 17 calls of service for animal control.

Kurt King
Chief of Police

Garnett Police Department

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Agency Statistics

February 2019

Reports Today: 1	MTD Reports This Year: 34
YTD Reports This Year: 68	YTD Reports Unapproved This Year: 10
MTD Reports Last Year: 35	YTD Reports Last Year: 53
MTD Arrests This Year: 15	YTD Arrests This Year: 37
MTD Arrests Last Year: 18	YTD Arrests Last Year: 29
MTD Citations This Year: 36	YTD Citations This Year: 101
MTD Citations Last Year: 38	YTD Citations Last Year: 93

Garnett Police Department

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Activity Totals

02/01/2019 - 02/28/2019

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	16	3	9	4	36	31	3	88	19	34	243

March 5, 2019

Public Works Report

The gas and water distribution system has held up nicely during the past month despite the freezing temperatures we have had. I do not believe we've had a single water leak surface. The gas system had a saddle tap break, most likely due to freezing ground temperatures and a much shallower bury depth. It was discovered and repaired within the same day. A regulator malfunctioned at our East Town Border station last week, discovered by Nicolas Menacho while repairing our access road to the station. I shut it out of the system that day. The following day I dismantled, inspected, and cleaned the regulator. It was then put back in service and is operating as intended. All records for the month are in order, and all One Call locates and service orders have been completed on schedule. Raymond and Nicolas have done quite a bit of cleaning and much needed painting in and around the South Shop during the inclement weather.

I am happy to report that the carbon dioxide system at the water plant has been repaired. I would like to thank Brian Dykes and Tom Lasser of Hawkins for locating an individual in Missouri who was able to come in and diagnose and repair the system with relative ease. This saved us from a possibly enormous expense should we have had to replace our current setup. Aside from that the plant has been operating well.

The Street Department has been rather busy lately with snow removal in the past few weeks. I would like to thank all of them and express my appreciation to these guys who have been making sure the trucks are loaded and ready to go prior to each storm, and for being out there nights, early mornings and weekends doing the best they can to ensure the roads are safe. I can't explain enough how much is expected out of this particular city department. From hand shoveling ice and snow from walkways, picking up trees and brush from ice, snow and storm damage, customers wanting trees removed from easements, ditches and gutters cleared, vehicles and equipment repairs, and just recently they have begun patching potholes, despite the freezing temperatures, that have increased tenfold due to the above average wet and freezing cold winter. The amount of work that will be required from them come Spring and Summer will be ridiculous, and I suspect I will have to throw a lot of resources from other departments at them to even cover a fraction of it all. Myself included. I can only assure you we'll be doing our best as time and resources permit.

The trash trucks have had bald tires replaced, and we will be sending in our alternative truck for maintenance work this month as we try to prolong the life of our current trash trucks. A plan was discussed with Mr. Weiner on our best course of action concerning this issue.

Sincerely,

Kenneth J Amaya

February – 2019, Sewer Dept.

With the kind of weather we have experienced this month, we have been limited to what we were able to do. We have our dry weather pumps for the North Plant Lift station repaired finally, and are waiting for warmer weather to install the last one.

Two of the three blowers here at the plant have been sent in for their 2 – 3 year checkups, and we are waiting for better weather to remove No. 3, here again it's either too wet to remove it, or too cold to do a proper job of installing it. We should have that job done by the end of March.

We received our 2013 F550 dump truck and have been helping haul snow for the Street Dept. and sludge to the landfill, so far it is just what was needed, so no more worries about brakes and safety issues.

Our heating and cooling unit here at the plant finally gave out, with the conditions here at the plant I am surprised it ran for as long as it did (16 – 17) years, the new unit will be installed soon (March – 11) and we can shut off the noisy electric heater we are using now.

All and all it has been a good month to catch up on building cleaning, taking inventory and working with Rusty on how things work here at the plant.

John L Olson