



## September 2020

- Working with 9 CDBG-CV applicants to receive funding
  - Two businesses in Anderson County have received their grant checks.
  - Two businesses were deemed ineligible.
  - Continue working with the remaining five businesses.
- Documenting, mapping, and photographing abandoned and dilapidated properties.
- Morning Mingle is sponsoring the following two events:
  - September “Concerts on the Lawn” – Each Thursday in September and one in October there will be music on the Courthouse Lawn starting at 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Farmers’ Market and the local businesses staying open.
- Love What’s Local Committee is rewarding those wearing the “Love What’s Local Garnett” t-shirts by having a drawing participant can enter when wearing the t-shirt in supporting businesses. The drawing will be held the end of the month and the winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from one supporting business.
  - Love What’s Local Shop Hop to benefit WINGS – October 2 & 3
- John Bauman is the new owner of 140 East 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Denise Law property).
- Kansas Works Mobile Unit is suspended from travel until further notice
- Working to organize Destination Creation Class #3.
- Continue working with potential new businesses.

**Airport Report  
Garnett Industrial Airport  
September 2020  
Pat Schettler – Manager**

1. Completed September Commission Report
2. Completed September fuel transactions and invoices.
3. Sent September weather data to the National Weather Service.
4. Reviewed and updated Based Aircraft on FAA website. No change.
5. The AWOS system is operating nominally. Jerry Miller (our technician) inspected the AWOS and made a change to the Visibility sensor.
6. Dudley Feuerborn's soybeans look great and are turning .
7. Fuel sales have continued at a good pace. We ordered our second load of 4000 gallons. It was more expensive than the earlier load this year but still a good price. We have sold over 6000 gallons this year which is more than double last year even with very little sold to local aerial applicators due to being so dry.
8. Work on the damaged Bonanza is continuing.
9. I am still working on trying to secure a newer airport car for the airport through a local business. In the meantime, the city is storing their older white Oldsmobile Cutlass at the airport so patrons can use it instead of the 1980 Taurus. The airport car is getting more use than it has gotten in the last many years bringing folks to local businesses.
10. Several folks inquiring about flying lessons. We have about 8 that are either looking to expand their licenses or acquiring their Private Pilot. I am looking into either a flying club or a rental aircraft through a club.
11. Three couples in Super Cubs met here from Dallas, Indiana and Kentucky and spent several days in Garnett. They attended the fireworks display, toured the aircraft graveyard in Rantoul and saw several Anderson county points of interest. They used the airport car to get from the airport to businesses, restaurants and motels.
12. All mowing equipment is working well and mowing is just starting to slow down. Applied one last spray treatment for the year.
13. Dale Pense, Lynn Davidson, McElwain Applicators, and a large Thrush Turbine and 803 Air Tractor Turbine out of Miami, OK have been transitioning to spreading a mix of rye, turnips and radishes inter seeded into farm ground.
14. Kept organizing the records. It is going to be an ongoing project.
15. I replaced 1 burnt out fluorescent with new LED bulbs.
16. The city trenched a new gas line north of the hangar row. Now any hangar can have access to gas with a city meter.
17. Ray with the city helped me dig a trench to run a pipe that will help drain the apron across the millings on the U driveway. It washes really bad and this should help mitigate it.
18. Ready for the fueling apron construction project which is slated to start Oct 5th.
19. Ready for the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Autocross event on Oct 10th. It is going to be a challenge having the event concurrent with the construction.
20. Met with Cody Gettler and showed him the airport and explained some of the pending projects.
21. I have updated the Garnett Industrial Airport Face book page with daily Hi/Lo temps and rain totals. Anyone on FB can access the previous days weather, weather totals and the forecast.
22. Total moisture for Sept was 2.16 inches

23. Average High temp/ Low temp = 78.2/ 56.2
24. Average high temp for Sept: 78.2. Average low temp: 56.2. Total rainfall at the airport for Sept: 2.16 inches. I went back 10 years and the highest average high was 85.9 (2019), the lowest average low was 52.2 (2011). This has been one of the years with the coolest lows. As far as rainfall, the highest monthly rainfall was 10.51 inches (2010) and lowest was 1.54 (2013).

#### **Flight Activity**

Several currency flights by local pilots. One Biannual Flight Review was completed.  
Transient flights are very common now.  
Spray planes are working spreading seed.

#### **Recommendations**

1. City Hangar and Airport Shop roofs. (pursuing grant from KDOT).
2. Fueling ramp and taxiway pavement.
3. Cracks in primary runway. (won a grant from KDOT) Repairs will be completed along with Fueling Apron Project to minimize cost.
4. Heights and Hazard documentation for the FAA.
5. Setting up the foundation for a new Runway.
6. Set up an Emergency Contingency Plan and Bird Mitigation Plan to lower Airport Insurance costs.

## GARNETT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Current Member count is 102! I have received more inquiries about membership and our Chamber Bucks Program. I am also connecting with other Chamber Directors to learn about their membership programs, benefits, education, training, and other ideas to create more value for our businesses as members. I encourage all our members to contact the Chamber office if they have specific requests for their business. New ideas are always welcome!

The Community Give Back Program the program will continue until funds are depleted. Totals to date: \$24,831.99 has been spent at 33 local businesses since the program began (this includes non-qualifying receipts received), and \$1740.00 in Chamber Bucks paid to shoppers. I would like to thank everyone within the community for their continued participation and support of this program. Your support of the local business community is greatly appreciated.

Weekly eblasts and monthly duties continue, including keeping bank accounts current, social media active, and keeping in contact with businesses to meet their needs. We continue to reach out to members, assist with training, websites, and finding the right resources. The Chamber has been working hard to provide information to our businesses, keeping our website updated, and assisting business owners as the opportunity arises.

The Chamber is currently offering online advertising on their website, and Business Spotlight opportunity. Contact the Chamber office at 785-448-6767 for more information.

Chamber Board elections will start soon. The Chamber currently has one vacant board seat, which is available to any Chamber Member in good standing. Contact the Chamber office if interested.

I would like to thank K-State Extension Office, City of Garnett, Garnett Community Development and all who participated in Garnett Farmers Market this season. Thursday, October 8, chili will be served for customer appreciation for the last market of the season. A special thank you to all the market vendors, old and new! You all have been a great help and resource for my first season at the market.

The name has been chosen for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual GACC Christmas Parade. "Golden Christmas Memories: 50 Years of Joy". The Chamber congratulates Bree Schafer and Carter Hermann for their Name the Parade entries. The Chamber chose two winners this year, combining Carter's "Golden Christmas Memories" and Bree's "50 Years of Joy" for this year's theme. Both winners received \$25 in Chamber Bucks, and will ride with Santa in the parade on November 28, 2020.

Chamber Board and Tourism Meetings are continuing, as well as Anderson County Covid-19 Task Force, LWL, and Morning Mingle and ACT Work Ready Community Committee.

Currently assisting Susan with welcome bags, printing/distributing of brochures, and social media, and updating kiosks and depot with current flyers and brochures. We are working to update the website and calendar with event changes and cancellations. Susan and I will attend the TIAK Virtual Conference and "Lead for Change" through the Kansas Leadership Center. The Fall Town Talk was printed and sent out.

Welcome bags with Garnett information are being distributed for new residents, events, and the campgrounds. 200 bags were distributed for the LGGPR event this weekend. If you have information(businesses) that you would like distributed in these bags, please contact the Chamber office. I encourage you to participate, whether it is a gift card, brochure, coupon, etc. This is an easy way to market your business. Also, these items are provided upon request when there is an inquiry about your business.

I continue to look towards the future, and the positive changes that are happening. I am excited to see where Garnett heads in the next few years, and honored to be part of helping our community grow!

Respectfully submitted by:

Kris Hix, Executive Director



*Small, Serene, Simply Garnett.*

## CLERK'S CORNER

### September Monthly Report

For the month of September, we had new Utility Customers in Garnett. We had 300 Delinquent Notices mailed out for not paying by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Out of 300 delinquent notices, we had 30 utility customers who did not pay by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. Out of those 30, 2 have yet to pay and are still disconnected.

As we move into the end of the year, I am hoping to form a game plan to tackle some larger projects that have needed to be restarted as time allows us. Some of those include old utility accounts and write offs which we have started going back through, an overcrowded key box that needs sorting, and I'm the destroying of keys that are no longer useful to the city, and a host of others.

Over the last few months I have been working on submitting receipts and invoices for expenses we have incurred due to COVID-19 and I'm happy to report we received a \$6,190.55 reimbursement check back to help offset some of those expenses. I also submitted a Direct Aid Plan to the county which detailed items the City would like to purchase to help with COVID-19 which included more laptops, additional cleaning supplies, PPE, and a permanent plexiglass barrier for the front counter. I am happy to report we have been awarded that Direct Aid and can begin purchasing those items. The way it works, we purchase what we laid out in the plan and then submit invoices/receipts to get reimbursed.

To add to the already busy schedule, I was able to locate a Virtual HR Conference put on by Pitt State University for \$25 being held the last week of October. There are several pre-recorded

speakers throughout the week followed by the Virtual Conference on Friday October 30. Being new to Human Resources, I am trying to soak up all I can to better myself and grasp this monster. Before long, I wonder if I will have to use 3x5 note cards for business cards if I keep adding on jobs to my plate lol.

Thanks  
Travis Wilson  
City Clerk/Municipal Court Clerk/HR Director in Training

Wanted to give you an activity report for the month of September. I had the air packs serviced. All are working properly and in service. Annual pump testing was performed. All fire trucks passed. We had a total of 5 calls. Luckily nothing major has happened in the city. We have been utilizing the house on Maple street. I am very happy we have the opportunity to train there. I plan on spending the next month there at least. This year will sure be different with no school visits, open house or chili soup supper. I think it's all for the better to not host these events. Public safety in mind when I made those decisions. I did talk with the principal and she was going to think about it and I never heard back. I feel its best not to and hope to be back next year. We plan on bringing in 2 new people to the department soon.

Wanted to give a shout out to Troy and his crew for everything they do. I had an extension chord issue which kept a truck from charging. So essentially an out of service truck. Troy and his crew fixed the issue and we are back up and running. They also hooked up temporary power to the Maple street house. Now we can run a smoke machine and whatever else we would like. I thank them very much for that.

Also Jake Wettstein for getting with me on what we wanted to do for the fire station parking. He has been great to work with. Him and his crew have been awesome. Also those who made the parking spots possible. Nancy, Desiree and Travis for all the help along the way. Sorry if I am forgetting some which I am sure I am.

The other day Mick and I were unloading tables and John Helms and Tyler Reynolds stopped and helped. Just great seeing everybody step in and helping. Feels good to be building good relations with fellow city workers.

Lastly thank you for all the support you have given me and the department. It has been a pretty smooth last few months. I had to tell the story to the department of you sweeping and weed eating that Friday. It's great to see you take pride and roll up the sleeves for this community.

**Wesley Skillman**  
**Chief**  
**Garnett Fire Department**



## **Garnett Police Department**

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### **GPD Monthly Report for September 2020**

On Sept 02, Officers took a report of a Criminal Damage to Property, Burglary, and Theft. The stolen vehicle was recovered, and suspects identified. This case is still being investigated.

Sept 02, Officers were called to a reported shooting and hostage situation. This incident ended as being a “swatting” call. The investigation into the origin of this call has ended as it is not traceable.

Sept 13, Officers took a report of CDP to a vehicle in town. This case is pending investigation.

Sept 15, Officers stopped a vehicle for numerous traffic offenses. During a search of the vehicle, Methamphetamine, Marijuana, and drug paraphernalia were recovered. Both the driver and passenger were arrested for numerous charges. This case was forwarded to the County Atty for prosecution.

Sept 16, Officers were called to a local business for intoxicated persons underage. On scene, Officers located three minors under the influence of alcohol. All three were cited and released. This case was forwarded to the City Atty for prosecution.

Sept 18, Officers located a person who was in violation of a protection order issued by the court. That person was arrested. This case was sent to the City Atty for prosecution.

Sept 24, Officers stopped a person who had warrants. Upon searching her due to her arrest, Methamphetamine and paraphernalia were located. She was taken to jail and the case was forwarded to the County Atty for prosecution.

Sept 24, Officers stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. The driver was tested and subsequently arrested for his 4<sup>th</sup> DUI. This case was forwarded to the County Atty for prosecution.

Sept 25, Officers located illegal drugs and paraphernalia while conducting a welfare check. These seized items were sent to the KBI Lab for analysis. Pending those results, charges should follow.

Sept 30, Officers were called to locate the owner of a vehicle that was involved in a pursuit in Allen County, Kansas. On scene, the owner did not realize his vehicle was gone and gave no one permission to use it. The officer took a burglary and theft report for the vehicle. This case was forwarded to the County Atty for charges.

GPD made 3 warrant arrests and issued 42 citations during the month.

For the month of September, GPD took a total of 229 calls for service, conducted 61 traffic stops, and had 16 calls of service for animal control.

## **Code Enforcement**

In the month of August, code enforcement sent 39 letters addressing 30 properties. Of those, 9 are currently in compliance, 12 are still in their stagnant window and awaiting 11 certified returns.

15 work orders were issued. Of those, 4 are completed, 9 are outstanding, and 2 are awaiting invoicing (work completed, just waiting for the bill).

In the month of September, code enforcement sent 7 letters addressing 5 properties. Of those, 4 are in compliance and awaiting a certified return on 1.

8 Work Orders were issued. Of those, 5 are completed, 2 are awaiting invoices (work completed, but not billed) and 1 is outstanding.

Kurt King

Chief of Police

# Garnett Police Department

131 W 5th, Garnett, KS 66032

## Activity Totals

09/01/2020 - 09/30/2020

	All Arrests	Felony Arrests	Misd Arrests	Other Arrests	Summons	Traffic	Criminal	Supplement Report	Field Interview	Reports	Total Activity
Totals	22	6	8	8	42	31	8	54	14	35	228

# Garnett Police Department

131 W 5th, Garnett, KS 66032

## Agency Statistics

September 2020

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<b>Reports Today:</b> 1	<b>MTD Reports This Year:</b> 35
<b>YTD Reports This Year:</b> 302	<b>YTD Reports Unapproved This Year:</b> 7
<b>MTD Reports Last Year:</b> 36	<b>YTD Reports Last Year:</b> 330
<b>MTD Arrests This Year:</b> 21	<b>YTD Arrests This Year:</b> 167
<b>MTD Arrests Last Year:</b> 21	<b>YTD Arrests Last Year:</b> 178
<b>MTD Citations This Year:</b> 42	<b>YTD Citations This Year:</b> 429
<b>MTD Citations Last Year:</b> 51	<b>YTD Citations Last Year:</b> 497



**Report for Commission, Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee  
By Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development and Tourism**

I would like to thank Commissioners Jody Cole and Greg Gwin, City Manager Weiner, City Clerk Wilson, Anderson County Commissioner Jerry Howarter, Chelsey D'Albini, Everett Cox and all the members of the Garnett Area Community Band for making the Celebration of Service, saluting all veterans and especially the honorees Garnett Remembers Patriot Banner project, such a nice event. Special thank you to Wald fireworks, the Garnett Fire Department, and to entrance volunteers taking donations, making Libertyfest-Labor Day Fest a success. Entrance volunteers included Greg Gwin, Pat Schettler, Brittany Weiner and children, Jody Cole, Travis Wilson, Nancy Hermreck, Monica Hill Julie Turnipseed and Kris Hix.

The U.S. Census and Kansas Counts, a division of the Kansas Department of Commerce in partnership with the League of Kansas Municipalities, has announced the deadline for completing the 2020 Census has been extended and is now October 31, 2020. Here is how we stack up percentage wise in the self-response rate (10/06/20):

- Nationally overall– 66.7%
- Kansas overall – 69.6%
- Anderson County overall – 67.3%
- Colony – 51.5%
- Garnett – 71%
- Greeley – 46.8%
- Kincaid – 29.5%
- Westphalia – 40.3%

It is estimated that for EVERY PERSON (man, woman, child) not counted in the 2020 Census means your community could miss out on over \$2,000 PER PERSON, PER YEAR for TEN (10) YEARS! Many times, people think the Census doesn't affect them, but they might be surprised. It affects funding for city and county infrastructure (roads, parks, sewer systems, water, electricity). It affects healthcare, schools/ education, school lunch programs, Head Start, WIC, Children's Health Insurance Program, SNAP, healthcare, medical planning, emergency preparedness, disaster relief, business expansion, retail and workforce development and so much more. If you have not went online to complete your 2020 Census, please do so right now and just get it done. The website is [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)It takes less than 10 minutes. Or, call 844-330-2020. The Garnett Complete Count Committee includes Desiree Donovan, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager (Chair), Don Blome, Superintendent-USD 365, Julie Wettstein-Anderson County Clerk, Kris Hix-Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and me. We all urge you to be counted before the October 31 deadline.

After working on Libertyfest-Labor Day Fest with the Celebration of Service combined, we began work promoting the Concert on the Lawn for Morning Mingle in conjunction with the Garnett Farmers' Market. We are helping assist the needs of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. Kris Hix provided 200 welcome bags, while I attend to distributing work orders to various city departments. Kris and I will be on site at the various events, donating our time to help where needed, and push information out on social media.

I have been talking with a leader of OBRA/NBRA to possibly bring a boat race to Cedar Valley Reservoir in 2021. This may include members of professional boat racing as an addition to what has been here in the past.

I have been sharing the grant applications for the Anderson County Small Business and Non-Profits SPARK Grant. The \$500,000 of funding is to help local, small businesses and non-profit organizations that have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The application is available on our website but is also available on the Anderson County website. Deadline to apply is October 19<sup>th</sup> at the County Clerk's Office.

The Fall issue of *Town Talk* has been mailed out to 2,266 residents and businesses within the 66032-zip code. It takes some time gathering information and re-checking dates with cancellations and postponements. I found some errors after printing the newsletter. I hope people might forgive us and be somewhat understanding during this every-changing period of time. If anyone questions a date or information contained in the newsletter, they are welcome to contact me. Likewise, if there are dates missing that need to be added, I would appreciate knowing those so that we may include them both in the newsletter and on our community calendar.

The Kansas Tourism Conference was cancelled and will be conducted virtually with the first of four 3-hour Zoom conference sessions held every Wednesday in October beginning October 7<sup>th</sup>.

We are working to gather photos for the "Simply Garnett" banner project. These banners will replace the first, original banners that were ever put up in 2005. The Simply Garnett campaign will launch in early 2021. There will be approximately 45 banners in this project.

We continue to take sponsorships for the Garnett Remembers Patriotic Banner Project until December 31, 2020. Sponsorships are dwindling in.

As part of the We-Kan Conference that was cancelled due to Covid-19, I was invited to attend a live, socially distanced meeting in Baldwin. Some citizens came to the City Council and asked for support on some projects. We toured the projects, including a park in their business district with a stage with sound system, restroom/concession stand, splash pad and green space. They tied their project together with a history element, walking tour and non-profit art center. What intrigued me was that Baldwin, like Garnett, does not have an updated Strategic Plan, but when citizens asked for consideration of these projects their council appointed a committee and forge

on with a bond issue after seeing community support. Then Covid-19 came, but you can tell they have just begun. The delays, the postponement of their 150<sup>th</sup> celebration hasn't shaken the spirit of the community. I also was in awe of their hanging baskets and flowerbeds at street corners. They are big on preservation of their brick streets. Another attendee from Seneca, also talked about their community getting funding from KDOT to remove the overlay, pour concrete and then rebrick streets in their commercial area.

We will be working on our 2021 Special Events Calendar, updating the tourism brochure and Kris and Garrett are working on a new Neighborhood Revitalization brochure. I will be sharing a draft of a historical brochure with the Anderson County Historical Society in the next couple of months. The Historical Society is planning to join the SEK Museum Alliance; this is something I asked them to consider doing. I will also be working on ideas to bring to the Commission on celebrating Garnett's 160th, the "sesquicentennial plus 10".

The Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee will be working with us on making some suggested revisions on the Transient Guest Tax program applications. Tentatively, those revisions will come before the City Commission in late November or December to be used in 2021.

As we near election day, we remind everyone of the upcoming election of a new city commissioner and to register to vote and cast your ballot on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming General Election is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Both the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail and city parks; primarily the campsites, are busier perhaps through Covid-19 than normal. Getting out and enjoying what Garnett has to offer, especially with the weather we have been having, has got to be good for your health, mind and spirit. We encourage those with unique sunsets captured from Garnett to post on our Facebook page @garnettk, hashtag #garnettsunsets.

I would like to take this time to thank the September Employee of the Month, Kris Hix, for all her help and hard work. She strives to make each day better than yesterday and her passion for this community and people makes me proud. She gets it. She has been working here about two years and has worked hard to break records for the Chamber in participation and membership. When given the "fun" duty of overseeing the Community Give Back Program, she dived in. She is not afraid to try and learn, and she doesn't pretend if she isn't sure and asks questions. She is a real asset and I enjoy working with her. Covid-19 has really been a roller coaster for businesses and events. Kris and I both serve on the Anderson County Covid-19 Task Force, in the public relations capacity. Learning and sharing information as this issue evolves can be stressful at times. We love our community events and we care about the effect cancellations have on organizers, as well as attendees. Kris is learning her role as a representative of the Chamber and Community isn't easy, but it's rewarding. Kris took on managing the Garnett Farmers' Market. As the market season closes, we can't wait to see it, the Chamber and the City continue to grow and thrive in 2021.

Thank you.

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# September Wastewater Report

We hauled 10.62 tons of sludge to the Anderson County Transfer Station. I helped on the trash truck when they needed help. We've been keeping up on the mowing, weed eating and spraying. We cleaned out a storm drain at Cedar St. between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the alley crossing.

We had the clarifier drive go out on Unit 1, we ordered a new helical gear motor and replaced the old one. Unit 1 was only down for a week and is back up and running like it should. We helped with Harvesters this month and I helped with the Health Departments COVID-19 relief drive. We have a new on-call person, Tyler Reynolds, to help us out.

Eric Trammell

Wastewater Supervisor