



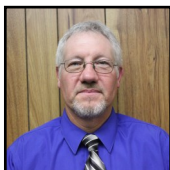
City Commission



Brigitte
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Huss,
Mayor



Jody Cole,
Commissioner



Greg Gwin,
Commissioner

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Garnett, Kansas

From The Commission...

With the beauty of a new season upon us, and the liberation that comes with warmer weather, I am all the more excited for the progress and opportunities our community continues to create. I am also thankful to have the privilege of serving as your mayor for this year. As I take on this role, it is my hope to bring positive contributions to our town.

Before I became a commissioner in 2018, the City of Garnett had been working to update its city code book, which contains all the ordinances, or laws, that are enforced by our town. The city hired CityCode Financial, LLC to assist in updating and reformatting our city code, which had not been extensively done since the publication of our 1961 code book. CityCode provided Garnett with a draft of the code in August of 2017. It then became the responsibility of the city to review, edit, and eventually adopt the new code.

As of today, we still have not finished this process. The commission has made progress in reviewing parts of the code over the past two years; however, this duty has often been relegated to the sidelines as other business comes up. It is my goal for this year to complete this process. Once we adopt the new layout and revisions in our code book, citizens will be able to access the updated codes online, in a very user-friendly format offered by CityCode. I believe it is essential that everyone living and/or working in a municipality can

easily review the ordinances to which they are subject, and action needs to be taken to further this end.

Entering the spring season, as we have already started to see strong storm systems affect communities across the country, I wanted to inform everyone that the city is hopeful to have its new storm shelter installed before this storm season is over. The new public storm shelter is to be located west of the Train Depot and will always be open for use in inclement weather.

Finally, I hope this new season and the abundant opportunities for activity and involvement in our small community bring you and your family immense happiness. Recently, my boys and I have been studying the paintings of Jean Francois Millet (1814-1875). He was a realist painter who focused on depicting scenes of peasant farmers. One such painting, called *The Winnower*, shows a man tossing grain up into the air from a basket, in order to separate the chaff from the grain.



The symbolism of separating the good from the bad, the useful from the useless, is striking, and particularly notable as we enter spring. As many of us begin to drive out the staleness that seems to inevitably settle into our houses during the colder months, and start opening our windows to the fresh air of a world brimming with life anew, I pray that everyone will be able to winnow out that which is bad, and actively seek that which is good. I

From the City Commission...

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also pray that through discernment, we as a commission, will move our community towards a better future.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me! My email address is bbrecheisenhuss@garnettks.net.

Sincerely, Brigitte Brecheisen Huss
Mayor

From the City Manager...

At last, Spring is here! I'm excited for the next few months as we have a lot on our agenda. Unfortunately, we have had this COVID-19 virus grip our nation and disrupt the very fabric of our day-to-day lives. As we are under a statewide stay-at-home order and will continue to be for at least the next few weeks, please know that we at City Hall will continue to be here to answer your questions and provide all essential services. We still plan to move forward with various street projects over the course of this spring and summer in addition to other projects.

You might have noticed several of our camping spots filled already this year. The Southern Star Pipeline project has filled some spots that normally sit empty until the middle of April. It is great to see residents and visitors utilizing the campgrounds! Just remember to stay safe and practice social distancing during this pandemic. We have unfortunately had to close off access to our playground equipment as the virus can last for a significant amount of time on hard surfaces.

The city-wide garage sales and city wide clean up week have unfortunately been postponed for the time being, but we hope to be able to hold them later this summer, or certainly this fall if nothing else.

As you begin mowing your yards this spring, please make sure to avoid blowing any debris (grass, leaves, etc.) into the roadway or alleys. This is not only against the law, it is also dangerous. It can clog our stormwater drainage system, which causing flooding and deterioration of our roadways. Additionally, with Spring comes the increased risk of violent storms. We ask that all residents prepare for the threat of severe weather by making plans for yourself and your family in the event of a severe weather threat. You may also attend the local storm spotter and preparedness trainings put on by the Anderson County Emergency Management team. As a reminder, in the event of an after-hours power outage, City Hall staff will not be in the office unless a long-term outage is expected. If your power has been off for longer than 30 minutes, please contact City Hall at 785-448-5496. If you are unable to reach City Hall staff, please contact Anderson County Communications at 785-448-6823.

Did you know? When I first came to Garnett, I was unaware of the many amenities that the City has to offer. I thought it would be nice to include some of those, and our newest amenities, in Town Talk for our new residents. While some of these amenities' use has been restricted due to the pandemic, please make sure to utilize them once this is all over!

• **Town Hall Center** – Anyone can rent Town Hall Center by the hour for events such as birthday parties, baby/wedding showers, game nights, cooking/sales parties, reunions, etc. This venue

can accommodate up to 49 people and is very inexpensive to rent.

• **The Storywalk** – The Garnett Public Library has created the Storywalk on the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail between Park Road and 1st Avenue. The stories change throughout the year, usually every 6-8 weeks. This is a fun way to incorporate reading with exercising. Make sure you stop by the Library for a prize after you finish the Storywalk!

• **The Walker Art Collection** – While you are at the library, make sure you take a stroll over to the west side. The Walker Art Gallery is an art collection that you do not want to miss! The displays change throughout the year and you can often find pieces from local artists.

• **The Rec** – The Garnett Recreation Center is home to many workout classes! You can participate in everything from Spin and Yoga to a variety of new programs too. Memberships are available and The Rec is open 24-hours a day!

• **Trout Fishing** – The South Lake is stocked with Rainbow Trout multiple times every year. This is a great benefit to the avid fisher in your life.

• **Season Passes** – You can purchase season passes to the Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool. A perfect hot weather activity, the pool opens on Memorial Day Weekend! Water Aerobics is also available!

Visit the City of Garnett's website at www.simplygarnett.com or our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter pages to stay up-to-date on events and amenities.

Thank all of you for being a part of and making Garnett the most wonderful place to call home. Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve Garnett as your City Manager.

Sincerely, Christopher T. Weiner
City Manager

From the City Clerk...

As you all know, the COVID-19 virus has taken the world by storm and created some unforeseen hardship on everyone. To help combat the situation, Governor Laura Kelly issued Executive Order 20-05 on March 17th, 2020 to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The order reads as follows:

"NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including the authority granted me by ICSA. 48-924 and K.S.A. 48-925, in order to mitigate the economic effects of the spread of COVID-19 I hereby direct and order that all Kansas utility providers not under the jurisdiction of the Kansas Corporation Commission temporarily suspend the practice of disconnecting service to Kansas citizens for non-payment. This directive covers all electrical, natural gas, water, and telecommunications utilities as well as internet service providers who provide services to Kansas citizens."

This Executive Order will remain in force until rescinded, until May 1, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020 relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier. A full copy of the Executive Order can be found on the governor.kansas.gov website.

As always, you may contact Garnett City Hall at (785) 448-5496 as our staff are continuing their daily duties even though facilities are closed to the public at this time. Please be aware even though utilities are not being shut off, prompt payment is still highly recommended as the bills are still required to be paid in order to avoid accruing a large bill and subsequent disconnect-



tion once the pandemic ceases. Please be aware that our drive-up window is staffed and payments can be taken there or dropped in our drop box, as well as front office staff can take payments over the phone. We also encourage everyone to utilize our online bill pay as we will be absorbing the convenience fee that is normally placed on the customer for paying via credit/debit card. As we move through this, please call us with any questions, comments, or concerns. We are all in this together and need to lean on each other for support as the pandemic progresses.

Please do your part, help a neighbor if they need it. Take care of each other. This community is full of strong, passionate, loving people. We will get through this.

Keep your faith up and stay Anderson County Strong.

Travis Wilson
City Clerk

Did You Know?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees: **Pat Schettler**, Airport Manager, and **Dakota Beers** and **Timothy Cornett**, Public Works Maintenance Workers. Also, welcome back **Andy Frye**, Planning and Zoning Department.

Thank you to the following City of Garnett employees for reaching these milestone anniversaries:

- 5 years: **Mike Gonzales**, Volunteer Firefighter
- 5 years: **Todd Turner**, Lieutenant/Detective-Police
- 25 years: **Brian Maloan**, Parks Superintendent
- 35 years: **Susan Wettstein**, Community Development/Tourism

Congratulations to the following City Employees of the Month:

- January-**Neil Hermreck**, Parks Department Maintenance Worker
- February-**Betty Jasper**, Custodian
- March - **Randy Weimer**, Garnett Housing Authority Maintenance Supervisor

Conferences and Training: **Bob Mills**, Director of Electric Production, attended Kansas Municipal Electric Agency (KMEA) meetings. **Julie Turnipseed**, ACDA Economic Development Director, attended Southeast Kansas (SEK), Inc. Annual Meeting, Kansas Economic Development Alliance Legislative Day in Topeka, SEK, Inc. Day on the Hill, KDOT US169 groundbreaking, and SEK, Inc. Manufacturer's Forum (Humboldt). **Chris Weiner**, City Manager, attended the Kansas Association of City Managers Conference. **Phil Bures**, Parks and Recreation Director, and **Tyler Wolken**, Recreation Coordinator, attended Kansas Recreation and Parks Association Conference. **Phil Bures** also attended Certified Pool Operator training. **Chris Wiener**, City Manager, **Travis Wilson**, City Clerk, **Nancy Hermreck**, Human Resources Director, Municipal Court Clerk, Deputy City Clerk and City Treasurer, **Kurt King**, Chief of Police, **Ray Arnett**, Gas and Water Distribution Director and **Susan Wettstein**, Community Development and Tourism Director, attended "Your Leadership Edge" training through the Kansas Leadership Center. **John Rogers** and **Dakota Beers**, Public Works Maintenance Workers, received training on the operation of remote methane leak detection. **Rusty Harvey**, Wastewater Maintenance Worker received Class II Wastewater Certification training. **Larry Kasney** started training in the Police Academy at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in January. He was voted Class President by his peers. **Robert Donovan**, Police Officer, attended a two-day training on Proactive Patrol.

Pat Tate, Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer, will official-

ly retire from duty on June 1 after more than 38 years of service. The City wishes Pat a happy and healthy retirement.

Midland GIS will be mapping waterlines throughout Garnett during the spring and summer months to create a new GIS (Geographic Information System) for the City. This may require Midland employees to access private property, similar to the duties of the City's meter reader.

Announcement from **Garnett Recreation**: Due to COVID-19, there are some changes on the City's baseball and softball programs. The registration period is being extended until May 3. Register now at www.garnettrec.com. Persons not signed up by May 3 will not be guaranteed a spot on a team. Practices will begin on May 18, subject to adjustment. Games will be played from June 15 to July 31 to help accommodate all the teams in the league and to ensure everyone gets plenty of game time. No one team will play more than 14 games this season. In the case of rain, there will be no makeup games due to the late start of the season. There will not be any year end tournaments. All of this is subject to change, depending on how the COVID-19 situation runs its course.

The **last chance** filing date for persons interested in running for Garnett City Commissioner is 12:00 p.m. noon on June 1, 2020 at the Anderson County Clerk's Office located inside the courthouse. To be able to file, you must be a resident of Garnett; must be a registered voter and pay a filing fee of \$20. Election day is Tuesday, November 3.



COVID-19: What it means to Garnett

As of the printing of this issue of *Town Talk*, we can tout Anderson County (and Garnett) as not having a confirmed case of COVID-19. While we stand alone with adjacent Allen County as the only remaining counties in Eastern Kansas not having such a confirmation, we ask you to continue your diligence to be safe and practice CDC guidelines while adhering to Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's "Stay Home" Order.

What does this mean to Garnett citizens? We have a few simple tips:

- Keep in contact with family or friends but keep a safe distance from each other (approximately 6 feet). Wash your hands with soap and water-often. Call the doctor if you think you are sick. Practicing good, common sense and teaching children to do the same is what can keep all of us safe, now and in the future.
- Stay informed: If you have internet, please visit www.simplygarnett.com, specifically our "Coronavirus" webpage. There you will find frequently updated information and links to other valuable resources. Watch our social media (Facebook, Twitter) for daily posts, and look to local newspapers for information.

Sign Up for CodeRed: The CodeRed emergency notification system is typically used in the event of severe weather, such as a tornado warning. However, the system is also used as a messaging system at the discretion of Anderson County Emergency Management during times like these. We encourage all residents to sign up for CodeRed through our website or contact ACEM for more information, 785.448.6797.

Also, please note new, temporary commission meeting policy: To comply with CDC recommendations not to gather in groups, the Garnett City Commission meetings will be held via Zoom videoconferencing. City advisory boards and the Garnett Steer-

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Garnett Businesses, Hang in There!

By Kris Hix

In this trying time, with COVID-19 taking the nation by storm, small businesses can do several things to combat decreased sales and revenue:



1. Communicate openly with customers. Everyone is facing this crisis together. Be transparent about how you are prepared to continue providing services for them during this time, while keeping your staff and the public's safety as your first priority.
2. Utilize remote network options. Implement remote network policies that allow you to communicate with your staff, and keep the business running, while keeping employees safe.
3. Communicate with local officials, emergency management, and other businesses. Working together can create relationships that keep you informed with current information, provide opportunity to work with other businesses within the community, and give you a support system moving forward, even after the threat has passed.
4. Try online sales and marketing, when possible. Whether it be retail merchandise, online classes, or carry-out dinner options, social media is a great way to boost your business, and let people know you are providing products and services they need. Have fun with it!
5. Promote each other-cross marketing works! Find engaging, unique and fun ways to support each other and let the public know what you're up to. Try videos, FB Live, photos of your business and products, and what you're doing to get through the day. People will respond more positively when they see you are in it with them!

And here are some tips for the customer:

- ◆ Purchase gift certificates (online where possible).
- ◆ When scheduling next month's haircut, pay today.
- ◆ Order take-out or delivery dinner, or reserve a table for another time, pay today.
- ◆ Purchase weekly supplies (milk, bread, etc.) at more than one retailer, so everyone is earning some revenue.
- ◆ Promote the businesses in your town by liking, sharing, and commenting on social media posts. Word of mouth is a great tool as well, so if you know of a business with certain items available, pass it along!

Support your local businesses, so they will be here when this situation is resolved. #shopsmallwithus

For more information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, 785.448.6767, Email: director@garnettchamber.org.



Kris Hix is the Executive Director for the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and assists the City of Garnett Community Development and Tourism as an Administrative Assistant. Her office is located in the City Hall building, 131 W. 5th Avenue.

Pat Tate Retires



Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer Pat Tate will be officially retiring on June 1, 2020. Pat came to Garnett in 1980 to work at the Anderson County Hospital as an EMT. In 1982, Pat joined the Garnett Volunteer Fire Department and served the City as a Reserve Police Officer. In 1987, Pat was offered the position as a full-time officer. He served under five Police Chiefs and in 2002, Pat was appointed Chief of Police. In 2007, he became the Director of Public Safety, serving over both the police and fire departments. Pat's last official duties include the titles of Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer.

Pat enjoys taking bus tour trips with his wife, Sandy, and is looking forward to slowing down and enjoying life in different ways. Pat states, "I have worked for and alongside some very good people who were very inspirational and talented."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Pat for his 38 years of combined service to the City of Garnett and 40 years to the Anderson County community. A retirement reception has been scheduled for Friday, May 29, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Garnett City Hall.* The public is invited to attend.

(*In the event COVID-19 prohibits public gatherings, this reception will be postponed to a later date.)

New Services at The Rec

Even though we are all working to stay safe during the COVID-19 "Stay Home" Order, we want to share with you that when our lives return to normal we will be offering some new services and classes at The Rec (recreation center).

As you may know when in full swing, our regular evening Spin and Yoga classes will begin again. In addition, we will be offering a new morning cardio class and a basic lifting class for women. Along with these new classes, The Rec now has the option to offer personal training. These new classes and this new service are all being offered by our staff member Sami Jo Peine.

Sami Jo is a recent graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance. Having a background in coaching athletics at many different levels has given her experience with designing strength and conditioning programs, and training to bring athletes back from injury.

Sami Jo is married to husband, Kyle, and has two sons, Kole, and Kase. "I am excited to be a part of the team here at the Garnett Recreation Center/Goppert Wellness Center, helping members of this community meet their health and fitness goals any way I can", says Sami Jo. She is currently planning on adding more classes to the schedule as summer ends.

Be sure to visit www.SimplyGarnett.com and www.GarnettRec.com to keep informed of these programs and more happening at The Rec.



Spring Calendar of Activities and Events

Check out our Bulletin Board and Community Calendar - www.simplygarnett.com

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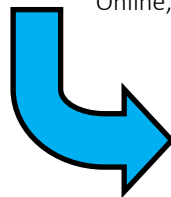
- 1 Tourism Advisory Board
Cancelled
- 2 TOPS Meeting
Cancelled
Anderson County Historical Society Meeting
Cancelled
Alcoholics Anonymous
Every Tuesday and Thursday
510 S Oak, 7-8 p.m.
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting, BOE Office, 7 p.m.
- 6 Anderson County Commission Meeting, Every Monday, Annex Building, 9 a.m.
Library Board Meeting
Remote Meeting, 6 p.m.
Garnett Celebrate Recovery
Every Monday, see Facebook page for live streaming information
Garnett Lions Club Meeting
Cancelled
Community Foundation Meeting
Cancelled
Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Emergency Food Distribution
Harvesters, Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.
- 10 Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Remote Meeting, 4 p.m.
City Commission Meeting
Remote Meeting, 6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group
Cancelled
Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting
Cancelled
- 11 Garnett Community Easter Eggstravaganza, Egg Hunt/Festival, hosted by AC CARTS, Hope Anthem Church, stadium and Legion Field, North Lake Park
Cancelled
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 13 Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting
Cancelled
- 14 Recycle Trailer
Postponed
City Commission Meeting
Remote Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16 Walker Art Committee Meeting
Cancelled
Steering Committee Meeting
Remote Meeting, 6 p.m.

- 18 City Wide Garage Sale Day - and -
- 20-24 City Wide Clean-Up Week
Cancelled or Postponed (TBA)
- 21 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting, Remote Meeting, 5 p.m.
BPW Meeting
Cancelled
Planning Commission Meeting
TBA
- April 22-May 10 - Coed Softball Team Registration
Online, www.garnettrec.com
- 22 American Legion Auxiliary
Cancelled
- 23 Emergency Food Distribution
Harvesters, Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.
- 25 5K Color Splat!
Presented by Garnett Community Foundation
Cancelled
Denim and Diamonds Piccadilly Gala
Hosted by Garnett Rotary Club, Troyer's Prairie Gold Event Center,
Cancelled
- 27 Caregivers Support Group
Cancelled
- 28 City Commission Meeting
Remote Meeting, 6 p.m.

MAY

- TBA A.M. & P.M. Yoga
- TBA A.M. & P.M. Spin Class
- 1 Anderson County Historical Museum - Opens for summer, Tues-Fri, 1-4 p.m.
- 3 Deadline for Baseball, Softball, Coach Pitch and T-Ball Registration
Online, www.garnettrec.com

- 4 Library Board Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
Garnett Lions Club Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting
Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- May 7-October 8-Farmers Market
Every Thursday, Main Street, 4:30-7:00 p.m.
- 7 Anderson County Historical Society Meeting
Cancelled
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting,
Board Office, 7 p.m.
Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
Garnett Municipal Airport, 4 p.m.
48th Annual Square Fair, hosted by Garnett BPW, Town Square
Cancelled
Garnett Fire Department Breakfast
Fire Station, Cancelled
Coed Softball Team Registration Deadline
Register online or at the Rec Center
Property Tax Due (Second half), Anderson County Treasurer's Office
American Legion Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.
Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
City Hall, 7 p.m.



YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL INFORMATION

- Practices: Begin May 18**
- Games: June 15 – July 31**
 - 14 Game Maximum**
 - No Rain Make-Ups**
- NO 2020 Tournament due to COVID-19**

THIS INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON COVID-19 DEVELOPMENTS



Spring Calendar of Activities and Events

Check out our Bulletin Board and Community Calendar - www.simplygarnett.com



MAY (continued)...

- 11 **Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**
GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 12 **Anderson County Recycle Trailer**
Postponed
City Commission Meeting
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting
Garnett Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**
Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
VFW Post 6397 Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Club Meeting
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 7 p.m.
Friends of the PSRT Meeting
Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 17 **VFW Breakfast**
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 18 **Garnett Lions Club Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
- 19 **ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, Garnett City Hall 5 p.m.
BPW Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 21 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**
City Hall, 4 p.m.
Steering Committee Meeting
K-State Research & Extension, 7 p.m.
Garnett Remembers "Celebration of Service", recognition of patriotic banner honorees, music by Garnett Area Community Band and more, Town Square, 7 p.m.
- 22-25 **Avenue of Flags**,
Garnett Municipal Cemetery
- TBA **Garnett Municipal Pool Opens for Summer**, North Lake Park
- TBA **Swimming Lesson Registration Begins**
Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool
- 23 **American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**
Garnett Pizza Hut, 6 p.m.
Kansas Army National Guard Band Concert
First United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 25 **City Hall closed, Memorial Day Holiday** observed. Note: Trash service will run one (1) day late this week.

- 25 **Memorial Day Service**
Garnett Cemetery, conducted by American Legion Post 48 & VFW 6397, 10 a.m.
- 26 **City Commission Meeting**
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 28 **Emergency Food Distribution Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.
- 30-31 **Lake Garnett Kart Road Races**
Hosted by Garnett Enduro Club, Lake Garnett, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

JUNE

- TBA **Water Aerobics**
Garnett Municipal Pool
M-W-F, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- 1 **Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting**
Garnett Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
Library Board Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
- 3 **Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- June 4-7, & 12-14 **"If It's Monday, This Must Be Murder"**, Live Dinner Theatre
Presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre
Anderson County Historical Society Meeting
TBA
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting
Board Office, 7 p.m.
- 4 **Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting**
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 5-6 **Kansas Dual Sport Safari Weekend**
Motorcycle event hosted by Garnett Lions Club, fairgrounds.
- 6 **4th Annual Car, Bike & Truck Show**
Hosted by Southland Cruisers, Town Square, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

- 6-7 **Kart Sprint Track Racing**
Hosted by the Kansas City Karting Association, Lake Garnett Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 8 **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9 **Recycle Trailer**
Postponed
City Commission Meeting
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 10 **VFW Post 6397 Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail Meeting, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 12 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
Garnett Municipal Airport, 4 p.m.
- 16 **ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
BPW Meeting, Archer Room, Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 18 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**
City Hall, 4 p.m.
Steering Committee Meeting
K-State Research & Extension, 6 p.m.
- 22 **Anderson County Caregiver Support Group**
105 Park Plaza N., 1 p.m.
- 23 **City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 25 **Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Club Meeting
Garnett Inn, 6:30 p.m.

***Please Note:** All activities, events and dates are subject to change.



PLEASE NOTE: All City Commission meetings, Steering Committee meetings and Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. To comply with COVID-19 CDC social distancing guidelines, the City of Garnett offers public participation via Zoom online video conferencing. For information, please contact the City Manager's Office at Garnett City Hall, 785.448-5496, email: admin@garnettks.net.

2020 Guide to Garnett Outdoor Recreation



Watersports

As a participant in the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Communities Fisheries Assistance Program, the City of Garnett does not require city boating and fishing permits. However, state boater's registration and state fishing licenses are required. All existing ordinances regulating city parks are in effect. Copies of city park regulations are available at Garnett City Hall, 131 West 5th Avenue.

Boating

Valid Kansas boater's registration is required to boat on Garnett city lakes.

Lake Garnett (a/k/a North Lake Park), 700 N. Lake Road

Speed boating and water-skiing is permitted on Lake Garnett May 1 to November 15, on the following specified days: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, the first and third Saturdays of each month, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day, from 8:30 a.m. to sunset.

Crystal Lake (a/k/a South Lake), Veterans Memorial Park,

424 W. Veteran's Circle Drive (on US 59)

Canoes and fishing boats with electric powered motors are allowed on Crystal Lake. However, gas powered motors are prohibited.

Cedar Valley Reservoir, 20499 NW 1500 Road (located approximately 7 miles west of Garnett at Kentucky and 1500 Road)

Boating can be enjoyed year round on Cedar Valley Reservoir, weather permitting. This lake has 3 boat ramps and 3 floating docks.

Fishing

Game fish stocked in Garnett's fishing areas include Walleye, Wiper, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Bluegill, Bullhead, White Bass, Green Sunfish, White Crappie, Black Crappie, Black Buffalo, Red-ear Sunfish, Large Mouth Bass and Rainbow Trout. Kansas fishing permits required.

Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Length Limits

Catfish, except Bullhead, must be	15 inches
Walleye or Wiper must be	18 inches
Crappie must be	10 inches
Black Bass must be less than	13 inches
or more than	18 inches

Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Creel Limits

Bluegill (Crystal Lake only)	No Limit
Black Bass	5
Catfish, except Bullhead	2
Crappie	10
Walleye	2
Wiper	2

Cedar Valley Reservoir Length Limits

Black Bass, Walleye or Wiper	18 inches
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Cedar Valley Reservoir Creel Limits

Black Bass	5
Walleye	2
Wiper	2
Crappie	50
Catfish, except Bullhead	5

Rainbow Trout Season

Rainbow Trout Season is held annually at Crystal Lake from approximately November 1 thru April 15. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism requires that Kansas anglers 16 through 74 years of age and non-Kansas residents 16 and older must possess a valid fishing license. All anglers over 16 must possess a state trout permit. Anglers 15 years and younger no longer must possess a trout permit to fish in designated trout waters.

However, there is a daily creel limit of two (2) trout unless they purchase a trout permit which allows a full daily trout creel limit. The daily creel limit is 5 trout.

Camping

Camping facilities are available in designated areas at all three city owned lakes. Camping permits are required.

A camping unit can stay at a city park campsite for up to seven consecutive nights. Upon the eighth day, the camping unit must leave the park for at least five nights or relocate to a campsite located in another Garnett city park.

Lake Garnett

Fourteen camping spots are located on the east side of Lake Garnett (Clubhouse Bend, adjacent golf course) with electric and water hookups. Twelve camping spots with electric only hookups are located on the north side of the lake (Red Jacket, near dam). A designated wilderness campsite (tent camping or no hookup) is also located within the north side camping area.

Crystal Lake

Five camping spots with electric and water can be found on the south side of Crystal Lake. Wilderness camping is permitted in a designated area near Prairie Spirit Trail.

Cedar Valley Reservoir

Wilderness camping is very popular at this scenic lake. There are 12 camping spots close to the park entrance providing electrical hookups for camping. Nearby restroom facilities are also available from April 3 to October 1.

Reservations and Fees:

Campsites located at Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake may be reserved by contacting Garnett City Hall. Otherwise, camping spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Remit payment by using the permit envelopes provided at the "Iron Maiden" at the campsite of your choice. Large camping groups are encouraged to make prior reservations with Garnett City Hall, 785.448.5496. During community events camping availability may be limited.

Check-out time is 3:00 p.m. on the day of departure.

Camping Permits:

Wilderness overnight camping per unit, per night –

Garnett resident	\$5
Anderson County resident	\$7
All others	\$9

Electric hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night –

Garnett resident	\$10
Anderson County resident	\$12
All others	\$14

Electric and water hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night –

Garnett resident	\$12
Anderson County resident	\$14
All others	\$16

ATV Regulations

City permits are required for anyone operating a motorized, non-highway vehicle at Cedar Valley Reservoir. Anyone possessing an age restricted permit (under 16 years of age) can operate an ATV only when accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) who possesses a valid city ATV permit and who is riding in the general proximity of the age restricted permittee. ATV permits can be purchased at Garnett City Hall, 131 W. 5th Avenue.

Quiet Time: Please note that "quiet time" is to be observed within any city park, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (CST).

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ing Committee may also meet via Zoom when necessary. Zoom is a website (or app) to watch, listen and participate during the regularly scheduled meetings. To watch and/or participate in an upcoming commission meeting, simply sign-up to receive city commission agendas on our website and the link to these meetings, along with the current meeting agenda, will be emailed to you before each meeting. As you may already know, city and county buildings are closed to the public at this time.

- Don't miss out on having fun! While the "Stay Home" Order sounds rough, it isn't meant to be. You are free to engage in outdoor activity providing you maintain the social distancing recommendation of six feet from another person and avoid gathering in groups (currently no more than 10 people but this number could be reduced at any time). You can walk the trail, enjoy Garnett's more than 1,000 acres of parks, but please for you and your children's safety, avoid touching playground equipment.

What about community activities and special events? As you can see from the calendar found in this newsletter, many of our activities, meetings and events have been cancelled or postponed for the month of April. Some are cancelled for May and beyond. Activities and events that are published on the community calendar through June are tentative, but we would rather remind you of these events than for you to miss out. We have tentatively listed the dates of the Memorial Day Weekend events, May 21-25, including the Celebration of Service, Kansas Army National Guard Band Concert, and Memorial Day Ceremony at Garnett Municipal Cemetery. Regardless, the patriotic banners and the Avenue of Flags will be flying on Memorial Day Weekend. April-May special event cancellations due to COVID-19 include:

- April 11 Easter Egg Hunt
- April 18 Spring City Wide Garage Sale Day
- April 20-24 Spring City Wide Clean-Up Week
- April 25 – 5K Color Splat!
- May 9 – 48th Annual Square Fair

While Spring City Garage Sale Day and City Wide Clean-Up Week have been cancelled for now, a reschedule date may be determined. The Fall City Wide Garage Sale Day and Clean-Up Week are set for September 12 and September 14-18. As always, in regard to open burning within Anderson County requires a phone call to the Law Enforcement Dispatch Center, 785.448.6823, *before* burning begins.

Attention Businesses! You are not alone. Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA), the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, and Garnett Community Development and Tourism have COVID-19 economic relief resources to help you with grants, loans and opportunities to help local businesses. Do not hesitate to contact them. They are there to help you.

Ad Astra Per Aspera: "To the Stars Through Difficulty", is the Kansas state motto. We are seeing throughout our community the simply wonderful acts of support, patience and kindness that makes Garnett stand out as a great place despite any adversity. We do not just stand alone. We stand together. Together we can overcome.



As shown on page 1, this mural located in the Donna Harris Memorial Park on Garnett's town square, was created in 2015 by then ACHS high school students, Tess McCown (left), Asa Young (right), and Lillian Richardson (not pictured).

Please Be Counted!

Completing your 2020 Census matters to everyone in your community.



FACT: Our Garnett community could miss out on approximately \$43,930.20 in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census!

Census counts are used in distributing over \$6 billion in federal funds EVERY year in Kansas. This translates to \$2,082 per person per year. These dollars help fund:

- ⇒ Education
- ⇒ School lunch programs
- ⇒ Head Start programs
- ⇒ Women, infants and children (WIC)
- ⇒ State Children's Health Insurance Program
- ⇒ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- ⇒ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ⇒ Transportation
- ⇒ Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

See funding to Kansas from 55 large federal programs at <https://tinyurl.com/countingfordollars>

What is the census? The census is a count of all persons living in the United States. It is conducted every 10 years by the federal government and is required by the U.S. Constitution.

It is used to determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, how federal and state legislative districts are redrawn, and the appropriation of federally funded programs.

Census Day is April 1, 2020. Data collection began in March and continues through August 2020.

Households should have received a postcard with instructions for completing the census beginning in March.

PLEASE NOTE: The Census will NOT call or email you. The Census Bureau will never share a respondent's personal information with other government agencies. Data are only released in summary tables. No individual records are released.

To ensure that you count, Garnett counts, and Kansas counts, please complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone or by mail today! For more information please visit:

www.census.gov
www.kansascounts.org
www.simplygarnett.com/census-2020.html

An Important Message From the Gas Department...

For safety's sake, read this!

Things you should know:

- How, when and where to report a possible gas leak, gas odor, or carbon monoxide problem;
- Call Kansas One Call before you dig;
- Carbon Monoxide (CO) is known as "The Silent Killer";
- Gas appliance connectors;
- Be aware of bare steel gas service lines.

It is that time to inform our customers on the hazards of natural gas, and what precautions to take to keep us all safe. Natural gas is very flammable, potentially hazardous, and can be explosive under certain conditions. You can recognize a gas leak by using your senses. Seeing bubbles appear in a wet or flooded area, dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise healthy environment, or a sometimes quiet to rather loud hissing sound can be signs of a gas leak. However, in most cases a leak can be recognized by a weak to strong smell of odorant. Our gas system is always odorized so that people can easily detect a leak by its smell.

How to report a possible gas leak

If you smell gas inside or outside a home, business or other structure, please report it to the gas department by calling Garnett City Hall at 785.448.5496. Call the Law Enforcement Dispatch Center at 785.448.6823 after normal business hours. If you have a gas emergency and the odor of natural gas is very strong and seems to be everywhere, DO NOT operate any light switches or try to air out the building, or even use your phone. EXIT IMMEDIATELY to a safe area away from the potential gas leak, such as going to a neighbor's house, and then call 9-1-1. Wait at your safe place for emergency personnel to arrive.

Our natural gas system transports gas to businesses and homes within the City of Garnett. Overall, this system is very reliable and in good condition. We have procedures, such as gas leak surveys, to determine where problem areas may exist and adapt as necessary. Accidents on gas systems are extremely rare but they can occur.

The gas department regularly trains with local emergency personnel, including fire, police and dispatchers. When a gas leak or related incident is reported, the proper department can be dispatched to provide public safety assistance and to respond to the gas emergency.

Dig Safe - Call BEFORE you dig!

Always call Kansas One Call before you dig to have utilities marked. Do this not only for your safety, but because it is the law. Kansas One Call will notify utility companies to mark the area with paint and flags, if their utilities exist. If there are no utilities in the project area usually "OK" is painted on the ground along with a flag, or the utility company will contact you by phone. Contact Kansas One Call by dialing 8-1-1 (not 9-1-1) or by calling 1-800-DIG-SAFE. If you see what appears to be unauthorized excavation or destructive activities around our gas system, please give us a call at city hall at 784.448.5496 so we can investigate.

The Silent Killer!

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a very toxic and sometimes deadly gas that is colorless and odorless. This gas is a product of incomplete combustion. Whenever you use your furnace, wood stove, hot water tank, stove, automobile or even your charcoal grill, CO is the gas that is produced and vented out of your home through a chimney, flue or vent pipe. All gas burning equipment

needs to be inspected and maintained regularly to keep it in good running condition. Chimneys and vent pipes need to be vented and kept in good working order as well. Carbon monoxide poisoning gives you flu like symptoms. So if you are seemingly not feeling very well, especially when at home, it could be a carbon monoxide problem. Call us. We can help by checking if carbon monoxide is a problem in your gas burning appliances. Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector and a smoke detector to help ensure your safety.

Gas connectors are corrugated metal tubes used to connect gas appliances in your home to gas supply pipes. Some of these old brass colored connectors can have a flaw in how the tubing was made and over time can separate causing a potentially serious gas leak. These uncoated brass connectors have not been made for almost 30 years now, but many are still in use. Although not all brass connectors have a flaw, it is very difficult to tell which ones do. Therefore, any uncoated brass colored connector should be replaced with either a plastic coated brass or stainless steel connector. Connectors can wear out from too much moving and bending and should always be inspected closely whenever an appliance is replaced or moved from its location.

Any additional gas safety related information is always free and available at Garnett City Hall.

Bare Steel Gas Lines

Do I need to have my bare steel gas line replaced?

The Answer: Yes.

All bare steel gas lines are slowly corroding and will eventually leak and have to be replaced. We don't know when these lines may begin to leak which is why they need to be replaced before any leakage occurs. The Garnett Gas Department already has an ongoing program to replace all of the city's bare steel mains and service lines.

Back on August 28, 2007, the city commission passed an ordinance requiring the replacement of any existing customer owned gas service line at the time of the sale of the property or when any change in ownership occurs. It usually takes less than a day for one of our local, qualified plumbers to replace most bare steel service lines. Most of these plumbers will give you an estimate of how much it will cost.

Excess Flow Valve (EFV)

Beginning in April of 2017, new federal regulations require every natural gas utility, including the City of Garnett, to notify customers about the potential benefits of an Excess Flow Valve (EFV), who is responsible for the initial installation costs and who is responsible for replacement and maintenance with an EFV. EFVs are mechanical shut-off devices that can be installed on the gas service line and is designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks, say for instance, if a vehicle hits a meter or an excavation accident. We have detailed information online at www.simplygarnett.com/efv.html. I will include an article about this in the next newsletter. Watch for it.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your natural gas service.

Thank you,

Ray Arnett
Director, Gas and Water Distribution



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PROJECT: Garnett Remembers

Now 254 banners Strong!



As the last phase of the Garnett Remembers patriotic banner project comes to a close, we now have a total of 254 banners honoring 262 men and women who served our country with ties to the Garnett/Anderson County community.

Please join the community for a special celebration of service to be held (tentatively) on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. on the Anderson County Courthouse lawn. In the event we are unable to hold this event due to COVID-19 or weather, the event will be cancelled or postponed. Please watch our website and social media for updates.

The Celebration of Service event honors all military service men and women, with special recognition of each name of those whose face graces the patriotic banners on display throughout the City of Garnett. The "PROJECT: Garnett Remembers" banners will fly with pride throughout Garnett, from Memorial Day Weekend through the Independence Day holiday (4th of July) and until the end of July.

The Celebration of Service program and entertainment will include a performance by the Garnett Area Community Band and guests to be announced. All branches of service will be recognized. The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Riders, auxiliary members and dignitaries are invited to attend and participate.

The event is a "lawn chair event". Please invite your family and friends. This is a great way to begin Memorial Day Weekend.

We thank the Garnett Electric Distribution Department, as they play a major role in making this project possible.

The project is no longer taking applications for banners, but donations are being accepted to help with the maintenance of the banners, brackets and storage containers. If you would like to donate please make your donation payable to the Garnett Community Foundation and send or drop off to Garnett City Hall, PO Box H, 131 W. 5th Avenue, Garnett, KS, 66032.



From the Office of Economic Development...



Make Your Business Stand Out.

If you are interested in growing your sales, attracting more customers and building a stronger business you can sign up for the Jon Schallert Destination Creation Course. The course is being offered in Garnett/Anderson County currently and ACDA will be offering it again in the summer. It is not too late to sign up for the summer course.

The course is designed to help businesses create a unique positioning statement, discover what sets you apart from other businesses, and it will also help you with product spotlight techniques. The course also covers attracting business from outside the area and creating ultra-service as well as how to become a customer focused company.

The course meets weekly for 8 weeks. The cost of the course is \$199 which covers books and all the course videos. If you are interested in growing your business please contact Julie Turnipseed, Director of ACDA and a Destination Creation Trainer for more information by calling 785-448-5496x5 or email julie@garnettks.net.

Did You Know?



For every \$100 you spend in a Local Bricks-and-Mortar business, \$65.40 Stays to benefit our Community!



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