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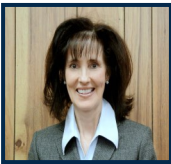


Happy New Year!

City Commission



Jason Sheahan
Mayor



Jody Cole
Commissioner



Mark Locke
Commissioner

Garnett, Kansas

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From the Commission...

Happy New Year! I hope January finds you happy and healthy. As we bid farewell to a remarkable year, I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our city manager and city employees. In reflecting, here are a few of their incredible 2023 accomplishments:

- Completing the Cedar Valley Reservoir Project
- Installing new storm water drainage, curb and guttering, and business entrances along Maple Street
- Being a host City of the 2023 Biking Across Kansas (BAK)
- Replacing equipment at the power plant that was over 100 years old.
- Adding the Family Dollar/Dollar Tree and new Short Stop to the corner of Park Road and Maple.
- Hiring McClure Engineering to continue toward the construction of a new water treatment plant.
- Hiring Midwest Engineering to start us on the path to updating all of our wastewater line infrastructure.
- Beginning to upgrade gas lines from low pressure to high pressure.
- Beginning a new partnership with Fidelis Energy, who will be managing our Gas supply

As you can see, our employees have achieved many milestones that have enriched our community.

Learning how other communities our size STRETCH their budget has been a goal I set for myself in 2023. During 2023, I visited several similar communities to see how they are able to maximize their tax dollars to benefit their communities. All of the communities I visited have one thing in common. Each community mentioned how fortunate they are to have a full-time grant writer on their city staff. They showed me many projects the grant writer was able to provide for their communities. In addition, they explained how these projects were only possible because their grant writer worked hard to find additional dollars to make these projects possible. This is definitely a position I will be bringing up prior to our budget workshops in June.

It is both an honor and a pleasure to serve our wonderful community. Best wishes to all of you, and here's to a year of new beginnings and shared accomplishments in 2024.

Respectfully,
Jody Cole



From The City Manager...

And just like that, another year has passed us by! I truly hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas, and I wish you all a safe and Happy New Year!

We saw a few bright spots in 2023 that I would like to highlight. The City and County partnered together once again and completed a Fall City Wide Clean-up week. We plan to continue doing this every Fall going forward. We saw the addition of Family Dollar/Dollar Tree, a new Short Stop Convenience Store, and Papa John's pizza to Garnett!

A big hurdle we overcame was seeing the completion of the Cedar Valley Reservoir Auxiliary Spillway Project. This project started back in 2019 and with the help of KDEM, FEMA, Rodriguez Mechanical Contractors, and a host of City Staff, the project is finished.

To go along with that project, we saw new storm water drainage, curb, guttering, and business entrances installed along Maple Street between 4th Avenue and Redbud. Although this project ran into delays pushing the mill & overlay piece of the project to the Spring of 2025, much of the work is completed.

We continue to move forward with the Airport project. This year two (2) pieces of property purchased near the Airport. The land acquisition phase will continue into next year as we push toward the end goal of getting the new tarmac and runway constructed.

The Water Treatment Plant project is still slowly moving, however, we are confident that the new engineering firm, McClure, will lead us to a successful project just as they did with the Cedar Valley Reservoir.

And last but certainly not least, we have been in discussions and working with Midwest Engineers on a Wastewater line project. This is in the early stages, however, this project will update and upgrade existing worn out wastewater lines throughout the City.

With 2024 upon us, our goal remains the same: to put most of these long-standing projects behind us so we can start focusing on other areas that need improvement. I can't say thank you enough for the patience the community has shown during all the construction.

I would like to commend Jason Sheahan and Mark Powls for filing and running for City Commissioner,

as well as commend Paula Scott and Nate Wiehl for their write in campaign efforts for the City Commissioner seat that has been held by Commissioner Jason Sheahan. After the votes were counted, Nate Wiehl was the victor. Congratulations to Nate, and welcome to the City Commission. I look forward to getting to know you and working with you.

Again, thank you all for your support. I'm looking forward to continuing this momentum into 2024.

Sincerely,
Travis Wilson
City Manager

Garnett Police Department

The City of Garnett Police Department is looking for a Police Officer to join the GPD team. This individual will be intelligent, self-motivated, and community oriented, with excellent communication and problem solving skills, as well as a high level of integrity. For more information on how to apply, contact kking@garnettks.net.



Did You Know?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees:

- Connie Mead-Library*
- Brian Davis-Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director*
- Lennin Herrera-Refuse Department*
- Mitchell Adams-Refuse Department*
- Dusty Reynolds-Gas and Water Department*

Congratulations to those with work Anniversaries!

- Tyler Reynolds - 5 years - Refuse Department*
- Colby Wittman - 5 years - Fire Department*

Trainings/Certifications:

- Kris Hix - 5 Week Grant Writing Course*

From the Airport Manager...



Your Garnett Industrial Airport has had a busy fall of 2023! We were able to get a lower price on aviation fuel. With the dropping fuel prices we bought a tank load, and we have been selling quite a bit, which brings in money for the City. We have been having quite a few more transient aircraft come into Garnett to take advantage of the cheaper fuel.

Our Aviation students are still progressing. We have one student who will be flying solo by the time this is published.

We have made progress with purchasing the necessary properties for remodeling the 1940's era runway. We have purchased the property and the easement for the new road east of the runway. We have purchased the house and property encroaching on the design of the new runway. There are several other properties and easements that are going to be required to be purchased before we can proceed to the next step. We have been successful so far with getting grants from KDOT to pay for fifty percent of the city's ten percent portion of the purchases.

The important thing to remember about the money spent out here at the airport is that ninety percent of the money spent on these projects are paid from FAA money from the Aviation Fuel Tax Fund or other FAA funding, not general taxpayer funds. This money will be spent on airport projects somewhere, whether it be Wichita, Kansas City, New York, or Iola, so it is to our advantage to at least claim our share of that money. Then, if I am successful in getting some matching funds from KDOT or other grant programs, we can get the city's portion down to five percent or less.

I was chosen by the KDOT Aviation Director to chair an Aviation Task Group for the state of Kansas to help draft a resolution that will be presented to the Kansas Legislature and the Secretary of Transportation to increase the money available for airports and infrastructure in general. This has taken most of the summer and fall, but hopefully it will have a good end result.

This fall and winter will be a messy time at the FBO. The airport received a grant from KDOT for improvements at the airport office. I am currently removing the 70's era carpet and replacing it with hard flooring. I am also replacing the original 1940's single pane windows, and improving the lighting in the office.

As always, if you would like to know anything about flying or aviation opportunities, please come out and talk with me.

Thanks!

Pat Schettler
Airport Manager K68

From the City Clerk....



It is hard to believe that 2023 has gone so quickly. Be sure and check out the City of Garnett website www.simplygarnett.com for up coming 2024 activities and events to enjoy with your family and friends.

Temperatures will be up and down for the next several months. This could affect your utility bill. Check your windows, chimneys, furnace filters and water lines regularly to prevent any potential problems. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall utility bill will be. Check on your neighbors, especially elderly and those living alone. Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Just a reminder that utility payments are due upon receipt and considered late on the morning of the 16th of each month. Shane, Meter Reader and Utility Office Staff have been working very diligently to have utility bills more consistent in the days billed and ready to mail by the 30th of each month. Once bills have been delivered to the Post Office, we have no control of time. If you have not received your bill the first week of the month, call City Hall Utilities and inquire about your balance. Payments can be brought inside or dropped in either of the two drop box locations (back window drive thru or outside the front office). The utility department can take your payment in person, over the phone for credit cards or you can make a payment online at www.simplygarnett.com. If you bank at GSSB or Patriots Bank, we can also set you up for automatic withdrawal. Your account number is needed no matter how you pay, in order to ensure processing to the correct account you are paying.

If you have any issue, City related, give City Hall a call Monday thru Friday during business hours at (785) 448-5496 and we will get you to the department that is needed to get your concerns an answer. If it's a billing



City Clerk contd...

matter, speak with the Utility Billing Department and/or the City Clerk.

The trash (refuse) pick up route is posted on the City website. Trash is to be out by 6:00 am the morning of your scheduled pick up. All changes of service for holidays are posted on the City website, Facebook and at City Hall at the front and back of the building.

Rental of Town Hall Center is through City Hall. Rental of the Quonset Hut and Community Building is through the Anderson County Clerk's Office 785.448.6841. Rental of the Senior Center is through the center, 785.448.0065.

The staff here at City Hall are always happy to help as we build good working relations between departments, keeping structure to policy yet giving full attention to your concerns.

Thank you, Garnett, for a wonderful place to live and work.
Trish Brewer, City Clerk

Amanda - Jasmine - Kalen, Utility Clerks

Parks & Recreation....

Brian Davis joined the City of Garnett Staff this fall, and here's what he has to say:

"After having a few months to get settled in as the new Parks & Recreation Director, I am excited about the opportunities the Garnett community has to offer participants in Parks & Recreation. From young children to adults, the upcoming spring season will offer many options. We will have youth soccer this spring and adults may participate in yoga, hot yoga, or chair yoga classes. All ages and ability levels are welcome! Be sure to check out the new equipment coming soon to the workout area as well! We are



also always looking for officials, umpires, scorekeepers and people who would like to be volunteer coaches."

Brian Davis - Parks & Recreation Director
bdavis@garnettks.net

Rec Center Upgrades coming!

In the near future, the recreation center is expecting to see a brand new cardio room. There will be nine new machines: three treadmills, one elliptical, three stationary bikes, and two Stairmasters. All of these machines will be able to be connect to your Apple watch or other Bluetooth devices, to help track your workouts. Also, at the recreation center you will see cables replaced on the machines,

new attachments, and a brand new adjustable cable machine. Coming Soon!

The recreation staff would like to thank everyone who has given ideas for new equipment. As always, your thoughts as the people who use the recreation center (community) are the most important.

Ty Hedrick
Recreation Supervisor

From the Fire Chief..



As we enter 2024, here are some of our annual reminders:

- * Are your home address numbers visible from the street and easy to see at night? Can emergency vehicles find your home easily? Now is a great time to look, and if necessary, take the steps to improve visibility.
- * Are your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors working? Heating the home is the second leading cause of house fires. As the temperature goes down the risk goes up.
- * Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

Please heed these tips:

- * Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- * When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.
- * Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory
- * Place the heater on a solid, flat surface
- * Make sure the heater has auto shutoff when the heater is overturned
- * Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection
- * Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment
- * Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic, and make sure they aren't blocking exits
- * Keep children away from the space heater
- * Plug directly into the wall outlet-NEVER use an extension cord.
- * Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Wes Skillman,
Fire Chief
wskillman@garnettks.net



TOWN TALK - WINTER CALENDAR



Check out our "Community Calendar" - www.simplygarnett.com

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year**
AM Yoga
Garnett Recreation Center,
8:45-10:00 a.m., Every Mon.-Wed.-
Fri.
Celebrate Recovery
Church of the Nazarene, 5-8 p.m.,
Every Monday
Garnett Lions Club Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.,
First & Third Monday
Hot Yoga with Jenelle
Garnett Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 2-Feb. 29 License your pets at City Hall**
- 2 Rotary International Meeting**
Dutch Country Cafe, 12 p.m.,
Every Tuesday
Garnett Community Foundation Meeting
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
P.M. Yoga
Recreation Center, 5:30-6:30 p.m.,
Every Tuesday & Thursday
American Legion BINGO
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.,
Every Tuesday
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
510 S. Oak Street, 7 p.m.,
Every Tuesday and Thursday
- 3 Duplicate Bridge**
Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 1 p.m.,
Every Wednesday
Tinkering & Tech hosted by the Garnett Public Library
Garnett Public Library, 3:30-5 p.m.
Bulldog Booster Club Meeting
Anderson County JR-SR High School,
5:30 p.m.
- 4 13-Point Pitch & Snacks**
Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m.,
Every Thursday
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting
Greeley, 7 p.m.
- 8 Anderson County Commission Meeting**
Every Monday, Annex Building,
9 a.m.
American Legion Auxiliary Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 9:30 a.m.
Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Chamber Office, 12 p.m.
- 8 TOPS Meeting**
First United Methodist Church,
5:30 p.m., Every Thursday
Library Board Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board Meeting
GHA Office, 7 p.m.
American Legion Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.
- 9 Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot,
all day
Storytime Tuesday
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.,
Every Tuesday
Ministerial Alliance
Dutch Country Café, 1:30 p.m.
City Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 10 Remember When Wednesday**
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting
Rec Center, 6 p.m.
VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
VFW Post 6397 Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
Friends of the PSRT Meeting
Town Hall Center, 7 p.m.
- 11 Morning Mingle**
Garnett Public Library, 8 a.m.
Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting
Masonic Lodge, Garnett, 7 p.m.
- 12 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 16 Bricks and Books**
Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m.
ACDA Economic Development Meeting, City Hall, 5 p.m.
BPW Meeting
Town Hall Center, 5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 17 Kid Craft Club**
Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m.
Adult Reading Program Kickoff Party
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 17 Walker Art Committee Meeting**
Archer Room, Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting
Garnett Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- 21 VFW Breakfast**
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1p.m.
- 23 City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 24 Book Discussion**
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 25 Harvesters Emergency Food Distribution**
For Anderson County residents,
Quonset Hut, Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.
Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet
Knights Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Winter Homecoming-ACHS**
Anderson County HS, 4:30 p.m.
- ## FEBRUARY
- 1 Black History Month Begins**
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting
Board Office, 7 p.m.
- 4 Troyer's Prairie Gold Bridal Show and Vendor Showcase**
Troyer's Prairie Gold, 1-4 p.m.
- 6 Garnett Community Foundation Meeting**
Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Tinkering & Tech**
Garnett Public Library, 3:30-5 p.m.
Bulldog Booster Club Meeting
Anderson County Jr.-Sr. High School,
5:30 p.m.
- 8 Morning Mingle Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 8 a.m.
Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting
Masonic Lodge, Garnett, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
- 12 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 9:30 a.m.
Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Chamber Office, 12 p.m.
Library Board Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
American Legion Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.

TOWN TALK - WINTER CALENDAR

February continued...

- 12 Garnett Housing Authority Board Meeting**
GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 13 Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot, all day
- Ministerial Alliance**
Dutch Country Café, 1:30 p.m.
- City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day!**
Remember When Wednesday
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting**
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- VFW Auxiliary Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
- VFW Post 6397 Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m.
- Friends of the PSRT Meeting**
Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 18 VFW Breakfast**
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 19 Presidents' Day**
City offices will be closed
- 20 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**
City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Garnett BPW Meeting**
Town Hall Center 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 21 Walker Art Committee**
Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
- Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting**
Garnett Senior Center, 7 p.m.
- 22 Harvesters Emergency Food Distribution**
For Anderson County residents, Quonset Hut, Anderson County Fairgrounds, 2 p.m.
- 29 LAST DAY - Pet licensing deadline for reduced rate.**
Purchase at City Hall by Tuesday, February 28 or by mail or drop box.

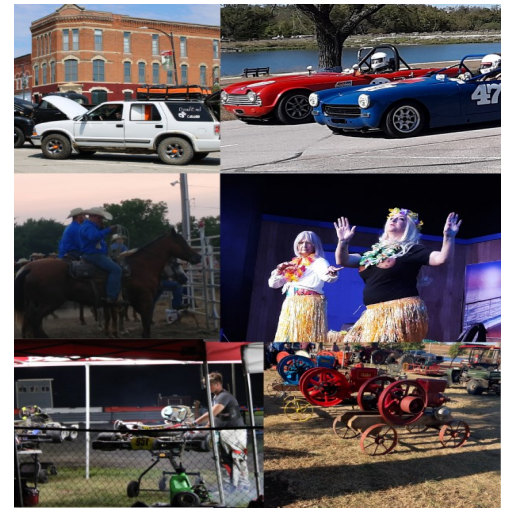
MARCH

- 5 Garnett Community Foundation Meeting**
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Tinkering & Tech**
Garnett Public Library, 3:30-5 p.m.
- Bulldog Booster Club**
Anderson County Jr.-Sr. High School 5:30 p.m.
- 7 USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**

- USD 365 Board Office, 7 p.m.
- 8 Airport Advisory Board**
Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
Set your clocks ahead one hour.
- 11 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 9:30 a.m.
- Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**
Chamber Office, 12 p.m.
- Library Advisory Board Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
- American Legion Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.
- Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**
GHA Office, Park Plaza North, 7 p.m.
- 12 Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot, All day
- Ministerial Alliance**
Dutch Country Café, 1:30 p.m.
- City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 13 Remember When Wednesday**
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting**
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- VFW Post 6397 Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
- VFW Ladies Auxiliary Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**
Rec Center, 6 p.m.
- Friends of the PSRT Meeting**
Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 14 Morning Mingle**
Garnett Public Library, 8 a.m.
- Delphian Masonic Lodge #44 Meeting**
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!**
VFW Breakfast
VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- 19 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**
City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Garnett BPW Meeting**
Town Hall Center, 5:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 20 Walker Art Committee**
Archer Room, Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
- 23 Egg Drop hosted by the Garnett**

- Church of the Nazarene**
Garnett Industrial Airport, time TBA
- 26 City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 28 Harvesters Emergency Food Distribution**
For Anderson County Residents
Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.
- 31 Happy Easter!**

**Dates and times are subject to change.*



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January 2 - February 29, 2024



DON'T FORGET TO LICENSE YOUR PETS!



A Message from Code Enforcement and Animal Control...



Pet Registration Due - 2024 Registrations will be due soon!

This is just a reminder that your pet's vaccination expires. Owners of dogs and cats within the City of Garnett are required to purchase pet licenses annually at City Hall.

Between January 1 and before March 1, the city will collect a registration fee of \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and cats, and \$20 for any dog or cat that is

not spayed or neutered.

Please note: Certificate of current rabies vaccination provided to you by your veterinarian, along with verification of spaying or neutering, is required at time of City pet license purchase.

Thereafter, by ordinance a notification will be sent to a pet owner 30 days in advance of the expiration of their pet's rabies vaccination. Owners will be required to provide the new rabies vaccination information to the city within 30 days of notification. Failure to comply will result in the pet license being revoked and a fine issued.

Cold Weather Care for Animals - Make sure your animals, if outside, have shelter from the cold and access to food and water when temperatures drop below 40 degrees.

Animal Pick-Up Fees - If your animal is picked up and taken to Countryside Veterinary Clinic, you as the owner, are responsible for all fees incurred before the animal will be released. Please keep your pets inside or kenneled.

Trap/Spay/Neuter Program - The program is still going through the ordinance/policy process, and awaiting final approval. Please be patient as we work to put everything together. A volunteer meeting will be put together closer to the launch of the program. If you did not sign up to volunteer at the meeting last spring, please call me or stop by and get signed up.

If you have questions or concerns about the above information, give me a call!

Darin Schmoie, Code Enforcement/Animal Control
785.448.5496, Option 1.

From the Zoning Administrator...

I hope everyone had a great holiday season! We're making some big progress in the process of permits and inspections. Sometime in January, the permit and inspection application process will be moving to an online system. That means no more paper applications, and can reduce the time from application to issuance. And requesting an inspection for a permit will be just as easy. That doesn't mean I won't be available for questions or information, but soon, getting a permit will no longer mean a trip to City Hall. Look for this to roll out in January.

The Maple St project has buttoned up for the winter. All of the stormwater improvements and the groundwork is complete, and in the spring Bettis will return to mill and overlay the project area.

KDOT has some other highway projects planned for next year in our area. They are planning to pave from the

roundabout to the north city limits on Maple St/US-59, as well as Business 169 (6th Ave) from Maple.US-59 east to US-169. Once the projects start, please be extra careful in the construction zones, not only for your safety, but for the safety of the contractors as well.

If you have any questions about anything, don't hesitate to call me at City Hall, extension 6, or send me an email at emills@garnettks.net

Stay safe!

Eric Mills, Zoning Administrator

Community Development News...

Event season will be here before you know it! We will be welcoming back Southland Cruisers Car, Truck, and Bike Show, Cornstock Concert on the Hill, Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, Anderson County Flywheelers, and more of your favorites. The Chamber Players Community Theatre will present new comedy, and the Garnett Farmers Market will aim to please with familiar favorites and maybe a surprise or two!

If you will be holding your event on City property, contact Community Development/Tourism as soon as you have the date. An agreement will be drawn up and presented to the City Commissioners for approval, so it is important to have all of the information included, such as street closures, rain dates, etc. This way when the agreement is presented to the commission, they have all the information needed to vote on the event agreement.

Event organizers are required to provide proof/certificate of insurance prior to their event. All organizers need to make sure this is presented in a timely manner. The proof of insurance is filed with the agreement, and reviewed by the City Attorney.

If you will be requiring city services such as electricity, road closures, barricades, trash barrels, or other special requests, you will need to fill out the Special Events Request Form. This must be done at least twenty-one days prior to the event. This also will be presented to the commissioners. If you plan on holding an event in a residential area, and plan to close or barricade the street, signatures of neighbors affected by the road closure will be required. The twenty-one day period allows time for the form to be approved by commissioners and for city crews to schedule delivery of barricades, cones, or other items. If there is a project going on, or construction or repairs, some of those items may be limited or unavailable depending on the size of the project.

We want to see your events be successful. These unique events bring people from a variety of cities, counties, and states, and we can't wait for 2024! If you have an upcoming event that you would like on the calendar, email the information to kris@garnettks.net.

Kris Hix,

Community Development/Tourism Director
785.448.5496 Option 7



131 West Fifth Avenue
Garnett, KS 66032

LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRSR STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM Retail

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergencies happen to all of us, and usually unexpectedly. We cannot always plan for these moments, but we can help you find the resources for when they happen!

If you are experiencing an interruption in utility service provided by the City of Garnett call the following phone numbers during these hours:

785.448.5496 - City Hall, Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

785.448.5428 - Dispatch Center, Weekdays, 5 p.m. to 8 a.m., and twenty-four-hour service weekends, and holidays.

CodeRed Emergency Notification

CodeRed delivers warnings/alerts to you by telephone. Sign-up online through the link on our website.

This system identifies persons who have signed up for this service who are in the path of a tornado, severe thunderstorm or flooding. Additionally, evacuation notices, missing persons and other emergency information can create an alert to your phone.

Text-to-911

Texting 911 can be done by typing "911" in the field for a phone number on your wireless phone.

Situations when Text-to-911 is appropriate:

- * Deaf, hard of hearing callers, or individuals with a speech disability;
- * A caller who is unable to speak due to a medical or other condition
- * Emergency situations that would put the caller in danger if making a voice call
- * Examples include abduction, domestic violence, or active shooter situation.

In the event you cannot safely make a voice call to 911 in an emergency, you can text to 911. This is a project between Anderson County Emergency Communications and Kansas 911 Coordinating Council.

Remember, the best way to contact 911 is by making a voice call. **Please only use this service in an emergency when a voice call is not possible or safe.** Please note that Text-to-911 may not be available outside of Anderson County.

Emergency Resources for Those in Need

East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation, better known as **ECKAN**, has an office in Garnett located at

132 E. 5th Avenue, 785.448.3670. Their services range from food, clothing and financial resources to Head Start Pre-School services, home weatherization and more. Catholic Charities and other entities partner with them to provide other options for assistance when you need it.

Harvesters Emergency Food Distribution

Distribution of food is held monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month at the fairgrounds located in Garnett's North Lake Park at 2 p.m. If there is a change in day or time due to holidays, or other events, we will try to keep you informed. This is for Anderson County residents only who meet required low income guidelines. If you are unable to pick up the food yourself, there is a proxy form to fill out which allows someone else to pick up your food box. Forms are available at City Hall.

NEW RESIDENT INFORMATION

We try to make it simple, when possible, for new residents coming to our community to find useful information.

First, we invite you to stop by Garnett City Hall, 131 W. 5th Avenue to pick up your complimentary "welcome packet".

Second, visit our website, simplygarnett.com. There are several pages to view on the website with links to resources and information that will help make your experience as a new resident of our city enjoyable.

If you don't find what you are looking for, please contact the office of Community Development and Tourism at 785.448.5496, Option 7



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