

SUMMER 2021

Town Talk

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City Commission



Jody Cole,
Mayor



Cody Gettler,
Commissioner



Greg Gwin,
Commissioner

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From The Commission...

If I could name this article, it would be "The Reason I Love Garnett". Over the last several months, I have witnessed so many examples of care and generosity displayed throughout our community.

As we resume a form of normalcy in our day-to-day lives, I would like to thank various members of the community for all their efforts, whether it be wearing masks, using sanitizer, getting the vaccine, staying home, or the many people on the backside that helped make all of these things possible. The efforts of those who provided to others during the pandemic did not go unnoticed and made an incredibly large impact on so many lives.

My gratitude goes out to the County Commission, USD 365, healthcare employees and essential workers, for all that they have contributed during the pandemic. Many were faced with challenging decisions requiring prompt solutions during unfamiliar circumstances.

Another recent example of our great people was displayed after the damaging storm to our community. I would like to thank the city employees, staff, and the extra crews that assisted, for their help in recovering after the intense storm that we had. It was also amazing to see how many people were immediately cleaning up their properties and then helping their neighbors, friends, and families with their properties. Along with the help of many selfless citizens, the majority of the properties were mostly cleaned up within hours afterwards.

On June 13, the County held their dedication of the Anderson County Veterans Memorial. This was the result of numerous individuals who devoted their time and attention to make this a reality that started as a dream several years ago. It was great to see the community come together to show their support. It is a beautiful structure in which to honor all of those that have served or are currently serving to protect our freedoms

that we enjoy every day.

In closing, the reason I love the town we call home is because of the various people who bring out the best in Garnett. As the summer activities get in full swing, get out and enjoy all that is going on! We'll see you there!

Respectfully,

Greg A Gwin
City Commissioner

From the City Manager...

Hello Summer! Garnett is bustling with activities, which is such a wonderful contrast to a year ago. Baseball and softball are in full swing. The pool is open. Local churches are hosting vacation bible schools again, and the library is up and running full hours. I am so very proud of our community and how everyone pulled together during a time of uncertainty.

Here is a quick update on some of the projects that we have been busy with. We will be going to bid on the new water treatment plant by the end of the year. The planning for the Maple Street Drainage Project is almost complete. We hope to begin that work in 2022. The Master Plan Update for the airport has been completed and we have begun work on the next phase to complete an Environmental Assessment of the proposed development area.

I would also like to thank you for bearing through the recent storm events (and the aftermath) with us. While we are thankfully emerging from the impacts of the pandemic response, we seem to have transitioned to extreme weather

From the City Manager continued...

events. Hopefully, the June windstorm will be the last for a while.

Please make sure to get out and enjoy our wonderful community amenities and events this summer and fall. From the Farmer's Market every Thursday, to the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, there is always something to keep you active and engaged with your neighbors and community.

Unfortunately, this will be my last *Town Talk* article I will write to you. While my family and I absolutely love the Garnett community and cherish our time here, we will be moving to Missouri here in a couple of months. I certainly appreciate the wonderful welcome and feeling of acceptance you provided to myself and our family. I am proud of the direction that our community is heading and know that with a terrific group of City staff members and an excellent Governing Body, Garnett is poised for a very bright future.

We will be sure to return as frequently as we can and I am excited to see Garnett's prosperous future over the next few decades. Thank you again and take care!

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner
City Manager



From the City Clerk...

And just like that, a new season is upon us. SUMMER! As we move on from Spring, I would like to say it was great seeing some normalcy with the Square Fair. Seeing all the people out and about enjoying that event was awesome! I would also like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2021. I wish you nothing but the best in your future adventures.

As everyone is aware, we have revamped our utility bills. We previously printed our utility bills on yellow cardstock and have recently switched over to a full sheet of paper. The reason for the switch was largely due to the rising cost of the cardstock as well as issues of the cards being lost or destroyed at the postal service processing centers. With this change, we are hoping those issues will be eliminated. We want to make everyone aware that you will no longer receive the yellow cards anymore. The utility bills will come in a City of Garnett envelope.

With the utility bill format change, we now can email the utility bills. If you would like to receive your utility bill through email, give us a call at (785) 448-5496 so we can add you to the list. Our payment options are remaining the same; we take payment by cash, check, money order, and credit card either through our online bill pay or over the phone. If you wish to have your utility bill set up on auto draft, that is also an option if you bank with a local bank.

As we finish up the first half of 2021, I would like to remind everyone to register your dogs and cats if you have not already done so this year. Per City Code, between January 1 and February 28th, owners shall register all dogs or cats owned or kept for



the following fees:

- \$7.50 for each neutered or sexually altered dog or cat.
- \$20.00 for each dog or cat that has not been neutered or sexually altered.

On or after March 1st, the registration fees double to the following fees:

- \$15.00 for each neutered or sexually altered dog or cat.
- \$40.00 for each dog or cat that has not been neutered or sexually altered.

As we move into Summer, I encourage everyone to look at the calendar of activities and events coming up and hope you find time to enjoy as many as you can. Get outside, go for a walk, take in a baseball game, go to a dinner theatre production. Enjoy the moments we are given. I hope you all have a great Summer!

Sincerely,

Travis Wilson
City Clerk

Summer Fun at the Library

The library staff and Friends of the Garnett Public Library have a lot of fun activities planned, now through September, for kids and adults of all ages. These activities are listed on the community calendar found on pages 4-5 Here is a quick list:

Storytime

- Storytime will be held at the Donna Harris Park for preschoolers on Tuesdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Time: 10:30 a.m.
- Storytime will be held at the Garnett Farmers' Market to the general public on Thursdays, July 8 and 22. Time: 5:00 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.
- Storytime will take a break after July 27 and will resume at the library for preschoolers on September 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch Bunch & Storytime

Join this summer lunch program together with Storytime at the Church of the Nazarene, 258 Park Road, on Wednesdays, July 7, 14, 21 and 18 starting at 12:15 p.m.

Night at the Museum

Watch history come alive at the Anderson County Historical Museum, 410 W. 6th Avenue, on Wednesday, July 21, beginning at 7 p.m. This event is open to persons of all ages.

Book & Bag Sidewalk Sale

The Friends of the Library sale of gently used books and purses will take place in front of the library on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Remember When Wednesdays (10 a.m. start time)

Join the library staff on July 14 as Remember When Wednesdays explores traveling across Kansas without leaving the library! Wednesday, August 11, RWW features Main Street Memories. The theme for September 15 is to be determined.

Book Discussion

The Garnett Public Library offers book discussion events for adults. Dates of upcoming book discussions are July 28 ("This Road We Traveled"), August 26 (TBA) and September 22 (TBA). Time: 7 p.m.

The Garnett Public Library Summer Reading Program, "Tails and Tales" is in full swing through July 30, 2021. There is a lot of summer fun happening at your local library. Don't miss out!



For more information, please visit the Garnett Public Library, 125 W. 4th Avenue. To view the current library newsletter, information about the StoryWalk, and how to become a Friend of the Library, please visit our website link for the library: www.simplygarnett.com/public-library.html.

From the Fire Chief...

This is my first installment since taking over the Chief position. I just wanted to remind the residents of the burn permit ordinance. All burning requires a burn permit. These no cost permits can be obtained by calling Anderson County Communications at 785.448.6823. If there is a burn ban in place you will be informed when calling this number. Failure to obtain a permit can result in a citation.

5-1210. Burning of refuse.

(a) No person shall burn any construction materials or refuse, especially refuse consisting of leather, rubber, plastic, organic material, or any other substance which produces odor within the city.

(b) Commercial or industrial producers of any of the types of materials described in subsection (a) may obtain a permit for burning such materials in an approved type incinerator that is in compliance with all existing federal and state standards.

(c) Brush, leaves and similar yard waste may be burned on premises other than at a time when there is a "fire ban" imposed by city, county or state officials. All such burning shall be conducted in a reasonable manner and the following rules shall be observed:

(1) Before starting to burn, the law enforcement dispatch center shall be notified by telephone.

(2) No fire shall be left unattended. All fires shall be completely extinguished before leaving the site unattended.

(3) No burning shall occur in any public right of way. The site of such fire shall be clear of overhead utility lines and clear of any exposure threat to any structure.

(4) A source of water or other adequate means of extinguishing the burn pile shall be available at all times of burning.

(5) Burning shall occur only during daylight hours.

(d) No person shall burn commercial wastes, hazardous wastes or garbage or burn in any manner contrary to subsection (a).

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the burning of wood, coal or other fuel in a residential fireplace or stove, nor the burning of wood, coal or charcoal for the purpose of cooking, whether inside or outside a dwelling.
(Code 1961, 7-2-10; Ord. 3905; Code 2019)

If you have any questions for the fire department, email me at wskillman@garnettks.net.

We would like to thank the community for all the support.

Respectfully,

Chief Wesley Skillman
Garnett Fire Department



From the Desk of Code Enforcement/Animal Control...



We would like to introduce you to the Darin Schmoie. Darin is in charge of code enforcement with the added responsibility of animal control duties. Darin would like to share these friendly reminders:

- * Due to the amount of precipitation during recent rains, homeowners need to keep their grass under 8 inches.

- * Trash and debris need to be cleared from yards and alleyways.

- * The utility departments need to have unrestricted access to all meters. Please trim shrubs and trees to allow easy access. This includes electric, natural gas and water meters.

- * Pet registrations and vaccinations: We have many pet owners with expired registrations and vaccinations. I am slowly going through them. A reminder was sent out in March. Please make sure your dogs and cats have current vaccinations and are registered with the City for 2021.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

Darin Schmoie
Code Enforcement/Animal Control

HELP WANTED! Find a New Career - HERE

The Anderson County ACT WorkReady Community Committee is hosting a Career Fair at the Anderson County Fair during Merchants Tent Night, Wednesday, July 28th. There will

be a "Passport with Prizes" where participants will be given a passport to carry to the Career Fair/Employer's booths. The passports will ultimately be included in a random prize drawing for \$150, \$100 and \$50 in Chamber Bucks. The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the \$100 Chamber Bucks prize.

Anderson County employers can sign up to participate by contacting Julie Turnipseed, ACDA Executive Director, no later than July 21st at 785.504.4265; email: julie@garnettks.net. There is no fee to participate or to set up a booth.

This event encourages the connection of job seekers to promising positions within the local area in which to gain employment.

ANDERSON COUNTY

CAREER FAIR

ON-SITE INTERVIEWSWIN PRIZESMULTIPLE POSITIONS

WEDNESDAY

JULY 28th

5:30PM - 7:00PM

ANDERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE MERCHANT'S TENT

708 NORTH LAKE ROAD, GARNETT, KANSAS

Find a new career!
Anderson County Employers
KANSASWORKS Mobile
Career Center will be available
to assist with resumes and
career counseling
Entry level to skilled worker
positions
Multiple shifts available
Bring updated resume &
be prepared to interview

SOUTHEAST

ANDERSON COUNTY ACT WorkReady
Community Committee

KANSASWORKS

sekworks.org

A proud partner of the American Job Center network

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program-Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

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Bob Mills Honored for 37 Years of Service to City of Garnett

Bob Mills, Director of Electric Production, officially retired on May 27, 2021, after 37 years of service with the City of Garnett.

Bob began his career with the City in 1984 as a Power Plant Operator in November of 1984. He was promoted to Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Garnett Power Plant in 1989 and assumed the position of Acting Power Plan Superintendent in 1992. In 1993, Bob was named Superintendent of the Power Plant. After receiving his OSHA Certification in 2009 the title of Safety Director was added to his duties. In March of 2015, Bob was promoted to Director of Electrical Production.

During his time with the City, Bob supervised the installation of the newest General Motors engine in 1999 which increased the generation capacity of the City and the installation of the SCADA system which allowed the electrical system to be monitored and controlled from the Power Plant.

While working for Garnett Bob has actively participated in the electric and gas industry in Kansas. He represented Garnett through the KMEA (Kansas Municipal Energy Agency) and KMGGA (Kansas Municipal Gas Agency), both non-profit joint action agencies created by state law to serve low-cost electricity and natural gas to Kansas cities that own their respective utilities as well as KMU (Kansas Municipal Utilities).

Bob has served in various leadership roles in the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) for many years. He served several terms as Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the energy management project which provides electricity to the City of Garnett and continues to do so. In 2015 Bob was elected to serve on the KMEA Executive Committee and currently serves as the Vice President of KMEA. Bob's leadership has been an integral part of several significant projects including the purchase of a portion of a large power plant in Pleasant Hill, Missouri, the development of a linemen services crew currently serving in



western Kansas, and the acquisition of a small engineering firm in Salina, Kansas.

Bob has also served on the Joint Board of Administration for the Kansas Municipal Gas Agency/Kansas Municipal Energy Agency for the last several years. He has also been active in the Kansas Municipal Utilities which provides training and legislature services for Municipal Utilities throughout Kansas. He has served on the KMU Mutual Aid Advisory Com-

mittee since it began. Bob has been the recipient of Lifetime Achievement Awards from both KMEA and KMU.

As a city employee, he used his skills with metal and wood to build and repair streetlights, bike racks, signs, helped with the renovation of the Santa Fe Depot with the installation of the caboose, the walk bridge at the South Lake, Garnett 150th displays, many Christmas floats and the docks at the lakes and reservoir.

He is very involved in his community. He became a Hunters Education instructor in 1979 in Greenwood County and since 1984 in Anderson County. He received the Order of the Buffalo in 2013. Bob was recently named the Region V Instructor of the Year for 2020.

Other community participation over the years includes Lake Garnett Sporting Club—officer and board member, Anderson County LEPC, Harvesters, Garnett County Club former board member, officer and grounds chair, NRA Women on Target, Youth Trapshooting, coached youth soccer, basketball, baseball, high school boys and girls golf and Parks and Recreation Board and Planning and Zoning Board member.

Bob is married to Vicki Mills and has 3 sons and 4 granddaughters.

As he leaves, Bob takes with him a great deal of knowledge of the electrical and gas industry and power plant operations.

Thank you, Bob. Enjoy your retirement.

City Manager Weiner Leaves for Monett, Missouri

Serving Garnett since 2017, City Manager Christopher T. Weiner is making the move to Monett, Missouri to begin a new career the end of August.

City Manager Weiner served as Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk for Cherryvale, Kansas, and was the City Administrator for the City of Girard prior to coming to Garnett. City Manager Weiner will change hats from the role as a city manager to city administrator again, as he takes his new position in Missouri.

As Garnett City Manager, he has been very fiscally prudent. He restructured the city budget and combined department duties among employees. He implemented new employee insurance and benefit options and supported a wellness program for employees. During his time in Garnett, Chris was a member of the Garnett Rotary International.



He was always willing to give of his time at Harvesters Emergency Food Distribution, emcee or otherwise volunteer at city related activities. He enjoyed having fun while working, such as

wearing his "hotdog" costume at work on Halloween.

City employees and staff wish Chris and his family the best on their new adventure.





Enjoy these Local Activities and Events!

JUNE 28-July 31: Sign-up for Fall Sports (Football, Volleyball, Soccer) Garnettrecreation.recdesk.com			
JULY			
1	Garnett Farmers' Market Every Thursday, (ends Oct. 7) Main Street, 4:30-7 p.m. 13-Point Pitch & Snacks Every Thursday Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Every Tuesday and Thursday 510 S Oak St, 7 p.m. USD 365 Board of Education Meeting District Office, 7 p.m.	6	Community Blood Drive United Methodist Church Basement, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Rotary International Meeting- Every Tuesday Dutch Country Cafe, 12 p.m. Tourism Advisory Board City Hall, 4:30 p.m. Garnett Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m. <i>No American Legion BINGO</i> Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting Garnett Nutrition Site, 7 p.m.
2	AM Yoga Every Monday-Wednesday-Friday Rec Center, 8:45-10 a.m. Water Aerobics Every Monday-Wednesday-Friday Garnett Swimming Pool, 5:30-6:15 p.m.	6	Wednesday Lunch Bunch Every Wednesday Hosted by the Garnett Public Library, Held at the Church of the Nazarene, Kids Storytime, 12:15 p.m. Duplicate Bridge Every Wednesday Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 1 p.m.
3	Independence Day Celebration Hosted by Growing Garnett Parade, downtown Garnett, 9 a.m. Vendor Booths, North Lake Community Building, 10 a.m. Games, North Lake Stadium, 11 a.m. Libertyfest Community Fireworks Display, Presented by the City of Garnett, 5-10 p.m. Music and food vendors, 5 p.m. Watermelon feed hosted by NCCC/ Ryan Disbrow-State Farm Agency, 7 p.m. Garnett Area Community Band Concert, 8 p.m. Community Fireworks at sunset.	7	Morning Mingle Meeting Garnett City Hall, 8 a.m. Storytime at the Farmers' Market Main Street, 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Anderson County Historical Society Meeting. Museum, 6:30 p.m. Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting Masonic Lodge, Garnett, 7:30 p.m.
4	Independence Day	8	Airport Advisory Board Meeting Garnett Municipal Airport, 4 p.m.
5	City Hall Closed Trash service will run one day late this week. Independence Day Breakfast & Giveaway Garnett Senior Center, 8-10 a.m. Anderson Co. Commission Meeting Every Monday Annex Building, 9 a.m. Celebrate Recovery Every Monday Church of the Nazarene, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Garnett Lions Club Meeting First and Third Monday VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.	9	Garnett Enduro Kart Road Races North Lake Road closed during races.
		10-11:	American Legion Auxiliary Meeting VFW Post 6397, 5:30 p.m.
		12	Library Board Meeting Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m. Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m. American Legion Meeting VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m. Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, City Hall, 7 p.m. Anderson County Recycling Trailer Country Mart parking lot. City Commission Meeting Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m. American Legion Bingo Every Tuesday VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
6	Storytime for Preschoolers Donna Harris Park, 10:30 a.m.	13	Remember When Wednesday Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
		14	VFW Post 6397 Meeting VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m. VFW Auxiliary Meeting VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.
		15	Walker Art Committee Meeting Garnett Public Library. 4 p.m.
		18	VFW Breakfast VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
		20	ACDA - Economic Development Meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m. Business and Professional Women Meeting, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting City Hall, 6 p.m.
		21	Night at the Museum Hosted by the Garnett Public Library, Anderson County Historical Museum, Open to the public, 7 p.m.
		22	Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters, for Anderson County residents, Quonset Hut, 2 p.m. Storytime at the Farmers' Market Main Street, 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.
		23-24:	Summer Sidewalk Sales Hosted by Morning Mingle. Friends of the Library Book Sale Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
		24-25:	KC Karting Sprint Track Races North Lake Park
		24	Anderson County MSTPA Truck &Tractor Pull Hosted by the Anderson County Fair Association, North Lake Park, 7 p.m.
		26	Anderson County Caregiver Support Group, 105 Park Plaza N., 1 p.m.
		27	City Commission Meeting Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
		July 26-31: Anderson County Fair Fairgrounds, North Lake Park.	
		July 27-31: Carnival at Anderson County Fair, Nightly, 6:00-10:30 p.m.	
		27	Fair Parade Stadium, North Lake Park, 7 p.m. Ranch Rodeo, Arena, 8 p.m.
		28	Anderson County Fair Tent Night & Career Fair, Fairgrounds, 6-8 p.m. 17th Annual Pie Baking Contest & Auction Anderson County Fair, 7 p.m. Book Discussion, "This Road We Travelled", by Jane Kirkpatrick Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m. Anderson County Fair Open Mic Night Fair Tent, 8 p.m.
		29	Shodeo, Rodeo Arena, 6:30 p.m.
		30	Livestock Premium Sale Livestock Show Arena, 7 p.m.



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July continued...

- 31** **Axe Throwing**
Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
Mini Draft Horse Pull
Rodeo Arena, 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST

Aug. 3-Sept. 9: Garnett Recreation Power Hour
Bootcamp, Stadium, 5 a.m.

- 3** **Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Garnett Community Foundation Meeting
Garnett Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
Garnett senior Center Board Meeting
Garnett Nutrition Site, 7 p.m.
- 5** **USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**
District Office, 7 p.m.
- 9** **American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**
VFW Post 6397, 5:30 p.m.
Library Board Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.
American Legion Meeting
VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.

Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting
City Hall, 7 p.m.

Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting
Housing Authority, 7 p.m.

- 10** **Anderson County Recycling Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot.
City Commission Meeting
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.

- 11** **Remember When Wednesday**
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
VFW Auxiliary Meeting
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Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting
Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.

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Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting
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Garnett Municipal Airport, 4 p.m.

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- 17** **ACDA - Economic Development Meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.**
Business and Professional Women Meeting, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.

- 17** **Garnett Planning Commission**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 18** **First Day of School**
USD 365, 8 a.m.
- 19** **Walker Art Committee Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
- 22** **15th Annual Scipio Supper Club Charity Bike Fun Run**
Sign-in begins at 10:30 at Scipio Supper Club
- 23** **Caregivers Support Group**
Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 24** **City Commission Meeting**
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 26** **Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters, Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.**
Book Discussion
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 28-29:** **Garnett Enduro Club Road Races**
North Lake Road closed during races.
- 28** **Fun in the Sun Car Show, Colony**

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2-October 7: Concerts in the Park

- Presented by Morning Mingle
- 2** **USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**
ACJSHS, 7 p.m.
- 3** **Water Aerobics Class end**
Garnett Municipal Pool
- 4** **Colony Day Celebration**
Colony, KS
- 6** **Labor Day - City Hall closed.**
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- 7** **Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
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GHA Office, 7 p.m.
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**Dates and times subject to change.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees:

James DePriest, Public Works Director; **Sharon Flinn** Seasonal Park Maintenance; **James Gross**, Park Department Maintenance; **Eric Mills**, Building Inspector/Planning and Zoning Official; **Renee Pagenkopf**, Cataloging Librarian; **Darin Schmoe**, Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer; **Dever Scott**, Maintenance; **Dyan Lee**, **Dakota Meiers** and **Jose Trujillo**, Volunteer Firefighters.

The City of Garnett would like to recognize the following for their years of service anniversaries; **Joseph Wilper**, Volunteer Firefighter, 15 years; **David S. Holloway**, Volunteer Firefighter, 5 years.

The City wishes to congratulate **Bob Mills**, Director of Electric Production, on his recent retirement. Bob began his career with the City of Garnett in 1984 and retires after 37 years of service. We wish Bob a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Best wishes to **Michael Carpenter**, Police Sergeant, who leaves after serving the community for 24 years. The City also thanks **Jason Wettstein**, Street/Stormwater Foreman, for his 13 years of dedicated service, starting out as a Street Department/Motorpool Maintenance Worker.

The following employees have shown excellence in the areas of strong work ethic, dependability, positive attitude, self-motivation and working as a team, earning nominations from their peers to be recognized as Employee of the Month during the past six months:

January - **Garrett Gross**, Building Inspector/Planning and Zoning Official

February - **Jeff Mucklow**, Utility Plant Operator

March - **Joe Owens**, Electric Production Superintendent

April - **Monica Hill**, Office Clerk

May - **Donnie Dilley**, Apprentice Lineman

June - **Roy Salazar**, Street and Stormwater Foreman

Conferences and Training: Patrolman **Mike Baumgardner** attended the Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation training. Patrol Officer **Paris Sills** attended Standard Field Sobriety Testing and Intoxilyzer Certification at the Kansas Law Enforcement Academy. Lieutenant/Detective **Todd Turner** attended Law Enforcement Sniper/Designated Marksman Operator Course. Police Chief **Kurt King** attended Elder Abuse Investigations presented by the Kansas Attorney General's Office. Officer **Mike Baumgardner**, Detective/Sergeant **Nick Goodwin** and Lieutenant/Detective **Todd Turner** attended continuing training for Special Response Team. All Garnett Police Department personnel received the yearly required Racial Profiling Training. **Donnie Dilley**, Apprentice Lineman, attended Mobile Crane Operator Certification training. **James Howard**, Lead Water Plant Operator, and **Heather Stevens**, Utility Plant Operator, recently attended Water and Wastewater Utility Workshop. **James Howard** and **Jeff Mucklow**, Utility Plant Operator, received training in Basic Electrical Maintenance and Troubleshooting.

Fall City Wide Garage Sale Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 11. Sell those extra items you have during this community event. Following this event, city residents that would like to request a special pick up of unwanted items can do so by contacting Garnett City Hall. There is a fee of \$50 per dump truck load, plus the landfill dump fee. Information on special yard waste pick-up can be found by visiting www.simplygarnett.com/refuse-service.html.

The Gas and Water Department asks that you be aware of Federal regulation 49 CFR 192.383(e), which requires every natural gas utility, including the City of Garnett Gas Department, to notify their customers about the potential benefits of an **Excess Flow Valve (EFV)**, who is responsible for the initial

installation costs of an EFV, and who is responsible for any replacement or maintenance costs associated with an EFV.

If you are a customer of the City of Garnett Gas Department, and connected to a high-pressure service area, you may request that an EFV be installed on the gas service line to your property if it currently does not have one, and the service line meets certain criteria. To learn more, visit www.simplygarnett.com/efv.

There are currently city advisory boards with vacancies. Those include positions on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee** and **Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals**. Persons interested in volunteering are encouraged to complete the Advisory Board Application found at www.simplygarnett.com.

About Your Bill: As of May 2021, utility bills sent by mail have a new look. The bill is a full page that comes sealed in an envelope. The other ways to receive and pay your bill are:

- Garnett utility customers can sign up to receive their utility bills by email.
- Customers can use the automated draft option through GSSB or Patriots Band (local banks only). Call our Utility Staff at 785.448.5496 to set up this option.
- After receiving the utility bill by mail or email, customers can pay online using our online payment option found on our website.

Please visit simplygarnett.com/utilities.html to learn more.

Looking for a job? The City of Garnett is hiring. There are positions available. Visit the City's website and view "City Employment Opportunities". The City of Garnett offers competitive wage, medical, dental and vision insurance, vacation and sick leave, paid holidays and KPERS retirement to full-time employees. Law Enforcement positions have additional benefits.

The Walker Art Committee invites you to visit the **Walker Art Gallery** and the **West Wing Gallery** during the summer. Jenelle Klehammer is the art curator and is arranging different art displays in the "West Wing". In June, the senior art students at Anderson County High School were honored with a reception and their works of art on display. The exhibits on the gallery side of the Garnett Public Library building change monthly. Please put taking a tour of the Walker Art Gallery on your to-do/bucket list!

The **Garnett Senior Center** is open to the public for the lunch hour and activities are back in full swing. Persons interesting in eating at the Senior Center need to call 785.448.6996 to make reservations. Socialize with coffee and friends at the Senior Center on Thursday mornings, where the coffee's hot and the television is on. Bring a snack to share at Thursday evening for 13-point pitch. If you enjoy reading, the Garnett Senior Center has a bookcase fully stocked. Take a book and drop off a book if you like. If anyone has medical equipment to donate, such as walkers, canes, shower chairs, etc., please call 785.448.4518 for pick up. The equipment is refurbished for persons in need of these items.

High school students needing community service hours are encouraged to contact the Garnett Senior Center to volunteer. Adult volunteers are always needed to deliver Meals on Wheels. Enjoy the **Garnett Farmers' Market** held every Thursday on Main Street from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Vendors, as shown on page 1, provide fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade baked items, honey, nuts, meat, eggs and more. Food trucks and concession organizations are welcome to be a part of the market atmosphere. The K-State Research and Extension-Frontier District provide recipes, demonstrations and free samples, while the Garnett Public Library hosts Storytime. National Farmers' Market Week is August 1-7, 2021.

Garnett Offers Funding/Rebate Programs

The City of Garnett has created the following programs to assist citizens within the city in a variety of ways. Funding is budgeted annually and is awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Application forms and additional information on one or more of these programs is available at Garnett City Hall.

Residential and Commercial Sidewalk Replacement

While funding is available, the City will reimburse residential property owners \$2 per foot (4 feet wide) and commercial property owners \$12 per foot (12 feet wide) of the costs for sidewalk replacement under this program.

Structure Demolition Program

Residential and commercial property owners making application under this program will be awarded a maximum loan of \$1,000 to aid in the removal of unsightly, dilapidated, unsanitary and unsafe structures. The interest free loan must be paid back to the City in three (3) annual payments.

Business Facility Improvement Loan Program

Business property owners may receive up to \$2,000 under this loan program, which is payable back to the City of Garnett in three (3) annual payments, interest free. Applicants under this program must make a minimum of 75% of the proposed improvements to the exterior of the business structure, with the remaining 25% to be used for interior repairs. Exterior improvements include painting, doors, windows, sidewalks, awnings, parking facilities and signs. Interior repairs such as painting, electrical and plumbing services to bring them into compliance with applicable codes; air conditioning, heating, walls, floors, ceiling and lighting.

Neighborhood Revitalization Program

This program is designed to promote improvements to eligible properties within the designated plan areas of Garnett. Property owners within these areas who make improvements to their residential or commercial properties will be eligible to receive rebates on their property taxes from the City of Garnett, and USD 365 (for residential), City of Garnett, Anderson County, and USD 365 (commercial areas). Revitalization work that increases the total appraised property value by at least \$5,000 will be eligible. *Exclusions:* Swimming pools, parking lots, landscaping (including fences) and singlewide mobile homes. The rebate period is 5 years for most properties in the plan area, with designated "downtown" properties receiving rebates for up to 8 years. The property owner will receive an annual rebate of 95% of the net new taxes paid resulting from the improvements made (after processing fee in the amount of 5% of the gross tax rebate or \$75, whichever is greater, is retained by Anderson County to cover administrative costs.)

Anderson County Development Agency Funding Resources

The agency for economic development for Garnett and Anderson County provides the following resources:

Grant Programs

- ◆ Community Development Block Grant

Loan Program

- ◆ NetWork Kansas E-Community Loan Program
Please contact Julie Turnipseed, ACDA-Economic Development Director, at Garnett City Hall for information on these programs.

Transient Guest Tax Funding Grant Program

Funding may be used for the promotion and advertising of a special event within Anderson County. Revenue funding this program is derived through tax placed on overnight stays at

lodging establishments within the city. Reimbursement of allotted expenses following the event and a written report on the effectiveness of funds used is required. Applications are reviewed by the Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee with final approval by the City Commission. Please contact Garnett Community Development and Tourism at City Hall for more information.

Planning an Event?

Are you thinking about hosting a special event? Maybe it's the next big event in Garnett. No matter how big or small your event is, organizing an event takes patience, time and help.

If you are planning a public event, perhaps as a fundraiser, or just something "fun" for people to enjoy and plan to use city property; such as a park or a street for the venue, here are some steps to cover all the bases to ensure overall success:

- ◆ Agreement: All events taking place on city property are to have a signed, written agreement approved by the Garnett City Commission. The City Clerk will have this agreement drawn up for you and include it in an upcoming commission agenda.
- ◆ Special Event Request: There is a Special Event Request Form to be completed and submitted to the Community Development and Tourism Department. This form is a checklist of what may be needed, such as barricades, trash receptacles, traffic control, or electricity. Work orders can then be prepared for city departments to supply those items. It is up to the event organizers to place items borrowed for the event where needed and then return them to the point of drop off once the event is over. Completing this request form helps the City of Garnett help you with your event.
- ◆ If the event includes camping needs, coordination in advance with Parks and Recreation will be necessary.
- ◆ Insurance: A liability policy with a minimum of \$500,000/\$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage is required. A Certificate of Insurance naming the City of Garnett as additional insured is to be submitted to the City Clerk prior to the event date.
- ◆ Sales Tax: The Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR) requires that sales tax is collected at special events and remitted to the State by the 25th day of the month following an event. If the event collects an entry fee, charges a vendor fee or sells merchandise, sales tax is applicable. This applies even if your organization is a non-profit or a church. KDOR requires a list of vendors planning to be a part of an event be submitted to their office at least two weeks prior to event. Vendors are required to submit Kansas Sales Tax remittances timely.
- ◆ Grants: We encourage you to visit with the tourism department about the Transient Guest Tax Local Grants Program. There are funds for marketing and non-marketing use available to organizations hosting events within Anderson County. The grant requests go through a recommendation process by the Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee with final consideration/approval by the City Commission.

While all of this may seem overwhelming, it is not as daunting as it may sound. Garnett Community Development and Tourism staff are here to help you. The Special Event Request Form and



Planning an Event - continued...

the TGT Application are valuable tools, not only for the City's use, but the information helps the event coordinator with organizing the event and can be a guide for future events.

We suggest you set goals that you wish to achieve by hosting the event. Then, set a date. A small event needs at very minimum 6 months to plan and effectively advertise. A large event to entice hundreds of people to – will need a minimum of a year to plan and execute an effective marketing strategy. No one can attend your event if they don't know about it. A well-rounded plan of print, digital and radio allows you to catch the potential attendees one way or another.

Help! I need help! When you host an event, the planning, believe it or not, is the easy part. Finding partners and volunteers committed to helping with the event in this busy world can sometimes be difficult. Making a list of people or organizations that have the same interests and common goals will become vital to you as you plan. Just remember, don't be afraid to ask for support. Maybe they'll say no. "No" is a small, two-letter word that can be a big disappointment, but it isn't the end of the world. Most likely a yes is just around the corner. If you know that the goals you have set for this event are going to make a difference and impact lives in a positive way, the noes will develop the gratitude necessary for a successful event.

Help: We can help! The doors to Garnett Community Development and Tourism are always open to those organizing or thinking about hosting an event. We can discuss what you need to get started. If you are a seasoned event planner, we can assist you to find resources or simply provide welcome bags. And yes, we will do what we can to promote your event on the City's social media channels, calendars and website. We just need to know the what, when, where, why and contact information.

We want to give a shout out to all the organizations and event planners in Garnett and Anderson County for doing what you do to bring people to Garnett. Being responsible for an event is hard work and isn't for the faint-hearted. What you do matters to the community. Your event develops a sense of pride and community spirit, and makes an economic impact on Garnett and the surrounding area. Thank you for thinking outside the box and working outside your comfort zone for the enjoyment of others.

If your organization has dates for 2022 special events, please let us know as soon as possible.

For a list of special events happening this year in Garnett and Anderson County, please visit the tourism information provided on the simplygarnett.com website. If you want assistance on your next event, please contact tourism@garnettks.net or call 785.448.5496, Option 7.

If you are a business and want help with an event, we encourage you to contact the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, 785.448.6767.

Best wishes,

Susan Wettstein, Director
Community Development and Tourism

Water Department Announces Water Utility Maintenance "Chlorine Burn"

The City of Garnett Water Department will be conducting a free chlorine burn for disinfection of the water distribution system in September (actual date to be announced). Once it begins, this process will last about two to three weeks. Flushing



and chlorine burns are routine distribution system maintenance conducted by utilities with chloramine disinfection. Chlorine burns also reduce the potential future occurrence of coliform or other types of bacteria in the system.

During this free chlorine burn, the water disinfection process will be changed from chloramines to free chlorine which is a stronger and faster-acting disinfectant. The fire hydrants will be opened to allow flushing of the system to help remove sediment from the pipes and distribute the change in disinfectant. Customers may notice open fire hydrants throughout the city during this period. At the end of the free burn, the standard chemicals used for disinfections will be reintroduced to the system and be returned to normal operating conditions.

Possible Noticeable Effects: It is important to understand that during this temporary change there may be some discoloration or cloudiness in the water and possibly a chlorine odor or taste. If this is experienced, please run the water through the tap until it clears. Minor pressure fluctuations and small air pockets may also occur. Fire hydrant flushing should remove most of the color and odor, but some may reach customer lines during the process. Discoloration in laundry is also possible during this time. It is recommended that customers check for discolored water before adding clothes to their washing machine. If discolored water appears, customers can set their washing machine to spin cycle to purge the water, and then refill the machine with clear water. In addition, customers may wish to purchase and use a cleaning additive to help prevent or remove any discoloration that may occur.

Is the Water Safe to Drink? Yes, the water is safe to drink throughout this process and boiling water is not necessary. Any Customers who use tap water for kidney dialysis at home should properly monitor their process for complete neutralization of disinfectant residual and should contact their doctor for more information. Customers utilizing the water for aquariums should monitor the chlorine residuals.

Why is this burn out necessary? The City routinely collects samples and monitors the water quality. The Garnett Water Department is tasked with ensuring that water in all points of the system is acceptable to our customers. Over time minerals and metals, which are naturally present in water sources, can increase and attach to pipes and release when there are changes in pressure, resulting in discoloration, odor or affected taste. Other processes such as nitrification and the growth of biofilm can also occur in water distribution pipes. The biofilm growth can cause a reduction in the effectiveness of residual disinfectants over time. This free chlorine "burn-out" will help cleanse the lines, reduce the occurrence of nitrification and biofilm, and ensure that we provide quality water for the citizens.

If you have questions please contact Garnett City Hall, 785.448.5496, and the Garnett Water Department will return your call.



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THIS IS OUR TOWN.. Patriotic and Proud

The City of Garnett would like to thank everyone in the community, including all citizens of Anderson County, for supporting the patriotic projects and events in Garnett.

It started years ago with the Avenue of Flags project at the Garnett Municipal Cemetery. Over 300 American flags; each representing someone laid to rest in the city cemetery, flies throughout Memorial Day Weekend every year. Some of the flags have fewer stars, or appear different



than the others, as they were dedicated to the City representing the time period in which the veteran served. The Garnett Parks Department, with the aid

of other departments, prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day Weekend.

There are years the wind and weather play havoc on the Avenue of Flags on display. During such episodes, the parks department personnel and others care for the flags, repair the poles and put them out again.

When placing the flags on US 59 Highway and down 4th Avenue became a hardship on the local veterans organizations, city employees took on the responsibility during patriotic holidays and events.

The Garnett Remembers Patriotic Pole Banner Project began in 2016. The project has ceased taking applications at this time after reaching a total of 320 banner honorees. The Electric Department and other city personnel affix the banners to city utility poles on a number of streets in Garnett. The task of hanging the banners can take up to or more than two weeks to complete, depending on weather and work-load.

We commend and appreciate our dedicated city employees for all they do.



This past June, Anderson County dedicated their new Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn. The state-of-the-art kiosks and beautifully designed monument "wall" compliments the Anderson County Courthouse architecture and pays tribute to veterans of our county. Special thanks to the Anderson County Veterans Memorial Committee and Anderson County Commission for their perseverance on this amazing new attraction.

For more information about these projects, please visit our website, www.simplygarnett.com.



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