

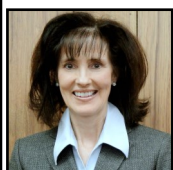
# Town Talk

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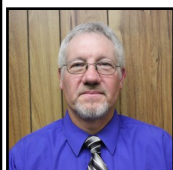
City Commission



Jody Cole,  
Mayor



Cody Gettler,  
Commissioner



Greg Gwin,  
Commissioner

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## Garnett, Kansas

### From The Commission...

As summer winds down and school has begun, we can definitely be thankful that we were able to resume most of our normal summer events and activities for the kids. I want to thank all of the pool staff for what appeared to be a great summer. I also want to thank every committee, city staff member and individual who made our summertime events possible.

I've seen our city staff out in the scorching heat doing jobs that often go unrecognized, so I want to give a big shoutout to every one of them! The city is continuing to work on multiple infrastructure projects. One of our main projects is the construction of a new water treatment facility which is now at the 100% design phase. There are still multiple steps to take before construction can begin.

The City Commission has held several special meetings over the past few months including finalizing updates to the City Code. We completed the budgeting process. This is a tedious process going through each individual section that makes up the budget to ensure that your tax dollars are being used as efficiently as possible and that the Commissioners are being good stewards of that money. The city budget was approved at \$14.8 million for 2022. With Chris Weiner's departure, now-interim City Manager, Travis Wilson, played a huge role in the budgeting process.

I am very thrilled for Travis to have agreed to take on this role. He has proven to be a very compelling leader for this role and hopefully as a top candidate for the permanent position. The Kansas League of Municipalities is helping us with the candidate search and the hiring procedure.

We appreciate everyone who took the time to fill out the survey asking about the qualities you deem necessary in a city manager.

Another special meeting we attend is the quarterly a City-County joint meeting. One of the topics that was discussed at the last meeting that I think is very beneficial for our citizens, and in cleaning up the community, is the reinstatement of a city-wide clean-up program for Garnett. I believe most citizens would agree. I hope in the near future our county leaders move forward with a similar program to what used to be in place for the city of Garnett residents.

I wish all of the kids a great and safe school year. Stay safe and take care of each other in this great community!

Respectfully,

Cody R. Gettler  
Commissioner

### From the Interim City Manager...

It's hard to believe that summer has ended already, and fall is upon us. It seems as though summer just started. The best way to describe it can be summed up with one word: Transition. Everyone is back from their summer breaks, vacations, trips. We are now getting back in the groove of work, and of course school is in full swing. We are in a transition here at the City ourselves. For those that are not aware, former City Manager Chris Weiner has moved on from

## From the Interim City Manager continued...

the City of Garnett and taken a position with the City of Monett, Missouri. With his departure, the search for a new City Manager has begun. The City Commissioners have reached out and hired the League of Kansas Municipalities to conduct the search for Mr. Weiner's replacement. During the search, I will be filling in as the Interim City Manager until the City Commission selects said replacement. I would like to say thank you to Mr. Weiner for his time and service here in Garnett and wish him nothing but the best in his new role with the City of Monett.

We continue to move on to next steps with our projects and are happy to report we have reached the 100% design plan stage for the new water treatment plant. We are also in the process of our next phase of the airport master plan and have begun work on an Environmental Assessment for the proposed runway building site. Lastly, the KDOT Maple Street drainage project planning is nearing completion and we hope to begin that work next year.

I'm happy to report email billing has been up and running for four months now and so far, this route has been a big hit. We have had many people sign up for it. This new delivery method is optional. It provides you the capability to receive both an emailed bill and a paper bill. A simple click of a box and you can have either email or mail delivery, or both! Our payment options haven't changed. You can still pay with a check or cash, either in person at the counter or drive-up window, as well as leave a check or cash payment in one of our drop boxes. You can also pay with a debit or credit card in-person, over the phone or online at [simplygarnett.com](http://simplygarnett.com). If you wish, your utility bill can be set up on automatic bank draft, providing you bank with a local bank.

As we move towards the final months of 2021, I would like to remind everyone to register your dogs and cats, if you have not already done so this current year. 2022 is fast approaching. It will soon be renewal time for registrations for next year. Per city ordinance, between January 1 and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for your patience as we move through the transition and the changes that are taking place. Change is never easy. Just remember, we are your friends, relatives, and neighbors. We are here to help. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, give us a call.

Sincerely,

Travis Wilson  
City Clerk/Interim City Manager

## News from Garnett Parks and Recreation

Sami Jo Peine, Garnett Recreation Center Health and Wellness Coordinator, has passed her American Council on Exercise (ACE) Certified Personal Trainer Exam. The nine-month ACE Program requires hard work and dedication to pass the three-hour test. The program covers many different areas of physical training, including movement patterns, mobility, stability, flexibility, and endurance. Continuing education is required to maintain certification in the ACE Program. Sami Jo has broadened her education in the fitness field and brought undeniable value to the Garnett Recreation Center. Congrats Sami Jo!

The Garnett Recreation Center is constantly looking for new and improved ways to offer health and fitness programs to everyone. The Rec has been offering new fitness classes and new services and are close to being able to offer a new outdoor fitness facility.

The National Fitness Campaign (NFC) has partnered with the Kansas Parks & Recreation Association to award Outdoor Fitness Court grants to a select few communities in the state. Garnett is one of three communities that were selected. The Garnett Recreation Department has been working very closely with the National Fitness Campaign's grant committee since January, when the grant was awarded. The NFC committee has assisted our staff throughout the grant process, and they will help with the launch of the new facility when the time comes. We are excited for this new venture, and we will keep you up to date on our progress as we continue to work hard to obtain the funding needed to complete the campaign.

Sincerely,

Phil Bures, Director  
Garnett Parks and Recreation

## Report from the Garnett Airport



It has been a year of non-stop mowing out here at the airport. There has been just enough rain to keep the crabgrass growing. The summer brought a lot of activity to the airport as we have been holding a very competitive aviation fuel price that has brought in quite a few transient aircraft. We have also picked up one new based aircraft operating out of Garnett so far this year.

The airport has had several spray planes operating out of Garnett this year. With the rains, it has been advantageous to spray by air this year on the corn and soybeans. This fall there will also be aerial seeding and pasture spraying.

I have been working on drafting several FAA and KDOT grants for projects at the airport. This is money from the FAA and KDOT that is typically earmarked for larger airports and cities.



We deserve some of that money and I am hoping to be successful in getting some of that money for our local community. These grants are usually 90 percent or more paid by the Federal or State government.

The airport board and I have been moving forward on the next step on the runway improvement project which is the Environmental Assessment portion of the project. We were able to get the whole amount of the EA paid for by the FAA without a local community match. The project may be years away but we are still making progress for a much better airport facility with as little local money as possible. We are working towards the FAA and KDOT covering 92-98 percent of the project costs.

Month of July Weather Tidbits -

The Average High Temp for July 2021: 87.2°F. Average Low Temp: 66.8°F. Total airport rainfall: 5.97 inches.

I went back 12 years, and the highest/lowest average high was 98.5°F (2012) /84.3°F (2014), the highest/lowest average low was 74.3°F (2011) /61.7°F (2014). The highest/lowest actual temperature for July was 106°F (2012)/ 46°F (2013).

As far as rainfall, this year is on the higher side at 5.97 inches. The 12-year high rainfall amount was 6.76 inches (2020) and lowest was 0.38 inch (2012).

Month of August Weather Tidbits -

The Average High Temp for August 2021: 90.4°F. Average Low Temp: 66.8°F. Total airport rainfall: 3.37 inches. I went back 12 years, and the highest/lowest average high was 98.5°F (2012) /82.7°F (2017), the highest/lowest average low was 72.4°F (2012) /62.6°F (2017). The highest/lowest actual temperature for July was 108°F (2011)/50°F (2012).

As far as rainfall, this year is on the lower side at 3.37 inches. The 12-year high rainfall amount was 14.06 inches (2019) and lowest was 0.26 inch (2012). This was a pretty normal August.

Respectfully,

Pat Schettler  
Airport Manager

## Did You Know?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees: **Troy Armstrong**, Volunteer Firefighter; **Micheal Bachman**, Power/Water Plant Operator; **Kyle Crist**, Power/Water Plant Operator; **Blake Freeman**, Volunteer Firefighter; **Donavon Miliken**, Meter Reader; **Joshua Miller**, Patrol Officer; **Kaley Nilges**, Utility Billing Clerk; **Scott Polster**, Patrol Officer, and **Shanna Stewart**, Recreation Center/Depot Custodian.

Promotions and Transfers: **Travis Wilson**, City Clerk, has been appointed Interim City Manager by the City Commission; **Donnie Dille** has transitioned from Apprentice Lineman to Director of Utility Distribution; **Monica Hill**, Utility Billing Clerk, is moving to the duties of Human Resources, and **Shane Henkle** takes the position of Water/Power Plant Operator and relinquishes his duties as the city meter reader.

Employees of the Month: The following individuals have been nominated by their peers to receive the acknowledgement of a job well done -

July - **Quenton Trammell**, Parks Maintenance Worker

August - **Kyle Crist**, Power/Water Plant Operator

September - To be announced.

The City of Garnett would like to recognize **Jacqueline Gardner**, Librarian, for her 10 years of dedicated service.

Conferences and Training: **James Howard**, Water Plant Foreman and **Jeff Mucklow**, Water Plant Operator, recently received

Class II Water Operator Certification status. **James DePriest**, Public Works Director and **Eric Trammell**, Wastewater, Director of Sanitation and Transportation, attended the 101st Annual Water/Wastewater School. **Eric Mills**, Zoning Administrator, received KDOT Right of Way Certification and KDOT Project Manager Certification, and is currently working on KDOT Pre-Project Certification.

Please help us welcome ACHS Student Body Representative to the City Commission, **Hayden Newton**, who replaces former Representative **Nathan Gwin**.

**VOTE!** Let your vote count. On Tuesday, November 2, registered voters within Garnett will cast their vote for City Commissioner. Mayor Jody Cole is the only candidate who has filed to seek this position. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Garnett Housing Authority Adopts Smoke Free Policy:** As of November 12, 2021, Parkside Place I & II, and Park Plaza North housing facilities will no longer allow smoking of any kind. The term "smoking" includes any inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted cigar, cigarette or other tobacco product, including but not limited to: E-cigarettes, marijuana and/or chewing tobacco in any manner or any form. No smoking includes on the grounds of the Garnett Housing Authority, in the buildings, in front of the buildings or anywhere located within the Garnett Housing Authority property lines, including a personal vehicle parked on the property. This policy applies to tenants, guests, staff and service personnel, no exceptions.

**Update Contact Information:** In the event of an emergency or storm it is important that the City's utility department have a valid, working cell phone or telephone number in which residents and business owners can be reached at any time. If you have not updated your contact information in a while we encourage you to contact City Hall soon at 785.448.5496, Option 1.

**In the Holiday Spirit:** The City of Garnett is once again inviting commercial businesses within the city to participate in its Holiday in Lights project. Businesses can purchase Christmas lights to be installed on their commercial buildings at a cost of \$2.50 per foot. The City's electric department installs the lights and annually replaces broken or burned out bulbs at no additional charge. Business owners interested in having lights installed on their building need to contact City Hall no later than November 1. The lights will be officially turned on for the holiday season during a special lighting ceremony held Saturday evening, November 27 in conjunction with the 50th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade. This year's parade theme is, "Golden Christmas Memories: 50 Years of Joy!"

**Holiday Trash Routes:** All city departments will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The trash route schedule for the week of Thanksgiving, November 22 - 26 is as follows:

- All Monday and Tuesday morning route will be picked up on Monday, November 22;
- Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning route will be picked up on Tuesday, November 23;
- Wednesday afternoon and all of Thursday and Friday trash routes will receive pick up on Wednesday, November 24.

The week of Christmas, December 20-24, as well as the week of New Year's Day, December 27-31, is as follows:

- All Monday through Wednesday trash routes will run on normal schedule.
- Thursday and Friday trash routes will receive service on Thursday.

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce now has a "Member Employment Opportunities" list on their website. This is a list of local businesses who have positions available and are currently hiring. The list provides links to the businesses' web-

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# Garnett Celebrates 160 Years

## 1861 - 2021

Join us in celebration of our city's incorporation, now for 160 years, by attending a special "Burger Bash & Birthday Cake" event at the Garnett Fire Station commemorating this momentous milestone anniversary. Enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and birthday cake served by the Garnett Volunteer Fire Department with assistance from the Garnett City Commission and staff. The meal is complimentary but freewill donations are being accepted at the event with all proceeds going to the volunteer fire department.

"Please join the City of Garnett as we celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> year and also enjoy a variety of activities happening the same evening on the town square." - Interim City Manager Travis Wilson. Those activities include:

- Last night of the Garnett Farmers' Market Season. Visit the vendors on Main Street, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Burger Bash & Birthday Cake Dinner, freewill donation, inside the Garnett Fire Station, 132 W. 4th Avenue, 5-7 p.m. Enjoy the food, as well as exhibits and simulators provided by the fire department and others in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week.
- Concert in the Park - Bush City Boppers, LIVE in Concert, Donna Harris Memorial Park, 4<sup>th</sup> & Oak, 6-8 p.m. (Bush City Boppers include Dane Hicks, Leonard Louk and Bruce Haas).

The City will be blocking off a portion of Oak Street adjacent to the Donna Harris Memorial Park at 4th Avenue and Oak Street so that families can bring lawn chairs, and eat their burgers and birthday cake and watch the concert if they wish.

The City celebrated Garnett's 150th with a year-long slate of events and activities in 2011, including a ball drop on New Year's Eve, a parade, fireworks, dinner celebration and burial of a time capsule that is to be exhumed on October 7, 2061.

On October 7, 1861, Garnett officially became a Kansas incorporated city. For more information, please visit the "Fun Facts" link on our website, [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

**WANTED:**  
-YOUR ATTENDANCE-  
**Garnett 160**  
Celebration

**Burger Bash & BIRTHDAY CAKE!**

FREEWILL DONATION!

**Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021**  
**GARNETT FIRE STATION**  
**5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**  
**Help Celebrate the City of Garnett's 160th Birthday!**

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.  
Garnett Farmers' Market  
Last market of the season!  
Main Street

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
Burger Bash & Birthday Cake  
Fire Department Open House,  
Simulator Exhibits, History & more!  
Fire Station, 132 W. 4th Avenue

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Concert in the Park Finale -  
Bush City Boppers - LIVE!  
Donna Harris Memorial Park



The view from 5th Avenue and Main Street, captured in 1885. Photo courtesy of Anderson County Historical Society.



# It's Happening in Garnett!

## OCTOBER

		<b>7</b>	<b>13-Point Pitch &amp; Snacks</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting</b>
	<b>Paint the Town Pink - W.I.N.G.S</b>		6 p.m., <u>Every Thursday</u> ,		7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge
	<b>Cancer Awareness Month</b>		Senior Center	<b>17</b>	<b>KC Karting Association hosts Sprint</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>A.M. Yoga</b>		<b>Anderson County Historical Society</b>		<b>Track Races</b> , North Lake Park
	<u>Every Monday-Wednesday-Friday</u>		<b>Meeting</b> , 6:30 p.m., Museum		<b>VFW Breakfast</b>
	Recreation Center		<b>USD 365 Board of Education</b>		10 a.m.-1 p.m., VFW Post 6397
<b>1-2</b>	<b>Morning Mingle hosts Love What's</b>		<b>Meeting</b> , 7 p.m., Board Office	<b>18</b>	<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b>
	<b>Local Shop Hop</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b>		6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
<b>3-9</b>	<b>National Fire Prevention Week</b>		4:00 p.m., Garnett Industrial Airport	<b>19</b>	<b>Lions Club Soup &amp; Chili Feed</b>
<b>3-9</b>	<b>National 4-H Week</b>	<b>8-10</b>	<b>Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival</b>		11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4:30-7 p.m.,
<b>4</b>	<b>Anderson County Commission</b>		Friday:		First United Methodist Church
	<b>Meeting</b>		10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Road Tour		<b>Anderson County Economic</b>
	9 a.m., <u>Every Monday</u> , Annex		5-8 p.m., Registration/Check in		<b>Development Meeting (ACDA)</b>
	<b>Celebrate Recovery</b>		6 p.m., Kick off-Tailgate Dinner		5 p.m., City Hall
	6 p.m., <u>Every Monday</u> , Church of		(Drivers & Staff)		<b>Garnett BPW Meeting</b>
	the Nazarene		Saturday:		5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library
	<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b>		8:30 a.m., Lake Garnett, track		<b>Garnett Planning Commission</b>
	6 p.m., VFW Post 6397		activities		6 p.m., City Hall
<b>5</b>	<b>Storytime for Preschoolers</b>		9 a.m., Autocross at Airport	<b>21</b>	<b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b>
	10 a.m. <u>Every Tuesday</u> ,		12 p.m., Car Show and Charity		4 p.m., Garnett Public Library
	Garnett Public Library		Rides, Town Square	<b>23</b>	<b>Kansas Rails-To-Trails Extravaganza</b>
	<b>Rotary International Meeting</b>		Sunday:		<b>(50/100m)</b> , Prairie Spirit Trail
	12 p.m., <u>Every Tuesday</u> , Dutch		9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Lake Garnett,	<b>26</b>	<b>City Commission Meeting</b>
	Country Cafe		track activities		6 p.m., City Hall
	<b>Tourism Advisory Board Meeting</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>American Legion Auxiliary Meeting</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Book Discussion Title TBA</b>
	4:30 p.m., City Hall		5:30 p.m., VFW Post 6397		7 p.m., Garnett Public Library
	<b>P.M. Yoga</b> , 5:30 p.m.,		<b>Library Board Meeting</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Emergency Food Distribution</b>
	<u>Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday</u>		6 p.m., Garnett Public Library		2 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park
	<b>Community Foundation Meeting</b>		<b>American Legion Meeting</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Halloween</b>
	5:30 p.m., Recreation Center		7 p.m., VFW Post 6397		<b>Last Day for Winter Sports Early</b>
	<b>American Legion Bingo</b>		<b>Garnett Area Chamber of</b>		<b>Bird Registration</b> , Recreation Center
	6 p.m., <u>Every Tuesday</u> ,		<b>Commerce Board Meeting</b>		<b>Halloween Hooplah</b> hosted by
	VFW Post 6397		7 p.m., City Hall		Hope Anthem Church
	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>		<b>Garnett Housing Authority Meeting</b>		<b>Light the Night Trunk or Treat</b>
	7 p.m., <u>Every Tuesday and Thursday</u>		7 p.m., GHA Office		hosted by First Christian Church
	501 S. Oak Street, Garnett	<b>12</b>	<b>Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart</b>		5-7 p.m., First Christian Church
	<b>Garnett Senior Center Board</b>		<b>Parking Lot</b> , 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
	<b>Meeting</b>		of Anderson County Solid Waste	<b>1</b>	<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b>
	7 p.m., Garnett Nutrition Site		<b>City Commission Meeting</b>		6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
<b>6</b>	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b>		6 p.m., City Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>ELECTION DAY!</b> Vote for the City
	1 p.m., <u>Every Wednesday</u> , Garnett	<b>13</b>	<b>"Remember When Wednesday"</b>		Commission candidate of your
	Hotel & RV Park		10 a.m., Garnett Public Library		choice. Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
<b>7</b>	<b>TOPS Meeting</b>		<b>VFW Auxiliary Meeting</b>		<b>Tourism Advisory Board Meeting</b>
	9 a.m., <u>Every Thursday</u> , Garnett		6-8 p.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman		4:30 p.m., City Hall
	United Methodist Church		Memorial VFW Post 6397		<b>Garnett Community Foundation</b>
	<b>Garnett Farmers Market</b>		<b>VFW Post 6397 Meeting</b>		<b>Board Meeting</b>
	4:30-7 p.m., Main Street,		6-8 p.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman		5:30 p.m., Garnett Recreation
	last market of the season		Memorial VFW Post 6397		Center
	<b>Garnett 160th Celebration Burger</b>		<b>Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail</b>		<b>Garnett Senior Center Board</b>
	<b>Bash &amp; Birthday Cake</b>		<b>Trail Meeting</b> ,		<b>Meeting</b>
	5-7 p.m., Garnett Fire Station		7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot		7 p.m., Garnett Nutrition Site
	<b>Concert in the Park-Bush City</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Morning Mingle</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Anderson County Historical Society</b>
	<b>Boppers</b> hosted by Love What's		8 a.m., City Hall		6:30 p.m., Anderson County
	Local Garnett, 6-8 p.m.,				Museum
	Donna Harris Park				

# It's Happening in Garnett!

## NOVEMBER continued...

- 4 **USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**, 7 p.m., Board Office
- 7 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 8 **American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
**Library Board Meeting**  
6 p.m., Garnett Public Library  
**American Legion Meeting**  
7 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
**Garnett Housing Authority Meeting**, 7 p.m., GHA Office  
**Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall
- 9 **Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot**  
7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste  
**City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 10 **"Remember When Wednesday"**  
10 a.m., Garnett Public Library  
**VFW Auxiliary Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
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**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**  
6 p.m., Garnett Recreation Center  
**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**  
7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot
- 11 **Veterans Day**  
City Hall closed. *\*PLEASE note Thursday's trash will be picked up on Friday of this week*  
**Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, Garnett
- 12 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
4 p.m., Garnett Industrial Airport
- 12-13 **Morning Mingle, Love What's Local, Garnett Holiday Open House**
- 15 **Last day to enter New 2022 Special Event Contest**  
**Garnett Lions Club Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 16 **Anderson County Economic Development Meeting (ACDA)**  
5 p.m., City Hall  
**Garnett BPW Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Archer Room, Library  
**Garnett Planning Commission**  
6 p.m., City Hall

- 18 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
4 p.m., Archer Room, Garnett Public Library
- 21 **VFW Breakfast**  
9 a.m.-1p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 22 **Emergency Food Distribution**  
2 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park
- 23 **City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 25 **Thanksgiving**  
City Hall closed.  
*\*PLEASE note special holiday trash schedules - see "Did You know"*  
**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**  
12 p.m., Garnett Senior Center
- 27 **Small Business Saturday**  
Support local, shop Garnett!  
**Garnett Fire Department Chili & Soup Supper**  
4 p.m., Fire Station  
**50th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade**  
6:30 p.m., Town Square  
Parade theme: "Golden Christmas Memories: 50 Years of Joy"

## DECEMBER

- 2 **Anderson County Historical Society Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Museum
- USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**, 7 p.m., Board Office
- 3-5, 9-12 **"The Charitable Sisterhood Christmas Spectacular"** performed by The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Thelma Moore Playhouse
- 4 **15th Annual Colony Christmas Parade**, 5 p.m., Colony, KS
- 6 **Garnett Lions Club Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
**Community Foundation Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Recreation Center
- 7 **Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**  
4:30 p.m., City Hall  
**Community Foundation Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Recreation Center  
**Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., Garnett Nutrition Site
- 8 **Remember When Wednesday**  
10 a.m., Garnett Public Library  
**VFW Auxiliary Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
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- 8 **Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**  
7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot
- 9 **Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge
- 10 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
4:00 p.m., Garnett Industrial Airport
- 11 **Westphalia Christmas Celebration**  
Westphalia, KS
- 13 **American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
**Library Board Meeting**  
6 p.m., Garnett Public Library  
**American Legion Meeting**  
7 p.m., VFW Post 6397  
**Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., City Hall  
**Garnett Housing Authority Advisory Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., GHA Office  
**Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot**, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste  
**City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 14 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
4 p.m., Walker Art Gallery
- 19 **VFW Breakfast Buffet**  
9 a.m.—1 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 20 **Garnett Lions Club Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 21 **Anderson County Economic Development Meeting (ACDA)**  
5 p.m., City Hall  
**Garnett BPW Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Town Hall Center  
**Garnett Planning Commission**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 23 **Emergency Food Distribution**  
2 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park
- 25 **Christmas Day holiday observed**, City Hall closed. **Merry Christmas!**  
*\*PLEASE note special holiday trash schedules - see "Did You Know"*  
**Community Christmas Dinner**  
12 p.m., Garnett Senior Center  
**City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall

## JANUARY 2022

- 1 **New Year's Day holiday observed, Happy New Year!** City Hall closed.  
*\*PLEASE note special holiday trash schedules - see "Did You Know"*

# NEW! 2022 Special Event Contest Underway

## City Seeking next “Big” Event

The City of Garnett Tourism is inviting organizations to enter the New 2022 Special Event Contest. Deadline to enter by application form is November 15, 2021. The winner will receive a minimum of \$1,000 towards the advertising of the new event or execution of the event as approved through the Local Grant Application process. The winning event to take place in 2022. The judging criteria is as follows:

Points will be tabulated to determine the winner -

- Creativity and Fun – What is the “WOW” factor that makes this event unique? How much fun will the community, as well as visitors, have at this new event in Garnett? 1-20 points.
- Process and Preparation – Organized, well thought out plan. 1-20 points.
- Impact – The potential economic, educational, entertainment value the event gives the community. 1-20 points.
- Complete Application – Application is submitted by the deadline (11/15/21) containing the details outlining the event as the application requests. 1-20 points.
- BONUS POINTS: The Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee will invite all applicants to present their new special event idea before the committee and City Commission on Tuesday, November 16. This gives entrants the opportunity to share the event idea with the freedom to use creativity, enthusiasm, and props, similar to “Shark Tank”, only more like “Dolphin Tank” (no one gets hurt)! Time given: Up to five (5) minutes for presentation and up to five (5) minutes for Q&A. Times to be scheduled with applications. The public may attend. 50-100 points.

The winner will be announced during the November 23 Garnett City Commission Meeting.

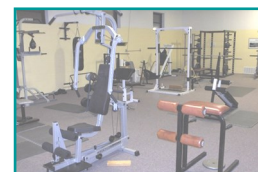


**Do You  
Have  
the  
Next  
New  
Big  
Event  
Idea?**

Type of Events Garnett Tourism is accepting for consideration include but are not limited to:

- \* Artistic (concerts, art and craft shows)
- \* Cultural (ethnic, holiday or religious events)
- \* Economic (business and trade fairs, ex: farm equipment shows, home and garden shows, sports show (boat/RV/ outdoor)
- \* Other festivals
- \* Recreational (entertainment sporting events and games)

Additional information is contained in the New 2022 Special Event Contest Application form. Copies are available at Garnett City Hall, 131 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue during regular business hours and is also available online at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).



## Now is the Time to Join the Garnett Recreation Center

The Garnett Recreation Center-Goppert Wellness Center welcomes you to become a member of the Rec Center to enjoy 24-hour access. If you are not a current member, now is the time to sign up. Work out at your leisure, when your schedule permits. Stop by the Rec Center to learn about new membership advantages. Membership available through the “RecDesk” online portal:

[garnettrecreation.recdesk.com](http://garnettrecreation.recdesk.com)

**Attention Businesses** - Are you interested in offering membership to the Rec Center as an employee benefit? Contact Phil Bures, Director of Parks and Recreation, and find out how.

The membership fee structure for the Garnett Recreation Center is as follows:

Membership Classification	Monthly Fee	Annual Fee	Pre-Pay & Save!
Single, ages 11-18	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$40.00
Single, ages 19-54	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$60.00
Family (of 4)	\$40.00	\$400.00	\$80.00
Senior Citizen, ages 55+	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$40.00
Daily Fee, all ages	\$ 3.00		

*Pre-paid annual membership includes 2 months free!*

*That's right! Prepay for 10 months and receive a full year membership!*



### Rec Center Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 2:00-7:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



# A Message from Code Enforcement



As fall begins and mowing season comes to an end, we ask that you please keep your yard in compliance with city ordinances. Please keep grass off of the streets. Grass and leaves can clog up the city stormwater system, causing many issues surrounding your home, your neighborhood, and cause safety issues for vehicles and motorcycles on streets.

City Ordinance 3151, Accumulation of Leaves, Brush or Other Yard Wastes: "It shall be unlawful

for any person to throw, push, place or pile, or cause to be thrown, pushed, placed or piled, any leaves, brush or other yard wastes from private property, sidewalks or driveways onto the main or traveled portion of any street, avenue, highway or alley so as to obstruct gutters or to impeded the passage of vehicles upon such street, avenue, highway or alley, or to create a hazardous condition thereon."

Please do not set appliances, furniture and household items along city streets or alleys. The Garnett Refuse Department does not pick up these items on their daily trash routes. If you desire to have such items picked up, please contact City Hall and schedule a "Special Pick-Up". There is a fee for this service.

Thank you for all your help in keeping our city beautiful.

Sincerely,

Darin Schmoe, Director  
Code Enforcement/Animal Control

## Did You Know - Continued from page 3...

sites to help connect job seekers with these employers. Visit [www.garnettchamber.org](http://www.garnettchamber.org) to learn more.

The City of Garnett has nine (9) advisory boards in which the terms of some of the members on every board are up for appointment in December of each year. These advisory boards include:

- ◆ Airport Advisory Board
- ◆ Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA)
- ◆ Community Foundation Board of Directors
- ◆ Housing Authority Board of Directors
- ◆ Library Advisory Board
- ◆ Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- ◆ Planning Commission Advisory Board
- ◆ Tourism Advisory Committee
- ◆ Walker Art Advisory Committee

Persons interested in volunteering to serve on a city advisory board are encouraged to fill out the required Statement of Interest form and submit it to Garnett City Hall no later than Tuesday, November 30, 2021. The form is available on the city website and at City Hall. Visit the "Advisory Boards" link at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com) to learn more.

Every month, more and more City of Garnett utility customers are choosing to receive their bill by email. Here are option on how to receive and pay your bill:

- Garnett utility customers can sign up to receive their utility bills by email. See "SIGN UP NOW!" fillable form (right).
- Customers can use the automated draft option through GSSB or Patriots Bank (local banks only). Call our Utility Staff to set up this option.
- After receiving the utility bill by mail or email, customers can pay online via a link on the city website.

Visit our website today or contact the Utility Billing Department at 785.448.5496, Option 1.

## What is Your Legacy?

Have you ever thought of what your legacy might be? What can you do to make a difference in people's lives, how to impact the community? Many of us don't even think about our legacy. It's not just about who do you specify as your memorial or charitable cause when you die. Your legacy can begin today. How? By utilizing the Garnett Community Foundation.

A community foundation is a resource for people of any means to make a lasting difference in the community for specific causes that are near and dear to one's heart. The Garnett Community Foundation was created to serve the needs of donors who wish to better this community, now and in the future. By giving to your local community foundation you have the flexibility to specify what projects or goals you want your donations to support within the community in an efficient and tax-effective way to ensure charitable giving achieves the greatest possible impact.

The Garnett Community Foundation supports new and existing community programs and other local, non-profit organizations. Yes, you can donate to the Garnett Community Foundation to support a Rotary project, for example, if you wish.

As many of us stay connected with the City of Garnett through Facebook (@garnettks) and other online social networks, did you know that you can create a fundraiser for the Garnett Community Foundation on your personal Facebook page and specify what you want those funds to support within the community?



This is one of the ways you begin today to create your legacy in Garnett, no matter your age or location.

As we near the end of the year, for those who may be looking for tax deductions, we encourage you to consider making your tax-deductible contributions to the Garnett Community Foundation. You can download the donation form from our website or pick one up at City Hall. The form allows you to specify if it is a gift to honor someone you care about, and what your preference is that the donation be used for.

Your Memorial: When pre-planning funeral arrangements, keep in mind the value of naming the Garnett Community Foundation as your choice for memorial contributions.

The Garnett Community Foundation is comprised of a five (5) member board of directors who meet the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Garnett Recreation Center.

For more information about the Garnett Community Foundation, its function, and how you can begin to use the Garnett Community Foundation to create a long-lasting legacy, please visit [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).



## Natural Gas Public Awareness Message

A customer's awareness and understanding of our city's natural gas system is key to helping maintain the most safe and effective way we transport energy. In our nation's time of heightened security, it is more important than ever to help guard against damage or attack. Therefore, it is your responsibility to serve as an extension of our safety efforts.

**Report Trouble.** Report to the City of Garnett any suspicious activities, exposed pipe or damaged facilities (meters, regulator settings and buildings).

**Call Kansas One-Call.** Remind excavators to use the Kansas One-Call System. IT IS THE LAW. Call before you dig. It is a toll-free call, 1-800-DIG-SAFE (1.800.344.7233), or simply Dial 811. Wait for the site to be marked by utility, cable or telephone company personnel. Respect the marks. Dig with caution.

### Leak Recognition -

Despite our efforts to monitor and protect our facility from damage, leaks happen. The best way to detect a pipeline leak is to use your sense of sight, sound and smell.

### Look for ...

⇒Dead vegetation.

⇒Bubbling in standing pools of water.

### Listen for ...

⇒Unusual noises like hissing, whistling or roaring sounds.

### Smell for ...

⇒The specific odorant put in natural gas.

⇒Strange and unusual gaseous or chemical odors (such as skunk, rotten eggs or petroleum type of smells).

### Suspect a Leak? - STAY SAFE!

**Follow these instructions:** If you think you smell natural gas, report it to the Gas Department as soon as possible by calling Garnett City Hall, 785.448.5496, Option 1. If after business hours, call the Anderson County Law Enforcement Dispatch Center at 448-6823.

**GAS EMERGENCY:** If you have a gas emergency and the gas odor is very strong and it seems to be everywhere, DO NOT USE your telephone. Evacuate Immediately. DO NOT OPERATE any light switches or attempt to air out the house. Leave the area. Go to a neighbor's house. Upon reaching a safe distance Dial 911 and wait for emergency personnel to arrive.

### About Bare Steel Gas Lines -

The City has an ordinance pertaining to the existence of bare steel gas service lines, yard lines and gas lines that enter homes underground. Bare steel gas lines are a real safety concern because they are old and have been corroding since they were installed years ago. The longer these lines are in use, the higher the potential is for a gas leak to occur. The Gas Department surveys the entire natural gas system every year, checking for leaks. There is always odorant in the gas to help determine if there is a gas leak. This is a good reactive approach to natural gas safety, which means if there is a leak, we recognize it, report it, and have it repaired.

The ordinance requiring the replacement of these types of gas lines is now being enforced. When a property is sold either by a realtor, auction, or independently by the owner, if bare steel gas lines exist they must be replaced. Both the seller and buyer need to be aware and understand the regulations regarding this ordinance. The ordinance affects as many as 800 homeowners

in Garnett. In the case of bare steel gas lines, we must take a proactive approach as well. This means we eliminate the source of the leak before it occurs. The number one concern for the Gas and Water Department is for the safety of our customers.

Additional information on gas safety, leak recognition and response is always available and on display at city hall. If you have any questions regarding natural gas, please call city hall and I will be happy to return your call and visit with you.

Thank you,

John Rogers  
Director of Gas and Water Distribution

## From the Fire Chief...

Fall is here, which means the leaves are falling off the trees. If you choose to burn leaves, or other yard debris, please call the Law Enforcement Dispatch Center, 785.448.6823, before you start burning. Please follow these instructions:

- ◆ Burning of grass, leaves, tree limbs or wood must be in manageable piles that are attended at all times.
- ◆ Burning must not occur in right-of-way or in streets. Location of fire must be clear of overhead lines and clear from any exposure threat to any buildings or structures.
- ◆ A source of water shall be available or a means of extinguishing fire at all times.
- ◆ Please burn during daylight hours only.
- ◆ No burning during adverse weather conditions, such as winds over 15 mph, fog or when visibility is hampered.
- ◆ Controlled burn is to be completely extinguished before leaving burn site.

Now is the time to make sure your heating system is ready for winter weather. Make sure your fireplace or wood stove has been inspected and cleaned. Don't forget the flue pipes!

Is your home equipped with a carbon monoxide detector? Most carbon monoxide detectors last up to 10 years. If it is time to replace it, consider replacing your smoke detectors at the same time.

On October 7, we invite you and your family to the fire station. The Garnett Volunteer Fire Department, along with other city departments will be hosting Garnett's 160th celebration in conjunction with exhibits and simulators as a part of National Fire Prevention Week. Bring the kids. We'll have the trucks outside. Enjoy the "Burger Bash & Birthday Cake" from 5 to 7 p.m. and the free music at the Harris Park from 6 to 8 p.m.

The fire department will be on site during the October 8-10 Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. We are also planning to have our annual chili and soup supper on Saturday, November 26.

Stop by the fire station and get a warm meal before watching the 50th Annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade!

Happy Birthday to the City of Garnett! Wishing you and yours a happy and safe holiday season!

Respectfully,

Wes Skillman  
Fire Chief





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## Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival Donates Monument to City Park



The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival organization recently donated a stone monument to commemorate the Lake Garnett Raceway as a landmark and historical site. The 2.6-mile true road course was made famous by the SCCA sports car races from 1959 to 1972. There are several legendary racers who have battled for victory at Lake Garnett, including the late Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles. The many races held here brought hundreds of race teams and tens of thousands of race fans from all over the world.



Prix flag flying adjacent the monument. The LGGPR is also working with local fabricator, Don Wettstein, and the Garnett Electric Department to have a new flag pole installed at the monument located by the East Shelter House.

The City wishes to thank the Lake Grand Prix Revival organizers and volunteer workers for all they do to keep Garnett's history treasured and on track by hosting the annual revival the second week in October.

Garnett resident and community volunteer, Tracy Modlin, is to be commended for his efforts and hard work on gathering support and coordinating the project with the help of Superior Masonry. Soon, there will be flag poles with racing flags and a Lake Garnett Grand



## Brush Only Clean-Up Week For Garnett City Refuse Customers

The City of Garnett will hold a free brush only pick-up service to all City of Garnett refuse customers the week of October 18-22, 2021. Brush to be accepted includes tree limbs, yard and garden debris only. No refuse, trash or household items will be allowed to be mixed in with brush. If such items are bagged or piled together with brush, then all contents provided for pick-up will not be removed. Brush is to be piled near the alley or curbside near where weekly trash is picked up.

City crews will begin on Monday, October 18 on the north side of the city, working their way south until the entire town has been covered. They will not return to an area once they have been by, so prepare early to be ready. The City will dispose of the brush at the city-owned burn site specifically for tree limbs, yard and garden debris.

At this time the Anderson County Commission, by recommendation of the County Solid Waste Department (Landfill), will not allow the City of Garnett to hold a free city wide clean-up week, nor host a county wide free dump week as had been a bi-annual program since October of 1969.

The City of Garnett does provide for special pick up service for disposal of household items. Such service is available for city residents for a fee. Please visit [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com) or contact Garnett City Hall for details.



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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.