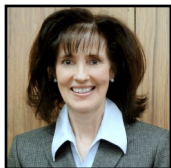


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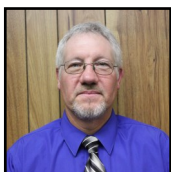
City Commission



Jody Cole,
Mayor



Brigitte
Brecheisen-
Huss,
Commissioner



Greg Gwin,
Commissioner

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Garnett, Kansas

From The Commission...

It is hard to believe there are only a few months left before the end of the year! Fall is always an exciting time, and I am looking forward to all the festive gatherings held throughout our community during this season.

The past couple of months, the commission and city staff have diligently worked on the 2019 fiscal year budget to ensure money is adequately allocated to provide for all the town's essential services, while also prioritizing improvement projects. Upon finalization of our budget, I would be more than happy to sit down and talk to any person or organization that would like an explanation of the impending expenses. It is of utmost importance to me to ensure we are being good stewards of your tax dollars.

As many of you know, the governing body decided to put the question of whether our commission should be expanded to five members on the ballot this November 6. In light of this, I decided to write a poem elucidating my support for an expanded commission.

The Representation Referendum

As with the changing seasons,
There comes a time to pass,
When the status quo is challenged
And decisions made en masse.

In hopes of sound direction,
Your commission yields its voice;
Three or five members governing,
Will be the majority's choice.

Thrice since the 1980's,
Has this topic come about;
Battling for greater representation
The benefits, proponents tout.

With a three-member commission
A majority is just two,
The smallest possible number
From which corruption can ensue.

Policy free from selfish reason
Should be the commission's aim.
Diversity of thought that comes
From five is a great gain.

Across the state of Kansas,
One will not find but a few
Governments as small as ours
For representation is a virtue.

Still there are those who question
Adjusting the elected's size,
Such as the fiscally minded,
Concerned taxes may rise.

First understand there is no price
Which can be put on better governance.
Even still the cost is negligible,
Which should dispel obdurate utterance.

From the City Commission continued...

But if there still remains
Concern about the addition,
The current amount allocated
Need not change for an expanded commission.

Then what of those who worry
About finding people to file?
They claim there is no interest
To make this venture worthwhile.

One only needs examine
Our advisory boards to see,
All are staffed at least with five
Willing to serve the city.

Lastly, there are those who fret
Decision-making will be convoluted.
With more opinions and ideas,
Surely everything might be disputed!

Such potential for debates
Should be embraced not feared,
For iron sharpens iron,
And thoroughness is revered.

The history of our country,
Confirms this much is true.
Great policy blends perspectives
Creating strategy anew.

Therefore, as you go forth
To cast your vote this fall,
Be open to considering
A new chapter for us all.

No matter how the votes add up,
Your contribution is an asset.
For every person has a stake,
In the future of Garnett.

On May 8, 2018, in a regularly scheduled commission meeting, I gave a formal explanation of my reasoning as to why increasing the number of commissioners would be beneficial for our community. My speech was recorded and posted on the City of Garnett's Facebook page, and will also be available on my Facebook political page-www.facebook.com/brecheisen.huss-if you would like to learn more.

If you have an opinion on the matter, please go out and vote! Knowing where you stand, helps me to make decisions that truly reflect the values of our community. I enjoy serving as your commissioner, and I encourage everyone to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is BBrecheisenHuss@garnettks.net.

Sincerely,

Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss
Commissioner



From the City Manager...

Autumn is an exciting time of the year for us as we have a lot going on. It's thrilling to see the resurgence of the sprint track races, the 14th annual Cornstock Festival (featuring Trace Adkins this year), and the 4th annual Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival (LGGPR), just to name a few of this year's events. I am also excited that we will finally be opening the doors of the Garnett Recreation Center for twenty-four hour use. We just had the keyless entry mechanism installed recently and will be moving toward using the system by the first of November.



We have had numerous City Commission meetings this year to build the budget for next year. I appreciate the time our City Commissioners and our departmental directors have taken to work through next year's budget. This is obviously one of the most important tasks governmental leadership must undertake and our commission takes this responsibility very seriously. As you may have seen, we are now broadcasting our City Commission meetings on *Facebook Live*. I encourage you to attend our meetings or if you can't, please watch the meetings online and participate in the discussion. While we have made some upgrades to the audio, we are looking to improve upon this further as there is still room for improvement. The City Commission is also seeking your input on a question that you will see while voting in this November's election. The Governing Body is considering the possibility of adding two additional seats to the commission, resulting in a five-member City Commission, rather than our current three-member structure. Please make sure you vote this November and provide your opinion on this question.

Your volunteer boards and committees have been working extremely hard on your behalf to chart a path forward for us. The Planning Commission is in the process of reviewing and updating our Comprehensive Development Plan which was last updated in 1993. The Airport Advisory Board has been working to develop a revised Master Plan for the Garnett Industrial Airport. We recently were awarded a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration to pay for ninety percent (90%) of the cost of this Master Plan update. All of our other volunteer groups are also working equally as hard to move our community forward. Currently, there are a couple of vacancies on our boards including on the Airport Advisory Board, Community Foundation, and Tourism Committee. Please submit an application if you are interested. The application (Statement of Interest) is available on our website or at City Hall.

I would like to congratulate Colette McDonnell on her retirement from the City as our Municipal Court Clerk after forty years of service. Colette possessed not only a wealth of information but always has such a positive and friendly attitude. I hope you had the opportunity to meet her over the years. She has been an absolute joy to work with over the past year. Colette has been replaced by Travis Wilson. We also have a few more new full time employees, including Wastewater Operator Rusty Harvey; Director of Economic Development Julie Turnipseed and Sanitation Collectors Dustin O'Connor and Tyler Reynolds.

I encourage you to visit with any of these individuals who are doing a terrific job serving you and our community. Director Turnipseed brings over thirty years of experience revitalizing downtowns to Garnett and I am excited to work with her as we work to do the same here and see Garnett grow and prosper.

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

Christopher T. Weiner
City Manager

Welcome New Director of Economic Development

The City of Garnett welcomes Julie Turnipseed as the new Director of Economic Development for Garnett and Anderson County.

Julie Turnipseed has spent 30 years revitalizing downtown districts in communities located in Kentucky and Missouri. She has a passion for working with small businesses. Julie is a Certified Main Street Director through the National Main Street Center, Kentucky Main Street and Missouri Main Street. She has worked tirelessly to help small business succeed and flourish, save historic buildings and bring people downtown to shop, dine, live and be entertained. She spent the last seven years in Warrensburg, Missouri, and has served as a consultant for communities in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois.

Julie was born and raised in Olney, Illinois. She has 3 adult children and 5 wonderful grandchildren.

Julie's office is located at City Hall, 131 W. 5th Avenue.



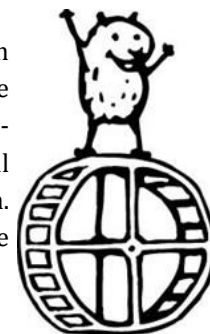
Business Success Begins at Destination BootCamp

This two and one-half day training in Longmont, Colorado is for business owners who want to accelerate their learning curve, receive in-depth instruction, strategies, and specific tactics on how to become a dominant "Destination Business" preferred by customers. International-recognized business expert Jon Schallert teaches a 14-step strategy to turn businesses and communities into shopping and visitor destinations.

The Community Reinvention Program sends a group of six or more business owners, and a community coordinator, from the same community to Destination BootCamp. These valuable sessions at their training facility also includes follow-up one-on-one consulting and an on-site (at your business) workshop with Mr. Schallert.

THIS OPPORTUNITY CAN BE YOURS: The Garnett/Anderson County E-Community will grant tuition for seven (7) participants to attend through funding available from their NetWork Kansas program funds. Participants must be a business owner/manager or aspiring storefront entrepreneur located in Anderson County. Tentative training date in Longmont, Colorado would be April 9-11, 2019.

If you are interested in participating in Destination BootCamp, please call Julie Turnipseed, Director of Economic Development at 785-448-5496, Ext. 5, or email julie@garnettks.net for more information. Limited space is available, so please reserve your spot today.



Garnett Recreation Center, Goppert Wellness Center Member Information

Welcome to the Garnett Recreation Center-Goppert Wellness Center, offering 24-hour access to members effective November 1, 2018.

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. **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.

Thanks to grant funding received by the Goppert Foundation, the 24-hour facility access and the new "RecDesk" online registration, reservation and membership services. Online services will be available on January 2, 2019.

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!



Daily Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday: 5:30-9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Hours subject to change upon 24-hour access.

Did You Know?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees: **Rusty Harvey**, Wastewater Maintenance, **Stacey Hunter**, Library Custodian, **Dustin O'Conner**, Sanitation Collection, **Cindy Powell**, Adult Services Librarian, **Tyler Reynolds**, Sanitation Collection, **Julie Turnipseed**, Director of Economic Development for Garnett and Anderson County, **Travis Wilson**, Municipal Court Clerk, and **Colby Wittman**, Volunteer Firefighter.

The City of Garnett would like to recognize the following employees for reaching these respective milestone anniversaries:

5 Years: **Katy Holloran**, Library Youth Services
10 Years: **Brian Dykes**, Water Treatment Plant Operator
20 Years: **Diane Hastert**, Account Clerk
45 Years: **Terry Solander**, City Attorney

Promotions and Transfers: **Gary McAuley** transferred from Refuse Department to the Street Department; **Quenton Tram-mell** made the move from Gas and Water Department to the Parks Department.

Congratulations to **Mike Kaufman**, Parks Department Maintenance, **Colette McDonnell**, Municipal Court Clerk/Administrative Assistant, and **Mike Norman**, Volunteer Firefighter, on their retirement. Mike Kaufman served the City for 15 years, while Mike Norman gave the Garnett Fire Department 30 years, and Colette McDonnell leaves City Hall after more than 40 years of dedicated service. Best wishes to all on a healthy and happy retirement!

Conferences and Training: **Karlyn Hulett**, Executive Director for the Garnett Housing Authority, attended the Kansas Housing Resource Center workshop. **Daniel Frazier**, Police Patrolman, attended three (3) trainings: Domestic Violence and Trauma, DIAP CMV Criminal Interdiction, and a refresher course on Report Writing. **Mike Baumgardner**, Police Patrolman, received certification as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE). **Kurt King**, Police Chief, attended Gold Shield: Bulletproof Leadership training through the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, providing tools for improving morale, accountability and performance within department. **Eric Trammell**, Assistant Wastewater Director attended continuing education through the Kansas Annual Wastewater School. **John Olson**, Wastewater Foreman, and **Rusty Harvey**, Wastewater Maintenance, recently completed 10 hours of class time on active sludge training as required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Employment Opportunities: If and when there are positions available with the City of Garnett, you can find the description and application information on our website.

Website Tidbits: You can pay your utility bill or court payment online simply by visiting www.SimpleGarnett.com and clicking on "Utilities" or "Court" and select "Make a Payment". Interested in what is happening in your local government? Please visit www.SimpleGarnett.com and click the City of Garnett "Meet Your Commission" tab. There, you will find infor-

mation about your commissioners, upcoming agendas, supporting documents, and you can even listen to the recordings of past city commission meetings using the audio links or watch *Facebook Live* video of city meetings.

If Garnett's history is of interest to you, you can view original city ordinances on the city website. Thanks to summer intern **Brody McClain** for scanning the almost 2,000 documents, you can view the first city ordinances ever made in their hand-written form. The process of placing these documents on the website is still a work in progress by city staff.



Update Contact Information: In the event of an emergency or storm it is important that the City's utility department have a valid, working telephone number in which residents and business owners can be reached. If you have not updated your contact information in a while we encourage you to contact City Hall soon at 785-448-5496.



Snow Removal Notice: The City of Garnett would like to ask, when possible, to please relocate vehicles off city streets when a significant snow event is forecast. This helps street crews in spreading salt and clearing snow from roadways and creates safer passage for vehicular traffic, specifically emergency vehicles that need to respond timely when called out during winter storms.

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 2. The lights will be officially turned on for the holiday season during a special lighting ceremony held Saturday evening, November 24 in conjunction with the 48th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.

Holiday Trash Routes: All city departments will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22-23, in the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The trash route schedule for the week of Thanksgiving, November 19-24 is as follows:

- * Monday and Tuesday morning route will be picked up on Monday, November 19;
- * Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning route will be picked up on Tuesday, November 20;

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TOWN TALK

It's Happening In Garnett

Enjoy these Local Activities and Events!

OCTOBER

*Paint the Town Pink - WINGS
Cancer Awareness Month*

Sept 3-Oct.11 Beginners Yoga

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center

Sep. 4-Oct. 10 Advanced Yoga

Wed. 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center

1 Anderson Co. Commission Meeting

9 a.m., Every Monday, Annex Building

Celebrate Recovery

6 p.m. Every Monday, Church of the Nazarene

Library Board Meeting

5:30 p.m. Garnett Public Library

Garnett Lions Club Meeting

6 p.m. Every 1st & 3rd Monday, VFW Post 6397

2 TOPS Meeting

9 a.m., Every Tuesday, First United Methodist Church

Storytime for Preschoolers

10 a.m. Every Tuesday,

Garnett Public Library

Rotary International Meeting

12 p.m., Every Tuesday, Garnett Inn

Community Foundation Meeting

5:30 p.m., Recreation Center

American Legion Bingo

6 p.m., Every Tuesday, Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman Memorial VFW Post 6397

Oct. 3-Dec. 3 -Yoga (A.M.)

M-W-F 8:45-9:45 a.m., Recreation Center

3 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting

5:15 p.m., City Hall

4 Duplicate Bridge

1 p.m., Every Wednesday, Garnett Inn

Garnett Area Chamber of

Commerce Board Meeting

5:30 p.m., Chamber Building

13-Point Pitch & Snacks

6 p.m., Every Thursday,

Senior Center

USD 365 Board of Education

Meeting, 7 p.m., Board Office

Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting

7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge

7-13 National Fire Prevention Week

7

Garnett Day

Fun Fact: The City of Garnett incorporated on this day in 1861.

St. Boniface Church Bazaar

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Parish Hall, Scipio

8

Housing Authority Board of

Directors Meeting

7 p.m., Housing Authority Office

American Legion Meeting

7 p.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman Memorial VFW Post 6397

Oct. 9-Oct.30: Biddy Basketball Registration

Grades 1 & 2, Recreation Center

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

Alzheimer's Support Group

6 p.m., Parkview Heights

Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting

6:30 p.m., Extension Office

10

"Remember When" Event

10 a.m., Garnett Public Library

Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail

Trail Meeting

7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot

Garnett Optimist Club

7 p.m., Garnett Inn

11

Garnett Fire Department Open

House, 4:30-7 p.m., Fire Station

12

Airport Advisory Board Meeting

4:30 p.m., City Hall

13

VFW Post 6397 Community

Breakfast

7-9:30 a.m., Sgt. Jeffery S.

Mersman Memorial VFW Post 6397

Second Saturdays

9 a.m., 6th & Oak

13-14

Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival

Saturday:

8:30 a.m., Lake Garnett, track activities

9 a.m., Autocross at Airport

2 p.m., Car Show and Charity

Rides, Town Square

Sunday:

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Lake Garnett, track activities

Anderson County Economic

Development Meeting

5 p.m., City Hall

Garnett BPW Meeting

5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library

17

Caffeine & Colors

1 p.m., Garnett Public Library

18

Walker Art Committee Meeting

4 p.m., City Hall

19

City Flag Design Challenge

contest submission deadline

22

Caregivers Support Group

1 p.m., Park Plaza North

City-County Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Oct. 23-Dec. 6 Indoor Cycling (A.M. Spin)

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30-6:00 a.m., Recreation Center

Oct. 23-Dec. 6 Indoor Cycling (P.M. Spin)

Tues. & Thurs. 5-6 p.m., Recreation Center

Oct. 23-Dec. 6 Beginners Yoga

Tues. & Thurs. 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center

23

City Commission Meeting

6 p.m., City Hall

Oct. 24-Dec. 5 Advanced Yoga

Wed. 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center

24

Book Discussion, "Hidden Figures"

by Margret Shetterly, 7 p.m., Garnett Library

25

Emergency Food Distribution

4 p.m., Quonset Hut

27

Epic Ultra Fall Classic

50-mile, 50K Run on Prairie Spirit Rail Trail State Park

28

St. Rose Fall Family Fun Day-

Soup feed and Trunk or Treat

Oct. 30-Nov.20: Biddy Basketball

Registration

Grades 3-6, Recreation Center

31

Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail

Trail Children's Haunted House

5:30-7:30 p.m., "Out of This World", Santa Fe Depot

City of Garnett Halloween Carnival

6 p.m., Garnett Recreation Center, hosted by Life Assembly of God Church and Garnett Community Foundation

Light the Night Trunk or Treat

6-8 p.m., First Christian Church

NOVEMBER

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Movie Showing, "Hidden Figures",

6:30 p.m., Garnett Public Library

USD 365 Board of Education

Meeting, 7 p.m., Board Office

Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting

7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge

It's Happening In Garnett

Look for Garnett on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter!

NOVEMBER (continued...)

- 2-3 Holiday Open House Weekend**
Shop Garnett!
- 3 St. Rose Craft Show & Bierock Sale**
9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Rose Gymnasium
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends**
"Fall back", set clocks back 1 hour
- 5 Library Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- Garnett Lions Club Meeting**
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 6 Election Day, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.**
Vote! City Commission seat and
5-Member Commissioner question
on ballot today!
Community Foundation Meeting
5:30 p.m., Recreation Center
- American Legion Bingo**
6 p.m., Every Tuesday, Sgt. Jeffery S.
Mersman Memorial VFW Post 6397
- 7 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
5:15 p.m., City Hall
- 8 Garnett Area Chamber of
Commerce Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., City Hall
- 9 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 10 Veterans Day, VFW Post 6397**
Community Breakfast
7-9:30 a.m., Sgt. Jeffery S.
Mersman Memorial VFW
- 11-17 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week**
- 12 Veterans Day**
City Hall closed
- 13 Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart
Parking Lot, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy
of Anderson County Solid Waste**
Alzheimer's Support Group
6 p.m. Parkview Heights
- City Commission Meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall
- Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting**
6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 14 "Remember When" Event**
10 a.m., Garnett Public Library
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting, 6 p.m., Recreation Center**
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail
Trail Meeting**
7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot
- Garnett Optimist Club**
7 p.m., Garnett Inn
- 15 Caffeine & Colors**
1 p.m., Garnett Public Library

- 15 Walker Art Committee Meeting**
4 p.m., City Hall
- 19 Garnett Lions Club Meeting**
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 20 Anderson County Economic
Development Meeting**
5:00 p.m., City Hall
- Garnett BPW Meeting**
5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library
- 21 Caffeine & Colors**
1 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- TBA Emergency Food Distribution**
4 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park
- 22-23 Thanksgiving holiday observed,**
City Hall closed
**PLEASE note special holiday trash
schedules, pages 5 and 8*
- 22 Community Thanksgiving Dinner**
12 p.m., Garnett Senior Center
- 24 Small Business Saturday**
Garnett Area Chamber of
Commerce invites you to shop local!
- Garnett Fire Department Chili &
Soup Supper**
4 p.m., Fire Station
- 48th Annual Garnett Area Chamber
of Commerce Christmas Parade**
6:30 p.m., Town Square
- 26 Caregivers Support Group**
1 p.m., Park Plaza North
- 27 City Commission Meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall
- Nov. 29, Dec. 2, 6-9: "It's a Wonderful Life",**
Live Dinner Theatre, presented by
The Chamber Players Community
Theatre, Thelma Moore Community
Playhouse

DECEMBER

- 2 Garnett BPW Holiday Boutique**
12-4 p.m., The Kirk House
- Friends of the Library Holiday
Homes Tour**
1 p.m.
- 3 Library Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- Garnett Lions Club Meeting**
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 4 Community Foundation Meeting**
5:30 p.m., Recreation Center
- Dec. 5-Dec. 31 - Yoga (A.M.)**
M-W-F 8:45-9:45 a.m., Recreation
Center

- 5 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
5:30 p.m., City Hall
- Dec. 5-Jan. 2 Register for Little Dribblers**
Ages 4 years through Kindergarten
Garnett Recreation Center
- 6 USD 365 Board of Education
Meeting, 7 p.m., Board Office**
- Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**
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4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 17 Garnett Lions Club Meeting**
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 18 Anderson County Economic
Development Meeting**
5 p.m., City Hall
- Garnett BPW Meeting**
5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library
- 20 Walker Art Committee Meeting**
4 p.m., Walker Art Gallery
- TBA Emergency Food Distribution**
4 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park
- 25 Christmas Day holiday observed,**
City Hall closed. *Merry Christmas!*

JANUARY 2019

- 1 New Year's Day holiday observed,**
Happy New Year! City Hall closed

**Dates and times subject to change without notice.*

Help Garnett Become A Mow and Go City

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment encourages Kansans to “Mow and Go”, and the City of Garnett invites you to participate.

Mulch mowing leaves provides many benefits:

Saves Money. Reduce the money you spend on fertilizer by using natural fertilizer: leaves! Also reduce costs to purchase bags and additional cost of disposal.

Saves effort. Mulching leaves in place is easier and faster than bagging, raking or blowing them to the curb.

Keeps your property healthy. Recycles nutrients into your soil to feed your lawn and plants, improves soil health, and

helps retain moisture.

Helps the environment. Burning, transporting and disposing of leaves from your curb wastes energy and contributes to pollution.

Beautifies your community. Mulch mowing your leaves away from city streets keeps storm drains free from clogging and backing up water onto your property or causing flooding in roadways.



By now you're thinking, “Ok, I'm sold! So how do I effectively “Mow and Go”? Visit www.kdheks-gov/waste/mowandgo.html for videos and resources to help Garnett become a “Mow and Go City”.

From the Fire Chief...

Mike Norman has retired from the Garnett Fire Department after more than 30 years of service. We thank him for his time and the sacrifices he made to make this a safer community.

Colby Wittman has joined the fire department and has started training.



Paige Robison, FM Global, awards Chief Pat Tate with a \$1,400 fire prevention grant.

The Garnett Fire Department invites you to an open house on

Thursday, October 11, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served. Bring family and friends to tour the fire station. This event is part of National Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13.

As summer winds down and we finish all our to-do lists, don't forget to check your smoke detectors and replace the batteries. Speaking of smoke detectors, Captain J.D. Mersman secured a grant through the FM Global Company to purchase smoke detectors. These detectors are available to Garnett property owners through a simple application process (limit: 2 per household).

As we transition from fall to winter, be prepared and make sure your heating system is ready. Inspect all fireplaces and wood stove flues before use. Please be sure not to block the fire hydrants that protect not only you, but your neighbors as well.

Join the Garnett Fire Department on Saturday, November 24, for the annual Fire Department Chili and Soup Supper. Soup's on at 4:00 p.m. Warm up before the parade and visit Santa at the station afterward.

Respectfully,

C. Pat Tate,
Fire Chief



Governor Visits Garnett, Talks Economic Development

Approximately 20 people met in the board room of East Kansas Agri-Energy with Governor Colyer recently to discuss the Opportunity Zone designation and the economic development topics they felt were high priority. Those conversation focused around filling the former Humco-Taylor Forge property with a new tenant, housing shortage, and workforce development. Conversation was also held on infrastructure needs with the Governor pledging a letter of support for Garnett's proposed new water treatment plant.

The Governor announced during the July 18th visit that out of 280 proposals, 74 census tracts were nominated and Garnett was one of them. The major tax benefits of the Opportunity Zone designation:

- ⇒ Defer and reduce gain from sale of any property where gain is invested in corporation or partnership that invests in qualified property in a Qualified Opportunity Zone.
- ⇒ Deferral can last until 2026, and deferred taxable gain can be reduced 15%.
- ⇒ Deferred gain may be long or short term capital gain.
- ⇒ No tax at all on gain from the sale of opportunity zone investments held for 10 years.

Ending his visit, Governor Colyer acknowledged the proposal by the City of Garnett as one of the most outstanding he had received.



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November 6: Your Vote Counts City Commission Seat; Question on Ballot

On Tuesday, November 6, registered voters in Garnett will have the opportunity to not only vote on the commissioner candidate of their choice, but also provide their opinion on whether or not they feel it's a good idea to increase the number of individuals on the City Commission from three (3) members to five (5). While this decision can be determined by the Commission without a public vote, the Governing Body is asking that on November 6 residents of Garnett provide direction on this matter by voting yes or no. A "Yes" vote would indicate approval of the increase to a five-member commission. A "No" vote would recommend that the size of the city commission remain at three members. The question on the ballot will look like this:

City of Garnett Question

(Vote Yes or No)

Should the City Commission of
the City of Garnett, Kansas, be
increased in size to a Five (5)
member commission?

Garnett voters will also cast their vote for the City Commission candidate of either Jody Marie Cole (incumbent) or Mark A. Powls. The term of office for a city commissioner is three (3) years. Additional information is available at simplygarnett.com/meet-your-commission.html.



City Manager Meets With Local Boy Scouts

City Manager Christopher Weiner received a visit from the Boy Scouts recently. Groups are always welcome to meet with the City Manager or other departments and learn about city operations. Contact City Hall to schedule your group meeting.

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* Wednesday afternoon and all of Thursday and Friday trash routes will receive pick up on Wednesday, November 21. The week of Christmas: Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25 trash routes will receive service on Monday.

Mark Your Calendar! Halloween is one of the most enjoyable days in Garnett for ghosts, goblins and their guardians. Visit the Garnett Recreation Center, 510 N. Lake Road, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hosted by the Life Assembly of God Church and the Garnett Community Foundation, there will be candy, inflatables, games and more. Be sure to catch the magic with "Whimsical Wizards" at the Santa Fe Depot from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. A magician will be performing while the kids meander through the children's haunted house. Hotdogs and treats will be served there. Also, the First Christian Church will be hosting their annual Light the Night Trunk or Treat event, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy food and treats in the church parking area located at Second Avenue and Walnut Street.

The Friends of the Library Holiday Homes Tour and the BPW Holiday Boutique at The Kirk House will be held Sunday, December 2. Featured homes on the tour are "A Very Beary Christmas", Tony and Karen Wolken, 22930 NW 1830 Road; "Christmas Joy", Gary and Kim Stapp, 311 W. 5th Avenue; and "Farmhouse Christmas", Tim and Ashley Rockers, 28912 NE Norton Road (Greeley). Refreshments and entertainment will be provided at the Garnett Public Library. The tour begins at 1:00 p.m. The First Christian Church sets the mood with, "Let Your Light Shine". Advance tickets go on sale mid November.



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