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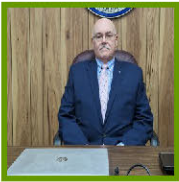
## City Commission



Jody Cole  
Mayor



Nate Wiehl  
Commissioner



Mark Locke,  
Commissioner



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## Welcome Commissioner Wiehl!



Greetings, Garnett! I'm a couple of months into the job now. I think I'm getting a good feeling for city governance. I am still humbled by the idea that I was elected to be your city commissioner. For those of you that don't know, I wasn't seeking the job. Over the past several years I have been told by many that I should consider running for an elected office of some sort. I have been encouraged to run for state representative by some, city commission by others, President by one particular nurse. Frankly, I've not felt worthy of any office and I could never find time to campaign anyway. After all, running for office would be difficult for someone who doesn't like to toot their own horn. But as all Garnetians know well, rumor can change things. Late last summer a rumor began to circulate that I was running for city commission. Over the course of a couple of weeks I was approached by several people thanking me for running, offering financial support, or wanting a yard sign. I told them all that I wasn't running. Then, one Friday morning, I received a text from a local business owner (not my boss for those curious) saying that I should run. I told him the same thing I told everyone else-I wasn't running. However, after a few weeks of having people encourage me, I added this to my reply-"But if you get me elected, I'll gladly do the job". Within the next 24 hours, I had candidate paperwork in front of me and an official write-in campaign had begun. I approved yard sign designs and mailers, but all other work that was done to get elected was all done by people who know me well and put their trust in me. For those of you that don't know me, I hope to earn your trust as well.

So that's how I got elected, but it doesn't really tell you who I am. Most of you that know me, know me as your pharmacist. I came to Garnett in 2007 after graduating from the KU School of Pharmacy. But I had come through Garnett before that as a pharmacy student in 2004 on a road trip when I toured a couple dozen pharmacies in Southeast Kansas as part of a school organization. I met Mike Burns, who explained pharmacy to me in a way I could appreciate. When it came time to evaluate career options later in my schooling, Garnett jumped to the front of my mind. Thankfully, Mike had a position available, and now I've been here 17 years.

I was born in Goodland but spent very little time there, so I claim Hutchinson, Kansas as my hometown. My parents, Dwight and Gaylene, still live there. As for parents, there are none better! I have three older brothers that have each influenced my on their own, albeit wildly different ways. I attended Buhler High School and Hutchinson Community College before being accepted into the KU School of Pharmacy and moved to Lawrence. I also have three credit hours from Indiana University so I guess you can say I'm part Hoosier but much more so Jayhawk, Blue Dragon, and Crusader. Shortly after moving to Garnett, I met Nicole Brummel, the love of my life. She is my best friend and biggest supporter. We have two wonderful children, Gwendoly and Benjamin, 11 and 8 years old respectively. Over my 17 years in Garnett I have served on many boards both professionally and civically. Currently I am currently most involved with Garnett Rotary and First Christian Church where I am an elder

## From the Commission continued...

and trustee. My faith in Jesus is the foundation of my life. And because of that I try to adopt an attitude of Service in everything I do, including my new job as your city commissioner. I hope to serve you well.

Nathan Wiehl  
Pharm.D., BC-ADM  
Director of Clinical Pharmacy  
City Commissioner

## From the City Manager



Out with the cold and snow, and in with the sunshine! Birds are chirping, squirrels are chasing each other through the trees, and green grass is starting to pop up-Spring is here!

Before I dive into what we have in store for 2024, I cannot help but mention the accomplishments we achieved in 2023. The City and County partnered

together once again and completed a Fall city Wide Clean-up Week with the plan to continue doing this every Fall going forward. We saw the additions of Family Dollar/ Dollar Tree, a new Short Stop Convenience Store, and Papa John's Pizza in Garnett ! The biggest hurdle we overcame was seeing the completion of the Cedar Valley Reservoir Auxiliary Spillway Project. This project started back in 2019 and with the help of KDEM, FEMA, Rodriguez Mechanical Contractors, and a host of City Staff, the project was completed. We also saw new storm water drainage, curb guttering as well as new business entrances installed along Maple Street between 4th Avenue and Redbud. This project will be completed this Spring once the mill and overlay portion of the project is finished.

We had movement on the Airport project and acquired two pieces of property near the Airport. The land acquisition phase will continue in 2024 as we push toward the end goal of getting the new tarmac and runway constructed. Last but certainly not least, we continue to work with Midwest Engineers and McClure Engineering on the Wastewater Line Project and Water Treatment Plant.

To follow 2023, 2024 is shaping up to be a busy year as well. The Maple Street Project will get completed this spring as the final stage of that project is the mill and overlay. Other projects we have lined out include a mill and overlay project for 3rd Avenue, from Oak Street to Maple Street, as well as 3rd Avenue west of Maple Street. We also have a significant sidewalk project planned along Park Road beginning at the corner of Oak Street and Park Road to Country Club Lane. We will replace the sidewalk in front of the Recreation Center as well. One of the projects that has already begun is the installation of new scoreboards at the Sports Complex and the Recreation Center. This was made possible with the help of dona-

tions from both AuBurn Pharmacy and Patriots Bank. We are very thankful and have much appreciation for their thoughtful donations that made this project possible. Another project on our radar is purchasing and installing two new reclosures to help with power grid reliability as well as continue working with Evergy on updating the electric feeds that supply Garnett.

Other notable projects that have been started and we continue working through are the lead and copper water line replacement, gas line upgrades from low pressure to high pressure, a lease program for new cardio equipment at the Recreation Center, interior repairs to the Santa Fe Depot, relining the Recreation Center floor for pickleball, and continue phases existing projects as the Airport Project, Wastewater Line Project, and the Water Treatment Plant.

There are some other projects we are working on as well, however, starting these projects will depend on us receiving the grant funding that we have applied for. These projects include rehabilitation of the North Lake Road and upgrades to camping pedestals lighting at the Sprint Kart Track, resurfacing the North Lake Playground areas (removing the sand and replacing it with rubber mulch), and cameras and access control at City Hall. We are in the process of applying for grant funding for these projects.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, call City Hall at (785) 448-5496 and we will get you to the department that is needed to get you a solution. If it is a billing matter, speak with the Utility Billing Department and/or the City Clerk, infrastructure related, let us know which utility and we will get you in touch with the corresponding utility. We may be City workers by day, but we are also still your friends, your family, and residents of Garnett as well. Again, Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Travis Wilson, City Manager



The 51st Annual Square Fair hosted by the Garnett BPW will be here on Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Many different craft vendors will attend with pottery, candles, jewelry, quilted

items, baby quilts, home décor, yard art, soaps, lotions, baked breads, clothing, painted art work and more! Don't forget to stop by the Garnett Senior Center for the Quilt Show, and bring the family for a day of food, music, and FUN!

Garnett BPW Thanks you for your support!

## From the City Clerk...



Spring is here, and beautiful as the flowers bloom and birds sing every morning. But spring also brings storms. Check your drainage and gutters for debris. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, trim trees and branches as needed. Be sure to check the City of Garnett website, [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com), for spring

and summer activities to enjoy with friends and family through the Community Calendar and Special Events as well as the Garnett Recreation Center and USD 365 for the spring and summer sports schedules.

Watch for small children playing and those squirrels darting across the street.

There has been quite a bit of confusion on utility late fees and such, so I decided to inform our city again this quarter of the deadlines and payment options that apply to every utility account.

### **Reminder for Utility Payments:**

Please put your utility account number on your check to ensure proper processing. Also, if you would have your account number ready when you call in a payment, it helps the staff process quicker, more accurately, and saves your family valuable time. Utility bills are due upon receipt. And if not paid by the 15th of the month at the close of business at 5:00 P.M. A 5% penalty would be applied. Accounts not paid by the 25th of the month before 1:00 p.m. will be shut off and a \$50 disconnect fee will be applied to the balance. This balance must be paid in full prior to utilities being turned on. Beginning on the 20th of the month persons may inquire on an extension, which would allow until the 3rd of the next month to pay the bill in full and not be shut off. Accounts are allotted six extensions per calendar year and in no event shall such extensions be granted for consecutive months.

### **Reminder of Payment Options:**

Payments can be brought inside or dropped in either of the two drop box locations (back window drive-through or outside the front office). The front office staff can take payments both in the lobby and over the phone. We encourage everyone to utilize our online bill pay option, or the automatic draft option if you currently bank at GSSB or Patriots Bank. We are still working through the credits on accounts for the County Sales Tax .5% drop and the computer error on the fuel adjustment was corrected before billing due March 15th. Although these credits might not be very much, it is important to the City that your account is accurate. I do appreciate your patience while working through 1800 plus accounts.

Nonnie Nolan has joined our team here and she is doing a fabulous job! Congratulate her when you see her about town. We are happy to have her on board. The City employees attempt to give our very best to be good stewards of the City keeping it a great town to live in and raise our

children. Continue helping us keep Garnett a great place to live as your concerns, support, and willingness to understand mean so much to us.

Trish Brewer, City Clerk

Amanda, Kalen, and Jasmine...Your Utility Staff

## From the Airport...



Things have greened up early this year! Mowing in March is just silly! Once this article comes out, I will have at least a month of mowing under my belt.

This winter has been taken up with making some improvements on the airport property and working on remodeling the 40's era office at the airport. We have been able to replace the worn out carpet, replace the 60's era wood framed fluorescent lights and do some much needed painting. In the spring, I hope to start replacing windows, replace some rotting fascia boards and paint the exterior. If I have any of the KDOT grant money left, I hope to replace some of the leaking roof in the shop building. We will have some sort of open house in the summer to show off our work, but we still have a LOT of work to do between mowing.

I chaired an Aviation Task Group for the Kansas Department of Transportation this last year, and it was submitted to the Legislature in the spring. I think we were very successful on campaigning to bump up the money KDOT spends on smaller rural airports from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. The big push of it is to improve Air Ambulance access to rural areas and allow quicker and less expensive ambulatory service to larger hospitals without relying on just helicopter service. Senate Bill 272 will be voted on in March, and we hope to be successful.

I got elected to the Kansas Airport Association Executive Board, and was sworn in this March. Garnett is by far the smallest airport represented on the Board. I am hoping once I get up to speed that I will be able to get some results for smaller airports in Kansas. It is a great honor that they decided to give me the opportunity.

I am hoping once this article is printed, we will have had a successful 4th Annual Egg Drop. We were hoping to increase the activities planned to include a larger bicycle giveaway and more eggs. Hopefully the weather cooperates.

As of the middle of March, we are still several inches behind on precipitation for the year, and many inches behind for the last couple of years. We also had a warmer than usual fall, winter, and spring. I sure hope nature doesn't decide to catch us up all at once with precipitation or burn us up this summer.

As always, if you would like to know anything about aviation or any aviation opportunities, please come out and talk to me or just give me a call.

Pat Schettler, Airport Manager

# A Message From the Gas Department-Please Read...

## **For safety's sake, read this!**

Things you should know:

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

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

### **How to report a possible gas leak**

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

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

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

### **Dig Safe - Call BEFORE you dig!**

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

### **The Silent Killer!**

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

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

### **Gas Appliance Connectors**

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

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

### **Bare Steel Gas Lines**

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

*The Answer: Yes.*

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

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

### **Excess Flow Valve (EFV)**

As of 2017, federal regulations require every natural gas utility, including the City of Garnett, to notify customers about the potential benefits of an Excess Flow Valve (EFV), who is responsible for the initial installation costs and who is responsible for replacement and maintenance with an EFV. EFVs are mechanical shut-off devices that can be installed on the gas service line and is designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks, say for instance, if a vehicle hits a meter or an excavation accident. We have detailed information online at [www.simplygarnett.com/efv.html](http://www.simplygarnett.com/efv.html). Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your natural gas service.

Thank you,

John Rogers II, Superintendent  
Gas and Water Distribution

<b>APRIL</b>			
1	<b>April Fools' Day</b> <b>A.M. Yoga</b> <u>Every Monday, Wednesday, &amp; Friday</u> , Garnett Rec Center, 8:45-10 a.m. <b>Anderson County Commission Meeting</b> , <u>Every Monday</u> , Annex Building, 9 a.m. <b>TOPS Meeting</b> <u>Every Monday</u> , 258 W. Park Road, 5:30 p.m. <b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b> <u>First and Third Monday</u> , VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m. <b>Garnett Celebrate Recovery</b> <u>Every Monday</u> , Garnett Church of the Nazarene, 6-8 p.m. <b>Hot Yoga</b> <u>Every Monday</u> , Garnett Rec Center, 6:30 p.m.	6	<b>Demolition Derby</b> Anderson County Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
2	<b>Storytime for Preschoolers</b> <u>Every Tuesday</u> , Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. <b>Rotary International Club Meeting</b> <u>Every Tuesday</u> Dutch Country Café, 12 p.m. <b>Community Foundation Meeting</b> Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m. <b>P.M. Yoga</b> <u>Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday</u> Garnett Rec Center, 5:30 p.m. <b>American Legion Bingo</b> <u>Every Tuesday</u> , VFW Post 6397. 6:30 p.m. <b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> <u>Every Tuesday &amp; Thursday</u> , 510 S. Oak, 7 p.m.	7	<b>Baseball/Softball Registration Deadline for Early Bird Price Historical Society Meeting</b> 8 <b>American Legion Auxiliary Meeting</b> VFW Post 6397, 9:30 a.m. <b>Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting</b> City Hall, 12 p.m. <b>Solar Eclipse Party</b> Garnett Public Library, 1:15 p.m. <b>Library Board Meeting</b> Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m. <b>American Legion Meeting</b> VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m. <b>Garnett Housing Authority Board Meeting</b> Housing Authority Office, 7 p.m.
3	<b>Catholic Charities Resource Bus</b> 132 E. 5th Ave., 9:30a.m. <b>Duplicate Bridge</b> <u>Every Wednesday</u> , Garnett Hotel & RV Park, 1 p.m. <b>Tinkering &amp; Tech (5th-8th Grades)</b> Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m. <b>Zumba Class</b> <u>Every Wednesday</u> , Garnett Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.	8	<b>Anderson County Recycling Trailer</b> Country Mart Parking Lot, All Day <b>Ministerial Alliance</b> Dutch Country Café, 1:30 p.m. <b>City Commission Meeting</b> City Hall 6 p.m.
4	<b>13-Point Pitch &amp; Snacks</b> <u>Every Thursday</u> , Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m. <b>USD 365 Board of Education Meeting</b> USD 365 Office, 7 p.m.	9	<b>Railroaded: The Industry that Shaped Kansas presented by Leo Olivia from Humanities Kansas</b> Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. <b>Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting</b> City Hall, 4:30 p.m. <b>VFW Post 6397 Meeting</b> VFW Post Home, 6-8 p.m. <b>VFW Auxiliary Meeting</b> VFW Post Home, 6-8 p.m. <b>Friends of the PSRT Meeting</b> Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
6	<b>Grocery Bingo</b> Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.	10	<b>Morning Mingle</b> Garnett Public Library, 8 a.m. <b>Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting</b> Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
		11	<b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b> Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.
		12	<b>Garnett City Wide Garage Sales</b> Garnett, KS, All Day <b>Book &amp; Bag Sale</b> Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
		13	<b>15 Tax Day</b>
		16	<b>Plant Exchange</b> Garnett Public Library, 11 a.m. <b>Bricks &amp; Books (Grades 3rd - 8th)</b> Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m. <b>BPW Meeting</b> Town Hall Center, 5:30 p.m.
		16	<b>Planning Commission Meeting</b> City Hall, 6 p.m.
		17	<b>Kid's Craft Club (K-2nd Grade)</b> Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m. <b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b> Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m. <b>Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting</b> Garnett Nutrition Site, 7 p.m.
		20	<b>Grand March for JR/SR Prom</b> 7 p.m.
		21	<b>VFW Breakfast</b> VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
		23	<b>City Commission Meeting</b> City Hall, 6 p.m.
		24	<b>Book Discussion "The Honey Bus"</b> Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
		25	<b>Emergency Food Distribution Harvesters</b> Quonset-North Lake Park, 2 p.m.
		<b>MAY</b>	
		1	<b>Anderson County Historical Museum</b> - Opens for summer, Weekly: Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m. <b>Tinkering &amp; Tech</b> Garnett Public Library, 3:30-5 p.m.
		May 2 - October 3:	<b>Garnett Farmers Market Season</b> <u>Every Thursday</u> , Main Street, 4:30-7 p.m. <b>Anderson County Historical Society Meeting</b> Museum, 6:30 p.m. <b>USD 365 Board of Education Meeting</b> Board Office, 7 p.m. <b>Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting</b> Garnett Nutrition Site, 7 p.m. <b>Cinco De Mayo Celebration hosted by St. Rose School</b> St. John's Hall, Greeley, 5:30 p.m.
		5	<b>Cinco De Mayo</b>
		7	<b>Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting</b> Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
		8	<b>Remember When Wednesday</b> Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. <b>Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting</b> City Hall, 4:30 p.m. <b>VFW Post 6397 Meeting</b> VFW Post Home, 6-8 p.m. <b>VFW Auxiliary Meeting</b> VFW Post Home, 6-8 p.m. <b>Friends of the PSRT Meeting</b> Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
		9	<b>Morning Mingle</b> Garnett Public Library, 8 a.m.

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| <p><b>9</b> <b>Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting</b><br/>Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>10</b> <b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>Rec Center, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>11</b> <b>51st Annual Square Fair hosted by Garnett BPW</b><br/>Town Square, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>ACHS Commencement Ceremony</b><br/>Anderson County JR/SR High, 2 p.m.</p> <p><b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b></p> <p><b>13</b> <b>American Legion Auxiliary Meeting</b><br/>VFW Post 6397, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>Library Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>American Legion Meeting</b><br/>VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Garnett Housing Authority Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Housing Authority, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>14</b> <b>Anderson County Recycling Trailer</b><br/>Country Mart Parking Lot, All Day</p> <p><b>Ministerial Alliance</b><br/>Dutch Country Café, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Bricks &amp; Books (3rd-8th Grades)</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Commission Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>15</b> <b>Kid's Craft Club (K-2nd Grade)</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>16</b> <b>Celebration of Service</b><br/>Courthouse Lawn, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p><b>17</b> <b>Last Day of School USD 365</b></p> <p><b>19</b> <b>VFW Breakfast</b><br/>VFW Post 6397, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</p> <p><b>21</b> <b>BPW Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Planning Commission Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>22</b> <b>Catholic Charities Resource Bus</b><br/>132 E. 5th Avenue, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Book Discussion "Someone Else's Shoes"</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>23</b> <b>Emergency Food Distribution Harvesters</b><br/>Quonset Hut, 2 p.m.</p> | <p><b>24-27</b> <b>Avenue of Flags hosted by Garnett Parks and Recreation</b><br/>Garnett Municipal Cemetery</p> <p><b>25</b> <b>Garnett Municipal Pool Opens for Summer</b><br/>North Lake Park</p> <p><b>27</b> <b>Water Aerobics</b><br/>Garnett Municipal Pool, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>City Hall closed, Memorial Day Holiday observed. Note: Trash service will run one (1) day late this week.</i></p> <p><i>Memorial Day Service</i><br/><i>Garnett Municipal Cemetery, conducted by American Legion Post 48 &amp; VFW 6397, 10 a.m.</i></p> <p><b>28</b> <b>City Commission Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>JUNE</b></p> <p><b>1</b> <b>8th Annual Car, Bike &amp; Truck Show hosted by Southland Cruisers</b><br/>Town Square, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>1-2</b> <b>Kart Sprint Track Races hosted by KC Karting Association</b><br/>North Lake Park, Go-Kart Track</p> <p><b>3</b> <b>First Day of Summer Reading Program</b><br/>Garnett Public Library</p> <p><b>4</b> <b>USD 365 Board of Education Meeting, Board Office, 7 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Garnett Community Foundation Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>5</b> <b>Tinkering &amp; Tech</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>6</b> <b>Historical Society Meeting</b><br/>Historical Museum, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>USD 365 Board of Education Meeting</b><br/>Board Office, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>7-9</b> <b>"Finishing School" hosted by The Chamber Players Community Theatre</b><br/>Thelma Moore Playhouse, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>10</b> <b>American Legion Auxiliary Meeting</b><br/>VFW Post 6397, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 12 p.m.</p> <p><b>Library Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>Garnett Housing Authority Board Meeting</b><br/>Housing Authority, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>American Legion Meeting</b><br/>VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>11</b> <b>Anderson County Recycling Trailer</b><br/>Country Mart Parking Lot</p> | <p><b>11</b> <b>Ministerial Alliance</b><br/>Dutch Country Café, 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>City Commission Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>12</b> <b>Tourism Advisory Committee Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>VFW Post 6397 Meeting</b><br/>VFW Post Home, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p><b>VFW Auxiliary Meeting</b><br/>VFW Post Home, 6-8 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friends of the PSRT Meeting</b><br/>Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>13</b> <b>Morning Mingle</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 8 a.m.</p> <p><b>Delphian Masonic Lodge #44 Meeting</b><br/>Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>13-16</b> <b>"Finishing School" hosted by The Chamber Players Community Theatre</b><br/>Thelma Moore Playhouse, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>14</b> <b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Industrial Airport, 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>16</b> <b>VFW Breakfast</b><br/>VFW Post Home, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</p> <p><b>18.</b> <b>BPW Meeting</b><br/>Town Hall Center, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Planning Commission Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>19</b> <b>Juneteenth</b></p> <p><b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.</p> <p><b>Garnett Senior Center Board Meeting</b><br/>Garnett Nutrition Site, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>22</b> <b>Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters, Quonset Hut-North Lake Park, 2 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>25</b> <b>City Commission Meeting</b><br/>City Hall, 6 p.m.</p> <p><b>28</b> <b>Book Discussion "The Silent Patient"</b><br/>Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>29</b> <b>Libertyfest Community Fireworks Celebration hosted by the City of Garnett</b><br/>North Lake Park, 5 p.m., Fireworks at 9:30</p> |
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**\*Please Note:**

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

**BUSINESS HOURS AT CITY HALL**

*Monday - Friday (excluding holidays)*

Front Office: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Drive-Up: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

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## A Message from Code Enforcement/ Animal Control-Just a Friendly Reminder...

Mowing and yard clean-up will begin soon. Here are a few things to remember:

- Keep grass at your residence or business to less than 8" in height.
- Do not mow/rake grass clippings and/or leaves into the street. This creates hazards for cyclists and clogs up our waste-water systems.
- Please make adequate arrangements for your leaves and grass clippings as the mowing season begins.
- Please do not place old furniture, appliances, construction materials, or other debris in the alleyways. These areas need to be readily accessible to emergency and city vehicles in case of storms or other emergencies. If you have items that need to be disposed of, you can schedule a Special Pick-up with City Hall for a small fee.
- Please make sure ALL vehicles on your property or street have current registration and are in operable condition. It is against City Ordinance to have these vehicles parked on properties.

### **Springtime is great dog walking weather!**

- Keep all dogs on a leash. This is for the safety of the animals as well as others that may be out enjoying the weather.
- Please keep current City Registration and Vaccination tags on ALL of your animals (Cats and dogs). This allows us to promptly identify your animals if they happen to get loose. We want them to return home safely, and in a timely manner.
- If your pet does get loose, and you are unable to locate the animal, please feel free to contact Animal Control, Countryside Veterinary Clinic, as well as checking the Facebook page, "Pet Finder Garnett" When Animal Control is called to pickup animals at large, photos of the animal and location are posted on this page.
- If your animal is picked up and transported to Countryside Veterinary Clinic, you, the owner, are responsible for the fees incurred before you can reclaim your animal.



Have a save and enjoyable summer!

Darin Schmoie,  
Code Enforcement/Animal Control  
City of Garnett, Kansas  
785-448-5496 Office  
785-433-1314 Cell phone

## From the Zoning Administrator...



It's finally spring! That means construction season.

I just wanted to give a couple reminders now that the weather is starting to get better. First, the final phase of the Maple St. project should be soon underway. Additionally, KDOT will be repaving Maple St./US-59 from the roundabout to the

northern city limits. They will also be repaving 6th Avenue from Maple to US-169. I bring these up, because it's important to be mindful of the work zones, and the people working in them. For your safety and theirs, please use extra caution in those work zones.

Spring also means outdoor projects. Those projects may include fences, pools, or any number of other stuff. And some of those projects may require permits. Please reach out to me to determine whether or not permits and inspections are required. A new pool, or a pool that was previously permitted, but hasn't been used for a season or two, will require a permit.

The City is also continuing with its Sidewalk Assistance program. If your sidewalk needs some attention, the City will reimburse you at \$2.00 per square foot to replace it. There are some requirements, and I've got all the information you need if that's on your to-do list.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me here at City Hall, or by email at [emills@garnettks.net](mailto:emills@garnettks.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks, and stay safe!

Eric Mills, Zoning Administrator

## Did You Know?

### **New Staff:**

*Clay Perina, Police Officer*

*Nonnie Noland, Custodian*

*Melvin Thacker, Sanitation Department*

### **Retirement:**

*Betty Jasper, 26 years*

### **Anniversaries:**

*JD Mersman, Fire Department, 25 years*

*Wes Skillman, Fire Department, 15 years*

*Monica Hill, Government Administration, 5 years*

### **Trainings and Certifications:**

*Kyle Kobald, KMU Cable Underground Utility Locator Certification*

*Brian Davis - Selected to join KRPA Parks & Natural Resources board*

*Monica Hill - HRCI-PHR and SHRM-CP Human Resources certifications*

## From the Police Department...



On March 11, 2024, we welcomed Officer Clay Perina to the Garnett Police Department. Officer Perina comes with 23 years of Law Enforcement experience, including several instructor certifications.

In January, The Garnett Police Department, in conjunction with the Coffey County Special Response Team (SRT), sent Lt. Turner to the SWAT Team Leader Development Course through the National Tactical Officers Association. The course was held in Salina, Kansas, and focused on leadership strategies and tactics during high-risk incidents. Additionally, the course updated students on current case law and liability associated with these types of operations. The Coffey County SRT services the City Of Garnett and can be called to assist at any time. This course assists the City of Garnett and the Coffey County SRT by promoting competent and reliable leadership.

In February, The Garnett Police Department hosted in-service training on high-risk traffic stops. Traffic stops can be one of a law enforcement officer's most dangerous duties. The unknown of every encounter provides an environment that officers must quickly adapt to. This training helps our officers refresh and stay up to date on the latest practices in high-risk traffic stops.

March 25-29th, Sgt. Tiede will attend the Command Leadership Institute (CLI). CLI's focus is to provide real-life, contemporary, best-practice strategies and techniques for those aspiring to command-level assignments. Command Leadership Institute students will be engaged in such topics as credibility, command discipline and liability, dealing with problem employees, and leading change within an organization. The Command Leadership Institute is student-centered with a high degree of student involvement.

And last but certainly not least, Senator Moran is the ranking member on the U.S. Senate Commerce, Justice, and Science Committee, which funds law enforcement projects/grants. Through his leadership role, the Senator helped the Garnett Police Department secure funding of approximately \$114,000.00 for In-Car camera systems and Laptop computers designed for patrol cars. The new equipment will work with the existing hardware and software that GPD is currently using. This fully funded project from Senator Moran will advance the Garnett Police Department's collective goal of further increasing transparency and accountability, supporting our officers, while protecting all community members in Garnett.

Kurt King  
Chief of Police  
Garnett Police Department

## From the Refuse Department...



Beginning on May 6, 2024, the Tuesday and Wednesday routes will change. All residents from the west side of Maple Street and south of 4th Avenue will be picked up on Tuesdays. And on the east side of Maple Street from the south side of 1st Avenue to 4th Avenue will be picked up on Wednesdays.

Donnie Dilly, Public Works Director

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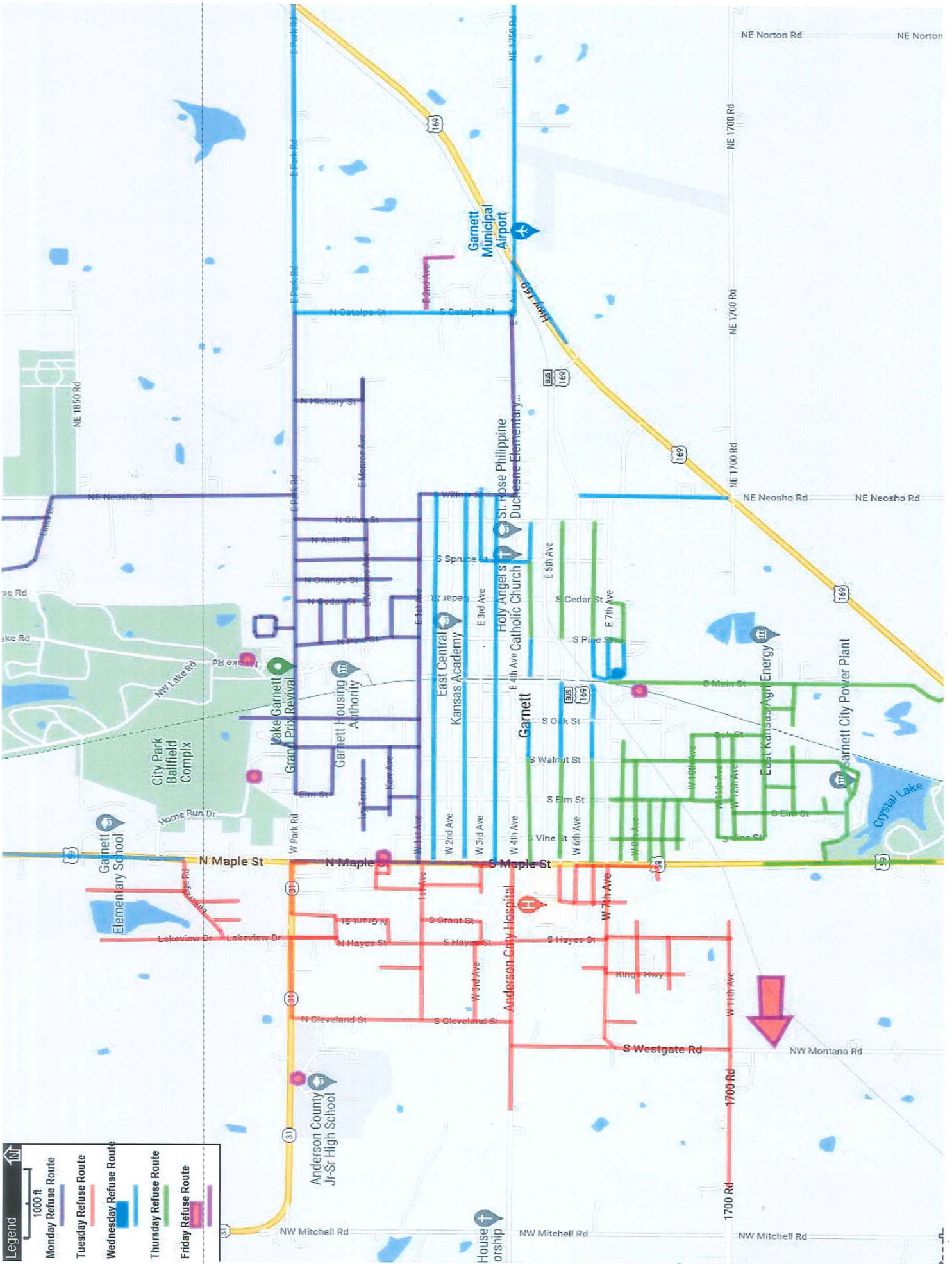
Congratulations *Betty Jasper* on your retirement! The City of Garnett staff, crews, and commissioners thank you for your 26 years of service to the community and to the city. You will be greatly missed!



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## From Community Development...



Community service and volunteering are a large part of our community. Whether it be volunteering for events, helping your neighbor, or being involved in the local civic groups and clubs, it is a vital part of our city. Where would we be without the people behind the scenes? Well, a lot of things would be a struggle, or wouldn't happen at all. Events wouldn't be as large or as successful without the hundreds of hours volunteers put in towards the planning and execution, including getting sponsors, hosting fundraising events, and the days of setup and tearing down when the event is done.

I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to all of you -whether you are serving on an advisory board or committee, giving hours of your time for events, or just serving where needed, your hard work is greatly appreciated. I know some folks locally have been volunteering for over forty years! We are so blessed to have those with a heart for service right here in Garnett.

I would also like to encourage those who were considering volunteering to just go for it! If you don't know where to begin, give me a call and I will be glad to put you in touch with a group or event. There is no such thing as too many people when it comes to volunteering. It is one more way we can come together and do great things for our community.

Coming up we have a busy season of events! We kick off April with the new Walking Club Kick-Off Party on April first, followed by the Demolition Derby hosted by the Anderson County Fair association on April 6. City Wide Garage Sales hit on April 13. May 2nd marks the beginning of the Garnett Farmers Market, and May will bring the 51st Annual Square Fair on May 11, Celebration of Service on the 16th, and the graduation of the Class of 2024 at Anderson County High School on May 23. Then

honor those who served by visiting the Avenue of Flags at the Garnett Cemetery May 24-27. In between all of that, Mother's Day, Prom, and so much more! June brings Southland Cruisers Annual Car Show on June 1st, as well as KC Karting Association June 1-2 racing at the Sprint Track at North Lake Park. There is also spring soccer, and softball, baseball and T-Ball. The Garnett Swimming Pool opens Memorial Day weekend, which means swim lessons, water aerobics and more to follow!

If you have an event flyer, a new idea, or something for our calendar, give me a call or email [info@garnettks.net](mailto:info@garnettks.net). I am happy to work with you to promote your event.

Kris Hix, Community Development Director

**GFD**  
GARNETT FIRE DEPARTMENT

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**  
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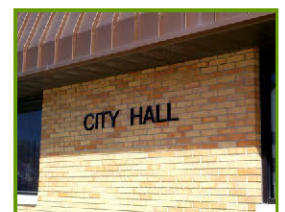
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