

# Town Talk



City Commission



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## Garnett, Kansas

### From The Commission...

Autumn is a wonderful time of the year and Garnett has several exciting events coming to town such as Fly Kansas Air Tour, Cornstock Music Festival (featuring the Charlie Daniels Band this year), and the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival (LGGPR). Garnett has so much to offer; we're very proud of our city and look forward to sharing that with many visitors and guests in the coming months.

#### Breaking Down the Property Tax Dollar

City staff and city commission have spent a great deal of time building the 2020 city budget. From providing police officers who protect and serve our community, to allocating for snow removal on our roads and bridges, property taxes are a necessary investment for all Kansas communities. While we have done our due diligence in stretching every tax dollar, I believe it is important to share a breakdown of how property taxes are distributed in Garnett.

**Emergency Response:** New fire trucks can cost anywhere from \$500,000 to \$1.2 million, which in some communities would be most of the property tax revenue collected by the city. Additionally, the cost of a new police car could range anywhere, on average, from \$30,000 to \$50,000, depending on the emergency response and communication technology that is incorporated within the vehicle.

**Maintaining a Qualified Workforce:** Local government is a hands-on industry, requiring cities to deal with the common management concerns of hiring and retaining qualified employees to serve as code enforcers, engineers, and laborers. Oftentimes, municipal employees earn less than their private sector counterparts. Cities may struggle in retaining qualified employees in these essential roles.

**Filling Potholes and Fixing Roads:** In recent years, nearly 50% of the funding to maintain the



## From the City Commission continued...

local road system has been generated entirely from local governments' budgets. Even maintaining one mile of our local roads can cost about \$6,250.

While the commission understands there will always be a need to spend money on streets, infrastructure, safety and projects, we will continue working to make sure we are getting the most for your hard-earned tax dollars.

### Are we a Work Ready Community?

Business owners, what do you know about our efforts to be a Work Ready Community? Work Ready Communities (WRC) from ACT (the testing organization) is a framework for community-based workforce development designed to drive economic growth. Regions improve their workforce and use quality criteria to compete for location consultants, investors and other decision-makers using data powered by the WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). More than 21,000 employers support NCRC nationwide.

Work Ready Communities get certified by meeting workforce and employer support goals established by ACT's equitable criteria. Each goal category can be tracked extensively to provide additional competitive information:

**Emerging Workforce:** High School junior, senior, or recent graduate; college student or recent graduate

**Current Workforce:** Currently employed by public, private, or non-profit organizations or currently employed in government

**Transitioning Workforce:** Currently unemployed; GED or Adult ED participant; current or recent active-duty military

**Supporting Employers:** Endorsements of employers that recognize or recommend NCRC for hiring or promotion.

The first Anderson County Work Ready Community Task Force meeting was held on August 22 and the Task Force members are planning to "launch" in Anderson County on October 15. The Anderson County goals were set up by the Work Ready Community staff and these goals must be met two years after we launch our program.

As a business owner, if you are interested in learning more about becoming part of this organization, and encouraging our youth to find employment locally please contact Director of Economic Development, Julie Turnipseed, at City Hall and visit this link to learn more information [www.workreadycommunities.org](http://www.workreadycommunities.org).

I appreciate the opportunity, and I thank you for allowing me to serve as your city commissioner.

Respectfully,

Jody Cole  
Commissioner



## From the City Manager...

It is that time of year when the leaves change and the weather cools. I am personally looking forward to a little relief from this steamy summer! As we switch gears from the threat of severe thunderstorms to the threat of ice and snow, I think it is important to remind everyone who they should contact during a power outage. If an outage occurs during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) please contact City Hall at 785.448.5496, option 1. If an outage occurs outside of normal business hours, please try the City Hall number first and if your call is not answered, please contact the Anderson County Communications Center at 785.448.6823. City staff will be arriving to answer phone calls as soon as they have been made aware by dispatch of an outage. I can assure you that our electric department responds as quickly as possible for these calls and we appreciate your patience during these times.



I would like to thank all of our summer help who have returned to school and their full-time jobs. I would also like to extend my thanks and appreciation to former Director of Public Works, Ken Amaya, who has recently left the City in pursuing a different career path. Ken has been a very valuable employee and we will miss his spirit and work ethic.

Budget Workshops, meetings with FEMA on disaster damage, continuing progress on the water plant, sewer improvements, and other projects have kept us very busy over these last few months. You should see Bettis Asphalt back again this year to complete our planned street repairs here in the next month. This year's streets improvement plan has unfortunately been reduced in scope due to the collapse and repair of the north lake bridge. In addition to the bridge repair, our plan this year is to address many of the intersections in town which have been destroyed with potholes from the constant moisture they have been exposed to over the past year.

We have also been awarded a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation to install a stormwater drainage system along Maple Street (Highway 59) from fourth avenue to first avenue. This project is slated to start and be completed in 2022 but requires a local funding match which we are also beginning to save up for. As you may have seen, we were fortunate to get the north lake bridge repaired and back open in time for Cornstock and the Lake Garnett Grand Prix, and almost for the first day of school this fall. Much thanks to local contractor Tom Adams for completing the job in such a short time frame. Additional thanks to Terry and Justin Zook for the extensive repairs that were needed and made at the reservoir. The rains this year have done a number on all of our infrastructure. Please be mindful as winter approaches, that one inch of rain can equate to over ten inches of snow. So, if this wet weather trend continues into the fall and winter, we could have a snowy and dangerous winter. When snow is imminent, please try to keep your vehicles off the road to make plowing the snow safer and more efficient. Doing so you can possibly avoid getting your car barricaded in by snow.

Finally, I would like to give a shout out to all of our hard-working departments who helped make Fall City Wide Clean-Up a success again this year. Thank you to all of our wonderful residents who helped this process go smoothly by following the

“Clean Up” rules.

Thank you for making this community such a wonderful place to live and call home!

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner  
City Manager

## Destination Business Training Offered by Anderson County Development Agency

ACDA, through funds from Network Kansas E-Community sent the ACDA Director, Julie Turnipseed, to a Destination Business Training. The *Train the Trainer* class is an opportunity to bring Jon Schallert's Destination Business tools back to our community to help local business owners and entrepreneurs improve the performance of their business. This training allows ACDA to offer small business webinars with Jon Schallert, teaching a Destination Business how to succeed. The course also includes interviews of leading business experts and best-selling authors. Throughout the class, participants will learn solutions, best-practices, and the challenges and changes a business must make today to remain viable, successful, and profitable. Each participant will learn:



- ◆ New Tactics That Can Help Grow Your Business
- ◆ How To Create A Unique Positioning Statement
- ◆ How to Target The Very Best Consumers
- ◆ Product Spotlighting Techniques
- ◆ How To Attract Business From Outside The Area
- ◆ Creating Ultra-Service And A Customer-Focused Company

Jon Schallert, the creator of the proprietary 14-step “Destination Business” process was the single presenter of the *Train the Trainer* class. His methodology has been used extensively by all sizes of marketplaces that want to pull more consumers to their communities, and by independent business owners who want to pull more customers to their business.

The first class begins October 2 and will run until November 20 on Wednesday evenings. The class will be offered again in early 2020. If you are interested, please contact Julie Turnipseed at [julie@garnettks.net](mailto:julie@garnettks.net) or 785.448.5496, Ext. 5.

ACDA has E-Community funds available for small business owners to attend the Jon Schallert Destination BootCamp in Longmont, CO. The grant funds will cover the cost of the tuition only. The individual attending would need to cover cost of travel, lodging and food. For more information go to [www.jonschallert.com/bootcamp](http://www.jonschallert.com/bootcamp). You may also contact Julie Turnipseed at [julie@garnettks.net](mailto:julie@garnettks.net) or call 785.448.5496. Ext. 5 for more information.

**Morning Mingle** is a group of small business owners that are meeting on the third Thursday morning of each month at Monroe 816 in downtown Garnett. All small business owners in Anderson County are very welcome to attend. The meetings provide an opportunity to network with other small business owners, learn new social media and advertising tips to help market your business, hear guest presenters, and participate in joint promotions.



On September 11th, the businesses honored the First Responders by serving them lunch on the courthouse lawn. We appreciate the donations from the following businesses which made this lunch possible: Sonic Drive-In, Yoder's Country Store, Wax Me Happy, Sara Lee Foods, Garnett Flowers & Gifts, Garnett Home Center and Rental, Monroe 816, Wittman NAPA, Nature's Touch, Josephine's, and 4th Avenue Flea Market.

Sincerely,

Julie Turnipseed  
Director of Economic Development

## A Message from the Garnett Water Treatment Plant

During the month of October, the Garnett Water Treatment Plant will be changing its water disinfection process for a few weeks in order to better disinfect dead-end water lines and lines that see very little water usage. You may or may not notice a slight change in taste and odor. Flushing of lines and overflowing of the water towers will also be done at this time. This is a common practice done in most communities in order to maintain safe disinfection levels. Thank you for your patience and consideration while we go through this process to ensure the safety of your drinking water.



The City of Garnett Water Treatment Facility supplies and treats water for the City of Garnett and surrounding rural areas, including the City of Greeley and multiple Anderson County Rural Water Districts.

### City of Garnett “Free Chlorine Conversion”/“Burn-Out” FAQs

#### **What is a “free chlorine conversion”?**

A free chlorine conversion is a process by which a water system periodically switches its disinfection process from chloramines (a combination of chlorine and ammonia) to free chlorine (no ammonia added) in order to improve the long-term quality of its drinking water.

**Why is the City of Garnett implementing a “free chlorine conversion”?** *Answer:* This will improve the overall water quality in our distribution system.

**Is this the first time that the City of Garnett has implemented a free chlorine conversion?** *Answer:* No.

**Are “free chlorine conversions” a common practice among water systems?** *Answer:* Yes. This is a common industry standard for preventative maintenance in drinking water distribution systems. Many utilities throughout the state and country that use chloramines for their primary distribution disinfectant convert to free chlorine on an “as needed” basis. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) endorse and support this procedure.

**How long will the “free chlorine conversion” last?** *Answer:* The duration of the “free chlorine conversion” will be approximately thirty (30) days.

**Does the “free chlorine conversion” pose any health risks? Will the water be safe to drink and use?** *Answer:* The process is entirely safe and poses no health risks to customers. The wa-

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ter is safe to drink, and customers can use the water as normal.

### ***Will I need to do anything differently during the conversion?***

**Answer:** No action is necessary during the conversion. Customers may drink and use their water as normal.

***Why all the flushing?*** **Answer:** The City of Garnett must directional flush to maintain clear water for our customers and to ensure the free chlorine conversion has made it to the far reaches of our distribution system. Flushing should significantly subside after the termination of the conversion.

### ***My water has a strong chlorine smell. What is going on?***

**Answer:** A chlorine smell is very normal during the conversion period, as the disinfectant is transitioning from chloramines to free chlorine. Chlorine concentrations maintained during the conversion will be well within Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards and will be entirely safe to consume and use as normal.

***I have a fish tank. How will it affect my fish?*** **Answer:** Processes in place to remove chloramines in water will remove free chlorine. No change or adjustment should be needed. However, the City of Garnett suggests that you contact your equipment supplier.

For more information please visit [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

## **Did You Know?**

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employee **Larry Kasney**, Police Patrolman.

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

5 Years: **Shawn Bond**, Street Department Maintenance Worker

5 Years: **Robert Donovan**, Police Patrolman

25 Years: **Nancy Hermreck**, Human Resources Director, Municipal Court Clerk, Deputy City Clerk, City Treasurer

30 Years: **Troy Hart**, Electric Distribution Director

35 Years: **Bob Mills**, Electric Generation Director

Conferences and Training: **Julie Turnipseed**, Economic Development Director, attended ACT Work Ready Communities Training, Part II; **Stephen Callow**, Volunteer Firefighter attended EMT Certification Training.

Certifications: **Rusty Harvey** received Wastewater I Certification and **Joe Owens** have received Water Plant Operator I Certification.

**VOTE!** Let your vote count. On Tuesday, November 6, registered voters within Garnett will cast their vote for City Commissioner. Candidates are: Greg A. Gwin and Eugene Grimes.

**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.

**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 C.A.R.T.S., Church of the Nazarene, Hope Anthem Church and the Garnett Community Foundation, there will be candy, inflatables, games and more. Be sure to catch the spook race during the "Spooktacular" Halloween event at the Santa Fe Depot from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., hosted by the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail. Let the kids meander through the children's haunted house. Hotdogs and treats will be served, and donations will be accepted for ECKAN. 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.

**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 30 in conjunction with the 49th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade. This year's parade theme is, "I'll Be Mahomes for Christmas!"

**Holiday Trash Routes:** All city departments will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The trash route schedule for the week of Thanksgiving, November 25th - 29th is as follows:

- All Monday and Tuesday morning route will be picked up on Monday, November 25;
- Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning route will be picked up on Tuesday, November 26;
- Wednesday afternoon and all of Thursday and Friday trash routes will receive pick up on Wednesday, November 27.

The week of Christmas: Monday and Tuesday, December 23 and 24 trash routes will run on normal schedule. Wednesday, December 25 trash routes will receive service on Thursday. Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27 routes will be picked up on Friday.

**The Friends of the Library Holiday Homes Tour** and the **BPW Holiday Boutique** at The Kirk House will be held Sunday, December 8. Featured homes on the FOL Holiday Homes Tour are: "Christmas in the Country" at the home of Richard and Dorothy Miller, 23723 NW Mitchell Road; "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower", Prairie Trails Vineyard, Steve and Donna Benjamin-Owners, 22749 W. 1300 Road; and "A parade of Christmas Trees", Kimberly Spencer and Sons, 105 N. Oak Street. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided at the Garnett Public Library. The tour begins at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Advance tickets go on sale mid November.



**OCTOBER**

*Paint the Town Pink - WINGS  
Cancer Awareness Month*

- Sept. 3-Oct. 10 Beginners Yoga P.M.**  
5:30 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.,  
Recreation Center
- Sept. 3-Oct. 10 Indoor Cycling A.M. & P.M.**  
5:30 a.m., Tues. & Thurs.  
5:00 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.  
Recreation Center
- Sept. 4-Oct. 9 Advanced Yoga**  
5:30 p.m., Wed., Rec Center
- Sept. 30-Oct. 25 Beginners Yoga A.M. Class**  
8:45 a.m., M-W-F, Rec Center
- 1 Storytime for Preschoolers**  
10 a.m. Every Tuesday,  
Garnett Public Library
- Rotary International Meeting**  
12 p.m., Every Tuesday, Garnett  
Hotel & RV Park
- 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
- Alcoholics Anonymous**  
7 p.m., Every Tuesday and Thursday  
501 S. Oak Street, Garnett
- 2 Duplicate Bridge**  
1 p.m., Every Wednesday, Garnett  
Hotel & RV Park
- 3 Garnett Farmers Market Chili  
Contest**  
Entries due at 4 p.m., Fun begins at  
5 p.m.
- 13-Point Pitch & Snacks**  
6 p.m., Every Thursday,  
Senior Center
- Anderson County Historical Society  
Meeting**, 6:30 p.m., Museum
- USD 365 Board of Education  
Meeting**, 7 p.m., Board Office
- Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge
- 5 W.I.N.G.S. 5K Glow Walk**  
6 p.m., North Lake Park
- 6-12 National Fire Prevention Week**
- 6-12 National 4-H Week**
- 7 Garnett Day**  
Fun Fact: The City of Garnett  
incorporated on this day in 1861.
- Anderson County Commission  
Meeting**  
9 a.m., Every Monday, Annex  
Building



- 7 Library Board Meeting**  
6 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- Celebrate Recovery**  
6 p.m., Every Monday, Church of  
the Nazarene
- Oct. 8-Oct.30: Biddy Basketball Registration**  
Grades 1 & 2, Online/Recreation  
Center
- 8 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
- "Remember When Wednesday"**  
10 a.m., Garnett Public Library
- Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**  
4:30 p.m., City Hall
- VFW Post 6397 Meeting**  
6-8 p.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman  
Memorial VFW Post 6397
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail  
Trail Meeting**  
7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot
- Garnett Optimist Club**  
7 p.m., Garnett Hotel & RV Park
- 10 Garnett Fire Department Open  
House**, 4:30-7 p.m., Fire Station
- 11-13 Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival**  
Saturday:  
8:30 a.m., Lake Garnett, track  
activities  
9 a.m., Autocross at Airport  
12 p.m., Car Show and Charity  
Rides, Town Square  
Sunday:  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Lake Garnett,  
track activities
- 11 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
4:00 p.m., City Hall
- 14 American Legion Meeting**  
7 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- Garnett Housing Authority  
Advisory Board Meeting**  
7 p.m., Garnett Housing Authority
- 15 Work Keys Launch Celebration**  
12 p.m., hosted by Anderson  
County Economic Development,  
courthouse lawn
- Anderson County Economic  
Development Meeting**  
5 p.m., City Hall



- 15 Garnett BPW Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library
- Garnett Planning Commission**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 17 Morning Mingle**  
8 a.m., Location TBA
- Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
4 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- Steering Committee Meeting**  
Archer Room, Garnett Public  
Library, 6 p.m.
- 20 VFW Breakfast**  
10 a.m.-1 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 21 Garnett Lions Club Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- Oct. 22-Nov. 28 Indoor Cycling A.M. & P.M.**  
5:30 a.m., Tues. & Thurs.,  
5:00 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.,  
Recreation Center
- Oct. 22-Nov. 28 Beginners Yoga**  
5:30 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.,  
Recreation Center
- 22 Garnett Lions Club Chili & Soup  
Supper**  
11 a.m.- 1 p.m. & 4:30-7 p.m.,  
First United Methodist Church
- City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 23-Nov. 27 Advanced Yoga**  
5:30 p.m., Wed., Recreation Center
- 23 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting**  
6 p.m., Garnett Pizza Hut
- Garnett Optimist Meeting**  
7 p.m., Garnett Hotel & RV Park
- Book Discussion "At the Water's  
Edge"**  
7 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- 24 Emergency Food Distribution**  
4 p.m., Quonset Hut
- 26 Epic Ultra Fall Classic**  
50-mile, 50K Run on Prairie Spirit  
Rail Trail State Park
- "Newcomer Breakfast"**  
9 a.m., Garnett Public Library
- 28 Anderson County Caregiver  
Support Group**  
1 p.m., 105 Park Plaza N.
- Oct. 30-Nov.20: Biddy Basketball  
Registration**  
Grades 3-6, Online/Recreation  
Center



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| <p><b>31 Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Children's Haunted House</b><br/>5:30-7:30 p.m., "Spooktacular", Santa Fe Depot</p> <p><b>Light the Night Trunk or Treat</b><br/>6-8 p.m., First Christian Church</p> <p><b>City of Garnett Halloween Carnival</b><br/>6-8 p.m., Garnett Recreation Center, hosted by C.A.R.T.S., Church of the Nazarene, Hope Anthem Church, and Garnett Community Foundation</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <p><b>3 Daylight Savings Time Ends</b><br/><i>"Fall Back" your clocks 1 hour!</i></p> <p><b>4 Library Board Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., Garnett Public Library</p> <p><b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>5 ELECTION DAY! Vote for the City Commission candidate of your choice. Polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Community Foundation Meeting</b><br/>5:30 p.m., Recreation Center</p> <p><b>6 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>4:30 p.m., City Hall</p> <p><b>7 Anderson County Historical Society</b><br/>6:30 p.m., Anderson County Museum</p> <p><b>USD 365 Board of Education</b><br/>7 p.m., Board Office</p> <p><b>Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting</b><br/>7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, Garnett</p> <p><b>8 &amp; 9 Holiday Open House Weekend</b><br/>Sample, taste and shop Garnett businesses</p> <p><b>8 Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>4 p.m., Garnett Airport</p> <p><b>Nov. 11-15: Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Week</b></p> <p><b>11 Veterans Day</b><br/>City Hall closed. <i>Trash pickup will be one day late this week due to holiday.</i></p> <p><b>American Legion Meeting</b><br/>7 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>Garnett Housing Authority Meeting</b><br/>7 p.m., Garnett Housing Authority</p> <p><b>12 Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste</b></p> <p><b>Alzheimer's Support Group</b><br/>6 p.m. Parkview Heights</p> | <p><b>12 City Commission Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., City Hall</p> <p><b>Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting</b><br/>6:30 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p><b>13 "Remember When Wednesday"</b><br/>10 a.m., Garnett Public Library</p> <p><b>VFW Post 6397 Meeting</b><br/>6-8 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting</b><br/>7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot</p> <p><b>Garnett Optimist Club</b><br/>7 p.m., Garnett Hotel &amp; RV Park</p> <p><b>VFW Breakfast</b><br/>9 a.m.-1 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>18 Locomotive 4014 Arrives, 1:30 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>19 Anderson County Economic Development Meeting</b><br/>5 p.m., City Hall</p> <p><b>Garnett BPW Meeting</b><br/>5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library</p> <p><b>Garnett Planning Commission</b><br/>6 p.m., City Hall</p> <p><b>21 Emergency Food Distribution</b><br/>4 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park (<i>Tentative</i>)</p> <p><b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b><br/>4 p.m., Archer Room, Garnett Public Library</p> <p><b>Steering Committee Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., Archer Room, Garnett Public Library</p> <p><b>25 Anderson County Caregiver Support Group</b><br/>1 p.m., 105 Park Plaza North</p> <p><b>26 City Commission Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., Garnett City Hall</p> <p><b>27 American Legion Auxiliary Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., Garnett Pizza Hut</p> <p><b>28 Community Thanksgiving Dinner</b><br/>12 p.m., Garnett Senior Center</p> <p><b>28-29 Thanksgiving holiday observed, City Hall closed</b><br/><i>*PLEASE note special holiday trash schedules - see "Did You know"</i></p> <p><b>30 Small Business Saturday</b><br/>Support local, shop Garnett!</p> <p><b>Garnett Fire Department Chili &amp; Soup Supper</b><br/>4 p.m., Fire Station</p> <p><b>30 49th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade</b><br/>6:00 p.m., Town Square</p> | <p>Parade theme: "I'll Be Mahomes for Christmas!"</p> <p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <p><b>2 Library Board Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., Garnett Public Library</p> <p><b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>3 Community Foundation Meeting</b><br/>5:30 p.m., Recreation Center</p> <p><b>4 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>4:30 p.m., City Hall</p> <p><b>Dec. 5-8 &amp; 13-15 "A Christmas Pudding" The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Thelma Moore Community Play House</b></p> <p><b>Dec. 5-Jan. 2 Register for Little Dribblers</b><br/>Ages 4 years through Kindergarten, Online/Garnett Recreation Center</p> <p><b>5 Anderson County Historical Society Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Museum</b></p> <p><b>USD 365 Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m., Board Office</b></p> <p><b>Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting</b><br/>7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge</p> <p><b>7 14th Annual Colony Christmas Parade, 5 p.m., Colony, KS</b></p> <p><b>8 BPW Holiday Boutique</b><br/>12-4 p.m., The Kirk House</p> <p><b>Holiday Homes Tour, presented by Friends of the Library</b><br/>1 p.m.-3 p.m., begins at Holy Angels Catholic Church</p> <p><b>9 Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting</b><br/>7 p.m., Housing Authority Office</p> <p><b>American Legion Meeting</b><br/>7 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> <p><b>10 Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste</b></p> <p><b>City Commission Meeting</b><br/>6 p.m., City Hall</p> <p><b>Alzheimer's Support Group</b><br/>6 p.m., Parkview Heights</p> <p><b>Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting</b><br/>6:30 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p><b>11 Parks &amp; Rec Advisory Board Meeting</b><br/>5:30 p.m., Garnett Rec Center</p> <p><b>VFW Post 6397 Meeting</b><br/>6-8 p.m., VFW Post 6397</p> |
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## It's Happening Calendar continued...

### DECEMBER

- 11 Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**  
7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot  
**Garnett Optimist Club**  
7 p.m., Garnett Inn
- 13 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
4:00 p.m., City Hall
- 14 Westphalia Christmas Celebration**  
Westphalia, KS
- 15 VFW Breakfast Buffet**  
9 a.m.—1 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 16 Garnett Lions Club Meeting**  
6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
- 17 Anderson County Economic Development Meeting**  
5 p.m., City Hall  
**Garnett BPW Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library  
**Garnett Planning Commission**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- 19 Emergency Food Distribution**  
4 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park (Tentative)  
**Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
4 p.m., Walker Art Gallery  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
6 p.m., Archer Room, Garnett Public Library
- 23 Anderson County Caregiver Support Group**  
1 p.m., Park Plaza North
- TBA City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., Garnett City Hall
- 25 Christmas Day holiday observed,**  
City Hall closed. **Merry Christmas!**  
*\*PLEASE note special holiday trash schedules - see "Did You know"*
- JANUARY 2019**
- 1 New Year's Day holiday observed,**  
**Happy New Year!** City Hall closed.  
*Trash service will run one (1) day late Wednesday and Thursday.*

Look for Garnett on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Full Community Calendar available at [www.SimplyGarnett.com](http://www.SimplyGarnett.com).



## In Case You Missed It...

**Libertyfest** - The annual community fireworks display was held on July 6th. A nice crowd gathered for the event and city campsites were full in anticipation of the show at sunset. Thanks to the Garnett Area Community Band for their concert in the park, and to the city commissioners and employees who gave of their free time to take donations at the park entrance.



**Kansas Lieutenant Governor's Listening Tour** - The Kansas Office of Rural Prosperity coordinated with city staff a full day tour of Garnett and Anderson County. Garnett was one of only 12 cities selected for this opportunity. Lt. Governor Lynn Rogers visited with farmers and ranchers, local business owners and entrepreneurs, and toured educational facilities to learn what our community has done well and what challenges we face. Topics included the economy and trade, workforce and jobs, housing, infrastructure and broadband needs, educational opportunities and relations between city, county and state government. The day ended with a public event where attendees were asked questions and conversations were conducted to give the Lieutenant Governor insight on common issues. The goal is to develop possible solutions and programs to help rural communities across the state.



**The Anderson County Floodplain Open House** was held on August 6 in Garnett, hosted by the Kansas Department of Agriculture-Division of Water Resources, Anderson County and the Planning and Zoning Department of the City of Garnett. Representatives of FEMA were available also. The public was given the opportunity to see where the floodplain areas have been established in Garnett and rural Anderson County. It is important for property owners to know if they are in a floodplain area and how these new map changes impact them. Persons with questions can contact Gary Giczewski, Director of Planning and Zoning at 785.448.5496. The map can be viewed at this link: <http://gis2.kda.ks.gov/gis/anderson/>.



Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA) recently hosted a **Manufacturer's Forum for SEK, Inc.** on September 12th. Approximately 30 people representing a variety of industries and economic developers met at East Kansas Agri-Energy and toured the ethanol plant facility.



On September 19, Garnett Tourism hosted a **"mystery" bus tour**. A motorcoach from Topeka brought 57 passengers, who had no idea where they were traveling, on an excursion to Garnett and parts of Anderson County. Comments made included, "Who knew you had such a wonderful display of art?", "That was the best fried chicken I've ever eaten!", "What a great Amish store", "Wish we could come back for the play in December". Can you guess where they visited? The answers are on page 10.



Garnett was selected as one of 12 stops on the **2019 Fly Kansas Air Tour**. What a beautiful site it was to see over 40 aircraft land at the Garnett Industrial Airport. The Garnett Farmers' Market and Monroe 816 welcomed the visitors to browse and shop. Displays on site included Genco Manufacturing, Air Med, the Explorers Club, and Garnett Tourism. *Continued on page 10...*

## Final Call: Patriotic Banner Project Sponsorship Process Ends Dec. 31

As of May, 2019, the Garnett Remembers Patriotic Banner Project had grown to over 216 honorees. Due to the size and scope of this project for the City's small electric department crew to install, it has been decided that additional banner applications will only be accepted now through December 31, 2019. After that date, no additional banners will be ordered until such time the current banners deteriorate and the need arises to purchase more.

Garnett Remembers is a patriotic pole banner project that began in 2016 to recognize and honor those who have, or are currently serving in the US Military. Persons interested in sponsoring a banner can stop by Garnett City Hall or download the sponsorship form online via [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com). The cost to sponsor a two-sided, full color banner is \$250, and includes brackets and installation. Checks are to be made payable to the Garnett Community Foundation. Along with the sponsorship form, a photo of the individual to be honored must be submitted. The pictures will be scanned and returned. Photos should be no less than 300 dpi, if possible.

Persons having questions about the project can contact Susan Wettstein at Garnett City Hall, 785.448.5496, Ext. 7, email: [susan@garnettks.net](mailto:susan@garnettks.net).



training, one-on-one career coaching, incentives for earning goals and more.

- \* Career training or retraining opportunities for veterans.
- \* Counsel displaced workers, mature workers and assist disabled workers, meet head on welfare to work challenges and work to cut the red tape for those who can work and want to work.

Examples of Services **KansasWorks** provides Employers:

- \* On-the-Job Training (OJT) - The purpose of OJT is to get employees trained while providing business with salary support during the training period.
- \* Try-Out Employment - Offers employers the opportunity to evaluate an individual job candidate's job performance while providing training on basic skills. Southeast **KansasWorks** provides wage and workers compensation coverage.
- \* Registered Apprenticeship - Offers an effective strategy to give employees the specific skills and productivity levels to meet the emerging demands of today's market. This apprenticeship program may also provide salary support during the training period.
- \* Free Online Job Listing - Businesses can list their job openings and reach job seekers statewide by using [www.KansasWorks.com](http://www.KansasWorks.com) at no cost.
- \* Pre-Screening Job Applicants - Workforce Center staff can prescreen applicants to assist employers in narrowing down the field of applicants.
- \* Job Fairs/Recruiting Services - **KansasWorks** will partner with Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce to market and facilitate job fairs to provide a pool of applicants for businesses to meet and consider employment. Also, provide assistance in recruiting job applicants for your business.

Contact Southeast **KansasWorks**, 913.937.9462, website: [www.KansasWorks.com](http://www.KansasWorks.com), For additional information on these and other programs like this in our area, please visit [www.garnettchamber.org](http://www.garnettchamber.org) or [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

## Need A Job? Need An Employee? KansasWorks!

Southeast **KansasWorks** provides services to help people in Anderson County find career placement, whether you are unemployed, underemployed or seeking training. While helping job seekers, **KansasWorks** also provides workforce recruiting services to employers looking for the right individuals to fit the right positions for their business. The great thing about **KansasWorks** is the opportunity for employers to receive reimbursement of wages during on-the-job training.

Examples of Services **KansasWorks** provides Job Seekers:

- \* Resume/Interview Preparation
- \* Job-Matching Referrals
- \* Employment Search Skills
- \* Try-Out Employment Opportunities
- \* Education and Training Programs
- \* Financial Aid Information and Screening for Training Programs
- \* Scholarship and Training Information
- \* Testing and Assessments - ACT Work Keys
- \* Career Development Seminars
- \* If you are between the ages of 16 and 24, out of high school or need your GED, Southeast **KansasWorks** Young Adult Program helps prepare young people for jobs and careers through skills assessment, paid work experience, on-the-job



## Big Boy Steam Locomotive No. 4014 Comes Through

Approximate Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Location Stop: Olive St. Crossing

Union Pacific's "Big Boy" Locomotive No. 4014 will be passing through Garnett on Sunday, November 17th. The anticipated arrival is 1:30 p.m. The train may stop for a short 15-minutes before traveling on to its next destination. The public is invited to witness this historic event, but asked to remember to keep a distance of at least 25 feet back from the railroad tracks. Please keep children and pets in sight and away from the train tracks and out of roadways where vehicles may be traveling to see this event.

Watch local newspapers and our social media for more information on the train's arrival in Garnett.

## 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, 448-5496. 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, at all times, 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,

Raymond Arnett  
Director of Gas and Water Distribution

## From the Fire Chief..

Fall is finally here. With the cooler temperatures leaves will be falling.

First of all, when you clean the leaves up, don't pile them in front of the fire hydrant that is protecting your property and others around you. If you choose to burn leaves, or other yard debris, be considerate of your neighbors who may have health issues that smoke may aggravate. Be sure you 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.

As the temperatures cool down another kind of precipitation will be here before we know it. Again, don't pile the snow up around the fire hydrants.

Now is the time to make sure your heating system is ready for winter weather. A few dollars spent now can save you a lot of money later on. 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.

Do you love to get into a nice, warm car in the morning? While that might be enjoyable, remember not to let your car run inside your garage. CO2 can enter the home.

October is Fire Prevention Month. On October 7 and 8, the Garnett Volunteer Fire Department will be visiting local schools. The annual Fire Department Open House will be held on Thursday, October 10th. Enjoy hotdogs, cookies and the chance to tour the fire station from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The fire department will be on site during the October 11-12 Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival.

Lastly, make sure you let all the firefighters know how much they are appreciated for the job they do 24-hours a day.

Respectfully,

C. Pat Tate,  
Fire Chief



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## Garnett Recreation Center, Goppert Wellness Center Member Information

Welcome to the Garnett Recreation Center-Goppert Wellness Center, now offering 24-hour access to members and online membership registration. 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.

The Garnett Recreation Center is a 24-hour access facility with membership available through the new "RecDesk" online services. These amenities are made possible through grant funding received by the Goppert Foundation.

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.

## Incase You Missed It - Continued from Page 7.

Each visitor was welcomed with a complimentary welcome bag, snacks and bottled water and a discount was given on Avgas purchases. The Garnett



Advisory Board is to be commended for their efforts to bring the Fly Kansas Air Tour to Garnett. Garnett was one of the first stops on the first-ever Kansas Air Tour held in 1928.

Please visit [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com) for future events hosted by the City of Garnett. If you have an event coming up, please contact us at [info@garnettks.net](mailto:info@garnettks.net) or call Garnett City Hall, 785.448.5496, Ext. 7.

**Answer:** The mystery bus tour itinerary included the following attractions: Walker Art Gallery/Garnett Public Library, town square shopping, Schmucker's Herbs & Country Store, Harris House, fried chicken dinner at Dutch Country Café, Anderson County Historical Museum, The Chamber Players Community Theatre. To schedule your group tour or conference in Garnett, please contact Garnett Tourism at City Hall.

## Steering Committee Meets Monthly

The City Commission has appointed a steering committee to lead a visioning and strategic planning process for the City of Garnett. Members are: Adam Caylor, Beth Mersman, Connie Scott, Je'nelle Klehammer, Jenny Myers, Jonathan Hall, Mike Burns, Paula Scott, Sarah Hulcy, Susan Caron, Casey Smith, Art Black, Kelly Potter, Commissioner Jody Cole and City Manager Chris Weiner. Meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month in the Archer Room at the Garnett Public Library beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



### Garnett City Hall

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