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TOWN TALK



Garnett, Kansas



City Commission



Greg Gwin,
Mayor



Gordon Blackie,
Commissioner



Jody Cole,
Commissioner

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From The Commission...

We are pleased to announce that we, once again, have a student representative sitting alongside the city commission. Jeremy DuPont is the young man that will be representing the high school student body. This will help give us an open line of communication with young future leaders on what is happening in Garnett as well as hearing comments and concerns from the students.

With Spring fast approaching, the city crews have a long list of projects for the summer and many parks and recreation activities are gearing up to start. Another project we are getting ready to start is our sewer repair work. This is a very lengthy and costly project, but it is very badly needed because much of this infrastructure was installed in the 1930s to 1960s.

An exciting project that is planned for this summer is the City and County effort to go together to chip and seal the road to the Cedar Valley Reservoir. Many people will enjoy this improvement when they head to the lake for camping, boating, and fishing and won't have to deal with all the dust from the gravel road.

I have been working on an issue for nearly a year and haven't had any success. The County Road and Bridge line item levy for 2015 is approximately \$2,202,422. Of that, approximately \$467,460. is paid by Garnett residents. With that said, very little, if any, is spent within Garnett city limits, which is a part of the County.

My efforts with the county officials, state representatives, state senators, along with the Kansas League of Municipalities, have all basically said the same thing; Anderson County is legally entitled to, but not legally obligated to fairly distribute this tax.

I need your help. I want you to give me your thoughts, as well as express your concerns to your County Commissioners on this issue. You are the reason we are here. We represent you. Here are your County Commissioners:

District 1 is Les McGhee

District 2 is Jerry Howarter (represents Garnett citizens)

District 3 is Gene Highberger

We still have some vacancies on various advisory boards to the City. If interested, please contact City Hall. As always, you are welcome to attend city commission meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at City Hall, starting at 6:00 pm.

Have a great spring and summer in beautiful Garnett, Kansas.

Respectfully,

Greg A. Gwin,
Mayor



From The City Manager..

Welcome to Jody Cole, Garnett's newest City Commissioner. Jody is an elementary principal in the Spring Hill Unified School District and has a great passion for her students and life in general. We are fortunate that Jody possesses a wealth of knowledge about Garnett and brings enthusiasm and spirit to the position that will benefit the citizens of Garnett.

With the onset of spring weather, city staff and crews have enough projects on their plates to keep them busy throughout the remainder of 2016. I recently provided a list to the governing body of 27 different projects, not including day-to-day responsibilities. Some of the major ones are:

1. *Sewer rehabilitation and replacement.*
2. *Completion of the Walnut Street electric line.*
3. *Work with KDOT to construct a southbound turn lane on US Highway 59 by Garnett Elementary School.*
4. *Continue reviewing plans for a new water treatment plant.*
5. *Install an outflow meter at Cedar Valley Reservoir.*
6. *Install a new gas line and odorant system at west town border station.*
7. *Backstop and new fencing at Legion Field.*
8. *Continue sidewalk and curb replacement.*
9. *Street repair work.*
10. *Install new chemical feed system at Garnett Municipal Pool.*
11. *Project: Garnett Remembers, new pole banners honoring veterans and active military personnel.*
12. *Analyze PRIDE Program.*
13. *Install all new light fixtures (grant) at Garnett Public Library.*
14. *Install new street name signs in third and fourth wards.*
15. *New pedestrian crossing signals at Park Road and PSRT.*
16. *Repairs to stadium and Santa Fe Depot.*

Added to this already long list is the start of mowing season in the parks, cemetery and reservoir. Campsite reservations are coming in at a fast pace and events at the north park are in the planning stages. Indoor and outdoor soccer will start soon, followed by adult co-ed volleyball, summer baseball and softball games. The recreation center continues to enjoy increased membership numbers and offers many classes to help you with your physical fitness. The center recently received several excellent pieces of exercise equipment from the Wolf Creek Nuclear Plant so go out and take a look.

Recreation Director Phil Bures is busy developing a plan for Frisbee golf to be located in the north park. Of course, with any new project comes a need for money so he is looking for grants that will help finance this proposed recreation program which I understand is becoming more and more popular.

The City recently received the 2016 BlueCHIP Award from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas. With this recognition comes a check

for \$2,500 that will be used to help improve the community's health and wellness efforts at the center. Plans are to use the money for exercise equipment. Thanks to Phil for completing the necessary grant application.

I believe there has been some confusion about the recent wind energy agreement that was signed by the City Commission in January, 2016. This has nothing to do with the possible development of a wind farm in Anderson County. The Marshall wind farm, which is a relatively small project of 75 MWs, is located near Beattie, Kansas. While the state has not yet mandated cities to have wind energy in their portfolios, the time was right for Garnett to join with other cities to purchase energy from this project. It is under construction and should be completed by July of this year.

A small number of PRIDE surveys were returned and have been entered on a spread sheet for staff and the City Commission to review. While there were many good comments and suggestions, some negative ones appeared which is to be expected. I encourage anyone who has questions, concerns and/or suggestions to come to a commission meeting and talk with the governing body. In addition, I have an open door policy and I am more than willing to talk to anyone no matter what their position is on any matter. Come in and talk so I know who you are. You'll probably learn that you have misinformation which can be easily corrected.

Volunteer to help with our sports programs, join some of your fellow citizens who walk for exercise, carrying a small sack to pick up any trash they might see in the street, ask if we have anything you can help us paint, join the city employees who help the Senior Center deliver Meals on Wheels, and go to the Community Building the fourth Thursday of the month to distribute food from Harvesters to needy families. This is your community and we welcome you to be an active participant.

Your city employees are busy doing whatever they can to make Garnett the great community it is. They take pride in their work and know the importance of staying on task to get things done. The hundreds of volunteers, who I classify as the unsung heroes of Garnett, do the same thing. Follow the lead of those people who give so unselfishly of their time. Instead of complaining, ask yourself, "What can I do to make things better?" I saw this on a sign recently and it truly says how I feel: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain." Do I need to say more?

Respectfully,

Joyce E. Martin,
City Manager



● Required Public Notice ●

An Important Message from the Garnett Municipal Water Plant

The City of Garnett's water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we are doing to correct this situation.

During the fourth quarter of 2015, the total organic carbon measurement was **0.96** which put it under the minimum requirement of **1.00**. This means that the samples taken during this time period were **0.04** below standard. Total organic carbon (TOC) is a direct measurement of the carbon contained in the organic matter in the water. It is believed to be mainly from natural, humic substances from plant and plant residues. Algae and animal wastes can also be a contributing factor.

Water systems with surface water and/or groundwater under the influence of surface water treatment plants are required, by federal rule, to monitor the water every month for TOC.

Water plant personnel will increase the use of alum and carbon that will help clarify the water and better remove the TOC level. TOC has no health effects. However, TOC provides a medium for the formation of disinfection by-products such as TTHM and HAA. Drinking water containing these by-products in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer. Fourth Quarter of 2015 results showed that our water system did not exceed the MCL for TTHM or HAA. You do not need to use an alternative water supply such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly.

For additional information, please contact Water Plant Superintendent Jim James by telephone at 785.448.3327.

From the City Clerk/Finance Director...

City Hall is undergoing a software conversion for our General Ledger, Payroll, Municipal Court and Utility. The conversion has been split into two segments. In October, I began the process for the General Ledger and Payroll conversion and performed data pulls in order to convert the previous two years of data. A final data pull was done the end of December and we went live on our General Ledger and Payroll in January 2016. Everything is going well on these two modalities and staff is working through the learning curve of the new software.

On February 17, 2016, I performed the initial data pulls for our Court system conversion and initial Utility data pulls were completed in March for the two-year conversion of that modality. Our Court conversion is expected to be completed and go live by the end of May. The Utility conversion will be the most extensive conversion and the anticipated Utility conversion completion and go-live date is scheduled for August.

Our new system will allow us to grow in the future, as well as have more flexibility than what we have had in our current system. With any new changes in software systems, there will be a tremendous amount of procedures for our staff to learn. We continue to strive to offer the best customer service possible. Your patience is appreciated during this time.

Sincerely,

Kristina L. Kinney,
City Clerk/Finance Director

Grant Fosters the Arts in Garnett

In 2014, Anderson County Economic Development applied for and received a Creative Economy Grant for \$50,000 through the Kansas Department of Commerce Creative Arts Industries Commission. The grant funds were matched by donations, both monetary and in-kind contributions from participating benefactors totaling \$62,689.32.



The CAIC grant gave the community the opportunity to fund various projects with the goal of helping to make Garnett more of an arts destination.

A steering committee was formed to collaborate ideas representing several arts entities. The following projects have been realized through these efforts:

- "At The Walker" Juried Art Exhibition, Prairie Art Invitational Art Exhibition, Arts Receptions;
- Walker Art Committee children's art classes, materials and supplies;
- Walker Art classes with models;
- Chamber Players Community Theatre, new theatre architectural plans and renderings, LED lighting, chairs and equipment;
- Outdoor art, including butterfly bench at Garnett Municipal Pool, and several metal art silhouettes to be placed around Garnett;
- Portable sound system.



Keep it local with these fun events and activities!

Follow us "GarnettKS" on Facebook and Twitter to stay connected!

APRIL

- 2-3 Prairie Spirit Trail Ultra Races (100 & 50 miles).
- April 3 - May 28: Walk Kansas
- 3 Deadline to sign up at Garnett Recreation Center for baseball, softball, coach pitch and t-ball.
- 4 Library Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 4 Garnett Community Foundation meeting, Garnett Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Guided Autobiography (GAB) class at Anderson County Historical Museum, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Spring City Wide Garage Sale Day, sponsored by Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 9 Friends of the Library Book Sale, Garnett Public Library.
- 9 Artist Reception & Opening of Exhibition, Archer Room, Walker Art Gallery, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- April 9-May 31: "At The Walker" Juried Art Exhibition, Walker Art & West Wing Galleries.
- 10 GCC Masters, 2-Person Scramble, Garnett Country Club Golf Course, 11 a.m.
- April 11-May 18: Indoor Cycling (Spin) Classes, 6-week session, held Mondays & Wednesdays, Rec Center, 5:30 a.m.
- April 11-May 18: Core & Cardio Fitness Training, 6-week session, Mondays & Wednesday evenings, Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Garnett Housing Authority meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 11-15 Spring Clean-Up Week.
- 11-16 Free Dump Week, Anderson County Landfill.
- April 12-May 19: Indoor Cycling (Spin) Classes, 6-week session, held Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.
- April 12-May 19: Yoga, 6-week session, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- 12 City Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 13 Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

- April 14-June 2 Women in Training, 8-week program hosted by Anderson County Hospital.
- 19 Anderson County Economic Development meeting, City Hall, 5:15 p.m.
- 21 Walker Art Committee meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.
- 21 48th Annual Anderson County Historical Society Banquet, ACHS Commons Area, 6:30 p.m.
- April 25-May 9: Sign-up at Garnett Recreation Center for Summer Coed Softball League
- 26 City Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 27 & 28 Garnett Rotary Radio Auction, ACHS, 5-8 p.m.
- 27 Book discussion, "Fall of Marigolds", Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 29-30 G-Town Smokin' Showdown, hosted by the Garnett Knights of Columbus, fairgrounds, North Lake Park.
- 30 Memorial/Scholarship 4-Person Scramble, Garnett County Club Golf Course, 9 a.m.

MAY

- 2 Library Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 2 Garnett Community Foundation meeting, Garnett Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Anderson Co. Historical Museum summer hours begin, Tuesday-Friday, 1-4 p.m.
- 4 Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- May 5-October 6: Garnett Farmers Market Season, Thursdays, 4:30-7:00 p.m., east side of town square.
- 5 Guided Autobiography (GAB) class at Anderson County Historical Museum, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Garnett Fire Department & Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast at fire station, 7 a.m.
- 7 Breakfast at VFW, 7 a.m.
- 7 Rage Baseball/Kansas Thunderstruck Wrestling Benefit Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 7 44th Annual Square Fair, sponsored by Garnett BPW, town square, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 7 Air Fair, Garnett Industrial Airport, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- 7 Quilt Show hosted by Pieces & Patches Quilt Guild, Garnett Senior Center.
- 7 Tour Anderson County Historical Museum, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 7 Tour Harris House, 1-3 p.m.
- 8 Happy Mother's Day!
- 9 Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 9 Garnett Housing Authority meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 10 City Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 11 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 12 Anderson County Historical Society meeting, Theis residence, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 & 15 Garnett Enduro Road Races, North Lake Park
- 17 Anderson County Economic Development meeting, City Hall, 5:15 p.m.
- 19 Walker Art Committee, 4 p.m.
- 19-22 & 26-29: Chamber Players Community Theatre presents, "Southern Fried Murder", Thelma Moore Community Playhouse.
- 21 One Man Scramble, Garnett Country Club Golf Course, 12 p.m.
- 24 City Commission Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 25 Book discussion, TBA, Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 27-30 Avenue of Flags, Garnett Cemetery.
- 28 Municipal swimming pool opens for summer.
- 30 Memorial Day Service conducted by, American Legion Post 48 & VFW 6397, Garnett Cemetery, 10 a.m.
- 30 City Hall closed - Memorial Day *Note-Trash service will run 1 day late this week!*

JUNE

- 1 Deadline to file for City Commission is 12 p.m. (noon) at courthouse.
- 1 Garnett Tourism Advisory Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 2 Anderson County Historical Society meeting, ACHS, 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Garnett Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.



Online, visit: www.garnettks.net

www.experiencegarnettks.com

Coming Soon: www.simplygarnett.com

JUNE continued...

- June 6-July 29: "Ready, Set, Read", Summer Reading Program begins at Garnett Public Library.
- 6 Library Board Meeting, 5 p.m.
- 6 Water Aerobics begins, held Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., while municipal pool is open.
- 6 Garnett Community Foundation meeting, Garnett Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 6-17 Swimming Lessons Session I at municipal pool.
- 9 Guided Autobiography (GAB) class at Anderson County Historical Museum, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 13 Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board meeting 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Garnett Housing Authority meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 14 City Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 16 Walker Art Committee meeting, City Hall, 4 p.m.
- 18 Father's Day Golf Tournament, 4-Person Scramble, Garnett Country Club, 9 a.m.
- 19 Dad swims for free at municipal pool. Happy Father's Day!
- June 20-24: National Lightning Awareness Week.
- June 20-July 1: Swimming Lessons Session II at municipal pool.
- 21 Anderson County Economic Development meeting, City Hall, 5:15 p.m.
- 25 Scipio Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament, Garnett Country Club, 8 a.m.
- 28 City Commission meeting, City Hall, 6 p.m.

SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK ANNOUNCED

The Garnett City Commission has designated **April 11 through April 15, 2016 as Spring Clean-up Week** for commercial and residential areas. The City of Garnett provides the pickup of unwanted items as a free service to all city refuse customers, with consideration of the following guidelines:

I. COMMERCIAL PICK-UP

- A. Only items that will be accepted at the Anderson County Landfill which include refrigerators without Freon, hot water heaters, lawn mowers, etc., will be picked up. Pick-up is limited to a combination of five (5) items. Please call city hall (448-5496) to be placed on a list.
- B. Other items to be picked up would include card board boxes, cans, bottles, paper and brush.

II. RESIDENTIAL PICK-UP

- A. Crews will start at the north end of town and proceed south until the entire town is covered. City Crews will not return to an area they have already been to.
- B. The following items must be placed in separate piles:

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| 1. Brush | 4. Metal (no car or vehicle parts) | 7. Lumber |
| 2. Leaves and lawn clippings | 5. Appliances (no Freon) | 8. Rock/Concrete |
| 3. Paper | 6. Furniture | 9. Shingles |
| | | 10. Sheetrock |

Please Note: Items not placed in separate piles as stated in II(B) will not be picked up. The City also requests that you keep spring clean-up items separate from weekly solid waste trash that is picked up by the refuse department.

Any appliances containing Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc., will not be taken. Also, materials to be disposed of from torn down dilapidated buildings, or that of construction projects will not be picked up; nor such items as tires, batteries, paint, e-waste (computers, etc), or any other hazardous waste items.

BURNING REQUIREMENTS

The Garnett City Commission rescinded the need for residents to obtain written authorization to burn within the city limits. **However, it is still a requirement to notify the Law Enforcement Center Dispatch Office by calling 448-6823 before you start burning.** The Garnett Fire Department and Anderson County Emergency Management ask that you please adhere to the following instructions for your safety and that of your neighbors:

- Burning of grass, leaves and tree limbs must be in manageable piles that are attended at all times (no wood, lumber, furniture or mattresses).
- 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 structure.
- A source of water shall be available or a means of extinguishing piles at all times.
- Burning to be conducted during daylight hours only.
- No burning during adverse weather conditions, such as winds over 15 mph, fog exists or visibility is hampered. Citations can be issued.
- Controlled burn is to be completely extinguished before leaving burn site unattended.

Libertyfest Celebration to be held Saturday, July 2; Rain Date - July 3

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to Lake Garnett on Saturday, July 2 for Libertyfest. New this year, the event will include an American Pride Run & Ride 5K, children's games and activities. Music and food concessionaires have been invited. If your organization is interested in participating as a vendor or activity, please contact the Chamber office at 785.448.6767.

While Libertyfest is a celebration of Independence Day, the Chamber has selected Saturday evening, July 2, as the date for the community celebration to avoid conflict with families who may have their own celebrations planned on the 4th of July. For more information about the activities being planned at this year's Libertyfest in addition to the large community fireworks display, please visit the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce website, www.garnettchamber.org, or call 785.448.6767.

PLEASE NOTE: Libertyfest is funded solely by donations. No city funds or property taxes are used to support Libertyfest. If you would like to support Libertyfest, please send donations to Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box H, Garnett, KS 66032.



2016 Outdoor Fun and Recreation Guide



Watersports

As a participant in the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks Communities Fisheries Assistance Program, the City of Garnett does not require city boating and fishing permits. However, state boater's registration and state fishing licenses are required. All existing ordinances regulating city parks are in effect. Copies of city park regulations are available at Garnett City Hall, 131 West 5th Avenue.

Boating

Valid Kansas boater's registration is required to boat on Garnett city lakes.

Lake Garnett (a/k/a North Lake Park), 700 N. Lake Road
Speed boating and water-skiing is permitted on Lake Garnett May 1-November 15, on the following specified days: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, the first and third Saturdays of each month, Memorial Day, July 4 and Labor Day, from 8:30 a.m. to sunset.

Crystal Lake (a/k/a South Lake), Veterans Memorial Park, 424 W. Veteran's Circle Drive (on US 59)
Canoes and fishing boats with electric powered motors are allowed on Crystal Lake. However, gas powered motors are prohibited.

Cedar Valley Reservoir, 20499 NW 1500 Road (located approximately 7 miles west of Garnett at Kentucky and 1500 Road)
Boating can be enjoyed year round on Cedar Valley Reservoir, weather permitting. This lake has 3 boat ramps and 3 floating docks.

Fishing

Game fish stocked in Garnett's fishing areas include Walleye, Wiper, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Bluegill, Bullhead, White Bass, Green Sunfish, White Crappie, Black Crappie, Black Buffalo, Red-ear Sunfish, Large Mouth Bass and Rainbow Trout. Kansas fishing permits required.

Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Length Limits

Catfish, except Bullhead, must be	15 inches
Walleye or Wiper must be	18 inches
Crappie must be	10 inches
Black Bass must be less than	13 inches
or more than	18 inches

Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Creel Limits

Bluegill (Crystal Lake only)	10
Black Bass	5
Catfish, except Bullhead	2
Crappie	10
Walleye	2
Wiper	2

Cedar Valley Reservoir Length Limits

Black Bass, Walleye or Wiper	18 inches
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Cedar Valley Reservoir Creel Limits

Black Bass	5
Walleye	2
Wiper	2
Crappie	50
Catfish, except Bullhead	5

Rainbow Trout Season

Rainbow Trout Season is held annually at Crystal Lake from approximately November 1 thru April 15. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks requires that Kansas anglers 16 through 74 years of age and non-Kansas residents 16 and older must possess a valid fishing license. All anglers over 16 must possess a state trout permit. Anglers 15 years and younger no longer must possess a trout permit to fish in designated trout waters. However, there is a daily creel limit of two (2) trout unless they purchase a trout permit which allows a full daily trout creel limit. The daily creel limit is 5 trout.

Camping

Camping facilities are available in designated areas at all three city owned lakes. Camping permits are required.

A camping unit can stay at a city park campsite for up to seven consecutive nights. Upon the eighth day, the camping unit must leave the park for at least five nights or relocate to a campsite located in another Garnett city park.

Lake Garnett

Fourteen camping spots are located on the east side of Lake Garnett (adjacent golf course) with electric and water hookups. Twelve camping spots with electric only hookups are located on the north side of the lake (near dam). A designated wilderness campsite (tent camping or no hookup) is also located within the north side camping area.

Crystal Lake

Five camping spots with electric and water can be found on the south side of Crystal Lake. Wilderness camping is permitted in a designated area near Prairie Spirit Trail only.

Cedar Valley Reservoir

Wilderness camping is very popular at this scenic lake. There are 12 camping spots close to the park entrance providing electrical hookups for camping. Nearby restroom facilities are also available.

Reservations and Fees:

Campsites located at Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake may be reserved by contacting Garnett City Hall. Otherwise, camping spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Remit payment by using the permit envelopes provided at the "Iron Maiden" at the campsite of your choice. Large camping groups are encouraged to make prior reservations with Garnett City Hall, 785.448.5496. During community events camping availability may be limited.

Check-out time is 3:00 p.m. on the day of departure.

Camping Permits:

Wilderness overnight camping per unit, per night –

Garnett resident	\$5
Anderson County resident	\$7
All others	\$9

Electric hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night –

Garnett resident	\$10
Anderson County resident	\$12
All others	\$14

Electric and water hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night –

Garnett resident	\$12
Anderson County resident	\$14
All others	\$16

ATV Regulations

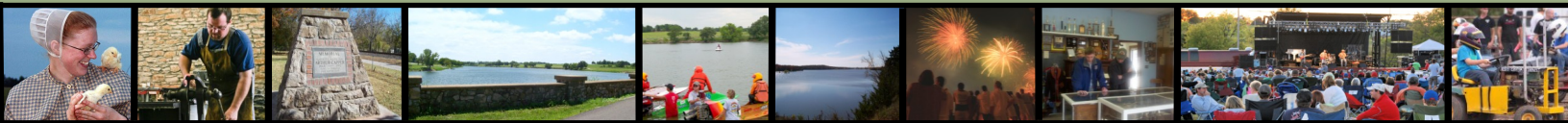
City permits are required for anyone operating a motorized, non-highway vehicle at Cedar Valley Reservoir. Anyone possessing an age restricted permit (under 16 years of age) can operate an ATV only when accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) who possesses a valid city ATV permit and who is riding in the general proximity of the age restricted permittee. ATV permits can be purchased at Garnett City Hall or Cedar Creek Outfitters.

Quiet Time:

Please note that "quiet time" is to be observed within any city park, from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. (CST).

Additional information:

City: www.garnettks.net State: www.ksoutdoors.com.



Did You Know...

Congratulations to **Lewis Kennard** on his retirement from the City of Garnett after a combined 40 years of service. Lewis served the city in both the Police Department and Gas and Water Department.

Join us in welcoming the following city employees: **Mark Hughes**, Gas and Water Department Maintenance Worker I, and **Jerry Parks**, Power Plant Operator. Also, welcome aboard new City Commissioner, **Jody Cole**.

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

5 Years: **Karlyn Hulett**, Executive Director, Housing Authority

5 Years: **Kevin PeKarek**, Police Chief

5 Years: **Howard Purcell**, Manager, Recreation Center

10 years: **Dennis Arnold**, Executive Director, Anderson County Economic Development

20 Years: **Ray Peine**, Janitor

30 Years: **Mike Norman**, Firefighter

Training: **Jenny Myers**, Human Resources Director, recently attended an Employer Compliance Workshop. **Andy Frye** has been re-certified as a Certified Asbestos Inspector. The following Pollution Control Department personnel have received Mission Alarm System training through "Scada Made Simple": **John Olson**, Superintendent, **Les Garber**, Assistant Superintendent, and **Eric Trammell**, Maintenance Worker II.

Fire Department News: **Nick Galey** and **Mike Gonzales** have been approved as new members of the Garnett Volunteer Fire Department following months of training. These men, along with the department continue to learn new skills to be better public servants. A representative from the Union Pacific Railroad recently met with the firefighters on Hazardous Material Safety. A class has been held on gas monitors and the use of emergency response guides.

The fire department is looking to add qualified people who are willing to devote time to the community. Please make application at Garnett City Hall if you are interested.

Recent dry, windy weather has been a safety issue in and around the area. Always call the Law Enforcement Center at (785) 448-6823 before you burn any yard waste or brush.

Newspaper articles suggest that some recent fires are not accidental. A reward is offered to bring those committing arson to justice. Please call the Law Enforcement Center if you see anything suspicious.

As we head into summer and peak growing season for lawns and gardens, make sure the neighborhood fire hydrant is visible to everyone. If one exists on or near your property, please do not plant any bushes or flowers around it making it difficult to find.

Is your home's address numbers visible from the street? Not only visitors but emergency personnel need to see them clearly. Trimming bushes and trees could be life-saving.

Persons interested in filing for Garnett City Commission must file at a new location, the Anderson County Clerk's Office located at the courthouse. The filing deadline is June 1, with elections to be held November 8th. Filing fee is \$20.



Meet New City Commissioner, Jody Cole



Jody Cole was sworn in as Garnett's newest City Commissioner on February 9, 2016. Replacing Preston Peine, who relinquished his position due to an advancement in his career, Jody brings great enthusiasm and years of public service experience to her new role in city government.

For the past 18 years Commissioner Cole has worked for three school districts as a building principal, managing over 60 staff members. A life-long resident of Garnett, she began her career in education teaching first through fourth grade children in USD 365. Jody is married to Craig Cole and has 4 children.

The Garnett City Commission meets twice monthly, the second and fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. The public is always invited to attend.

City Employee Honored...

Human Resources Director Jenny Myers was recognized on March 15, 2016 by the Garnett Business and Professional Women as a recipient of the 2016 Woman of the Year award. She was selected for her professionalism in the work place and her commitment as a volunteer in the community.

Jenny is actively involved in the community and has served as a member and officer in BPW, both on the local and state level. She has served as a Board of Director and Treasurer for the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Anderson County Corn Festival (Cornstock). At work, Jenny serves as Chairman of the Employee Advisory Board.

In nominating Jenny for this award, City Manager Joyce Martin states, "Jenny is an outstanding employee for the City of Garnett. She conducts herself professionally in dealing with the employees and the general public. She has taken the initiative to learn other employee's jobs so she can help when things get hectic or staff members are absent."

Garnett BPW also recognized the following honorees during their 2016 awards ceremony: Kansas Property Place, Business of the Year, and Cheryl Hayes, Community Woman of the Year.



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Be a Part of the Process...

How would you like to be a part of the decision making process in Garnett? There are currently openings on some of the city advisory boards, including the Garnett Community Foundation Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission.

The Foundation Board meets the first Monday of each month. Five (5) members serve three (3) year terms. This board actively fundraises or solicits tax deductible donations for any city function and/or facility.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meets six (6) times per year and has seven (7) members who serve three (3) year terms. Under the direction of Phil Bures, Recreation Director, they review existing recreation programs, operations at the recreation center, receive suggestions for new programs, and review boating, fishing and camping regulations for all city parks.

The Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals meets as needed and has seven (7) members who serve three (3) year terms. Under the direction of the Zoning Officer, they review the comprehensive zoning plan and conduct public hearings for zoning changes and special use permits.

As advisory boards, these boards make recommendations to the governing body.

Individuals within Anderson County can be appointed. Please stop by the Garnett City Hall and fill out an application if you are interested in serving your community by participating on one of these boards.

Air Fair Offers Airplane Rides, Fun

The Garnett Industrial Airport Advisory Board presents "Air Fair 2016" on Saturday, May 7th, in conjunction with the 44th Annual Square Fair crafts festival.

Air Fair includes open cockpit airplane rides, helicopter rides (tentative), vintage and specialty aircraft displays and WWII jeep rides. There is a fee charged for airplane rides (\$20-\$200). There is no admission charged to attend the Air Fair and free shuttle will take visitors from Square Fair to Air Fair and back.

The airport festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting. The Garnett Industrial Airport is located along US 169 at 1202 East 4th Avenue. For more information please contact Airport Manager Gary Ecclefield at (785) 448-6931 or visit www.experiencegarnettks.com.

Rec Center Membership Stats

Staff at the Garnett Recreation Center release the following trend information:

Garnett Recreation Center Memberships - Year 2015

Membership

Age/Type	New	Renewal
12-18 (paying monthly)	25	61
19-54 (paying monthly)	53	176
55+ (paying monthly)	28	325
*Family (paying monthly)	38	109
12-18 (paying annually)	1	0
19-54 (paying annually)	2	4
55+ (paying annually)	11	14
*Family (paying annually)	5	1
Total Memberships	163	690

*Total people in family memberships categories 118 290

The following shows the number of visitors utilizing the facilities and equipment, excluding team sports activities:

January	1,929	February	1,657	March	1,766
April	1,580	May	1,399	June	1,411
July	1,410	August	1,292	September	1,238
October	1,353	November	1,462	December	1,778

The Garnett Recreation Center - Goppert Wellness Center welcomes new members. For information please visit www.garnettks.net.

PROJECT: GARNETT REMEMBERS

The City of Garnett, through the Garnett Community Foundation, continues to take sponsorship forms for the patriotic pole banner project honoring those who have served or are currently serving in the military. Application forms for "Project: Garnett Remembers" are available online at www.garnettks.net or visit Garnett City Hall. The cost to participate is \$200 and includes the sponsorship of a 2-sided, full color banner, brackets and installation. Banners will fly Memorial Day Weekend through July 4th.

