

WINTER 2019

TOWN TALK



City Commission

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From The City Commission...

Happy New Year! With the start of 2019 upon us, I am eager to continue serving as your City Commissioner. I cannot thank you enough for all the support I received during my campaign and the election. I wake every morning deeply humbled to serve as Mayor of this great city.

This past year presented exciting changes for the city with the appointment of a new, full-time Director of Economic Development, as well as a new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce/City Administrative Assistant, new department heads, new staff members, and new advisory committee members joining your City of Garnett family. No city can function without a hardworking dedicated staff of individuals who are willing to go the extra mile to make things run smoothly. We are extremely fortunate to have such wonderful employees working for us who truly care about making Garnett a great place to live.

2018 was a busy year for Garnett. Several new businesses were added to our city, the Rec Center was transformed into a twenty-four hour facility, the Neighborhood Revitalization Program was renewed and extended, a county and city owned storage facility was built and a grant for our new water treatment facility was completed. The city accomplished these tasks all the while staying within the approved budget. In fact, we are ending 2018 with over \$1,000,000 more than we started the year with.

Reflecting upon the big events of 2018, and there were many, makes me proud to be a part of this fine town. A segment of *American Chopper* was filmed at East Kansas Agri-Energy, Air Fair, the Kansas Dual Sport Safari, and the return of sprint kart racing events were held here as well. Second Saturdays brought in shoppers and the Chamber Players Community Theatre hosted four live shows. Additional annual events included Farmers' Markets, Lake Garnett Enduro Club races, a Veteran's Day Celebration, Anderson County Fair, Square Fair, Libertyfest, Cornstock, Grand Prix Revival, the Christmas Parade, and the Holiday Homes Tour.

While everyone enjoys attending these events, I am not sure if everyone realizes HOW MANY volunteers it takes to pull off these occasions. So, I want to offer thanks and appreciation to all of the citizen volunteers who are giving of their time, talent, and expertise to serve on the city's boards, committees and work behind the scenes so we can all enjoy these events. These men and women are residents just like you and me. Most all these people live here, shop here, work here, and raised or are raising their families here. At some point they decided to accept the challenge to serve as a way to give back and strengthen our community.

What's in store for 2019? In January, we will meet with the County Commission, School Board, and Hospital Board to discuss projects and goals.

This summer, work on the water treatment facility will continue with the design process still underway and hope to see design completion by the end of the summer. The project will then go to bid and a contractor will be selected. Mostly ground work will be conducted over next fall and winter with actual structure construction likely starting in the spring of 2020. Construction of the plant is expected to be completed by mid-2021.

We have already completed the first two (2) of six (6) phases in the wastewater (sewer) project. Step one (1) in phase three (3) was completed which is focused on the severe mid-town areas. The following are the scheduled improvements for the next six years:

- 2019: \$284,500 – Complete repairs and improvements to our mid-town area
- 2020: \$34,999 – Complete camera work inside system in the Northwest Watershed area
- 2021: \$157,291 – Complete repairs and improvements to our northwest watershed area and additionally complete camera work in mid-town part two (2) area
- 2022: \$541,163 – Complete repairs and improvements to our mid-town part two (2) area
- 2023: \$4,101 – Complete camera work in other areas; primarily west and east sides of system
- 2024: \$420,548 – Complete repairs and improvements to other areas; primarily the west and east sides of the system

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From the Commission...

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Two new events slated for 2019 will be a Fall Family Fun Fest combining food trucks and brew tastings, as well as a variety of unique family activities to be held during the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival weekend. The start of an annual community volunteer appreciation evening, "Celebrating Community Champions and Everyday Heroes" will be hosted by the City in February.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our community. I wish everyone many blessings in 2019!

Respectfully,

Jody Cole, Mayor

From the City Manager...

Happy New Year! I hope 2018 has been a wonderful year for all of you! This past year has been extremely successful for our community. Mayor Jody Cole has done a tremendous job championing strategic planning efforts this year and I would like to thank her for her terrific leadership. As you may recall, we had a few significant rain and wind storms, as well as we've already had a couple of decent snowfalls this fall/early winter. Our public works and utility departments have definitely stayed busy keeping up with all our weather and community events, and day-to-day operations to keep things running. I would like to thank every one of our city employees for the terrific job they do in serving the Garnett community. They all strive every day to make Garnett the most wonderful place to work, play, and call home.



While I believe we had a successful 2018. I look forward to a promising and exciting 2019. We expect to accomplish a lot as we continue to make progress on the construction of our new water treatment facility, improve our street and sidewalk infrastructure, hope to see the approval of a grant for improvements at our airport, and continue to plan for the future. As you may have heard, we are excited to announce that the Garnett Recreation Center is now officially a twenty-four-hour facility. We have installed new security infrastructure to offer this option to our customers and it has already proven to be a success. We encourage you to become a member and stick with that New Year's Resolution-all year long!

We have also continued to step up efforts to ensure code compliance throughout the community and this will continue to be a priority. Well maintained properties show potential business owners and future residents that our community takes pride in itself. Additionally, property insurance rates are impacted by the City's code enforcement program, with well-enforced, up-to-date codes resulting in lower insurance rates.

Our new Director of Economic Development, Julie Turnipseed, has really hit the ground running and I believe we will start to see significant dividends from her arrival. I encourage everyone, especially if you are a business owner or manager, to visit with Ms. Turnipseed, as she has a wealth of knowledge and will do whatever she can to make you successful.

I would like to welcome our new full-time employees Franklin Urquhart, Steven Salazar and Nicholas Menacho in the Public Works Department; Jeremy Wickwire for the Housing Authority, and Desiree Donovan, Administrative Assistant at City Hall. Please say hello if you get a chance. We are also, as of this writing, currently hiring for a water plant operator, recreation coordinator and City Clerk position. If you are interested in working for the City please submit your application, resume, and a cover letter. You can also apply online at hreportners.com.

I would also like to thank the numerous individuals who serve on all our advisory committees and those who volunteer in our community. It is this volunteerism which has resulted in great things like Cornstock, the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival, the Long Cedar Disc Golf Course, active boards for economic development, tourism, the airport, the Walker Art Collection and Gallery, our Library, the Garnett Community Foundation, planning commission, and others. This community has such a tremendously strong sense of volunteerism and Garnett would not be what it is without that pride and passion. I encourage you to volunteer for one of our community organizations or serve on one of our advisory boards if you can. We are currently seeking passionate people for positions on the airport and community foundation boards.

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

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager

Don't Forget to License Your Pet

It's that time again!

Owners of dogs and cats within the City of Garnett are required to purchase pet licenses annually at city hall.

Between January 2 and the February 28, the city will collect a registration fee of \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and cats, and \$20 for any dog or cat that is not spayed or neutered.

As of March 1, 2019, the fees will double to \$15 and \$40 respectively. Replacement tag fee for lost tags are \$5.

Please note: Certificate of current rabies vaccination provided to you by your veterinarian is required at time of City pet license purchase.

Thereafter, by ordinance a notification will be sent to a pet owner 30 days in advance of the expiration of their pet's rabies vaccination. Owners will be required to provide the new rabies vaccination information to the city within 30 days of notification. Failure to comply will result in the pet license being revoked and a fine issued. So don't forget to license your pet!





Economic Development - Hitting the Pavement Running

It is an honor to be working for you to bring economic growth and prosperity to Garnett and Anderson County as your new Director of Economic Development. I enjoy working with the Anderson County Development Agency, E-Community, and city staff.

I began this journey hitting the pavement and getting to know the businesses and community leaders throughout Anderson County. Right away we started receiving requests from business and industrial prospects, provided to us from the Kansas Department of Commerce. We strive to provide the best information to these prospects. It is a very competitive process and one we anticipate will pay off in the near future.

I am continually updating our online inventory of "Available Properties" on www.simplygarnett.com. If you have commercial or industrial property for sale, rent or lease; or, if you have land that you might be interested in selling for business recruitment or expansion purposes, please contact me. I can be reached at 785.448.5496 or email: Julie@garnettks.net.

Garnett/Anderson County was asked by the Department of Agriculture to be a pilot program for a new state initiative. *Grown in Kansas, Strategic Growth Initiative* is for the proactive recruitment of food, agriculture and unmanned aerial systems (UAS)/small aircraft industries. These growth areas are aligned with the State's existing strategic growth plans for 19 unique food and agriculture sectors across Kansas.

On December 12, 2018 the Anderson County Development Agency (ACDA) put together a collection of public and private entities representing our area to determine which of the 19 unique food and agriculture sectors would contribute to the desired growth of Anderson County and Garnett. ACDA submitted a recruitment package which signified they will work with the State of Kansas to maintain up-to-date information regarding growth sectors of local interest and the availability of necessary natural resources along with other infrastructure, services, and amenities. The package includes a summary of the public and private partners which are in support of this effort to identify growth opportunities for the county/community, and all letters of support from these partners.

Kansas Department of Agriculture, in close coordination with other state agencies, will maintain an organized system to match potential business growth opportunities with the desired growth goals of the county/community. This will include working hand in hand with local leaders to proactively recruit growth opportunities that match the interests of our county/community.

The growth sectors identified by the Anderson County/Garnett leaders are as follows:

- * Agricultural Technology and Entrepreneurship
- * Soybeans and Other Oilseeds
- * Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS)/Small Aircraft
- * Feed and Forage
- * Corn
- * Agritourism
- * Beef
- * Animal Health
- * Pet Food

ADCA through E-Community will be traveling to Longmont Colorado in April along with six (6) business owners from Garnett to attend the Community Revitalization *Destination BootCamp*®. Jon

Schallert's *Destination BootCamp* is an intense 2.5-day training that teaches businesses a trademarked 14-step destination strategy to assess their current tactics, identify strengths, and apply new techniques to increase sales and profits. The goal of the workshop is to help entrepreneurs reinvent their businesses into consumer destinations. Business owners from across the continent travel to this "BootCamp" to spend time with Jon and other business owners in a small group setting where they learn to transform their business via the 14-step strategy that Jon developed. Jon has more than 30 years' experience consulting with thousands of independent business owners in large cities and small towns across the country.

Upon completion of the BootCamp, the business owners that attended will give a report of their workshop experience to the Anderson County Development Agency Advisory Board. Following the April BootCamp completion, these business owners will receive ongoing group consulting assistance for 4 months by Jon. Approximately 60 days following the BootCamp, Jon will come to Garnett to present a 90-minute *Destination BootCamp* workshop open to any businesses in Garnett/Anderson County and the surrounding area. During his visit, he conducts 45-minute consultations with each business who attended *Destination BootCamp*.

A few of the program benefits include:

- Learn how to transform your business into a consumer destination that is consistently preferred by customers over competitors.
- Learn strategy to keep local customers loyal and quickly draw new customers from outside the immediate marketplace.
- Real-life examples from successful businesses that have used the Destination Business strategy to grow.
- Spend time outside of daily work to work "on" the business with a fresh perspective.
- Build relationships with entrepreneurs across the country.
- Gain immediate takeaways that can be put into action after the BootCamp to grow your business.
- Bring new spending from different geographic areas, benefiting business and community.

A special "Thank You" to Beckman Motors for sponsoring the use of a van for traveling roundtrip to Longmont.

Many activities and programs are set to launch in 2019. Working with Community Development and the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce on Morning Mingle, First Impressions, Opportunity Zone designation, and continual marketing efforts to introduce Garnett and Anderson County to prospective businesses is key to success.

Sincerely,

Julie Turnipseed,
Director of Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development (ACDA)





Did You Know...

The City welcomes new employees: **Nancy Amaya**, Children's Librarian; **Desiree Donovan**, Administrative Assistant; **Frank Gregg**, Police Department Reserve Officer; **Trent McCown**, Police Department Reserve Officer; **Charlie Reese**, Part-time Park Department Worker; **Nicholas Menacho**, **Steven Salazar** and **Franklin Urquhart**, Public Works Laborers; **Jeremy Wickwire**, Housing Authority Maintenance Worker; **Colby Wittman**, Volunteer Firefighter.

Promotions and Transfers:

Joe Ray, Volunteer Firefighter, has been promoted to Fire Department Captain; and **Travis Wilson**, Municipal Court Clerk is also serving as Interim City Clerk.

Training and Certifications:

Andy Modlin, Electric Lineman, attended operator's training for overhead crane. **Kris Hix**, Administrative Assistant, **Julie Turnipseed**, Director of Economic Development and **Susan Wettstein**, Director of Community Development, attended a grant writing workshop through K-State Research and Extension. **Julie Turnipseed** attended training through the Kansas Economic Development Alliance. **Susan Wettstein** attended the Kansas Tourism Conference and workshop on Opportunity Zones.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, February 20, 2019, as the City of Garnett will host a special event, **"Celebrating Community Champions & Everyday Heroes"**. The event will recognize and give thanks to city advisory board members and individuals who donate their time freely to city programs and activities. The event will also highlight all community civic organizations and citizens in which their volunteerism contributes to making Garnett great. A reception with complimentary light refreshments will begin the evening at 6 p.m. in the commons area of the Anderson County High School, with continued celebration in the auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend.

There is currently a vacancy on the Garnett **Community Foundation** and the **Garnett Airport Advisory Board**. If you have the desire to serve on these or any city advisory board, please stop by City Hall and complete a Statement of Interest form or download the form online at www.simplygarnett.com.

The Garnett Public Library invites all adults to enjoy the **Caffeine & Colors** events held at the library on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Caffeine & Colors is a relaxing afternoon of chatting with friends and coloring away the stress of your day. Coffee, iced tea, coloring pages, and colored pencils are provided.

During the winter months, when furnaces and chimneys are in use, is the time of year when the City of Garnett Gas Department wishes to remind all city residents to be aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning. All gas burning equipment needs to be maintained regularly. Also, please remember to check the batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors to be sure they are in good working order.

Help Us Help You: All city residents should make sure the utility office at City Hall has a valid, working telephone number in which you can be contacted. If, for instance, the meter reader discovers a water leak or other utility issue or an emergency arises, being able to contact customers quickly could save money, property or a life. If you are not sure if your current contact information is on file, simply call City Hall at 785.448.5496.

When the snow arrives, we ask for your assistance by please making sure your fire hydrant isn't blocked by snow piles or other obstructions that would hinder its use by the fire department. Also, moving vehicles off city streets helps the street department plow and remove snow more efficiently. Thank you!

The first of 2019 marks the kickoff of the fourth year of **"Project: Garnett Remembers"**, a patriotic project honoring our military service men and women. The City of Garnett is accepting applications with photos from January 2 through March 30, 2019.

Now in the fourth year of this project, the patriotic banners currently honor 197 military service members. Banner sponsorship is \$250 for a 2-sided, full color banner and covers the cost of the banner, brackets and installation. Checks made payable to the Garnett Community Foundation are tax deductible. For more information about this program please visit www.simplygarnett.com. Applications are also available at City Hall.

Zoning Update...

The City of Garnett is striving to maintain a high standard for the quality of life for our residents. Poor property maintenance effects our environment, safety and property values. Every citizen and landlord has a responsibility to keep residential, commercial and rental properties clean, attractive and safe. It's all for the good of our community.

It is that time of year again to help yourself and your utility bill by checking weatherization around your home or business and make sure to check that your heating system is in proper operating condition. A weatherized home or business will be healthier, safer and more comfortable for living and working.

As I've mentioned in earlier newsletters, depending on what you are doing we are here at City Hall to help you obtain the proper application or permit if required, just a simple call will help decide if one is needed. Also, if you just have questions and need further information, please don't hesitate to call us at City Hall. Information and permit applications are also available online at www.simplygarnett.com

In closing just some last notes for the contractors. As of January 1, 2019, city permit costs for electrical, mechanical, plumbing, fences and signs will be increased to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Also, the City of Garnett will be implementing 2018 building codes for all trades. Residential building permits have a one-year completion date, if after one year a continuance is requested, then a two hundred (\$200.00) dollar fee is to be paid for a continuance permit. General contractors for commercial building permits will declare their completion date (if more than one-year) and if exceeded the same continuance fee will be imposed.

I wish you all a Happy New Year!
Sincerely,

Gary Giczewski
Zoning Administrator/Building Official, ADA Coordinator





Enjoy these local activities and events!

Check out our "Community Calendar" - www.simplygarnett.com

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year!

City Offices Closed

Trash service will run 1 day late

Alcoholics Anonymous

510 S. Oak Street, 7 p.m.

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Jan. 2-Feb. 28

License your pets at City Hall

2 Patriotic Banner Project Now Open

Applications accepted at City Hall

Registration Deadline-Little Dribblers

Basketball - Online or at Rec Center

Duplicate Bridge

Garnett Inn, 1 p.m. Every Wednesday

Tourism Advisory Board Meeting

Garnett City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

3 TOPS Meeting

Methodist Church, 9-10 a.m.

Every Thursday

13-Point Pitch & Snacks

Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m.

Every Thursday

Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44

Masonic Lodge 44, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7-Feb. 1

A.M. Yoga Session

Recreation Center, 8:45 a.m.

Register online or at Recreation Center

7 Anderson County Commission Meeting

Annex Building, 9 a.m.

Every Monday

Library Board Meeting

Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery

Church of the Nazarene, 5-8 p.m.

Every Monday

Jan. 8-Feb. 14

A.M. & P.M. Spin & Yoga Sessions

Register online or at Recreation Center

8 Recycle Trailer

Country Mart parking lot, all day

Storytime for Preschoolers

Garnett Library, 10-11 a.m.

Every Tuesday

Rotary International Meeting

Racer's Lounge, 12-1 p.m. Every Tuesday

Garnett Community Foundation

Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Parkview Heights, 6-7 p.m.

American Legion BINGO

VFW Post 6397, 6-8 p.m. Every Tuesday

8 Garnett City Commission Meeting

City Commission Room, 6 p.m.

Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting

Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.

9 Remember When Wednesdays

Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail

Archer Room, Garnett Library, 7 p.m.

Garnett Optimist Club Meeting

Garnett Inn, 7 p.m.

10 Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

City Hall, 5 p.m.

USD 365 Board of Education Meeting

Greeley Elementary, 7 p.m.

11 Garnett Airport Advisory Meeting

City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

12 VFW Breakfast

VFW Post 6397, 7-9:30 a.m.

14 Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Office-Park Plaza North, 7 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary Meeting

VFW Post 6397, 7 p.m.

15 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting, Garnett City Hall, 5 p.m.

Garnett BPW Meeting

Library, 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

City Commission Room, 6 p.m.

16 Caffeine and Colors

Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.

17 Morning Mingle

Business Networking Opportunity

Garnett Flowers & Gifts, 8 a.m.

Walker Art Committee Meeting

Archer Room, Library, 4 p.m.

21 Lions Club Meeting

VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.

Adult Reading Program Kickoff Party

Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.

22 City Commission Meeting

City Commission Room, 6 p.m.

23 Book Discussion, "Julia Speaks Her Mind", Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.

Garnett Optimist Meeting

Garnett Inn, 7 p.m.

24 Harvesters Food Distribution

Quonset Hut, 4-5 p.m.

Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet

Knights Hall, 5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

February 4-February 24

Youth Soccer Registration - ALL

Register online or at Recreation Center

February 4-March 1

A.M. Yoga Session

8:45-9:45 a.m., Recreation Center

4 Library Board Meeting

Garnett Library, 5 p.m.

Garnett Community Foundation

Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

Garnett Lions Club Meeting

VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.

6 Tourism Advisory Board

Garnett City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

7 USD 365 Board of Education Meeting

USD 365 Board office, 7 p.m.

Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44

Masonic Lodge 44, 7:30 p.m.

8 Garnett Airport Advisory Meeting

City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

9 VFW Breakfast

VFW Post 6397, 7-9:30am

Masonfelt Comedy (free show)

Town Hall Center, 7:30 p.m.

11 American Legion Auxiliary

VFW Post 6397, 7-8 p.m.

Garnett Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting

Office-Park Plaza North, 7 p.m.

12 Recycle Trailer

Country Mart parking lot, all day

Adult Reading Program Midway Event

Garnett Public Library, 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.

Garnett City Commission Meeting

City Commission Room, 6 p.m.

Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting

Extension Office, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

13 Remember When Wednesdays

Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.

Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail

Archer Room, Garnett Library, 7 p.m.

14 Happy Valentine's Day!

Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting

City Hall, 5 p.m.

18 President's Day - City Offices Closed

Trash service will run 1 day late

Lions Club Meeting

VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m.



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 Library, 5:30 p.m.
Planning Commission Meeting
 City Commission Room, 6 p.m.
- 20 Caffeine and Colors**
 Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
Celebrating Community Champions & Everyday Heroes, ACHS Commons, Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 21 Morning Mingle**
 Business Networking Opportunity
 TBA, 8 a.m.
Walker Art Committee Meeting
 Archer Room, Library, 4 p.m.
- 24 Scrabble Tournament**
 Garnett Public Library, 2 p.m.
- February 26-April 14**
A.M./P.M. Spin and Yoga Sessions
 Recreation Center
 Register online or at Recreation Center
- 26 Garnett City Commission Meeting**
 City Commission Room, 6 p.m.
- 27 Garnett Optimist Meeting**
 Garnett Inn, 6:30 p.m.
Book Discussion - TBA
 Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- February 28-March 2, March 7-10:**
"St. Peter's Escort Service LLC"
 Live dinner theatre presented by
 The Chamber Players Theatre, Thelma
 Moore Community Playhouse
- 28 LAST DAY to license your pet at City Hall without penalty.** Licensing fees double March 1.
Harvesters Food Distribution
 Quonset Hut, 4-5 p.m.
- MARCH**
- March 4-April 1: Baseball, Softball, Coach Pitch and T-Ball Registration**
 Register online or at Recreation Center
- 4 Library Board Meeting**
 Public Library, 5 p.m.
Adult Reading Program Ending Celebration, Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
Garnett Lions Club Meeting
 VFW Post 6397 6 p.m.
Garnett Community Foundation
 Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 Tourism Advisory Board**
 Garnett City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
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 Garnett Elementary, 7 p.m.
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- 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 11 American Legion Auxiliary**
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Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail
 Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 14 Pi(e) Day**
 Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Garnett Area Chamber Board Meeting
 City Hall, 5 p.m.
- TBA Garnett BPW Women's Fair**
 ACHS Gym, 10 a.m.
- 17 Happy Saint Patrick's Day!**
- 18 Lions Club Meeting**
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 Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 28 Harvesters Food Distribution**
 Quonset Hut, 4-5 p.m.
- 30 Patriotic Banner Project Application Deadline**, Garnett City Hall
Garnett Community Easter Egg Hunt
 Sponsored by Life Assembly of God Church, Courthouse Lawn, 10 a.m.
Spring Ultra Races (50 & 100 mile)
 Prairie Spirit Trail, all day



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Important Message from the Sewer Department

Once again, I am asking home owners to help with water leaking into the sewer system. Please check all house and out building roof drains to be sure water running off the roof, downspouts or sump pump is not going into the sanitary sewer system. All rain-water should be discharging on to the ground or piped out to the nearest ditch or street. If they are hooked to a pipe in the ground and there is no obvious outlet, then it is probably being discharged into the sanitary sewer. If you have a sump pump and there isn't an obvious outlet, then it too is probably being pumped into the sanitary sewer. If you have an area drain with no obvious outlet, here again it's probably being discharged to the sewer. If you have a leaky basement and have not installed a sump pump, then you are also adding to the problem.

Please note that it is illegal for rain or ground water to be discharged to the sanitary sewer: Kansas Regulation-KAR 28-16-55, Paragraph C - No rain or ground water will be permitted in the sanitary sewer.

If you will notice, whenever we receive 3-4 inches of rain or more, the manhole lids around town have water spewing out of them. This is from the intrusion of rain and ground water overwhelming the system. At the waste water treatment plant, we see a normal average flow of about 350,000 gallons per day until it rains. Then in less than an hour, we have flows approaching 1-2 million gallons, and by the end of the day, depending on the rain-fall, we can max out at 6.13 million gallons. We know rain cannot soak down into the ground 6-7 feet in less than an hour to reach cracks and leaky joints in the piping. Therefore, this tells us that there are many non-compliant (illegal) hookups in town. If you will remember, the City started a sewer replacement repair program a few years ago. However, without the help of homeowners doing their part, we will never see substantial gain.

Please check all outside cleanouts and vents to be sure they are above ground level and won't let in rain water. If you have a floor drain and your basement leaks, please install a sump pump. If you are worried that the pump may fail because of a storm, the floor drain can be elevated an inch or so and left in place, so you don't have a complete disaster. If you have questions about a roof drain or sump pump, please call the wastewater treatment plant at 785.448.3354 and leave your name and number. We will get back with you, or you can call City Hall at 785.448.5496 and they will give us the message.

We have dye we can put in a roof drain or sump pump that will tell us if they are connected to the sanitary sewer. Most of these connections can be fixed with very little expense.

Last but not least, whenever the sanitary sewer system overflows, we must send in an overflow report to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for their files, telling which manholes overflowed and how long they did. In 1997, the State of Kansas informed the city that badly needed line repairs needed to be performed; I believe, the amount was \$800,000 in matching grant funds, to my best knowledge. Getting matching funds is somewhat a thing of the past. Therefore, the City started the replace repair program for the sewer mains, in hope that by doing so we won't be hit with another mandate to do thousands of dollars of repairs all at once.

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Code Enforcement Encourages Healthy, Beautiful Neighborhoods

I have noticed that there are a few residences who have furniture and other items near the street as if they want the City to pick up these items. The City works with the Anderson County Landfill to hold a city-wide clean-up week twice annually, held in the spring and fall of the year. The clean-up week provides a free service where designated items can be discarded at the curb or alley, near where weekly trash is picked up. During clean-up week is the only time that the City of Garnett will pick up unwanted items at no charge.

The City does have a special pick-up program where they will pick up items, such as furniture and appliances (not containing Freon) and other unwanted placed curbside or at the alley. The minimum charge for this service is \$50 for up to a full dump truck load plus the landfill dump fee. Residents who have items, such as a sofa, in their yard can call City Hall to request this special pick-up service and will be billed accordingly. The resident may also haul items to the Anderson County Landfill on their own. Both options are available. I encourage you to utilize these services when necessary to keep your property clean and clear of unwanted debris.

As your city code enforcement officer, I am canvassing the entire town looking for items that are in violation of our Nuisance Ordinance. It is my duty to notify residents when their property is out of compliance. It is quite a lengthy process in which we document, take photos and prepare files of information in order to get a resident or property owner to remove debris from a residence or business, or to make inoperative vehicles compliant. In the event a resident or property owner chooses to do nothing, a ticket can be issued. Even if a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance is taken care of by the court date, court costs and other expenses relating to the ticket issued may still be assessed. Therefore, I reach out to you today to ask that everyone do their part by taking care of unwanted items in your yard. By doing so you create a healthy environment for you and your children, beautify your neighborhood, and save taxpayers and yourself money.

Information on the City's special pick-up program is available under "Utilities" at www.simplygarnett.com. To review the Nuisance Ordinance online, please visit "Zoning" on the City's official website.

For those residents who always do their best to maintain their property with pride, I thank you for making Garnett look good.

Sincerely,

Pat Tate, Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Chief

Important Message from Sewer Department continued...

Line repair is only part of the problem. We need the homeowners and business owners to fix any problems that may be involving their homes, rentals and businesses. If we all try just a little, we can avoid mandates and much higher sewer rates in the future.

Sincerely,

John L Olson, Director of Wastewater, Pollution Control

2019 Guide to Garnett Recreation

Get fit in 2019 at the Garnett Rec Center.

There is no better time than now to become a member of the Garnett Recreation Center. As a valued member, you will receive a key card allowing you access to the recreation center anytime, 24 hours a day. Sign up is easy. Just visit garnettrecreation.recdesk.com to create your account and join. Once your information is received you can pick up your credentials at the Garnett Recreation Center Office.

Also online, be sure to sign up for the following programs and sports activities offered through Garnett Recreation. Fees associated with membership or programs and activities offered can be paid for online.

FITNESS

Indoor Cycling (Spin)

Session Start dates:

January 8- February 14, February 26-April 4

Registration Deadline: Prior to the start of each session.

Program Period: Ongoing 6-week sessions. (No summer sessions)

Morning Class: Tues/Thurs 5:30-6am

Evening Class: Tues/Thurs 5pm-6pm

Fee: AM (30-minute) \$30, PM (1-hour) \$60.00 per session

Program Information: *Class size limit 10 per class. Six-week session, includes 12 classes.*



Senior Exercise Class

Session held October through May, Mon/Wed 9-10am

Registration Deadline: Prior to the start of each class.

Fee: \$2.50 per class.

Program information: *Light chair aerobics, working to strengthen arms, legs and core with the focus to create better balance.*

Yoga (Beginner and Intermediate)

Session Start dates:

January 7-February 1, February 4-March 1, March 4-March 29(am)

January 8-February 14, February 26-April 4(pm)

Registration Deadline: Prior to the start of each session.

Morning Class: M/W/F 8:45am-9:45am(4-weeks)

Evening Class: Tues/Thurs (beginners), Wed (intermediate)
5:30pm-6:30pm (6-weeks)

Fee: \$36

Program information: *For beginners to advanced, these sessions will help you build strength, increase flexibility and find focus. Learn the fundamental Yoga postures and principles that create a successful and effective Yoga practice that will invigorate your entire body.*

Water Fitness

Swimming Lessons

Registration Begins: When swimming pool opens for summer.

Session I June 10 - 21 Session II July 1-July 12

Fee: \$25

Program information: *Swimming lessons are offered in 2-week sessions to adults, youth, infants and preschoolers. Enroll at the swimming pool.*



Water Aerobics

Registration Begins: June 3

Registration Deadline: Prior to taking class.

Program Period: June-August Fee: \$4 per class.

Program information: *Classes focus on aerobic endurance,*



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Little Goalies Soccer

Registration Begins: February 4 Registration Deadline: February 24

Program starts April 12 Fee: \$15

Program information: *This program introduces children to the game of soccer.*

Youth Soccer League

Registration Begins: February 4 Registration Deadline: February 24
Program starts March 29 Fee: \$30

Program information: *The Spring Youth Soccer League is available to boys and girls in grades 1-3 and 4-6. This program is an instructional league to develop soccer skills.*

Baseball

Registration Begins: March 4 Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14 Fee: \$30

Program information: *Open to boys ages 9 to 16 years old as of May 1 of current year. Teams will travel to nearby towns.*

Softball

Registration Begins: March 4 Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14 Fee: \$30

Program information: *For girls ages 9-14 as of January 1 of current year. Teams will travel to nearby towns.*

Coach Pitch

Registration Begins: March 4 Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14 Fee: \$30

Program information: *Open to boys and girls who are ages 7 to 8 years old as of May 1 of current year. This is the fundamental transition from T-Ball to baseball/softball.*



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Sign up for these recreation programs online: garnettrecreation.recdesk.com

T-Ball

Registration Begins: March 4

Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14 Fee: \$30

Program information: *This is the beginner level of baseball/softball. The purpose is to teach basic fundamentals of the game to boys and girls who are ages 5 to 6 years old as of May 1 of the current year.*



basic volleyball fundamentals in an environment that promotes teamwork and sportsmanship.

Coed Softball League

Registration Begins: April 22 Registration Deadline: May 12

Season starts June 2 Fee: \$250 per team.

Program information: *Summer Coed Softball League is open to all men and women. Registration is by teams (not individual enrollment). League play is held Friday evenings at the Garnett Sports Complex.*

Tackle Football

Registration Begins: July 8 Registration Deadline: August 4

Season starts September 8

Fee: \$55, includes equipment; \$30 if child has equipment.

Program information: *For kids entering grades 3-6. The Tackle Football League participates against nearby towns with some home games and some required travel. Included football equipment: helmet, shoulder pads, pants and leg pads. In addition, each child must have their own mouth piece and shoes.*



Flag Football

Registration Begins: August 5

Registration Deadline: August 25

Program starts September 29 Fee: \$30

Program information: *Open to boys and girls in grades 1-4.*

Future Footballers

Registration Begins: August 12 Registration Deadline: August 25

Program starts September 29 Fee: \$20

Program information: *This program is designed to teach kids ages 4 years through Kindergarten the fundamentals of football. They will learn basic motor skills necessary to play organized football in the future, such as how to run, throw, catch and kick a football properly, while having fun.*

Cheerleading

Registration Begins: July 8 Registration Deadline: August 4

Season starts September 11 Fee: \$30

Program information: *Squads are formed with kids in grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. Organized practices teach these cheerleaders cheers and routines to perform at home Youth Tackle Football games.*

Youth Volleyball

Registration Begins: August 5 Registration Deadline: August 25

Program starts September 29 Fee: \$20

Program information: *For boys and girls in grades 3-6, introducing*

Little Dribblers

Registration Begins: December 2 Registration Deadline: January 2

Program Period: January-February, 6 weeks. Fee: \$20

Program information: *This program is designed to teach kids ages 4 years old through Kindergarten the fundamentals of basketball. Children will learn the basic motor skills necessary to play basketball in the future. They are taught basic sports mechanics without the threat of competition or fear of getting hurt.*



Biddy Basketball

Registration Begins:

Grades 1-2: October 7 Grades 3-6: October 7

Registration Deadline:

Grades 1-2: November 3 Grades 3-6: November 17

Program Period:

Grades 1-2: November-December Grades 3-6: January-February

Fee: \$30

Program information: *A winter program, the purpose of Biddy Basketball is to teach basketball fundamentals and team sportsmanship to children currently in grades 1-6.*

IMPORTANT DATES

POOL OPENS: May 25, 2019

POOL CLOSES: August 11, 2019

Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meetings:

January 9 • March 13 • May 8

July 10 • September 11 • November 13

Please note: *Dates and times of programs, activities and meetings are subject to change. Please contact the Garnett Recreation Center or visit wwwSimplyGarnett.com for the latest, updated information.*

“Don’t think you can remember all of these dates and deadlines? Register your family on our RecDesk system so that you can receive reminders of activities that apply to your household. Simply go to garnettrecreation.recdesk.com. It’s free and an easy way to keep up with what is coming up and going on in the world of recreation.” —Phil Bures, Director of Parks and Recreation

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Morning Mingle, A Business Networking Opportunity

The directors of Chamber of Commerce, Tourism and Economic Development have created a networking opportunity with the businesses in Garnett and Anderson County. The meeting is called "Morning Mingle" and is held the third Thursday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at a local business. The meeting was created for the purpose of networking and helping to inform the local businesses about opportunities to market and promote their businesses.

At these meetings shopping, dining, lodging and special event guides, event posters and flyers have been given to the businesses. Business owners and managers have shared information on their own special events and the successes they have had. It is a great opportunity to share ideas and get to know other local small business owners and managers, and talk about collaboration and cross promoting.

The first joint promotion the group participated in was Shop Small Business Saturday on November 25. This promotion is sponsored by American Express. Through this promotion, A.E. sent out shopping bags, posters, stickers, thank you cards and other marketing materials to distribute to participating businesses. A passport contest was added to encourage shoppers to support *Shop Small Saturday* locally. The customers were encouraged to visit eight of the fifteen businesses listed on the passport. When the passport was complete the customer turned it in at their last stop which entered them in a drawing for a prize. We would like to thank our sponsors who donated the prizes: The Kirk House, Prairie Belles Kitchen and Catering and Tradewinds Bar and Grill. Congratulations to Jenny Hughes, winner of the 2018 Small Business Saturday drawing.

The group plans to create more promotions, events and activities to promote shopping locally to support area businesses.

The meetings are open to any business that would like to attend and they usually last approximately one hour. In the future, we will be having speakers on topics of interest chosen by the businesses that participate in the meetings.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact Kris, Susan, or Julie at City Hall by calling 785.448.5496 or the Chamber Office at 785.448.6767.

The next Morning Mingle Meeting is Thursday, January 17, 8 a.m. at Garnett Flowers and Gifts.

Chamber Membership

Be Inspired in 2019



A membership to the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce is a great way to STAND OUT in a crowd! Not only do you receive Chamber exclusive deals, you are also in an elite group of business owners. Support your local Chamber so your local Chamber can support you!

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce currently gives out hundreds of welcome bags a year to new residents and visitors. Included in each welcome bag is marketing material from the GACC members. The Chamber is focused on promoting local business and encouraging local shopping!

In 2018, GACC had over 90 members! Learn more online at www.garnettchamber.org, or contact the GACC at 785.448.6767.

GACC Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, guest speakers, awards ceremony and live auction following.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW:

\$20 for members (\$150 for a corporate table of 8)

\$25 for nonmembers (\$190 for a corporate table)

Call today to reserve your table! 785.448.6767

Keepers of the Sandlot

This year's guest speaker is Bill Severns, a former professional baseball player, coach, and author. He has recently written a book,

"Keepers of the Sandlot", based on his experience at every level of the game. He speaks to a wide range of audiences, bringing encouraging words and thought-provoking ideas on coaching, parenting, and enjoying the journey with your kids.

Carla Black will also give a short presentation for KANSASWORKS. Don't delay, reserve your tickets now.



www.garnettchamber.org



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