

SUMMER 2017

TOWN TALK



Garnett, Kansas



City Commission



Gordon Blackie,
Mayor



Jody Cole,
Commissioner



Greg Gwin,
Commissioner

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From The Commission...

It is my pleasure to introduce Christopher Weiner as Garnett's new City Manager. Mr. Weiner was selected from a candidate pool of 35 applications. After matching applicants' qualifications with the results of the community survey, Skype interviews were scheduled with five candidates. The community's response to Mr. Weiner was overwhelmingly in support. It didn't take them long to acknowledge his extremely outgoing personality, knowledge and experiences as a city manager. The community found him very approachable and willing to listen to their thoughts and concerns.

Mr. Weiner was born in Iola, Kansas and lived there through fourth grade. His family moved to Chanute for a couple of years and then moved again to St. Mary's, Kansas. He graduated from St. Mary's High School in 2006 and then attended the University of Kansas where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree in public administration with minors in economics and sociology.

Following his college graduation, he worked for Thrive Allen County as a grant writer and development coordinator. He began his career in local government with a position as the City Clerk and Assistant City Administrator for Cherryvale, Kansas.

While in Cherryvale, he met his wife, Brittany, they married in April of 2015. Their daughter, Kainsley, will be two in January and their son Connor, will be six in October. After being in Cherryvale for almost two years, he became the City Administrator for Girard, Kansas.

As a kid he really loved playing and watching

sports. Mr. Weiner is a huge Jayhawks, Chiefs, and Royals fan. He enjoys playing almost any sport. He and Brittany hope to be involved and participate in some adult recreation opportunities in Garnett.

Mr. Weiner, Brittany, Connor and Kainsley are all very excited for this new opportunity. They are extremely anxious to get to Garnett and to be involved in the community. Mr. Weiner will start as City Manager on July 17, so please stop by City Hall and welcome him to Garnett!

Sincerely,

Jody Cole,
Commissioner



From The City Manager...

Welcome and good luck to Chris Weiner as he begins his career as the new Garnett City Manager. Please stop by and introduce yourself and make him feel welcome. Please be patient and give him time to find his way as he learns the many things he will be responsible for. Garnett is a unique city as it provides five utilities and all the municipal services anyone could ask for. It is a big responsibility and can't be learned overnight. Try not to call Phone Forum. Be an adult. Don't hide behind a column where you can say



From The City Manager... *(Continued from page 1)*

what you want without knowing the facts. Go to the source and ask your questions.

Recently, Butch Rocker and I had the pleasure of visiting with an individual who is interested in building a home in this area. After providing the requested information, I asked him what attracted him to Garnett. He said he discovered the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail about ten years ago and fell in love with the community at that time. He visits often, riding the trail and taking in everything our town has to offer. Now he wants to live here. After our visit, I felt so good that a complete stranger saw in our town what I see every day. Added to this wonderful experience are the new businesses that are finding their way to Garnett, bringing jobs and increasing the retail market.

Thanks to everyone for the phone calls, e-mails, letters and cards. My heart is truly overflowing with your kind comments, memories and well wishes. It has been many, many years since a young girl of 20 was hired by then City Manager Bill Tschudy to be his secretary. I walked into city hall to begin what has been a very satisfying career. I remember helping the ladies calculate and hand write utility bills, and every miscellaneous receipt known to mankind. We registered people to vote. The only recreation programs were the pool and a few baseball teams. There was no zoning to worry about. The reservoir has not been built. A local resident was the dog catcher and a total of five (5) men were police officers. Things have certainly changed since 1967. I wish the employees had written a book of all our experiences together because it would surely be a best seller by now.

Special thanks to all the people I have worked with over the years. Many of you are like family and I will cherish our friendship forever. You have worked hard and done whatever you could to help me grow this city by making sound decisions and following the direction of past and present managers and commissioners.

My future days will find me spending more time with my family, getting very involved in local politics and volunteering my time at the nursing home and with the senior citizens organization.

Most of all, thanks to my husband Frank, our children and my family for all the support and understanding they have given me over the years. I couldn't have done this without them.

My hope is that Garnett will continue to grow and prosper. It will happen as long as people continue to work hard and volunteer their time to serve on advisory boards, belong to local organizations and help their churches. There are so many people in this community who I call silent volunteers; people who do whatever they can, never asking or wanting any recognition. You are my true heroes. Together, we've made a difference and

will continue to do so.

Blessings on this wonderful town and her people.

Respectfully,

Joyce E. Martin,
City Manager

From The Incoming City Manager...

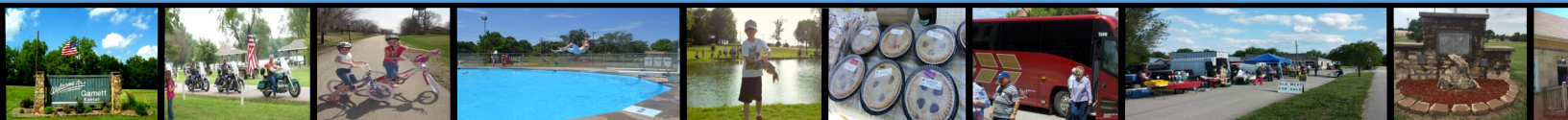
I would like to thank the Garnett City Commissioners, City staff, and the wonderful people of Garnett for the opportunity to serve you as your next City Manager. I appreciate the time you took to come and visit with me during the interview process and my family looks forward to getting to intimately know the entire community over the coming years.

My wife Brittany, and our two children, Connor, age 5, and Kainsley, age 1, cannot wait to start our lives in Garnett and become involved in the community. Brittany is very interested in helping with community events and Connor is excited about his new school (he'll be in Kindergarten), playing sports, and of course, visiting Dairy Queen. While Kainsley, I know, is happy to have new places to explore.

I was born in Iola, Kansas and lived there through fourth grade. I still have grandparents and a lot of family who reside in Iola. My family moved to Chanute for a couple of years and then again to St. Marys, Kansas where I graduated high school. I obtained my bachelor's degree in Public Administration with minors in Economics and Sociology from the University of Kansas – Rock Chalk! Following graduation, I worked for Thrive Allen County in Iola where I wrote grants and helped with a variety of events and performed administrative functions. I moved on to the City of Cherryvale, Kansas as their Assistant City Administrator and City Clerk – which was where I also met my amazing wife Brittany. After a couple of years in Cherryvale, I accepted a position, where we are now, as the City Administrator for Girard, Kansas.

I am excited for the new opportunity and the challenges of my new position. I look forward to working with and learning from the excellent City staff. I strive every day to be as open and transparent as I can and to have the City government exhibit those same qualities. I can already tell that Garnett residents exhibit a great quality of life with tremendous recreational and cultural opportunities and an excellent volunteer base. However, we must labor not just to maintain the great things that we

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Four Business Appreciation Award Recipients Honored

The Kansas Department of Commerce announced 19 Regional Business of Excellence Award winners and 44 Merit Award winners as a part of the 2017 Business Appreciation Month that took place in June. Kansas businesses are recognized for the contributions made to their communities and the state economy in one of four categories, including service, retail, manufacturing/distribution and hospital/non-profit.

"Business Appreciation Month gives the Commerce Department the opportunity to show its support, recognition and gratitude for the businesses who work hard to excel in the State of Kansas," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Antonio Soave.

A total of four (4) award winners were nominated by the City of Garnett and were presented their awards during the June 27th Garnett City Commission meeting. They are as follows:

Farmers State Bank

The Farmers State Bank of Blue Mound has 3 locations in Kansas: Blue Mound, Garnett and Pleasanton. The Farmers State Bank of Blue Mound purchased the former Garnett Savings and Loan facility in 1990, located at 517 S. Oak Street. They are a full service bank offering agricultural, commercial, home and personal loans, checking and savings accounts, CDs and debit cards.

The bank employs 6 full-time employees and 1 work study at the Garnett location with 18 employees overall.

They have continually improved the outside appearance of their building and property in Garnett with trees that blossom in the spring and ornate concrete sidewalks. These aesthetically pleasing upgrades along Business Highway US 169 (6th Avenue) and Oak Street are very much appreciated by the City. Their staff is always pleasant and helpful.

The Farmers State Bank is a great supporter of schools, churches and fire department fundraising activities, special events, fairs and 4-H.

"The Farmers State Bank has been a great partner in this community. Their commitment to their Garnett location is worthy of this recognition and the City of Garnett thanks them for all they do", says City Manager Joyce Martin.

Prairie Belle's Kitchen and Catering

Prairie Belle's Kitchen and Catering is a restaurant serving homemade specials and desserts each day. They serve a full breakfast and lunch, including a fresh salad bar, soups and specialty coffees. They also have a full-service catering company and can do in-house or on-site catering. Prairie Belle's is a prime example of a business that started at home and then evolved and grew from a catering business to a restaurant.

The McGhee family took on a restaurant after years of catering events. "We (The City) are mindful of the commit-

ment and dedication they have put forth and the sacrifices they have made to share their talent of great food preparation, presentation and hospitality," states City Manager Joyce Martin. "They could have remained just a catering company. Because they saw a beautiful building sitting idle, and a community that had a craving for an exceptional restaurant, Prairie Belle's answered the call and came to our rescue. They have never received any awards or accolades of which they are very deserving of."

Prairie Belle's, located at 130 E. 5th Avenue is owned by Danelle McGhee and her mother-in-law Christy McGhee. They believe their partnership is a unique piece of information when accepting this nomination. When seeing this pair at work you know immediately what a great combo they make. Danelle and Christy work alongside their employees each day and perform the same tasks and duties as their employees, from washing dishes to cleaning bathrooms. They take pride in presenting a very clean restaurant with homemade, fresh food each day. They are very attentive when it comes to their display and degree of elegance with their catering.



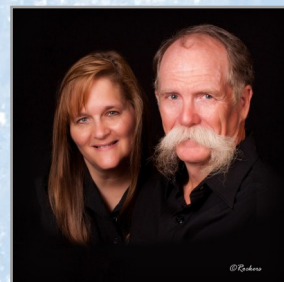
Rockers Photography

Rockers Photography is a family owned, full service studio located at 32528 NE Norton Road in the Old Rock Schoolhouse at Scipio (rural Garnett). For 35 years they have served numerous generations in Anderson County and surrounding areas. Rockers Photography has remained a leading senior portrait studio in southeast Kansas. Their storybook weddings create priceless keepsakes for couples and their family and children's' portraiture. The Rockers team are seen frequently throughout the Garnett area photographing events and sports activities.

During the conception of starting their own business Ben and Katie Rockers acquired the use of an older school house for their business. The buildings purchased include a one room rock school building built in 1875 and attached building made of brick, built in 1912. The Rockers renovated each of these buildings rich in local history for the "local family" (Rockers family is quite large in this area), and the unincorporated community of Scipio in Anderson County. "It's been an honor to photograph as historians and portrait photographers the many families of generations, community and events. As a family-owned business, each of us believe that in giving of our skills and talents it will help to make our towns, cities and communities stronger, as well as our fellow local businesses." - Ben and Katie Rockers.

"The Old Rock Schoolhouse" is a place where every high school senior for miles around comes to get their graduation pictures taken. The atmosphere is a very fitting place to set the mood for this.

Rockers is very involved in continued education through the Kansas Professional Photographers Association, attending its annual school, as well as Katie





Business Appreciation Awards... (Continued from page 3)

Rockers is an administrator for the school. Rockers Photography continue to be recognized by their peers, statewide and nationally.

Owner Ben is active in the community as an EMT qualified First Responder, volunteer firefighter for Greeley, and a member of the Optimist Club and Knights of Columbus. Doing business as Rockers Photography they support, market and advertise to promote organizations and events. Many times they provide full-color posters, graphic design work and photography to the Chamber Players Community Theatre, Greeley Smokeoff, the Anderson County Fair, Cornstock, and are very big supporters of WINGS (Women In Need Gaining Strength, a cancer support organization.) Rockers Photography hosts annual events, such as Girls Night Out, a 5K run fundraiser and a Mother/Daughter Tea.

Rockers Photography is a behind the scenes supporter of the community in many ways. "When you think of how important every business is in your community, seldom is the person or persons given accolades who captures the experiences; the moments in time you never get to relive again. Rockers Photography is a family business in more than one way. Their profession may be taking pictures, but what they do builds pride, develops a sense of belonging to a place. Some may say the value of photography due to everyone having a cell phone camera may have diminished. But we beg to differ with you when it comes to this iconic business in Anderson County. Rockers Photography continues to evolve. Their legacy as a business, family and as volunteers will forever leave a lasting impression on the City of Garnett", said Joyce Martin, City Manager.



Yoder's Country Store and Deli

Yoder's Country Store is one of those unique gems a community is lucky to have. This country store sits a couple of miles outside of Garnett and over the last 3 years has become a regular daily stop for many locals, while enticing people from surrounding counties.

Yoder's provides groceries at discount prices and keeps its deli and ice cream counter pricing where everyone, from a small child to a retired farmer, walks away full and happy. Each day you will see farm trucks, tractors, horse and buggies, as well as family cars parked in the large gravel parking lot. In the summertime it is the place to stop on the way to Garnett's Cedar Valley Reservoir. RV's and campers, boaters and ATV enthusiasts stop by Yoder's Country Store to stock up for their weekend adventure at our city lakes.

Those who enjoy the holidays and baking traditions love this store with its huge variety of baking and cooking supplies, from chocolate chips to flour, to spices and herbs packaged by weight in different sizes depending upon your desire.

On occasion, Garnett Tourism has made Yoder's Country Store a tour stop when bus tours come to town for its country charm and small town hospitality that many city folk just can't find. They were a 2017 nominee for Business of the Year during the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet.

"Yoder's Country Store fills a void; an experience, that is a precious commodity in our community", says City Manager Joyce Martin. "Until you can say you've eaten a Rooster (name of their biggest deli sandwich), you haven't lived."

From the Desk of Building & Zoning...

Summer is here in all its glory and so are many "DIY'ers" and professionals alike, getting ready to begin new projects and home improvements. I'd like to remind everyone that if you're considering sidewalk replacement in the front of your home, the City does offer financial assistance to help with cost. There is an application to fill out prior to the work being done.

No matter what your task, above all else, make safety priority one when doing those improvements and repairs. Good planning makes for performing and completing good projects.

During the planning stages consider if you may need a permit and inspection for that repair, remodel or construction project. 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. Information, frequently asked questions, and printable application forms are also available online at www.simplygarnett.com (see Zoning link).

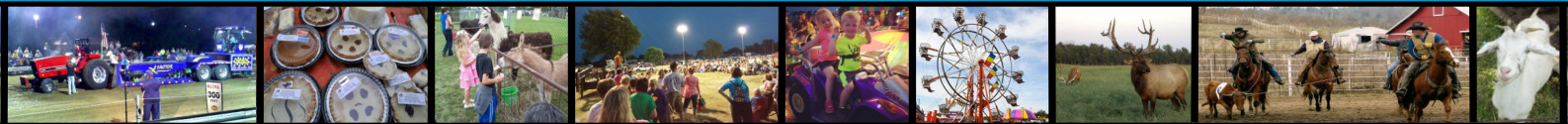
Here are a few safety items I'd like to share with you:

- ▶ Watch out for falling tools. Never leave them on top of ladders or framing... What goes up may fall down.
- ▶ It's dangerous to make assumptions about electricity. Always check the wires with a voltage tester and double-check all wires in the box with a non-contact voltage tester before doing any electrical work.
- ▶ It's surprising how quickly sheet metal can be twisted from your grip while drilling if it's not clamped. The lesson is clear. Slow down and clamp your work before Drilling. It may save some fingers or sliced hand.

Again, think safety first.

I wish everyone a great summer and best of luck with all your projects.

Sincerely,
Gary Giczewski,
Building/Zoning/ADA Administrator



Enjoy these Local Activities and Events!

For more, check out the "Bulletin Board" at www.simplygarnett.com

JULY

1	Libertyfest , community fireworks event, North Lake Park. 6 p.m. - Smoke Pork Dinner, kids games and music. 8 p.m. - Outdoor concert performance by Garnett Area Community Band. Fireworks at dusk. (Rain date: 07/02/17)	10	Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting , GHA Office, 7 p.m.	24-28	Anderson County Fair, "Timeless Traditions" .
3	Anderson Co. Commission Meeting <u>Every Monday</u> Annex Building, 9 a.m. Library Board Meeting Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m. Community Foundation Meeting Rec Center, 5:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery <u>Every Monday</u> Church of the Nazarene, 6 p.m. Garnett Lions Club <u>Every 1st & 3rd Monday</u> Garnett VFW Post Home, 6 p.m.	11	Anderson County Recycling Trailer Country Mart parking lot. TOPS Meeting <u>Every Tuesday</u> First United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. Storytime for Preschoolers Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. Rotary International Meeting-Every Tuesday , Garnett Inn, 12 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group Parkview Heights, 6 p.m. American Legion Bingo-Every Tuesday , VFW Post 6397, 6 p.m. City Commission Meeting Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m. Garnett Optimist Meeting Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m. Golden Prairie Beekeepers Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.	24	Caregivers Support Group Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
4	City Hall closed, Independence Day holiday observed. (Note: Trash service will run one (1) day late Tuesday through Friday this week.)	12	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting , City Hall, 5:30 p.m. Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting , Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.	25	Storytime for Preschoolers Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. City Commission Meeting Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
5	Duplicate Bridge <u>Every Wednesday</u> Garnett Inn, 1 p.m. Tourism Advisory Board Meeting Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	13	Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m. Garnett Area Community Band Outdoor Concert , courthouse lawn, 7 p.m.	25-29	Fun Time Show Carnival at Anderson County Fair , nightly, 6:00-10:30 p.m.
6	Farmer's Market <u>Every Thursday</u> , Main Street, 4:30-7p 13-Point Pitch and Snacks <u>Every Thursday</u> , Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m. Anderson County Historical Society Potluck Dinner Meeting and Program Mont Ida Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m. USD 365 Board of Education Meeting BOE Office, 7 p.m. Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.	14	Teen Scene Late Night Garnett Public Library, 6-10 p.m.	25	Anderson County Fair Parade Stadium, North Lake Park, 7 p.m. Two Girls and a Zoo , Fairgrounds, 8 p.m.
8	Pet a Truck, Story Walk Hosted by Friends of the Library at stadium parking lot and trail, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Second Saturdays at Garnett's "Industrial Bottoms" , 9 a.m.-3 p.m.	15	MSTPA Hot Rod Truck & Tractor Pull Anderson County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.	26	Ranch Rodeo , Fairgrounds, 8 p.m. Anderson County Fair Tent Night , Fairgrounds, 6-9 p.m. Concert with Storm Pracht Fairgrounds, 6-9 p.m. Book Discussion, "Saffire" Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
July 10-August 1:	Sign up for Tackle Football Garnett Recreation Center	18	"Building A Better World" Grade K-2 Summer Reading Program Camp Garnett Public Library, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. "This is Not a Box!", Storyteller Jo Ho at fire station, hosted by Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m. ACDA - Economic Development Meeting , City Hall, 5 p.m. Healthy Happy Hour Anderson County Hospital Lobby, 5 p.m. Business and Professional Women Meeting , Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.	27	Pet Contest , Livestock Arena, 1 p.m. Kansas Food Bank , distribution at ECKAN Office, 1:30 p.m. Walker Art Committee Meeting Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m. Shodeo , Rodeo Arena, 6:30 p.m.
10	Library Board Meeting Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m. Airport Advisory Board Meeting City Hall, 5:30 p.m.	19	Caffeine & Colors , adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.	28	Livestock Buyers Supper & Sale Fair Tent, 5:30 p.m. Dirty Bourbon Band Concert Fair Tent, 9 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
		20	Walker Art Committee Meeting Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m. Garnett Area Community Band Outdoor Concert , courthouse lawn, 7 p.m.	29	Anderson Co. Fair Demolition Derby Rodeo Arena, 7 p.m.
				July 31- Aug 27	Sign up for Flag Football, Future Footballers, Cheerleading & Volleyball Garnett Recreation Center
				AUGUST	
				2	Summer Reading Program Ending Party , Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m. Tourism Advisory Board Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
				3	USD 365 Board of Education Meeting BOE Office, 7 p.m. Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
				6	Boy Scout Troop Meeting Optimist Youth Building, 1 p.m.
				7	Library Board Meeting Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m. Garnett Foundation Meeting Garnett Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
				8	Anderson County Recycling Trailer Country Mart parking lot.



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AUGUST *continued...*

- 8 Alzheimer's Support Group**
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.
City Commission Meeting
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Meeting
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Golden Prairie Beekeepers
Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 10 Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting**
Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool** closes for summer, except for water aerobics, at 6 p.m.
- 14 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 15 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
Healthy Happy Hour
Anderson County Hospital Lobby, 5 p.m.
Business and Professional Women Meeting, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Caffeine & Colors**, adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
- 17 First Day of School.**
Walker Art Committee Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
- 22 City Commission Meeting**
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 23 Garnett Optimist Meeting**
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Book Discussion (TBA)
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 24 Kansas Food Bank**, distribution at ECKAN Office, 1:30 p.m.
Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters, Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.
- 28 Caregivers Support Group**
Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Last day of Water Aerobics Class**,
Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool
- 2 Colony Day**
Broad Street, Colony
- 3 Boy Scout Troop Meeting**
Optimist Youth Building, 1 p.m.
- 4 Library Board Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
Garnett Foundation Meeting
Garnett Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Indoor Cycling Sessions** begin, held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rec Center, 5:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.*
Storytime for Preschoolers-Every Tuesday while school is in session, Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
Beginner Yoga Session begins, held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rec Center, 6 p.m.*
- 6 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Intermediate Yoga Session begins, held Wednesdays at Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.*
- 7 USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**
ACJSHS, 7 p.m.
Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 8-9 Greeley Smokeoff**
Greeley City Park
- 9 City Wide Garage Sale Weekend Swap and Shop Garnett Weekend**
Info: www.garnettchamber.org
- 11-15 City Wide Clean-Up Week**
- 11 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 12 Anderson County Recycling Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot.
Alzheimer's Support Group
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.
City Commission Meeting
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.

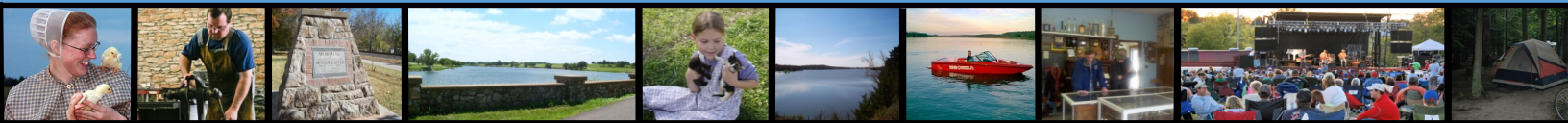
- 12 Garnett Optimist Meeting**
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Golden Prairie Beekeepers
Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 13 "Remember When" Wednesdays.**
Take a trip down memory lane, Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 14 Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting**
Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
Healthy Happy Hour
Anderson County Hospital Lobby, 5 p.m.
Business and Professional Women Meeting, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Caffeine & Colors**, adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
- 21 Walker Art Committee Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
- 23 5K Run/Walk**, hosted by Church of the Nazarene in conjunction with Cornstock, North Lake Park, 8 a.m.
Cornhole Tournament, hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters, stadium, North Lake Park, 11 a.m.
Cornstock Music Festival presented by the Anderson County Corn Festival with Easton Corbin, Casey Donahew, BlackHawk and more, North Lake Park, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Caregivers Support Group**
Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 26 City Commission Meeting**
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 27 Book Discussion (TBA)**
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Meeting
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Kansas Food Bank**, distribution at ECKAN Office, 1:30 p.m.

**Session dates are tentative and subject to change.*

Are You Hosting a Meeting or Event?

Here is Garnett Tourism's Top 10 Tips to make your efforts a success:

10. Begin planning early.
9. Assign, delegate responsibilities as soon as possible.
8. Make sure you have a "Wow" factor to keep potential attendees engaged.
7. Be flexible.
6. Have a Plan B (backup plan).
5. Advertise early. Give people time to learn about your event and schedule their time to attend.
4. Get online. Use social media. Create an event and custom hashtag.
3. Photograph everything. Those photos will come in handy for marketing your next event.
2. Follow up: Stay connected with attendees (email and social media) for feedback on their take of the experience they just had.
1. Attitude of Gratitude = 99.9% of Success. It begins by thanking everyone who helped.



Did You Know...?

Join us in welcoming the following city employees:

Christopher Weiner, City Manager, and **William Mead**, Refuse Collector.

Promotions and Transfers: **Raymond Arnett** has transitioned from Refuse Collector to Gas and Water Maintenance/Equipment Operator; **Gary McAuley** is now the Refuse Department Assistant Superintendent; **Nick Galey** has been promoted to Gas and Water Department Assistant Superintendent, and **Nancy Hermreck** has transferred from the Utility Billing Department to assume the positions of Human Resources Office and City Treasurer.

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

5 Years: **Dane Byerley**, Volunteer Firefighter

5 Years: **Will Hulcy**, Volunteer Firefighter

5 Years: **Adam Witherspoon**, Volunteer Firefighter

10 years: **Robert McCleod**, Police Sergeant

30 years: **Pat Tate**, Fire Chief

50 years: **Joyce Martin**, City Manager

Recent City Employee Training: Human Resources Officers **Nancy Hermreck** and **Jenny Myers** attended training through the Human Resources Management Association of Kansas. Volunteer Firefighters, **Dane Byerley** and **Aaron Headrick**, recently received continuing firefighting education. Zoning Administrator **Gary Giczewski** attended a workshop on the Kansas Brownfields Program.

On August 9th, the **Garnett Police Department** will participate in a full scale active shooter training at the Garnett Elementary School. The **Garnett Fire Department**, Anderson County EMS, Anderson County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management, as well as the Anderson County Hospital and USD 365 staff will be involved in this exercise.

The city is very proud to include the youth of our community to fill many of the positions within our parks and recreation and library, along with adult seasonal staff who spend their summer helping the city provide programs and amenities to Garnett citizens and visitors alike. We would like to recognize these individuals for their contributions to the quality of life in our community:

Municipal Pool Manager: **Deb McMahon**.

Municipal Pool Lifeguards: **Logan Allen, Katie Allnutt, Zac Beckmon, Morgan Egidy, Jaxcen Farren, Remi Hedges** (Co-Manager), **Sydney Holloran, Lakin Katzer, Madison Martin** (Co-Manager), **Allison Owens, Mason Shriber** and **Jade Todd**.

Pool Concessions/Front Desk: **Tatum Ahring, Kaylyn Disbrow, Zekerria Driever, Riley Hedges, Ashley Kaufman, Amber Owens, Russ Peterson, Maclaine Sears** and **Lillian Spring**.

Water Aerobics Instructor: **Anne Marie Strobel**.

Umpires: **Matthew Cubit, Korbin Edgecomb, Darren Eichman, Wes Fritz, Hayden Hermann, Spencer Hermann, Kinlee Jones, Mike Kaufman, Damone Kueser, Mackenzie Lutz, Colton Palmer, Ridge Pracht, Casey Rhoades, Justin Rockers, Paige Scheckel, Gabby Spring, Tucker Tush, Zach Wilper** and **Ben Yoder, Jr.**

Ball Coordinator: **Brandon Palmer**.

Ball Complex Concessions: **Ashley Kaufman, Trenton Church,** and **Heather Palmer**.

Ball Field Maintenance: **Tyler Wolken**.

Park Mowers: **Matt Stevenson** and **Seth Wolken**.

Gardener for city facilities: **Chris Klehhamer, LeRoy Hamilton** and **Mike Kaufman**.

Library-Summer Aid: **Gwendolyn Sibley**.

Project Garnett Remembers patriotic pole banner project has received overwhelming support with a total of 139 banners being sponsored. The pole banners represent military personnel who have once served or are currently serving our country. They are displayed annually from prior to Memorial Day through Independence Day. Information about Project Garnett Remembers can be found on our website (www.simplygarnett.com). If you are interested in sponsoring a banner please watch for information about this program to be released beginning in January, 2018.

Special recognition is due to the **Garnett Area Community Band** for their support of community events, such as the recent Celebration of Service, Friends of the Library's Ice Cream Social, Libertyfest and the Anderson County Fair. These musicians give their time freely for your enjoyment and we appreciate it. Also, kudos to local deejay, music man **Everett Cox**, for all the hours he has donated to our community. He keeps our town rockin'!

Want to pay your utility bill or court fees by Internet or phone? **Online Payment:** To pay online visit www.SimplyGarnett.com and click on "Utilities" or "Court" and select "Make a Payment".

ECKAN, the **East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation**, announces that the Emergency Food Distribution (Harvesters) will be holding their food distribution every other month, not monthly. Therefore, there will not be a July food distribution. The next Emergency Food Distribution will be held on Thursday, August 24 at 4 p.m. in the Quonset Hut located in the fairgrounds of the North Lake Park. The Kansas Food Bank is open to anyone in need and is held at the ECKAN Office, 132 E. 5th Avenue on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 1:30 p.m. For additional information on services ECKAN provides, please visit their office or call 785.448.3670.

If you are interested in what is happening in your local government please visit www.SimplyGarnett.com and click the City of Garnett **"Meet Your Commission"** tab. There you will find information about your commissioners, upcoming agendas, supporting documents, and you can even listen to the recordings of past city commission meetings. If you have questions or need assistance, please email info@garnettks.net or call 785.448.5496.



An Important Message From the Gas Department...

For safety's sake, read this!

Things you should know:

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

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

How to report a possible gas leak

If you smell gas inside or outside a home, business or other structure, please report it to the gas department by calling Garnett City Hall at 785.448.5496. Call the Law Enforcement Dispatch Center at 785.448.6823 after normal business hours. If you have a gas emergency and the odor of natural gas is very strong and seems to be everywhere, DO NOT operate any light switches or try to air out the building, or even use your phone.

EXIT IMMEDIATELY to a safe area away from the potential gas leak, such as going to a neighbor's house, and then call 9-1-1. Wait at your safe place for emergency personnel to arrive.

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

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

Dig Safe - Call BEFORE you dig!

Always call Kansas One Call before you dig to have utilities marked. Do this not only for your safety, but because it is the law. Kansas One Call will notify utility companies to mark the area with paint and flags, if their utilities exist. If there are no utilities in the project area usually "OK" is painted on the ground along

with a flag, or the utility company will contact you by phone. Contact Kansas One Call by dialing 8-1-1 (not 9-1-1) or by calling 1-800-DIG-SAFE. If you see what appears to be unauthorized excavation or destructive activities around our gas system, please give us a call at city hall at 784.448.5496 so we can investigate.

The Silent Killer!

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a very toxic and sometimes deadly gas that is colorless and odorless. This gas is a product of incomplete combustion. Whenever you use your furnace, wood stove, hot water tank, stove, automobile or even your charcoal grill, CO is the gas that is produced and vented out of your home through a chimney, flue or vent pipe. All gas burning equipment needs to be inspected and maintained regularly to keep it in good running condition. Chimneys and vent pipes need to be vented and kept in good working order as well. Carbon monoxide poisoning gives you flu like symptoms. So if you are seemingly not feeling very well, especially when at home, it could be a carbon monoxide problem. Call us. We can help by checking if carbon monoxide is a problem in your gas burning appliances. Every home should have a carbon monoxide detector and a smoke detector to help ensure your safety.

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

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

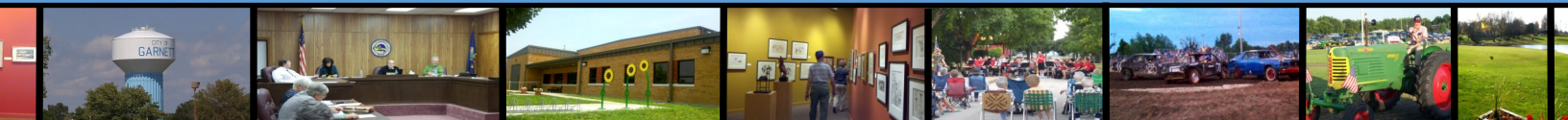
Bare Steel Gas Lines

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

The Answer: Yes.

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

On August 28, 2007, the City Commission passed an ordinance



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

Please feel free to contact me to find out if you have a bare steel service line, or if you have any other questions.

Thank you,

Ken Amaya,
Gas and Water Superintendent

From The Incoming City Manager... (Continued from page 2)

have, but to improve upon them and to grow and diversify our greatness or else that greatness will eventually fade. My mission is to every day make sure that we improve our community from the day before. The vision of what that improvement looks like comes from you and your esteemed City Commissioners.

I want to thank you all again for the opportunity to serve the Garnett community as your City Manager. I can only hope to serve you as long, faithfully, and well as the wonderful Mrs. Martin.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner,
Incoming City Manager

Fall Clean-Up Week - September 11-15

The Garnett City Commission has designated **September 11 through September 15, 2017** as **Fall Clean-up Week** for residential areas. The City of Garnett provides for the pickup of unwanted items as a free service to all city residential refuse customers, with consideration of the following guidelines:

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

Please Note: Items not placed in separate piles as stated in (B) will not be picked up. The City also requests that you keep 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.

Please Note: Free pick-up for commercial businesses is no longer available at the request of the Anderson County Commission.

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.



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Garnett, Kansas - The Sweet Land of Liberty...fest!

Saturday, July 1 , Lake Garnett (Rain Date: July 2)

City of Garnett employees invite you to join us for Libertyfest on Saturday, July 1, at Lake Garnett. Libertyfest has been an annual event that was started by the Garnett Jaycees and later taken over by the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce. The GACC decided early this year not to host the fireworks display. Therefore, some city employees have volunteered to help. Letters were sent out asking for donations and support, in which a number of organizations have responded. They include:

- Garnett Lions Club
- Rotary International of Garnett
- Anderson County Review
- Garnett Knights of Columbus
- Southland Cruisers
- Lake Garnett Sporting Club
- American Legion Post #48
- Garnett Optimist Club
- Garnett Business and Professional Women

A number of individuals have also made financial contributions to help support Libertyfest.

In addition to the community fireworks at sunset, there will be a smoked pork barbecue dinner served (fee charged), beginning at 6 p.m. and free children's games will follow, courtesy of the Life Assembly of God Church. DeeJay Everett Cox will be playing music. The Garnett Area Community Band will perform a

free patriotic concert at 8 p.m. The dinner, games, music and band concert will be held on the east side of Lake Garnett.

If you have never attended Libertyfest inside the Garnett's North Park we invite you to picnic or camp. Invite your family and friends. Make it your own annual event. Bring your lawn chairs and refreshments. Enjoy the scenery, sights and sounds.

Donations will be accepted at the gate. However large or small, Garnett city employees and volunteers appreciate your support to make this event possible for our community.

PLEASE NOTE:

Ordinance No. 3420 of the City of Garnett bans the shooting of Fireworks at the North Lake Park from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 1, 2017 or any alternative "rain date" for the public fireworks display. Ordinance No. 3557 bans the shooting of fireworks at any ball field, football stadium and sports complex at any time. Law Enforcement Officers will be patrolling these areas. These regulations will be strictly enforced, Fines for violation of this ordinance carry a maximum fine of \$1,000.

Let's Talk Shop, Swap and Sale; Taste and Talents Art & Wine Stroll

Swap & Shop Garnett on Saturday, September 9



The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to shop the "Barn Sale" north of Garnett and "Swap at the Meet" south of town. Then meet in the middle to visit all of the amazing city sidewalk sales and garage sales. This is a bargain buying day

you do not want to miss!

To register your garage sale, please contact local newspapers. For more information, please contact the Garnett Chamber at 785.448.6767 or visit: www.garnettchamber.org.

Tastes & Talents Art & Wine Stroll, Saturday, October 14 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Join the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce for local shopping, live music, art, and wine, beer and food samplings. This event is

for those 21 and over only please. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Chamber Office for only \$20 from September 1 to September 29. Tickets are \$25 from October 2 through October 13, then \$30 on the day of the event. This event is in conjunction with the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival.

Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce

Your business resource for the Garnett area.

131 West 5th Avenue (southwest entrance)

P.O. Box H, Garnett, Kansas 66032

785.448.6767

Website: www.garnettchamber.org

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