

# town talk



## City Commission



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Greg Gwin,  
Commissioner

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## From The Commission...

Summer is officially here! Can you believe spring just ended on June 20th? It's great to see the local lakes busy and Garnett's recreation programs in full swing and well attended. The recreation center tends to slow down when the weather gets nice, but if it's looking a little more attractive to you due to the heat, stop in and check it out. And of course, the pool is always a great way to beat the heat and cool off.

The topic about a five member commission came up again at one of the recent meetings. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided by the commission to put it on the ballot in November and let you decide what you prefer. The additional cost is pretty minimal in the grand scheme of expenses, but to put it in context to our county level government, to have the same representation-to-population (If Garnett were to go to five members), it would require a 15-member county commission!

I would like to welcome these new businesses to our community:

- Carol Poage and Kimmy King, dba 6th Avenue Salon, 427 W. 6th Avenue
- Val Katzer, dba Monroe 816, 105 E. 4th Avenue

- Morgan Parks, dba Morgan's Munchkins Day-care, 200 S. Maple Street
- Lanette Silvey, dba Untangling Knots Yoga, 121 W. 6th Avenue (remodeling, to open soon).

We also have a new business owner: Carol Jane Long, The Upper Cut, 107 E. 4th Avenue, and a new church: Living Water Bible Temple, 305 E. 2nd Avenue. Jim Todd and Tom Hollinger, dba Park Place Holdings, owners of current Garnett businesses Westrock Solutions and Navi-Call Solutions located at 425 S. Oak, are building a new business facility at 520 S. Oak. Hayes Brand Molding acquired 901 S. Oak and renamed the area the "Industrial Bottoms", hosting monthly "Second Saturdays" events, giving entrepreneurs a spot to show their wares and an inviting atmosphere of food and entertainment. A new building is in the future for this property to expand the molding company. Genco Manufacturing broke ground on a new office facility at 1203 E. 2nd. A future ground breaking is planned for Troyer's Prairie Gold, Inc., owned by Scott and Jody Troyer, 1561 S. Maple (US 59). This will be an event center for weddings, reunions and special events with some lodging accommodations.

Recently, the City of Garnett nominated Hawkins, Inc. and Trade Winds Bar & Grill for the

## From the City Commission continued...

Kansas Business Appreciation Month (BAM) awards. Both have been chosen to receive the 2018 Business Appreciation Award of Merit.

All of these new businesses and award recipients make a positive impact on Garnett. Please stop by and see what these businesses have to offer.

We have several openings to serve on city advisory boards as well as employment opportunities. If this is something you are interested in, call city hall and they will let you know what's available. Your city commission meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 pm at city hall. Join us in person or online (via Facebook Live).

I would like to thank all of you that help make Garnett the friendly and inviting town that it is, whether you are an employee, resident, volunteer, or visitor, I thank you for your efforts and your willingness to share with others how wonderful our fine city is.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Greg A. Gwin, Commissioner

## From the City Manager...

I know in my last article I was excited about Spring being here. Although, I wonder where it went – it seems we went right from winter into summer. With summer being officially here our swimming pool is open, the golf course is green, and our lakes are begging to be fished. I encourage you to go out and enjoy all of the amenities our community has to offer. The next few months will also see our largest annual events with our Libertyfest celebration, the Anderson County Fair, Cornstock, and the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. Make sure you get out to enjoy these and all community events as well!



I would also like to recognize all of our current and previous armed forces service members for protecting our nation and our way of life. We had a terrific Celebration of Service this year and I appreciate everyone who attended. I would also like to thank Director of Community Development Susan Wettstein for continuing to grow the Service Member Banner Project as we now have almost 200 banners recognizing local service members.

I would like to recognize our recently retired Street Superintendent, Farrel King, for his many years of dedicated service to

our community. I also need to mention that Brent Lipscomb, our Chamber Executive Director and City Administrative Assistant has unfortunately left the community to pursue further education. We obviously had high hopes for Brent and recognized his potential. Unfortunately, so also did Pennsylvania State University, who offered him a full-ride scholarship to their doctorate program. While it is unfortunate Brent left us so quickly, I cannot blame him given the opportunity he was presented with. Thankfully, I believe we have a tremendous individual in Kris Hix taking over the helm of the Chamber and joining the City as an administrative assistant. Please stop by and welcome Kris as she joins our team and works to help grow our local businesses.

We recently just renewed our Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) with the County and School District. If you are unaware of this program, please make sure you keep it in mind if you are considering building new or making an investment or improvement to your property in town. The program rebates ninety-five (95%) of all new property taxes assessed for the improvements made to the property for a period of up to five or eight years (depending on location). The program only qualifies on improvements that increase the appraised value of your property by \$5,000 or more and are in the city limits. Additionally, only those areas which generally lie along and east of Maple Street (US 59), south of First Avenue, and West of Willow Street, are eligible for taxes from all entities to be rebated. This described area is the limited area that the Anderson County Commission has chosen to participate in, which is a rather large expansion from what it was prior to this recent renewal. Both the City and the School District have agreed to participate city-wide; however, outside of the County participating areas, property owners will still have to pay 100% of the new taxes assessed by the County. Please make sure to get a building permit and visit with our Building Inspector, Gary Giczewski, about the program to see how participating might benefit you before you start your project.

The date of September 8th is the Fall City Wide Garage Sale Day and City Wide Clean-Up Week will be September 10-14. As usual, please make sure what you are disposing of during clean-up week is an acceptable form of waste. See the clean up week article in this newsletter if you are unsure what cannot be taken.

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.

Respectfully,

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager



## FALL CLEAN-UP WEEK ANNOUNCED

The Garnett City Commission has designated **September 10 through September 14, 2018 as Fall Clean-up Week** for commercial and residential areas. The City of Garnett provides the pickup of unwanted items as a free service to all city 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:
- |              |                              |                  |                                    |                          |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Brush     | 2. Leaves and lawn clippings | 3. Paper         | 4. Metal (no car or vehicle parts) | 5. Appliances (no Freon) |
| 6. Furniture | 7. Lumber                    | 8. Rock/Concrete | 9. Shingles                        | 10. Sheetrock            |

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

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

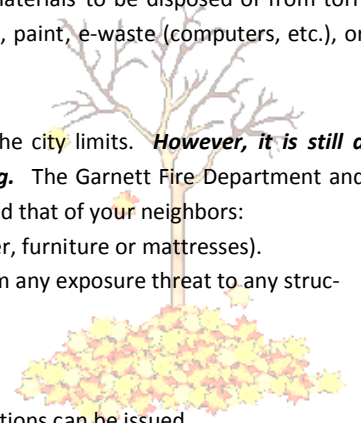
### BURNING REQUIREMENTS

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

- Burning of grass, leaves and tree limbs must be in manageable piles that are attended at all times (no wood, lumber, furniture or mattresses).
- Burning must not occur in right-of-way or in streets. Location of fire must be clear of overhead lines and clear from any exposure threat to any structure.
- A source of water shall be available or a means of extinguishing piles at all times.
- Burning to be conducted during daylight hours only.
- No burning during adverse weather conditions, such as winds over 15 mph, fog exists or visibility is hampered. Citations can be issued.
- Controlled burn is to be completely extinguished before leaving burn site unattended.

### IF YOU MISS CLEAN-UP WEEK...

- ▶ Special pick-up of unwanted items is available to city refuse customers for the charge of \$25 for a half dump truck load or \$50 for a full truckload.
- ▶ Yard waste pick-up is available the last Friday of the month. There is a service fee charged of \$5 for a limit of 10 bags or limbs bundled no larger than 6 feet by 3 feet. Point of pick up for any clean-up is next to where the normal refuse pick up point is (alley or curbside). Prior request for these services is required by calling Garnett City Hall at 785.448.5496.



## What SHOULD NOT be disposed of in the Sewer-Part II

After my last article in *Town Talk*, I was asked if we really do find all those items I listed in the sewer. My response was, "Come out to the plant and see for yourself". I have a personal collection of favorite items that have been cleaned and kept. To prove my point, I made one last list: Hair pins, clips, barrettes, ties, combs, ponytail holders, handy wipes, dryer sheets, dryer lint, toothpaste containers, tooth brushes, sewer rodding machine root cutters, all sizes of springs, all sizes of beads, fishing hooks, weights, reels, string, bicycle pedals, wads of metal shavings, steel wool, paper clips, diaper pins, jewelry, false teeth, flush tank chains, wax toilet rings, toilet flush flaps, toilet handles, plug-in adapters, and in the last clean out: 114 coins. Every 2 to 3 years, the two normal flow pumps at the North Sewer Plant have to be pulled and repaired at an average cost of \$6,000 per pump. These pumps should last 7 to 8 years, but because of the door hinge pins, lamp parts, sand and rock from repotting plants, wood shavings, paint chips, hedge apples, walnuts and leaves, and similar items, these pumps are denied their true life expectancy.

One last reminder, check your house cleanouts and be sure the proper caps and covers are on. Little kids can and will drop anything into an open pipe. Be sure if you have a 100-foot or 200-foot cleanout cap in the yard, that they are checked regularly. Lawn mowers and weather conditions will destroy PVC caps and plugs over time, letting in ground water, trash and small animals, causing problems for all of us. Please help us, help you.

It's for all our benefits that you dispose of unwanted items properly, in the trash-not down the drain or toilet.

Thank you,

John L. Olson, Director of Sanitation and Transportation



# Did You Know?

Please join us in welcoming the following new city employees: **Kris Hix**, Chamber Executive Director/City Administrative Assistant; **Matt Jones**, Water/Wastewater Operator, and **Dever Scott**, Water/Wastewater Operator.

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

5 Years: **Katy Holloran**, Youth Services Librarian

10 Years: **Brian Dykes**, Water Plant Operator

20 Years: **Diane Hastert**, Account Clerk

45 Years: **Terry Solander**, City Attorney

Promotions and Transfers: **Quenton Trammell** transferred from the Gas and Water Department to the Parks Department.

Retirement Announcements: **Cecilia Lamb**, Recreation Center Receptionist, retired April 30th with 5 years of service; **Sharon Rocker**, Adult Service Librarian, retired May 31st after 28 years; **Farrel King**, Street Department Superintendent, retired June 15th with 28 years; **Mike Kaufman**, Parks Department Maintenance, retires on July 13th with 15 years, and **Colette McDonnell**, retires as of October 1, after serving more than 40 years with the City. Best wishes to all on a healthy and happy retirement!

Three brave, young men have been moved from probationary firefighters to regular volunteer firefighter status. All three have completed several hours of training, both in house and fire school. They are **Stephen Callow**, **Curtis Hughes** and **Dylan Yinger**.

Conferences and Training: Congratulations to **Ken Amaya**, Director of Gas and Water, on receiving his Class III Water Certification. **Chris Weiner**, City Manager and **Bob Mills**, Director of Utilities, attended the Kansas Municipal Utilities Conference. The city manager also attended Kansas County/City Management Training. **Nancy Hermreck**, Director of Human Resources and Interim City Clerk, attended a budget workshop. **Susan Wettstein** received accredited training through the Heartland Economic Development Course, and **Ken Amaya**, Director of Gas and Water, **Raymond Arnett**, **Nick Galey** and **Quenton Trammell**, Gas and Water Maintenance Workers, attended a recent KMGa Gas Workshop. Police Officer **Mike Baumgardner** completed Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) classroom training and attended a week long practical DRE training necessary for certification, with final exam in July. Lieutenant **Todd Turner** attended Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) instructor school. Lieutenant Turner is now a certified instructor and will be able to instruct police officers in SFST recertification, which is recommended every two years. Having a certified instructor on the force will assist in saving time and travel costs for city personnel and nearby law enforcement to keep their certification current.

The city is very proud to include the youth of our community in filling many of the positions within our parks and recreation city

hall 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**.

Assistant Pool Managers: **Katie Allnutt and Remi Hedges**.

Municipal Pool Lifeguards: **Logan Allen, Zach Beckmon, Gabe Brown, Morgan Egidy, Jaxcen Farren, Jayden Jarett, Ali Owens, Abby Reid, Maclaine Sears**, and **Jade Todd**.

Pool Concessions/Front Desk: **Tatum Ahring, Brooklyn Doolittle, Mariah Lutz, Abby Johnston, Madolyn Honn, Amber Owens, Ryelee Rockers, Avery Sumner** and **Amie Wiesner**.

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

Umpires: **Spencer Hermann, Kaylyn Disbrow, Raven Maley, Casey Rhoades, Porter Richards, A.J. Rues, Paige Scheckel** and **Tucker Tush**.

Ball Coordinator: **Brandon Palmer**.

Ball Complex Concessions: **Colton Palmer, Heather Palmer** and **Korey Rohde**.

Ball Field Maintenance: **Alexey Lickteig**.

Park Mowers: **Matt Stevenson** and **Bronson Sparks**.  
Gardener for city facilities: **Chris Klehammer** and **Butch Rocker**.

City Hall and Recreation Center: **Will Mechnig, Brody McClain**,  
Library-Summer Aid: **Bethany Powls**.

There were 250 area youth that participated in the 2018 Garnett Recreation Baseball/Softball Program.

The City would like to take this opportunity to thank the **Anderson County Commission and landfill staff** for allowing the City to once again provide Fall (September 10-14) City Wide Clean-Up Week. The free bi-annual service that we provide to our refuse customers would not be possible without their support.

**Website Tidbits:** You can pay your utility bill or court payment online simply by visiting [www.SimplyGarnett.com](http://www.SimplyGarnett.com) and clicking on "Utilities" or "Court" and select "Make a Payment". Interested in what is happening in your local government? Please visit [www.SimplyGarnett.com](http://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 using the audio links or watch *Facebook Live* video of city meetings. If you have questions or need assistance, please email [info@garnettks.net](mailto:info@garnettks.net) or call 785.448.5496.

Have an event you would like on the city community calendar or our website bulletin board? Email the information or flyer to us or give us a call. We are happy to help you promote your Garnett area event.

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## Enjoy these Local Activities and Events!

For more, check out the "Bulletin Board" at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com)

### JULY

- 2 **Anderson Co. Commission Meeting**  
**Every Monday** 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**  
**Every Monday**  
Church of the Nazarene, 6 p.m.
- Garnett Lions Club**  
**Every 1st & 3rd Monday**  
Garnett VFW Post Home, 6 p.m.
- 3 **Storytime for Preschoolers**  
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Garnett Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**,  
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 **City Hall closed, Independence Day**  
holiday observed. (Note: Trash service will run one (1) day late Wednesday and Thursday of this week.)
- Duplicate Bridge**  
**Every Wednesday** Garnett Inn, 1 p.m.
- 5 **Farmer's Market**  
**Every Thursday**, Main Street, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 13-Point Pitch and Snacks**  
**Every Thursday**, Garnett Senior Center, 6 p.m.
- USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**  
BOE Office, 7 p.m.
- Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**  
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 **Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 10 **Anderson County Recycling Trailer**  
Country Mart parking lot.
- Storytime for Preschoolers**  
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- Library Board Meeting**  
Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
- TOPS Meeting**  
**Every Tuesday**, 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.

- 10 **Garnett Optimist Meeting**  
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- Golden Prairie Beekeepers**  
Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 11 **Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**  
Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- July 11–August 5  
**Sign up for Tackle Football & Cheerleading**  
Garnett Recreation Center
- 12 **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting**  
Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Teen Scene Late Night**  
Garnett Public Library, 6-10 p.m.
- 13 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.
- 14 **Second Saturdays**, shopping and entertainment, Industrial Bottoms
- 15 **Garnett City Flag Challenge**  
Deadline to submit design at City Hall
- 17-20 **"Libraries Rock" Grade K-2 Summer Reading Program Camp**  
Garnett Public Library, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
- 17 **Aaron Fowler - Musician**  
at fire station, hosted by Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Business and Professional Women Meeting**, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.
- July 17-August 2  
**Morning Yoga**, held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 **Caffeine & Colors**, adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
- 19 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
Garnett Public Library. 4 p.m.
- 23 **Caregivers Support Group**  
Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 24 **Storytime for Preschoolers**  
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
- City Commission Meeting**  
Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 25 **Book Discussion, "Last Bus to Wisdom"**  
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 26 **Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.
- "History Comes Alive", Night at the Anderson County Historical Museum**, presented by Garnett Public Library, 6:00 p.m.

- 28 **MSTPA Hot Rod Truck & Tractor Pull**  
Anderson County Fairgrounds, 7 p.m.
- July 29-August 4 **A Week in the Life of Anderson County**, photography contest, Garnett Public Library.
- 31 **Summer Reading Program Ending Party**, Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
- Anderson County Fair Parade**  
Theme: "Picture Perfect Memories"  
Stadium, North Lake Park, 7 p.m.
- Two Girls and a Zoo**, Fairgrounds, 8 p.m.
- Ranch Rodeo**, fairgrounds, 8 p.m.
- July 31-August 4  
**Carnival at Anderson County Fair**, nightly, 6:00-10:30 p.m.
- AUGUST
- 1 **Anderson County Fair Tent Night**,  
Fairgrounds, 6-9 p.m.
- Pie Baking Contest & Auction**  
Anderson County Fair, 7 p.m.
- 2 **Pet Contest**, Livestock Arena, 1 p.m.
- Quartermania**, hosted by Garnett BPW & Anderson County Fair,  
At tent, fairgrounds, 5:00-9:30 p.m.
- Shodeo**, Rodeo Arena, 6:30 p.m.
- USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**  
BOE Office, 7 p.m.
- 3 **Livestock Premium Sale & Supper**  
Tent at fairgrounds, 5:30 p.m.
- 6 **Boy Scout Troop Meeting**  
Optimist Youth Building, 1 p.m.
- Library Board Meeting**  
Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
- Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**  
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- August 6-26  
**Sign up for Flag Football**  
Garnett Recreation Center
- 7 **Anderson County Recycling Trailer**  
Country Mart parking lot.
- Garnett Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**,  
Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.
- 8 **Tourism Advisory Board**  
Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 9 **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting**  
Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
City Hall, 4:30 p.m.



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AUGUST continued...

- 11 **Second Saturdays**, shopping and entertainment, Industrial Bottoms
- Anderson Co. Fair Demolition Derby** Rodeo Arena, 7 p.m.
- 12 **Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool** closes for summer, *except for water aerobics*, at 6 p.m.
- 13 **Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**, GHA Office, 7 p.m.

August 13-September 10

- Sign up for Future Footballers** Garnett Recreation Center
- 14 **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.
- 15 **Caffeine & Colors**, adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
- First Day of School**
- 16 **Walker Art Committee Meeting** Garnett Public Library. 4 p.m.

August 16-19, 23-26:

- "The Haunted Through Lounge and Recessed Dining Nook at Farndale"** Live dinner theatre presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre
- 19 **Sprint Track Racing** hosted by Kansas City Kart Association, sprint track, North Park
- 21 **ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
- Business and Professional Women Meeting**, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 **Garnett Optimist Meeting** Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- Book Discussion (TBA)** Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 23 **Kansas Food Bank**, distribution at ECKAN Office, 1:30 p.m.
- Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.
- 25 **Fun in the Sun Car Show**, Colony
- 27 **Caregivers Support Group** Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 28 **City Commission Meeting** Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 31 Last day of **Water Aerobics Class**, Garnett Municipal Swimming Pool

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **Colony Day** Broad Street, Colony
- 3 **Labor Day Holiday** City departments closed. Refuse service will run 1 day late this week.

- 3 **Boy Scout Troop Meeting** Optimist Youth Building, 1 p.m.
- 4 **Library Board Meeting** Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
- Garnett Community Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- Storytime for Preschoolers-Every Tuesday** while school is in session, Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.

September 4-October 11

- Morning Indoor Cycling (Spin Class)** held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rec Center, 5:30 a.m.\*

September 4-October 11

- Evening Yoga**, held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 **Teen Tech**, for grades 5-8, Garnett Public Library, 4 p.m.
- Tourism Advisory Board Meeting** Garnett City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

September 5-October 10

- Advanced Yoga**, 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.

- 7-8 **Greeley Smokeoff** Greeley City Park

- 7-9 **15th Annual Kansas State Trike In** Community Building, North Lake Park

- 8 **City Wide Garage Sale Weekend**

- Second Saturdays**, shopping and entertainment, Industrial Bottoms

- 9 **Reception-Week in the Life of Anderson County Photography Contest**, Garnett Public Library, 2 p.m.

- 10-14 **City Wide Clean-Up Week**
- 10 **Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**, GHA Office, 7 p.m.

- 11 **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.

- Garnett Optimist Meeting** Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.

- Golden Prairie Beekeepers** Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.

September 11-October 18

- Evening Indoor Cycling (Spin Class)** held Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rec Center, 7 p.m.\*

- 12 **"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.

- 13 **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting** Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.

- 14 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting** City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

- 18 **ACDA - Economic Development Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.

- Business and Professional Women Meeting**, Archer Room, 5:30 p.m.

- 19 **Caffeine & Colors**, adult coloring and social, Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.

- 20 **Walker Art Committee Meeting** Garnett Public Library. 4 p.m.

- 21 **Long Cedar Disk Golf Tournament** North Lake Park

- 22 **Cornstock Music Festival** presented by Anderson County Corn Festival with Trace Adkins, Josh Abbott Band, Restless Heart and more, North Lake Park, 3:30 p.m.

- 24 **Caregivers Support Group** Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.

- 25 **City Commission Meeting** Garnett City Hall, 6 p.m.

- 26 **Book Discussion (TBA)** Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.

- Garnett Optimist Meeting** Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.

- 27 **Kansas Food Bank**, distribution at ECKAN Office, 1:30 p.m.

- Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.

- 27-29 **110th Annual Kincaid Free Fair**
- 29-30 **Lake Garnett Enduro Kart Club Road Races**, North Lake Park. Lake road closed during races.

\*Session dates are tentative and subject to change.



# An Important Message From the Gas Department...

Beginning April 14, 2017, new federal regulation 49 CFR 192.383 (e) requires every natural gas utility, including the City of Garnett Gas Department, notify their customers about the potential benefits of an Excess Flow Valve (EFV), who is responsible for the initial installation costs of an EFV, and who is responsible for any replacement or maintenance costs associated with an EFV.

If you are a customer of the City of Garnett Gas Department, and connected to a high-pressure service area, you may request that an EFV be installed on the gas service line to your property if it currently does not have one, and the service line meets certain criteria. The City of Garnett Gas Department has been installing EFV's on all new service lines on single family homes since 2008, so if your home was built in this time frame, it probably already has an EFV installed on the service line.

EFVs are mechanical shut-off devices that can be installed on the gas service line, which is the gas pipe running from the gas main to the gas meter on your property. An EFV is designed to shut off the flow of natural gas automatically if the service line breaks, for example, by an excavation accident or vehicle striking the meter set. Stopping the flow of gas from a broken service line significantly reduces the risk of natural gas fire, explosion, personal injury and/or property damage. EFVs are not however, designed to close if a leak occurs beyond the gas meter (on house piping or appliances), or if the leak on the service line is too small to trip (close) the EFV.

EFV's are rated for a specific flow rate. If at a later date you add additional gas appliances, for example, a pool heater, emergency generator, etc., the additional gas flow may cause the EFV to trip. If this happens, the EFV will have to be replaced with an EFV that will accommodate the larger flow rate. On the other hand if you chose an EFV with a larger flow rate than you need, it will take a larger breach in the service line to stop the flow.

You, the consumer, are responsible for the cost of installing the EFV. The average installation cost is typically \$200.00 for P.E. service lines and \$250.00 for steel service lines, but the actual installation cost will depend on the difficulty of installation. We will inform you of the actual cost before you make the final

decision to install an EFV. If it becomes necessary to replace the EFV on your service line due to increased flow demand, you will be liable for the cost of replacing the EFV. Replacing an EFV would normally cost approximately the same as the initial installation, but will be figured at the time of replacement.

Industry experience is that EFV's rarely malfunction (sticks open or closed) due to normal wear and tear, but if this does occur, the City of Garnett Gas Department will replace the EFV at no cost to the customer.

Below are conditions that would exclude a service line from receiving an EFV:

- EFVs cannot be installed on some service lines due to high gas flow, low pressure or other factors;

tors;

- The operator has prior experience with contaminants in the gas stream that could interfere with the EFV's operation or cause loss of service to a customer;
- An EFV meeting the performance standards in § 192.381 is not commercially available to the operator;
- The EFV could interfere with proper operation or cause loss of service; or
- The capacity of the meter on the service line exceeds 1,000 cubic feet per hour

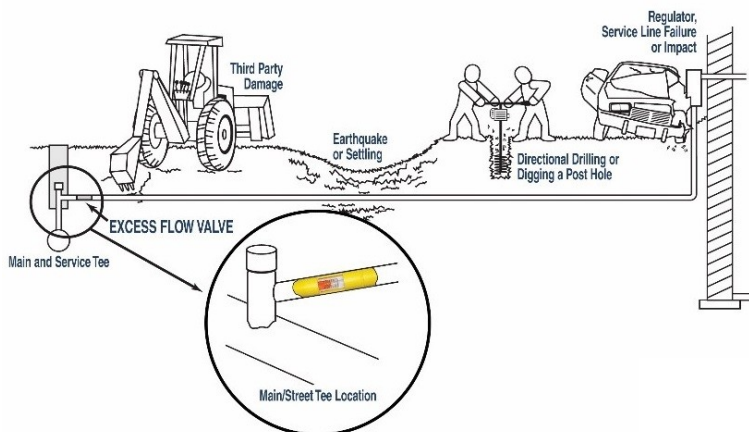
If you request an EFV, we will inform you if your service line meets any of these conditions. If you notify us that you want an EFV, we will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable date when we will install an EFV on your service line. If you have any questions or would like to request the installation of an EFV contact **Garnett City Hall at (785) 448-5496**.

For your safety always call 811 to have gas lines and other buried utilities marked before allowing anyone to dig in your yard!

Additional information on this topic is available at: [www.simplygarnett.com/efv](http://www.simplygarnett.com/efv)

Thank you,

Ken Amaya  
Director of Gas and Water



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The "A week in the life of Anderson County" photo contest is held July 29 through August 4. Photos taken in Anderson County by an Anderson County resident during the contest week can be submitted to the Garnett Public Library in the categories of Portrait or Photographer's choice. There is a limit of two (2) entries per person, per category and the deadline to submit photos is August 15. A reception for photo contest participants will be held on September 9 at the library.



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## Business Appreciation Awards



The Kansas Department of Commerce announced Regional Business of Excellence Award winners and Merit Award winners as a part of the 2018 Business Appreciation Month that took place in June. The intent of the program is to recognize Kansas Businesses for their contributions to the local and state economy. Kansas businesses continue to be the foundation of our economy, community and overall quality of life. The Business Appreciation Month (BAM) is the state's way of recognizing Kansas businesses for all they do to keep Kansas strong.

The awards program invites individuals and organizations to nominate Kansas businesses that contribute jobs and support their local communities. This year, the City of Garnett nominated Hawkins, Inc. and Trade Winds Bar and Grill. Both of these businesses received recognition as 2018 Merit Award winners during a special presentation by Barbara Anderson, representing the Kansas Department of Commerce during the June 26, 2018 City Commission meeting.

### **Hawkins, Inc.**

Hawkins, Inc. has been in Garnett since 2008. It is a water and waste water business that provides application and installation of chemicals, equipment, chemistry, service warranties and deliveries to cities and private industry. The company employs seven (7) individuals and has made a capital investment of over \$500,000 into the Garnett facility in the past ten years.

City Manager Christopher Weiner stated, "The City of Garnett is proud to have Hawkins located in its industrial park. Mr. Tom Lasser and Hawkins, Inc. has been a great supporter to the community and we wish to recognize Hawkins as one of Garnett's best distribution companies."

### **Trade Winds Bar & Grill**

Mrs. Angie Smith took over this local restaurant in January of 2016. The Trade Winds Bar & Grill is a mainstay business in the community and it's unique appeal brings visitors to Garnett. Motorcycle clubs, car clubs and tourists make a point to come to Garnett just to experience this local eatery. The bar and grill also supports many community events. Trade Winds Bar & Grill staffs eleven (11) employees. "Trade Winds Bar & Grill is the kind of business that when you walk in they strive to make you feel right at home and is a valuable asset to the city," said City Manager Weiner.

Congratulations to these businesses in recognition of their contributions and impact on the City of Garnett.

## From Community Development...

As the Director of Community Development, I get to be a part of a lot of different, unique and challenging issues and projects. Some of them are actually quite "fun", like promoting tourism; our attractions, events and destination businesses. Then there's the "not so fun" code enforcement and planning and zoning. Believe me, it is tough to ask someone to bring their property into code compliance. Inspecting work done on a construction site or remodeling project, in a small community where everyone knows everyone, can be daunting. Sometimes people are nice and sometimes quite the opposite. Neither the Code Enforcement Officer, Pat Tate, or Director of Planning and Zoning, Gary Giczewski, want to ruin someone's day with a letter or visit. Codes are meant to keep safety as a first priority and to help maintain a standard of quality of life that fosters a sense of pride within the neighborhood. When these gentlemen, as well as city utility workers, are tasked with enforcing city codes, please know that we are also citizens just like you. We care for you, your safety, and your community. All we want is to work hard to make this city a place people are proud to live in and want to call home. Because when you are proud of your property; where you live and do business, then other people will want the same, and to be a part of your community too.



As you can see from the articles provided by Commissioner Gwin and City Manager Weiner, there has been some steady progress in business activity and new things happening here. Doesn't Wolken Tire's new addition accent the restoration of the building nicely? I hope you are as excited as I am about the restaurant makeover at Prairie Belle's too!

The city and county are looking for a full-time Economic Development Director. Deadline for applications is July 17, 2018. If you know of someone who self-motivated, energetic and has the skills to help with business growth and expansion right here in Anderson County, please encourage them to apply by the deadline. If you know of friends or family locally or outside the area that would be a good fit for the job, please reach out to them and encourage them to submit an application. In the meantime, if



you have a business property or vacant land that you would like to promote as available property for business or industrial development, please contact me. Even if you have not talked to a realtor yet; which, might be something to consider. We keep an economic development database for this purpose (see

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# Kris Hix selected as new GACC Executive Director, City Administrative Assistant

The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Garnett announce the appointment of Kris Hix as the new Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and City Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Hix is a longtime resident of Anderson County who has a special interest and passion in making a difference in the lives of people in the community. She hails from a medical field background where time on task, efficiency, quick thinking and working as a team are essential to success. She brings an enthusiasm and work ethic that will make her an asset to the business organization, as well as the City. She also



brings past experience in helping with the Greeley Smokeoff. In her spare time, Ms. Hix enjoys poetry, creative writing and spending time with her three sons.

Ms. Hix comes on board following Mr. Brenton Lipscomb untimely departure due to being selected as a member of the 2018 Doctor of Philosophy in Public Administration cohort at Pennsylvania State University. He will be pursuing his doctorate with a full scholarship.

Please help us in giving Kris a warm welcome. Stop by the Chamber of Commerce Office, located on the west front entrance of City Hall, at your convenience during regular business hours.

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"Economic Development" at [www.SimplyGarnett.com](http://www.SimplyGarnett.com)) that state and other agencies use to share with potential new or expanding business and industrial prospects.

The City recently submitted a grant application to fund an update to the airport master plan. This plan was originally created in 2006. We hope that the grant comes through so that we can pursue making needed upgrades to the municipal airport. Members of the Garnett Airport Advisory Committee and Airport Manager Gary Ecclefield are to be commended for the passion at which they lend their individual expertise to help make this possible.



I would like to give kudos to Carol Jane Long, owner of the Upper Cut, and Margie Highberger, agent for Modern Woodmen of America, Erin Miller, owner of Garnett Flowers & Gifts, Brittany

Weiner (city manager's wife), as well as Randy Salazar, Joseph Franks, Luke Gray, Jacob Gale and Randi Amore. These business owners and individuals have volunteered on their own to beautify the Donna Harris Memorial Park. Chris Klehammer, the City's gardener, had a recent health setback and has spent a significant time in the hospital. As we pray for his recovery, what a wonderful act of kindness these individuals have shown to the community by their deeds in Mr. Klehammer's absence. It is greatly appreciated.



Courtesy of The Advocate

is championing the project with the support of the local Lions Club International and Garnett Rotary International. Mr. Rogers was instrumental in the city branding initiative back in 2010 and plans to utilize the color scheme within the branding guidelines to refurbish the signs and decorative landscaping.

In correlation, the Parks Department is using the branding guidelines in painting facilities in the parks, such as the open shelters (aka "toad stools"). We have been working on a parks assessment to create a more attractive and functional parks system. Organizations with facilities in the parks are also doing their part to make repairs and paint. Thanks to efforts of community volunteer Wes Skillman, the sprint track is looking good for the kart race to be held on August 19th. This will be the first race held on the sprint track, I believe, since the national race back in 2008.



I would like to thank the volunteers that helped with accepting donations at the park entrances for Libertyfest: Mayor Jody Cole, husband Craig and daughter Sophia,

Commissioner Greg Gwin, City Manager Chris Weiner and wife Brittany, Randy and Terry Singer, Jim and Jenny Myers, Kris Hix and Robert Donovan. Thank you to everyone that supported the event with your donations and attendance.

I could use up this entire newsletter giving accolades to the event organizers and members of civic clubs in our community



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that I know go unrecognized. Those who for several years; perhaps decades, have put on or helped with the Anderson County Fair, Kincaid Fair, Square Fair, Christmas parade and so many more. I'm sure they either are, or are on their way to "burn-out", and sometimes feel unappreciated. Many of those individuals are the same people who have been carrying the torch on those events for years. No amount of thanks and appreciation could ever repay the volunteers for what you do for this community; the economic impact you have on the businesses, and most of all, the experiences and long-lasting memories that are instilled in those that attend your event. It goes without saying that all community organizations desire additional enthusiastic, think outside-the-box, passionate volunteers. I personally know the blessing and the curse of the feeling you get when standing among a "sea" of people at a well attended event, knowing they are having a good time because of the many sleepless nights, the prayers that it wouldn't rain, and the somewhat difficult conversations that you go through to make things happen. All I can say is until you get involved you will never know the invaluable relationships you acquire and the true satisfaction of saying, "We survived another one!" I challenge you to dig deep and volunteer. Volunteer in this great community today. Even if only once. Get involved in one of the local organizations. Join us in #MakingGarnettGreat. Be someone somebody can count on. You'll be amazed at what giving of yourself can really do for you.

Sincerely,

Susan Wettstein, Director of Community Development

## City Flag Design Challenge

Garnett citizen and ACHS high school student Edward Gruver brought before the City Commission the idea of having an official city flag. The City Flag Design Challenge began in June with entries being **accepted until July 15**. The contest rules include the following:

1. Designs should be in color, simple, clean, and clear. All entries should be designed on a rectangle that can be enlarged to fit a standard 3' x 5' ratio.

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*Serene*

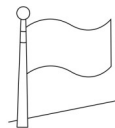
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2. Please adhere to the following:
  - a) Designs cannot plagiarize or otherwise not be the original work of the artist/designer
  - b) Try to use 2-3 basic colors
  - c) No lettering or seals of any kind
  - d) Avoid duplicating other flags, but use similarities to show connections
  - e) Entries will be rejected if they are not positive in spirit



3. Each design submitted should be accompanied by an official application including a written description of the meaning and/or symbolism contained in the design.

Design concepts must accompany the signed application form when submitted. Forms and additional rules and information are available at [www.SimpleGarnett.com](http://www.SimpleGarnett.com), or at Garnett City Hall.

A selection committee will review all entries and choose finalists to submit to the Garnett City Commission for consideration.