

Spring 2017

TOWN TALK



Garnett, Kansas



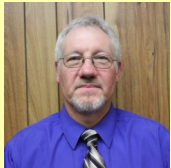
City Commission



Gordon Blackie,
Mayor



Jody Cole,
Commissioner



Greg Gwin,
Commissioner

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From The Commission...

Thank you for making me your mayor for 2017! It has been a privilege to serve you over the past three years. In that short time I have seen great growth in both attendance and enthusiasm for special events such as Square Fair, Cornstock, the car shows, Chamber Players Live Dinner Theatre, Airport Day (Air Fair), as well as the Prairie Spirit Trail events.

Encouraged by Transient Guest Tax (TGT) grants, these already established events have been able to grow and new events such as the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival and the G-Town Smokin' Showdown have been given a boost to get started.

Also, aided by TGT funding, the Garnett BPW Women's Fair is moving forward through grants and helpful suggestions provided by the Tourism Committee. A group of young people, with the help of Pizza Hut, have undertaken a fundraising effort to improve the facilities at the skateboard park. Special events are also being organized by the Garnett Public Library. I could go on and on. Garnett's hometown spirit is growing through these and many other activities too numerous to mention here.

I was looking through some pictures of the courthouse square taken over the past twenty years or so. I noticed that in the last few years things have been painted, spruced up and generally improved. The change has been slow. You do not notice it when you see it every day, but

over that twenty years our square keeps looking better and better. Many other cities of our size have been looking more and more shabby, but the hometown spirit of Garnett has kept us moving forward.

New businesses are coming and old businesses are expanding. Miller Hardware continues to expand its footprint. Orscheln Farm and Home has come to town. Wise Auto is now up and running. Garnett True Value has passed on to Gerken, who are maintaining the old business and adding a line of tool and equipment rental. The Anderson County Economic Development Agency works quietly behind the scenes bringing new businesses and new jobs to town. Expansion of businesses creates new opportunities and encourages young people to live in Garnett. This breathes life into the community.

We are moving forward. Our faithful city workers are retiring. The mantle is being passed to a younger generation. Our City Manager will soon pass the torch to a younger person. She and her team have been faithful to our citizens and the new team will inherit a city that is working well and is on a firm financial standing.

I have also seen a return to core values in my time on the City Commission. Shortly after I started on the Commission the practice of opening each meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer began. On July 4th we have for years honored our veterans. Then just last year we



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began remembering those who have served our country through the Patriotic Banner Project.

Core values are indeed important! In many ways we have lost those values. In early October last year, a group of faith based people from different church backgrounds began meeting in the library to pray for our country and the outcome of the past election. The group continues to meet and has expanded their scope to pray for our city and our state, as well as for our country. Now meeting in the back banquet room at Prairie Belle's, people of every faith are invited to join in at 7:00 a.m. every Monday morning.

Let us learn to concentrate on the things that are most important as we go forward.

Respectfully,
Gordon Blackie, Mayor

From the City Manager...

One of my favorite things to do is to brag about the city employees. However, I never seem to have enough time to tout everything they do and how much I appreciate their dedicated service to the citizens of Garnett and the support they have shown me for so many years.

Recently, I hired Gary Giczewski who is replacing Andy Frye as the Building Official/Zoning Officer. Gary came to Garnett two years ago and worked at Garnett True Value Hardware before starting his employment with the City. Gary says, "Even though I'm relatively a new citizen, I love Garnett and look forward to working with everyone". He has 25+ years of construction background. Gary's hobbies include fishing and wood working. Stop by city hall and visit with him if you have a chance.

Another change in the employee ranks is the appointment of Kurt King as the new Chief of Police. Kurt started as a patrolman with the city on September 1, 2005 and was promoted to Detective on October 16, 2008. On January 1, 2012 he was promoted to Lieutenant. When I asked Kurt to tell me how he feels about the promotion he said, "I'm grateful to be given the opportunity to continue serving the Garnett community in which I was raised. Over the past several years the department has been moving in a very positive direction. We will continue efforts to modernize and further enhance the police department's efficiency so we can deliver the best, fair and impartial policing this city greatly deserves".

Now for some bad news. After nearly 19 years of service to the city, Andy Frye will be retiring to return to the private sector as a contractor. Andy was hired in September 1998 as the Building Official. He took over the additional responsibilities of Zoning Officer in 2015. Andy has seen many changes over the years as far as the codes are concerned. One of the hardest things Andy had to do is to make people understand that he's only trying to keep them safe when he alerts them of code violations in their homes or businesses. We will miss Andy, especially on Tues-

days because that has been "donut day" thanks to him. He has been busy training Gary to take over that task. Andy says, "I enjoy the Garnett community and plan to continue calling it home."

Garnett is fortunate to have the caliber of employees it does. The majority of them have dedicated many years of service to the City. Collectively, the department heads have worked a total of 306 years, which is quite an accomplishment with most of them having at least 20 years of service. Many of them and their department employees graduated from Garnett High School, or Anderson County High School, and chose to stay here to raise their families and be involved in community activities.

So please, thank these employees when you see them. They are here to serve you, and frankly, have done a darn good job fulfilling their responsibilities. I'm proud of each and every one of them and wish them well in their future endeavors, whether it be continuing their employment or enjoying retirement.

Sincerely,
Joyce E. Martin, City Manager



From The Fire Chief...

This winter the department received training in building construction, spent class time on hazardous materials, and hands on training. Unfortunately, we have also responded to several calls, including the large fire on North Maple near Garnett Elementary School.

Spring is here and along with the warm weather comes a lot of things to do and not do:

- Are your house numbers visible from the street?
- Is the fire hydrant protecting your home and your neighbor's clear of vegetation or obstructions where it can be seen at night?
- Do you know that you must have a permit to burn inside the city limits and in the county as well? A simple call to the dispatch center, 448-6823, could save your property and a trip to court.

Did you change out your batteries during the last Daylight Savings time change? I would like to encourage everyone to get into the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors on a regular basis.

Thank you,
Pat Tate, Fire Chief





Thank You Joyce Martin

Joyce E. Martin, aka, "Mother Martin" to many employees, has been a stable here. Not just in the workplace, but in the community. Someone that can be counted on to always be there when needed. Therefore, not knowing when the last time she'll turn the key to unlock city hall for the day's business to begin, we celebrate her life and career with the City of Garnett.

Joyce Martin began her career as a secretary to the city manager with the City of Garnett on September 5, 1967. She was appointed to the position of city clerk in February of 1978, and then as city manager in June of 2007.

Joyce was born and raised in Garnett. The daughter of a once successful Garnett town square businessman and former city commissioner, Clint Wilson. Joyce is married to husband Frank Martin, and is blessed with 3 children and 3 grandchildren; son Chris and wife Jennifer and their daughter Lilly Grace of Columbia, Missouri; daughter Nicole of Paola; and son Ryan and wife Sonya and their sons Josh and Eli of Garnett.

From her high school days to the present, Joyce has been an



active cheerleader and supporter of Garnett. She has served as an active member of the Pride Committee, was the creator of the Anderson County High School "Dog Pound" spirit club and held

the position of president of the Booster Club. Joyce also served as a representative of the Anderson County Retarded Citizens on the Tri-Ko Corporation Board. She played a valuable role during the creation of the Prairie Spirit Trail, serving as president of the Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail in which now honors an annual scholarship entitled the "Joyce Martin Prairie Spirit Scholarship Award", given to a high school student who not only excels academically but also volunteers in the community. She also served on the Anderson County Planning Commission. Joyce once served as an ambassador for the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and treasurer for the Friends of the Arts. All of these accomplishments while focusing on what matters, that being her loving family. Daughter Nicole is a special needs child, born with Down Syndrome. Joyce's passion for her community has given

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Did You Know?

Congratulations to **Andy Frye**. He retired his position of Building Official, Zoning Administrator/ADA Coordinator on March 31, 2017. Andy was employed with the City since 1998. **Gary Giczewski** was recently hired to fill this position. Andy and Gary have been working together to ensure a smooth transition. We wish Andy a very long, healthy and happy retirement.

Congratulations to **Kurt King** as he was recently promoted from Lieutenant/Detective to Chief of Police, and to **Todd Turner**, who moves from the position of Patrolman to Lieutenant/Detective.

Join us in welcoming new city employee, **James Howard** as a Power Plant Operator.

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

5 Years: **Keith Hermreck**, Housing Authority Maintenance

10 Years: **Greg Gwin**, Commissioner

10 Years: **Duane Hastert**, Electric Distribution Assistant Superintendent

20 Years: **Mike Carpenter**, Police Sergeant

20 Years: **Jim James**, Water Plant Superintendent

20 years: **Jim Wilson**, Power Plant Assistant Superintendent

Conferences and Training: **Desiree Donovan**, Administrative

Assistant, and **Susan Wettstein**, Community Development/Tourism Director, attended the Travel Industry Association of Kansas "Destination Statehouse" in February. **Eric Trammell**, Wastewater Operator completed "Mathematics for Wastewater" presented by the Kansas Rural Water Association through Fort Scott Community College. In March, **Nancy Hermreck**, Administrative Assistant, and **Jenny Myers**, Human Resources Director, attended a seminar on Payroll Law.

Training is ongoing for the Garnett Police Department. Lieutenant **Todd Turner** has attended 24 class hours of Advanced Narcotics and training to help non-offending parents in child sexual abuse cases online and ways to interview parents of child abuse victims to better obtain information and assist them with alleged abuse. Police Chief **Kurt King** also attended 24 hours of Advanced Narcotics investigation.

Officer **Robert Donovan** attended 8 hours of Tactical Medical for First Responders, learning how to patch yourself and comrades up in a gun battle. Robert Donovan also attended 14 hours of training through Blue Courage, reinforcing the importance of community policing and the mental, emotional and physical health of law enforcement officers.

Officer **Mike Baumgardner** attended 24 hours of Street Crimes training, covering patrol response in investigations, intelligence

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Enjoy these local activities and events!

Check out our "Bulletin Board" - www.simplygarnett.com

APRIL

- 3 **Baseball/Softball sign-up deadline.**
Register at Rec Center.
At the Walker Juried Art Exhibition
opens, Walker Art Gallery.
**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.
**Lions Club Meeting-
Every 1st & 3rd Monday**, 6 p.m.
Garnett VFW Post Home.
- 4 **TOPS Meeting-Every Tuesday**
United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.
Rotary Club Meeting-Every Tuesday
Garnett Inn, 12 p.m.
**American Legion Bingo-
Every Tuesday**, VFW Post 6397,
6 p.m.
- 5 **Duplicate Bridge-Every Wednesday**
Garnett Inn, 1 p.m.
- 6 **13-Point Pitch and Snacks-
Every Thursday**, Garnett Senior
Center, 6 p.m.
**USD 365 Board of Education
Meeting**, BOE Office, 7 p.m.
Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 **Spring City Wide Garage Sales,
#ShopGarnettKS - Garnett Area
Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk
Sales.**
Friends of the Library Book Sale
Garnett Public Library.
- 8 **At the Walker Art Show & Reception,**
Walker Art Gallery, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 8-9 **Lake Garnett Enduro Club Road
Races**, Lake Garnett road course.
- 10 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
**Housing Authority Advisory Board of
Directors Meeting**, GHA Office,
7 p.m.
- 11 **Anderson County Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot.
City Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.

- 11 **Garnett Optimist Club Meeting**
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting
Garnett Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 12 **Storytime for Preschoolers-
Every Tuesday** through June 27,
Garnett Public Library, 10 a.m.
**Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting**, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Tourism Advisory Board Meeting
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail
Meeting**, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 13 **Garnett Area Chamber of
Commerce Ambassadors Meeting**
Location TBA, 8:30 a.m.
GACC Board Meeting, Dornes
Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 15 **Garnett Community Easter Egg Hunt**
Courthouse Lawn, 12 p.m.
- 18 **ACDA - Economic Development
Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
Healthy Happy Hour, Anderson
County Hospital, 5 p.m.
BPW Meeting, Archer Room,
Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 **Caffeine & Colors**
Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.
- 20 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**
City Hall, 4 p.m.
**49th Annual Anderson County
Historical Society Banquet**, ACHS
Commons Area, 6:30 p.m.
**Rug Hooking Demonstration by
Joleata Kent**, Garnett Public Library,
6:30 p.m., and April 21 at 10 a.m.
- 22 **Pub2Pub 10K Run, Walk or Crawl**
to benefit Garnett Community
Foundation projects, Scipio to
Garnett on Prairie Spirit Trail,
4:30 p.m.
- 24 **Caregivers Support Group**
Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 25 **City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 26 **Garnett Optimist Meeting**
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Book Discussion, "River Road"
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 27 **Emergency Food Distribution -
Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.
- 28-29 **G-Town Smokin' Showdown**, hosted
by Garnett Knights of Columbus,

Fairgrounds, North Lake Park.

MAY

- 1 **Library Board Meeting**
Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
Community Foundation Meeting
Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 2 **Anderson County Historical Museum**
opens for summer, Tues-Fri, 1-4 p.m.
- 3 **Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 **USD 365 Board of Education
Meeting**, Westphalia, 7 p.m.
Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- May 4-October 12: **Farmer's Market-
Every Thursday**, Main Street,
4:30-7 p.m.
- 8 **Airport Advisory Board Meeting**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
**Housing Authority Advisory Board of
Directors Meeting**, GHA Office, 7 p.m.
- 9 **Anderson County Recycle Trailer**
Country Mart parking lot.
City Commission Meeting
City Hall, 6 p.m.
Alzheimer's Support Group
Parkview Heights, 6 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Club Meeting
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting
Garnett Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
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**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Trail
Meeting**, Santa Fe Depot, 7 p.m.
- 11 **Garnett Area Chamber of
Commerce Ambassadors Meeting**
Location TBA, 8:30 a.m.
GACC Board Meeting, Dornes
Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 **45th Annual Square Fair**, presented
by Garnett Business & Professional
Women, Anderson County
Courthouse lawn.
Air Fair, Garnett Airport.
- 16 **ACDA - Economic Development
Meeting**, City Hall, 5 p.m.
Healthy Happy Hour, Anderson
County Hospital, 5 p.m.
BPW Meeting, Archer Room,
Garnett Public Library, 5:30 p.m.
- 17 **Caffeine & Colors**
Garnett Public Library, 1 p.m.

Is our message getting out to you?

We encourage you to take the survey. Please answer each question and then either drop it off or mail it to:

Garnett City Hall
131 W. 5th Avenue, P.O. Box H
Garnett, KS 66032



Is our message getting out to you?

Let us know. Please take a moment to complete the few questions below. Return this questionnaire to Garnett City Hall by **April 30, 2017**. While your identity is not required, it is necessary if you want to be in the prize drawing to win one of two \$25 Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificates (aka "Chamber Bucks") to be awarded. The returned surveys will help us determine how to better keep you, our gas utility customer, better informed about natural gas safety. The prize drawing will be held on May 1, 2017. The winners will be notified promptly and announced in the local newspapers.

1. Do you know that there is always odorant in the gas to make it smell, and can you recognize this gas odor?

(Natural gas is odorless without an added odorant.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2. Do you know whom to call to report a gas leak?

(Emergency: Dial 911.)

(During regular business hours Garnett city residents should call Garnett City Hall - 785-448-5496.)

(After regular business hours: Law Enforcement Dispatch Center - 785-448-6823.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

3. Do you know that it is the law that before you dig you must call KANSAS ONE CALL?

(KANSAS ONE CALL: DIAL 8-1-1, or 1-800-DIGSAFE, or 1-800-344-7233.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

4. Do you know that free brochures on natural gas and carbon monoxide safety are available at city hall?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

QUESTIONS 5-9:

If you find yourself in a natural gas emergency in your home and the smell of natural gas seems to be very strong and everywhere....

5. Do you know not to use the telephone inside your home to call for help?

(Go to a neighbor's house or go outside to use a cell phone to make the call.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Is our message getting out to you?

6. Do you know to evacuate everyone immediately from the home?

(Send everyone across the street, report the emergency and wait for help to arrive.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

7. Do you know not to operate any electrical devices?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

8. Do you know not to turn on or off any light switches or make any attempts to air out the house by opening any doors and windows?

(Avoid any chance of friction or a spark to ignite gas fumes. JUST LEAVE.)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

9. Do you know the symptoms of Carbon Monoxide poisoning and that it is very toxic?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

10. Do you know that Garnett has natural gas facilities above and below ground that are around where you live, work and play?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

11. EXTRA CREDIT – Garnett city residents: Do you know that there is no charge for calling Garnett City Hall (785–448-5496) or Law Enforcement Dispatch Center (785–448-6823) to have the Gas Department check on a natural gas leak, or natural gas safety concern, or Carbon Monoxide problem?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

12: Address

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

Telephone _____

Comments: _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The City of Garnett Gas Department appreciates your participation.



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- 18 **Walker Art Committee Meeting**
City Hall, 4 p.m.
- 22 **Caregivers Support Group**
Park Plaza North, 1 p.m.
- 23 **City Commission Meeting**
City Hall, 6 p.m.
- 24 **Garnett Optimist Club Meeting**
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
Book Discussion (TBA)
Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
- 25 **Emergency Food Distribution - Harvesters**, Quonset Hut, 4 p.m.
Garnett Remembers-Celebration of Service, recognition of patriotic banner honorees, music by Garnett Area Community Band and more, courthouse lawn, 7 p.m.
- 25-29 **Avenue of Flags**, Garnett Municipal Cemetery
- 27 **Municipal swimming pool opens** for summer Garnett Municipal Pool.
- 29 **City Hall closed, Memorial Day** holiday observed. (Note: Trash service will run one (1) day late this week.)
Memorial Day Service at Garnett Cemetery, conducted by American Legion Post 48 & VFW 6397, 10 a.m.

JUNE

- 1 **Filing deadline for Garnett City Commission**, County Clerk's Office.
USD 365 Board of Education Meeting, BOE Office, 7 p.m.

- 1 **Masonic Lodge No. 44 Meeting**
Masonic Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- June 1-4 & 8-11: **"The Foreigner"**, presented by The Chamber Players Community Theatre, Thelma Moore Playhouse.
- 3 **1st Annual Car, Bike & Truck Show**, hosted by Southland Cruisers, Town Square.
- 5 **Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party**, "Build A Better World"
Garnett Public Library, 1-5 p.m.
Library Board Meeting
Garnett Public Library, 5 p.m.
Community Foundation Meeting
Rec Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 **Teen Scene Kickoff Party**
Garnett Public Library, 1-3 p.m.
Tourism Advisory Board Meeting
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 8 **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Meeting**
Location TBA, 8:30 a.m.
GACC Board Meeting, Dornes Insurance Agency, 5:30 p.m.
- 10-11 **Lake Garnett Enduro Club Road Races**, Lake Garnett road course.
- 12 **Deadline for Summer Reading Program camp registration**, grades 3-4, Garnett Public Library.
Camp dates: June 21-23.
Airport Advisory Board Meeting
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Housing Authority Advisory Board of Directors Meeting, GHA Office, 7 p.m.

- 13 **Anderson County Recycle Trailer**
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Garnett Public Library, 7 p.m.
Garnett Optimist Club Meeting
Mr. D's Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.

From the Desk of Building and Zoning...

As spring begins so too may new projects start to take shape that some of you have been thinking about over the winter months. From a new home to a garage, pool, sidewalk, remodel, new wiring, or just a simple fence. Please note a permit with applicable fee is required. Information regarding building and zoning requirements, along with applications are available at the front desk of City Hall or available online at www.simplygarnett.com.

Also, for all permits issued an inspection is required for each phase of construction, alteration or repair. Twenty-four hour notice is required for inspections. However, in many cases when calling to schedule an inspection our department will try its best, if time allows, to perform the inspection within hours of receiving notice during a regular working day. Please note that non-emergency after hours or weekend inspections will be charged a fee of \$50.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder and/or contractor to call for inspections. If you have any questions or require further information you may call our office at (785) 448-5496.

REMEMBER: Always call 811 (Dig Safe) before digging.

Sincerely,

Gary Giczewski, Building, Zoning and ADA Administrator



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Watersports

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

Boating

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

Lake Garnett (a/k/a North Lake Park), 700 N. Lake Road

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

Crystal Lake (a/k/a South Lake), Veterans Memorial Park, 424 W. Veteran's Circle Drive (on US 59)

Canoes and fishing boats with electric powered motors are allowed on Crystal Lake. However, gas powered motors are prohibited.

Cedar Valley Reservoir, 20499 NW 1500 Road (located approximately 7 miles west of Garnett at Kentucky and 1500 Road)

Boating can be enjoyed year round on Cedar Valley Reservoir, weather permitting. This lake has 3 boat ramps and 3 floating docks.

Fishing

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

Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Length Limits

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

Lake Garnett and Crystal Lake Creel Limits

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

Cedar Valley Reservoir Length Limits

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

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

Rainbow Trout Season

Rainbow Trout Season is held annually at Crystal Lake from approximately November 1 thru April 15. The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism requires that Kansas anglers 16 through 74 years of age and non-Kansas residents 16 and older must possess a valid fishing license. All anglers over 16 must possess a state trout permit. Anglers 15 years and younger no longer must possess a trout permit to fish in designated trout waters.

However, there is a daily creel limit of two (2) trout unless they purchase a trout permit which allows a full daily trout creel limit. The daily creel limit is 5 trout.

Camping

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

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

Lake Garnett

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

Crystal Lake

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

Cedar Valley Reservoir

Wilderness camping is very popular at this scenic lake. There are 12 camping spots close to the park entrance providing electrical hookups for camping. Nearby restroom facilities are also available from April 3 to October 1.

Reservations and Fees:

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

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

Camping Permits:

Wilderness overnight camping per unit, per night –

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

Electric hookup, overnight camping per unit, per night –

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

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

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

ATV Regulations

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

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



Thank You Joyce Martin... (Continued from page 3)

challenge to the balance of family, career and volunteering, but she's managed to do it with style.

As Garnett's City Manager, Joyce has worked to see infrastructure improvements for water quality and continues on schedule for the city to meet ADA requirements regarding streets, sidewalks and crosswalks. She has pushed for improvements to turn the municipal airport into an industrial airport facility, and works tirelessly as a liaison with economic development to bring new manufacturing and industry to Garnett. Joyce has created a Youth in Government program, working with the local high school to appoint a student representative on the city commission. Since her transition to city manager, she has led the way to many advisory committees to better the community, such as the Garnett Community Foundation, Garnett Tourism, and more. One of her legacy accomplishments is the Garnett Recreation Center/Goppert Wellness Center and its promotion of a healthy lifestyle for citizens of every age. Currently, she is working to help create a new playground in the North Lake Park. She talks passionately about starting up a Pride Committee again.

To know Joyce is to know a person who comes to work early, stays until the work is accomplished, seldom taking time off. She has had an open door policy. As a "full service city" with 5 utilities and tax supported funds, Joyce's experience and expert knowledge of city budgeting makes her a valuable asset to the city. Joyce is a very committed individual. She has rarely, if ever, missed an official city meeting and is present at a majority of all advisory committee meetings.

The walls of Joyce's office were once lined with accolades of her almost 50 years of accomplishments with the City of Garnett. She's been honored twice by Anderson County Economic Development for outstanding volunteer service; the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award (2000); named First Lady of the Year by Beta Sigma Phi; recognized by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) for bringing recognition to the value of women's work, and the Garnett Business and Professional Women selected her as the 2006 Woman of the Year. In 2013, both the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce and the Kansas Business and Professional Women

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SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK ANNOUNCED

The Garnett City Commission has designated **April 10 through April 14, 2017 as Spring Clean-up Week** for commercial and residential areas. The City of Garnett provides the pickup of unwanted items as a free service to all city refuse customers, with consideration of the following guidelines:

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.

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named the City of Garnett "Business of the Year" for outstanding work and support of the community and the people they serve.

Everything she has done was not for the credit, nor what was in it for her. When asked why she has endured every challenge as city manager, her response is always, "I love Garnett. Garnett is my home."

It is with gratitude and respect that we print this article honoring Joyce E. Martin, City Manager.

Thank you Joyce.

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gathering, interviewing and interrogation.

All certified police officers are required by state law to take a minimum of 40 hours a year in continuing education.

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 Spring (April 10-14) and Fall (September 11-15) City Wide Clean-Up Weeks. The free bi-annual service that we provide to our refuse customers would not be possible without their support.

Garnett Recreation announces the last indoor cycling (aka "Spin") session for spring will be held April 11 through May 18. Yoga classes will tentatively run through the summer with the next session to be held April 11 through May 18. Intermediate yoga classes will be held April 12-May 17. Water aerobic classes will start June 7th and will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Visit the **Garnett Recreation Center** to learn more about these classes, start times and how to register.

Persons interested in filing for Garnett City Commissioner must file with the Anderson County Clerk's Office located inside the courthouse. The position up for election is currently held by Commissioner **Gordon Blackie**. The filing deadline is June 1, with elections to be held November 7, 2017. The fee to file is \$20.

The City of Garnett encourages everyone to go to **www.MeetMeAtThePark.org** and nominate Garnett, Kansas. The city receiving the most nominations between April 1 and April 30th will have the unique opportunity to receive \$20,000 in grant funding to make improvements at one of their local parks.

Inserted in this newsletter is a **Gas Safety Awareness Survey** that we encourage you to complete. By your participation you will be automatically entered into a random drawing for the chance to win \$25 in "Chamber Bucks". The survey is a part of a state requirement the City of Garnett must comply with to show that we are making great strides to reach our customers about natural gas safety. Please fill out the inserted survey and return it as soon as possible. The survey can also be taken online at your convenience by accessing this link: **www.tinyurl.com/garnettgas**. Deadline to complete the survey to be counted in the drawing is April 30th.

The second Saturday in April, April 8th, is expected to be a very busy day in Garnett. City wide garage sales are sure to increase traffic, while member businesses of the **Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce** host a variety of sidewalk sales both in the downtown and highway commercial districts. Area restaurants will be joining in with lunchtime specials. The **At the Walker** national multi-media juried art exhibition includes a special public invitation to an artists reception on Saturday, April 8th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artwork by artists from across the United States will be on display during this free event. Refreshments will be served. And, don't forget the **Kart Enduro Road Races!**

Saturday, May 13th marks the 45th year of **Square Fair** in Garnett. In addition to Square Fair is Air Fair, hosted by the Garnett Airport Advisory Committee, featuring airplane rides, static displays, a car show and more. There is also a quilt show at the Garnett Senior Center.

This year's theme of the Garnett Public Library's Summer Reading Program is **"Build A Better World"**. Visit the library on or before June 5th to register your child.

Are you looking for a way to volunteer in the community? Do you have summer daytime hours to spare? The Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to be a part of the **Chamber Ambassadors Program**. Contact Desiree Donovan, Chamber Director, today to learn more.

The **49th Annual Anderson County Historical Society Banquet** will be held on Thursday evening, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. A special program held at the Anderson County Jr.-Sr. High School to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Access our daily community calendar, special events calendar, and local bulletin board to keep up to date on what is happening in Garnett by visiting **www.simplygarnett.com**.