

FALL 2017

# TOWN TALK



## Garnett, Kansas



### City Commission



W. Gordon  
Blackie, Mayor



Greg Gwin,  
Commissioner



Jody Cole,  
Commissioner

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### From The Commission...

Several years ago, the Youth in Government program was the idea of Mr. Mike Sibley, Anderson County High School government teacher. The City was very much interested in this program and gladly implemented it. Since that time, several young people have served in this capacity. To date, Cody Gettler, Chad Betts, Asa Young, and Jeremy DuPont have served over the past six years. Normally the high school student body has an election of their own, if enough people are interested, to vote on their representative for the next year.

These individuals sit in on the City Commission meetings and receive the agenda in advance, just as the commissioners do. They have the opportunity to get involved in the discussions and add their insight to whatever the topic and take the info back to the students to keep them informed as to what is going on and why. The only thing they are not privy to are the executive sessions and they cannot vote.

This year Will Mechnig is your Youth in Government representative. I want to commend Will for showing interest, stepping forward, and serving the next generation of our community.

Since we are talking about our youth, some of you may not be aware that our local high school requires each student to have completed 60 hours of community service to graduate. This is something that Mr. Sibley helps administer through the school and he told me that every

year there are approximately 14,000 hours of community service turned in by our 9th-12th grade students! What an incredible thing to teach the youth to give back something to their community. Hopefully that willingness to give will carry on throughout their life wherever they are living.

With each year that passes, it seems to be a bigger challenge to find people willing to serve their communities and get more involved. We are always looking for someone to serve on the various committees that make our city thrive. There are also numerous advisory boards, civic clubs, church groups, etc., to serve on.

Please give serving in these capacities some serious consideration. It is very rewarding and you have the opportunity to voice your opinions and share your skills and interests with the whole community. These are the things that help all of our events prosper and add energy to our town.

As always, I would like to thank our numerous volunteers, because you are what makes it happen! I appreciate all of you! Don't forget to make time to get out and enjoy our beautiful Kansas fall weather.

Respectfully,

Greg A. Gwin  
City Commissioner



## From The City Manager...

Having been here now for just over two months, I would like to thank each and every one of the tremendous individuals who I have had the opportunity to meet, work, or visit with. Garnett is a terrific community, and that stems from the quality of people who live here. Brittany (my wonderful wife) and I are proud to be Garnett homeowners now and I look forward to meeting and visiting with everyone that I can. I got into this profession so that I can make a positive impact on the community that my family and I live in. I strive every day to make Garnett the best place to grow and raise a family.

I would first like to say that words cannot express the gratitude I have for the job Mrs. Joyce Martin has done as City Manager (and City Clerk before that) for the City of Garnett. Mrs. Martin just recently met her fifty (50) years of service mark with the City – a feat that is unheard of in today's world. I can tell that she has always served the City faithfully and well, and has left the City in excellent shape both financially as well as organizationally.

Now, as you may have seen in the news media recently, I have been working to reformat our municipal budget. This is due to the fact that budgets for cities are typically very complex and confusing – and ours is no exception. My goal in reformatting the budget is to make it much simpler and easy to understand for everyone; my staff, the City Commission, and the public in general. I encourage you to pick up a copy of the budget from City Hall or view it on the City's website. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to send me an email and I will do my best to answer your questions. I also encourage you to attend our public budget hearing on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> here at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Passing a budget is the most important single thing, in my opinion, that we do all year as it sets our policies and priorities for the next year. Given that however, I would encourage everyone to attend all City Commission meetings. We are your local government. In no other level of government do you have power and ability to effect change like you do right here.

Over the past couple of months, I had the opportunity to participate in wonderful community events like the Anderson County Fair and Cornstock. I would just like to thank the numerous volunteers and organizations who devote their time and resources to these events, as well as those who participate on volunteer boards and committees; it is people like you who make Garnett a truly great place to call home. We would not have all of the events and great things that we do if it wasn't for volunteers.

I look forward to working for you and doing all I can to make Garnett the best place to raise my family and yours, and give us

all a wonderful place to live, work, play, and happily retire. Thank you all again for the opportunity to serve Garnett as your City Manager.

Sincerely,  
Christopher T. Weiner



## From The City Clerk, Finance Director...

Our utility customers have spoken and we have listened. Since we converted to our new utility software last December, we have had many requests to change our utility bills back to canary yellow from the new blue and white bills. We will deplete our current stock in the next couple of months and then we will go back to the color so many of you have asked for.

When coming to City Hall to pay your utility bill, please bring your whole bill with you for faster processing. Our bills include a bar code which can be scanned to quickly bring up your account information. We must have the complete bill in order to validate your portion of the bill for your records.

On July 17, 2017, Jodie Beets began her public service career with the City of Garnett as billing clerk. Jodie joins other billing clerks, Diane Hastert and Jenny Schooler, who are all eager to provide you with great customer service. I can't say enough about how hard these ladies work every day. Their job covers all aspects of our municipal services. From handling utility accounts, checking readings for possible water leaks and notify our customers as quickly as they are discovered, to handling permits, processing our bills for payments, creating work orders for the various city departments, answering phone calls, assisting citizens who come into city hall, pet registration, and many other duties that keep the City of Garnett moving forward. The next time you are in City Hall, please take a few minutes to thank these ladies who work so hard to help our citizens and all of the departments of the City of Garnett.

Daylight savings time will end on November 5, 2017. Mark your calendars to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Sincerely,

Kristie Kinney  
City Clerk/Finance Director





## From The Desk of Building and Zoning...

### *New Roofing Permit Policy*

Though fall and winter are sneaking up on us, there is still plenty of time to get home improvement projects completed. If one of those projects may be a new roof, please note that there will be some new regulations for that work.

Starting in 2018, roofing permits will be required (fees to be announced after the City Commissioners settle on the applicable rates), along with contractors will now have to identify their state certificate number on the application. No contractor will be permitted to perform that service without it. For those that wish to be a state certified roofing contractor, they will have to fill out the appropriate paperwork and submit it along with registration fee to the Kansas Attorney General. A link on our city website will help direct contractors to the registration site. This is all in an effort to protect the homeowner from being scammed, especially in the aftermath of a storm. Please stay in touch with our city website to keep up to date with new regulations, permits and fees so there will be no surprises with your project from planning to completion.

As I've mentioned in earlier newsletters, depending on what you are doing we are here at City Hall to help you obtain the proper application or permit, if required. Just a simple call will help decide if one is needed. Information and permit applications are also available online at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

Think safety first and best of luck with all your projects big or small.

Sincerely,

Gary Giczewski  
Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer

## From The Office of Community Development...

It has been a new adventure with a new city manager. City Manager Chris Weiner has vision, experience from other places he has worked and a great sense of what he aspires Garnett to be. I look forward to working with him as we focus on making Garnett a place families and businesses alike want to migrate to.

Our office has been very busy with promoting events and helping event coordinators. Some of these events have brought hundreds of people while other events bring in thousands.

Supporting the many volunteers that search for ways to market their event more effectively to bring more people to Garnett is very rewarding. The economic impact they bring to the area is astonishing. However, we are always interested in those that pursue their business as an attraction or venue for entertainment. Let us know if you are starting up a new business, restaurant or entertainment destination. Quality of life in a community is measured by the development of social areas and places where people enjoy themselves and have fun often, not only during special events. We welcome those entrepreneurs and developers that want to invest in our community. We also value the current business owners who work hard every day to provide great service. Sometimes hospitality is the main reason people keep coming back.

As you can see from the calendar in this newsletter, and subsequent articles, there are many autumn season activities to enjoy. As the leaves fall and the temperature changes, take time to get out and enjoy the crisp air and explore our city's more than 1,000 acres of parks.

The fastest growing sport in the United States is disc golf and Garnett is ready. The first 12 holes of the new Long Cedar Disc Golf Course are up and available for play. There is no charge to play disc golf at the course located in the North Lake Park. The course even has a tricky target that requires flying a disc over water. If you don't own discs you can purchase some at the Garnett Recreation Center at the Dynamic Disc display. The starter pack is the best value. Visit @garnettdiscgolf on Facebook to find league night events you can join.

Looking forward to the New Year? We are. Garnett Tourism has completed the 2018 Special Events brochure. Inside you will find the major events happening in this area with contact information so that you can either be a vendor, a participant or the in-the-know spectator. Soon a new history brochure detailing our notable past and current historic attractions will be available. Together with the recreation department we are working on a park facilities guide so that when event planners want to host a tournament, race or other event we will have pertinent information readily available.

As Thanksgiving gets closer, I realize how thankful I am to live in Garnett. It has been an honor to assist with the "Garnett Remembers" patriotic banner project. We will be opening the application process up in January, 2018.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts. See you on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Share your photos with us using the hashtag - #MakingGarnettGreat.

Sincerely,

Susan Wettstein,  
Director of Community Development



## Enjoy these Local Activities and Events!

### OCTOBER

*Paint the Town Pink - WINGS  
Cancer Awareness Month*

- 1 St. Boniface Church Bazaar**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m., Parish Hall, Scipio
- 2 Anderson Co. Commission Meeting**  
9 a.m., Every Monday, Annex Building  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
9 a.m. Every Monday, Church of the Nazarene  
**Library Board Meeting**  
5 p.m. Garnett Public Library  
**Community Foundation Meeting**  
5:30 p.m. Recreation Center  
**Garnett Lions Club Meeting**  
6 p.m. Every 1st & 3rd Monday, VFW Post 6397
- 3 TOPS Meeting**  
9 a.m., Every Tuesday, United Methodist Church  
**Storytime for Preschoolers**  
10 a.m. Every Tuesday, Garnett Public Library  
**Rotary International Meeting**  
12 p.m., Every Tuesday, Garnett Inn  
**American Legion Bingo**  
6 p.m., Every Tuesday, Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman Memorial VFW Post 6397
- 4 Duplicate Bridge**  
1 p.m., Every Tuesday, Garnett Inn  
**Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., City Hall
- 5 Farmer's Market 2017 Finale, Chili Contest**  
4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m., Main Street  
**13-Point Pitch & Snacks**  
6 p.m., Every Thursday, Senior Center  
**USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**, 7 p.m., Board Office  
**Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge
- 7 Garnett Day**  
Fun Fact: The City of Garnett incorporated on this day in 1861.  
**WINGS 5K Glow Run/Walk**  
6:30 p.m., Community Building, North Lake Park

**8-14 National Fire Prevention Week**

**Oct. 9-Nov. 5: Biddy Basketball Registration**  
Grades 1 & 2, Recreation Center

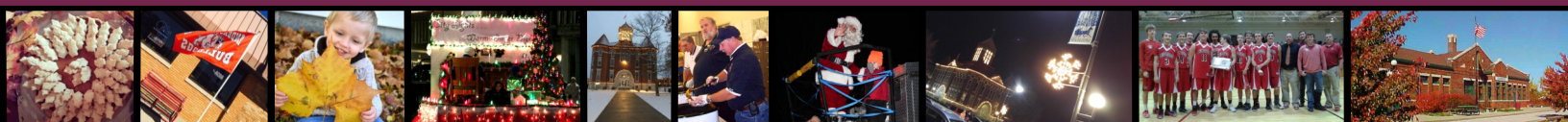
- Oct. 9-Nov. 19: Biddy Basketball Registration**  
Grades 3-6, Recreation Center
- 10 Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot**, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste  
**City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
6 p.m., Parkview Heights  
**Garnett Optimist Meeting**  
6:30 p.m., Mr. D's Restaurant  
**Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting**  
6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 11 "Remember When" Event**  
10 a.m., Garnett Public Library  
**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting**  
7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot
- 12 Garnett Fire Department Open House**, 4-8 p.m., Fire Station  
**Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Dornes Insurance
- 13 Airport Advisory Board Meeting**  
10 a.m., City Hall
- 14 VFW Post 6397 Community Breakfast**  
7-9:30 a.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman Memorial VFW  
**Tastes & Talents Art & Wine Stroll**  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m., begins at Walker Art Gallery, Garnett Public Library  
**Second Saturdays**  
9 a.m., 6th & Oak
- 14-15 Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival**  
Saturday:  
8 a.m., Lake Garnett, track activities  
9 a.m., Autocross at airport  
12 p.m., Car Show and Charity Rides, Town Square  
Sunday:  
9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Lake Garnett, track activities
- 16 Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**  
7 p.m., Housing Authority Office
- 17 Happy Healthy Hour**  
5 p.m., Anderson County Hospital  
**Anderson County Economic Development Meeting**  
5 p.m., City Hall  
**Garnett BPW Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library

- 17 2018 Budget Hearing**  
5:30 p.m., Garnett City Hall
- 18 Caffeine & Colors**  
1 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- 19 Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
4 p.m., City Hall
- 21 Celebrate the Book Festival**  
10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Garnett Elementary School, hosted by Garnett Public Library
- 23 Caregivers Support Group**  
1 p.m., Park Plaza North
- Oct. 24-Nov. 30: Spin (Indoor Cycling) Session**, Recreation Center  
5:30-6 a.m. T & TH  
6-7 p.m. T & TH  
**Yoga - Beginner Session**  
6-7 p.m. T & TH .
- 24 City Commission Meeting**  
6 p.m., City Hall
- Oct. 25-Nov. 29: Yoga - Intermediate Session**, Recreation Center  
Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- 25 Garnett Optimist Club**  
6:30 p.m., Mr. D's  
**Book Discussion, "On Folly Beach", by Karen White**,  
7 p.m., Garnett Public Library
- 26 Emergency Food Distribution**  
4 p.m., Quonset Hut
- 28 Epic Ultra Fall Classic 50-Mile Race**  
Prairie Spirit Rail Trail State Park
- 31 Light the Night Trunk or Treat**  
4-8 p.m., First Christian Church  
**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Children's Haunted House**  
5:30-7:30 p.m., "Out of This World", Santa Fe Depot  
**City of Garnett Halloween Carnival**  
6 p.m., Garnett Recreation Center

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Tourism Advisory Board Meeting**  
5:30 p.m., City Hall
- 2 USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**, 7 p.m., Board Office  
**Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting**  
7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge
- 3 Ladies Night Out**, sponsored by Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce businesses, 5-7 p.m., garnettchamber.org
- 3-4 Holiday Open House Weekend**  
Shop Garnett!





## Look for Garnett on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter!

4	<b>St. Rose Craft Show &amp; Bierock Sale</b> 9 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Rose Gymnasium	20	<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b> 6 p.m., VFW Post 6397	7	<b>Delphian Masonic Lodge Meeting</b> 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge
4-5	<b>Beginner Beekeeper Class</b> Community Building, North Park	21	<b>Happy Healthy Hour</b> 5 p.m., Anderson County Hospital	8	<b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b> 10 a.m., City Hall
5	<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends</b> "Fall back", set clocks back 1 hour		<b>Anderson County Economic Development Meeting</b> 5 p.m., City Hall	9	<b>VFW Post 6397 Community Breakfast</b> , 7-9:30 a.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman Memorial VFW
6	<b>Library Board Meeting</b> 5 p.m., Garnett Public Library		<b>Garnett BPW Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library	<b>Dec. 11-Jan. 3: Register for Little Dribblers</b> Ages 4 years through Kindergarten Recreation Center	
	<b>Community Foundation Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center	22	<b>Emergency Food Distribution</b> 4 p.m., Quonset Hut, North Park	11	<b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., City Hall
	<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b> 6 p.m., VFW Post 6397		<b>Garnett Optimist Club</b> 6:30 p.m., Mr. D's Restaurant		<b>Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7 p.m., Housing Authority Office
7	<b>Election Day</b> , 7 a.m.-7 p.m.	23	<b>Community Thanksgiving Dinner</b> 12 p.m., Garnett Senior Center	12	<b>Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot</b> , 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste
8	<b>"Remember When" Event</b> 10 a.m., Garnett Public Library	23-24	<b>Thanksgiving holiday observed</b> , City Hall closed <i>*PLEASE see "Did You Know" on page 6 for important message on trash service schedule.</i>		<b>City Commission Meeting</b> 6 p.m., City Hall
	<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Board Meeting</b> , 6 p.m., Recreation Center	25	<b>Small Business Saturday</b> Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to shop local!		<b>Alzheimer's Support Group</b> 6 p.m., Parkview Heights
	<b>Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting</b> 7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot		<b>Garnett Fire Department Chili &amp; Soup Supper</b> 4 p.m., Fire Station		<b>Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
9	<b>Chamber Ambassadors Meeting</b> 8:30 a.m., Location TBA		<b>47th Annual Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade</b> 6:30 p.m., Town Square		<b>Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Meeting</b> 7 p.m., Santa Fe Depot
	<b>Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., Dornes Insurance	27	<b>Caregivers Support Group</b> 1 p.m., Park Plaza North	14	<b>Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., Dornes Insurance
10	<b>Veterans Day holiday observed</b> , City Hall closed	28	<b>City Commission Meeting</b> 6 p.m., City Hall	18	<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b> 6 p.m., VFW Post 6397
TBA	<b>Airport Advisory Board Meeting</b> 10 a.m., City Hall			19	<b>Healthy Happy Hour</b> 5 p.m., Anderson County Hospital
11	<b>Veterans Day</b> , VFW Post 6397	<b>DECEMBER</b>			
	<b>Community Breakfast</b> 7-9:30 a.m., Sgt. Jeffery S. Mersman Memorial VFW	3	<b>Friends of the Library Holiday Homes Tour</b> 1 p.m., Begins at St. Boniface Church. Highlighting 3 decorated homes, a church and the Garnett Public Library		<b>Anderson County Economic Development Meeting</b> 5 p.m., City Hall
12-18	<b>Kansas Reads to Preschoolers</b> Garnett Public Library		<b>Garnett BPW Holiday Boutique</b> 12-4 p.m., The Kirk House		<b>Garnett BPW Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., Archer Room Library
13	<b>Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting</b> 7 p.m. - Park Plaza North	4	<b>Library Board Meeting</b> 5 p.m., Garnett Public Library	21	<b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b> 4 p.m., Walker Art Gallery
14	<b>Recycle Trailer @ Country Mart Parking Lot</b> , 7 a.m.-7 p.m., courtesy of Anderson County Solid Waste	4	<b>Community Foundation Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., Recreation Center	25	<b>Christmas Day holiday observed</b> , City Hall closed. Merry Christmas!
	<b>Alzheimer's Support Group</b> 6 p.m. Parkview Heights		<b>Garnett Lions Club Meeting</b> 6 p.m., VFW Post 6397	26	<b>Caregivers Support Group</b> 1 p.m., Park Plaza North
	<b>City Commission Meeting</b> 6 p.m., City Hall		<b>Tourism Advisory Board Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m., City Hall		<b>City Commission Meeting</b> 6 p.m., City Hall
	<b>Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting</b> 6:30 p.m., Extension Office	6	<b>USD 365 Board of Education Meeting</b> , 7 p.m., Board Office	27	<b>Garnett Optimist Club</b> 6:30 p.m., Mr. D's Restaurant
15	<b>Caffeine &amp; Colors</b> 1 p.m., Garnett Public Library	7		<b>JANUARY 2018</b>	
16	<b>Walker Art Committee Meeting</b> 4 p.m., City Hall			1	<b>New Year's Day holiday observed</b> , City Hall closed.
18	<b>Garnett Grocery Grab</b> 6 p.m., Country Mart, hosted by Garnett Community Foundation				



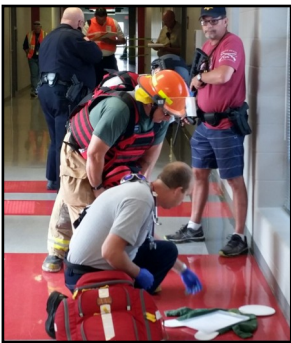
# Did You Know...

The City of Garnett welcomes the following new employees: **Jodie Beets**, Account Clerk, **Daniel Frazier**, Police Officer, **Curtis Hughes**, Firefighter, **Dylan Yinger**, Firefighter.

Congratulations to these city employees for reaching milestone anniversaries:

- 20 Years: **Betty Jasper**, Custodian,
- 20 Years: **Eric Trammell**, Wastewater Maintenance Worker
- 10 Years: **Kristie Kinney**, City Clerk/Finance Director
- 5 Years: **W. Gordon Blackie**, Mayor

On August 9, 2017, the Garnett Police and Fire Departments participated in a full scale active shooter training exercise at the Garnett Elementary School. Working together with Anderson County Emergency Management, Sheriff's Office, Anderson County Hospital/EMS, Kansas Highway Patrol and USD 365 staff, the simulation gave all involved the rare opportunity to familiarize themselves within this unique scenario and environment.



October is **WINGS Awareness Month**. The WINGS Walk is Saturday, October 7 around Lake Garnett. Registration for this 5K glow fun run/walk begins at 6:30 p.m. A barbecue meal is available with all proceeds going to WINGS (Women In Need Gaining Strength).

Get your motor running. **The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival** comes to town on October 14-15. The road around Lake Garnett was an internationally renowned SCCA race track in which races were held from 1959 to 1972. Many famous drivers raced here, including the late Carroll Shelby. This year the event celebrates the year of the Mopar. Organizers anticipate a large gathering of sports cars and classic vehicles from around the country to participate in the autocross at the Garnett Municipal Airport, car show on the town square, charity rides around Lake Garnett and the famous group track events at Lake Garnett. Visit the host website, [www.lggpr.org](http://www.lggpr.org) for the latest schedule and information.

**Celebrate the Book, Chapter 2** is a free festival hosted by the Garnett Public Library at the Garnett Elementary School on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event features a Rare Book Roadshow, award winning authors and book signings, plus a special appearance by Paw Patrol's Chase & Marshall. A full schedule of activities are held in the various pod locations and concessions are available. There is also a Kansas quilt workshop. Visit the Garnett Public Library



to checkout the details on this festival prior to the event. Information is also available at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

The Garnett Friends of the Library invite you to this year's **Holiday Homes Tour** on Sunday, December 3. The tour begins at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Scipio at 1 p.m. The tour continues with stops featuring the beautifully decorated homes of **John** and **Stacy Crane**, **George** and **Cheryl Miller**, and **Bernie** and **Michelle Rockers**. Entertainment, art and refreshments round out this holiday event at the Garnett Public Library/Walker Art Gallery. Advance discounted tickets go on sale November 1 at the library.

If your are a city utility customer and your telephone number has changed, please let us know. In the event of an emergency being able to contact our customers is very important.

A patron suggested that we share frequently requested City of Garnett telephone numbers with you, as sometimes they are hard to find. These phone numbers and more are available in the ACDA Business Directory and Resource Guide. It is available free in print at City Hall, or online at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).

Here is a list of telephone numbers you might keep handy:

Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce	448-6767
Garnett City Hall, Manager, City Clerk, Cemetery, Community Development, Economic Development, Municipal Court, Tourism, Utilities, Planning & Zoning	448-5496
Garnett Public Library	448-3388
Garnett Police Department	448-6823
Garnett Recreation Center	448-3023

For safety's sake and to save you money, we remind all residents and property owners to please refrain from tampering with utility equipment. Do not turn on or off utility meters. Contact Garnett City Hall at (785) 448-5496 during regular business hours, or the Anderson County Law Enforcement Center Dispatch at (785) 448-6823 after hours and on weekends in the event of a situation where the electric, natural gas or water utility needs to be shut off. City utility personnel will be dispatched. While you may know how to perform such tasks, in the event of breakage or equipment malfunction you could be at risk of injury. Any damages to city property caused by your direct contact could be your financial responsibility for repairs. Tampering with utility equipment is a misdemeanor.

For any natural gas incident, please evacuate the property to call for help from a safe location. If it is an emergency, dial 911. Always choose safety first.

We wish to recognize and show appreciation to





the **Garnett Lions Club** for their commitment to refurbishing and painting the North Highway 59 “Welcome to Garnett” sign. Thank you.

All City of Garnett departments will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. **The trash route schedule for the week of Thanksgiving, November 20-24, will be different from past years.** Please note the following schedule and that trash should be out, ready for pick up each day by 8 a.m.:

- All of the Monday route and Tuesday morning route will be picked up on Monday, November 20;
- Tuesday afternoon route and Wednesday morning route will be picked up on Tuesday, November 21;
- Wednesday afternoon route, and all of Thursday and Friday trash routes will receive pick up service on Wednesday, November 22.

The Garnett Recreation Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. However, the recreation center will be open on November 24, December 24 (Christmas Eve) and New Year’s Day, January, 1, 2018.

Please make plans to “Shop Local” during the special **Holiday Open House Weekend**, November 3-4, and on **Small Business Saturday**, November 25. Garnett area businesses will be having special sales and promotions during these popular holiday shopping dates. These businesses support so much of what makes Garnett great. We encourage you, whenever possible, to be loyal to local.



## Fall Fishing at Its Best

The state of Kansas officially opens Rainbow Trout Season on November 1, 2017. It will run through April 15, 2018. Weather permitting, the Garnett Parks Department anticipates stocking Crystal (South) Lake with trout prior to the first of November.

A Kansas trout permit and valid state fishing license is required for all anglers, except those ages 15 years and younger, to fish at Crystal Lake during Trout Season. The daily creel limit for persons ages 15 years and younger is two (2) trout, unless they purchase a trout permit. Daily creel limit for trout permit holders is five (5).

Autumn weather is still prime fishing time in any of Garnett’s lakes. No city fishing or boating permits required. Only state fishing and boating permits are necessary.

## Election Day is November 7



Garnett citizens will be casting ballots during the Tuesday, November 7 election in which incumbent and current mayor, W. Gordon Blackie, and candidate Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss are running for the position of Garnett City Commissioner. USD 365 Board of Education positions, as well as Frontier Extension District Candidates are also on the ballot.

City commission races are also held in the surrounding Anderson County cities of Colony, Kincaid, Greeley, Lone Elm, and Westphalia, and Unified School District 479.

The polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with election results posted at the Anderson County Annex. Please bring government issued or photo ID with you when you cast your ballot.

Persons wanting to vote must be registered by October 17 with the Anderson County Clerk’s Office. If you have moved, be sure and make that correction with the County Clerk’s Office.

## Give the Gift of Garnett

The holidays are upon us but no matter what the occasion, gift certificates make gift-giving easier. There is no better gift to give than that of a new adventure, the challenge to try a new activity, or the inspiration to accomplish a health and wellness goal.

Stop by Garnett City Hall to purchase gift certificates for one or more of the many options available:

### ♦ Camping

Good at any City of Garnett lake, including Cedar Valley Reservoir, Lake Garnett or Veterans Memorial Park;

### ♦ Recreation Center Membership

Daily, monthly or annually, individual or family;

### ♦ Recreation Programs

Per session, choose from indoor cycling (spin), water aerobics or yoga;

### ♦ Swimming Pool

Individual daily or season pass, family season pass

### ♦ Specialty Gift Certificates

Upon request, city staff will create a specialized gift certificate for participation in any youth recreation program, such as biddy basketball, football, cheerleading, baseball, swimming lessons, etc.



Visit City Hall today and get your holiday shopping done early!



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## From the Chamber Director...

The fall season is a busy time for Garnett area businesses. There are many special GACC events scheduled:



### Tastes & Talents Art & Wine Stroll Saturday, October 14, 2017, 2-5 p.m.

Join the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce for local shopping, live music and art, wine, beer and food samplings. This event is for those ages 21 and over only please. Tickets can be purchased in advance September 1 through September 29 for only \$20; October 1 through October 13 for \$25. Tickets on the day of the event are \$30 at the door.

### Ladies Night Out/Holiday Open House Weekend Friday and Saturday, November 3-4, 2017

Shop the area retail stores and sign up for drawings, food sampling and browse what's new for the holidays. Complimentary goody bags provided at Friday night's event.

### Small Business Saturday Saturday, November 25, 2017

The day after "Black Friday" is a great day to be in Garnett. Bargains abound at area businesses throughout the day leading up to the Christmas parade.

### The Chamber is your One-Stop Shop for the Holidays!

First, let's talk about **Chamber Bucks**. What are they, how do I use them and why should I buy them?

**Chamber Bucks** are "Garnett Gift Cards" that you can purchase from the Chamber office anytime during business hours. Bucks are accepted at over 40 local businesses and are perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas or just because! You can use **Chamber Bucks** for dinner, utilities, clothing, groceries and so much more! **Chamber Bucks** promote local shopping and benefits your entire community by boosting the local economy. Help Garnett grow and thrive by utilizing the **Chamber Bucks** program. The next time you need a gift idea, we ask that you give the gift of Garnett!

### Your Local Chamber is Here for You!

If you have a question, complaint, compliment or just want to chat about a local business, give us a call. We love hearing from visitors and Anderson County residents about their shopping experiences. We receive countless calls for business hours, phone numbers and locations. Utilize your local Chamber by following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @GarnettChamber, or visit [www.chamberofgarnettks.com](http://www.chamberofgarnettks.com).

Thank you,

Desiree Donovan,  
Chamber Director/Administrative Assistant