

# TOWN TALK

## WINTER 2018

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Mayor  
Pro Tempore



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Commissioner



Brigitte  
Brecheisen-  
Huss,  
Commissioner

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### From The City Manager...

Happy New Year! I hope 2017 was a wonderful year for all of you. This past year has seen significant changes for the City. There has been a new City Commissioner elected, a new City Manager appointed, new department heads, and new staff members joining your local government. I would like to thank outgoing Mayor Gordon Blackie for his leadership and efforts to improve our community over the past five years. I would like to thank every one of our City employees for the terrific job they do in serving the Garnett community. They all strive every day to make Garnett the best place to work, play, and call home.

While I believe we had a successful 2017, I look forward to accomplishing even greater things in 2018. We have a lot on our plate. We need to construct a new water treatment facility. The existing facility can no longer serve the needs of our community and cannot be adequately repaired. Constructing a new treatment plant is a challenging proposition which we have been wrestling with for the past few months. Work is underway to find ways to reduce the cost of the new plant and I believe we are close to deciding on the design for this new facility. The plan is to have a new water treatment plant operational within the next two and a half to three years.

Operationally, we are excited to announce that we are working on transforming our Garnett Recreation Center into a twenty-four-hour facility. We are in the process of installing the necessary equipment and hope to offer 24/7 access shortly after the New Year. We have also stepped up efforts to ensure code compliance throughout the community. This will continue to be a priority. Well maintained properties show potential business owners and future residents that our community takes pride in itself. Additionally, property insurance rates are impacted by the City's code enforcement program, with well-enforced, up-to-date codes resulting in lower insurance rates.

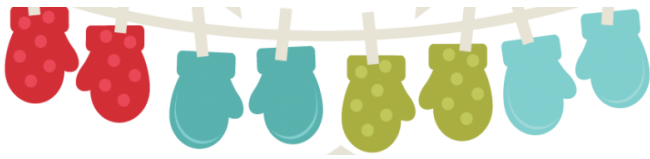
The City's longtime Director of Economic Development, Dennis Arnold, is retiring at the end of January. Dennis has been instrumental in helping many of our local businesses succeed and expand. He has helped bring new business to the community during his tenure as well. I appreciate his work in helping to grow Garnett and wish him the best in his retirement.

I would like to congratulate Genco Manufacturing on their expansion in the Garnett Industrial Park and to Jim Todd and Tom Hollinger on the groundbreaking of their new business location on Oak Street. We hope to continue to see further business expansion and growth throughout the community this next year.

To further enhance our prospects for community growth and development, we are going to be very active on multiple fronts. The City's Planning Commission is currently working on updating our Comprehensive Plan, outlining a twenty-year vision for the community. I will be working with the City Commission on developing a strategic plan to accomplish the goals outlined in the updated comprehensive plan. I hope to hold a series of community meetings to assist in the updating and development of our comprehensive and strategic plans. These plans are for your community and will impact your lives and your children's and grandchildren's lives. These plans will set a vision for what you want to see Garnett be and look like twenty years from now. As important as that vision is, we need action steps in order to realize those goals and that vision. Whether the "vision" includes a large scale industrial business with five hundred jobs, a focus on infrastructure and improving our streets and utilities, expanding services with a full-time fire department, or improving amenities by upgrading our swimming pool to an indoor facility, each of these potential goals have a price tag associated with them. What incentives would we be willing to give as a community to attract and retain such an employer? How much would we be willing to pay for improved infrastructure, services, and amenities? How will we pay for these incentives and improvements – tax abatements or rebates, cheaper utilities, property tax, sales tax, user fees – all of these are mechanisms available to the City to utilize in growing and improving our community. Answering these questions is vital in crafting and realizing a future vision for Garnett. We need your help and your input in developing this vision and plan, as well as in providing more specific community input.

We have a variety of boards and commissions for which we are always seeking passionate people.





## From the City Manager...

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Currently, we have an opening on the committee that oversees the Walker Art Collection located at the Library. If you are interested in serving on this committee, which meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month, please submit a letter of interest to City Hall or email it to us.

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

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner  
*City Manager*

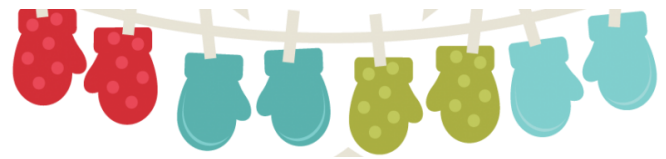
## From Our New Commissioner...

With the start of the new year upon us, I am excited to begin serving as your City Commissioner. I cannot thank everyone enough for all the help and support I was shown during my campaign and the election. I am incredibly grateful to have the opportunity to help make a difference in Garnett, and I can assure you it is a privilege and responsibility I do not take lightly.

Born to the parents of Mark and Peggy Brecheisen, I was raised, alongside my two older brothers, in Parsons, Kansas. Upon graduating from Parsons High School in 2006, I attended Kansas State University (EMAW!), where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Secondary Major in International Studies in December of 2008. While I was working on my undergraduate degree, I interned for Senator Mike Petersen of the Kansas Legislature, and worked as an administrative intern with the City of Parsons, Kansas. These experiences provided me with a positive glimpse into the vast world of public service, and thereby encouraged me to pursue a Master of Public Administration degree.

While working on my graduate degree program, I had the opportunity to work as an intern for Riley County Planning and Development, where I gained experience drafting comprehensive plans and unified development ordinances. In December 2010, I graduated with a Master of Public Administration degree and a certificate in Community and Regional Planning, and was awarded membership to the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society.

Following graduation from Kansas State, I married my college sweetheart, Joseph Huss, and applied for the Presidential Management Fellowship Program, a two-year leadership development program created by Executive Order to develop a cadre of potential government leaders. I was awarded a fellowship position with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the Office of Field Policy and Management, and began work in



July of 2011 in Fort Worth, Texas. During this time, I acquired over 180 hours of developmental training from George Washington University, the Government Affairs Institute, and the Office of Personnel Management, led project management efforts for the Strong Cities, Strong Communities White House Initiative in New Orleans, Louisiana, and spent four months working with the Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, directly serving homeless individuals. Upon completion of my fellowship, I transitioned to a permanent job as a senior management analyst, managing 10 field offices across 5 states.

My greatest career change came in October 2014, when I became a mother to twin boys, Derek and James. Upon their entrance in to this world, my husband and I decided that I would take on my most rewarding job to date, stay-at-home mother. During this time, we decided to move back to Kansas, to raise our children close to family. Since my grandparents Jean and A.W. "Doc" Brecheisen, had lived in Garnett, I grew up visiting the area regularly, and it seemed like the perfect place for us to call home, and I was not disappointed. Living in Garnett, has truly been one of the best, most satisfying experiences of my life. I am so very thankful my three sons—which as of April 2017 also includes Clark—will be able to grow up in this town, among hardworking, friendly people. For all of my fellow Wildcats, when I think of the opening lines of our

Alma Mater, I am also reminded of Garnett—"I know a spot that I love full well, Tis' not in forest, nor yet in dell, Ever it holds me with magic spell, I think of thee..." This is my home now, and the people here are my family.

That is why I have a vested interest in actively working to make this community better. In taking on this role, I want to help create a vision that guides decision-making, so we can best channel our efforts and resources towards sustainable development goals. To accomplish this, I believe it is

crucial to improve civic engagement, and I am excited to get people from all demographics involved in the policy process. I am also looking forward to working closely with our exceptional city staff to accomplish our goals.

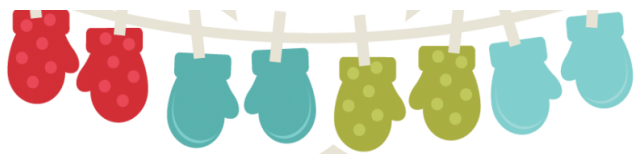
I feel honored to have the opportunity to serve as a Garnett City Commissioner in the upcoming years, and I am looking forward to finding proactive, innovative solutions for the challenges that lie ahead.

Respectfully,

Brigitte Brecheisen-Huss  
*Commissioner*







## From The City Clerk/Finance Director

City trash service is picked up by the Refuse Department. Please ensure that all trash is placed in trash bags for pick up. Crews are not able to physically pick up any trash receptacle 55-gallon or larger in order to prevent workers compensation injuries. If loose trash is placed in a receptacle 55-gallons or larger, we will not be able to remove that trash.

Also, please remember that the refuse crews can not pick up any yard waste. There are a variety of options for disposal of yard waste. The old city dump, off Highway 31, is open the last Friday of every month so residents can take their yard waste themselves, or special pickups can be arranged by calling city hall (785-448-5497). In addition, residents can pick up a key at city hall to take their yard waste to the old city dump when it is not open. Please also remember that only brush, leaves and plant material can be taken to the old city dump. No household garbage or construction material is permitted there.

Another disposal option for yard waste is burning. Residents need to call the non-emergency number for the dispatch center at (785-448-6823) to verify whether a burn ban is in place. Burning of yard waste is allowed when open burning is permitted, as long as a water source is nearby and the fire is not left unattended.

As of this writing, there is a burn ban in place and the fire chief speculates that it will be in place through the end of 2017 until we get substantial moisture.

Sincerely,  
Kristie Kinney  
City Clerk, Finance Director



## Don't Forget to License Your Pet

### *It's that time again!*

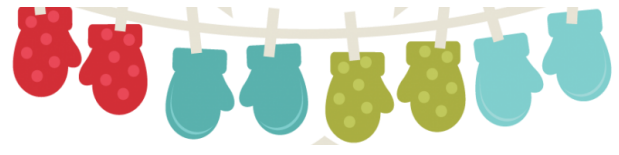
Owners of dogs and cats within the City of Garnett are required to purchase pet licenses annually at city hall.

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

As of March 1, 2018, the fees will double to \$15 and \$40 respectively. Replacement tag fee for lost tags are \$5.

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

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



## From Community Development...

### *What does "Community Development" mean to you?*

Recently, the City of Garnett determined the following to be considered within the realm of Community Development: Tourism, economic development, planning, zoning, code enforcement, airport, parks and recreation, and cemetery.

Community Development (*per Wikipedia*) is defined as "A process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems". Please note the words "action" and "generate solutions". Much of the time, it seems that our conversations revolve around what we can't do, instead of what we could do. Our goal in 2018 is to talk less and communicate more through our efforts and actions. It is our desire to work ambitiously to generate solutions to the issues our citizens (you) view as most important. We say this knowing that sometimes things may not be accomplished fast enough to satisfy every expectation. We may not have the financial resources to accomplish everything we plan. However, we vow each and every day to work towards accomplishing visible progress.

In November, the Garnett/Anderson County Economic Development hosted a Workforce Development workshop presented by Southeast Kansas Works. We encourage you to explore the Southeast Kansas Works website, [www.sekworks.org](http://www.sekworks.org). There are win/win opportunities for businesses and job seekers in which employers can receive wage reimbursement when participating in programs that promote on-the-job training, trial employment, apprenticeships, and young adult Internships. Materials on these programs and additional information is available at Garnett City Hall.

We are excited to see the site work underway on the vacant land for a new building at 520 S. Oak Street, thanks to Jim Todd and Tom Hollinger, dba Park Place Holdings. Recent manufacturing expansions include Hayes Brand Molding with their newly acquired property at 901 S. Oak Street, and Genco Manufacturing adding 1203 E. 2nd Avenue to their business plan. A new retail business is coming soon to the town square, Monroe 816, located at 105 E. 4th Avenue. Let us congratulate the following additional businesses for the investments they made in Garnett in 2017:

6th Avenue Boutique & Bronze, 427 W. 6th Avenue -  
*New building*

1858 Garnett House Hotel, 202 W. 4th Avenue -  
*Historic Landmark*

Country Mart, 425 N. Maple Street, *New ownership*

Dairy Queen, 212 N. Maple Street - *New ownership*

Dr. Richard T. Hale, DDS, 519 S. Maple Street -  
*New business, structure*

Dr. Sandi Otipoby, DDS, 240 W. 4th Avenue -  
*New location, renovation*

Stroud's Guns, 317 S. Maple Street - *New business*

Willow Street Apartments, 310 S. Willow - *Remodel*

We encourage you to become an active participant in the Garnett community. Together, we can make great things happen. Let's make 2018 the best year of our lives, right here, in Garnett. Respectfully,

Susan Wettstein  
Director of Community Development

## Did You Know...

The City of Garnett congratulates the following employees for reaching the following years of service milestone anniversaries:

40 Years: **Colette McDonnell**, Administrative Assistant/  
Municipal Court Clerk

15 Years: **Mike Kaufman**, Cemetery and Park  
Maintenance Worker

10 Years: **Jason Wettstein**, Assistant Street  
Superintendent/Motor Pool

5 Years: **Philip Bures**, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Cecilia Lamb**, Recreation Center Attendant

**Glen Platt**, Volunteer Firefighter

**Bryan Sobba**, Electric Lineman

The City of Garnett would also like to wish the very best to **Dennis Arnold**, Economic Development Director, on his retirement as of January 31, 2018. A special reception will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 1:00 p.m. and the public is cordially invited to attend.

City Manager Chris Weiner recently started an Employee of the Month program. To date, the following employees have received this honor: **Brian Dykes**, Water Plant Foreman, **Desiree Donovan**, Deputy Director of Community Development, **Susan Wettstein**, Director of Community Development, and **Roy Salazar**, Street Department Maintenance Worker.

**Training and Certification:** The Garnett Police Department recently participated in several trainings. Lieutenant **Todd Turner** attended a 6-hour monthly Special Response Team (SRT) training. Lieutenant **Turner** and Sergeant **Robert McLeod** are on a joint SRT team with Coffey County that serves Coffey, Anderson, Woodson and Greenwood counties in high risk situations. Lieutenant **Todd Turner** also attended 40 hours of Basic Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) training from the KBI. He is now able to be deployed on the SRT team with Coffey County, as this class is a requirement to be a deployable asset with the SRT.

The **Garnett Police Department** also assisted Joe and Glenda Johnson, Life Assembly of God Church, to pass out shoes to children Garnett Elementary School. Along with shoes, children were treated to juice and popcorn.

Wastewater Treatment Maintenance Worker, **Eric Trammell**, attend the Lift Station Maintenance School in Iola recently.

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

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

As a reminder to all homeowners, our Wastewater (Sewer) Department asks that you please check all outside sewer caps, plugs and covers used to enter the sewer system. Make sure everything is water tight and in good shape. So much of our system, (private and public) leaks, causing the treatment plant to

be almost maxed out when a heavy rain arrives. In other words, normal flow is 450,000 gallons per day, rains that last for a day or two can bring that flow up to 6 million gallons per day. So please, check all outside cleanouts and covers that are below or even with the ground level and make sure everything is water tight.

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

## From the Zoning Administrator

FEMA and the Kansas Department of Agriculture is gathering information from our City and surrounding counties to produce a new Floodplain map. I wish to invite all of those interested in joining our City Planning Commission to become part of our community working group. This group will provide local feedback and review draft floodplain data for accuracy and sensibility. The communities that actively participate end up with sensible floodplains they believe in, and face fewer problems and angry citizens. Floodplain updates happen infrequently, so the regulatory floodplains from this project are likely to impact our community for many years. If you are near or live in a floodplain this will definitely affect you and your property, so again I urge you get involved. Check the City of Garnett's website, [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com), for meeting location, date and time where Floodplain Mapping will be discussed.

Now that winter is here, it's important to be a responsible homeowner and check, or have a licensed contractor check your heating system for proper operation. If you know any elderly person that may not give it any thought, please give them a reminder. It may be too late when it's below freezing temperatures and you find your furnace just can't keep up.

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

In closing, a last reminder for the roofing contractors. As of January 1, 2018, city permits and contractor state certificate numbers will be required before performing any roofing work in the City of Garnett. If you're the homeowner and doing the work yourself, permits are still required but not a state certificate number. See our city webpage for more information regarding this matter.

I wish you all a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Gary Giczewski

Zoning Administrator/Building Official, ADA Coordinator



# Enjoy these local activities and events!

Check out our "Community Calendar" - [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com)

## JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!**  
**Recreation Center Open - regular hours**  
**City Offices Closed**  
Trash service will run 1 day late
- 2 Patriotic Banner Project**  
Applications accepted at City Hall  
**Yoga, Beginner and Intermediate**  
Recreation Center, am/pm classes  
**TOPS Meeting**  
Methodist Church, 9-10am  
*Every Tuesday*  
**Anderson County Commission Meeting**  
Annex Building, 9-10am  
*Every Monday - Holiday Change\**  
**Storytime for Preschoolers**  
Library, 10-11am  
*Every Tuesday*  
**Rotary Meeting**  
Racer's Lounge, 12-1pm  
*Every Tuesday*  
**Garnett Community Foundation**  
Recreation Center, 5:30pm  
**American Legion BINGO**  
VFW Post 6397, 6-8pm  
*Every Tuesday*
- 3 Indoor Cycling (Spin) and Yoga begins**  
Recreation Center, am/pm classes  
**Duplicate Bridge**  
Garnett Inn, 1-2pm  
*Every Wednesday*  
**Tourism Advisory Board**  
City Commission Room, 5:30pm  
**ACHS Booster Club Meeting**  
ACHS, 5:30-6:30pm  
**GES Site Council**  
GES, 5:30-6:30pm  
**GES PTO Meeting**  
GES, 6-7pm
- 4 13-Point Pitch & Snacks**  
Garnett Senior Center, 6-7pm  
*Every Thursday*  
**USD 365 Endowment Association**  
ACHS, 6:30-7:30pm  
**USD 365 Board of Education Meeting**  
USD 365 Board office, 7-8pm  
**Delphian Masonic Lodge No. 44**  
Masonic Lodge 44, 7:30-8:30pm
- 7 Boy Scout Troop 126 Meeting**  
Garnett Optimist Bld. 1-2pm
- 8 Anderson County Commission Meeting**  
Annex Building, 9-10am  
*Every Monday*  
**Celebrate Recovery**  
Church of the Nazarene, 5-8pm

**\*NEW - Chat and Cardio Exercise Class,  
6-Week Program begins**

- Recreation Center  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 pm
- 8 American Legion Auxiliary**  
VFW Post 6397, 7-8pm  
**Housing Authority Board of Directors Meeting**  
Office-Park Plaza North, 7-8pm
  - 9 Recycle Trailer**  
Country Mart Parking Lot, All Day  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Parkview Heights, 6-7pm  
**Garnett City Commission Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 6pm  
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**Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting**  
Extension Office, 6:30-7:30pm
  - 10 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
City Commission Room, 5:30pm  
**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail**  
Archer Room, Library, 7-8pm
  - 11 Garnett Area Chamber Board Meeting**  
Dornes Insurance, 5:30-6:30pm
  - 12 Garnett Airport Advisory Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 4:30pm
  - 13 VFW Breakfast**  
VFW Post 6397, 7-9:30am
  - 14 Religious Liberty Seminar/Lecture/Q&A**  
First Christian Church, 1pm
  - 15 State Sovereignty & the Duty of State Representatives**  
First Christian Church, 6:30pm  
**Lions Club Meeting**  
VFW Post 6397, 6-7pm
  - 16 Anderson Co. Economic Development**  
Garnett City Hall, 5-6pm  
**Garnett BPW Meeting**  
Library, 5:30-6:30pm  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 6pm
  - 17 Caffeine and Colors**  
Library, 1pm
  - 18 Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
Archer Room, Library, 4-5pm
  - 23 City Commission Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 6pm
  - 24 Garnett Optimist Meeting**  
Mr. D's, 6:30-7:30pm  
**Garnett Library Book Discussion**  
Archer Room, Library, 7 p.m.  
*Every 4th Wednesday*
  - 25 Harvesters Food Distribution**  
Quonset Hut, 4-5pm  
**GACC Annual Banquet**  
Knights Hall, 6pm

**31 Yoga, Beginner and Intermediate**  
Recreation Center, am/pm classes

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- 11 Scout Sunday - Troop 126**  
Methodist Church, 9:30-11:30am





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**March 1-4 and 8-11: "Over the River & Through the Woods"**  
Chamber Players Community Theatre
- 4 Boy Scout Troop 126 Meeting**  
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- Office-Park Plaza North, 7-8pm
- 13 Recycle Trailer**  
Country Mart Parking Lot, All Day  
**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
Parkview Heights, 6-7pm  
**Garnett City Commission Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 6pm  
Watch LIVE on Facebook!  
**Golden Prairie Beekeepers Meeting**  
Extension Office, 6:30-7:30pm
- 14 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board**  
City Commission Room,  
5:30-6:30pm  
**Friends of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail**  
Archer Room, Library, 7-8pm
- 15 Walker Art Committee Meeting**  
Archer Room, Library, 4-5pm
- 17 Garnett BPW Women's Fair**  
ACHS Gym, 10am
- 19 Lions Club Meeting**  
VFW Post 6397, 6-7pm
- 20 Anderson Co. Economic Development**  
City Commission Room, 5-6pm  
**Garnett BPW Meeting**  
Library, 5:30-6:30pm  
**Planning Commission Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 6pm
- 21 Caffeine and Colors**  
Library, 1pm
- 22 Harvesters Food Distribution**  
Quonset Hut, 4-5pm
- 24 Spring Ultra Races (50 & 100 mile)**  
Prairie Spirit Trail, All Day
- 27 Garnett City Commission Meeting**  
City Commission Room, 6pm  
Watch LIVE on Facebook!
- 28 Garnett Optimist Meeting**  
Mr. D's, 6:30-7:30pm  
**Garnett Library Book Discussion**  
Archer Room, 7 p.m.  
Every 4th Wednesday
- 30 Indoor Cycling (Spin) and Yoga begins**  
Recreation Center, am/pm classes
- 30 Patriotic Banner Project Application Deadline**  
Garnett City Hall
- 31 Garnett Community Easter Egg Hunt**  
Courthouse Lawn, 10am  
Sponsored by Life Assembly of God Church

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Everything you need in one website.

# Natural Gas Public Awareness - You Can Help!

A customer's awareness and understanding of our city's natural gas system is key to helping maintain the most safe and effective way we transport energy. In our nation's time of heightened security, it is more important than ever to help guard against damage or attack. Therefore, it is your responsibility to serve as an extension of our safety efforts.

**Report Trouble.** Report to the City of Garnett any suspicious activities, exposed pipe or damaged facilities (meters, regulator settings and buildings).

**Call Kansas One-Call.** Remind excavators to use the Kansas One-Call System. IT IS THE LAW.

Call before you dig. It is a toll-free call, 1-800-DIG-SAFE (1-800-344-7233), or simply Dial 811.

Wait for the site to be marked by utility, cable or telephone company personnel.

Respect the marks. Dig with caution.

## Leak Recognition –

Despite our efforts to monitor and protect our facility from damage, leaks happen. The best way to detect a pipeline leak is to use your sense of sight, sound and smell.

### Look for ...

Dead vegetation.

Bubbling in standing pools of water.

### Listen for ...

Unusual noises like hissing, whistling or roaring sounds.

### Smell for ...

The specific odorant put in natural gas.

Strange and unusual gaseous or chemical odors (such as skunk, rotten eggs or petroleum type of smells).

## Suspect a Leak? – STAY SAFE!

**Follow these instructions:** If you think you smell natural gas, report it to the Gas Department as soon as possible by calling Garnett City Hall, 448-5496. If after business hours, call the Anderson County Law Enforcement Dispatch Center at 448-6823.

**GAS EMERGENCY:** If you have a gas emergency and the gas odor is very strong and it seems to be everywhere, DO NOT USE your telephone. Evacuate Immediately. DO NOT OPERATE any light switches or attempt to air out the house. Leave the area. Go to a neighbor's house. Upon reaching a safe distance Dial 911 and wait for emergency personnel to arrive.

Lastly, I would again like to reiterate the city's new ordinance pertaining to the existence of bare steel gas service lines, yard lines and gas lines that enter homes underground. Bare steel gas lines are a real safety concern because they are old and have been corroding since they were installed years ago. The longer these lines are in use, the higher the potential is for a gas leak to occur. The Gas Department surveys the entire natural gas system every year, checking for leaks. There is always odorant in the gas, at all times, to help us determine if there is a gas leak. This is a good reactive approach to natural gas safety, which means if there is a leak, we recognize it, report it, and have it repaired.

An ordinance requiring the replacement of these types of gas lines is now being enforced. When a property is sold either by a realtor, auction, or independently by the owner, if bare steel gas lines exist they must be replaced. Both the seller and buyer need to be aware and understand the regulations regarding this ordinance. The ordinance affects as many as 800 homeowners in Garnett. In the case of bare steel gas lines, we must take a proactive approach as well. This means we eliminate the source of the leak before it occurs. As Director of the Gas Department for the City of Garnett, my number one concern is for the safety of our customers.

Additional information on gas safety, leak recognition and response is always available and on display at city hall. If you have any questions regarding natural gas, please call city hall and I will be happy to return your call and visit with you.

Thank you,

Kenneth J. Amaya  
Director of Gas Utilities



## JOIN US... LIVE! FACEBOOK LIVE!

Garnett City Commission meetings are now broadcast "LIVE" on Facebook. You are invited to join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m., from the comfort of your home, or anywhere using your cell phone. Remember to set up your device to the optimum volume settings! Viewers may find listening with headphones works best. Watch Facebook Live @GarnettKS ([www.facebook.com/garnettks](http://www.facebook.com/garnettks)) You can also view past meetings on [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com), the official website for the City of Garnett, Kansas.



# 2018 Guide to Garnett Recreation

## FITNESS

### Chat and Cardio Exercise Class - \*NEW

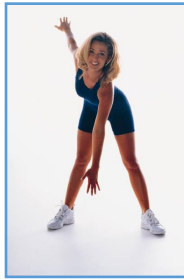
Session Start dates: January 8, February 19

Evening Class: Mon/Wed 6:30-7:15pm

Fee: \$4 per class

Registration Deadline: Prior to the start of each 6-week session.

Program information: *This program is the pace of water aerobics only on land! Classes focus on endurance and light resistance training.*



### Indoor Cycling (Spin)

Session Start dates:

January 3 & 4, February 20

Registration Deadline:

Prior to the start of each session.

Program Period:

Ongoing 6-week sessions.

(No summer sessions)

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

Evening Class: Tues/Thurs 5pm-6pm

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

Program Information:

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

### Yoga (Beginner and Intermediate)

Session Start dates:

January 2 & 3, January 31, February 20

Registration Deadline: Prior to the start of each session.

Morning Class: M/W/F 6:30-7:30am and 8am - 9am (4-weeks)

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

Fee: \$36

Program information: *For beginners to advanced, these 6-week sessions will help you build strength, increase flexibility and find focus. Learn the fundamental Yoga postures and principles that create a successful and effective Yoga practice that will invigorate your entire body.*

### Swimming Lessons

Registration Begins:

Session I June 4 - 14

Session II June 18 - 28

Program Period: June-July

Fee: \$25

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



### Water Aerobics

Registration Begins: June 4

Registration Deadline: Prior to taking class.

Program Period: June-August

Fee: \$4 per class.

(Continued...)

Water Aerobic Continued...Program information: *Classes focus on aerobic endurance, resistance training and creating an enjoyable cardio workout with less stress on joints.*

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

### Little Goalies Soccer

Registration Begins: February 5

Registration Deadline: February 25

Program starts April 12

Fee: \$15

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

### Youth Soccer League

Registration Begins: February 5

Registration Deadline: February 25

Program starts March 29

Fee: \$30

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

### Baseball

Registration Begins: March 5

Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14

Fee: \$30

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

### Softball

Registration Begins: March 5

Registration Deadline: April 1

Fee: \$30

Program starts May 14

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

### Coach Pitch

Registration Begins: March 5

Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14

Fee: \$30

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

### T-Ball

Registration Begins: March 5

Registration Deadline: April 1

Program starts May 14

Fee: \$30

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



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## Sign up for these recreation programs at the Rec Center.

### Coed Softball League

Registration Begins: April 23

Registration Deadline: May 13

Season starts June 2

Fee: \$250 per team.

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



### Tackle Football

Registration Begins: July 9

Registration Deadline: August 5

Season starts September 8

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

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

### Flag Football

Registration Begins: August 6

Registration Deadline: August 26

Program starts September 29

Fee: \$30

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

### Future Footballers

Registration Begins: August 13

Registration Deadline: August 26

Program starts September 29

Fee: \$20

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



### Cheerleading

Registration Begins: August 9

Registration Deadline: August 5

Season starts September 11

Fee: \$30

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

### Youth Volleyball

Registration Begins: August 6

Registration Deadline: August 26

Program starts September 29

Fee: \$20

Program information: *For boys and girls in grades 3-6, introducing basic volleyball fundamentals in an environment that promotes teamwork and sportsmanship.*

### Little Dribblers

Registration Begins: December 5

Registration Deadline: December 19

Program Period: January-February, 6 weeks.

Fee: \$20

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



### Biddy Basketball

Registration Begins:

Grades 1-2: October 9

Grades 3-6: October 30

Registration Deadline:

Grades 1-2: October 30

Grades 3-6: November 20

Program Period:

Grades 1-2: November-December

Grades 3-6: January-February

Fee: \$30

Program information: *A winter program, the purpose of Biddy Basketball is to teach basketball fundamentals and team*

## IMPORTANT DATES

POOL OPENS: May 26, 2018

POOL CLOSES: Weekend before school starts (August 2018)

Park & Recreation Advisory Board Meetings:

January 10

March 14

May 9

July 11

September 12

November 14

**Please note:** *Dates and times are subject to change. Please contact the Garnett Recreation Center or visit [www.SimplyGarnett.com](http://www.SimplyGarnett.com) for the latest, updated information.*

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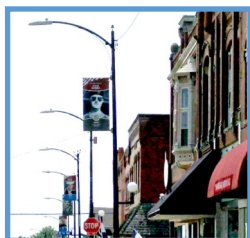
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## Accepting Sponsorships for Patriotic Banners

*Application forms and photos must be received by  
March 30, 2018.*

### *Banners honoring those who have served and who keep us safe.*

The Garnett Community Development Department with the help of the Garnett Community Foundation invites you to participate in "Project: Garnett Remembers", a patriotic project honoring our



military service men and women. The City of Garnett is accepting applications with photos from January 2 through March 30, 2018.

Now in the third year of this project, the patriotic banner installations will be extended from Garnett's town square and highway business districts to the residential streets of Pine, Cedar and Olive Streets. These streets lead visitors toward the historic North Lake Park and Garnett Municipal Cemetery. There are currently 146 banners honorees represented in this project.

If you know of a person who has ties to Anderson County that has or is currently serving our country and would like to sponsor a banner to remember and acknowledge them, banner sponsorship is \$250 for a 2-sided, full color banner and covers the cost of the banner, brackets and installation. Checks made payable to the Garnett Community Foundation are tax deductible.

Again, the deadline for applications for this project is Friday, March 30, 2018. The banners will be on exhibit annually prior to Memorial Day Weekend through the month of July in observance of Independence Day, July 4th. A special "Celebration of Service" will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. on the Anderson County Courthouse lawn (a lawn chair event) to commemorate and honor each individual represented in the Project: Garnett Remembers.

Applications for Project: Garnett Remembers are available at Garnett City Hall, Garnett Public Library, Santa Fe Depot and online at [www.simplygarnett.com](http://www.simplygarnett.com).



## Chamber Membership

### What's the Deal?



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

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

In 2017, GACC had over 90 members! Learn more online at [www.garnettchamber.org](http://www.garnettchamber.org), or contact the GACC at 785.448.6767.

### GACC Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 25, 2018  
Social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, guest speaker, awards ceremony and live auction following.



### TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW:

\$25 for members (\$180 for a corporate table of 8)

\$30 for nonmembers (\$230 for a corporate table)

Call today to reserve your table! 785.448.6767

### Life's a Snap



This year's guest speaker is Kendall Gammon, 15-year NFL veteran, author and sports broadcaster, delivers a timely message about the value of emotional strength and its direct impact on both personal and professional success - combining authentic storytelling from on and off the field, an interactive presentation style and simple, practical takeaways.

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