



INSIDE GARDNER

Your Community

July - August 2013

City Welcomes New Police Chief



On June 17, 2013, City Administrator, Cheryl Harrison-Lee, announced the appointment of Gerry Cullumber as Police Chief for the City of Gardner, Kansas. Chief Cullumber was selected following a nationwide recruitment conducted by a committee consisting of the City Administrator, City staff and prominent law enforcement officials in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Chief Cullumber succeeds the late Chief Kenneth Francis, who passed away in September 2012 after serving as Police Chief for more than 25 years.

With over 30 years of law enforcement experience, Chief Cullumber comes to the City of Gardner from the Edwardsville Kansas Police Department, where he served as Deputy Chief. Prior to joining the City of Edwardsville, he served as a Patrol Division Lieutenant with the Lenexa Kansas Police Department and a Warrants Division Sergeant with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department. His professional career includes experience in the areas of patrol, detention, narcotics, criminal investigations, animal control and community outreach.

Ms. Harrison-Lee said, "I am pleased that out of a pool of exceptional candidates, the selection process has successfully concluded with the appointment of Gerry Cullumber as Gardner's new Police Chief. I have every confidence that Chief Cullumber will distinguish himself early on as a visionary and effective community leader. His educational, supervisory and policing abilities are an excellent fit for our community and he will be a valued addition to the management team."

Frequently Asked Questions

To better serve our residents, the City will be featuring some Frequently Asked Questions in our Newsletters. Here are a few to get us started:

Where is the "Gardner Jail" and how do I contact them?

The City of Gardner does not have a jail. The "Gardner Jail" is actually the New Century Adult Detention Center. It is located at 27745 W. 159th Street in New Century, Kansas. Their telephone number is 913-715-5900.

Who is responsible for repairing broken sidewalks?

According to City Code 12.15.020, the owner of the property is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk in front, or adjacent to, their property.

How do I report a broken or burnt out streetlight?

Streetlight problems can be reported to Gardner Energy 24 hours a day by calling 913-856-6802. Press 2 for Electric, then press 2 again to report a streetlight issue. Be sure to include the address of the streetlight location and pole number if available, your name and phone number, and any other pertinent information that might be helpful.



Do You "Like" the City of Gardner



The City of Gardner has launched a new and improved Facebook page! Using your smartphone, scan the QR code (located to the left) to be added as a fan of **City of Gardner, KS Government**. The page is overseen by the Administrative Services Department and will serve as a tool to keep residents up-to-date on City events, projects, meetings and more!

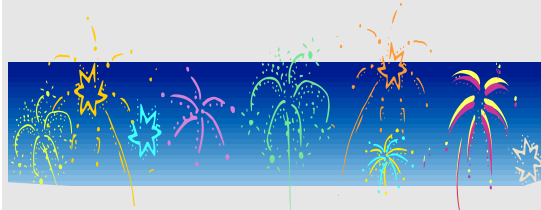
City of Gardner's Fireworks Policy

As in years past, the Gardner Police Department would like to inform our citizens on the rules and regulations regarding fireworks so that everyone can safely enjoy the 4th of July holiday.

Fireworks are strictly prohibited within the city limits of Gardner. Gardner Ordinance 2331, subsections 10.30 and 10.31 prohibit the discharge and sale of fireworks within our community.

The Gardner Police Department will have ZERO TOLERANCE; Fireworks will be confiscated, and possible citations may be issued.

Please, let's all work to be safe and make our 4th of July celebration an event for all to enjoy!



4th of July Celebration

Join the Parks and Recreation Department for the annual professional fireworks display held on the 4th of July. Families will be able to enjoy the playground, picnic shelters and trails while they wait for the big show! Tailgating is welcome.

WHEN

Thursday, July 4th, 2013
5:00 to 10:00 PM (fireworks begin at sundown)

WHERE

Celebration Park
32701 West 159th Street

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Mayor's Message to Gardner Residents



Greetings fellow citizens,

Spring has sprung and now summer is upon us. A couple of spring notes, May 2013 brought us a newly appointed Councilmember, Tory Roberts, and 324 newly minted graduates from Gardner Edgerton High School. Congratulations and good luck to each of you in your future endeavors. In June, another successful "Festival on the Trails" event was held with an estimated attendance of over 8,000. The weather was picture perfect and the festival a great success. Gardner may be where the pioneer trails divided, however, this annual event certainly brings our community together. Many thanks to the festival committee, the volunteers and our sponsors; you are the people who make this event possible.

Looking forward, the Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display will be held on July 4th at Celebration Park. In August, the Johnson County Fair rolls into town from August 6 -10, with the Fair Parade on August 10th featuring floats highlighting this year's theme, "It's a Wild Ride." Summer will also bring much activity to our parks, ball fields and Aquatic Center, so please be watchful for the young people while you are driving around town.

With so much going on, the City makes it easy for you to keep track of happenings around town. I recommend everyone with internet access to bookmark the front page of the city website at www.gardnerkansas.gov as it is updated regularly. If you want to be among the first to know the latest information, sign up for city email blasts at www.gardnerkansas.gov/communications/. For those of you connected to the community through social media, stay informed by "liking" our new and improved Facebook account at www.facebook.com/CityofGardnerKSGovernment or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/GardnerKansas.

Summertime is also budget time, and our 2014 budget is being developed for the first time using the recognized best practice of Priority Based Budgeting. City Council will be meeting at an accelerated pace in order to finalize our budget before the mid-August deadline. It is anticipated that the 2014 budget will not include an increase in property tax, while still providing outstanding service from all City departments. We are fortunate to have an award winning Finance and Accounting staff helping guide us through the process. Laura Gourley's department was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the eighth time. We are very proud of Laura and her staff for this noteworthy accomplishment.

Among other things to watch for this summer, construction will commence on improvements to the intersection of Center and Main Streets funded in large part through a partnership with KDOT. Summertime is fun time in Gardner, so please be safe, keep cool and enjoy it!

Best regards,

Calendar of Meetings

July	1	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
July	4	City Hall Closed in Observance of Independence Day
July	15	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
July	15	Electric Utility Board Work Session - 7:00 PM
July	23	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	1	Electric Utility Board Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	5	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	19	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	19	Electric Utility Board Work Session - 7:00 PM
Aug	27	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM

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Items of Note, Project Updates & Community Information

Kill Creek Facility Featured in TPO Magazine

The June 2013 edition of *Treatment Plant Operator (TPO) Magazine* features a cover story on the staff and operations of the Kill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The article, titled "Safe, Efficient, Compliant," highlights the facility's nutrient removal process, solids handling and safety practices implemented by Wastewater Supervisor, Scott Millholland, and his crew of four. The article recognizes the facility as "a clean, safe plant that conserves energy, saves money, and consistently meets its permit - that's a formula to make any city proud." You can view the full article at www.tpomag.com/editorial/2013/06/.

Featured in the photo (from left to right) are employees of the Kill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant: Scott Millholland, David Birzer, Matt Solorio, Steve Duke and Carl Cook.



City Recognizes Employees for Safe Work

Since 2007, the City has recognized full-time employees for their safe performance. This past year, 78 employees worked with no accident, injury or lost time, and of these employees, 56 worked 5+ years accident free. The City would like to congratulate all the Safety Award Recipients and recognize the 5 year award winners below:



Joseph Atchison	David Friess	David Jolliff	Tim Rodgers
Todd Bauer	Ryan Fulks	Mike Kessler	David Rollf
James Belcher	Michael Gardner	Lee Krout	Sharon Rose
Steve Benz	Laura Gourley	Amy Kynard	Jacqueline Schulz
David Birzer	Michael Green	Morgan Lloyd	Deana Scott
Jeremy Bovitz	Erin Groh	Ruth Lundy	Jerry Sicks
Jason Bruce	Danny Hackler	Brandon McCollum	Daniel Smith
Mary Bush	Janet Hackney	Karen McCollum	Ilena Spalding
Jason Chappelle	Dan Hauser	James Melvin	Jeff Stewart
Brad Crane	Amy Hawkins	Scott Millholland	Mark Sullivan
Jody Demaline	Jacob Hayes	James Moore	Cindy Weeks
Steve Duke	Bretton Hays	Joe O'Lucci	Jason Willis
JoAnn Eaton	Kurt Hollingshead	Mark Pottinger	Kathryn Wilmoth
Amy Foster	Susan Hutchcraft	Donald Roberts	Lisa Wilms

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Activities and Events

Youth Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Cost
Oliver Twist Theatre Camp	July 8 - 26	July 1	7 - 15 Years	\$145
Art in the Park: Celebration	July 11	July 6	3 - 10 Years	\$5
Bike Rodeo	July 13	July 12	12 and Under	\$5
Art in the Park: Winwood	July 25	July 20	3 - 10 Years	\$5
Youth Soccer	Aug 25	July 19	K - 8 th Grade	\$65
Kid's Fishing Derby	Sept 7	Sept 3	12 and Under	\$5
Micro Soccer	Sept 8	Aug 2	2 - 4 Years	\$55
Martial Arts	Sept 8	Sept 5	3 and Up	\$50
Touch A Truck	Sept 21	N/A	Any	Free
Flag Football	Sept 22	Aug 23	1 st - 6 th Grade	\$60
Cheerleading	Sept 22	Aug 23	1 st - 6 th Grade	\$60
Youth Volleyball	TBD	Aug 23	3 rd - 6 th Grade	\$55



Adult/Family Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Cost
July 4 th Celebration	July 4	N/A	Any	Free
Toddler Time at GAC	July 6, 13, 20, 27 Aug 3, 17	N/A	6 Month - 6 Years	\$6
Father/Son Campout	July 12 - 13	July 7	5 - 12 Years	\$20/pair \$10 extra/ non-camper
Adult Softball	July 14, 15, 18	June 28	18 and Over	\$400/team
Scrapbooking	July 27, Aug 24, Sept 28	Thursday before crop	12 and Up	\$5
Colors and Bottles	Aug 3	July 29	12 and Up	\$40
Acupuncture Workshop	Sept 24	Sept 20	16 and Up	\$5

Additional program information can be found at:
www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/



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“It’s a Wild Ride” at the Johnson County Fair



August 6 - 10, 2013
Johnson County Fairgrounds
Gardner, Kansas

Here are a few highlights:

August 5th	Open Youth Rodeo	7:00 PM
August 6th	Family Fun Night	6:00 PM
August 6th	Night of Fun and Challenge	8:00 PM
August 7th	Touch A Truck	7:00 PM
August 8th	Amateur Flat Track Races	6:00 PM
August 8th	Amateur Flat Track Races	7:00 PM
August 9th	Bull Blast and Barrel Racing	7:00 PM
August 10th	Parade	10:30 AM
August 10th	4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale	1:00 PM
August 10th	Demolition Derby	7:00 PM

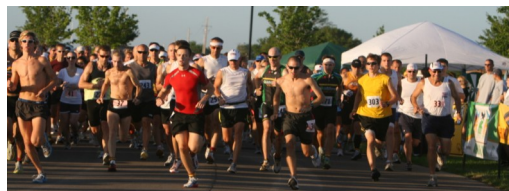
Please visit www.jocokansasfair.org for the full schedule of events!

12th Annual Prairie Punisher Duathlon and 5K

The Prairie Punisher Duathlon consists of a USAT sanctioned 5k run, a 34.5k bike ride, followed by a 5k run. A 5k run and 5k walk will be held in conjunction with the Duathlon. The event will take place on **Saturday, July 20th** at Celebration Park, located at 32701 W. 159th Street. There will be no race-day registration.

Event Pricing	By 7/5	By 7/13	After 7/13
Duathlon Individual	\$45	\$55	\$65
Duathlon Team	\$55	\$65	\$75
5k Run	\$15	\$20	\$25
5k Walk*	\$15	\$20	\$25

*All walk proceeds will support the Gardner Special Olympics



Gardner Historical Museum—Upcoming Events

Hours:

Gardner Historical Museum - 204 W. Main St.

Saturday through Tuesday: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Friday: 4:00 to 7:00 PM

The Bray House - 207 W. Shawnee St.

Saturday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Call 913-856-4447 to schedule a tour.

Admission is FREE (donations appreciated)



What’s in your attic...or basement...or garage? The Gardner Historical Museum would like to encourage you to donate items that might be considered “junk” by others, but may have some historical significance to Gardner, Edgerton or the surrounding areas. These items would include school memorabilia, military artifacts, wedding attire, business artifacts, church history, photos and more! For more information, please contact Laura McCarthy at 913-856-4447 or laura@gardnerhistoricalmuseum.com.

New at the Gardner Library this Summer



All ages can participate in the Summer Reading Program at the Johnson County Library happening May 20th through August 3rd. Visit the Gardner Library or www.jocolibrary.org/summerreading to register and/or learn more.

Heart of America Wing 2013 Air Expo

Experience history as it takes to the skies!

WHEN

August 24th and 25th

WHERE

New Century AirCenter
Commemorative Air Force
Hangar



ADMISSION

\$15 per person

\$25 family

Admission price includes B-29 cockpit tour, historic WWII aircraft tours, veteran’s oral histories, military vehicle display, swing band performances, children’s hangar, museum tours and more!

Rides will be available in:

- B-29 Superfortress “Fifi”
- B-24 Liberator “Diamond Lil”
- P-51 Mustang
- PT-17 Stearman biplane
- C-45 Expediter

For more information, or to book your flight, visit www.airpowertour.org or www.kcghostsquadrone.org.