

# G INSIDE GARDNER

## Drake White to headline Gardner's Fourth of July Celebration

Country music rising star Drake White and his band The Big Fire will headline Gardner's Fourth of July Celebration. White has gained recognition through his hits "It Feels Good," "Livin' the Dream" and "Makin' Me Look Good Again." He was dubbed CBS.com's "Artist of Tomorrow."

White's musical style consists of country, blues, funk and rock "n" roll. His energetic live shows gained popularity while opening for some of country music's biggest stars, including Willie Nelson, Little Big Town, Eric Church and the Zac Brown Band. White and The Big Fire recently kicked off their own headlining *Spark* tour.

White will take the stage at Celebration Park, 32501 159th St., Gardner, Kansas, following country rock singer Rusty Lafoon, returning

fan-favorite Big Time Grain Company and newcomer Tara Thompson.

In addition to the live music, attendees can enjoy other activities such as zip lining, face painting, bounce houses, and a variety of food vendors.

Entertainment and activities will start at 3 p.m., and the night will conclude with an amazing fireworks show, starting at 10 p.m.

This event is free to the public. Individuals requiring special accommodations should notify the city's ADA Coordinator Michael Kramer, [mkramer@gardnerkansas.gov](mailto:mkramer@gardnerkansas.gov), at least 48 hours prior to the start of the event.

Watch for more details about the event, including parking instructions, at [www.gardnerkansas.gov/july4](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/july4).



## City seeking volunteers to serve on Board of Building Code Appeals

The City of Gardner is accepting applications for all five positions of its Board of Building Code Appeals. One member must have experience in electricity, one member must have experience in plumbing, and one member must have experience in heating and air conditioning. The remaining two members do not need experience in a particular area.

The Board of Building Code Appeals is a citizen-based body that advises the City Council on the following items:

- Matters pertaining to changes and or improvements of the construction and reconstruction of facilities
- Procedures which will increase the life, health and safety of such facilities
- Recommendations regarding the Property Maintenance Code

Preferred candidates for appointment shall be 18 years or older, a registered voter, and a resident or be otherwise connected to the community in terms of property ownership, business affairs or by offering a unique and necessary expertise.

Visit [www.gardnerkansas.gov/government](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/government) for more information and to complete an application by May 31.

# Gardner's citywide cleanup slated for June 17 and June 24

This year the City of Gardner's citywide cleanup will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, June 17 and June 24.

The city will provide a free pickup of large and small items for residents within city limits. Residents north of 175th St./Main St. will receive service on June 17 and residents south of 175th St./Main St. will receive service on June 24. Collection does not apply to properties residing along private streets.

"In order to use our local disposal company, Gardner Disposal Service, we had to divide the pickup times into two weekends to coincide with their available resources," Public Works Director Michael Kramer said.

Gardner Disposal Service has approved the following items for collection:

- Appliances (door secured or removed, no Freon)
- Box springs and mattresses
- Basketball goals (cut in half and concrete removed)
- BBQ grills (propane tank removed)
- Electronics
- Furniture
- Push mowers (gas/oil removed)



- Bicycles
- Disassembled swing sets
- Carpet (cut in 4-foot lengths, rolled and tied)
- Large pieces of glass (broken down and boxed)
- Bagged, boxed and bundled items

Larger items qualify if two individuals can lift them. In addition, any items over 6 feet should be cut in half.

To ensure collection of items, residents should place their belongings within 3 feet of the curb by 7 a.m. Residents must dispose of items on their own if they fail to make pickup time.

Gardner Disposal will not collect domestic trash, tires, car parts, yard waste and items containing chlorofluorocarbons such as refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. For a full list of unapproved items, visit [www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov).

## *A message from* **MAYOR CHRIS MORROW**

Greetings fellow citizens,

May means graduations. Congratulations to all our Gardner graduates, whether from college, high school, or any other institution. You are to be lauded and applauded for your accomplishment. This year the youngest of our family's six children graduates from high school. Congratulations, Ryan! He is the last of our four Gardner-Edgerton High School graduates. Thank you USD 231 for effectively preparing our youngsters for their future. Best wishes to all our graduates.

As May turns to June, and spring turns to summer, school will be out for the season. I want to remind everyone to please be extra careful driving on our city streets. Keep an eye peeled for our young people and all pedestrians during these hot summer months.

And, while those students are breaking for summer, remember to steer them to Gardner's great amenities – the Aquatic Center, parks, trails, and ball fields. I hope you and your families are able to make great use of our recreation spots.

You should also make plans NOW to spend your Independence Day at Celebration Park. The City of Gardner will be hosting another amazing "Fourth of July Celebration." It will be a full day of food, frivolity and fun. There will be live music, including country music sensation Drake White and The Big Fire. The daylong extravaganza will end with a bang - with one of the metro area's best fireworks displays.

Finally, don't forget about the two-day "Festival on the Trails" event. It will be held on June 9 and 10. This year's Festival fun includes a car show, craft show, kids zone, and the annual Chat-fest gathering of our area's distinguished and longtime residents. New this year is the "Festival Color Run 5K" on the morning of June 10. It also includes two nights of live music, including Saturday night's headliner, country music hit maker Darryl Worley. Thanks to the Festival on the Trails committee members, volunteers and sponsors for putting on this signature event.

I hope everyone who lives in or visits Gardner will get a chance to enjoy all it has to offer this summer.

Best regards,



# Backflow test reports due by July 1

Backflow test reports are due by July 1, 2017. The city requires annual certified testing of all backflow prevention devices in an effort to ensure safe drinking water is provided to the community.

Backflow takes place when water in a distribution system flows in the opposite direction from what is normal. The city instructs property owners to use backflow prevention devices to protect the public water supply from cross-contamination by sprinkler systems, boilers, carbonators, etc. Failure to conduct these tests can pose a serious health risk to customers who use the water system.

Property owners must use certified testers, such as a certified landscaper or plumber, to complete the test. For more information about backflow testing, visit [www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov), or contact the Utilities Department at 913.856.0980.



# Crossing Guards needed in Gardner



The City of Gardner is looking to fill some crossing guard positions for the 2017-2018 school year. It is a seasonal part-time job that only takes a few hours a day, but it is critical to children's safety. Crossing guard services are contracted through the All City Management Services whose aim is to identify individuals of integrity who understand the significance of their job

and have the desire to give back to their communities through this rewarding work. For the past 30 years, they've employed more than 3,800 individuals across the U.S. who selflessly dedicate themselves every day for the safety of children. If you are interested in working part-time, during the days that school is in session, contact Penny at 800.540.9290 ext. 114 to schedule a telephone interview.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Gardner's Online Budget Survey results are now available. By visiting the Finance Department page at [www.gardnerkansas.gov/finance](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/finance), you will see how your fellow citizens responded in regards to how city funds should be allocated for 2017-2018. Thank you to everyone that participated in the survey. Your input is an important part of the budget process.



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**Mark your calendars**



**City Council Meetings:**

- May 15 at 7 p.m.
- June 5 at 7 p.m.
- June 19 at 7 p.m.
- July 3 at 7 p.m.

\*View more meeting dates at [www.gardner-kansas.gov](http://www.gardner-kansas.gov)

**Don't forget!**

**Pool Passes on Sale**

Season Pool Pass Memberships and Punch Cards for aquatics classes at the Gardner Aquatic Center (GAC) are currently on sale for the 2017 summer season. Passes and Punch Cards can only be purchased at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Center in City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. NEW this year, all members of the GAC must have their photo taken and cards will be printed. Members will enjoy some perks this season, including discounts on special pool events, various aquatic classes and a free swim night at the pool.

The GAC will open its doors on Saturday, May 27, at 1:00 p.m. View the new Pool Guide online at [gardnerparks.com](http://gardnerparks.com) for more information.

**POOL PASS MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

- Family Pass** - \$140.00      **Adult Pass** - \$80.00  
**Youth Pass** - \$65.00      **Nanny Pass** - \$65.00

To view the most current calendar of all upcoming Parks and Recreation events, scan the QR code with your phone using a QR scanner app!



**UPCOMING GARDNER PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
<b>Youth Programs</b>				
Martial Arts Classes-June	June 3-30	May 29	6-16	\$45-\$50
Junior Golf Clinic	June 5-8	June 3	8-15	\$60
Swimming Lessons	June 5-Aug 3	Friday before session	18 mos. & older	\$50
Gardner Kids' Running Club	June 8	June 5	3rd-8th Grade	\$25 (incl.t-shirt)
SLIME in the Park	June 9	June 7	3-10	\$7
Total Baseball Camp	June 12-14	June 2	5-14	\$65
Babysitting Clinic	June 13	June 9	11-15	\$55
Lego Camp	June 19-23	June 9	5-12	\$125
Livin' the Dream Basketball Camp	June 26-29	June 21	2nd-5th Grade	\$85 (incl.t-shirt)
Livin' the Dream Basketball Clinic	June 30	June 26	K-1st Grade	\$30 (incl.t-shirt)
<b>Adult/Family Programs</b>				
Scrapbooking	May 12, June 9	Thurs. before	Adults/kids 11 & older	\$5
Women's Grass Volleyball	June 6-July 25	May 29	18 and older	\$150/per team
Night Waves Pool Party	June 15	N/A	3rd-5th Grade	\$6 or \$5 per member
Summer Splash Pool Event	June 17	N/A	All ages	\$6 or membership
Father's Day at the Pool	June 18	N/A	All ages	\$6 or membership/ dad free
Night Waves Pool Party	June 22	N/A	6th-8th Grade	\$6 or \$5 if member
Mother-Daughter Glamp-Out	June 23-24	June 19	5-12	\$10-\$20
Father-Son Camp-Out	July 14-15	July 10	5-12	\$10-\$20
Adult Summer Softball	Mid July	June 30	18 and older	\$500/per team
Co-Ed Sand Volleyball	July 30/Aug 2	July 21	18 and older	\$150/per team