

G-INSIDE GARDNER

City to launch new performance dashboard called "G3"



GARDNER GUARANTEES GREATNESS

Soon, the city will launch a new performance dashboard called G3. G3, the abbreviation for Gardner Guarantees Greatness, serves as a progress report that allows the city to gauge its operations and measure its efforts toward reaching the city's business goals.

The implementation of G3 came after the Governing Body approved the newly developed citywide Strategic Plan. The plan serves as a culmination of earlier planning efforts and incorporates the Governing Body's strategic goals, citizen and advisory boards' input, objectives from planning documents, and previously identified capital projects to form a multi-year roadmap for achieving ongoing success. The next step was to implement the dashboard.

"With the application of G3, Gardner joins several progressive cities and counties who use this analysis tool to increase transparency with their residents and optimize business productivity," said City

Administrator Cheryl Harrison-Lee.

By visiting www.gardnerkansas.gov, the public will be able to access G3. The measures are categorized by the Governing Body's four main strategic goals: Promote Economic Development, Improve Quality of Life, Increase Infrastructure & Asset Management, and Improve Fiscal Stewardship. Under each goal, the public can view the strategies and tactics the city has implemented to achieve each objective. A color bar is positioned alongside each strategy, which shows the status of the city's efforts.

"Now those who may wish to invest in Gardner will have an at-a-glance view of our key performance markers related to a specific objective or business process, and they will see that Gardner performs with greatness," said Harrison-Lee.

Martin Luther King Jr. Exhibit returns to City Hall Jan. 11 and 12



On Thursday, January 11 and Friday, January 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the City of Gardner will again host an all-day educational exhibit for the public to attend in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Located in the Gardner City Hall Council Chambers, the exhibit will feature new displays highlighting King's life as it relates to the Civil Rights Movement, his distinct focus on service and social justice, and his death.

This two-day event also includes a children's workstation where young learners can read age-appropriate materials and complete worksheets to advance their knowledge about King and understand why he is commemorated each year. There is also an interactive quiz to test kids' understanding about what they've learned.

Every visitor will receive a Martin Luther King Jr. keepsake. Light refreshments will also be provided.

Johnson County Residential Property Valuation Update



If you're looking for a home in Johnson County, there's approximately a two-month supply of houses for residents. The market trend for homes under \$350,000 have the least amount of supply for potential home buyers.

Due to strong demand, residential property values continue to rise. In 2017, 95 percent of residential real estate values increased. The areas with the greatest increase were in DeSoto, Gardner, Lake Quivira, Lenexa, Mission Hills, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village, Shawnee and Spring Hill.

The Johnson County Appraiser's Office formed the Residential Reappraisal Advisory Committee in August 2017. The purpose of this committee, comprised of realtors, lenders and fee appraisers, is to advise the county of current residential market trends.

Appraisal Process

Each year, the Johnson County Appraiser's Office completes a four-step process in valuing residential property — discover, list, value and defend.

The appraiser's responsibility is to value property at fair market value; the price it would bring on an open, competitive market. In order to arrive at that value, county staff review sales activity.

By March 1, residents will receive a Notice of Appraised Value showing the valuation of their property as of January 1. If a homeowner disagrees with their property valuation, he or she has 30 days to file an appeal with the county. This hearing is an informal conversation about the property.

As always, the County Appraiser's staff aims to make the appraisal process transparent by publishing data used to determine home values online at www.jocogov.org/appraiser.

Article provided by Johnson County.

A message from **MAYOR CHRIS MORROW**

Greetings fellow citizens,

This is my final Mayor's Message. I will try to be brief, but I have many people to thank. To start, thank you for caring enough about your community to read our city newsletter!

I've been reminded quite recently about "The Athenian Oath" as it relates to public service and is most likely recognized for its final passage: "We will transmit this city not only, not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us." In plain English it means, leave your city better and more beautiful than you found it. I leave my post with Gardner hoping you all feel as good about our city as I do in this new year.

I've served as an elected member of the Gardner Governing Body since 2011. From the time I was elected mayor in 2013, this body has utilized the following four long-term strategic goals to guide how we make our decisions: Promote Economic Development, Increase Infrastructure and Asset Management, Maintain and Improve Quality of Life, and Improve Fiscal Stewardship. Because of the city's adherence to these goals, great strides have been made in respect to each of them. Too many to enumerate here, and with a new chapter about to begin, I hope our residents recognize what our

community has accomplished and is poised to realize in the future.

To quote 33rd U.S. President Harry S. Truman, "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." However, I do want to take a moment to recognize the professional staff that keeps Gardner moving. Thank you for your stalwart and tireless efforts; your creativity and innovation; and your consistent professionalism. I am proud to have been associated with such a dedicated, high-performing and award-winning group. Best of luck in your future endeavors in support of our community and its governing body.

Thank you to everyone who has ever served on a committee, board or commission, or volunteered to support our city in any manner great or small.

Thank you to all the members of the Governing Body I serve with now and those I've served with throughout the years. Special thanks to Councilmember Kristina Harrison—the only member to serve with me throughout my entire tenure. She now leaves office the same time as I do. Best of luck, Kristy!

Thank you to my family, especially those of you in Gardner for supporting, anchoring and enduring me throughout this elected odyssey.

Finally, thank you, Gardner, for electing me to the city council and as your mayor. Thank you for supporting and abiding me. It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve you all.

Best regards,



Fire District reminds public of proper use of fire extinguishers

Fire extinguishers exist in every public place, but should a fire emergency arise, would you know how to use one? Before learning how to properly operate an extinguisher, Johnson County Fire District #1 wants you to know the following tips:

- Only use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket.
- Ensure everyone has exited the building first and the fire department has been called or is being called before trying to locate and operate an extinguisher.
- If the room is filled with smoke, exit the building instead, smoke inhalation can be deadly. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household and business should have a fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher that can be used on all types of home fires.
- Purchase an extinguisher that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle. Also always choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.

To learn how to use a fire extinguisher, operators can remember the word **PASS**:

- Pull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with



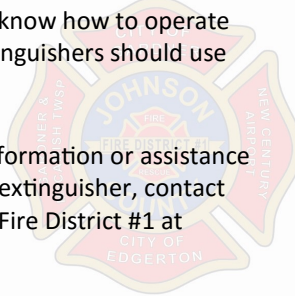
the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.

- Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
- Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.
- Sweep the nozzle from side-to-side.

Should children operate extinguishers?

The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) does not suggest children learn how to operate fire extinguishers. Instead, NFPA encourages the message that kids should get out and stay out if there is a fire. Children may not have the maturity to operate a portable fire extinguisher properly or to make the determination of whether or not a fire is small enough to be put out by the extinguisher. Also, they may not have the physical ability to handle the extinguisher or dexterity to perform the complex actions required to put out a fire or may not know how to respond if the fire spreads. NFPA continues to believe that only adults who know how to operate portable fire extinguishers should use them.

For additional information or assistance with using a fire extinguisher, contact Johnson County Fire District #1 at 913.764.7635.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Installation Ceremony for the newly elected members to the Governing Body will take place at City Hall on Monday, Jan. 8, 6 p.m. The ceremony will consist of the swearing in of Mayor-elect Steve Shute and new councilmembers Mark Baldwin and Randy Gregorcyk. The city will also recognize the outgoing mayor, Chris Morrow, and City Councilmember Kristina Harrison for their many years of service.



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Mark your calendars



City Council Meetings:

- Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 19 at 7 p.m.
- March 5 at 7 p.m.

*View more meeting dates at www.gardner-kansas.gov

Don't forget!

Daddy Daughter Ball —Saturday, February 10

This is a party you “*donut*” want to miss! The City of Gardner is proud to present the 7th Annual Daddy Daughter Ball at Gardner-Edgerton High School on Saturday, February 10. Couples will enjoy an evening of music, dancing and donut treats! Appetizers will also be served throughout the night. Pictures will be available for purchase as well as a free photo booth for entertainment. Each daughter will receive a small souvenir as they leave. The city is providing two sessions again this year to allow for maximum participation. Register early at gardnerkansas.gov/ddball to reserve the preferred session. See specific details above:

Times: Session I: 5:00 to 6:30 pm, Session II: 7:30 to 9:00 pm; **Fee:** \$35 per couple (\$15 for each additional daughter); **Age:** 3-12 years
Location: Gardner-Edgerton High School;
Registration Deadline: February 2, 2018

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
Youth Programs				
Elementary Art Experiences	Jan. 23, Feb. 27, Mar. 27	Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20	K-5th Grade	\$20/class
Youth Martial Arts Classes	Jan/Feb/Mar	Jan/Feb/Mar	3-17	\$45-50
Daddy Daughter Ball	February 10	February 2	3-12	\$35/couple
Babysitting Clinic	February 19	February 12	11-16	\$55
Spring Soccer	March 31	February 9	Age 4 & K-8 grades	\$70/\$55
Micro Soccer	March 31	March 9	2, 3, 4	\$65
Competitive Baseball	Mid April	February 9	U9, U10, U12, U14	\$950
Machine Pitch Baseball	Late April	February 9	U8	\$950
Recreational Baseball/Softball/T-Ball	Mid April	February 23	5-15	\$55-\$85
Soccer Player Development Program	April 4	March 23	5-12	\$70
Adult/Family Programs				
Scrapbooking	Jan. 26; Feb. 9; Mar. 2	Thurs. before	Adults & kids 11 & older	\$5
Adult Martial Arts Classes	Jan/Feb	Jan/Feb	Adult	\$45-50
Square Dance	January 23	January 30	14 and older	\$25 or \$45
Adult Spring Softball	Early April	March 9	18 and older	\$500/per team
Earth Day Celebration	April 21	April 13	All ages	Free