

INSIDE GARDNER

SPRING 2024

MORGAN EVANS AND GEORGE BIRGE TO PERFORM AT CITY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL

This year's City of Gardner Independence Day Festival promises to be another memorable experience, boasting performances by two talented artists in the genre: the electrifying Morgan Evans and rising star George Birge.

Morgan Evans, known for his dynamic stage presence and Gold-certified No. 1 debut single "Kiss Somebody," will be the headliner for the July 4th event. From foot-stomping anthems to heartfelt ballads, Evans captivates audiences with his raw energy and undeniable charm. His seamless blend of country roots with contemporary flair resonates with fans of all ages, creating an exciting atmosphere.

Sharing the spotlight with Evans is the incredibly talented George Birge, whose star continues to rise in the country music scene. With his soulful vocals and infectious enthusiasm, Birge brings a fresh perspective to the stage, winning over the hearts of new fans and leaving a lasting impression with his unforgettable performance.

Local fan-favorites Big Time Grain Co. will once again serve as the concert's opener, covering popular tunes and showcasing some original work.

Gates will open at 5 p.m. at Celebration Park, 32501 W. 159th St., Gardner, Kansas. In addition to the concert, attendees can enjoy inflatables, face painting, and various food vendors, with a fireworks show culminating the evening at 10 p.m. The event is free and open to all ages.



To help manage overflow parking, the city will provide a shuttle service from Gardner-Edgerton High School, located at 425 N. Waverly Road, and designated traffic routes. Watch for more details regarding Gardner's Independence Day lineup, festivities, and shuttle and route details at gardnerkansas.gov or www.facebook.com/CityofGardnerKSGovernment.



NEW BUSINESS NEWS

HTeaO TO OPEN ITS FIRST LOCATION IN THE AREA

HTeaO will soon become the newest addition to the Gardner community's beverage scene. This Texas-based chain has more than 100 locations across the country, with Gardner's serving as the first on the Kansas side of the metro. The 2,100-square-foot building will be located at 838 E. Main St., offering a vast selection of sweetened and unsweetened tea flavors such as Georgia peach, wild raspberry, blueberry green, and more. Alongside tea offerings, the business serves coffee and other brewed products. Snacks and water are also available for purchase. The construction timeline has not yet been finalized, but it is expected that work will commence in the upcoming months. To learn more about HTeaO and view their menu, visit HTeaO.com.





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A message from

MAYOR TODD WINTERS

Well, for the second year in a row, I am excited to start the spring newsletter with: “How about those Chiefs!?!” As one of the many Chiefs fans in Gardner, I am fortunate to have witnessed what is now referred to as a dynasty. Once again, I enjoyed seeing and hearing of the many get-togethers and celebrations in our community as we watched their Super Bowl victory!

These past few months have been busy! We welcomed Skin Glow KC, a boutique spa on the east side, and New Life Community Church opened their beautiful new facility on the south side of town. I have previously mentioned that we are working hard behind the scenes to bring new commercial and entertainment options into our community. Several projects are on the horizon with private market recognition of the 175th Street/I-35 Interchange area. The recent announcement by Brown Stone 3 Development related to a possible commercial development

called New Trails Crossing is estimated to be a \$245 million project that may include multiple restaurants, hotels and retail space. The development is contingent on state and federal approval and city and county actions and approvals.

Additionally, the city council recently approved a rezoning application for a mixed-use development on the southeast corner of 175th and Clare Road called Clare Crossing. The proposed development of approximately 58 acres includes a travel plaza, retail and multi-family housing. Stay tuned for more news to come!

New housing continues to grow strongly across Gardner. I had the privilege of welcoming many state dignitaries to cut the ribbon for Prairie Brook Townhomes. These brand-new townhomes offer affordable housing for current and future residents of this community.

With the warmer weather, it’s time to take advantage of the many great parks and recreation opportunities in town. Soccer, baseball and softball will start soon, so don’t wait to sign up!

Our new inclusive park playground at Veterans Park has been hugely popular, and we now have pickleball lines placed on the tennis courts at the high school.

So many exciting things are happening for Gardner!

As always, I am proud to be your Mayor!

REVITALIZING LANDSCAPES: SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Gardner’s Stormwater Cost Share Program encourages residents and business owners to integrate stormwater management strategies on their properties, thereby reducing stormwater runoff and pollution, improving water quality, and providing natural habitats for wildlife.

In partnership with Johnson County, the city allocates funds for this program to offset the costs of stormwater management projects that capture, slow down, or absorb stormwater at its source. Methods could include rain gardens, native plantings, and rain barrels. The program can reimburse up to 50% of installation and material costs. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis and contingent upon approval from the Public Works Department. Projects mandated to meet stormwater treatment requirements outlined in the city’s building and construction code are ineligible for funding. Applicants are responsible for ensuring compliance with city ordinances and meeting any homeowner association requirements, if applicable.

For more information, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov/stormwatermanagement.



CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY



Often referred to as the silent killer, carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas formed from the incomplete combustion of various fuels, including gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane. Even small amounts of CO can pose a serious threat to health over prolonged exposure, while larger amounts can lead to acute poisoning in a shorter period. In 2010 alone, U.S. fire departments handled approximately 80,100 non-fire CO incidents, averaging about nine calls per hour. It's crucial to familiarize yourself with the following information to ensure your and your family's safety from CO poisoning.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area on every level of the home and in other places where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the house. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare it safe to re-enter the house.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Ensure a running vehicle's exhaust pipe is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used outdoors, away from windows, doors, and vent openings, in a well-ventilated location.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO but should only be used outside.
- Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.



GARDNER JUSTICE CENTER SERVES AS TORNADO SHELTER

While April through June is considered tornado season in Kansas, tornadoes can occur at any time. That's why we want to remind the public that the Gardner Justice Center, 16540 N. Moonlight Road, serves as a tornado shelter for those without a safe place to go when tornadic weather strikes. The Justice Center is open for tornado warnings ONLY, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If a tornado warning occurs outside of business hours, the Gardner Justice Center will become available as soon as an officer reports back to the building. Pets are welcome; however, individuals with pets will be separated from those without pets due to others who may be allergic or afraid of animals.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

May

14

SAVE THE DATE

On Tuesday, May 14, Mayor Todd Winters will deliver his State of the City Address at the Warren Place Venue, located at 136 Warren Street. The public is cordially invited to attend. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at noon. We encourage community members to join the mayor as he reflects on the milestones achieved and shares the strategic roadmap for the forthcoming year. Further details will be provided in the near future. Please mark your calendars and honor us with your presence as we continue on this journey of progress and development.

GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

Messages for the Governing Body can be left at (913) 856-0939 or with the following info.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (MONDAYS AT 7PM)

April 1 April 15 May 6 May 20 June 3

View more City Council meeting dates at GARDNERKANSAS.GOV



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PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Additional program information can be found at GARDNERPARKS.COM.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS	DATE	REG. DEADLINE	AGE	COSTS
Soccer Player Development Camp	March 29-May 3	March 27	1st-4th gr	\$85
TinyTykes Soccer	April 4-May 11	April 5	Ages 3-5	\$85
Kids Garage Sale	May 3-4	April 25	Ages 6-16	\$7
Toddler Time at GAC	June 7-July 26	N/A	6 mos-6 yrs	\$6/child
Night Waves Pool Party	June 13	N/A	3rd-5th gr	\$6
Challenger TinyTykes Soccer Camp	June 17-21	May 16	Ages 3-5	\$109
Challenger Half Day Soccer Camp + Overtime Opt.	June 17-21	May 17	Ages 5-14	\$185/\$85 OT
Night Waves Pool Party	June 27	N/A	6th-8th gr	\$6

ADULT/FAMILY PROGRAMS

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Father-Son Birdhouse Building Event	April 1	March 24	Ages 5-13	\$20/duo
Women's Volleyball	April 2-May 7	March 24	18 and older	\$225/team
Co-ed Volleyball	April 4-May 9	March 24	18 and older	\$225/team
Earth Day Event	April 20	April 19	All ages	Free
T-ball	May 11	March 31	Ages 5-6	\$65/player
Walk and Read	May 18-27	N/A	All ages	Free
Softball and Baseball	May 20	March 31	Ages 7-15	\$75-\$95/player
Mother-Daughter Campout	May 31-June 1	May 23	Ages 5-12	\$20/duo
Adult River Running	June 3-July 27	N/A	18 and older	\$4/class or \$70/all classes
Low-Sensory Swim	June 9	N/A	All ages	\$6
Movie in the Park	June 14	N/A	All ages	Free
Father's Day Celebration at GAC	June 16	N/A	All ages	\$8/dad's free
Summer Splash	June 22	N/A	All ages	\$8 (price of admission)

2024 SEASON POOL PASSES

Pool passes are available for purchase at City Hall. All new pool members are required to take a photo. Membership photos can only be taken at City Hall, 120 E. Main St. Existing members can use their previous photo and will be asked to update as needed. A barcode will be printed on your receipt. We encourage pool members to take a picture of the barcode so that it can be scanned from their phone at the admissions entrance. Cost of passes is as follows: Family/\$160.00, Adults/\$85.00, and Youth and Nanny/\$70.00. Purchase passes through May 1 and receive \$20 off a Family Pass, \$10 off an Adult Pass, and \$5 off a Youth or Nanny Pass. For more information, please visit gardneraquatics.com.