

INSIDE GARDNER

SPRING 2021

GARDNER'S INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVAL BACK FOR 2021

FEATURING COUNTRY MUSIC STAR DYLAN SCOTT AND NETFLIX'S "COUNTRY EVER AFTER" REALITY STAR COFFEY ANDERSON

Country music fans are in for a special treat at this year's City of Gardner Independence Day Festival, which will feature two well-known artists in the industry - music sensation Dylan Scott and rising star Coffey Anderson.

With his powerhouse voice and deep resonating drawl, Scott serves as the event's concert series headliner. He is known for his platinum-certified hits "My Girl" and "Hooked" and his latest EP, *Nothing to Do Town*, which debuted #1 on the Billboard Top Country Album sales chart and features his current hit "Nobody." He is also a 2019 iHeartRadio Music Awards nominee for Best New Country Artist.

Before Scott takes the stage, up-and-coming artist Coffey Anderson will warm up the crowd by singing some of his most popular country-rock tunes, including "She's Famous" and chart-topper "Mr. Red, White and Blue." Anderson is an internet success, garnering more than 500-million video views, showcasing his stellar voice and down-to-earth charisma, southern charm, and comedic personality. Fans will also recognize Anderson from his Netflix reality TV sitcom *Country Ever After*, costarring his wife Criscilla Crossland and their three children.

Other musical guests, to be announced, will open the event, starting at 4 p.m. at Celebration Park, 32501 W. 159th St., Gardner, Kansas. In addition to the concert, attendees can enjoy zip-lining, face painting, and various food vendors, with a fireworks show culminating the evening. The event is free and open to all ages. To help manage overflow parking, the city will provide a shuttle service from the Gardner-Edgerton High School, located at 425 N. Waverly Road, in addition to designated traffic routes.

Watch for more details regarding Gardner's Independence Day lineup and festivities, as well as shuttle and route details at gardnerkansas.gov or www.facebook.com/CityofGardnerKSGovernment.

NEW BUSINESS NEWS

FREDDY'S COMING TO GARDNER

The Planning Commission recently approved the site plan for Wichita-based Freddy's Frozen Custard and Steakburgers. The national fast-casual restaurant will sit on the northside of East Main Street at Cedar Street, between Sonic and QuikTrip. This popular chain specializes in cook-to-order steakburgers, all-beef hot dogs, shoestring fries and frozen custard freshly churned throughout the day. The scope of the restaurant includes a 3,100 square-foot building that will accommodate dine-in seating, an outdoor patio area, and drive-through service. Freddy's expects to open for business by early winter.





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A message from

MAYOR STEVE SHUTE

As we enter the spring months of 2021, hope “springs” eternal. Activity is ramping up all over the city, more people are out and about as more vaccines are being administered, and COVID is starting to wane. We are again looking forward to things beginning to return to “normal.” This includes reopening our world-class Gardner Aquatic Center to guests, as well as our annual Independence Day Festival, which is back on for this year and will feature one of the hottest new country artists, Dylan Scott, as well as one of the most spectacular fireworks shows in all the Kansas City metro. We are excitedly anticipating a huge crowd to come to Gardner to be a part of this annual event and the 2021 Kansas City Air Show, taking place the same weekend at New Century Air Center. It will be an unforgettable time!

Spring will also bring the much-anticipated reconstruction of Main Street/US 56 Hwy, which will serve as a major upgrade to the community’s most critical corridor. There will be many inconveniences, but when this project gets completed sometime in 2022, we will have a road that will accommodate our traffic loads for years to come. We will finally say goodbye to our old pothole “friends.” While all of this is happening, we’ll also be making serious changes to the south side of town, including QuikTrip and Culver’s, a new route to the Intermodal via 188th Street, and signals at the I-35 interchange, which will make that area a lot safer for everyone.

It is an honor serving as your Mayor, and I wish all of you a safe and prosperous spring!

Stay #GardnerStrong!

GARDNER'S **HIDDEN GEMS**

GARDNER PET SUPPLY

What started as an online store for pets approximately eight years ago is what the community now knows as Gardner Pet Supply. Located at 1000 E Santa Fe St., the store sells a wide variety of pet care products, toys, food, and pet wear and offers a pet salon where customers can bring their pets in to wash them or have them washed by staff.



The online business’s brick-and-mortar officially opened in January 2020, but then COVID-19 struck. After only two months since its premiere as Pets go Here, the pet store had to close its doors to the public. “Once COVID-19 hit, we were very concerned about the future of the store,” said Cecelia Foster, Gardner Pet Supply manager. “But owner Cory Roberts started to look at different options on how to keep the store thriving amid a pandemic.”

After a three-month hiatus, the store reopened its doors on June 2, 2020. “The store took a big hit from those three months of being closed and months following our reopening due to the impacts of COVID-19,” said Foster. “But because of the great support of the Gardner citizens, we’ve been able to keep our doors open, rename ourselves, and even provide additional services.”

One of those services includes facilitating adoptions. In October 2020, Gardner Pet Supply partnered with Melissa’s Second Chance, a not-for-profit rescue animal shelter dedicated to finding homes and safe refuge for animals. “Gardner Pet Supply hosts pet adoptions from 1 to 3 p.m. every other Saturday, and so far, we have helped 31 animals find their forever homes,” Foster said.

In addition to adoption services, Gardner Pet Supply has also partnered with Canine Solutions to provide dog training classes once a week. “We believe our customers’ pets should be valued and loved. That’s why it was so important to keep Gardner Pet Supply’s doors open and enhance our level of service,” Foster said. “We want our customers and their pets to have everything that they want and need, so if we do not have what our customers are looking for when they first walk in, they can trust that we will get it for them - our pets are worth it.”

Gardner Pet Supply is open daily. For hours and general information, visit their Facebook page at facebook.com/gardnerpetsupply or call (913) 938-4285.

GRILLING SAFELY



Every year, thousands of Americans are injured while using backyard barbecue grills. And with outdoor grilling season right around the corner, Johnson County Fire District #1 wanted to remind even the most experienced grillmaster about safety precautions they should adhere to before firing up the grill.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep grills clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and trays.
- Never leave grill unattended.
- Always make sure gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



PROPANE LEAKS

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and contact the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

BACKFLOW TEST REPORTS



Each year, the city requires annual certified testing of all backflow prevention devices by July 1 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. Backflow devices help protect the public water supply from cross-contamination by sprinkler systems, boilers, carbonators and more. Failure to conduct these tests can pose a serious risk to customers who use the Gardner water system. Customers must obtain certified testers, such as a certified landscaper or plumber, to complete the test. For more information, contact the Utilities Department at (913) 856-0980.

GARDNER K9 TRAINING FUNDRAISER EVENT



On Saturday, July 10, Gardner Police Department and Back the Blue will host the second Law Dog 5k/10k races and powerlifting event to support the Gardner K9 training fund. This fund will help finance the construction of an indoor/outdoor kennel and an enclosed obstacle course training area for duo Officer James Anderson and K9 Zeus. The public can support this cause by registering for the races. Signup will soon be available through Runsignup.com. Supporters will also have an opportunity to purchase a personalized stuffed Zeus replica. For more information, follow the Gardner PD's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GardnerPoliceDepartment> or contact Officer James Anderson at (913) 235-8548 or janderson@gardnerkansas.gov.

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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (MONDAYS AT 7PM)

April 5 April 19 May 3 May 17 June 7



View more City Council meeting dates at **GARDNERKANSAS.GOV**



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PARKS AND REC EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Additional program information can be found at GARDNERPARKS.COM.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS	DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	AGE	COSTS
Micro Soccer	April 3 – May 8	March 19	2, 3, 4	\$65
Soccer Player Development	April 2 – May 7	March 19	6 - 3	\$70
Baseball, Softball, T-ball	May – July	April 9	5 - 15	Varies
Kids Fishing Derby	June 12	June 6	12 & under	\$5
International Soccer Camp	July 26 – July 30	July 16	3 - 16	Varies

ADULT / FAMILY PROGRAMS

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Earth Day Celebration	April 24	April 23	All ages	Free
Scrapbooking	April 16 more TBA	Thursday prior to class	Adult	\$5
Movies in the Park	May 21, June 18, July 16, August 6	N/A	All ages	Free
Independence Day Festival	July 4	N/A	All ages	Free

**Information is subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate Earth Day with the City of Gardner! Earth Day Network (EDN), the organizing body for Earth Day worldwide, announced the theme of Earth Day 2021 is Restore Our Earth: “Restoration brings hope, itself an important ingredient in the age of COVID-19” (earthday.org). We invite families, organizations, church groups, and individuals of all ages to be a part of this important event. After the group cleanup, join us for a free hot dog lunch.

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021 **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Location:** Winwood Park, Gardner Greenway Corridor
Fee: Free **Age:** All ages **Registration Encouraged by:** Friday, April 23
To RSVP, please email: Amy Craft at acraft@gardnerkansas.gov or call (913) 856-0936

GARDNER AQUATIC CENTER

Please continue to check our website, www.gardnerparks.com, and follow our social media pages for updates regarding the summer 2021 season at the GAC.