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Your Community

July - August 2014

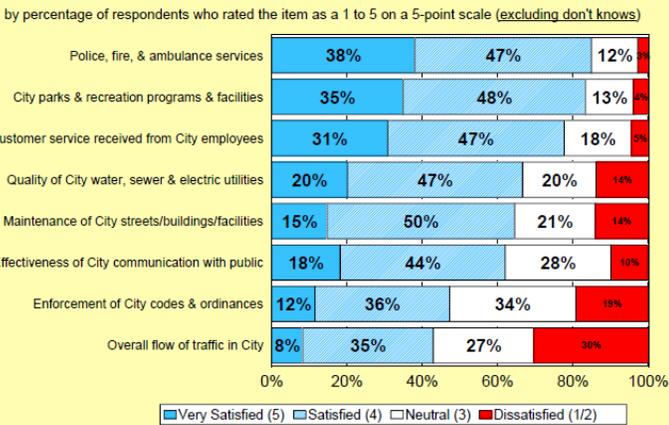
2014 Citizen Survey Results

In the spring of 2014, the City conducted its eighth *DirectionFinder*® survey. This citizen survey was designed to gather input from residents about the quality of services provided by the City of Gardner. The information gathered from the survey will help the Governing Body and City staff establish budget priorities and policy decisions. A seven page survey was mailed to a random sample of 2,800 households in the City of Gardner. Of the 2,800 households that received a survey, 1,010 completed the survey.

Satisfaction with City Services

Three-fourths (75%) of the residents surveyed, who had an opinion, were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the overall quality of services provided by the City. The major categories of City services that residents were most satisfied with were: police, fire and ambulance service (85%), parks and recreation programs and facilities (83%), and the customer service received from City employees (78%). Residents were least satisfied with the flow of traffic within the City (43%).

Overall Satisfaction With Major Categories of City Services



Source: ETC Institute *DirectionFinder* (2014 - Gardner, KS)

Recommended Priorities

Respondents identified the following as priorities for the City to focus on during the next two years:

- **Police Services** - the level of emphasis and resources used to combat illegal drug activities and public safety education programs.
- **City Maintenance Services** - quality of street repair services, snow removal on streets in residential areas and the maintenance of neighborhood streets.
- **Parks and Recreation** - walking and biking trails in City and fees charged for recreation programs.
- **City Utilities** - what residents are charged for utilities.

To view the results of the survey in its entirety, please visit www.gardnerkansas.gov/citizen_survey/.

4th of July Celebration

Join the Parks and Recreation Department for the annual professional fireworks display held on the 4th of July in Gardner's Celebration Park. New this year, Kansas City bands *Billy Ebeling and the Late for Dinner Band* and *Big Time Grain Company* will be performing for your entertainment! Families will also be able to enjoy the large playground, picnic shelters and inflatable's before the fireworks begin. At sundown, enjoy the best fireworks display in Gardner's most beautiful park.

Please remember:

- Tailgating in the parking lot is welcomed, but please no charcoal grills
- Food vendors and concessions will be available
- Please bring socks for the children's inflatables
- No combustible fireworks allowed at the park



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 4th, 2014

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| 5:00 PM | Gates open |
| 5:30 PM | Billy Ebeling and the Late for Dinner Band |
| 7:30 PM | Big Time Grain Company |
| 9:45 PM | Fireworks begin |

LOCATION

Celebration Park
32701 West 159th Street

Map and directions available at www.gardnerkansas.gov/july4.

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Mayor's Message to Gardner Residents



Greetings fellow citizens,

Let me begin by offering my congratulations to the 317 new graduates from Gardner Edgerton High School. Best of luck to each of you as you begin the next phase of this journey known as life.

As of this writing, the Festival on the Trails event is days away with loads of family friendly activities, and this year, for the first time ever, there will be two days and nights of fun and live entertainment. I am very excited for the big events and for the historical perspective the festival helps highlight. This year the Gardner Historical Museum is sponsoring a "Life on the Trails" exhibit as well as the annual "Chat-Fest on the Trails" event geared more to our long-time and distinguished citizens. Many thanks to the sponsors for their support, and to the festival board and our volunteers who help make this event possible. This year it is with great sadness I report that one of our volunteers, Victor Peck, passed away 11 days prior to this year's event. Victor was a long-time resident and one who dedicated many hours of his time every year for events like Festival on the Trails and delivering Meals on Wheels. Victor, we will miss your enthusiasm, generosity, talents and dedication to the community.

Looking forward, you can anticipate more fun annual activities including the Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Display, the Johnson County Fair and the Fair Parade coming the first week in August. Summer will also bring much activity to our parks, tournaments galore to the ball parks, and the Aquatic Center is up and running, providing cool relief for residents and visitors alike.

With so much going on, we make it easy to follow what's going on around town. City staff helps keep you informed by posting events and important information where it is easy to find; on the City website, and on Facebook where the City has a dedicated page, as does our Parks and Recreation Department and the Gardner Police Department, so be sure to follow us online.

Discussions regarding our 2015 Budget have already begun and we are in the second year utilizing the recognized best practice of Priority-Based Budgeting. Your elected officials will be busy meeting throughout the summer to meet our August budget deadline. This year it is anticipated that there will be no property tax increase included in this year's budget.

School is out for summer, so everyone please be watchful for young people while you are driving around town. Summertime is a fun time in Gardner, so please be safe, keep cool and enjoy it! Best regards,

Calendar of Meetings

July	1	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - 6:30 PM
July	3	Electric Utility Board - Work Session 7:00 PM - Regular Meeting 7:15 PM
July	4	City Hall CLOSED in observance of Independence Day
July	7	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
July	21	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
July	22	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	4	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	5	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - 6:30 PM
Aug	7	Electric Utility Board - Work Session 7:00 PM - Regular Meeting 7:15 PM
Aug	18	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
Aug	26	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM

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Items of Note, Project Updates & Community Information

183rd Street and Center Street Signalization

This project will provide signals for the intersection, sidewalk upgrades, and pavement marking improvements. In conjunction with this project, the existing mid-block Center Street pedestrian crossing located approximately 300' south of Pawnee Street will be removed and replaced with a crossing on the south side of the Center Street and Pawnee Street intersection. Sidewalk ramps at all four corners of the 183rd Street and Center Street intersection will be reconstructed in phases, so that no more than two are closed at any one time.



Pedestrians are encouraged to avoid this intersection during the construction period although detours will be provided as necessary to maintain access through the work zone. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin on June 16, 2014 and should be completed by the middle of August. For more information, contact City Engineer Tim McEldowney at (913) 856-0959.

City Recognizes Employees for Safe Work

Since 2007, the City has recognized full-time employees for their safe performance. This past year, 81 employees worked with no accident, injury or lost time, and of these employees, 34 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	Erin Groh	Sharon Rose
James Belcher	Amy Hawkins	Jacqueline Schulz
Steve Benz	Kurt Hollingshead	Deana Scott
David Birzer	David Jolliff	Jerry Sicks
Jason Bruce	Mike Kessler	Jeff Stewart
Mary Bush	Lee Krout	Mark Sullivan
Jason Chappelle	Karen McCollum	Cindy Weeks
Jody Demaline	Scott Millholland	Jason Willis
JoAnn Eaton	James Moore	Kathy Wilmoth
Amy Foster	Joe O'Lucci	Lisa Wilms
Ryan Fulks	Donald Roberts	
Michael Gardner	Tim Rodgers	

13th 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, 10k run and 5k walk will be held in conjunction with the Duathlon. The event will take place on **Saturday, July 12th** at Celebration Park located at 32701 W. 159th St. (No race-day registration)



Event Pricing	By July 5	After July 5
Duathlon Individual	\$60	\$70
Duathlon Team	\$70	\$80
5k Run	\$25	\$35
10k Run	\$30	\$40
5k Walk*	\$20	\$30

*All walk proceeds will support the Gardner Special Olympics

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Activities and Events

Youth Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Teen Night at the Pool	July 10	N/A - no passes	13 to 16 years	\$6 - pay at pool
Tiny Tigers/Karate for Kids	July 14	July 11	3 and up	\$40
Bike Rodeo	July 19	July 11	12 and under	\$5
Pre-Teen Night at the Pool	July 24	N/A - no passes	9 to 12 years	\$6 - pay at pool
Youth Soccer	September 6	July 25	4 years to 8th grade	\$65
Micro Soccer	September 6	August 1	2 to 4 years	\$55
Kid's Fishing Derby	September 7	September 2	12 and under	\$5
Touch A Truck	September 20	N/A	All ages	Free
Flag Football	September 22	August 22	1st to 6th grade	\$60
Cheerleading	September 22	August 22	1st to 6th grade	\$60
Youth Volleyball	Late September	August 22	3rd to 6th grade	\$55
Adult / Family Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Mother/Daughter Glampout	June 27 to 28	June 23	5 to 12 years	\$20/pair: camper \$10 extra/non-camper
4th of July Celebration	July 4	N/A	All ages	Free
Prairie Punisher Duathlon/10k/5k	July 12	July 5; July 11	18 and older	Varies
Scrapbooking	July 18, August 1	Thursday before crop	12 and up	\$5
Father/Son Campout	July 25 to 26	July 21	5 to 12 years	\$20/pair: camper \$10 extra/non-camper
Playgroup at the GAC	August 7	August 4	0 to 8 years	\$5
Adult Softball	September 7/11	August 22	18 and older	\$450/team

Additional program information can be found by visiting www.gardnerkansas.gov/programs_activities/.



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“Fur and Feathers” at the Johnson County Fair



July 28 to August 2, 2014
Johnson County Fairgrounds
Gardner, Kansas

Here are a few highlights:

July 28th	Open Youth Rodeo	7:00 PM
July 29th	Family Fun Night	6:00 PM
July 29th	Bands in the Park	7:00 PM
July 29th	Night of Fun and Challenge	8:00 PM
July 30th	Touch A Truck	7:00 PM
July 31st	Amateur Flat Track Races	6:00 PM
July 31st	Amateur Flat Track Races	7:00 PM
August 1st	Ranch Rodeo	7:00 PM
August 2nd	Parade	10:30 AM
August 2nd	4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale	1:00 PM
August 2nd	Demolition Derby	7:00 PM

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

Gardner Historical Museum—Upcoming Events

Hours:

Gardner Historical Museum - 204 W. Main St.
Saturday through Tuesday: 1:00 to 4:00 PM
Closed Friday evenings during the winter

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)



Upcoming Exhibits

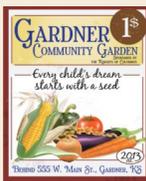
- July: “Life on the Trails” emphasizing “Bleeding Kansas”

Visit www.gardnerhistoricalmuseum.com for more information!

Gardner Community Garden

Bring the kids and join the Gardner Community Garden on Saturday, July 12th for “Where does my pizza come from?”

The Gardner Community Garden covers about 4 ½ acres and is located at 555 West Warren Street (behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church). For more information, please visit www.gardnercommunitygarden.org or on Facebook at Gardner Community Garden, for work dates and times. Come and get dirty with us at the Gardner Community Garden!



City of Gardner Fireworks Policy

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 No. 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.

Let’s all work to be safe and make our 4th of July celebration an event for all to enjoy!

Happening at the Gardner Library



Head on over to the Gardner Library for family fun this Summer! Fizz, Boom, Read! Summer Reading Club at the Gardner Neighborhood Library runs May 19th to August 2nd. Don’t miss out on all the science fun! To learn more, visit the Gardner Library or www.jocolibrary.org.

Employee Spotlight

Dylan McDonald
Parks and Recreation Department

While walking home from work, Aquatic Center lifeguard Dylan McDonald came upon two residents, one performing CPR on the other. He immediately took control of the scene, performing CPR and giving directions to those around until emergency personnel arrived on site.

Mike Gardner
Public Works Department

During construction related to the quiet zone at the Gardner Cemetery, a vehicle became trapped on the railroad tracks while a train was approaching. Seeing the vehicle trapped between the signal arm and another vehicle, long-time employee Mike Gardner acted quickly and raised the signal arm manually, allowing the vehicle to safely exit the tracks before the train arrived.

The City of Gardner is proud to recognize these employees for their bravery and extraordinary service to the community.

