



INSIDE GARDNER

Your Community

May - June 2014

2014 Budgeted Projects Update

In support of the Governing Body's goal of fiscal stewardship, the City implemented the best practice of "Priority-Based Budgeting" during the 2014 budget process. Priority-Based Budgeting is a multi-year planning process that includes evaluating the results and adjusting the process as needed. Evaluating and monitoring results are important aspects of this best practice. Following is a brief update on the City's 2014 budgeted projects and current financial condition.

Promote Economic Development

An update of the Comprehensive Plan began in 2013 and will continue through much of 2014. The Comprehensive Plan is being developed with participation and input from citizens, the faith community, business partners and elected officials. When complete, it will represent a blueprint for what Gardner wants for its future. The City also began the process of creating a structured economic development strategy. This strategy will ensure the Governing Body and City staff are good stewards of citizens' tax dollars used for any investments made or incentives offered for development.



The City formed new partnerships with the Kansas City Area Development Council and the City-County Communications & Marketing Association. 2014 will also see a new City website, currently being designed by Vision Internet, which will feature a modern format and improved navigation to support enhanced communication with our citizens.

Infrastructure/Asset Management

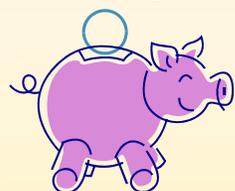
In 2014, the City will also completely overhaul its technology network to ensure business continuity of essential services to our citizens. This project includes deployment of network standard equipment and the improvement of network performance, speed and security.

Improve Quality of Life

This spring, a railroad "quiet zone" will be constructed at the Poplar Street entrance to the Gardner Cemetery. Construction is scheduled to begin towards the end of April.

Fiscal Stewardship

In 2013, mid-year strategic budget reductions of 3.6% resulted in savings of \$160,000. Consequently, the City's General Fund, Water Fund, and Waste Water Fund all experienced increases to their fund balance through a combination of increased revenues and strategically decreased expenditures. A warm winter and cooler than usual summer contributed to a small decline in the Electric Fund balance, but the fund remains strong.



Early in 2014, the City received an investment grade credit rating of AA-/Stable from Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. Due to strategic planning and implementation of Priority-Based Budgeting, the City's financial condition is strong and continues to strengthen.

2014 Consumer Confidence Report

Included in this edition of *Inside Gardner* is the 2014 Consumer Confidence Report. The report is a snapshot of the quality of the water that the City of Gardner provided in 2013. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) standards.



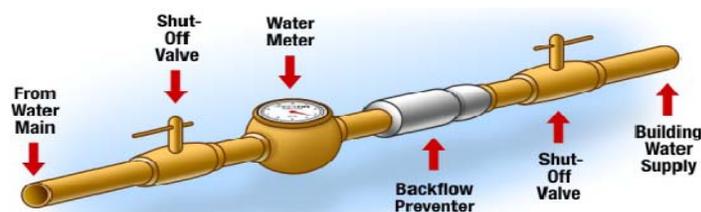
To learn more about your drinking water, or to view a digital version of the full report, please visit www.gardnerkansas.gov/pw_water.

Backflow Preventer Certificates

The City requires an annual safety certification on backflow preventers, sometimes called cross connection devices. The City will be asking residents and businesses with these types of devices to certify your backflow preventers annually. **Backflow test reports are due annually to Public Works by July 1st.** Forms are available at City Hall or online at www.gardnerkansas.gov/pw_water.

Backflow preventers keep water from flowing from things such as sprinkler systems back into the public water system. Irrigation systems, for example, can pull small bugs, herbicides, fertilizers and other material into the water system, unless there is a backflow preventer or cross connection device.

If you receive a notification and you don't have an irrigation system or other system that requires a backflow preventer, please contact the Public Works Department at (913) 856-0922.



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A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Gardner
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Mayor's Message to Gardner Residents



Greetings fellow citizens,

As summer begins, I wanted to remind everyone that school will soon be in recess until August. I ask that everyone please be extra careful negotiating our city's streets, as students will be much more visible for several months. And remember, Gardner has great amenities – many parks, ball fields, trails and the Aquatic Center, and I hope you and your families take full advantage of them all.

I'd also like to thank the hard-working and talented residents who volunteer their time and efforts to help make Gardner a better place. We see the benefit of our volunteers at the annual Earth/Arbor Day clean-up, when churches, service organizations, scouts and more help clean up our Gardner Greenway. And I extend a special thanks to Gardner Edgerton High School (GEHS) student Cooper McGuire who had the vision to form "Performing with a Purpose," which is a volunteer group assisted by the GEHS Repertory Theatre students, Principal Tim Brady, Theatre Director Jeff Lady. This group, along with many students, volunteers and donors contributed to a special show at the high school on March 29th. "Entertainment Through the Ages," a family-friendly variety show, raised over \$1,600 for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. Many thanks to everyone involved!



Mayor Chris Morrow with Cooper McGuire and the GEHS "Performing with a Purpose" group

As we get ready to deal with summer heat, I hope we will all enjoy what Gardner has to offer, whether its recreation, sports, or volunteering to make a better community. Be safe, keep cool and have some fun! Best regards,

Calendar of Meetings

May	1	Electric Utility Board - Work Session 7:00 PM - Regular Meeting 7:15 PM
May	5	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
May	6	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - 6:30 PM
May	19	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
May	26	City Hall CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day
May	27	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM
June	2	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
June	3	Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting - 6:30 PM
June	5	Electric Utility Board - Work Session 7:00 PM - Regular Meeting 7:15 PM
June	16	City Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
June	24	Planning Commission Meeting - 7:00 PM

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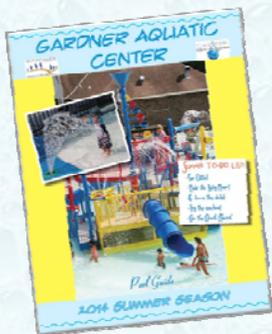
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Items of Note, Project Updates & Community Information

Aquatic Center Passes On Sale Now

Season pool pass memberships and punch cards for aquatics classes are currently on sale for the 2014 summer season!

Gardner residents must show proof of residency to purchase a resident pool pass, such as a current driver's license, utility bill or a personal check. Passes and punch cards can only be purchased at the Gardner Parks and Recreation Customer Service Counter located in City Hall. The counter is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Season Passes	Family	Individual
Resident	\$140.00	\$80.00
Non-Resident	\$180.00	\$115.00

The Gardner Aquatic Center will open its doors on Saturday, May 24th at 1:00 PM. View the new Pool Guide in a digital flipbook format online at www.gardnerkansas.gov/pool.

Are You "Up to Code?"

Get Prepared for Spring Projects

Spring is the time of year many residents consider making improvements in and around the home, including new fences, swimming pools, storage sheds, decks and patios. All of these structures are subject to Gardner zoning and building regulations. Many require a building permit from the Community Development Department. The permit fee for these types of projects is usually no more than \$30. For more information about standards and application requirements, visit www.gardnerkansas.gov/residentialbldgpermits.

Parking a Utility Trailer or Recreational Vehicle

If you are considering the purchase of a utility trailer or recreational vehicle (RV), please first consider the City of Gardner's regulations regarding the storage of such vehicles on a residential lot:

- Only one of the following may be stored at a residential site: boat, camper, pickup camper, motor home, RV or trailer/flat bed.
- None of these are permitted to be stored in the front yard, driveway or in the street.
- Storage can occur in the side yard or rear yard, but not in a side yard of a corner lot (Gardner Municipal Code 8.100.010 and 18.140.100.G).



Parks and Recreation Joins Twitter

Want to stay informed on the latest activities, registration reminders, weather updates and more? Follow the Gardner Parks and Recreation Department on Twitter @gardnerparkrec!



Garage Sales

The City of Gardner does allow garage sales in residential subdivisions. Please note that when advertising for garage sales, all signage must be kept on private property and not in the right-of-way, which is the area typically between the sidewalk and the street. For questions or more information, please contact the Community Development at (913) 856-0913.

Upcoming Parks and Recreation Activities and Events

Youth Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Park Champion Program	April 1 - August 31	N/A	12 and under	Free
Total Baseball Camp	June 9 - 11	May 30	5 to 14 years	\$65
Art in the Park: Cornerstone	June 13	June 9	3 to 10 years	\$5
Junior Golf Clinic	June 9 - 12	June 2	8 to 15 years	\$60
Art in the Park: Veteran's	July 1	June 27	3 to 10 years	\$5
Doll and Me Tea Party	June 26	June 23	3 to 6 years	\$15
Mother Daughter Glamp-out	June 27 - 28	June 23	5 to 12 years	\$20/pair
Girls Basketball Camp	July 7 - 9	July 1	Grades 1 - 4	\$35
Bike Rodeo	July 19	July 11	12 and under	\$5
Father Son Camp-out	July 25 - 26	July 21	5 to 12 years	\$20/pair
Youth Soccer	September 6	July 25	4 years to 8 grade	\$65
Micro Soccer	September 6	August 1	2 to 4 years	\$55
Adult / Family Programs	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
GPRD Night at the T-Bones	June 6	May 30	All ages	\$9.50/ticket
Women's Volleyball	Early June	May 23	18 and older	\$150
4th of July Celebration	July 4	N/A	All ages	Free
Men's Softball (Mondays)	Mid-July	June 27	18 and older	\$450
Co-Rec Softball (Sundays)	Mid-July	June 27	18 and older	\$450
Prairie Punisher Duathlon/10k/5k	July 12	July 5; July 11	18 and older	Varies

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



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New at the Gardner Library this Summer



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.

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

- May: "Schools" spotlighting Ted Parry, School Superintendent, including a display of his art and note cards
- June: "Life on the Trails" emphasizing "Bleeding Kansas"

Visit www.gardnerhistoricalmuseum.com for more information!

City-wide Shred Event

The Gardner Police Department, in conjunction with Metcalf Bank, will be hosting a city-wide "Shred Day" on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the west parking lot of Metcalf Bank.

This event will provide an opportunity for residents to reduce the threat of possible identity theft by properly disposing of sensitive documents. These include documents with personal information such as your social security number, medical history or credit scores, as well as junk mail offers for credit cards.

Shred-It will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred documents. Residents may bring up to 4 boxes per household (approx. box size: 12" x 12" x 18") of documents to be shredded. Shred-It will accept mixed office paper, light cardboard and similar items. Items that will not be accepted include plastic, CDs, DVDs or other metal (other than paper clips or staples).



To participate in the shred day, the City is asking for a canned or boxed food donation to assist the Gardner Edgerton Food Pantry. Boy Scout Troop 888 will be on-site collecting the food donations.

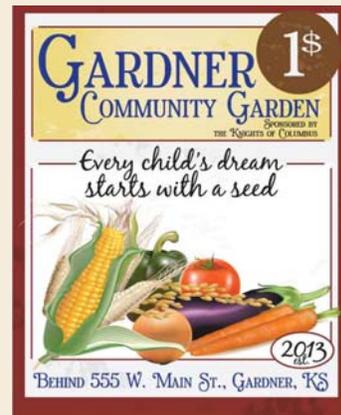
Gardner Community Garden

The Gardner Community Garden covers about 4 ½ acres and is located at 555 West Warren Street (behind Sacred Heart Catholic Church).

The Gardner Community Garden is starting their 2014 season with some fantastic additions. The Knights of Columbus sponsored a pancake fundraiser for the garden in February that helped raise \$700 for a 1958 B-14 Allis and Chalmers tractor. They also purchased two attachments, a tiller and a cultivator, that will make planting and harvesting just a little bit easier this summer.

The building crew also built a greenhouse to get a jump start on the seeds, and installed a solar panel onto the shed that will produce energy and help those late night gardeners.

Last year, the community garden donated to numerous local charities and organizations throughout the season. There were approximately 5,100 pounds of produce donated to the Gardner Edgerton Multi-Service Center, the Meals on Wheels of Gardner, Catholic Charities of Olathe and Overland Park, and to Open Arms Lutheran Preschool.



The success of the garden stems from the love of members and volunteers. Through a volunteer program called Veggie Bucks, you can work an hour in the garden and receive \$5 in veggie bucks; work two hours and receive \$10; work three hours for \$15 or four hours for \$20. These bucks can be spent on produce at our Farmers Market held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM starting in May. Volunteers are asked to sign in/sign out at the new wooden podium located at the entrance of the garden. There is always work to be done out there; please check the information board for daily reminders.

Events are held throughout the season that are open to the public and free to attend, often at the garden or the Gardner Library. Garden plots are on sale now. Plot size 15' x 23' is \$40, extra plots are \$35 each, buy 3 plots and get your 4th plot FREE! This would make a great family or group experience.

For more information, 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 Consumer Confidence Report – 2014 Covering Calendar Year – 2013



This brochure is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided last year. Included are the details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. It is important that customers be aware of the efforts that are made continually to improve their water systems. To learn more about your drinking water, please attend any of the regularly scheduled City Council meetings which are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm at Gardner City Hall, 120 E Main Street.

For more information please contact, Brian Faust at 913-856-0914.

Your water comes from: Hillsdale Lake

Source Name	Source Water Type
Intake 998	Surface Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as those with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) included rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in sources water before we treat it include:
Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, livestock operations and wildlife.
Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as storm water run-off, agriculture, and residential users.
Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or the result of mining activity.
Organic contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also come from gas stations, urban storm water run-off, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulation which limits the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system is required to test a minimum of 20 samples per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease-causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in

the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public.

Water Quality Data

The following tables list all of the drinking water contaminants which were detected during the 2013 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. Unless noted, the data presented in this table is from the testing done January 1- December 31, 2013. The state requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old. **The bottom line is that the water that is provided to you is safe.**

Terms & Abbreviations

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): the "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): the "Maximum Allowed" MCL is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL): recommended level for a contaminant that is not regulated and has no MCL.

Action Level (AL): the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements.

Treatment Technique (TT): a required process intended to reduce levels of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND): lab analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.

Parts per Million (ppm) or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Parts per Billion (ppb) or micrograms per liter (µg/l)

Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L): a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per Year (mrem/yr): measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Monitoring Period Average (MPA): An average of sample results obtained during a defined time frame, common examples of monitoring periods are monthly, quarterly and yearly.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is not regulated for groundwater systems.

Running Annual Average (RAA): an average of sample results obtained over the most current 12 months and used to determine compliance with MCLs.

Testing Results for: City of Gardner

Microbiological	Result	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
No Detected Results were Found in the Calendar Year of 2013				

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
ATRAZINE	6/2/2013	0.59	0.59	ppb	3	3	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops
BARIUM	5/13/2013	0.068	0.068	ppm	2	2	Discharge from metal refineries
CHROMIUM	5/13/2013	2	2	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills
FLUORIDE	10/22/2013	1.4	1.2 - 1.4	ppm	4	4	Natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth.
NITRATE	5/13/2013	0.5	0.38 - 0.5	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use
SELENIUM	5/13/2013	1.2	1.2	ppb	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts	Monitoring Period	Your Highest RAA	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAA5)	2013	20	14 - 23	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES (TTHMs)	2013	38	31 - 43	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper	Monitoring Period	90 th Percentile	Range (low/high)	Unit	AL	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
COPPER, FREE	2012	0.17	0.0037 - 0.035	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing
LEAD	2012	2.8	1.1 - 5.7	ppb	15	0	Corrosion of household plumbing

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Total Organic Carbon Lowest Month for Removal	Number of Samples	Actual Removal Ratio	Required Removal Ratio	Lowest Monthly Removal Ratio
1/1/2013 - 1/31/2013	12	0.82	1.0 RATIO	1.16

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	7/13/2010	1.7	1.7	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants	Collection Date	Your Highest Value	Range (low/high)	Unit	SMCL
ALKALINITY, TOTAL	5/14/2013	122	94.4 - 122	MG/L	300
ALUMINUM	5/13/2013	0.017	0.017	MG/L	0.05
CALCIUM	5/13/2013	48	48	MG/L	200
CHLORIDE	5/13/2013	33	33	MG/L	250
CONDUCTIVITY @ 25 C UMHOS/CM	5/13/2013	420	420	UMHO/CM	1500
CORROSIVITY	2/11/2009	0.098	0.098	LANG	0
HARDNESS, TOTAL (AS CaCO3)	5/13/2013	150	150	MG/L	400
MAGNESIUM	5/13/2013	6.8	6.8	MG/L	150
METOLACHLOR	6/2/2013	0.65	0.65	ppb	
PH	5/13/2013	7.7	7.7	PH	8.5
POTASSIUM	5/13/2013	3.7	3.7	MG/L	100
SILICA	5/13/2013	2.7	2.7	MG/L	50
SODIUM	5/13/2013	22	22	MG/L	100
SULFATE	5/13/2013	32	32	MG/L	250
TDS	5/13/2013	220	220	MG/L	500

During the 2013 calendar year, we had no violation(s) of drinking water regulations.

Additional Required Health Effects Language:

Total organic carbon (TOC) has no health effects. However, total organic carbon provides a medium for the formation of disinfection byproducts. These byproducts include trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acids (HAAs). Drinking water containing these byproducts in excess of the MCL may lead to adverse health effects, liver or kidney problems, or nervous system effects, and may lead to an increased risk of getting cancer.

Please Note: Because of sampling schedules, results may be older than 1 year.