

# G-INSIDE GARDNER

## Are you following crosswalk regulations? Take the quiz and find out!

Test your knowledge of crosswalk regulations – take the quiz below.

Drivers and pedestrians share the responsibility of crosswalk safety. That's why the city continues to educate motorists and pedestrians about laws concerning crosswalks. Take the quiz below to see if you know all there is to know about crosswalk safety rules and regulations.

1. Crosswalks exist at every intersection. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
2. Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk without a traffic signal. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
3. A pedestrian has the right of way once they are visibly in the crosswalk. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
4. Where there is a yellow traffic light, you must hit the push-to-walk button whether or not a vehicle is in sight. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
5. Even if a pedestrian doesn't cross at an intersection, the pedestrian still has the right of way. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
6. It is illegal to pass a vehicle stopped for a crossing pedestrian. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
7. The current fine for failure to yield for a pedestrian in a crosswalk is \$25. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
8. There is a minimum distance a vehicle is allowed to be parked or



stopped from a crosswalk, whether or not a person is in the vehicle. **TRUE OR FALSE.**

9. Pedestrians may not suddenly leave the curb and enter a crosswalk into the path of a moving vehicle. **TRUE OR FALSE.**
10. The law requires a pedestrian to extend their arm out to alert cars that he/she is entering a crosswalk. **TRUE OR FALSE.**

Check your answers below, and for more crosswalk information, contact the Gardner Police Department at 913.856.7312.

### Quiz answers

1. TRUE, crosswalks exist at every intersection whether marked or unmarked.
2. TRUE, when at a crosswalk, pedestrians have the right of way, and motorists must stop.
3. FALSE, pedestrians have the right of way once they enter the \*truncated dome of the crosswalk, and the motorists must yield. \*A truncated dome (see photo) is a system of textured ground surface indicator to assist pedestrians who are blind or visually impaired.
4. TRUE, even if there are no vehicles approaching, pedestrians must push the button to activate an overhead amber light or they are breaking the law. You never know if a vehicle might approach while

you are crossing.

5. FALSE, a pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a crosswalk shall yield the right of way to vehicles on the roadway, otherwise the pedestrian will have broken the law.
6. TRUE
7. FALSE, the current fine is \$110. This amount includes court costs.
8. TRUE, the minimum distance is five (5) meters or a little more than 15 feet.
9. TRUE, while pedestrians have the right of way, they should make sure they are seen by the motorists first before fully entering the crosswalk.
10. FALSE, while it's not a law, studies demonstrated that pedestrians extending an arm increase the likelihood a vehicle will yield for them.



This sales tax would sunset in 10 years. It would also fund a coroner facility. Currently, the county pays to use a lab in Wyandotte County.

According to county officials, the current courthouse design makes it difficult to keep inmates separated from victims, jurors and families. Numerous remodels and renovations have been completed to try to address these issues in the 64-year old courthouse, built for a population of 63,000 but now serving 575,000.

They also said a new courthouse is less expensive than renovating and expanding the current courthouse due to the significant design changes needed to improve security and accessibility and plan for growth. Renovating and expanding the existing building would cost approximately \$34 million more than a new courthouse.

A new coroner facility would provide an accredited location to evaluate evidence and prevent cross-contamination of evidence. It would ensure autopsies are done in a timely manner.

Under state statute, cities in Johnson County would split 34 percent of the total sales tax revenue for needed resources such as police, fire, streets and other improvements. The City of Gardner would receive approximately \$4.8 million in revenue over 10 years. The public safety sales tax would add a quarter to a \$100 retail purchase.

Public tours of the existing courthouse are being offered July 11 - Nov. 1. For more information, see [www.jocopublicsafety.org](http://www.jocopublicsafety.org).

## Voters to decide on public safety issues Nov. 8

Johnson County voters will be asked on Nov. 8 to vote on a quarter-cent public safety sales tax to fund a new courthouse. If passed, it would address safety and security issues for victims, families, and jurors; accessibility challenges, and overcrowding due to the growing population.

## *A message from* **MAYOR CHRIS MORROW**

Greetings fellow citizens,

Summer fun is in full gear in Gardner! Whether you enjoy cookouts at the city's great parks, floating down the lazy river at our amazing Gardner Aquatic Center, or attending one of our thrilling special events, there is something for all ages!

One of the highlights this summer is our newly combined Music and Movies in the Park Series at Cornerstone Park. This is a full day of fun for the whole family. If you decide you want to stay for both the concert and the movie, which we hope you do, food trucks are onsite so you won't miss any of the entertainment.

For those of you looking for a challenge this summer, get signed up for our new Gardner Grind Adventure Race coming up in August. I hear it includes obstacle courses, water challenges and mud. This is another event in which the entire family can take part.

I want to personally congratulate the Festival on the Trails committee, volunteers and sponsors for delivering another successful event this past June and kicking off our summer of fun.

Once again, the festival drew a massive crowd. We got the chance to hear two nights of live music from several top-notch performers, highlighted by a sensational performance from country legend Diamond Rio.

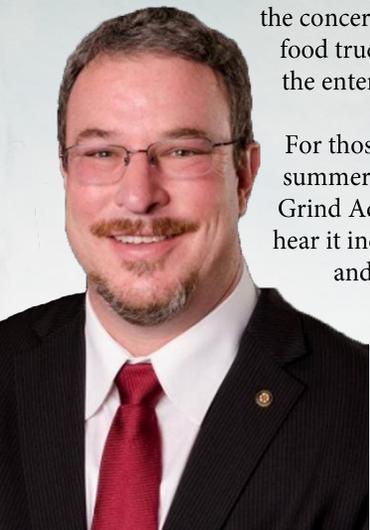
The fun doesn't stop there. Our Fourth of July celebration will be the biggest ever for Gardner. The day will include live music, food vendors and more. Our musical guests include Rusty Laffoon, Sara Morgan, Big Time Grain Company and chart-topping country music star Chase Bryant. This is definitely one Fourth of July celebration you won't want to miss.

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for Aug. 1 through Aug. 6 for the Johnson County Fair. The fair parade is on Aug. 6 at 10:30 a.m.

As we celebrate our independence this July 4th, I want to remind everyone to vote in the upcoming primary election. As Americans, it is not only a privilege to choose our leaders through free and fair elections, but it is our responsibility.

Have a great summer, and remember to keep cool and stay safe.

Regards,



# Public encouraged to protect themselves from Zika virus

The Zika virus is headlining news reports once again with the most recent confirmation of the first travel-associated case of Zika virus in Johnson County.

Zika virus was first discovered in 1947 and is named after the Zika Forest in Uganda. The virus spreads to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito. The most common symptoms of Zika are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes). The illness is usually mild, with symptoms lasting for several days to a week after being bitten by an infected mosquito. There is no vaccine or medicine to prevent or treat the virus. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. For this reason, many people might not realize they have been infected. However, Zika virus infection can cause severe fetal brain defects; therefore, Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommend that pregnant women not travel to areas with Zika.

County officials emphasize that the risk of contracting Zika virus in Johnson County remains extremely low. However, travelers returning to the United States from an area with active Zika virus transmission should take steps to prevent mosquito bites for at least three weeks so they do not spread Zika locally. JCDHE is currently conducting a study with the University of Kansas to determine the extent to which mosquitos capable of carrying the Zika virus are present in Johnson County.

CDHE and CDC suggest people take these



steps to protect themselves from mosquito bites:

- Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents with one of the following active ingredients: DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or para- menthane-diol. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breast-feeding women.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.
- Stay in places with air conditioning and window and door screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Take steps to control mosquitoes inside and outside your home. Empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water, like tires, buckets, planters, gutters and downspouts, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Mosquitoes lay eggs near water.

For additional information about Zika, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/zika>.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The public will now have the chance to take flying lessons in Gardner. Eagle Flight Aviation, a new flight school, will begin hosting lessons in August at Gardner Municipal Airport, 31905 W. 175th St., Gardner, KS. More details to come.



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**Mark your calendars**



**City Council Meetings:**

- July 5 at 7 p.m.
- July 18 at 7 p.m.
- Aug. 1 at 7 p.m.
- Aug. 15 at 7 p.m.

\*View more meeting dates at [www.gardner-kansas.gov](http://www.gardner-kansas.gov)

**Don't forget!**

**Gardner Grind Adventure Race**

Do you have what it takes to complete the Gardner Grind? On the trail around the west side of Celebration Park, there will be obstacles, water challenges and, of course, mud! Expect to get dirty and have a great time. The race is one mile long and there will be 14-15 challenges along the way. In addition to the race, there will be music and snacks available to all. Each participant will receive a t-shirt as well as other items. Individuals, families and groups of all kinds are encouraged to sign up and run together! The event will take place on Aug. 13 at 8 a.m. and costs \$30 per participant. Ages are 7 and up. Register by July 27 to guarantee you'll get a shirt by race day. Otherwise, register by Aug. 11 online or Aug. 12 at City Hall. There will be no race day registration.

**Johnson County Fair**

The Johnson County Fair runs from Aug. 1 to Aug. 6 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, located at 136 E. Washington St. in Gardner. This year's theme is "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams." Plan to attend, and don't miss the parade on Aug. 6!



**UPCOMING GARDNER PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Age/Grade</b>	<b>Costs</b>
<b>Youth Programs</b>				
Martial Arts Classes	July 9; Aug. 6	July 5; Aug. 2	3-Adult	\$45-\$50
Youth Soccer	Aug. 27	July 15	4 Yrs.-8th Grade	\$70
British Soccer Camp	Aug. 1	July 22	2-14	Varies
Micro Soccer	Aug. 27	Aug. 12	2-4	\$60
Youth Volleyball	Sept. 13	Aug. 12	3rd-6th Grade	\$65
Soccer Player Development	Sept. 1	Aug. 19	5-12	\$70
NFL Punt, Pass & Kick	Sept. 11	Walk ups welcome	6-15	Free
Flag Football	Sept. 24	Aug. 19	1st-6th Grade	\$65
Cheerleading	Sept. 24	Aug. 19	K-6th Grade	\$65
Middle School Volleyball	Sept. 18	Aug. 26	7th-8th Grade	\$65
<b>Adult/Family Programs</b>				
July 4th Celebration	July 4	N/A	All	Free
Movies in the Park (GAC) (Teen Beach)	July 21	N/A	All	\$3
Music in the Park (Rattle & Hum)	July 23	N/A	All	Free
Adult Sand Volleyball—Coed	July 31 and Aug. 3	July 25	18 & Up	\$150
Gardner Grind Adventure Race	Aug. 13	Aug. 12	7 & Up	\$30
KC Chiefs Tickets	Aug. 13, Sept. 1, Nov. 6 & 20	Two weeks before game	All	\$45
Music and Movies in the Park (Rusty Laffoon and Field of Dreams)	Aug. 20	N/A	All	Free
Square Dance Lessons	Sept. 6	Sept. 2	14-Senior	\$20-\$40
Movies in the Park (You pick this one!)	Sept. 10	N/A	All	Free
Women's Indoor Volleyball	Sept. 13	Sept. 2	18 & Up	\$175
Kids' Fishing Derby	Sept. 10	Sept. 2	12 & Under	\$5
Walk and Read Weekend	Sept. 24	N/A	All	Free