

INSIDE GARDNER

SPRING 2018

Route 595 adds bus service to Downtown Gardner and surrounding areas

Starting April 2, 2018, RideKC bus service is expanding their 595 Gardner-OP Express route to reach more businesses in Gardner and Edgerton from downtown Kansas City, Kansas, and downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority in partnership with Johnson County extended the bus route to help drive job access for employers and employees in Southern Johnson County.

Some of the featured destinations of the 595 now include the following:

- Downtown Gardner
- Logistics Park
- New Century AirCenter
- Johnson County Libraries (Gardner and Oak Park)
- TradeNet Park and Ride
- Oak Park Mall
- Crossroads Arts District
- Crown Center
- Union Station

A complete list of locations is available at ridekc.org.

595 GARDNER - OP EXPRESS
Morning/Evening Service (Mon-Sat)



Bus service to many of these destinations will run from 5:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Riders can expect to pay \$1.50 per single ride or purchase a bus pass. Cash fares can be paid with coins or dollars, up to \$20. Children 6 to 11 years old pay a reduced fair, and children 5 and under ride for free.

For added convenience, riders can download the RideKC app on their smartphone to help plan their trip, track rides, pay fares and request stops. By downloading the app, users will also receive a free one-day pass.

For more information about this new route, schedule and fees, visit ridekc.org.



Billy Sims BBQ, a casual dining restaurant, is one of the newest businesses in Gardner. It is located at 925 E. Lincoln Lane. Currently, crews are performing interior work. It is scheduled to open the second quarter of 2018.



Planet Sub at 921 E. Lincoln Lane is another business joining the Gardner community. Construction is set to begin soon. Opening date for this fast food restaurant is unknown at this time.



New business Scooter's at 1850 E. Santa Fe is a drive-thru-only coffee establishment. Crews are nearing completion, with the driving ramps and signage recently installed. Scooter's plans to open in early April.

A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Steve Shute



It's a new day in Gardner...and we are continuing to Blaze New Trails! This is my first message as your new mayor, and I am excited to begin this dialogue with you.

For those of you who do not know me, I served on the City Council for nearly five years (the last three as Council President) before being sworn in as mayor on January 8, 2018.

I want to thank former Mayor Chris Morrow for his contributions to the growth of this city, and for his assistance in getting the groundwork laid for the next phase in Gardner's development.

At my first State of the City address, I outlined several priorities of my administration, as well as made a few critical announcements. First, I would like to welcome Olathe Health System (OHS) and their latest project to our community. They have decided to make a sizeable investment in our city, beginning with Phase I of their new medical campus at the northeast corner of Gardner Road and I-35. This phase will include a state-of-the-art, 10,000-square-foot urgent care facility and multi-specialty center with enhanced imaging services. This facility will join Care Express-Gardner (at Price Chopper), Olathe Health Family Medicine, and Olathe Health Rehabilitation Services, expanding OHS's offerings to our residents.

Also, progress continues apace at the Hampton Inn and Gardner Conference Center out by the Interstate, as well as at Excelligence Learning Corporation's facility at the Midwest Commerce Center. Both facilities should be completed by November of this year.

Indeed, it's a great time to be in Gardner! And, we're only getting started.

I announced four specific initiatives for the next four years that I'm in office that will have a direct impact on every citizen in Gardner, starting with the annexation of 2,500 acres of land on the east side of I-35; a rebuild of the Gardner Road Interchange and for a new interchange at Moonlight Road and I-35; and formulation of plans to encourage home (rooftop) solar. But, I am particularly excited about the final initiative – a rollout of “Wired City,” a city fiber network that will give citizens affordable, faster and more reliable internet service. In an age where access to information is just as critical as water and electricity, it makes sense to treat fiber infrastructure the same as any other utility. Be on the lookout shortly for information on a survey which will gauge the interest of the community in high-speed fiber internet service to the home. If you want to sign up to be a Wired City Ambassador to the community, please let me know at sshute@gardnerkansas.gov.

Finally, as a high-performing organization, the City of Gardner is committed to “relentlessly positive and professional” customer service. And, as such, I am willing to put up my own money to reward city employees who go above and beyond in pursuit of excellence. Very shortly, RPP (Relentlessly Positive and Professional) nomination forms will be available to the public, as well as to city employees. If you catch a city staff member being Relentlessly Positive and Professional, you will be able to nominate them for a \$100 cash award that I will personally give to the employee at our monthly First Friday breakfast—an employee gathering I initiated at the start of my term.

As always, I am here to serve you. If you need to discuss any issue with me, please feel free to email me, stop by City Hall, or call me on my cell at 913.732.3134. Together, we will build synergies that will take Gardner to the next level.

Best wishes,

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Upcoming City Council Meetings

Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Monday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 4 at 7 p.m.

Monday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

View more City Council meeting dates at
www.gardnerkansas.gov.

HOW TO PREVENT GASOLINE FIRES

While there has been a steady decline in the average number of gasoline fires in homes each year since 1980, when there were 15,000 fire incidents, gasoline fires continue to be an issue.

From 2010 to 2017, municipal fire departments responded to an estimated 2,400 gasoline structure fires in U.S. homes annually. These fires resulted in 110 civilian deaths, 313 civilian injuries and \$105.9 million in direct property damage. Fuel spills/releases, use of gasoline to kindle a fire, and gasoline too close to a heat source were the leading factors contributing to civilian injuries related to gasoline fires. Spark ember or flame from operating equipment remains the most common ignition source in home gasoline structure fires, followed by matches and lighters.

-Information provided by Johnson County Fire District #1



SAFETY TIPS

- Keep gasoline out of children's sight and reach. Children should never handle gasoline.
- If a fire starts while handling gasoline, do not attempt to extinguish it or stop its flow. Leave the area immediately, and call for help.
- Do not use or store gasoline near possible ignition sources (i.e., electrical devices, oil- or gas-fired appliances, or any other device that contains a pilot flame or a spark).
- Store gasoline outside the home (i.e., in a garage or lawn shed) in a tightly closed metal or plastic container approved by an independent testing laboratory or the local or state fire authorities. Never store gasoline in glass containers or non-reusable plastic containers, such as milk jugs.
- Store only enough gasoline necessary to power equipment. Let machinery cool before refueling it.
- Never use gasoline inside the home or as a cleaning agent.
- Clean up spills promptly and discard clean-up materials properly.
- Do not smoke when handling gasoline.
- Never use gasoline in place of kerosene.
- Use caution when fueling automobiles. Do not get in and out of the automobile when fueling. Although rare, an electrical charge on your body could spark a fire, especially during the dry winter months.
- Only fill portable gasoline containers outdoors. Place the container on the ground before filling. Never fill containers inside a vehicle or in the bed of a pick-up truck.
- Follow all manufacturer instructions when using electronic devices near gasoline, including those with batteries or connected to an electrical outlet.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY



As a reminder, included in every City Council agenda packet is a listing of city expenditures to be approved by the council at each meeting. This item is always consent item #2 of each agenda. Citizens can also review monthly budget to actual reports on the finance page of the website at www.gardnerkansas.gov/finance. Continue to read this section of each newsletter to obtain information regarding the latest financial news.



LEONARD SEBRING EXHIBIT

An exhibit to honor Walt Disney illustrator and animator Leonard Sebring is open at the Gardner Historical Museum from now through May 2018. The exhibit features Sebring's early life in Gardner, artwork (including his time as a Disney cartoonist), community contributions, musical pursuits and more. The museum is located at 204 W. Main St. Hours of operation include: Saturday-Tuesday, 1-4 p.m. and Friday, 4-7 p.m. For more information call 913.856.4447.



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Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events & Activities

	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Youth Programs				
Swim Lesson Sign-Ups	April 7	Until full	18 mos. & up	\$50/\$45 if a pool member
Private Swim Lesson Sign-Ups	April 7	Until full	5 & up	\$90/\$85 if a pool member
Bath Bomb Workshop	April 21	April 13	3 & up	\$18
Elementary Art Experiences	April 24; May 15	April 17; May 8	K-5th Grade	\$20 per class
Youth Martial Arts Classes	May/June	Apr. 25; May 23	3-17	\$45-50
Epix Dance & Tumbling Classes	May/July	May 2; July 5	1.5-6	\$50-\$95
Epix Summer Dance Camps	June 5; 12; 19	May 29; June 5; June 12	3-7	\$90 per week
Lego Jedi Engineering Camp	June 4-8	May 31	5-12	&150
Summer String Ensemble	June 15	May 31	5th-12th Grade	\$50
Adult/Family Programs				
Pressure Cooker 101	April 17	April 10	Adult	\$3
Earth Day Celebration	April 21	April 13	All ages	Free
Cleaning Healthy, Cleaning Green	May 1	April 24	Adult	\$3
Piyo/Turbo Kick Classes	May 7/8	May 1	Adult	\$55 (or \$80 for both classes)
Adult Martial Arts Classes	May/June	Apr. 25; May 23	Adult	\$45-50
Pool Pass Early Bird Deadline	Now-Thru May 1	May 1	Ages 3-61	\$65-\$140 (Before discount)

Swim Lesson Registration Opening Day

Gardner Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Swimming Lesson Registration Opening Day on Saturday, April 7 from 8-10 a.m. at Gardner City Hall and online. Pool passes to the Gardner Aquatic Center will also be available for purchase.

1. Walk in at City Hall, 120 E. Main St.

Doors will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 7. LINES COULD BE LONG!
 After April 7, registration will be taken at the same location, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- Registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Parents can only register their children. Waivers must be signed by legal guardian.
- One class per child. Children may be enrolled in an additional class after June 4.

2. Online at www.gardneraquatics.com.

Register one or more child in the convenience of your own home! Online registration will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 7. Prior to online registration, customers are encouraged to set up an online account in advance with ActiveNet. Visit the city website at gardneraquatics.com for instructions.

