

G: INSIDE GARDNER

SUMMER 2018

Chip seal process extends life of roads at low cost

Phase 3 of the City of Gardner's Pavement Management Program (PMP) is well underway. This year alone, approximately 38 lane miles of road improvements will be completed throughout the city.

The city primarily uses two types of pavement treatments to help extend the life of a road: mill & overlay and granite chip seal. This year's PMP schedule includes 23 miles of chip seal and 14 miles of mill & overlay.

The chip seal process is the primary surface treatment used. It consists of applying a base layer of hot liquid asphalt to seal cracks, then granite chips are spread on top of the mix, followed by rollers to embed the chips securely into the street surface. Following a 24-hour curing period, the contractor performs an initial sweeping followed by a second one two weeks later. Additional sweepings are performed as needed.

Chip seal increases the life of a street at a reduced cost in comparison to a mill & overlay, which requires the complete removal of the top layer of a road and replacement with fresh asphalt. For example, a lane mile of chip seal application costs \$15,136 compared to \$56,883 per lane for a mill & overlay.

While an asphalt overlay lasts approximately 10 years for roads beyond repair, the chip seal application lasts 5 to 7 years before needing to be reapplied and can be redone multiple times before equaling the cost of a one-time application for a mill & overlay. By using the chip seal process, the city can stretch infrastructure dollars and preserve more roads for a longer period of time.

For questions regarding the city's PMP or the chip seal process, contact the Public Works Department at 913.856.0914.



Construction work is wrapping up at Planet Sub. Crews are currently finalizing interior finishes. Opening date for this deli delight is late August 2018. Planet Sub is located at 921 E. Lincoln Lane.



First Point Urgent Care, 907 E. Lincoln Lane, will be a 3,500 square-foot healthcare facility. Crews are currently completing the facade and parking area. The expected completion date is fall 2018.



Hampton Inn is still on track to be completed by the end of 2018. Current work consists of exterior stucco application, construction of the fourth and fifth floors and Cedar Niles road improvements in relation to the project.



A MESSAGE FROM

Mayor Steve Shute

It's a great day to be a citizen of Gardner, and I am especially proud to be your Mayor!

As I was attending this year's Fourth of July Celebration at (aptly named) Celebration Park, I was reminded repeatedly why I love this town. Even in the sweltering conditions, I saw folks having fun, relaxing, hearing some great bands, and seeing not only the "sanctioned" fireworks display, but also, off in the distance, hundreds of fireworks displays all over our city. Many of the folks from out of town asked me about it, and I told them that this is the norm in our community since we lifted the fireworks ban three

years ago. Some of them said that they would need to consider moving to Gardner. I have always maintained that the No. 1 asset of our community is our people, and all of you have never let me down.

In the last several months, we have seen a lot of changes around town. Since I last spoke with you, we have:

- broken ground on our new Justice Center
- cut the ribbon on a new restaurant (Billy Sims BBQ)
- seen continued construction on both Excelligence and the Hampton Inn, as well as Planet Sub and the Urgent Care center; and
- announced the final design for a new interchange at I-35 and Gardner Road.

Also, Phase 3 of the Pavement Management Program has begun, with road projects happening throughout the city (yes, the cones are an inconvenience, but the short-term headache is worth good roads in the long term!). South Center Street/Gardner Road has now been resurfaced from the railroad bridge all the way down to I-35, and in record time. Just remember to be courteous in work zones, and watch for workers in the road. And, please, don't text while driving - distracted driving is the No. 1 cause of road worker fatalities.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for adhering to the water restrictions during the Water Warning. Because of your commitment to the community, we were able to recover from the effects of the drought. I ask that you continue to be mindful of your usage to help Gardner maintain an adequate amount of water for essential needs. Thank you, again.

I look forward to bringing you even more exciting news this fall on other projects!



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GARDNER RECOGNIZED FOR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has recognized the City of Gardner with a 2018 Certificate of Excellence in Performance Management. ICMA awards this certificate to governmental entities that demonstrate a commitment to collecting, using, and sharing performance data to enhance transparency and continually improve their organizations and communities. This certificate is the highest level of recognition awarded.



ICMA evaluated the city's strategic plan, performance dashboard, and public engagement efforts to determine its achievement level. With this honor, Gardner has now joined the ranks of other ICMA-recognized cities, including Austin, Phoenix and San Francisco.

ICMA will formally recognize Gardner and other certificate recipients at its annual conference in Baltimore, Maryland later this fall. View the city's strategic plan at www.gardnerkansas.gov/StrategicPlan.

Upcoming City Council Meetings

Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m.

Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m.

Monday, October 1 at 7 p.m.

Monday, October 15 at 7 p.m.

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

FIRE SAFETY: GRILLING

Grilling is one of the most popular activities during this time of the year as 7 out of 10 adults in the United States have a grill or smoker. This taste-bud driven hobby also means there's an increased risk of home fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association, since 2011, an average of 16,600 people per year visit the emergency room because of injuries involving grills. To protect you and your loved ones from grilling fires, follow these important steps:

- Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.
- Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Keep a 3-foot safe zone around your grill. This will keep kids and pets safe.
- Place the coals from your grill in a metal can with a lid once they have cooled.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.



For more information about fire grilling safety, contact the Johnson County Fire District #1 at 913.764.7635.

ARE YOU A DISTRACTED DRIVER?

With school back in session, many more pedestrians will be sharing the roads with motorists and filling our crosswalks. While drivers and pedestrians alike share the responsibility of keeping themselves and others on the road safe, many accidents occur due to distracted driving. According to DMV.org, nine people die everyday due to distracted driving. Read the information below to learn more about this dangerous issue and whether or not you are a distracted driver.

I'm driving with Do Not Disturb While Driving turned on. I'll see your message when I get where I'm going.

1. Using a hands-free device while driving is substantially safer than using a hand-held device.

INCORRECT: Having any type of phone conversation—whether on a hands-free or hand-held device—can be equally distracting on the road. Even if both of your hands are on the wheel, being involved in a conversation can take your mind off the road.

2. Talking to the passenger beside you while driving is just as dangerous as talking on the phone.

INCORRECT: When you're talking to someone with knowledge of what's going on in and around the car, you're better off than talking to someone over the phone who can't see what's happening. Why? Research shows that passengers will instinctively stop talking or adjust accordingly to the changing driving conditions. Still, talking to a passenger is more dangerous than not talking at all.

3. Checking on a text message while driving at 55 mph is the equivalent of covering the length of a football field while blindfolded.

CORRECT: You cover about 80.7 feet per second while driving 55 mph. Numerous studies have shown that the average amount of time a person spends checking a text message is 4.6 seconds. When you multiply the two, you get 371.2 feet traveled in the time it takes to check a text. The average football field (including both end zones) is 360 feet.

4. Eating behind the wheel has proven to be just as dangerous as texting.

CORRECT: There are many things that can distract a driver's attention from the road, but eating is one of the worst. Fast food items come in paper bags that must be unfolded, wrappers that need removing, sauce packets that must be torn and squirted, and often drip onto the most inconvenient surfaces. All of these actions often take both hands off the wheel. Also, large to-go cups can block one's field of vision, which can also lead to accidents.

5. Listening to the radio while driving does not divert a driver's attention.

INCORRECT: Listening to music while driving has very little effect on a driver's performance, however, one danger is changing the radio station. Also, drivers listening to talk radio, the weather, or other programming that requires a certain level of attention can distract from the task of driving.

Ultimately, distracted driving is distracted driving, no matter the cause. Whether it's a text, a hairbrush, or a cup of coffee, taking one's focus away from the road is always dangerous. Pedestrians must be aware of this public health threat and always practice extreme caution when sharing the road with motorists.



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Upcoming Parks & Recreation Events & Activities

	Date	Registration Deadline	Age/Grade	Costs
Adult/Family Programs				
KC Chiefs Tickets	August-November	N/A	All	\$30
Women's Indoor Volleyball	September 10	August 31	18 & up	\$175
Kids' Fishing Derby	September 15	September 7	12 & Under	\$5
Adult Softball Fall League	September 16/20	August 31	18 & up	\$500
Walk and Read Weekend	September 22-23	N/A	All	Free
Grand Slam Beer, Wine and Spirits Fest	September 28	Until Sold Out	21+	\$30 in advance/\$40 day of the event, if available
Smoke on the Trails BBQ Event	September 28 & 29	N/A	All ages	Free
All About the Vines and Wine	October 12	September 21	21+	\$45

2018 Grand Slam Beer, Wine & Spirits Fest tickets now on sale



SEPTEMBER 28, 7 PM—10 PM

Tickets for the award-winning Grand Slam Craft Beer, Wine & Spirits Fest are now available for purchase at \$30 per ticket, \$40 at the door.

The event will be held on Friday, September 28, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Celebration Park, 32501 W. 159th St. Several local breweries, wineries and distilleries, which are new this year, will be on site to share their creations of libations. Also new this year is the addition of non-alcoholic craft soda.

Attendees will receive a commemorative sample glass and a program with a map of participating vendors and descriptions of all beverages available to taste. Catered appetizers will be provided for no additional cost. There will also be live music throughout the evening. Featured guest is KC 80's band The Zeros.

Grand Slam is an adult-only social and all attendees must be 21 years of age to enter. I.D. is required. This ticketed event is limited to the first 1,000 people. To purchase a ticket or for more details, visit www.gardnergrandslam.com.

Archaeology Field Day at the Museum

The Gardner Historical Museum is hosting 'Archaeology Field Day at the Museum' on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Attendees will learn how archaeologists study human history through the excavation of sites and the analysis of artifacts and other physical remains. Archaeologist Aaron Colgrove serves as the featured guest. Call 913.856.4447 for more information and to reserve your spot.

