



# INSIDE GARDNER

Your Community



Help Gardner  
move from  
**LAST to  
FIRST place!**

## Ever Considered an Energy Audit of Your Home or Business?

There are reduced costs for these audits during Gardner's Take Charge Challenge! For only \$100 you can receive a thorough audit with action steps prioritizing the biggest savings for your hard earned dollars *AND be entered to win one of ten \$1,000 rebates for energy efficient appliances!*

For those with big projects discovered during the audit process, Efficiency Kansas offers loan programs to complete the work at a low interest rate as well. By taking advantage of this program, you could be eligible for a \$500 rebate if you spent \$1,000 on the improvements recommended in the audit process.

Find out the latest TCC information at [www.gardnerkansas.gov/gardner\\_green!](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/gardner_green!)

## 2012 Budget Discussions Underway

The City Council began review of the proposed 2012 Budget in June. The budget as presented to the City Council does not include a mill increase. The budget includes the cost for an update to the City's comprehensive plan, which helps guide development and will utilize a public participation component to help ensure that your ideas about how Gardner should grow and change will be utilized in developing the plan. If the update is approved as part of the budget, you will read much more about how you can participate in the process starting in 2012. The Council will consider adding a mill and a half for three additional police officers as the City has a low ratio of officers to 1,000 residents. Staffing for the Police Department is challenged by having low numbers of sworn officers. The transition from Public Safety to a Police Department last November created the reduction in staffing for the Department.

The budget as presented also contains monies to replace an aging dump truck that is also used in snow plowing operations. Due to its age, it has been experiencing significant difficulties during the times when it is most needed. In the water and wastewater budgets, there will continue to be increases in cost for supplying these services. The rising cost to operate and maintain the systems cause these increases on an annual basis. Many other water and wastewater systems in the metro are experiencing similar challenges to control costs and rates with their systems as well; Gardner is in a similar situation.

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, August 1st at 7:00 PM.



## Shoppin' for Joplin

Please join the City of Gardner in our efforts to collect school supplies for the Joplin school district! *Collections will begin on July 4th at the fireworks celebration and will continue until they are delivered the first week of August.* A full list of items needed and drop-off locations are available at [www.gardnerkansas.gov](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov). For more information, please contact Margaret Drovetta at 856-6463.

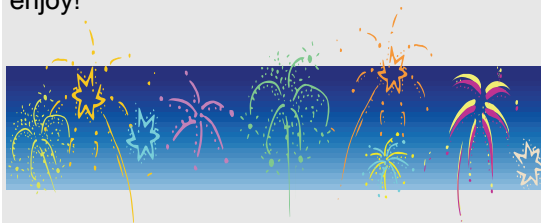
## City of Gardner's Fireworks Policy

As in years past, 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 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.

Please let's all work to be safe and make our 4th of July celebration an event for all to enjoy!



## 4th of July Celebration

### WHAT

Professional fireworks display

### WHEN

Monday, July 4th, 2011  
Starts at dusk (around 9:30 PM)

### WHERE

Gardner Edgerton High School  
425 N. Waverly Road

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A newsletter published for the residents of  
the City of Gardner  
City Hall • 120 E. Main St.

# Mayor's Message to Gardner Residents



To my fellow residents,

Big news kicked off summer in Gardner this year. Congratulations to Bubba Starling for being drafted by the Royals in the first round. Congratulations as well to John Means, another GEHS stand out who was drafted by the Braves in the 46th round. Some big decisions lie ahead for those two young men.

Once again Gardner was recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is our sixth consecutive award. We are proud to be counted among the few cities in Kansas who have received this recognition.

Festival on the Trails was a great time again this year. We had a good crowd and the weather cooperated. Special thanks as always to the committee, all the volunteers and our sponsors --- without all of your help it would not be possible. I'm looking forward to the Chamber Fireworks on July 4, and of course it wouldn't be summer without the Johnson County Fair from August 8 -13.

We completed another Citizen Satisfaction Survey and look forward to sharing the results in the fall newsletter. One area that always shows up as a priority is traffic flow. The Moonlight Road project will be completely wrapped up, and it has helped traffic on our east side. Another intersection that is mentioned frequently is Center and Main. We have been able to partner with KDOT to acquire some federal help to address that intersection next. A design firm has been hired, and we will be gathering public input, as well as working with property owners directly impacted before recommending a design for the project.

Summer is also budget season and this year will be just as challenging as last. Council has met three times already in work sessions and will continue meeting through July with a budget approval required by the middle of August. Our strategy is to hold the line while still providing an appropriate level of service to our citizens. The first draft has no mill increase proposed, but it does show water and wastewater rate increases, as anticipated from previous budgets.

The news is not completely dire; there are signs of recovery in the area. Work has begun on the KC Logistics Park and the first business announced. At the annual Business Appreciation luncheon on June 29, we celebrated the opening of 24 new businesses in Southwest Johnson County. The wider metro area is beginning to show signs of growth once again. We're far from declaring the turnaround is complete, but there are reasons to be cautiously optimistic.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer.

## Calendar of Meetings

July	4	City Hall closed in observance of Independence Day
July	5	City Council Meeting--7:00 PM
July	6	Special City Council Work Session--6:30 PM
July	11	City Council Work Session--6:30 pm
July	14	Special City Council Work Session--6:30 PM
July	18	City Council Meeting--7:00 PM
July	25	Special City Council Work Session--6:30 PM
Aug	1	City Council Meeting--7:00 PM
Aug	8	City Council Work Session--6:30 PM
Aug	15	City Council Meeting--7:00 PM

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Messages may also be left for any  
Council Member or the Mayor at  
913-856-0939

### Moonlight Road Update

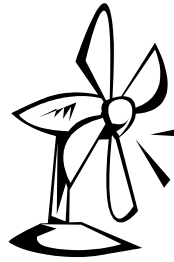
The Moonlight and Main Improvements project is nearing completion. Items left to complete include a retaining wall and sidewalk by Gardner National Bank, minor grading, seeding and sodding and landscaping. Due to the weather during this time of year, the contractor will temporarily seed all areas that have not yet been sodded and complete landscaping and sod installation later this Fall. Thank you for your patience during construction of this project.

### 183rd Street Update

Construction is scheduled for 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, from Gardner Road to Moonlight Road, in August and September of this year. The pavement and subgrade will be removed to full depth and replaced with 7 inches of asphalt for the western half-mile of 183<sup>rd</sup> St. A 2-inch asphalt overlay will be completed on the eastern half-mile. Project improvements also include pavement markings and grading of adjacent roadside ditches to improve drainage.



The project costs are estimated to be approximately \$750,000. The Johnson County Assistance Road System program (CARS) will fund approximately \$343,000. Another \$45,000 will be funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the remainder will be funded by the City. The road will remain open for local traffic throughout construction although thru traffic will be detoured during the duration of the project. The City plans to hold a public meeting in August to provide more detailed project information.



### FREE Fan for Those in Need

Fans are now available at the Utility Billing counter in City Hall for any utility customer over 60 years of age, or any customer listed with a medical frailty on their utility account. Fans will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

### Are You "Up to Code?"

The City Council passed an updated Property Maintenance Code on April 4th, 2011. The new code better explains the maintenance level expectations for residents and businesses in the following areas:

- Land maintenance
- Grass, vegetation, trees and shrubbery
- Accumulation of refuse
- Inoperable vehicles
- Solid waste and recycling containers, compost piles
- Structure maintenance
- Storage
- Sidewalk maintenance

For more information, or to view the City Code in its entirety, please visit [www.gardnerkansas.gov/city\\_code](http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/city_code).

### Tips from Community Development to Keep Gardner Beautiful

**Lawn Maintenance Regulations-** Residential and commercial property owners should maintain the grass out to the edge of the adjoining street and neighboring property lines. The maximum height grass permitted to grow on platted or developed lots is 8". With open tracks of land 10 acres or more a 30' perimeter around the tract is to be maintained. Although a yard might be enclosed due to a privacy fence, that does not alleviate a property owner from maintaining their yard.

**Boat and RV Parking Regulations-** Parking a boat, trailer or RV in the driveway of a home is only permitted up to 48 hours each month. Extended parking in the driveway is not permitted. Boats and trailers can be stored in the rear yard or alongside the dwelling if there is at least 5' from the boat or trailer to the side or rear property line. No part of the boat or trailer can extend past the front line of the dwelling. When storing a boat, camper or trailer at a residence only one is permitted on site at a time.

**Inflatable/Portable Pools Regulations-** No pool of any type can be installed without first having a perimeter fence when the depth of the pool is 3' or more. The fence should be not less than 5' in height when required.

**Signs Regulations-** Garage sale signs are not permitted at the corners of intersections in the City of Gardner. When planning a garage sale at your home please use printed advertisement and not the public right of way. Temporary signs are permitted in your own yard for a garage sale.

### With Summer Upon Us



**Gardner Energy** would like to pass along these tips from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star program to help cut cooling costs. The average home spends almost 20 percent of its utility bill on cooling. Here are 7 simple things you can do to help protect your wallet and the environment:

- **Change to More Efficient Light Bulbs.** Change out incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient lighting choices; they use less energy and produce approximately 75 percent less heat.
- **Find the Best Thermostat Settings.** If you have a programmable thermostat, program it to work around your family's summer schedule and set it a few degrees higher when no one is home.
- **Use Ceiling Fans Optimally.** Run your ceiling fan to create a cool breeze. By raising your thermostat two degrees and using your ceiling fan, you can lower cooling costs by up to 14 percent.
- **Maximize Shade.** Close the curtains and shades before you leave the house to keep the sun's rays from overheating the interior of your home.
- **Reduce Oven Time.** Use a microwave instead of an oven to cook, when you can.
- **Check Air Conditioner Filters.** Check your cooling system's air filter every month. If the filter looks dirty, change it. Having your system serviced annually helps as well.
- **Plug Duct System Leaks.** As much as 20 percent of the air moving through your home's duct system is lost due to leaks and poor connections. Seal duct work using mastic sealant or metal tape and insulate all ducts that you can access.



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Gardner, Kansas

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**Gardner Historical Museum News**

**Hours:**

Saturday through Tuesday

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**July:** This year our Bridal Exhibit features wedding attire and accessories from the Victorian Era. Many of the items on display have been loaned from the collection of Shirley Brown-Van Arsdale. The exhibit was painstakingly set up by Marcia Gay and Solene Hollingshead.



For more information, call 913-856-4447 or visit their website at [www.gardnerhistorymuseum.org](http://www.gardnerhistorymuseum.org).

**New at the Gardner Library this Summer:**

Baby Time

Friday mornings at 11:15

Toddler Story time

Friday mornings at 10:15



Call the library at 820-4600 for complete program listing, or find us online at [www.jocolibrary.org](http://www.jocolibrary.org).

**Electronic Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

Saturday, July 9th and Saturday, August 13th

8:00 to 11:30 a.m., BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

*To make an appointment, please call 913-715-6900*



The Johnson County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program will be collecting electronic waste for recycling, in addition to household hazardous waste (HHW). Residents must make an appointment to drop-off their electronic waste and HHW for recycling!

Accepted electronic items include batteries, cameras, CD players, cell phones, all computer equipment, faxes, printers, video games and more. A fee will apply for monitors (\$10) and TVs (\$15); all other items are free.

Please contact the Johnson County Environmental Department at 913-715-6900 or [www.jocorecycles.org](http://www.jocorecycles.org) for more information.



**"Kick Up Your Heels"  
Celebrate Kansas'  
150th Birthday**

**August 7 - 13, 2011**  
Johnson County Fair Grounds  
Gardner, Kansas

**Here are a few highlights:**

August 8th	Youth Rodeo	7:00 PM
August 9th	Family Fun Night	6:00 PM
	Night of Fun & Challenge	8:00 PM
August 10th	Touch a Truck	7:00 PM
August 11th	Amateur Flat Track Races	6:00 PM
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August 12th	Bull Blast & Barrel Racing	7:00 PM
August 13th	Parade	10:30 AM
	4-H/FFA Market Animal Sale	1:00 PM
	Demolition Derby	7:00 PM

Visit [www.jocokansasfair.com](http://www.jocokansasfair.com) for a full schedule of events!

**Commemorative Air Force's Air Expo**

**FREE ADMISSION!**

**WHEN**

Saturday, July 16th  
7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, July 17th  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**WHERE**

New Century AirCenter  
Commemorative Air Force Hangar



Come out and enjoy World War II, Korea and Vietnam era aircraft, demonstrations, live music and much more! Also, don't miss out on your chance to visit the only airworthy B-29 in the world.

To book a ride on FIFI, call 432-413-4100 or visit [www.RideB29.com](http://www.RideB29.com).

For more information on the Air Expo, visit the CAF's website: <http://kcghostsquadrone.org>