



INSIDE GARDNER

Your Community

May-June 2011

Are You "Up to Code?"

The City Council just passed an updated Property Maintenance Code on April 4th, 2011. This new code better explains the maintenance level expectations for residents and businesses. The following is a detailed overview of the newly passed Property Maintenance regulations:

Land Maintenance: All property is required to be maintained in a way that does not make or provide health or safety hazards or a blighted effect.

- Animal waste will be cleared regularly for those with pets.
- Private swimming pools or ponds will be maintained free of garbage, cannot be stagnant and untreated so that they breed insects, and the protective barriers and fences also need to be maintained to restrict unattended entry by small children.
- Hard surfaces, sidewalks and driveways need to be maintained so they do not become a safety hazard or blight.
- Existing gravel driveways must be maintained free of vegetation, mud, and dirt to prohibit the ponding of water.
- The City does not allow new gravel driveways or expansion of existing gravel driveways.

Grass, Vegetation, Trees and Shrubbery: Grass or vegetation exceeding 8 inches in height above the ground or in length if matted down, will be deemed in violation. Trees and shrubbery need to be maintained and treated for disease. Removal of trees and shrubbery that are dead or have reached a condition where they are dangerous is also required. If vegetation is not taken care of promptly after notice, the City may seek to maintain it and charge for the service.



Open Burning: May be conducted in the City for land clearance. Contact the City's Community Development Department for specific questions and to apply for a permit.

- No Permit is required for:
 - Portable wood-burning units
 - Grills and other outdoor cooking appliances

Accumulation of Refuse: All exterior and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of refuse or garbage.

- Accumulation of garbage on any land which causes or creates a foul, unhealthy or offensive smell or in which disease-carrying insects or rodents may breed, or may reasonably be expected to breed, will be removed after lack of compliance to a notice by the City. A fee will be assessed for that removal.

Inoperable Vehicles: Junked, wrecked, dismantled, inoperable, discarded or abandoned vehicles are not permitted, and the City will send notice to have the vehicle repaired or removed. The City may remove the vehicle and charge for the removal.

- Residents may work on vehicles to repair them, but not longer than 14 consecutive days and not more than twice during a calendar year. Businesses have separate regulations that can be viewed on gardnerkansas.gov.

Solid Waste and Recycling Containers, and Compost Piles

- Place all solid waste in containers that have been designed and manufactured specifically for storage and collection of solid waste. The container should not exceed 100 gallons in capacity.
- Keep containers and surrounding area in a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times.
- Container shall be closed at all times except when depositing waste or removing the contents.
- All solid waste containers, whether containing solid waste or not, shall, at all times other than when placed out for collection within the allowable collection time period, be screened from view from any public right-of-way or adjoining property and located behind the existing building line.
- There is no storage of solid waste or solid waste containers on any side yard area of a corner lot or parcel abutting a public right-of-way.

City Elects Three New Council Members

On April 18, City Clerk Doreen Pesek swore in the three newest members elected to the City Council.

Larry Fotovich



Chris Morrow



Dennis Pugh



The new council members will serve four-year terms of office. Their contact information can be found on page two, or by visiting www.gardnerkansas.gov.

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Mayor's Message to Gardner Residents



To my fellow residents,

Last month I reminded you to be sure and vote. The election has passed and we have seated three new Council members: Chris Morrow, Dennis Pugh and Larry Fotovich. I look forward to working with them to keep our community moving in a positive direction. I want to thank Dr. Todd Winters, Steve Hale and Dan Newburg for their service to our community. They provided leadership and good guidance during a challenging time. There are still challenges ahead of us to be sure, and the new Council is ready to get started. We will begin budget discussions very soon, and I'm confident there will be great discussion about how we can maintain affordability while providing the continued good services we have come to expect.

We have initiated once again our biennial Citizen Satisfaction Survey. If you are one of the individuals receiving a survey, please take the time to complete it. We utilize the information from the survey to set priorities and initiate projects. For example, one area of feedback we received from past surveys is addressing traffic flow at Center and Main. Last month I told you that we will begin an engineering study of that intersection to determine what options exist for improving traffic flow both on Main and Center.

On April 18th, Congressman Kevin Yoder visited Gardner. He took some time to meet with staff, Council, Chamber and EDC representatives to talk about the challenges and opportunities in Gardner. Following that meeting, he and the newly elected Council members and I toured the Coleman Facility. The Congressman committed to representing our interests in Washington, and I was glad he took the time to spend with us.



This is a time of year with lots of activity. We're excited to have the Kansas City Hot Air Balloon Invitational return to Celebration Park this Memorial Day. Based on last year's success, we have worked with the organizers to improve parking, access and added vendors for the weekend event. Festival on the Trails will be back June 11. There have been some changes there as well that we hope you will enjoy. There are a host of other activities as well this summer: the City Wide Garage Sale, Community Theatre, tournaments, tours and, of course, our Aquatic Center will open soon for great family fun.

Sincerely,



Calendar of Meetings

May	9	City Council Work Session—6:30 PM
May	16	City Council Meeting—7:00 PM
May	24	Planning Commission Meeting—7:00 PM
May	30	City Hall closed in Observance of Memorial Day
May	27-30	Kansas City Hot Air Balloon Festival
June	6	City Council Meeting—7:00 PM
June	11	Festival on the Trails
June	13	City Council Work Session-6:30 PM
June	20	City Council Meeting—7:00 PM

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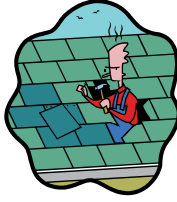
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Messages may also be left for any Council Member or the Mayor at 913-856-0939

Compost must be stored in a container manufactured or constructed so as to contain all materials and permit turning to aerate the materials.

Structure Maintenance: All structures are required to be maintained in a way that does not make or provide health or safety hazards or blighted effect.



- Exterior surfaces need to be free of holes, broken window glass, loose or rotting shingles, siding or lumber, crumbling bricks or stone, and other conditions that might admit rain or dampness to interior portions.
- Foundations need to be maintained to prevent water and animals from entering.
- Protective coverings need to be maintained to prevent decay of the structure. Peeling, flaking or chipped paint must be corrected promptly and will be cited if it reaches over 20% of the surface area of any one side of the home or business.
- Roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not admit rain into the interior portions of the walls or to the occupied spaces of the building. Guttering also needs to be maintained.
- This also applies to all attached and unattached structures, such as garages, decks, sheds and other structural features of a home like porches and overhangs.
- Fences, including gates, shall be maintained and free of damage, broken pieces or sections, or missing structural members.
- Peeling, flaking, faded paint or stain greater than 20 percent inside or outside of the fence surface area shall be repainted or stripped of all paint and given a water resistant coating if necessary.

Storage

- No storage shall take place in the front yard.
- Outdoor play equipment, patio furniture, barbeque grills, dog houses, garden hoses and sprinklers; can be stored outside but items must be specifically manufactured for outdoor use and in working/useable condition and not stored in the front yard.
- Outdoor building materials for a home/lawn improvement project, not requiring a building permit, may be stored outside in a neat and orderly manner for a period not to exceed 30 days.

Sidewalk Maintenance

- Snow and ice should be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours from the time the snow or ice storm ends or 48 hours after sunrise if the accumulation is at nighttime.
- Obstructions, i.e. vehicles, that prohibit the use of sidewalks by the public or other public ways of this City longer than is necessary for loading or unloading is prohibited.

For more information or to view the City Code in its entirety, please visit www.gardnerkansas.gov/city_code/ –Title 8 -Property Maintenance.

Moonlight Road Construction—Update as of April 2011

- Items left to complete: construction of medians, sidewalk and trail installation, retaining walls and commercial entrances, minor storm sewer work, street lighting, seeding and sodding, and landscaping
- Closure of one lane in each direction will continue as work progresses, but generally these lane closures will be removed in the evening
- Anticipated completion date is June 2011

For questions, please contact Dennis Weinrich of TranSystems at 314-280-9657

City to Conduct Bi-Annual Citizen Satisfaction Survey

The 2011 Citizen Survey may be coming to your mailbox. The City has once again hired ETC Institute to conduct the random survey of resident satisfaction. This is Gardner's sixth survey and will provide the City with a twelve-year span of data on how the City is serving you.

Visit http://www.gardnerkansas.gov/citizen_survey to see the 2009 results. 2011 will be posted later this summer, when the results are available.

2011 Kansas City Hot Air Balloon Festival Invitational

Join us for the launching of more than 30 hot air balloons!

Activities include:

- Food vendors
- Inflatables for the kids
- Beer garden for the adults



Date: Memorial Day Weekend, May 27–30, 2011

Time: Varies each day—see schedule online at www.gardnerkansas.gov or www.kchabi.com

Fee: FREE admission, \$5 for on-site parking during evening events

Location: Celebration Park, 32701 W. 159th St.

WORK ZONE

Work Zones Need Your Undivided Attention

It's that time of season...the orange barrel season. In order to maintain the roadway system, we must all deal with the frustration of highway work zones. But for road workers, a work zone isn't just an annoyance, it's dangerous. **Here are some key safety tips to remember in roadway construction/maintenance zones:**

- **Follow the Signs**—Following the directions posted on orange construction signs will keep workers, and you, safe
- **Don't Assume They See You**—When repaving or repairing roads, a worker's environment is dusty, loud and very close to passing traffic. These unprotected workers are focused on their jobs, so it's up to you to focus on safety: Never assume workers will step out of the way of car!
- **Follow the Lines**—Work zones often have temporary lines on the road redirecting the flow of traffic. Look out for shifting or merging lanes, particularly if you drive this road often. Don't be tempted to "autopilot" your way through.
- **Obey the Work Zone Speed Limit**—Depending on sight distances and the type of work being done, construction speed limit could be much lower than the normal limit. Don't risk it, slow down!
- **No Distractions**—They slow your response time!



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Upcoming Gardner Parks and Recreation Activities and Events

Youth Programs:	Date:	Registration Deadline:	Age/Grade:	Costs:
Beauty and the Beast Jr.	May 31 - June 26	May 13	Ages 8 - 18	\$100
Playgroup at Cornerstone	June 2	May 27	Ages 0 - 8	\$5
Princess Camp	June 6 - 10	May 31	Ages 5 - 9	\$75
Space Battle Camp	June 13 - 17	June 6	Ages 7 - 13	\$75
Playgroup at Celebration	June 16	June 10	Ages 0 - 8	\$5
Babysitting Clinic	June 18	June 10	Ages 11 and Older	\$55
Explorer Camp	June 20 - 24	June 13	Ages 3 - 6	\$35
Princess Tea Party	June 23	June 13	Ages 3 - 6	\$15
Playgroup at Winwood	June 30	June 24	Ages 0 - 8	\$5
Total Baseball Camp	June 6-7-8	May 31	Ages 5-14	\$65
Youth Soccer	Aug. 27-Oct. 8	July 15	Ages 4-14	\$60
Micro Soccer	Aug. 27-Oct. 8	Aug. 5	Ages 3-5	\$50
Adult / Family Programs:				
Fishing Derby	May 14	May 6	12 and Under	Free
Discover Belly Dance	May 21	May 18	Adult	\$20
Dog Obedience	June 5 - 26	May 30	12 and Older	\$60
Bike Rodeo	June 4	May 27	12 and Under	Free
Leaves, Lighthouses & Lobsters	October 15 - 22	July 15	Adult	\$2779
Midwest Baseball Tour	August 8-14	June 1	7 yrs. to Adult	\$825-\$900
Adult Softball (Men's)	July 11-Aug. 15	July 1	18 years and older	\$400 per team
Adult Softball (Co-Rec)	July 10-Aug. 14	July 1	18 years and older	\$400 per team



Additional program information can be found at www.gardnerkansas.gov/parks/



Greenie Visits the Gardner Library



On April 20th, Greenie, Gardner's mascot for the Take Charge! Challenge, visited the Gardner Library to help introduce the Bookmark Challenge.

To participate, pick up your bookmark to color and return it to the Gardner Library before May 20th for a chance to win a pizza party with Greenie! Don't miss out on your chance to get creative about how we can "Go Green with Greenie!"

Want a FREE Programmable Thermostat?

Don't forget to pick up your FREE programmable thermostat from the Utility Desk at Gardner City Hall while supplies last!

For more information, please visit www.takechargekansas.org or www.gardnerkansas.gov/gardner_green.

Gardner Historical Museum News

Hours:
Saturday through Tuesday
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.



KANSAS is 150 Years Old! The Museum is partnering with the Gardner Branch of the Johnson County Library to celebrate the State's Sesquicentennial.

The Library is exhibiting the spectacular mural, painted by local artist, Jamie Lavin, funded by the Johnson County heritage Trust and owned by the Museum. It features a prairie sunset of Kansas magnitude, with painstakingly painted tiles attached, to create a timeline from the settlement of this area to 1959.

May: Whether you graduated from GHS or GEHS, the Museum encourages attendance at the annual All-School Reunion, Sunday, May 22nd at the High School. The Classes of 1951, 1961, 1986 and 2001 will be honored. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and a catered luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. There is a reunion page on Facebook or send an email to GEHSASR@yahoo.com.