

Garden City Gab

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS SET 5 GOALS AS THEIR PRIMARY FOCUS FOR THE 2014-2015 SESSIONS

2014-2015

BOARD GOALS

- Develop A Comprehensive Plan for 8th Ave
- Increase Community Involvement
- Develop and Implement A Staffing Plan
- Develop A Financial Plan For Increased Revenues
- Increase Board Efficiency

YOUR INPUT IS EXTREMELY VALUABLE. PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER OR THE CLERK'S OFFICE WITH YOUR SUGGESTIONS, IDEAS AND COMMENTS. 351-0041.

NEW! Residential Revitalization Grant! Check inside this newsletter for details on new programs and grants that are being offered as well as our existing grant programs.



2nd Annual Bootleggin' BBQ - August 22 & 23, 2014

Garden City's 2nd Annual Bootleggin' BBQ will be held on August 22 & 23, 2014. Plans are being finalized for the Kansas City BBQ Competition. In addition, there will be live music, vendors, a children's area, a beer garden featuring regional brewers and lots of food! Mark your calendar for what promises to be a great weekend in Garden City. If you would like to volunteer to work at the event, please contact the Clerk's Office at Town Hall 970-351-0041 to sign up today!

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SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS

It's time for Spring Clean-Up Days again on May 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Dumpsters will be located at four locations around town at 27th St Rd across from Town Hall and on 7th Avenue next to the park. On 6th Ave and 26th St at Knights of Columbus and on 9th Ave and 27th St at the Kendrick's. The Board of Trustees is pleased to offer this free service to all residents and business owners in Garden City. Please be sure to get all of your debris into the dumpsters and do not leave anything on the ground or in the surrounding area. No toxic chemicals, appliances containing Freon or batteries are allowed to be placed into the dumpsters. Please contact the Town Hall at 351-0041 for information about the County's Hazardous Materials collection site. There are some volunteers available to help residents with hauling-sign up today.

**NEW IN
2014!**

RESIDENTIAL REVITALIZATION GRANT

On January 21, 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 01-2014 creating the Single Family Residential Revitalization Grant Program. Residents may submit an application for a grant in the Clerk's Office Monday through Friday between 9AM and 4PM. Grants will be awarded to reimburse property owners for 50% of their improvement project up to a maximum grant amount of \$3000.00. To be considered for the grant you must complete an application, a grant agreement, include before and after pictures of the project and at least two contractor's estimates. Projects that may be considered for a grant include painting, siding, windows, doors and other restoration or renovation projects. Projects that are not eligible for a grant include roofing, mechanical, interior or exterior rear only projects. Please call for more information. 351-0041.

SPRINGTIME IS THE BEST TIME TO GET SOME OF THOSE PROJECTS CROSSED OFF THE LIST! YARD CLEAN UP, FENCES, LANDSCAPING, HOME IMPROVEMENTS! GARDEN CITY HAS LOTS OF PROGRAMS TO HELP YOU GET THE JOB DONE!

The staff in the Clerk's Office can assist you with the application process for any of the grant programs that we offer.
970-351-0041

Elm and Ash Tree Spraying

Garden City is in the process of reviewing proposals for tree spraying in Garden City. Trees to be sprayed are Elm and Ash Trees. When the project is awarded to a tree spraying contractor, each resident or business owner will be contacted to sign a consent form and discuss the project. There will be no charge to the homeowner or business owner. Watch for the new tree planting program later this year! The Board is gathering information about the best trees to plant in town, then interested property owners can consent to have a tree planted on their property.

GARDEN CITY LANDSCAPE VOUCHER PROGRAM

The Town has again partnered with Happy Life Gardens at 2000 W. 37th Street Evans, CO to offer a voucher program to residents and businesses in Garden City. The voucher may be used like a gift certificate to purchase up to \$50.00 worth of landscaping materials such as plants, bushes, mulch, soil or other landscaping supplies for your property. To qualify, you must come into Town Hall to apply for

your voucher by May 31, 2014. You may also be required to apply for the Beautify Garden City Water Rebate Program discussed on page 3 at the same time. You will be given a return date to come back to Town Hall to claim your voucher. The staff at Happy Life can answer questions and make suggestions for your particular yard or garden, so be sure to ask when you're there! If you wish to purchase landscaping materials above the \$50.00 provided by the voucher, Happy Life Gardens will give you a 10% discount on whatever you spend. Another great program for our residents and businesses!

REVITALIZATION AND PAVEMENT GRANTS 2014

Again in 2014 there are two additional types of grants available to assist Garden City Businesses. The Revitalization Grant and the Pavement Grant. In January 2014, the Board voted to increase the matching funds for a second year. In 2013, \$43,982 in Revitalization and Pavement Grants was awarded. For the Revitalization Grant, the Town will match 50% of facade improvements up to a maximum grant of \$8000.00. For the Pavement Grant, the Town will match up to 50% of parking lot improvements up to a maximum grant of \$8000.00. By Resolution, the increase in matching funds and the increase in total grants awarded is approved for 2014 only. Business owners may also apply for a fence grant. See details regarding fence grants on the following page. Now is the time to make those improvements to your building! Multi-family properties are included in the Commercial Revitalization Grant Program. For an application or more information-call 351-0041.



HAPPY PLANTING!



\$16,000 in 2013!

GARDEN CITY FENCE GRANT

In May 2014, The Board of Trustees will approve the Fence Grant Program for another year for Garden City property owners. A fence grant is matching funds for the renovation or construction of an approved fencing project in Garden City. The maximum grant amount is \$3000.00. The grant will provide 50% of the cost of the project (\$3000 max) for projects in which a contractor is hired to complete the project. The grant provides 75% of the cost of the

project (\$3000 max) for projects in which a contractor is not hired and the property owner is providing the labor. Resolution No. 06-2014 states that there are 13 mini grants available for 2014. To qualify, the applicant must submit an application before November 1, 2014. The project must be completed within 2 months after submission and no later than December 31, 2014. The application shall include the proposed project, the proposed fencing materials,

the cost of the project and 'before pictures'. The Board of Trustees will serve as the grant committee. No grants will be paid until all work has been completed and 'after pictures' have been submitted to Town Hall. Grantees will also be required to sign a grant agreement which states that the fence will be kept in good repair for 5 years from the date that the grant is issued. Please call Town Hall for more information. 351-0041.

BEAUTIFY GARDEN CITY LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT AND WATER REBATE PROGRAM

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The Board of Trustees has approved the Landscape Improvement and Water Rebate Program for 2014. This program is intended to offset some of the costs of the water to assist residents who want to plant grass or a garden or do some other improvement project in your yard. The application must be submitted by May 31, 2014. You must attach pictures of your yard before the improvements and a copy of a recent water bill from the City of Greeley. September 15, 2014 will be the end of the program and at that

time you will submit pictures of your improvements and a copy of your May, June, July and August water bills. If your project is approved, the Town will reimburse you 50% of your water bills up to a maximum \$300.00 rebate per household per year. The Board understands the high cost of water and the burden that can put on your household and provides this program to help ease some of the costs. Please take advantage of this program this summer and help make Garden City a more beautiful place to live.

OUTREACH CENTER! There is a new GARDEN CITY OUTREACH CENTER open in the basement of Town Hall. The Center offers assistance to residents on Wednesdays from 10-Noon and on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from Noon-2. Assistance is available at other times by appointment. Some of the items that are available are gently-used clothing, toiletries, non-perishable food and blankets just to name a few. Center volunteers will also be able to give residents information about other County and State programs that may be available. Please call the Town Hall for more information!

NATIONAL NIGHT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK WHERE RESIDENTS CAN MEET AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. STAFF WILL REGISTER TOWN KIDS AND GRANDKIDS FOR BACKPACKS. SEE YOU ON TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 2014 AT 5 PM. INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN JULY!

From The Mayor:

Spring has again sprung here in Garden City and we have a very exciting year ahead. The Town Board has a new agenda and is looking to make many town improvements. We have some new grant programs for residents and businesses. We have a great town with so much potential, we hope everyone gets to participate in making Garden City an even better place to live and do business.

The Town Board has an exciting new agenda. We are beginning to put together a plan to revitalize 8th Ave. Part of that project will include a new entranceway project at 8th Ave and Hwy. 34. We value any of your input on these or other issues you have in town, our meetings are open to the public. We encourage residents and businesses alike to come by and share any ideas, issues or concerns with the board.

Our continued goal is to improve the overall look of our town. Please take advantage of our great grant programs to improve your property. We have matching grants to help all residents and businesses in town to improve their building and yards. The board has allocated limited funds to each grant program so call town hall today for details on how to get a grant!

Garden City is a wonderful place to live and do business and we are planning on making it even better! Our unique small community is lucky enough to have the resources to make some significant improvements. I encourage you all to get involved and contribute to our vision for Garden City. Whether its painting your home, coming to a board meeting or just stopping by Town Hall to say hello everyone has an opportunity to be a part of making Garden City a better place.

Brian

GARDEN CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

We have just completed our first full year with a Code Enforcement Officer on staff. Officer Joe Bain has been very successful in bringing non-compliant properties into compliance and educating business and residents regarding Garden City codes. Code Enforcement is necessary as our Town grows and all of our buildings become occupied. It is important for everyone to uphold the codes in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community as a whole and also to preserve your property values. If you receive a Notice of Violation from the Town, you will have 10 days to correct the issue for re-inspection. If the issue is not resolved within the 10 days, you will receive a summons to Municipal Court and will appear before the Municipal Judge regarding your violation. Following is a list of code issues that will generate a

violation when not adhered to: Vehicles must be licensed and operable. No dirt or other debris piles are allowed. All weeds must be kept cut close to the ground. Noxious plants and undesirable growths and brush must be controlled or destroyed. No encroachment or obstruction on any street, sidewalk, curb or other public place may exist. Premises must be kept clean and orderly, no trash accumulation. This is a partial list and does not represent the Garden City Code in its entirety. The most important thing to remember is that if you get a Notice of Code Violation from the Code Enforcement Officer, take care of the violation immediately so that the issue does not become a matter for the Courts. If we all work together, our Town will be a desirable and safe little community. Thank you in advance for your diligence regarding the condition of your property.

OWNERS OF UNLICENSED DOGS OR DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE WILL BE ISSUED A SUMMONS

A DOG THAT IS OFF OF ITS OWNERS PROPERTY AND NOT ON A LEASH IS CONSIDERED RUNNING AT LARGE

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CODE ENFORCEMENT IN GARDEN CITY PLEASE CALL OUR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER JOE BAIN AT 590-8376

ATTENTION APARTMENT AND RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS INCLUDING BASEMENT APARTMENTS

The Board of Trustees will be holding a Public Meeting on May 7, 2014 at 5:00 PM at Garden City Town Hall to discuss the possible implementation of a Housing Inspection Program for property rentals in Garden City. The goal is to help ensure the health, safety and welfare of the residents. Areas of concern are electrical, plumbing, doors, windows, egress, pest control and imminent hazards. All rental property owners, property managers and interested residents are encouraged to attend. For further information, please call 970-351-0041. An informational letter will be sent to property owners at the end of April.