

City of Sedalia

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November 2014
Meetings

- **November 10**
Public Library Board Meeting
- **Nov. 11**
Veterans Day Observed
City Offices Closed
- **Nov. 12**
Citizens Traffic Advisory
Board Meeting
- **Nov. 17**
City Council Meeting
- **Nov. 19**
Board of Public Works
Meeting
- **Nov. 20**
Citizens for Smart
Growth Meeting
- **Nov. 20**
CBCD Meeting
- **Nov. 25**
Bothwell Regional
Health Center Board Meeting
- **Nov. 27-28**
Thanksgiving Holiday
City Offices Closed

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Community Involvement
Spotlight:

City Attorney
Anne Gardner



Every few months, a member of City staff will be featured in our City newsletters, showcasing the many ways our employees personally give back to our community.

For some, a chance to visit a City's legal department might not be met with much enthusiasm, but those who make the trip to Sedalia City Attorney Anne Gardner's office quickly find their misgivings unfounded.

As with all City departments, the first, middle and last topic for discussion is the business at hand. From in-house meetings, to one-on-one discussions with citizens to Wednesday Court proceedings, Anne's office is one of the busier offices at City Hall. The conversations held within Anne's office may be very serious at times but everyone involved can be sure they will be given the amount of time and level of respect necessary to resolve the situation.

A benefit of being a "suite-mate" to Legal is the opportunity to experience Anne's equally sweet and fun personality. From fresh-picked flowers shared with all City Hall Departments...



To a cookie jar designed for taste testing (Mayor tested and approved)....



You can never predict just who will stop in to chat with Anne.

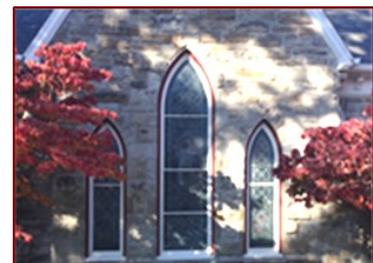


Cruella De Vil discusses multiple pet licensures (101) with Anne - 10-31-14.

Perhaps one of many reasons people feel at ease when speaking with Anne Gardner is because so many know her through her community involvement. A graduate of Smith-Cotton High School as their valedictorian in 1978, Ms. Gardner went on to attend college at the University of Missouri. After graduating from MU in 1982 with a BSBA degree in Finance, Anne then continued her studies at Oklahoma City University, graduating in 1986 with a J.D. (Juris Doctor).

Upon receiving her law degree, Anne joined her father and brother in the family's law firm, Gardner, Gardner, & Gardner. While her father, Robert passed away in 2009, Anne and her brother, Scott Gardner still continue the family business as Gardner & Gardner at 416 S. Ohio Avenue. Anne first started working part-time for the City of Sedalia as an Assistant City Counselor in 1990, becoming City Counselor in 1992 and accepting the position of City Attorney in 2003.

Faith and family are very important to Anne. She has attended her family church, Calvary Episcopal Church, all her life; she was baptized and confirmed there. She is a member of their vestry and an alto in their choir. *(Continued on Page Two)*





Community Involvement Spotlight Continued

Anne has been an active member of the Sedalia Rotary Club since 1987. She was chosen at Outstanding Rotarian for 2010.

Another organization very important to Anne is the Melita Day Child Development Center. This not-for-profit day care and preschool has contributed to the development of area children since it was first established in 1910. Melita Day relocated to the main campus of State Fair Community College in 1996. Anne joined the board of Melita Day Nursery in 1988 and since 2001 has served as either their board's treasurer or president.

Remember the Mayor's cookie jar referenced earlier? There is a reason why Miss Anne has been serving up different types of delectable cookies to her fellow staff members and visitors over the last few months. Annually on the first Saturday of December, Melita Day holds its Cookie Walk fundraiser and Anne usually makes approximately 95 dozen cookies for this event. (This year she decided to try out different recipes ahead of time).

The Cookie Walk is held in the Parkhurst Commons on the State Fair Community College campus and, as the title indicates, there are literally rows of cookies from which to choose. If you prefer to have the "Cookies" but you are not necessarily into the "Walk," volunteers will gladly help you arrange a pre-order.

So the next time you hear someone say they have to visit with the City Attorney, please know they're planning on spending time with someone gifted with a fair and generous spirit.

Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11, 2014

The City of Sedalia offices will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on November 11, 2014.

The annual Veterans Day Parade will occur on Tuesday, November 11th, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Smith-Cotton Jr. High School. Parade line-up deadline is 2:45 p.m.

City Observes Thanksgiving Holiday November 27 and November 28, 2014

The City of Sedalia will observe the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28, 2014. Offices in the Municipal Building will be closed in observance of the holiday. All City offices will re-open on Monday, December 1, 2014 for normal business hours. Trash pick up for Monday and Tuesday, November 24th and November 25th will be on normal schedule. Thursday's pick up will be on Wednesday, November 26th. Please note that there will be no trash pick up on Friday, November 28th.

Hotel Bothwell Thanksgiving Lighting Ceremony

Make plans to attend a Sedalia Thanksgiving Tradition - Thanksgiving Evening (November 27) in Downtown Sedalia. The countdown to light the Hotel Bothwell begins at 7:00 p.m.

A fireworks show synchronized to holiday music begins immediately following the countdown. Holiday music and local entertainment will precede the event beginning at 6:30 p.m.

City Christmas Light Contest

Many citizens will take advantage of the still-mild temperatures to start their outside decorating for the holiday season. Just a reminder that information regarding the City of Sedalia's annual Christmas Light contest will soon be announced!

ANNUAL SEDALIA CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 6, 2014

The holiday season is full of pleasant surprises and the City of Sedalia will join in on the fun during the Chamber's Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6, 2014. The parade begins at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you in Downtown Sedalia on December 6!

Playin' at the Park

TINY TOTS PLAY PARK

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Convention Hall Gym
\$1.50 per child per class
Or purchase a \$10 Punch Pass (10 visits)
Parents must supervise their own children during this special play group. Open to children who have not yet entered school (age 5 and younger). Participants MUST pay (or show their punch pass) in office before entering the gym.
NO CLASS November 4, 11, or 26.

SUNRISE YOGA

All levels welcome! All you need is a yoga mat.
Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Register by November 26
Session IV: December 1 - 29 (will not meet 12/24)
\$64 per session

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