



Before applying for Leadership Gardner please note the following:

- **Attendance is mandatory.** If you are aware of multiple scheduling conflicts, we ask you to consider applying for a future program.
- Unless specific times are noted below, sessions should be considered full days. Start and end times may vary but plan for an 8am-5pm schedule.
- State, County and Regionalism sessions are shared sessions with Leadership Lenexa, Leadership Leawood, Leadership Northeast, Leadership Olathe, Leadership Overland Park, and Shawnee Tomorrow.

WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25
4:30-6:30PM

The welcome reception provides the opportunity to meet and greet your fellow participants allowing you to introduce yourself before our first session. Drinks and appetizers will be provided.

ORIENTATION/TEAMBUILDING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Prior to the session, we take the 5 Voices Assessment to discover our Leadership Voice. A certified consultant will take us through exercises to teach us more about our Voices and show us basic strategies to apply them in all areas of life.

CITY OF GARDNER - MAYOR WINTERS & CITY OPERATIONS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Learn how the governing body functions, how a development project goes from idea to opening, and how the city is funded. We'll also have interactive activities with multiple departments from utilities to parks & recreation and a tour of city facilities.

STATE OF THE STATE

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

We travel to Topeka by motorcoach and learn about the latest in the Kansas Legislature from elected and other officials. We share the session with the chamber leadership programs from Lenexa, Leawood, Northeast Johnson County, Olathe, Overland Park, and Shawnee

EDUCATION: K-12 AND HIGHER ED

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

This session focuses on innovative programs offered to USD231 students including the career tech programs at GEHS and opportunities available through Johnson County Community College for traditional and non-traditional students as well as continuing education programs.

REGIONALISM

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

This session includes KC Metro area organizations and topics that affect economic development, politics, and culture on both sides of the state line. We share this day with the six other chamber leadership groups.

JOHNSON COUNTY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

At this shared session we hear from elected officials and county departments to learn about the many people, programs and processes that keep the county running.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, MAY 7

We visit the Olathe Health campus to learn about the services they provide onsite and throughout the community. We will also learn about plans for a new mental health hospital, adoption services in Kansas, and clinical services available to under and uninsured citizens.

PUBLIC SAFETY

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Get up close to the work of first responders in Lenexa – our fire and police departments. Participate in demonstrations and get a look at the programs and tools used to keep the community safe.