



# SISTER CITY UPDATE

Study Session Meeting | September 2, 2025

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# Background

- 1** Farmers Branch Sister City relationship with Bassetlaw England began in 1980 and Garbsen Germany in 1990.
- 2** The Sister City relationship consists of:
  - Communications between dignitaries
  - Visits between cities every 5 years
- 3** The goal of the program is to advance peace and prosperity through cultural, educational, humanitarian, and economic development exchanges.



# Sister City Map



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# Sister City Committee

- Citizen-led committee
- Former Chair- Bronson Blackson
- Former City Liaison- Rachael Johnson
- Meets as needed to plan exchange visits
- City's role is to facilitate meetings, offer staff support and provide resources for exchange visits

# Invitations

## 2020 GARBSEN INVITATION

- June 16–21, 2020–**Cancelled Due to Pandemic**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Garbsen
- Attend the International Firefighters Fare in Hanover (USA day is June 18)

## CURRENT GARBSEN INVITATION

- Summer 20??

## CURRENT BASSETLAW ENGLAND

- Summer 2027





# Questions

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