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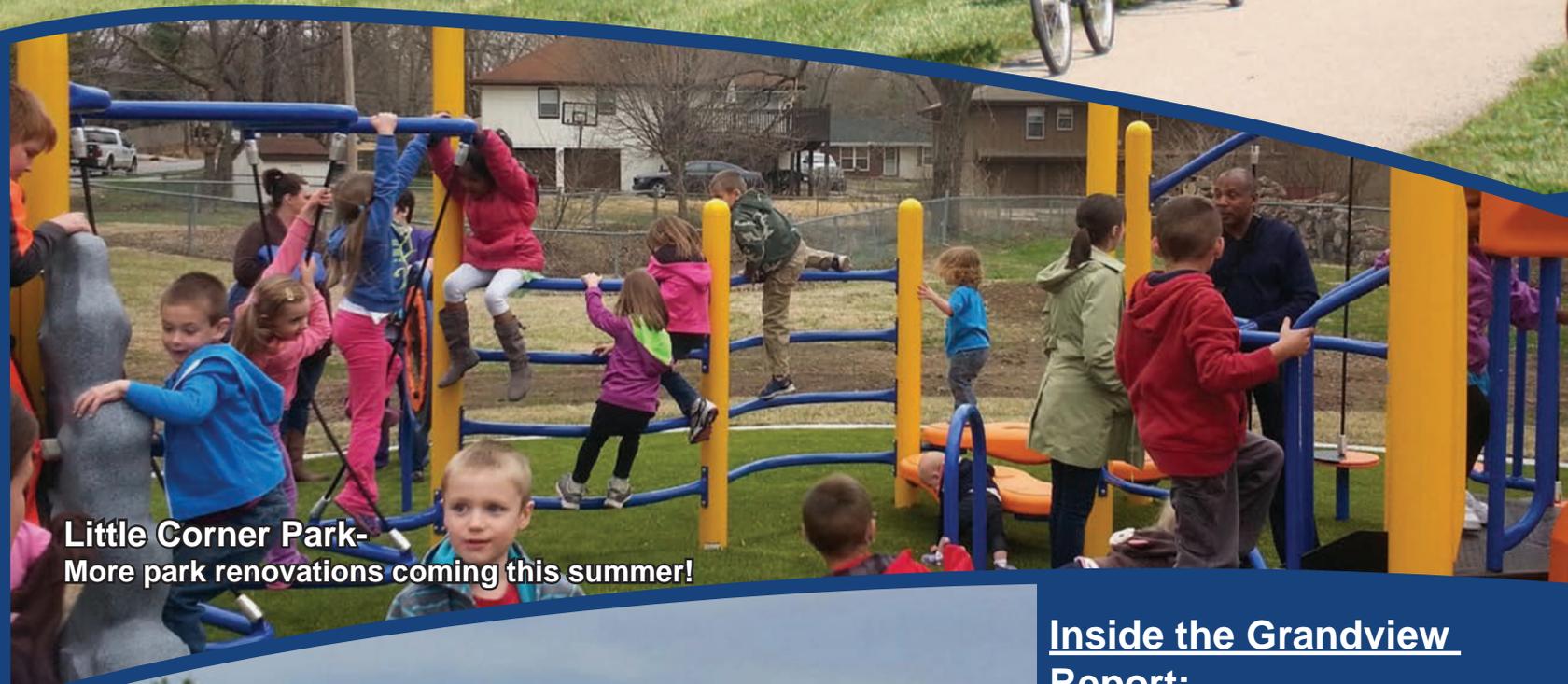
# GRANDVIEW

*A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri*

REPORT



Local trails for outdoor fun!



Little Corner Park-  
More park renovations coming this summer!



Farmers Market Starts May 10

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## Stay Connected and Get More Involved

Do you have some free time and looking for something fun to do? Want to know the latest and greatest happening in the City of Grandview? There are a number of convenient ways for you to keep up-to-date on upcoming events and with what's happening in the community.

**Website** - Grandview.org is the official website of the City of Grandview and the Grandview Chamber of Commerce. Find information about city news, programs, events, services, employment, codes, businesses, etc.

**E- News** - Sign up to receive periodic emails from the City with news and upcoming events. Just go to the website above and sign up.



**Facebook & Twitter** - Follow Grandview on Twitter (@cityofgrandview) or Like the City's Facebook page (facebook.com/CityofGrandview) for timely updates on City news, emergency information and other useful notifications.

**City Newsletter** - The City's newsletter, Grandview Report, is published every quarter starting in January each year. One copy goes out to every active mailstop in Grandview, and it is also available on the website for download, along with previous issues.

**Government Channel** - Available for Time Warner Cable and AT&T U-Verse subscribers, channel 2 and channel 99 respectively, the City's government channel also lists upcoming events, the latest news,

and general information about City services and programs.

**Code Red** - The Code Red system provides the City with the ability to quickly deliver emergency, as well as general messages, to all residents, mostly via phone, but also email. Here is some important information you should know:

- Caller ID - When you see the following displayed, you'll know the call is from the City.
  - Emergency Notifications - 1-866-419-5000 or Emergency Comm
  - General Notifications - 1-855-969-4636 or ECN Community
- Join our database - Most landlines will be automatically added to the database, but we highly encourage you to register all your mobile telephone numbers. Visit our website, grandview.org, and click under "What's New".
- Privacy - Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.



**Annual Events** - Plan now to come to the Truman Heritage Festival in May, Summer Concert series, Music on Main in September, Movies in the Parks, and a variety of other events for families, children, or seniors throughout the year.

**Downtown Events** - With the new Civic Plaza area complete at 8th and Main, look for upcoming events, gatherings, displays, Farmers Market starting this spring, or just relax by the new fountain and read, use your laptop, or have a cup of coffee with friends.

**Grandview Arts Council** - Look for more art around town this year (currently on display at The View and City Hall), music, and other possibilities as the Grandview Arts Council expands its activities and reaches out to new members. Ask about joining the GAC or how you can bring your favorite artist, musician, sculptor, etc. to Grandview for showings or musical or other events. Call 316-4801 for information.

**Longview Trail** - This best kept secret extends six miles from Meadowmere Park and Byars Road entrance all the way to the marina at Longview Lake. Walk, bike, or meet friends or other dog owners as you enjoy the sights and sounds of the adjacent wooded areas and scenic lake views along the trail.

**Meetings** - Check the website or the back of the newsletter for the current meeting schedule for all boards and commission meetings.



# Meet your Mayor

My name is Leonard Jones, your new mayor. I am excited for the opportunity to serve and help guide the City of Grandview to greatness.

I have lived in Grandview for nearly 45 years, and graduated from Grandview High School – Go Bulldogs! I have a bachelor's degree from Grambling State University and a masters' degree from Webster University and plan on using my education and skills to continue Grandview's mission.

My wife Michelle and I have been married for 33 years. We have three daughters, two sons-in-law and three wonderful grandsons. Faith, family, and public service are values that are highly important to me and my family.

I have worked at Sprint for more than 25 years and am currently a Sourcing Manager in Supply Chain Management. I have been a Certified Purchasing Manager (C.P.M.) for more than 18 years. I also proudly served as a Supply Corps Officer in the U.S. Naval Reserves

for more than 13 years, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Commander. My strong work ethic and military career have prepared me well for service as your elected official. I was first elected to the Board of Aldermen on April 7, 1998 and just recently as Mayor on April 8, 2014.

As a past member of the Grandview Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, my focus has always been on improving the quality of life through progressive economic development plans and projects for all Grandview residents. This focus is even stronger today.

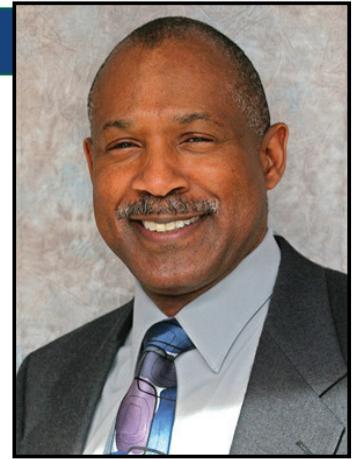
It saddens me as your mayor to know that Grandview doesn't have sufficient development in the city to sustain the needs of its residents. This problem has placed the City in a position to lose a substantial number of dollars to other cities, at our expense. My goal as your mayor is to garner both redevelopment and new development at Truman Corners, the old K-Mart building, along MO Highway 150, the I-49 corridor, and Main Street

and Downtown.

I am currently working closely with the Board of Alderman and city staff to ensure

that the City of Grandview reviews all serious development proposals to determine if such development would be a viable fit for our city. Since Grandview has very limited green space, we all will make certain the development has longevity and sustainability.

I want each of you to know that I am working hard, along with my elected colleagues, staff, commission members, Grandview Chamber, businesses and fellow citizens, to make our city an even better place to live, do business, and raise a family. I look forward to shopping in Grandview's new retail stores in the near future.



Grandview Mayor Leonard Jones

Garage sale signs will be placed around town, but you're welcome to place yours as well (only during the days of the event!)



Vendor Application is also available on our website [www.grandview.org](http://www.grandview.org) (under the What's New tab)

## Success and a Bright Future

*Grandview Sets Sights on New Projects*

**The** City of Grandview has completed some great projects over the past few years. Now, the City has another grand opportunity to keep the momentum going by issuing bonds to contribute to the bright future for the City. New bonds can be sold at the present time while keeping the City's tax rate the same as it has been for years, funding additional projects to improve public safety and support the City's parks. But the City needs voters' help to make these potential new projects a reality.

Citizens will have an opportunity to vote on the No Tax Increase Bond Issue during a special election to be held on August 5, 2014.

To determine which projects should be included, City staff conducted citywide surveys focusing on areas within the Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation Departments having the greatest need. The City's goal is to

continue our mission of providing the best services for the citizens of Grandview.

Recently, the Mayor, the Board of Alderman, and city staff have narrowed the list to projects listed under **Proposed Bond Projects** below.

In 2008, the citizens of Grandview supported a \$7.5 million No Tax Increase Bond Issue, allowing the City to make upgrades to several parks throughout the City as well as build a new combined facility for Public Works and Park Maintenance operations. Thanks to voters, Grandview has had great success, completing the following:

**Completed Bond Projects:**

- Parks & Public Works Maintenance Facility (2013 Capstone Award Winner for Green Design).
- John Anderson Splashpark (2013 #1 rated in KC Metro).
- Brumbles Forest at

Meadowmere Park (2013 rated as the #1 playground in south KC Metro).

- Bobcat Park: New Playground opened summer 2013.
- Little Corner Park: New Playground opened April 2014.
- Southview Park: New Playground opened April 2014.

**Remaining Projects:**

- Belvidere Park: Expected Completion in Mid May
- Terrace Park: Expected Completion in Early June
- Mapleview Park: Expected Completion in June
- Freedom Park: Expected Completion in May
- River Oaks Park: Expected Completion in Late May
- Dog Park at Meadowmere Park: Expected Completion in Early June
- Valley Park: Expected Completion in July

### Proposed Bond Projects



**Fire Trucks:**

With an aging fleet, the Fire Department has the need to purchase a new pumper truck and refurbish its existing ladder truck. By doing so, the City will be able to maintain its ISO rating (Insurance) and continue to provide first class fire protection.

**Citywide Communications System:**

Currently the City of Grandview is one of only two municipalities in Jackson County that has not switched to the new P25 communications system. This change has been mandated by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and will enable City first responders and staff to communicate with other municipalities during emergency events.



**Fire Station Rehabilitation:**

Having seen very few interior improvements in the past 20 years, this project provides for the interior renovation of all 3 City Fire Stations.



**Meadowmere Park Development:**

This project develops approximately 40 of the 60 acres of open space east of Byars Road across from Meadowmere Park. The project includes an amphitheatre, trails, basketball courts, a playground, parking, restroom, concessions and outdoor ice skating in the winter (weather permitting).

**Outdoor Aquatics Facility:**

This project would provide a large splashpark designed to accommodate over 300 patrons adjacent to Brumble’s Forest. The design incorporates areas for each age group from toddlers to adults.



**Shalimar Park Renovation:**

One of the remaining parks in our system that has not seen any improvements in over 30 years, this project renovates 5 baseball/softball fields, lighting, playground, concessions and restrooms and adds additional field space for activities such as soccer and lacrosse.

**Expansion of The View:**

With a growing baby boomer population, as well as an active teenager demographic, this project expands The View, adding an area to serve as both a Senior and Teen Center. Included are a gaming area, learning center, and meeting rooms.



**Police Access / Storage:**

This project would modify the parking and improve the safety at the rear of the Municipal Services Building by changing the way the Police Department accesses its portion of the building. In addition, much needed security of Police vehicles and storage would be added.

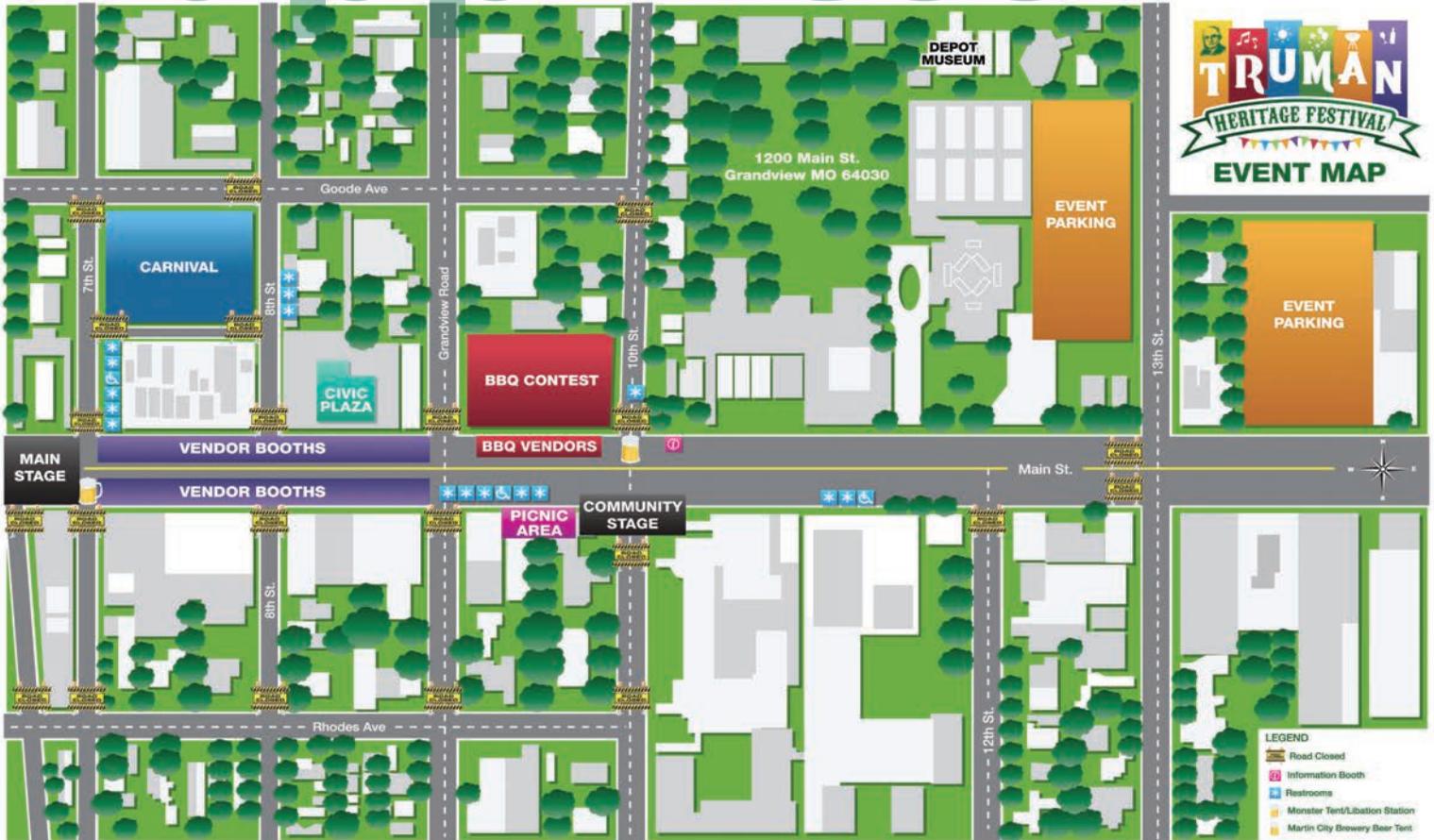
**Police / Public Shooting Range:**

The current Police Shooting Range at Grandview Ballpark has outlived its useful life. This project would provide our Police Department with a state-of-the-art firing range and permit citizens to utilize the range for target practice, archery and skeet. Additionally, the Police Department will work in conjunction with Parks & Recreation to provide concealed carry and firearm safety classes.



City leaders hope citizens are pleased with what the city committed to provide from the previous bond package. The above proposal is intended to provide first class public safety and parks & recreation facilities to our citizens and employees. Stay tuned over the next few months as we work to keep you up to date on the upcoming No Tax Increase Bond Issue.

# Happiness is the Truman Heritage Festival



Three days full of fun activities and attractions are prepped for the long-awaited 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Truman Heritage Festival, on May 1, 2 and 3 on downtown Main Street, Grandview, MO.

This family-friendly, FREE community event begins Thursday evening, lasting until Saturday night. It features a parade through downtown, one of the nicest carnivals in the state (with lots of rides), food and drink vendors, concerts on two different stages, a barbecue contest, and beer gardens. The festival should attract a large crowd on Main Street downtown between 15<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Street the first weekend in May.

## KCBS BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP

The Truman Heritage Festival Barbeque Championship will take

place May 2 and 3 at the Grandview Medical Clinic parking lot on Main Street, between 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Grandview Road. The event is a Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned event, therefore KCBS rules and regulations will apply for the contest. All four categories – pork ribs, chicken, pork shoulder or butt, and beef brisket – count toward the overall Grand Champion.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Grandview Lions Club will host a Pancake Breakfast Saturday, May 3 from 7 a.m. to noon in the Picnic Area (see event map). Each plate costs:

- Ages 0-3 is free
- Ages 4-10 is \$4
- Ages 11 and up is \$6

CONCERTS Two Nights of Free Live Music! Noe Palma (Country Rock)

and Revelation (Journey Tribute) will perform on Friday, May 2 on the Main Stage. American Fool (John Mellencamp Tribute), Travelin Band (CCR Tribute), Jonathon “Boogie” Long (Blues), and Hells Bells (AC/DC Tribute) will perform on Saturday, May 3 on the Main Stage.

COMMUNITY STAGE A community stage located at 10<sup>th</sup> and Main St. Saturday, May 3 features additional live entertainment. Sky Smead will take the stage to perform at 1 p.m. The Old Crows will perform at 4 p.m. Also, parade winners will be announced at noon and the BBQ competition winners will be announced at 3 p.m. from the Community Stage.

## PARADE

The parade starts promptly at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3. Street

closures will begin at 9:30 a.m. More information and parade route are available on the map below. The parade route is different from years past, so be sure to review the map below and pick your favorite spot to watch and cheer! Charles Chancellor, Grandview's Citizen of the Year, will be the Parade Marshall. Many local schools, businesses, organizations and groups, along with other notable figures in the Kansas City area have signed-up. Parade winners will be announced at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Stage.

<b>EVENT SCHEDULE</b>	
Date & Time	Attractions
Thu - May 1 5 to 10 p.m.	Carnival Only
Fri - May 2 5 to 10 p.m.	Carnival BBQ Contest Concerts Vendors
Sat. May 4 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast - 7 a.m. Parade Carnival Vendors Community Stage Concerts

Friday, May 2 until the end of the Truman Heritage Festival at 11:00 p.m. Saturday, May 3 for Main Street between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Grandview Road. Questions about street closures and parking? Please contact the Police Department Traffic Division at (816) 316- 4904.

**STREET CLOSURES** Friday, May 2, Main Street will close from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Grandview Road at noon. By 4 p.m., the closure will extend to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. You should expect additional road closures and some areas designated as "Road closed to through traffic." Please review the event map for most road closures. A complete listing of street closures are available on the events website page at [www.trumanheritagefestival.com](http://www.trumanheritagefestival.com). The **No Parking Ordinance** will be in effect from noon

<b>CONCERT SCHEDULE</b>	
Friday, May 2	Saturday, May 3
<b>Noe Palma</b> (Country Rock) 6 p.m.	<b>American Fool</b> (John Mellencamp Tribute) 4:30 p.m.
<b>Revelation</b> (Journey Tribute Band) 8 p.m.	<b>Travelin Band</b> (CCR Tribute) 5:20 p.m.
	<b>Jonathon "Boogie" Long</b> (Blues) 6:30 p.m.
	<b>Hells Bells</b> (AC/DC Tribute) 8:30 p.m.

# Upcoming Events

## FARMERS MARKET

Opens May 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> and Goode Street (one block north of Main)  
Details inside

## ADULT COED KICKBALL

Games start Thursday, May 9 at 6 p.m.  
visit [www.grandviewparks.org](http://www.grandviewparks.org)

## CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
May 15, 16, and 17  
Check [grandview.org](http://grandview.org) for details

## 6K AND 12K RACE

Saturday, July 12  
8:00 a.m. start from Meadowmere Park  
Register at The View or online at:  
[www.grandviewparks.org](http://www.grandviewparks.org)

## MOVIES IN THE PARK

FREE - Starts at dusk  
**May 30** - Despicable Me 2 at Meadowmere Park - 13610 Byars Rd.  
**June 13** - Goonies at the Civic Plaza- 8<sup>th</sup> & Main  
**June 27** - Man of Steel at John Anderson Park- 4701 E. 135<sup>th</sup> St.  
**July 25** - 42 at Shalimar Park - 7200 E. 155<sup>th</sup> St.  
**August 22** - Frozen at Meadowmere Park

## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

FREE - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
All concerts will be held at Meadowmere Park  
**June 14** - Platinum Express  
**July 12** - TBA  
**August 9** - Party in the Park

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# CITY OF GRANDVIEW Directory of City Officials

Leonard D. Jones, Mayor  
Sandra Kessinger, Ward I Alderman  
Brent Steeno, Ward I Alderman  
Brian Hochstein, Ward II Alderman  
Annette Turnbaugh, Ward II Alderman  
James N. Crain, Ward III Alderman  
John Maloney, Ward III Alderman  
Donald Crow, Municipal Judge

## CITY STAFF

Cory Smith, City Administrator  
Kirk Decker, Assistant City Administrator  
Becky Schimmel, City Clerk  
Kerri Lewis, Communications Coordinator  
Deb Angell, Manager of Human Resources  
Charles Iseman, Police Chief  
Chuck Thacker, Fire Chief  
Dennis Randolph, Director of Public Works  
Chris Chiodini, Director of Community Development  
Eric Lucas, Director of Parks and Recreation

## SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

All meetings are open to the public and take place at Grandview City Hall, 1200 Main Street (except Parks and Recreation Commission meetings)

Board of Aldermen regular meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m.

Board of Aldermen work sessions are on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the community center.

## CITY HALL INFORMATION

City of Grandview  
1200 Main Street  
Grandview, MO 64030  
(816) - 316 - 4800  
FAX (816) 763-3902

[www.grandview.org](http://www.grandview.org)