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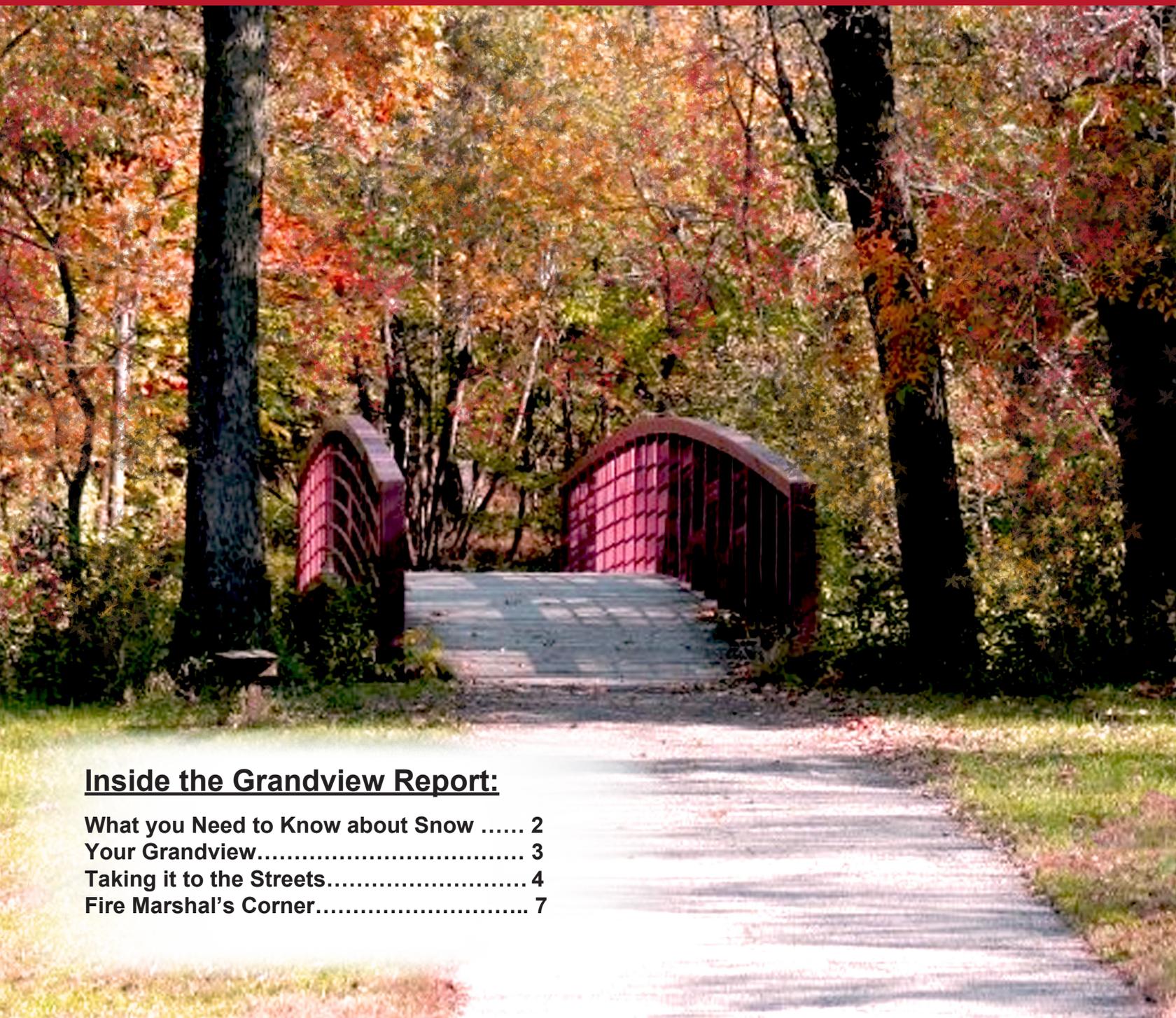


# GRANDVIEW

*A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri*

REPORT

*Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile*  
~ William Cullen Bryant



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# What You Need to Know About

## City Public Works Department Preps for Winter Weather

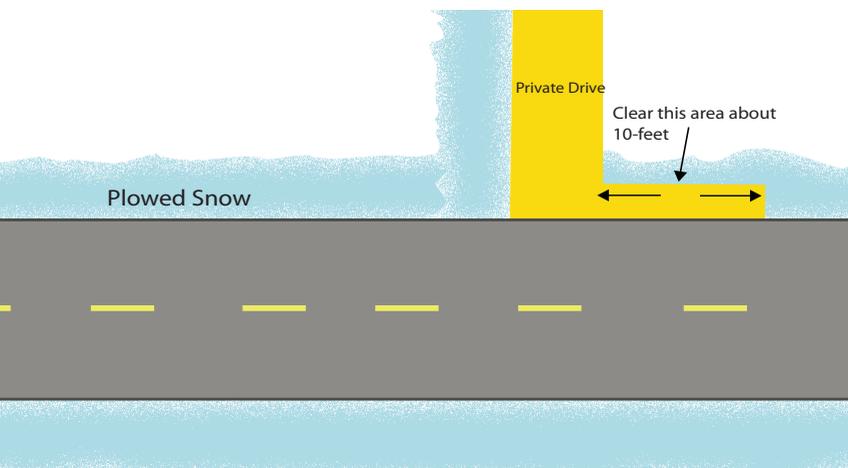
# SNOW

As summer turns to fall, the Grandview Public Works Department works diligently to ensure the City is ready for whatever Mother Nature throws our way this winter season. The department spends many months preparing for when the first snow flies, keeping our community moving safely.

The Public Works Department strives to maintain a good level of service. In fact, winter maintenance is very important work and is always one of the most important functions that our Public Works staff provides for residents and businesses. Predicting when and how much snow or ice will come our way is not an easy task; however, with good preparation and strategic plans in place, we will be ready when it happens.

**What happens when snow flies?** During regular work hours, the staff will be ready to address snow and ice problems immediately. After regular work hours or on weekends and holidays, the staff monitors conditions and uses our on-duty standby staff member to handle small or spot problems. If snow or ice begins during off-hours, the department calls the street maintenance staff in to deal with the event, and they will try to keep our major streets and snow routes as clear and safe as possible. When we know a significant storm event is coming, the staff will utilize our two snow teams to cover regular business hours, as well as nights and weekends around the clock.

**You can help!** In order to help improve snow removal operations, residents should park off the streets if possible. Try to wait until the snow plows have cleared your road before shoveling your driveway. To help minimize the amount of snow that might block your driveway, shovel all snow to the left side as you are facing the street. This will lessen the amount of snow at the entrance of the drive when the snowplow comes down the street. (See illustration).



Also, remember that parking lots and sidewalks are the responsibility of the resident or property owner. What is the snow or ice removal process? Salting and plowing are the keys to snow and ice control efforts and the Department has taken important steps for improvement in each area. The City continues to use calcium chloride for

de-icing and as a salt additive. This coupled with beet juice provides an effective way to fight icing and reduce the amount of salt needed under any given situation. In addition, the beet juice is used as an additive to rock salt and sand, and also as a pre-treatment to help prevent “black ice” and lessen ice build-up on pavements.

The City of Grandview’s Public Works Department will continue to use some sand, especially during severe icy conditions or extreme cold, but will try to cut back by mixing it with the beet juice and the calcium chloride as needed.

Where can I expect crews to work first? Our goal is to provide the maximum level of service to the greatest number of people as quickly as possible. To do this we have developed a set of snow removal priorities that we will follow this winter and have been used for the past several winters. They are as follow:

1. First priority - Snow routes (Posted on the street with signs) and on the website (?)
2. Secondary priority - Snow districts (neighborhood streets within the City)

Keep in mind, the City makes every effort to clear its major roads within 24 hours after the precipitation stops. That is an aggressive schedule not typically used by any of our neighboring communities.



# Your Grandview

In order to better serve our community and visitors, the City's Public Works Department has brought Grandview to your fingertips. The City has implemented a new online experience called "Your Grandview," an interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping network. Anyone needing quick access to specific locations and information can now reach their destination by the click of a button.

"Your Grandview" is a series of interactive maps and apps that include important geographical information. The maps range from the City's park locations to key buildings, zoning, and more.

Visit [Grandview.org](http://Grandview.org) to gain access to the interactive maps.



## Don't miss the 2014 Touch the Trucks Event



Stop by the City's FREE "Touch the Trucks" event on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Get up close and personal with City Police and Fire vehicles, snowplows, bobcats, and more. Don't miss the fun games for kids and good food!

See you at the Public Works and Parks Facility  
- 7000 139<sup>th</sup> Street

## Time for the Fall Clean-up!



### Additional Cost Items:

Tires (8 max) - \$1.50 each

Appliances with freon (freezers, refrigerators) - \$30.00 each.

**When:** Saturday, October 25, & November 1 and 15  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Grandview Ball Park  
13200 Arrington Rd.  
**Cost:** \$15.00 per Vehicle Load

Examples of items accepted at disposal site: appliances, furniture, carpeting, scrap metal, scrap building material, porcelain items (sinks, toilets, tubs), small mechanical equipment. Waste oil will also be accepted, limited to a maximum of five gallons. NO OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED. Cash and Checks Only. No credit cards or debit cards will be accepted.

# Grandview PD is Taking it to the Streets

The job of the Grandview Police Department is to protect and serve our community, but our PD takes it further than that. In an effort to provide services beyond the “normal” limits, the Grandview PD provides community outreach programs to build relationships within our community, promote crime prevention, and offer educational programs.

Not a simple task, the PD has committed numerous hours to outreach efforts, and the numbers are staggering. In fact, in less than one year, our police force has reached more 13,500 people within our community through a variety of community support projects.

Some examples of how our PD is committed to our community and our youth are as follows:

- **Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.):** A program that includes a variety of tools to encourage student participation such as group work, role plays, pair discussion, and games. The lessons promote interaction among the students, as well as between the students and the teacher, creating an environment where the students are involved in their own learning.
- **Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.):** A gang and violence prevention program intended to lessen delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership for children in the years when youth are the most vulnerable. Partnerships encourage positive relationships among the community, parents, schools, and law enforcement officers.
- **Teaching About Law Enforcement Knowledge (T.A.L.K.):** A program created to teach 9th grade students the purpose of various aspects of law enforcement.



Designed to lessen fear, anxiety and potential miscommunication or misperception often experienced by young people while interacting with police officers, the overall goal of the program is to reduce negative contacts between young people and the police and introduce law enforcement as a possible career choice.

- **Crime Free Multi-Housing and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED):** A team effort, working with apartment complexes in Grandview to train apartment managers to identify problem tenants and to legally prevent them from becoming tenants or to evict them. Additionally, the managers learn crime prevention through environmental design to make their properties less desirable to criminals and less conducive to criminal behavior.

In addition to these very hands-on, educational programs, the Police Department also provides various outreach activities through some less formal venues. For example, our K-9, Hondo, visits people in the community, highlighting some of his extensive police work. From kids to adults, everyone seems to enjoy these demonstrations and watching him go through his paces as a canine crime fighter.

The PD also offers facility tours, working closely with community groups and other programs such as the Grandview Citizens Academy to share a little more about the department. Safety programs such as the Bike Rodeo, Intruder Training and Self Defense classes highlight more committed efforts to keeping our community safe.

These programs showcase some of the great work and effort provided by the Grandview Police Department. Committed to our youth and our community, the PD will continue to protect and serve in every way possible.



For more information about these and other police programs, visit [Grandview.org](http://Grandview.org) or contact Sgt. Lorrie Whitehead at 316-4906.



# City Budget Approved for 2015

In late September, the Board of Aldermen adopted the Fiscal Year 2015 budget, which runs from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015. The new budget is \$38,584,498 and includes \$14,908,156 for capital improvement and equipment items and \$14,824,750 for General Fund operations.

The City strives to be a good steward of taxpayer dollars, and the new budget reflects this commitment. While the City provides vital services, it continues moving Grandview forward in a financially judicious manner based on available resources.

The recently completed 2008 bond projects this summer are an example of a commitment fulfilled. The momentum continues with the recent voter approved 2014 No-Tax-Increase Bond Package providing \$13 million for more improvements over the next few years. The funds will be funding critical public safety improvements and upgrades and more new and dynamic park projects around the City.

Other commitments include priorities related to neighborhood services and public safety needs and public information and involvement. In addition, the City will continue its focus on infrastructure improvements including Main Street Corridor Improvements, Missouri 150 Cost-Share Projects, annual road resurfacing, and new curb and sidewalk construction. Keeping projects like these moving forward is just one way to encourage more new businesses to consider and set up shop in Grandview.

The General Fund, which is impacted by two of our larger revenue sources, sales and property taxes, has been trimmed once again to deal with increased costs of operations (employee health care, pensions, numerous maintenance costs, utilities, and material and supply costs) but the departmental budgets have not changed much over the past five years. However, the City could be facing deficits in the next year and beyond if the revenue base doesn't increase along with anticipated growth and development.

Some strategies used in recent years to balance the budget have included reducing the total number of employee positions, becoming more energy efficient in our facilities and vehicles, outsourcing jail facilities, cross-training certain employees,

cooperative projects between departments, using seasonal employees for mowing parks, refurbishing certain equipment items, not funding capital items in the General Fund, and increasing user fees for a few City services that had not been increased in several years.

The charges for the City's ambulance services have not changed for more than eight years. To help cover the rising costs associated with ambulance maintenance and replacement costs, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, and related equipment, the City has had to increase these charges, which now compare to the average for other similar-size cities.

So, the new fiscal year will still continue to be a big year for parks, public safety, and streets in our community. Despite ongoing financial difficulties, all Grandview departments stand ready to serve the citizens to the best of their abilities in the coming year. The Mayor, Board and staff stand committed to making Grandview even better, and we know great things are coming in the coming year and beyond.

## Significant Capital Items Funded in FY 2015

- *MO 150 (White Ave. to Grand Summit Blvd.) Connection: \$2,930,000*
- *Main Street Phase IV: \$2,660,000*
- *Main Street Phase VII: \$350,000*
- *Asphalt Overlay Program: \$367,500*
- *Police Vehicle Replacement: \$175,000*
- *Police Digital Video Recorder System: \$120,000*
- *Storm Drainage Improvements: \$100,000*
- *Storm Sewer Evaluation Program: \$125,000*
- *Public Works Vehicle Replacement: \$120,000*
- *Facility Improvements (Bridge, JA Shelter, Shade Structure, Signage): \$100,000*
- *Police Dept. Radio System Upgrade: \$1,700,000*
- *Fire Dept. Pumper Replacements and Ladder Truck Refurbishment: \$1,000,000*
- *Outdoor Aquatics/Splash Park at Meadowmere Park: \$2,650,000*
- *Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Studies: \$150,000*
- *Inflow and Infiltration Rehabilitation: \$125,000*

# Mark Your Calendar!

# Turkey Day

Brought to you by the  
Grandview Police Department



# 5K

Fun Run  
& Walk

*Stay fit while helping others!*

What a great way to kick-off the holiday season. Join the Grandview Police Department and sponsors for the 5th Annual Turkey Day 5K. This non-competitive, non-certified event raises funds to support the Grandview Police Employee Association's (GPEA) Christmas with Cops Program. This program allows underprivileged children to buy gifts for themselves and their family during the holiday season. For the past four years, this 5K has raised more than \$3500 for this worthwhile program.

**Only  
\$20**

### Registration Information

In person: The View, 13500 Byars Rd, Grandview  
Online: [grandviewparks.org](http://grandviewparks.org)  
Call: (816) 316-4888

### Race Information

Saturday, November 1 at 8:30 a.m. at The View  
**Questions?** Email:  
[Grandviewturkeyday5k@outlook.com](mailto:Grandviewturkeyday5k@outlook.com)  
Like us on Facebook: GrandviewTurkeyDay5K

**\*\*\*\*\*Register by October 15 guaranteed a T-Shirt\*\*\*\*\***

May register day of event but will not guarantee your shirt size



*Mayor's  
Christmas*  
**TREE LIGHTING**

Thursday, Dec. 4  
6 p.m. at The View  
13500 Byars Road

PHOTOS WITH SANTA  
COOKIES AND HOT COCOA  
SCHOOL CHOIR PERFORMANCES

# Fire Marshal's Corner

## Smoke Detectors Save Lives!



About 3,500 Americans die each year in fires and about 18,300 are injured. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of these deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A

smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is the first thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire at anytime, and is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke. At a minimum, there should be a smoke detector on each level of your home. Ideally, a smoke detector should be in each sleeping room and hallway on each level.

Smoke alarms now come with the ability to flash strobe lights or vibrate to alert those with hearing loss.

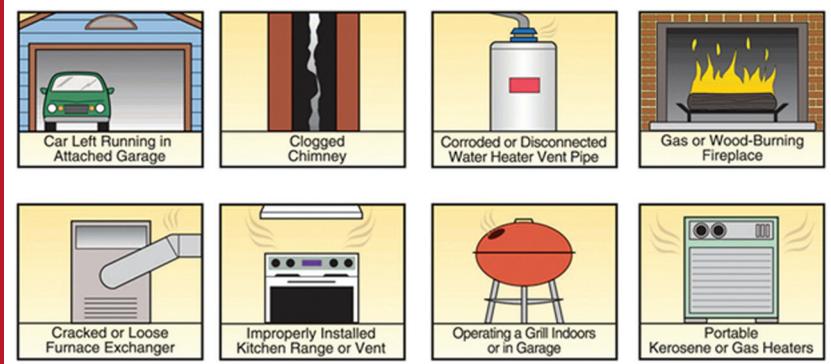
The National Campaign "Change your Clock, Change your Battery" reminds everyone when we move our clocks ahead in the spring or back in the fall to check smoke detectors and install a new battery.

## Carbon Monoxide is Deadly

Carbon monoxide (CO) is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports CO poisoning kills more than 400 people annually, with a majority of deaths occurring in residential settings. More than 20,000 individuals are injured due to CO poisoning every year.

Take precautions and have your furnace serviced, have your fireplace inspected and chimney cleaned, do not run a vehicle within the attached garage, and install a CO detector or change the batteries to ensure it is in working order.

## Potential Sources of CO Poisoning



## Adopt a Fire Hydrant

When there is a fire in the winter, response time could be slower than normal because of the snowy and icy roadways. Locating a buried or blocked fire hydrant further delays extinguishing the fire. The City asks that you adopt the nearest fire hydrant to ensure that we can find the hydrant during a time of a fire emergency at your home, your neighbor's home or place of business.

**Lewis Austin is the City of Grandview Fire Marshal. If you have any questions, you can contact him at 816-316-4961 or stop in at Fire Station #1 located at 7005 Highgrove Road.**



# Upcoming Events

## **TOUCH THE TRUCKS EVENT**

**FREE: Saturday, Oct. 18 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Public Works Facility-139<sup>th</sup> and Winchester  
City vehicles, fun games, and more!

## **HOWL-O-WEEN**

**FREE: Saturday, Oct. 25 - 10 a.m. to noon**  
Tails and Trails Dog Park  
Dog costume contest and best dog/owner  
costume combo.

## **2014 FALL CLEAN-UP**

**Saturday, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, and Nov. 15**  
**7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
Grandview Ball Park (Details on page 3)

## **BOO AT THE VIEW**

**FREE: Friday, Oct. 31 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
Trick-or-Treat Extravaganza (Details on page 6)

## **TURKEY DAY 5K**

**Saturday, Nov. 1 - 8:30 a.m.**  
5K to raise money for Christmas with Cops  
Register today: [grandviewparks.org](http://grandviewparks.org)

## **SENIOR THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**FREE: Thursday, Nov. 20 - 6 p.m.**  
The View  
Must pre-register. Food provided by the Elks

## **MAYOR'S TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**FREE: Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.**  
The View (Details on page 6)

## **NEW YEARS AT NOON**

**Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
\$25 at The View, Must pre-register  
Catered lunch and live music

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Grandview, MO

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John Maloney, Ward III Alderman  
Donald Crow, Municipal Judge

## **CITY STAFF**

Cory Smith, City Administrator  
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Becky Schimmel, City Clerk  
Kerri Lewis, Communications Coordinator  
Deb Angell, Manager of Human Resources  
Charles Iseman, Police Chief  
Chuck Thacker, Fire Chief  
Cemal Gungor, Director of Finance  
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)**