

# GRANDVIEW report

WINTER 2016

2015  
A YEAR OF  
GROWTH

2016  
THE BEST  
IS YET  
TO COME

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AND SNOW PLOWS**

A SNOWY LITTLE BLUE RIVER

# 2015: ROWING GRANDVIEW

## TRUMAN CORNERS TRANSFORMATION

Truman Corners' transformation to Truman's Marketplace started with the October grand opening of the new Burlington store.

Crews are now remodeling Price Chopper and updating the existing facade of the mall.

In 2016, new businesses such as Five Below, Petco, TJMaxx, and LC's Barbecue are expected to open at Truman's Marketplace.



## GATEWAY SPORTS VILLAGE PROJECT

Plans to build Missouri's largest amateur sports complex along the HWY 150 corridor are one step closer to reality.

The Mayor, Board of Aldermen and city staff are working with developers to finalize a TIF plan while keeping Grandview fiscally sound.

## SPOTLIGHT AMPHITHEATER UNDERWAY

So far, the mild winter is helping crews finish their hard work on the new Grandview Amphitheater.



The grand opening will be at the 2016 Truman Heritage Festival May 5-7.

The amphitheater will seat around 7,500 people and be a music destination for the metro.



The Mayor and Board of Alderman recently approved an advertising contract with 106.5 The Wolf and 99.7 The Point to attract concerts and bring hot music acts to the new outdoor stage.



The concerts will be announced this spring!

## SPOTLIGHT



### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Grandview police and firefighters are doing more than just keeping us safe--they're reaching out to the community.

Both departments are working with students in the school district.



Firefighters spend their lunch hours with kids in the Lunch Buddies program while three School Resource Officers interact with students everyday to establish a level of trust and understanding.



Police officers and firefighters are also helping those in need.

This fall, firefighters started a food drive to help the Grandview Assistance Program. They delivered an ambulance full of food to the organization.

In December, the Grandview Police Employees Association helped 39 kids and their families have a holiday to remember with their annual Christmas With a Cop. This generosity will hopefully encourage everyone to walk toward the badge, not away from it.

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES



A new sign of the times will soon welcome people to Grandview.

As part of the Main Street makeover, this summer crews are expected to install a Grandview sign near the Main Street bridge overlooking I-49.

In 2016, the city will also be working on a grant application hoping to secure funds to grow Main Street through the arts by cultivating artists and promoting events.

## MAKING CENTS

The Finance Department is working hard to ensure Grandview is using revenue wisely.

Accountants refinanced outstanding TIF bonds, saving the city \$500,000 over the next ten years.

The department is also expected to receive the Excellence In Government Accounting award for the 28th year in a row for its annual financial report.

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## SPOTLIGHT

### GRANDVIEW: 2015 BY THE NUMBERS

NEW CONSTRUCTION VALUE:  
**\$41.36 MILLION**

LONGVIEW TRAIL:  
**11,000 VISITORS IN 5 MONTHS**

### VALLEY PARK VISITORS:

THE VIEW VISITS:  
**119,000**

TREE CITY USA AWARD:  
**20 YEARS**

GFOA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING:  
**27 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**



THE VIEW TREADMILLS:  
**32,000 MILES**

GFOA DISTINGUISHED  
BUDGET AWARD:  
**23 YEARS**

GRANDVIEW POLICE HONORED  
FOR COURAGE AND BRAVERY  
BY METROPOLITAN CHIEFS  
AND SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION:  
**10**

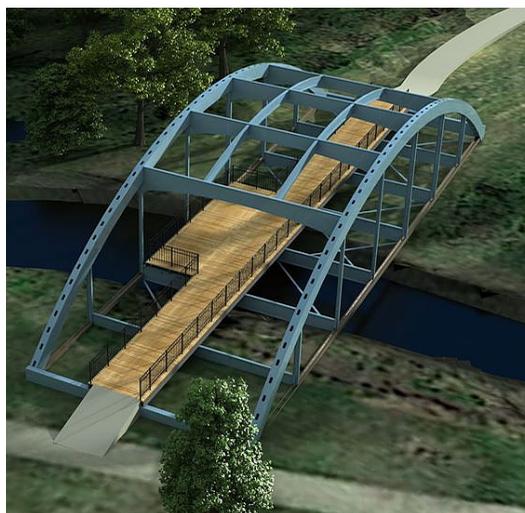
PUBLIC WORKS SNOW PLOWS:  
CLEAR ENOUGH SNOW TO  
COVER A FOOTBALL FIELD 300  
FEET DEEP

## REBUILDING BRIDGES

In with the old! Thanks to another grant, Grandview is giving new life to the historic HWY 40 bridge.

Soon, Public Works crews will reconstruct the bridge, repurposing the steel as a pedestrian bridge over the Little Blue River.

It will connect the Tails and Trails Dog Park to the Longview Lake Trail.



## CRANE COUNT

One way to see how much Grandview has grown in 2015 is to count the cranes.

In addition to opening new facilities like NOAA, many businesses who call the city home expanded this year, including: Sika Corporation, The Cartwright Companies, Prier Products, and Burger & Brown.



## Be an Informed Citizen

The Citizens Academy takes you inside Grandview's government to see how the city is working for you. Participants will get hands-on lessons from department leaders and staff including a look at some of the new technology and equipment needed to do their jobs.

**WHEN: Thursdays March 24 to May 12  
6 PM - 8 PM**

**WHO: Any Grandview resident  
at least 16 years old**

REGISTER:  
online [www.grandview.org](http://www.grandview.org)  
email  
[vpindexter@grandview.org](mailto:vpindexter@grandview.org)  
call (816) 316-4812



## Fire Marshal's Corner



Carbon monoxide (CO) is the leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States. Often called "a silent killer," carbon monoxide is tasteless, odorless and invisible. A CO detector is needed to detect and alert you of dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

This winter, have your furnace serviced, fireplace inspected, and chimney flue cleaned. Do not run a vehicle inside your attached garage. Install a CO detector, and if you have an existing CO detector, change the batteries to ensure it is in working order.

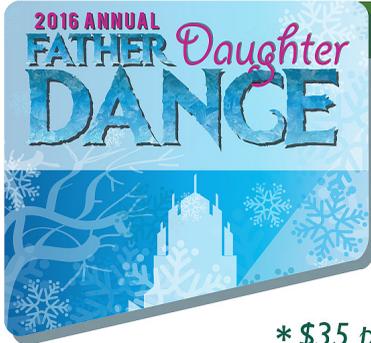
Lewis Austin is the City of Grandview Fire Marshal. If you have questions for him, call (816) 316.4961.



# INVESTING IN YOU.

TEMPERATURES MAY HAVE TAKEN A DIP, BUT DON'T LET YOUR ENERGY! KEEP EVERYONE ACTIVE & HAPPY THIS WINTER WITH GRANDVIEW PARKS & RECREATION.

## FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



### FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE \*\$20.00 /PERSON

**FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
6:30 - 8:30 PM AT THE VIEW  
Let it Go on the Dance Floor with the dresses and desserts of our annual **Father Daughter Dance!** Includes catered dinner and commemorative picture.

*\*\$35 per person if registered on or after 2/1/16*

### YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

REGISTER BY **APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

It's the year of The Royals! Become a part of America's Pastime for just **\$50-\$90**. Ages 3-12

**816.316.4888**  
grandviewlegacysports.com



### GRANDVIEW SHARKS SWIM TEAM

Swim like the Shark and compete with the best in the KC Metro!

IF REGISTERED BEFORE  
**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** \$85.00  
**MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>** \$90.00  
**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>** \$100.00 **FINAL DEADLINE**



## WINTER WORKOUT

All highlighted activities will take place at **The View** Community Center

### EXERCISE: THE BASICS & BEYOND

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

A **\$10** class discussing exercise guidelines and programming, for a wide variety of experience levels.

### THE VIEW'S INDOOR TRIATHLON

**MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> STARTING AT 11:00 AM**

Cover the distance of a normal Triathlon without going outdoors!

**\$20** FEBRUARY REGISTRATION  
**\$30** MARCH REGISTRATION

### SWEET RELIEF: BREAKING UP WITH SUGAR

**MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Stop the love-hate relationship with food, let go of the guilt, and learn to control your cravings at this **\$10** seminar.



### HERE COMES CAMP K: SPRING BREAK!

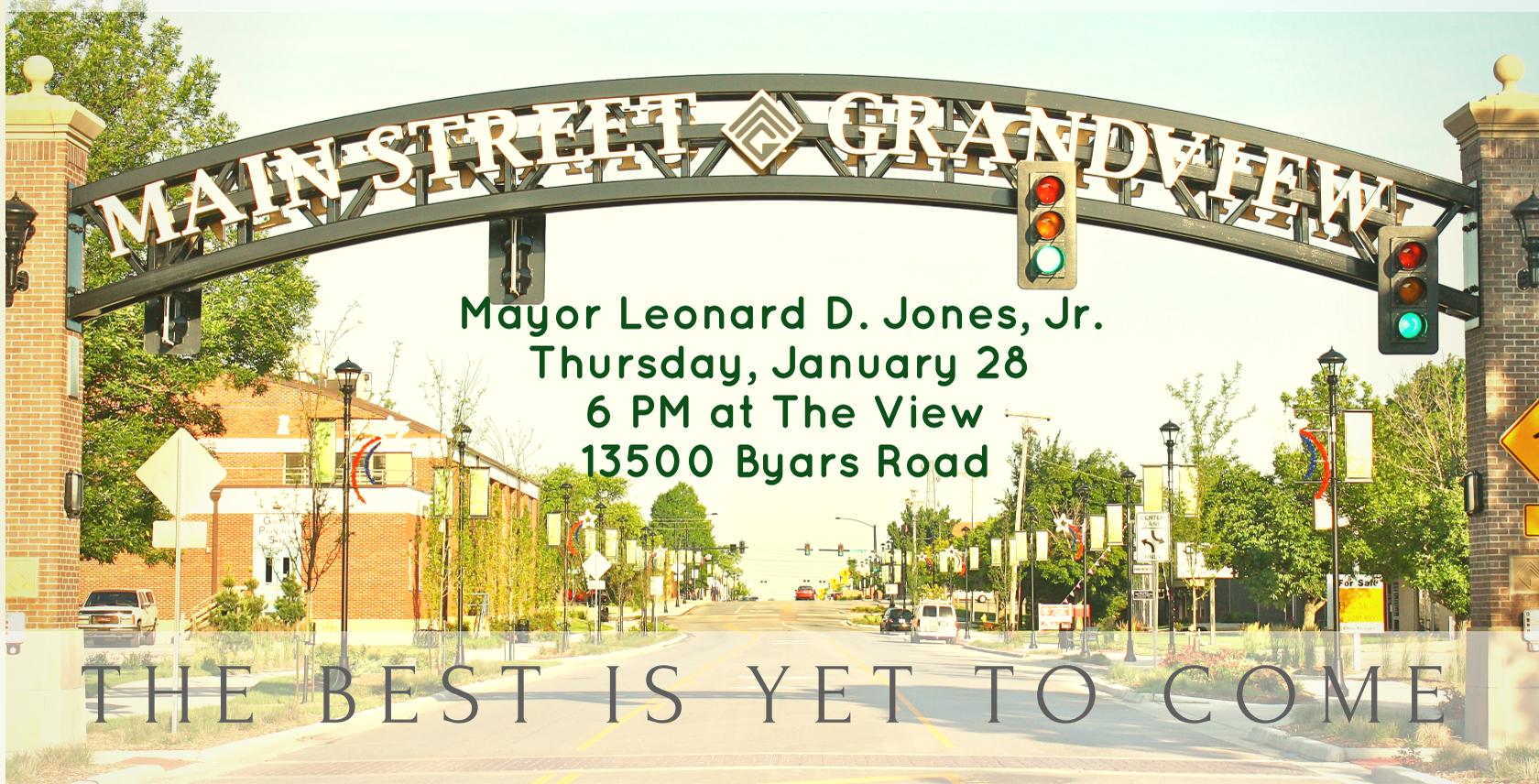
**MARCH 21 - 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
7:30 AM-5:30 PM

Camp Kaleidoscope: Spring Break is back this year with seasonal field trips, swimming, rock wall climbing, games, crafts, and much more! **RECOMMENDED AGES 6-12** REGISTER BY **MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

### SUMMER CAMP K NOW EXTENDED 2 MONTHS!

**JUNE 6 - AUGUST 5** 7:30 AM-5:30 PM **REGISTER NOW!**

# 2016 STATE OF THE CITY



Mayor Leonard D. Jones, Jr.  
Thursday, January 28  
6 PM at The View  
13500 Byars Road

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## Tracking the Snow and Snow Plows



A technology twosome is now helping the city track the snow and the snow plows.

A new weather station at the Public Works facility shows current Grandview weather conditions in real time.

The instant data

gives Public Works Director Dennis Randolph information he needs to decide the most efficient ways to treat and clear the roads.

Also new this winter, every Public Works vehicle now has GPS.

Clearing the roads means long days for snow plow drivers. GPS remembers where they've been, so they can focus on getting the job done.

# Directory of City Officials

**Mayor** LEONARD D. JONES  
**Ward I Alderman** SANDRA KESSINGER  
**Ward I Alderman** DEBBIE BIBBS  
**Ward II Alderman** BRIAN HOCHSTEIN  
**Ward II Alderman** ANNETTE TURNBAUGH  
**Ward III Alderman** JAMES N. CRAIN  
**Ward III Alderman** JOHN MALONEY  
**Municipal Judge** DONALD CROW



**City Administrator** CORY SMITH  
**Asst. City Administrator** KIRK DECKER  
**City Clerk** BECKY SCHIMMEL  
**Human Resources Manager** DEB ANGELL  
**Police Chief** CHARLES ISEMAN  
**Fire Chief** RON GRAHAM  
**Finance Director** CEMAL GUNGOR  
**Public Works Director** DENNIS RANDOLPH  
**Parks & Recreation Director** SUSAN YERKES  
**Community Development Director** CHRIS CHIODINI  
**Communications Coordinator** VALARIE POINDEXTER



All meetings are open to the public and take place at Grandview City Hall, 1200 Main Street, with the exception of Parks and Recreation Commission meetings.

Board of Alderman regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

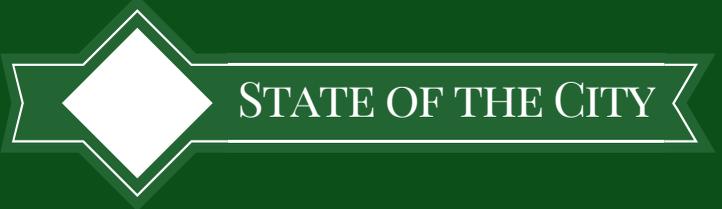
Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at The View.

**CITY HALL**  
 (816) 316-4800  
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 Grandview, MO 64030

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CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT  
 POSTAL CUSTOMER



Thursday, January 28 6 p.m.  
 The View 13500 Byars Road  
 FREE



March 24-May 12  
 Thursdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
 FREE



Saturday, Feb. 6 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 The View  
 \$20 or \$35



May 5, 6, 7  
 Meadowmere Park  
 Thursday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Friday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
 Saturday  
 Parade 10 a.m.  
 Festival 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.



## Upcoming Events