

SPRING 2011

GRANDVIEW

REPORT



SPRING TIME IS HERE

Clockwise from top left: Ebenezer, who recently celebrated his 32nd birthday (photo by Jackson County Advocate), walking on the Little Blue River Trail, Skate park at Meadowmere park, and girl at the Easter Egg Hunt 2010 at Meadowmere park.

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KEEPING GRANDVIEW CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE



As the summer months approach, the City would like remind citizens about some of the basic City ordinances intended to ensure that Grandview is a clean and attractive community. The City's various property-related codes require that property owners adhere to certain rules:

Keep lawns no more than six (6) inches in height. In addition to the principal yard or lawn areas, you are responsible for mowing any areas between your property and the paved area of all adjacent streets including ditches, easements, alleys and unpaved rights-of-way. Keep in mind too that properly mowed lawns will have fewer weeds, better moisture stress tolerance, and generally better quality than lawns not properly mowed.

Saturday, April 23rd & 30th are the last opportunities for Grandview residents, property owners, and businesses to drop off trash and yard debris at the Public Works Maintenance Facility at 139th and Winchester Avenue between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for a fee of \$12.00 per vehicle. An additional fee will be charged for tires and appliances with freon. The fee for tire disposal is \$1.50 each (limit 8 tires per vehicle), and the fee for dropping off appliances with Freon is \$30.00 each. Proof of residency or local business ownership will be required. For information, call 316-4817.

Yard Waste Dump at Raytown Road and 470 is now open! All the leaf bags, limbs and brush that have been

collected over the winter can be disposed of. The site is open on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call 316-4817. Vouchers for use at the site are available at Grandview City Hall for \$10.00. The site does not accept grass.

Weekly trash service is required of all properties. Residential trash containers should be stored behind the front face of the house and put out by the curb only on trash day or the night before. A list of haulers can be obtained on the City's website, www.grandview.org or by calling 316-4817.

Remove inoperable vehicles from the property unless stored in an enclosed structure or made operable and licensed within 15 days of a notice of violation. An inoperable vehicle is defined as one being in a state of disrepair, having a flat tire, missing a wheel and/or unlicensed.

Keep garage sale signs or any advertising signs out of the public rights-of-way. Public rights-of-way throughout the city can extend 11 to 14 feet from the street and are not intended for private use, particularly at major intersections around town. Signs also cannot be legally posted on public utility/light poles or on the properties of others.

Disposal of household hazardous waste is available. You may schedule an appointment at one of the two area disposal sites: Kansas City (784-2080) or Lee's Summit (969-1805). There is a fee for the service, but the City will

reimburse residents \$50 a year if they present the original receipt at the Public Works counter at City Hall.

Violations of the property maintenance code are handled on a complaint basis, and the owner is notified in writing of the violations and provided 30 days to correct them. If the violations are not corrected within the time allotted or the owner is unwilling to make the corrections or contact the Building Inspector, the owner can receive a general ordinance summons to appear in Grandview's municipal court. Owners may appeal for additional time, depending on weather conditions and other mitigating circumstances.

In addition, the Neighborhood Services Division actively enforces various nuisance ordinances year-round and they also handle animal control. Over 90 percent of these violations are self-abated without further action by the City. Residents in general are taking more responsibility for property maintenance and neighborhood preservation. Owners' cooperation and involvement in property upkeep and staying in compliance with the various codes go a long way toward keeping Grandview a clean and attractive community and maintaining property values at the highest possible level.

Those who have questions about the codes or who simply wish to report apparent violations should call the Community Development Department at 316-4817.

2011 STREET AND SIDEWALK REPAIRS



ASPHALT OVERLAY STREET RESURFACING

Weather permitting, the 2011 Asphalt Overlay Program will take place during the month of June. Parking will be prohibited on the days that milling and asphalt overlay are taking place.

STREET	FROM	TO
126th Street	Craig Ave.	Cambridge Ave.
127th Terr.	Craig Ave.	Winchester Ave.
139th Terr.	West Frontage Rd.	Cul-De-Sac West
140th Street	Southern Rd.	Cul-De-Sac East
148th Terr.	Barat Ave.	White Ave.
Bristol Ave.	130th Terr.	Cul-De-Sac North
Craig Ave.	143rd Street	St. Andrews Dr.
Crystal Ave.	Highgrove Rd.	129th Street
Fuller Ave.	White Ave.	Bellaire Ave.
Grandview Rd.	North City Limits	North of Blue Ridge Blvd.
Spring Dr.	Spring Street	137th Street
Sunset Cir.	Southview Dr.	Southview Dr.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Sidewalk replacement will include the removal and replacement of a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to the following properties:

- 6705 126th St.
- 6612 129th St.
- 6908 129th St.
- 8206 134th Terr.
- 8212 134th Terr.
- 6801 140th Place
- 13104 Ashland Ave.
- 13108 Ashland Ave.
- 13112 Ashland Ave.
- 13400 Block of Byars Rd.
- 13742 Byars Rd.
- 13312 Overhill Ave.
- 13310 Overhill Ave.
- 13409 Overhill Ave.
- 12910 Seventh St.

SLURRY SEAL COATING THAT PRESERVES STREETS

Slurry Seal Program will take place between mid-July and mid-August. On the day slurry is applied to the street, parking will be prohibited and the street will be closed to traffic.

STREET	FROM	TO
132nd Street	Winchester Ave.	Corrington Ave.
133rd Street	Parker Ave.	Applewood Ave.
133rd Street	Park Hills Dr.	Donnelly Ave.
Bentley Cir.	123rd Terr.	Cul-De-Sac South
Bristol Ave.	Corrington Ave.	134th Terr.
Ewing Ct.	125th Street	Cul-De-Sac North
Jackson Ave.	Blue Ridge Blvd	Dr. Greaves Rd.
Manchester Ave.	127th Street	Cul-De-Sac North
Overhill Ave.	132nd Terr.	134th Terr.
Sycamore Ave. Cul-De-Sac n°3	119th Terr.	120th Street

MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Main Street Revitalization - Phase 1 project is moving right along. Last week, contractors built new conduit and street light pole bases on the south side of Main street, between 8th Street and Grandview Road.

Installation of sidewalk and decorative, stamped sidewalk on the south side of Main Street, between 8th Street and Grandview Road has also been completed.

Visit our website at www.grandview.org under *What's New* for weekly updates on this project.



SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE

GRANDVIEW SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

A Grandview High School student, who will be referred to as Charles in this article, was essentially lost: he floated through classes, was defiant with his teachers, had outside issues distracting him from school and was constantly in trouble. School was definitely not his priority, until the Small Learning Communities (SLCs) Program was implemented in the 2009-2010 school year.

This year, Charles* is thriving. He is “8 out of 8”, which means he’s passing all of his eight classes. He is calm, collected and focused on his studies. “I feel like all the people around me at school gave me the right insight, (...) if there is a problem or a situation that’s going on with your life, they will help you with it and they show they care,” he says. His statement reflects one of the three main SLCs strategies to maximize student/staff engagement and achievement: relationships, rigor and relevance.

And that’s what the SLCs, also known as “houses” are all about: having a common vision, implementing a personalized and respectful learning environment, and focusing on a professional development curriculum that models rigorous and relevant instruction, which will enable students to succeed and reach their full potential.

The Grandview SLCs are made up of four theme-based “houses”: Engineering, Manufacturing & Technology; Arts and Communications; Health and Human Services; and

International Business Management. Each house consists of an interdisciplinary team of 10-15 teachers and a few hundred students. Before entering high school, students respond to a survey in order to provide them with guidance when selecting their “house”. Students will typically remain in their chosen house with the same core/theme/advisory teachers all four years. They do have the option of switching houses, which is done through an essay explaining the reason for the change. This year, twelve essays were submitted.

Now in its second year, the program is only getting better. Grades are going up, relationships among student/teachers/



parents are stronger and the acceptance is higher. The major goal this year is for students to pass all eight of their classes and that’s the rationale behind the “8 out of 8” slogan. “We set a goal that 75% of our school would finish the school year with an eight out of eight passing mark,” stated Engineering, Manufacturing &

Technology House Leader and Math teacher, Katie Roe. “That’s a lofty goal, (...) but we’ve been consistently getting better,” she adds.

With the SLCs program, nothing goes unnoticed. Faculty and administrators make a point to recognize the students for every single accomplishment, small or big. They celebrate with pizza parties, ice-cream socials, “no-tardy” parties, certificates, or even by wearing a green wrist band to represent they are “8 out of 8”.

Acknowledgment and encouragement are imperative in the GHS hallways and the students take pride in their success. “The pride in your hallway is the percentage of “8 out of 8” students, so the students who are not passing all their classes are going to work a little harder to make sure they can pull their weight on the percentage, so it is kind of a group effort,” according to International Business Management House Leader and Business teacher, Ernest Fields. Students are very competitive and that factor contributes to their desire to succeed and be in the best performing house.

SLCs leaders and teachers meet weekly to review student progress and to share new teaching techniques and activities. For more information about GHS SLCs, contact Susan Dunham, GHS School Improvement Facilitator, at susan.dunham@csd4.k12.mo.us.

*Actual name withheld for privacy reasons.

FREE COMMUNITYWIDE RECYCLING EVENT TO RECOGNIZE EARTH DAY



FWI Community Recycling Center at 4280 Main St. (second drive on the right past the Kansas City Southern Railroad tracks, when coming from the East; from the West, make a left at the first drive after crossing Second Street) will hold a FREE community event on **Saturday April 23, 2011 from 9:00 a.m to 11:30 a.m.**

Activities include a ceremony to implement a new 24/7 drop off recycling station sponsored by the City of Grandview, a visit from Grandview's new Mayor, Steve Dennis, free secure document shredding, information from the Mid America Regional Council, collection of e-waste (such as TV's and

computers) for a small fee, and free continental breakfast.

The event will culminate in a clean-up of 71 Highway through Grandview, from Blue Ridge to Main Street. **All highway clean-up volunteers will receive a free Earth Day T-shirt.** Any questions may be directed to Suzanna Linden at 816-763-7822.

The City would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents to recycle. The FWI Community Recycling Center accepts mixed and white paper, plastics #1 and #2 (see bottom of containers), newspapers, chipboard, aluminum cans and foil, glass (look for the purple container on the southeast side of the parking lot), tin cans, cardboard and paper bags, clothing and shoes.

The center does not accept hazardous materials or yard or organic waste. If you haven't started yet, please consider this valuable resource. You will be contributing to a clean and healthy environment!



FWI Recycling Facility

EASTER EGG HUNT 2011

When: Saturday, April 23, 2011 promptly at 10:30 am

Where: Meadowmere park - 13610 Byars Rd.

Who: Children ages 2 - 10 years, accompanied by a parent or guardian

The Easter Bunny hops into town to lead the hunt for treats and a photo opportunity with your child. We will be the photographer so you can pose too!

Grandview children have been hunting eggs in the community for 35 years!

Remember to bring your Easter basket!

GRANDVIEW SHARKS SWIM TEAM SIGN-UP

Does your child love the water? And love to compete even more? Then, It's time to register for the the **Grandview Sharks Swim Team 2011 season.**

Kids ages 6 to 18 will be part of a premier swim club and compete against other local swim teams.

The cost is \$60.00, plus swimsuit, goggles and a small fee for championships.

We will provide your Grandview Sharks swim cap. For additional information or if you would like to start practicing now, call Lynn Howard at 816-316-4891.

The Swim Meets are scheduled for June 11, 18 and 25, and July 9.

Fee above reflects Early Bird Registration discount. Add \$10 after May 20. The registration deadline is May 25. But hurry; space is limited!

GRANDVIEW PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE HIGHWAY 150 CORRIDOR



The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) has completed construction on converting Missouri Highway 150 in Grandview from two lanes to four lanes and will continue eastward toward Highway 291 during the remainder of 2011. The construction is financed by \$17 million in federal stimulus money. Because of that, the City staff is being proactive and is now working to determine what the City would like future development to look like along the Highway 150 corridor. City staff would like to see standards in place in the near future, so new development in that area meets planned development guidelines, is consistent, and is aesthetically pleasing to the extent possible.

City officials have selected a planning consulting firm as the preferred partner to work on this project, but are now negotiating with the firm to keep the cost within budget. Once they finalize a contract, City staff and consultants will meet with the Planning Commission and the Board of Aldermen to gather initial data and work with the community to identify issues and define goals and achievable objectives. "Public input will be a critical factor in the process; we want to make sure that this study can provide the City with a usable, long-term vision and plan that will guide future development along the MO 150 corridor," stated Chris Chiodini, Community Development Director. The consultants will conduct a study that examines the types and mix of development best suited for this area.

NEW DEVELOPMENT ALREADY IN THE CORRIDOR

The new QuikTrip store is now open, and construction of a new a 72-seat Subway restaurant across the highway is about to begin. The City's Economic Development Director, Alan Kenyon, has been receiving numerous prospects' calls about this area, which suggest that the Highway 150 corridor is going to be bringing much more traffic to and through Grandview, along with new business and office development.



NEW MEDICAL CLINIC

A new medical office building project is now on track to be developed within the City of Grandview. The building site is located at 7201 East Highway 150, near the intersection of US Highway 150 and Byars Road.

The 20,000-square-foot, single-story, \$5.3 million building will house a primary care physicians group, which currently consists of eight practitioners. An area cardiology group also will maintain a practice in the facility, with an additional seven physicians. An independent pharmacy likewise will occupy a portion of the new building.

A groundbreaking event recently took place on Friday, April 1st, which included brief remarks from the developer, City officials, and leaders of the primary physicians group, as well as a blessing of the land. The future clinic is scheduled to open in November of this year. Economic Development Director, Alan Kenyon, recently commented, "The new Grandview medical office project represents the opportunity to provide additional healthcare services for City of Grandview residents and the surrounding community. New medical services also further enhance the overall quality of life in our community."

The new building is yet another addition to the "New Grandview Triangle". This includes new development or redevelopment occurring from the north-central portions of Grandview to the southeast, south-central, and southwest portions of Grandview and Highway 150, including the CenterPoint-KCS Intermodal Center and the \$687 million NNSA/Honeywell plant now under construction on the northwest section of Missouri 150 and Botts Road.



Rendering of New Medical Clinic

PETS HELPING PEOPLE 2011



The 9th annual **PETS HELPING PEOPLE** held on, Saturday, April 9th was once again a success, thanks to all of the participants, sponsors and volunteers!

Over 580 pets were vaccinated, 1200 lbs of food and \$4,500 were collected to assist the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP)!

We thank you again for taking care of your pets while extending a "helping hand" to your neighbors!



MAYOR BOB BECKERS & PARK COMMISSIONER WILL KAISER HONORED AT GRANDVIEW'S 23RD ARBOR DAY



Patti Beckers (right) and Barbara Kaiser planted an ornamental cherry tree each, in honor of their late husbands, Mayor Bob Beckers, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Will Kaiser, respectively.

The 23rd Grandview Arbor Day was held on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Approximately 45 people attended, including City officials, honorees' families and friends, and representatives from the Marine Color Guard.

Beckers served as Grandview Mayor from 2005 until the day he passed away on August 18, 2010. He also served as the Grandview Police Chief for 13 years.

Will Kaiser was a long-time Board Member on the Park Commission until the day he passed away on October 1. He retired from AT&T in 1990 after 37 years of service.

Chuck Conner, from the Missouri Department of Conservation spoke and presented the City with the 2011 *Tree City USA* award, for the sixteenth consecutive year.

DID YOU KNOW...

This spring, be prepared for severe weather and flooding! Simple steps like sealing exterior holes or installing a sewer backflow valve to temporarily block drain pipes and prevent sewage from backing up into the structure can save households money and headaches. Learn more about fortifying structures at the FEMA Region VII Web page, <http://www.fema.gov/about/regions/regionvii/roadtorebuilding.shtm>



Green Tip

Replace disposable goods with renewable ones. Buy rechargeable batteries. Use dishes instead of paper plates.

WE WANT YOUR COMMENTS AND IDEAS.

If you have a concern, compliment or suggestion about how we can better inform you, please send an email for consideration to suggestions@ci.grandview.mo.us

Upcoming Events

BIKE SAFETY RODEO

Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m.
Freedom Park - 1215 Jones
Children ages Kindergarten to 14 years
Learn bike safety and the "rules of the road"
Call 316-4888 for more information

GRANDVIEW'S SPRING FLING & HARRY'S HAY DAYS PARADE

Saturday, May 21 at 10:00 am
Starts at 15th Street and Main Street
Participate in the "after events" following the parade
Call Elaine Brewer at 816-966-9802 for more information

FARMER'S MARKET

June 18 through October
Saturdays, 7 am to sellout - Tuesdays, 3 to 6 pm
8th and Main Street
Vendors contact Johnna Clark at 405-5561
or jona2umr@yahoo.com

MEADOWMERE POOL OPENING

Saturday, May 28
Mon-Sat: 1:00-7:00pm/Sun: 1:00-6:00pm
Call 316-4888 for fee & season pass information

SIGN-UP FOR SWIMMING LESSONS AT THE VIEW

Starts May 2, Monday and Wednesday evenings
Toddler, Pre-School & Youth programs
Call 316-4888 for more information

GRANDVIEW GIRLS SOFTBALL

Girls Ages 4 through 18
Call Virginia Frey at 761-4975 or
John Shelton at 763-7254 to sign-up

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CITY OF GRANDVIEW Directory of City Officials

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Annette Turnbaugh, Ward II Alderman
Joseph E. Runions, Jr., 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
Ana Nixon, Communications Coordinator
Alan Kenyon, Director of Economic
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Deb Angell, Manager of Human Resources
Larry Dickey, Police Chief
Chuck Thacker, Fire Chief
Dennis Randolph, Director of Public Works
Chris Chiodini, Director of Community
Development
Anthony Finlay, Director of Parks and
Recreation
Shirley Moses, Director of Finance

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

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