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GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



HERITAGE FESTIVAL

May 3 | 4 | 5, 2012

Downtown Main Street, Grandview, Missouri

FREE

Carnival Rides | Music Concerts
Arts, Crafts & Food Vendors | BBQ Contest | Beer Gardens
Children's Activities | School Performances
Car and Bike Shows | and Much More!

PARADE ^{on} Saturday! starts at 10 a.m.

More information and detailed schedule of events inside!

Plus Spring Clean-Up, Pets Helping People

Main Street Phase Two Construction and more!

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Front Porch Conversations with the Mayor...

Who We Are

Though we didn't have much of a Winter this year, I am still so happy to see Spring bursting through all over our city. The rocking chairs on my front porch got more use than normal these past three months with the warmer temperatures allowing us to enjoy the outdoors a little more.

With the coming of Spring comes the on-going celebration of Grandview's 100 Years of making its mark upon the world. And I trust that everyone who is reading this newsletter will be helping us celebrate at every one of the events that we have planned for our Centennial.

Our actual birthday (as every good Grandview Citizen knows) was back on February 6th, and we already had a little Birthday Party, but the really fun stuff is still ahead.

Just in front of us, from Thursday, May 3rd to Saturday, May 5th, our community gets to have a real party, with a citywide celebration called the Truman Heritage Festival. Grandview is going to have an absolute blast! And I'm hoping that you will invite all your friends and family to join us that first weekend in May.

A month later, on Friday Night, June 22nd, the entire City of Grandview is going to help our Kansas City Royals beat the St. Louis Cardinals at Grandview Day At 'The K'. We're even putting together plans for Tailgate Parties before the game, so "stay tuned in" as the date draws nearer.

And finally, on Saturday, September 8th, we'll have the annual "Music

On Main" Festival. This year's festivities promise to bring in even more famous music groups and larger crowds. I hope you will join me this Autumn in enjoying great music, great food, and great "community".

Now...while I've got you here, I'd like to talk with you about something that is near and dear to my heart... I'm calling it "Who We Are."

Growing up in Grandview, I remember when our city was where everyone wanted to move to. We had a thriving shopping center in Truman Corners, and Longview Lake was just being developed. Richards/Gebaur Air Base was pumping economic energy into our community....and life was good.

Then the Air Base closed...Bannister Mall pulled much of the economic vitality out of Truman Corners...and the city began to suffer. Second tier Suburbs like Belton, Raymore, and Peculiar began pulling many of our citizens to the South. Our economic life came to a standstill. We began to struggle for an "identity".

At that point, others from outside communities start to define our community for us. We were thought of as a "forgotten" town...a city where economic vitality had come to and gone from...a community that had seen its "good times"...

Then one day about five years ago, I was filling up my car in a neighboring city (whose name I shall not say, so that I won't denigrate every citizen from that city). I was pumping my

gas, minding my own business, when a nice gentleman on the pump next to mine started a friendly conversation. We talked for a few minutes, and then we both went inside to pay for our gas and get something to drink. Standing in line behind him, I waited as he paid for his things. After he finished, he turned to me to say "good bye", stated his name and that he lived right there in the (nameless) city where that gas station stood.

I politely shook his hand, told him my name and that I was a "proud resident of Grandview." It was what happened next that really surprised (and infuriated) me. He said, "Grandview? Oh, I'm sorry." He then pulled his hand away from me and walked away!

Now folks, I have to tell you, I have never been in a fist fight in my life, but those words right there "are fightin' words." I don't know that I have ever been more offended in my life. But to be honest, it also told me something about our city's perception in the eyes of others around us.

But let me ask you something: What do YOU think of YOUR city and the citizens that live here? Though I know we're far from perfect, what do you personally think of the city now, and what hope do you see in our future?

You know, I give speeches a lot, and I talk so much about the "renaissance" that I see happening all over our city. Grandview really is starting to look different. Truman Corners' Redevelopment, there's a new look coming



Mayor Dennis

to Main Street, Ribbon Cuttings for New Business Openings.....there are young families walking through the neighborhoods and businesses starting to blossom....folks are starting to take pride again in their homes and places of employment.....and I'm starting to hear Grandview citizens beginning to boast about the city where they reside. How awesome is that!

Though I know we still have a long way to go and have a lot of hard work to do....WE CAN REALLY RESHAPE THIS CITY!!! I know that I'm SUPPOSED TO say the right things and do the "rah rah" stuff. But I'm serious when I say that I SEE OUR CITY FIVE and TEN YEARS FROM NOW and I LOVE WHAT I SEE! I see a Thriving and Prosperous Grandview. I see a Caring and Benevolent Grandview. I see a city that finally understood just how great it could be....

And I hope you all are starting to share in that vision with me. Because this IS truly a great city, and as long as we keep building strong families and businesses and keep looking out for one another, we can be "the envy" of this area.

I am honored to be your Mayor, and I will do everything that I can to promote our city and secure a prosperous future. I trust that you'll join me in the fight!

Steve

Main Street Phase Two Construction Breaks Ground

The second phase of Main Street improvements began last month, as crews from Orr Wyatt Streetscape broke out slabs of pavement en route to installing a new storm system and new intersections.



Street intersection with concrete work similar to Phase One. A new pedestrian signal and concrete crosswalk will be installed west of 12th Street. In addition, new curb, sidewalk, and driveways will be built along Main Street, with new landscaping planted along both sides of the street.

At least one lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained during Phase Two improvements. The intersections at 10th and 13th street will be built in stages that will result in turning restrictions and partial closures on the north and south sides. Parking on Main Street will be limited and restricted as work progresses. This is a construction zone for a \$1.2 million dollar project; disruption should and can be reasonably expected.

Expected completion date for this project is in late August, except the truss and landscaping. Landscaping and the truss are scheduled to be completed by October 1, 2012.

TRUMAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

During the Truman Heritage Festival, on May 3, 4 & 5 construction will stop and contractors will clear the work zone. We will require work to be shut down one or two days before these events start to ensure the work zone is safe for the events.

Visit the project's website page at www.grandview.org under the *What's New* tab for updates. And if you have any questions, feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 816-316-4856.



Phase two ranges from 10th Street to 13th Street. This phase includes reconstructing both the Main Street/10th Street intersection and the Main Street/13th

PETS HELPING PEOPLE

10th Annual
April 28, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Conn-West Elementary
10th & Main Street, Grandview, Missouri

Rabies vaccinations for only \$7 & (3) canned goods

Spay / Neuter Vouchers Available (Qualifications & Restrictions Apply)

Microchips available for \$20

All Dogs must be on a Leash, all Cats must be in a Carrier

For more information call 816-316-4828
or check out the website at www.grandview.org (click on Upcoming Events)

Not necessary to be a Grandview resident



Rabies Vaccination Event Will Take Place Saturday April 28

On Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (pet owners start to line up as early as 6:30 a.m.), the City of Grandview is hosting the Tenth Annual Pets Helping People, at Conn West Elementary gymnasium (Entrance on Main Street, East of 10th Street - large parking lot)

This event is intended to provide rabies vaccination for cats and dogs at minimum cost to help a local charitable organization, the Grandview Assistance Program. The vaccination cost will be \$7, plus three (3) canned goods.

The event will also provide spay and neuter vouchers and will sell ID Microchips at a reasonable cost (\$20). The microchip is a tiny computer chip, which has an identification number programmed into it. Once an animal is injected with the chip, he can be identified throughout his life by this one-of-a-kind number.

All dogs must be on a leash and all cats in a carrier.

Hope to see you and your pet there!

ONE MORE SATURDAY REMAINING FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

The program offers an opportunity to drop-off bulk waste and/or yard debris. You'll be asked to separate your waste and place it in the appropriate containers. Proof of Grandview residency or property ownership will be required. Checks will be accepted. Take note of the details below:

When: April 28

Where: Grandview Ball Park - 13200 Arrington Road

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. **Fee:** \$12 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 with a maximum of five gallons.

Additional Cost Items: Tires (8 max) - \$1.50 each
Appliances with freon - \$30.00 each

For further information, please call 816-316-4856 or visit www.grandview.org

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE MAY 17, 18 & 19

Join the Grandview Citywide Garage Sale to make some extra cash and reduce waste!

Whether you're trying to clear out your attic/basement or searching for second hand treasures, reusing items is one of the smartest ways to reduce waste!

Get ready!

For selling and buying tips, visit our website, WWW.GRANDVIEW.ORG

If you have any questions, contact P. I.O. Ana Nixon at (816) 316-4812 or email anixon@ci.grandview.mo.us

ALL ABOUT TRUMAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL - MAY 3, 4 & 5

Three days full of fun activities and attractions are prepped for the long-awaited inaugural Truman Heritage Festival, which will take place May 3, 4 & 5 in downtown Main Street, Grandview, Missouri.

This FREE-admission community festival will start on Thursday evening and will last through Saturday, with most activities taking place on **Saturday**.

It will feature the largest parade in years, one of the nicest carnivals in the state (with lots of rides), food and drink vendors, performances by regional bands and singing groups, Grandview school bands and musical performances, both car and motorcycle shows, barbecue contest, and beer gardens. The festival should attract a large crowd on Main Street downtown between 15th Street and 7th Street on Friday evening and all day Saturday on the first weekend in May. The carnival will open on Thursday evening as well in the large parking lot just north of 8th and Main.



TRUMAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

CARNIVAL RIDES FOR ALL AGES!

Thursday, May 3 5 to 10 p.m.
Friday, May 4 5 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 5 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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EVENT SCHEDULE	
Date	Time/Events
Thu - May 3	5 to 10 p.m.
	- CARNIVAL ONLY
Fri - May 4	5 to 10 p.m.
	- CARNIVAL
	- VENDORS BOOTHS
	- CONCERTS
Sat - May 5	10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
	- PARADE
	- CARNIVAL
	- VENDOR BOOTHS
	- CAR & BIKE SHOWS
	- CONCERTS
	- COMMUNITY STAGE

BBQ CHAMPIONSHIP

The Truman Heritage Festival Barbeque Championship will take place May 4 & 5 at the Grandview Medical Clinic parking lot on Main Street, between 10th Street and Grandview Road. The event is a Kansas City Barbeque Society sanctioned event, therefore KCBS rules and regulations will be applied for the contest. All four categories – pork ribs, chicken, pork shoulder or butt, and beef brisket – count toward the overall Grand Champion.

The public will have a chance to buy the BBQ meat/food through Buck-A-Bone tickets (No cash sales are allowed) and here is how it works: the public can buy the tickets and sample full plates of BBQ, side dishes, and/or desserts, priced at one or more Buck-A-Bone tickets.

One Buck-A-Bone ticket is equivalent to \$1 and these tickets will be available on site. Twenty percent of all proceeds will go to the Mid-Continent

Public Library's Summer Reading Program Fund. Contestants will be judged on Saturday by members of KCBS and Grandview Mayor Steve Dennis will announce the winners and give out the prizes at 4:00p.m.

BIKE AND CAR SHOWS

The Car and Bike shows will take place on Saturday, from 12 to 4p.m. and from 12 to 3p.m. respectively. The car show will be held on the back parking lot of Conn-West Elementary at Main Street. If you want to display your car, you can do so by registering from 9a.m. to 1p.m. on site. South 71 Cruisers Car Club is in charge of the show.

AWARDS FOR THE TOP 20 CARS!

Truman Heritage Festival CAR SHOW

No Entry Fee!



Saturday, May 5 – 12:00-4:00 pm
Downtown Main Street in Grandview, MO
Registration from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Award Show begins at 4:00 pm

There will be no restrictions on model or year, so be sure to register your ride! If you have any questions, contact Mike Johnston at (816) 898-3698.

Bike show registration will take place from 11:00a.m. to 12:00p.m., on Main Street, in front of City Hall. The Bikes will remain there on display. If you have any questions about the Bike show, contact Tom Worstall at (816) 616-9794.



CONCERTS

Two Nights of Free Live Music! Old Crows (*Blues, Rockabilly & Soul*) and Four Fried Chickens and A Coke (*Kansas City & Chicago Style Blues smokin' hot*) will perform on Friday, May 4th.

Mark Pender, a Grandview High School alum, straight from L.A. and the Conan O'Brien show will be the first to perform on May 5 at 6:30p.m., together with a All-Star KC Jazz Line-up.

Platinum Express, featuring the legendary J.J. Johnson and Full Steam Horn section, will start performing at 8:30p.m. They will play the best rhythm and blues, and sophisticated funk.

Music Concerts	
FRI, MAY 4	SAT MAY 5
6 p.m. THE OLD CROWS	6:30 p.m. MARK PENDER & ALL-STAR KC JAZZ LINE-UP
8 p.m. FOUR FRIED CHICKENS & A COKE	8:30 p.m. PLATINUM EXPRESS

COMMUNITY STAGE

There will be a community stage at 10th and Main Street on May 5, where groups and individuals will showcase their talent and perform to the audience (musical acts, dance, etc.) Below is the schedule for the performances and concerts:

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. - Parade Winners announcement

- 12:45 - 1:00 p.m. - Rachel & Wallace Faagutu
- 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Forerunner Arts
- 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. - Grandview Middle School
- 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. - Donna's Doorway to Dance
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. - Belvidere Elementary
- 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. - Meadowmere Elementary
- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Dramatic Truth
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. - LINC & Butcher Greene Elementary
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - BBQ Championship Awards
- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Hip Hop Conscience Truth
- 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Rex Purefoy - WildWest Show

STREET CLOSURES

On Friday, May 4, Main Street will be closed from 5th Street to Grandview Road at 12p.m. Main Street will then be closed to 13th Street after 4p.m.

There will be other road closures and some will be designated as "Road closed to through traffic". Please review event map on the left for most road closures. A complete listing of street closures are available on the events website page at www.grandview.org/centennialcelebration.

The Emergency No Parking Ordinance will be in effect from **12p.m., Friday, May 4, 2012** until the

end of the Centennial Celebration at 11:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012 **ON MAIN STREET FROM 5TH STREET TO GRANDVIEW ROAD.** The Emergency NO Parking Ordinance will be in affect from **4 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2012** until the end of the Centennial Celebration at 11p.m., Saturday, May 5, 2012 **ON MAIN STREET FROM GRANDVIEW ROAD TO 13TH STREET.**

Questions about street closures and parking? Please contact the Police Department Traffic Division at (816) 316- 4904.

PARADE

The parade will start promptly at 10a.m. on Saturday, May 5. Street closures will begin at 9:30 a.m.

More information and parade route are available on the map below.

The parade route will be different from the previous years, so be sure to review the map below and pick your favorite spot to watch and cheer!

Mark Alford, news anchor from FOX4, will be the Parade Marshall. Many local schools, businesses, organizations and groups, including KC Slugger and KC Wolf, have registered. This will be one of the best parades Grandview has had in many years!

Parade winners will be announced at 12:00p.m. at the community stage.



Upcoming Events

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benefit the Grandview Assistance Program

BIKE SAFETY RODEO

Saturday, April 28 - 10:00 a.m.
Freedom Park - 1215 Jones
Children ages Kindergarten to 14 years, bring
your bikes to Freedom Park and get ready for
the summer fun by learning bike safety and the
"rules of the road"

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

May 17, 18 & 19
At your own garage
Questions? Call (816) 316-4812

GRANDVIEW DAY AT THE K

Friday, June 22 - 7:10p.m.
Kauffman Stadium
Saint Louis Cardinals at KC Royals
Call Programs & Special Events Supervisor at
(816) 316-4998 to buy discounted tickets

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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
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Ana Nixon, Public Information Officer
Alan Kenyon, Director of Economic
Development
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
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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