

SUMMER 2011

GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



Brumble's Forest

INSIDE THE GRANDVIEW REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR.....	2
PICTURE PERFECT CONTEST RETURNS.....	3
CITY PROJECTS UPDATE.....	4
MUSIC ON MAIN.....	6



Front Porch Conversations with the Mayor...

“Fit For Life”

Hot Summer greetings from my Front Porch! Wow...2012 has been a terrific year for Grandview, thus far. All the events associated with our City's 100th Anniversary have kept City Staff busy and our Citizens having fun. Still to come..."Music On Main" in September.

And, sorry about the construction dust on Main Street, but trust me... it will be worth it. A whole new refreshed look to our Downtown is already stirring interest from out-of-town businesses looking to possibly move here... and that's exactly what we're hoping for.

Truman Corners is still on track to be redeveloped...just lots of paperwork to muddle through first. And potential new developments in different parts of the city are being brought to our attention more than ever before. Grandview is proceeding "full speed ahead"! It's enough to take one's breath away.

But there is another cause for "losing my breath" starting to concern me... and that's what I will address today.

When we were celebrating at "Grandview Day at The K", I came to the full realization that I'm not 18 years old anymore! As I worked my way to my seat, way up in the "nose bleed section" I felt my heart race and my lungs heave. It didn't used be that way.

I have also noticed a difference in my profile (if you can call it that) in the bathroom mirror. It's not that I'm fat. I'm just getting "thicker" in my middle-aged years. I thought I was

doing pretty well. I've only gained two pounds each since I've been married. That's pretty good, right? And I was pretty slender when I got married anyway. But I have been married for 23 wonderful years! 23 times two...you do the math.

I bet I'm not the only one who has gotten lazy in taking care of their body. I'm certainly not able to "point fingers", but it's pretty easy to see if you look around...America's waistline...Grandview's waistline...is growing thicker. And it's time to do something about it!

Obesity is fast becoming epidemic. Diabetes, especially Childhood Diabetes, is wreaking havoc in many lives right here in our hometown. Our poor food choices and lack of fitness routines don't just affect us; They are being passed on to our children, setting them up for a lifetime of health difficulties that could have otherwise been avoided.

And let's face it, with our busy lives it's just easier (and cheaper) to stop by the fast food restaurant and get something off of the "Dollar Menu" and take it home to the family. And how in the world can we ever find time to include a few push ups and a mile walk? But folks, I believe that we're robbing ourselves, and even worse, our children, of the ability to live life to its fullest.

So...I decided that I'm going to make changes in my life...real changes...small, doable changes...and I'm hoping you join me.

At first, it's going to be as simple as

taking a few less bites of food at the dinner table...drinking more water, and eating more fruits and vegetables.

This week I started my days by getting out of bed and doing just ten sit ups, ten push ups, and ten deep knee bends. Pretty simple, right? But I'm doing something!

My hope is that we take serious assessments of our lives and make the necessary changes. I've been formulating ideas for communitywide programs in the past few months.

The first and most ambitious program is what I call the "Mayor's Initiative on Fitness & Nutrition", which will be designed to foster a "healthy-for-life mindset". The goal is to develop a program, where all citizens would have the opportunity to learn from professionals and successful athletes about nutrition and fitness basics.

The hope, of course, in all of this is to help each of us to "begin the journey" to a healthier future. Perhaps in the process we can also forge new friendships, hold each other accountable (at least a little), and build a better and more health-conscious community.

Other city projects are also in the works to keep the Fitness and Nutrition momentum moving forward, including a proposed Grandview Community Garden, a Grandview Running Club, Grandview Cycling Club, and various city-sponsored Fitness Competitions (5K and 10K Runs and a Grandview Triathlon).



Mayor Dennis

The City of Grandview is not only blessed with many determined citizens who wish to make that healthy change, but we are also fortunate to have one of the best Community Centers around in 'The View' to help us with that journey. And how great is it to have the beautiful Longview Lake with its miles of Trails within walking distance of much of our community? With all these great things going for us, none of us really have any excuse not to live with a healthier purpose.

So folks, I've got to ask you the same question I asked myself: "Is it time? Are you ready to make small changes to start living a healthier and more energetic life?"

I know that my answer is a resounding "YES!", and I hope that many of you will join me. Let's start by making those small changes that build healthier bodies and more alert minds. And let's lead our kids down the same road. We might just find that, through all our efforts, we end up building a better community along the way.

Stay tuned in for information on the new programs, and, until then, maybe I'll see you at The View or out on the Longview Lake Trails...

Steve

“CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE” AS THE PICTURE PERFECT CONTEST RETURNS

The City is once again looking for striking photos from around our community. The theme this time is “Celebrate the Positive”! Sometimes, it’s easier for all of us to focus on the negative — empty storefronts, rising gas prices, declining housing values, but there are probably plenty of reasons – people, places, and things – to celebrate about our community. So, it’s time to let go of our negativity and focus on the beautiful people and things that surround us all. When you start focusing on “the positive”, the negative things start to fade away!

So, identify whom or what you think is a real positive in our community and take a snapshot! It can be of any person, place, situation, event, or business that makes you happy and/or proud! Then write a paragraph or two explaining why your subject helps Grandview “Celebrate the Positive” and enclose that with your photo.

The winning photos and write-ups will be selected by a panel of community members, and the winners will essentially be selected based on: 1) does it really “celebrate the positive” in Grandview?; 2) is it creative or unique?; 3) is it an appealing photo?; 4) does it make us all proud?



The City reserves the right to publish any or all photos.



CONTEST & PICTURE GUIDELINES

- Participants must be Grandview residents
- High-resolution digital images are strongly preferred (3MB/300 DPI digital color photography). Small images cannot be reproduced in print, no matter how nice the subject
- Email your photos to suggestions@ci.grandview.mo.us or mail it on a non-returnable CD to: City of Grandview, Attn: Ana Nixon, 1200, Main Street, Grandview, MO 64030
- Attach your brief description of the photo. And be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number
- Please limit your entry to no more than 10 images and send us only your best. CDs with more than 10 images will not be reviewed
- If you do send prints, they must be professionally printed (no home printers) And don't forget to include your write-up and contact information
- Entries must be submitted by Friday, Aug. 24, 2012

In addition to the cash prizes, the three winning photos and descriptions will be displayed on the City's website main page banner, and the winners will be recognized by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The top 20 photos will be printed and displayed on 5"x 7" post-cards around City Hall. Think Positive and Good Luck!

MAJOR CITY PROJECTS UPDATE

Truman Corners

Recently, more progress was made related to the long anticipated redevelopment of Truman Corners Shopping Center when the Grandview Board of Aldermen approved the redevelopment agreement with RED Development. Earlier this year, RED's redevelopment plan was selected by the City over the plan presented by the ownership group, which has owned and managed the center for about the last 20 years.



resurfacing. However, these dedicated funds have also allowed the City to apply for and obtain matching federal funds, thus making Grandview's funds go even

further. Meanwhile, Main Street Phase III, is scheduled to begin in September.

The approval of the agreement which outlines the terms of the public/private partnership with RED, including the sale of bonds, reimbursable project costs, etc., allows the property acquisition process to go forward, either by purchase or condemnation by the City. If the latter is required, the process could take the next few months to complete. City officials are hoping demolition and construction can occur by early 2013.

Main Street Corridor

The second phase of the Main Street Corridor



revitalization is well under way, creating noise and dust, and some disruption from 10th Street to 13th Street. This project continues to put a new face on Main Street, which will look dramatically different by around September 1.

These improvements are brought to you by the Transportation Sales Tax, recently extended in 2010 for another ten years, to include both street construction and annual



Highway 150 Corridor Plan

On June 12, the Grandview Board approved the framework plan for the Missouri 150 Sustainable Corridor Plan, which is intended to guide future development along this two-mile stretch from Highway 71 (soon to be I-49) to Kelly Road in Grandview.

The plan considers a number of growth, infrastructure, and demographic factors in recommending the best locations for residential, retail, and office development in the years ahead. With Center Point's development and intermodal facility, as well as the new Honeywell non-nuclear components complex just a mile to the west, the Gateway Commons (Gail's Harley-Davidson) development area right at the 71/150 interchange, and Sunrise Farms residential subdivision and commercial TIF district starting at Byars Road, much more commercial and residential development is expected in the future.

The M-150 Sustainable Development Corridor Plan can be reviewed in its entirety on the City's website, www.grandview.org, under the *What's New* tab.



The vision is to create a "Lifestyle Corridor" including vibrant places and memorable destinations.

135th Street/Industrial Corridor

With the completion of the 135th Street improvements from 5th Street to Botts Road (Southwest Industrial Area), Grandview is getting closer to completing an industrial



corridor for freight and delivery trucks to travel from Blue Ridge to Missouri Highway 150 without having to use Grandview Road or the new Main Street downtown route. Once Kansas City and MoDOT complete their portion of Botts Road and the new Botts Road/Missouri 150 interchange, traffic will be able to go from Blue Ridge to Highway 150 by way of the industrial corridor. The new improvements on Botts Road and 135th Street in Grandview are also funded by the Transportation Sales Tax, the key source for street renovation in our town.

Brumble's Forest

This new “destination” playground opened in April in Meadowmere Park to rave reviews and a surge of local children. Mayor Dennis could barely get out of the way after cutting the ribbon as a throng of kids scurried to the new theme playground. This is the second major park playground being funded by the \$7.5 million 2009 Park Bond issue, approved by the voters in 2008 with no associated tax increase. Voters should be getting more than a great value as improvements will be made to 11 parks altogether, including shelters, playgrounds, restrooms, and other amenities, without paying more in taxes.

In the spring of 2010, the City opened the new “sprayground” or “splash



park” in John Anderson Park. This was also an instant hit with kids, especially on hot days when a splash in the park is the perfect relief from the heat. Meanwhile, Meadowmere Pool is open once again for those who prefer to submerge themselves in “fun in the sun” or slide into summer the old fashioned way – at a pool!

Park/Public Works Maintenance Facility

The just completed maintenance complex at 139th and Winchester was long overdue for park, street, and sewer maintenance crews, who have been working out of two drafty 50-year old maintenance garages. Working with SFS Architecture, the City has developed a highly functional, energy efficient new maintenance complex. The new facility combines the Park Maintenance and Public Works Maintenance operations located on opposite sides of town, and will now house all personnel and equipment. It includes offices, meeting rooms, crew rooms, locker rooms, lunchroom, shop space for both, and plenty of



storage space, while the two departments will now share much of the space. From the light colored shed-type roof designs to natural lighting to the orientation of the buildings to energy efficient heating, cooling, and lighting, the new facility will be easier on maintenance and energy use than ever before.

The new facility is also part of the 2008 Park Bond package approved by voters that summer. Once again, \$7.5 million in park bonds were sold with no associated tax increase. In fact, the City’s total property tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value has not increased since 1985. The City’s portion also constitutes only 17 percent of taxpayers’ total real property tax bill.

Mark Your Calendars: “Music on Main” Is Back! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FREE COMMUNITY MUSIC EVENT IN ITS 8TH YEAR



The entertainment will continue with Seven Bridges Road, a top tribute band to the Eagles. Tate Stevens, a regional country artist, is making waves in the national country music scene, and Funk

Kids will love the McDonald’s KIDZ Zone, with bouncy houses, puppet show and the Air Jam band!

Attendees can choose from a wide variety of food and beverage vendors. No coolers or outside beverages will be allowed within the perimeter of the concert. Those attending are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and enjoy a fantastic evening of great music!

On Saturday, September 8th, from 3:00 p.m. to around 10:30 p.m., the Grandview Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with North American Savings Bank and the City of Grandview, will present a free music concert for the 8th consecutive year.

“Music on Main” will continue to bring some of the most popular area musicians and musical groups together for this family-friendly event.

Gates will open at 3:00 p.m. in front of City Hall, and the musical line-up for the evening will include some of the best talent in the Kansas City area, including Liverpool, the premier regional Beatles tribute band, and Samantha Fish, a local blues singer and guitarist who, with her breakout album “Runaway”, is currently touring Europe and North America and gaining widespread recognition.

Syndicate, a Kansas City based R&B and funk band, promises upbeat dance grooves to end the night.

Music Line-Up Schedule	
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Liverpool (Beatles Tribute)
4:50 – 5:50 p.m.	Samantha Fish (Blues)
6:10 – 7:10 p.m.	Seven Bridges Road (Eagles Tribute)
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Tate Stevens (Country)
9:00 – 10:30 p.m.	Funk Syndicate (Soul & Funk)

ADMISSION IS FREE, AND PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

GRANDVIEW ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

Twenty years ago Linda Wilson, local pastors and concerned citizens, with support from the Jackson County Advocate, the Grandview Church Alliance, Grandview C-4 School District and the City of Grandview, came together for the purpose of forming a central agency where people could be referred for emergency assistance in the community.

From a single room in the basement of First Baptist Church, to the current location on Main Street, Grandview Assistance Program touches the lives of over 2,000 individuals each year, with assistance ranging from food to rent, and from holiday to school supplies.

Visit their website at www.gapcares.org to donate or for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

The City recognizes three yards each month during the spring and summer months and provides special holiday decoration awards in October and December. Citizen volunteers conduct the surveys, select the winners, and provide the information to the City staff. The winners are each awarded a gift certificate to a dining establishment from the City of Grandview and complementary gifts and passes from The View. The City wants to inspire residents of the Grandview community to take pride in the appearance and upkeep of their yards and the exteriors of their homes! If you want to nominate someone's yard or your own, please contact the Community Development Department at 316-4817.



11TH ANNUAL GRANDVIEW TRIANGLE WALK/RUN & HEALTH FAIR!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GRANDVIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The 11th annual Grandview Triangle Walk/Run & Health Fair takes place on Saturday, **September 15, 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.**, at Grandview High School (2300 High Grove Road). The event is open to all ages and is hosted by the Grandview C-4 School District Physical Education & Health Teachers & the Grandview Education Foundation (GEF).

The cost to enter the Walk/Run is just \$5.00 per person. All K-12 student registrants receive a FREE event t-shirt.

Attendees can participate in a one, two or four mile walk/run beginning at 8:30 a.m. Check-in starts at 7:45 a.m. in the front GHS parking lot.



The Health Fair is FREE and takes place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the GHS cafeteria area. It will feature good health information on wellness, nutrition, exercise, blood pressure, therapeutic massage and body fat.

The registration form & event information is available online at www.csd4.k12.mo.us (click on the Upcoming Events link).

For information about business & community organization teams, event sponsorship & Health Fair exhibit space, contact Lane Lucas, GC-4 Public Relations, at 816.316.5021 or lane.lucas@csd4.k12.mo.us. To learn more about the GEF, go to www.grandvieweducationfoundation.org.

Green Tip

Unplug - Avoid phantom loads that come from gadgets and electronics that draw power even when they're off. Unplug chargers, printers, gadgets, coffee makers, toasters and other similar electronics to avoid wasting unnecessary energy. You can also plug these devices into a power strip and shut off the power strip when not being used.



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

FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday, until September 19
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Parking lot at 8th and Goode Street
Questions? Contact Larry French
at (816) 289-6081

BEACH PARTY ZUMBA

Saturday, July 14 (Rainout date July 21st) -
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Meadowmere Pool - 13610 Byars Rd.
\$5.00 to register (deadline 7/13)
Questions? Call 'The View' at (816) 316-4888

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Friday, July 27 - Starts at 8:45 p.m.
Meadowmere Park - 13610 Byars Rd.
Featuring: Zookeeper
FREE

BACK 2 SCHOOL SPLASH

Saturday, August 4 - 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
Meadowmere Pool - FREE event
Call (816) 316-4888 for more info

PRIMARY ELECTION

Tuesday, August 7
Cast your vote for senator, governor,
secretary of state, state representative and more

WELCOME GRANDVIEW - COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, August 20 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
(Turf ribbon cutting at 6 p.m.)
Grandview High School - 2300 Highgrove Road
Questions? Contact Lane Lucas at (816) 316 -
5021

City of Grandview
1200 Main Street
Grandview, MO

PRSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Grandview, MO 64030
Permit No. 19

**CARRIER ROUTE PRESORT
POSTAL CUSTOMER**

CITY OF GRANDVIEW Directory of City Officials

Steve Dennis, Mayor
Leonard D. Jones, Ward I Alderman
Brent Steeno, Ward I Alderman
Joseph E. Runions, Jr., 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
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
Kirk Decker, Interim 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

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