

FALL 2008

# GRANDVIEW

REPORT



## FALL IS HERE!

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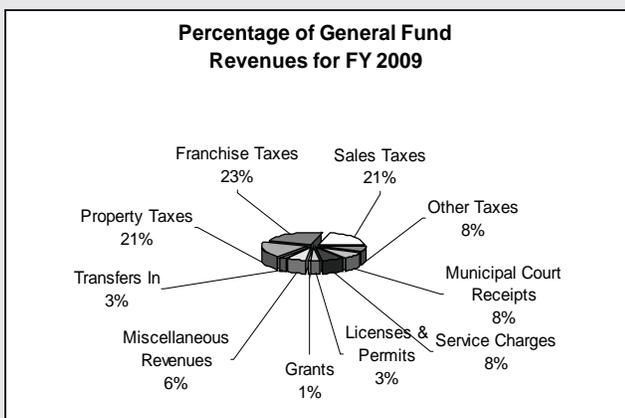
# New Equipment and Services Despite Flat Revenues

**Cities** across the country are dealing with budget difficulties as a result of the national economy and its impact on cost increases, such as gas, health and liability insurance, street lighting, and commodities like salt and asphalt; as well as on revenue sources like property taxes, sales taxes, and building permits. The City struggles with these issues, but the new budget for fiscal year 2009 will still provide for some new equipment and services.

### Economic Challenges

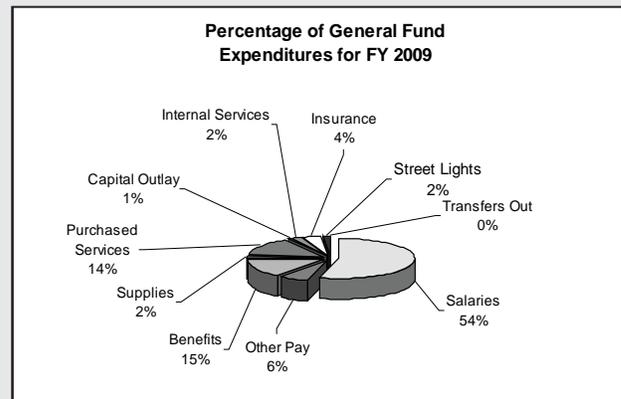
Grandview's budget relies on a balancing act each year between operational costs and revenues available. The estimated General Fund revenues for FY 2009 total \$14,298,852 compared with projected expenditures of \$14,400,368, resulting in a potential deficit of \$101,516, which will have to be covered by reserve funds. Actual revenues are expected to rise less than one percent in the coming year, compared with a projected increase of three percent in expenditures. This is a concern over the long term since the City cannot continue to spend more than it receives, but the economy has a direct bearing on this situation, so the City hopes to see things turn around in the next year.

The City's primary funding sources for operations continue to be franchise taxes, sales taxes, and property taxes, but the General Fund receives revenues from a variety of sources as shown in the chart below.



**The City of Grandview's 2009 fiscal year began on October 1, 2008.**

Each year, department heads examine the needs of their operating departments (police, fire, public works, community development, parks and recreation, finance, economic development, and administration), then set goals and work with the City Administrator to come up with the best possible scenario. He then presents it to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. After extensive discussion, the Board approves and adopts the budget. The chart below shows the breakdown of expenditures by category for the fiscal year 2009.



While continuing to fund basic services, City officials approved the following course of action for FY 2009:

- Continue using the transportation and capital improvements sales taxes (separate funds for these purposes) to upgrade infrastructure and transportation systems including improvements to 139th Street on the west side, the Main Street Corridor project (design), and the 2nd to 3rd Street Connector (design, ROW).
- Design and develop a new and dynamic website to provide better services and communications to citizens.
- Use the City's new enhanced enterprise zones and existing TIF districts to attract more quality industry and jobs to the community.

- Enhance our emergency service capabilities with our new ambulances, fire pumper truck defibrillators for the paramedics, mobile data terminals, and other new public safety equipment and technologies.
- Develop new economic development strategies that can encourage redevelopment of centers like Truman Corners, Grandview Plaza, and Grandview Crossing.
- Work with MoDOT on the new Highway 71/150 interchange project and on the study of possible remedies for the one-way frontage roads along Highway 71.
- Continue the new rental housing inspection program and consider ways to deal with the increased number of housing foreclosures and their effect on neighborhoods.
- Work with the Grandview Chamber and local developers in promoting our new residential subdivisions to encourage an increase in residential building permits.
- Use the new park bond authorization to add new amenities to city parks beginning in the spring and summer of 2009.
- Try to maintain current staffing levels for city operations and competitive pay and benefits despite the downturn in the overall economy and on affected revenues.

This will be a “hold the line” budget for 2009, but thanks to our dedicated capital sales tax funds, there will be a few new items in the budget, some of which were mentioned previously, including:

- New ambulance  
\$180,000
- New fire pumper truck  
\$450,000
- New police package vehicles  
\$178,000
- Electronic ticketing equipment and software  
\$103,000
- Main Street Corridor project design  
\$150,000
- 2nd to 3rd St. connector and right-of-way  
\$500,000
- Public Works vehicles  
\$120,000
- Storm drainage projects/channel repairs  
\$175,000
- New sidewalks and curbs  
\$100,000
- Curb and sidewalk replacement  
\$75,000

As a result of the new park bond improvements coming on the horizon, the Parks and Recreation department will take on more park maintenance responsibilities which will be funded from the Park Levy Fund, previously the only source of park replacement items.

Furthermore, the Mayor and Board are optimistic that projects in and around Grandview will have a very positive affect on the community and revenues over the next few years. These projects could be the spark needed to spur redevelopment of aging centers and to further develop newer areas in the city.



*New Police Vehicles for 2009*

## FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The City wants to assist you in removing debris, yard and solid waste from your property as well as community property. Take note of the info below and get ready! Proof of residency or ownership will be required.

**When:** Saturday, October 25th , November 1st and November 22nd (yard waste only)

**Where:** Public Works Maintenance Facility  
7000 East 139th St. (139th & Winchester)

**Time:** 7:30a.m. to 5:30p.m.

**Cost:** \$12.00 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.

### Additional Cost Items:

Tires (8 max) - \$1.50 each

Appliances with freon (freezers, refrigerators) - \$25.00 each.

## HIGHWAY 150 & 71 IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEGUN

Work on the interchange of Hwy 71 at Hwy 150 and the widening of Hwy 150 from Hwy 71 to Hwy 291 is already under way. A ceremony on September 16 recognized the start of these important projects.

The project includes removal and replacement of the Hwy 71 bridges over Hwy 150. The existing diamond interchange will be reconfigured as a single-point, urban interchange, which moves intersecting traffic more quickly by reducing the number of traffic signals.

Hwy 150 will be widened and include separate turn lanes. The ramps will be widened, allowing for multiple turn lanes. Also included will be new bridges carrying the east and west outer roads over Hwy 150. White Avenue will be extended to the East Outer Road.



*Representatives from Grandview, Kansas City and Lee's Summit breaking ground*

## CITY CODES HELP KEEP CITY CLEAN AND SAFE

City Codes promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. The City tries to maintain and improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and equitable enforcement program to correct violations of municipal codes.

Here are the top five "code tips":

### 1- GARAGE SALE SIGNS AND OTHER SIGNS

Garage and yard sale signs must be placed on your own property. They may not be posted on public utility/light poles or on public rights-of-way along the streets.

### 2- RESIDENTIAL & BUSINESS LAWNS

Lawns and green spaces may not exceed a height of 6" for platted lots and 12" for tracts larger than 2 acres.

### 3- FENCE LINES

All fence lines along properties must be maintained and free of growth. That includes weeds, thickets or noxious plants.

### 4- INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Vehicles parked/stored on drives must be properly licensed and operable. To report inoperable vehicles in drives, contact Neighborhood Services at 316-4817. For inoperable vehicles on the streets, contact the Grandview Police Department at 316-4980.

### 5- PIT BULLS

Pitt Bulls are not allowed in the city of Grandview. Report any Pitt Bulls you may see to Neighborhood Services, 316-4817.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK- Oct. 5-11

# Prevent Home Fires!

This year, the Grandview Fire Department will spread the word that the number one cause of home fires is **COOKING!**

🔥 They will be visiting schools, churches, home owner associations and workplaces to help people prevent the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical and smoking materials.

🔥 They will also be conducting fire station tours for organizations that want to learn more about today's modern fire fighting technologies.

🔥 On October 11th, from 11 to 2 p.m., the Fire Department will be at The View main parking lot to promote fire prevention and to display the fire trucks.

🔥 They held an “Open House” at the headquarters station at 7005 Highgrove Rd, on Saturday, October 4th. Families had a chance to take a tour, test their fire safety knowledge, watch safety cartoons and climb aboard the fire engines. There were free prizes for the kids and lots of friendly firefighters and paramedics demonstrated their equipment.

### COOKING FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

🔥 Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove.

🔥 Keep anything that can catch fire - potholders, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop.

🔥 Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

🔥 Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and catch fire.

🔥 Never use a wet oven mitt, as it presents a scald danger if the moisture in the mitt is heated.



*Some of the FD Staff with Chief Thacker (furthest on left)*

🔥 Always keep an oven mitt and lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan. Turn off the burner. Don't remove the lid until it is completely cool.

To learn more about fire prevention tips, the Fire Prevention Week and fast facts about home fires, go to <http://www.firepreventionweek.org>

### NEW AMBULANCE AND ASSISTANT CHIEF VEHICLE IN SERVICE - MORE TO COME

The Fire Department is upgrading its vehicles. A new ambulance and Assistant Chief vehicle were the first ones to arrive. This upcoming year, another ambulance, with the latest technology, and a fire pumper will be next.



# MEET THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:

## JO ANN IMMELE

Ask Jo Ann Immele any question about 23 historic homes in Grandview and she'll most likely know the answer. The houses are now on the National Registry of Residential Historic Districts thanks to her passion and commitment to preserve them. Jo Ann also played a key leadership role in refurbishing the old school building built in 1922 at 10th and Highgrove, which now houses the school district's main offices. She also has been an active leader for various community endeavors and some of them are:

- > Currently working on the Downtown Conservation Registry District.



- > One of the founders of the Grandview Farmer's Market at 8th and Main that began in 2005.
- > Member of the Historic Preservation Committee and Commission since 2000 and 2004 respectively.
- > Served on the Downtown Revitalization Committee to aid business owners and also played a key role in the addition of new parking lots downtown.

Asked what she most likes about Grandview, she responds: "I like the small-town atmosphere. Neighbors are actually neighbors and look out for each other". She and her husband of 34 years, Chris, have lived in the city for the past 22 years. They have two daughters: Sarah, who is 26, and Katie, who is 23. Both daughters are Grandview High School graduates and were involved in many school activities. The couple owns and resides in one of the 23 historic homes and are very proud of it. Jo Ann plans to stay there "the rest of my days".

The city has been selecting a Citizen of the Year since 1985 and the awardee is honored at the annual Missouri Municipal League Civic Leadership Awards in July each year. If you would like to nominate someone for next year's award, contact the City Clerk, Becky Schimmel at 316-4811.

## GRANDVIEW HISTORIC HOMES

Grandview has 23 homes on the National Registry of Residential Historic Districts thanks to the Grandview Historic Preservation Commission. After extensive research and preparation, the status was given in November of 2005 and design guidelines were established in October of 2007.

Any outside changes now have

*Two tudor style homes on Highgrove Rd*



to come before the Commission for approval. According to Jo Ann Immele, a Commission member, these "houses reflect the middle class of Grandview wanting high style homes". Most have large front porches, all have sidewalks out to the street and detached garages in the back. The homes have several building styles: tudor, craftsman, bungalow and colonial. They are located west of 71 Highway just east of old downtown. They were first homes to the owner of George Funeral home, a doc-

tor, a banker, a barber, the local judge, a former mayor of the City, Ms. Butcher and Ms. Greene and their families.

Mrs. Immele adds: "We must learn from our past, so our children will know how far we've really come".

For more details, you can contact Doug Wyatt at 316-4822.

*A colonial style home (below) and a bungalow (top) on 10th Street*



# GRANDVIEW

## PRIDE



Lt. Christopher Hanes knew something was wrong when he stepped into a bakery in Mosul, Iraq to check on an informant's

tip about suspicious activities. The oven was unused and a large concrete bin was full of dirt that the two employees claimed was used to cool cakes. With diligence, Hanes and his soldiers found the entrance to a 50-foot tunnel heading straight for the nearby provincial government headquarters. The U.S. military believes insurgents planned to tunnel underneath the compound's blast walls and blow up the headquarters building. With 250-300 Iraqis working in the governor's office and perhaps hundreds more there for business, casualties from such a blast could have been catastrophic.

Hanes graduated from Grandview High School in 2002 with a 4-year Reserve Officer Training Corp scholarship to the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. He graduated in 06 with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Military Science. Hanes then was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Army. He completed his Armor Officer Basic

course in Fort Knox, Kentucky, third in his class. Shortly after, he was assigned to the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment in Ft. Hood, Texas. He was deployed to Iraq last November and came back home last February for 18 days to rest and recuperate.

Hanes married his high school sweetheart, Julie Bergkuist, in May of 07. Julie is a civil engineer for HNTB Federal Services Corporation in Kansas City and is on temporary assignment in Louisiana helping the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with the rebuilding effort following Hurricane Katrina. She lives in Grandview, but will move to Ft. Hood once her husband is back. Lt. Hanes has a 7-year active duty commitment.



Above left: Lt. Hanes in Iraq. Right: He and Julie on their wedding day.

Lt. Hanes' mom and step-dad, Mary and Bob Everitt, are also Grandview residents and very proud of him. "He is humble. He doesn't think he did anything more than his job" Mary says.

Chris is currently assigned as a Scout Platoon Leader and he is expected to return in February of 2009.

## DID YOU KNOW...

The Grandview C-4 School District offers the Parents as Teachers Program.

Parents as Teachers is a voluntary early-learning program for parents with children birth to kindergarten age.

It is based on the belief that parents are their child's first and most important teachers. The goal of Parents As Teachers is to help all parents give their children the best possible start in life.

For more information and to enroll, please call 816-316-5217.

### GREEN TIP



### Turn Down the Heat!

According to the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy, by turning your home's heating down by 2 degrees in the winter, you can save around 900 lbs of carbon dioxide emissions each year.

### 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](mailto:suggestions@ci.grandview.mo.us)

# Upcoming Events

## COMMUNITY FLU SHOTS

The View Community Center  
Thursday, October 2nd, from 9 to 11a.m.  
Monday, October 20th, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
Call for more information - 316-4888

## KANSAS CITY ABILITY DAY

The View Community Center  
Saturday, October 26th from 1 to 4 p.m.  
Learn what Kansas City agencies & organizations  
can do for individuals and families living with disabilities

## BOO AT THE VIEW

Friday, October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Ages birth to 12 with parent/guardian. Prices per child: \$4 mem-  
bers, \$5 non-members and \$6 non-residents and at door

## SENIOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

The View Community Center - Ages 55 and older  
Thursday, November 20th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
Pre-registration required

## DROP AND GO SHOP

The View Community Center - Ages 3 to 12 years.  
Friday, November 28 from 9a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Members \$15, Non-members \$20 and non-residents \$22  
Pre-registration required

## MAYOR'S TREE LIGHTING

City Hall - Thursday, December 4th at 8p.m.  
Donations accepted to benefit Grandview Assistance Program

## SR. HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Ages 55 and older - Tuesday, December 9th from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Call for more info - 316-4888

## FAMILY HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

For all families - Friday, December 12th from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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# CITY OF GRANDVIEW Directory of City Officials

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Steve Dennis, Ward I Alderman  
Debra McKinstry, Ward II Alderman  
Joseph E. Runions, Jr., Ward II Alderman  
James N. Crain, Ward III Alderman  
Anthony Preyer, 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  
Development  
Deb Angell, Director of Human Resources  
Larry Dickey, Police Chief  
Chuck Thacker, Fire Chief  
Larry Creek, 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 Comission  
meetings)

Board of Aldermen regular meetings are held the  
second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7p.m.

Board of Aldermen work sessions are on the first and  
third Tuesdays at 7p.m.

Parks and Recreation Comission 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  
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FAX (816) 763-3902  
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