

# GRANDVIEW



## HOT FUN IN THE SUMMER TIME

*Clockwise from top left: Cooling off at Medowmere pool, bikers at Blue River Trail, Boys at Freedom Park and Mapleview Park.*

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# Bringing New Life

## *to Downtown Grandview*



**Downtown** areas are one measure of a city's economic vitality. Leaders in large and small cities across America continuously work to revitalize downtowns to help maintain the economic vitality and quality of life. City leaders face barriers in their efforts including deteriorating buildings, changing economic and social trends, and budget shortfalls. Despite these barriers, efforts are under way to revitalize Downtown Grandview. Community leaders are at the forefront of this effort.

### *Valuing Economic Growth and Development*

One of these new transformations is already taking place on the corner of 8th and Main: IHOP-KC, the International House of Prayer, has purchased the former school district building and will convert it into a music academy that will bring hundreds of students from all over the world. Classes will be starting in August and Gary Cooper, a retired real estate attorney and the Chief Financial Officer of IHOP, envisions a tremendous impact in the area. Cooper has resided in Grandview for the past five years, and he says he has already witnessed positive changes in the city.

### *IHOP's Impact*

As citizens of Grandview, you may be wondering what to expect in the fall months regarding the increasing traffic Downtown. The opening of IHOP's Music Academy will bring a new customer base for businesses, and Gary Cooper believes that the increase in population will bring positive changes for the businesses and residents of Grandview.

"Grandview is going to get filled up with retail; our economic impact is going to help revive Grandview. It will be an historic revival of life and energy," predicts Cooper.

Cooper wants to help erase the stigma that Grandview is an overlooked community that has passed its time. "The people of Grandview need to promote their community and show surrounding communities that they have a sense of local pride and citizenship," Cooper suggested.

Cooper is a good example of a citizen who lives in the community and shops locally. "We are telling our people to support Grandview. It's our home. It's a great place to live," commented Cooper.

### *Family Businesses Make a Difference*

The Hard Bean Café offers citizens a place to hang out and develop a sense of community according to owners

Rebecca Wills and her mother Cheryl. The Wills family has lived in Grandview for the past 13 years, and they find the location an ideal spot for commerce: "I think that there are a lot of positive things coming this way, and I think that the city government is ready to make changes," Rebecca Wills stated.

The Hard Bean Café is anticipating additional customers from the Music Academy and is offering specials such as the "Cappy Hour" Mondays through Thursdays which provides special Espresso drinks at half price. They also have an "Early Bird" special from 6-8am on Mondays through Fridays.

The Wills' business is helping to increase regular traffic to the Downtown area, and they are increasing the awareness that there are fun things to do Downtown.

"A lot of networking happens here," Rebecca stated. She and her mother noted the importance of providing a comfortable atmosphere for people. "Americans are desperate for a sense of community," Cheryl commented.

Rebecca and Cheryl suggested that citizens of



Grandview can help to expand the Downtown by finding ways to belong in the community and by shopping in Grandview. “My vision of a thriving Downtown is a lot of retail shops where people can feel comfortable walking down the streets and saying hello to other people and walking in and out of shops,” Cheryl said.



The Hard Bean Café is doing its best to provide a service that benefits Grandview by increasing Grandview Pride. Among several activities, they offer a local art program featuring local artists two months at a time and a community youth writing club.

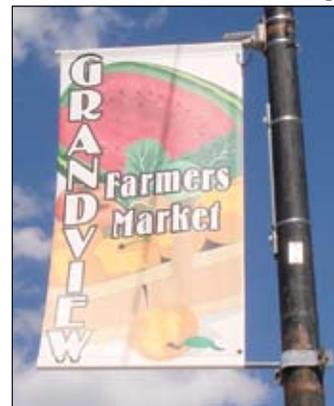
New owners like Kip Unruh have bought and remodeled old buildings in the Downtown to provide new office space and loft apartments. Others, like Maria Debo of Marmed Travel and Kathy Meyers of Meyers Grandview Real Estate, have spent countless hours promoting positive changes and amenities. Still others, like Main Street Inn, a landmark dining establishment for many years in the Downtown, have added attractive new storefronts. Meanwhile, the Farmer’s Market, offering fresh produce and other items, has now been operating at 8th and Main for the past few summers. In recent months a new shop, The Potter’s Hand, has located in the area adjacent to longtime favorite, Show Me Model Railroad Co., where people from as far away as Montana come to shop.



a three phase project to enhance the Main Street corridor from US 71 west to the Kansas City Southern railroad crossing. Phase I improvements include two-lane traffic from Grandview Road to 5th Street, on-street angled parking and pedestrian level lighting. The goal for this phase is to create a pedestrian-friendly downtown that preserves existing development patterns and historical character.



Phase II, which still needs to be funded, also includes the creation of two-lane traffic from Grandview Road to 13th Street, on-street parallel parking, street trees, and a linear park with pedestrian and bicycle trail. Phase II aims to continue the pedestrian friendly enhancements of Phase I while providing an open public gathering area at City Hall.



### *City Efforts in Recent Years*

Over the past eight years, the city has been involved in several efforts to improve the Downtown. These include a cooperative relationship with the downtown business community and creation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for downtown to return taxes from new investment in the area to finance other needs and amenities. City staff applied for and received a federal grant for \$300,000 to construct parking lots in the Downtown, and the city subsequently spent over \$820,000 to buy properties, demolish an old warehouse, and build parking lots for well over 100 cars. In the process, it bought and sold the historic Jones Lumber building, which has now been restored to provide an office adjacent to the main parking lot.

### *Future City Initiatives: Main Street Corridor Plan*

The City of Grandview is focused on helping Downtown businesses succeed. By 2010, the City will begin to implement the Grandview Main Street Corridor Plan,

Phase III upgrades, also currently unfunded, would be comprised of four lane traffic from West Frontage Road to 13th Street, no on-street parking, street trees, landscaped median and right-of-way, a linear park with pedestrian and bike trail, and gateway features near the intersection of Main Street and West Frontage Road.

There are many signs of vitality and enthusiasm in the Downtown area today based on the efforts of many local people over the past several years. There is still much work to be done, but more support is needed from citizens to rebuild the former heart of the city. With a solid downtown, Grandview can strengthen its economy, add jobs, boost property values, and fill vacant spaces, while making it a fun and exciting place to be. ■

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# DIGITAL TELEVISION (DTV)

## WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE SWITCH?

- Those who have a digital tuner in their television or those with television sets connected to cable, satellite, or a telephone company television service will not be affected and will continue to receive programming after the switch.
- Analog television sets that receive their signal from an antenna and are not connected to a paid television service will need a DTV converter box to continue receiving a television signal after the date of the switch.

## HOW DO I MAKE THE SWITCH?

1. Purchase a DTV converter box.
2. Purchase a new television set with a built-in digital or Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) tuner.
3. Subscribe to cable, satellite, or a telephone company television service.

## WHAT IS A DTV CONVERTER BOX?

A DTV converter box is an electronic device that hooks to your analog television set and antenna and converts the digital television signal into analog so that you are able to view programs on your analog TV. Converter boxes are expected to cost between \$40 and \$70, but the Federal Government is providing coupons for DTV converter boxes to help with the costs of upgrading to digital.

By law, television stations nationwide must switch their broadcasting from analog to digital by **FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

## WHERE DO I GET MY COUPONS?

Households will be able to apply for up to two coupons, valued at \$40 each, which must be redeemed within 90 days. Call 1(888) DTV-2009 or 1(877) 530-2634 (TTY); visit <http://www.DTV2009.gov/ApplyCoupon.aspx>; or mail coupon applications to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208.

## CAN I KEEP MY ANALOG TV SET?

Yes. If you wish to continue using your analog TV set and receiving free, over-the-air television, then you must consider one of the following options:

1. Purchase a DTV converter box that will convert the new digital signal to the analog format.
2. Subscribe to a cable, satellite, or telephone company service provider to receive the new digital signal.

## IS HDTV THE SAME THING AS DTV?

No. HDTV is high definition television. HDTV is the highest quality format of DTV, but it is only one of several formats. Consumers who have high definition TV sets may receive HDTV for free using an antenna.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF DTV?

DTV is a more efficient way to broadcast, and it will free the airwaves for a variety of new services. DTV also provides crystal clear pictures and sound, more channels such as weather and all-traffic channels, and free over-the-air HDTV for consumers with HD television sets. DTV will also allow more services than ever before with free broadcast television.

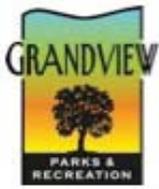
## did you know...

There is a recycling center near you that will buy Aluminum, Zinc, Copper, Brass, Lead and/or any other non-magnetic metal. As-Is Recycling is located at 5620 E. Hwy 150, just west of Hwy 71. It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 761-4473. What a great way to free up some space.

## GREEN TIP

When running the kitchen faucet waiting for hot water to reach the tap, stick an empty milk bottle under it rather than letting the water run down the drain. Then, use the water you've collected to fill the dog bowl and water your plants.





**GRANDVIEW RESIDENTS  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!**



**Special Election: Tuesday, August 5, 2008**

**No Tax Increase — Bond Issue**

The citizens of Grandview responded to a City Survey by indicating the changes they would like to see in the City parks. The bond issue is being proposed in order to fund these additions to the parks over the next five years without requiring a tax increase. The proposed improvements include a feasibility study for new Athletic Fields, a Citywide Trails Design, and the following Parks' Improvements that the Board of Aldermen has pledged will be made with voter approval of the bond issue:

Park Improvements	Park Names										
	John Anderson Park	Mapleview Park	Meadowmere Park	Little Corner Park	Southview Park	Terrace Park	River Oaks South Park	Bobcat Park	Valley Park	Belvidere Park	Freedom Park
New Spray Ground	X										
New Dog Park			X								
New Playground	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	
3 New Park Shelters	X		X								
New Restroom Facility	X	X	X		X		X		X		X
Improved Parking/Access	X	X	X		X		X		X		
New Park Shelter		X			X		X		X		
New Play Equipment				X				X			
Benches				X				X			
Trees				X				X			
Landscaping											X
Upgrade to Existing Trails	X	X	X				X			X	

**WHAT WILL I SEE ON THE BALLOT?**

- The term "No-Tax-Increase" is not allowed by state statute to appear on the ballot. Therefore, the following text is what will be stated on the ballot:

**Shall the City of Grandview, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$7,550,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, renovating, equipping, repairing, and improving facilities for the City's parks and recreation system and public works facilities?**

- YES
- NO

Information at Glance ...

What? A special election will take place asking residents to decide whether a bond issue should be approved in order to make improvements to the City's parks.

When? The election will take place on August 5, 2008.

Why? To improve the infrastructure in Grandview's parks and construct a new combined facility for public works and parks maintenance operations.

Where? Changes are proposed for John Anderson Park, Mapleview Park, Meadowmere Park, Southview Park, Terrace Park, River Oaks South Park, Valley Park, Belvidere Park, Freedom Park, Little Corner Park, and Bobcat Park.

Who? Volunteers participated in various focus groups and the city conducted a survey to find out what Grandview residents want to see in the City's parks. The proposed projects address the first phase of projects suggested by the citizens.

# Upcoming Events

## **BOND ELECTION FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS Tuesday, August 5th**

### **JAZZ BLAST**

**Saturday, September 6th**

3:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Downtown Main Street in front  
of City Hall —1200 Main Street  
Free General Admission

### **FARMER'S MARKET**

**June 7 through October**

Saturdays 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesdays 3-7 p.m.

8th and Main Street

Vendors Contact Johnna Welch at 405-5561

### **OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE PARK**

Friday, July 25th ("Happy Feet") at 9 p.m.

Friday, August 22nd ("High School Musical II") at 9 p.m.

Meadowmere Park

No glass or alcohol allowed

### **MEADOWMERE POOL DIVING COMPETITION**

**Saturday, August 9th at 4pm**

Categories are: Biggest Splash Cannon Ball, Smallest Splash Dive  
and Most Creative Dive.

Winners will receive rewards from the concession stand.

### **MOON DOGGIE POOL PARTY**

**Saturday, September 6th**

2 to 4 p.m.

Advanced fee is \$5 per dog or \$7 at the gate

Limit is two dogs per person

### **FAMILY FIESTAS AT MEADOWMERE POOL**

Friday, July 18th & August 15th — After 5 p.m.

Families will receive half price admission and concessions.

Aquatics staff will offer fun and interactive games, challenges  
and prizes

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## **CITY OF GRANDVIEW Directory of City Officials**

Robert M. Beckers, Mayor  
Leonard D. Jones, Jr., Ward I Alderman  
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  
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  
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.

Planning Commission meetings are the first  
Wednesday of each month 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  
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Grandview, MO 64030  
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