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GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



It's spring at last

Clockwise from top: Harry's Hay Days Parade, Arbor Day, Freedom Park behind City Hall on 15th Street and Easter Egg Hunt. See page 6 for dates and times of events.

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Don't Miss Spring Cleanup Events and Activities!

ANNUAL CITYWIDE SPRING CLEANUP

The City will once again sponsor a citywide cleanup, offering residents and businesses the opportunity to drop off items they wish to dispose of, including yard debris, at the Public Works Maintenance facility at 139th Street and Winchester Avenue. It will be held the first four Saturdays in April from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for \$12 per vehicle. Proof of residency or ownership will be required. Call 316-4856 for more information on what types of items may be dropped off.

such as household cleaners, lawn and garden products, automotive fluids, paints and paint-related products are considered hazardous. There is a fee for dropping off hazardous waste at these sites, but Grandview residents will be reimbursed up to \$50.00 once per year if they present the original disposal receipt to the Public Works Department at City Hall, 1200 Main Street. Items not accepted at the two sites are: explosives, medical waste, tires, asbestos, pressurized gas cylinders, yard waste, and garbage.

For questions, call 316-4856.

TRASH BUSTERS

Individuals and/or organizations have the opportunity with this program to earn money while improving the appearance of the City. The City will pay \$5 per bag of trash collected along the highway.

Orange safety vests, pick-up sticks, and trash bags are provided by the City. Full bags must be placed along the roadside that has been cleaned and will be picked up by Public Works employees. Call 316-4856 for additional information on this trash reduction program.

YARD DEBRIS DROP-OFF SITE

Grandview residents may drop off their yard debris (leaves and branches under 12" in diameter, but no grass clippings), at I-470 and Raytown Road, by purchasing a \$10 voucher (one per vehicle) at City Hall. The site is open mid-March through mid-January, on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. For questions, call 316-4817.

BUILDING PRESERVATION CODES

Peeling paint or gutters and roofs in disrepair are among the code violations cited by the Building Services Division. Be sure to keep all buildings and home exteriors up to code to avoid violation notices or citations. Building permits are required for the installation of all utility sheds, yard buildings, storage sheds, etc. Swimming pools capable of holding water over 24 inches in depth also require a building permit and must have a four-foot fence around them with a self-latching gate.

RECYLING

Search at www.recyclespot.org or call 816-474-TEAM for your one-stop source for recycling information. They will tell you the numerous items you can drop off, including grass clippings, aerosol cans, batteries, appliances, motor oil, and even cell phones. ■

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Residents must schedule an appointment with one of the disposal sites to dispose of hazardous waste properly — Kansas City (784-2080) or Lee's Summit (969-7516). Products



www.recyclespot.org is a service of the MARC Solid Waste Management District, funded in part by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

*Rates as Low as 6.99% APR**

First Suburbs Home Equity Program

The City of Grandview, Mid-America Regional Council's First Suburbs Coalition and CommunityAmerica Credit Union have partnered to provide low-interest, fixed-rate home equity loans designed to fund the remodeling and modernization of qualified homes in Grandview this year.

More than half the homes in first suburbs were built in the post-WWII era, and many of these homes are now functionally out of date. Often, they have small closets, one-car garages, no master suite and too few bathrooms. And while residents may love their neighborhoods, it's sometimes difficult for the housing stock to compete with new construction in outlying suburbs. So we must continue to remodel and modernize our existing housing stock to attract and retain residents.

Loans provided through the program may offer **"fixed-interest rates" as low as 6.99% APR, with terms of 10 years or less and loan amounts up to \$30,000.***

So go ahead, let your mind drift to that kitchen you've always wanted, the new master suite or that extra bathroom that will add convenience and value. Your dream home is closer than you think. The First Suburbs Coalition's Idea Book contains plans, drawings and suggestions for the best ways to make your home in the first suburbs as attractive, comfortable and valuable as possible.



With help from The First Suburbs Coalition home equity loan program, homeowners can now add rooms to their homes much like this home at 13614 Cyress in Grandview, where a back room and deck were added.

If you're interested in applying or have questions regarding the lending process, please contact CommunityAmerica at 913-905-6629. Funds are limited, so apply now!

The Web page on the program is now ready for you to use! The link is <http://www.marc.org/firstsuburbs/loanprogram.htm> from the First Suburbs Coalition home page, www.marc.org/firstsuburbs, in the upper right-hand corner. ■

*APR=Annual Percentage Rate. Rates are subject to change with Prime and are based on applicant credit. Actual rate may vary. Minimum loan amount \$5,000, maximum loan amount capped at \$30,000. Tax assessed value of home may not exceed \$200,000. Minimum and maximum loan amounts, and tax assessed value restriction set by First Suburbs Coalition. Applicant pays for mortgage tax (in KS \$2.60 per \$1,000). Homeowners insurance required.

**Consult your tax advisor regarding deductibility of interest.



City Seeks Citizens' Opinions

POOL SURVEY

The City of Grandview recently sent out through the mail an estimated 1,500 surveys to citizens. The surveys are part of an effort to make decisions regarding possible outdoor pool renovations or construction of a new pool for the City.

If you have received one of these surveys, City officials urge you to respond no later than mid-April in order to have results compiled and a report submitted to assist in the decision process. The survey is being conducted by the ETC Institute. ■



Bike

SEASON IS COMING

With warm weather on the way, children and adults will soon be enjoying bike rides in the parks and neighborhoods of Grandview.

The Police Department has some recommendations and safety tips for cyclists.

● **KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR BIKE.** Write down the make, model, serial number and appearance in case your bike is stolen or misplaced, and take a picture of the bike with the bike's owner. You will need one of these records to report and claim a stolen bike.

● **REPORT THE LOSS OF YOUR BIKE.** The Grandview Police Department is open 24 hours a day, and you may come in person to make a report, or you may call 816-316-4980.

Remember to bring one of the records mentioned above.

● **WHEN BIKES ARE RECOVERED.** If a match is found between the police report and a recovered bike, the Police Department will attempt to contact the

owner by telephone and/or by letter. You may also request by phone or in person that the police database be searched for possible matches. You may contact the property room Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 816-316-4928.

● **HOW TO CLAIM YOUR BIKE.** A valid driver's license or state ID card and proof of ownership will be required in order to release the bike to you. Proof of ownership includes a receipt of the purchase, the serial number or registration, or a photo of the owner with the bike. ■

Remember bicycle riders are subject to the same traffic laws as vehicles —

- **Keep right**
- **Obey traffic signs**
- **Be courteous**

WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Bicycle Safety

- Children don't have the skills to handle traffic safely until at least age ten.
- Bicycles are vehicles. Children should not ride bicycles in the road until they fully understand traffic rules and show they can follow them.
- Children can be hurt riding on or off the road. Many children who are killed in bicycle crashes are 7 to 12 years old. The most serious injuries children suffer while biking are head and brain injuries, which can cause death or lifelong disabilities.
- Children are not small adults!
- They often act before thinking and may not do what parents or drivers expect.

- They assume that if they see the driver, the driver sees them.
- They can't judge speed and they think cars can stop instantly.
- They are shorter than adults and can't see over cars, bushes, and other objects.
- Find places away from streets, driveways and parking lots, such as fenced yards, parks, or playgrounds. The Longview Park trail (starting at 138th and Byars) is ideal for biking!
- Wearing a bicycle helmet is the most important way for your child to be safe, so choose a helmet that meets current safety standards: the fit is snug, the upper part of the forehead is covered, and the chin strap is adjusted tightly.



Over the summer months, the Public Works Department will be doing street repairs. Asphalt overlay will start in June and end in mid-July. Slurry Seal, which closes the street for one day, will start in July and end in August.

Streets to be Resurfaced in the Upcoming Months

ASPHALT OVERLAY STREET RESURFACING

| STREET | FROM | TO |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| E. 138th St. | Botts Rd. | Cul de Sac West |
| E. 139th St. | Byars Rd. | Dead End East |
| E. 155th St. | 2200' East of E. Front. Rd. | Oil Creek Bridge |
| Byars Rd. | Harry Truman Dr. | 150' South of 126th |
| Byars Rd. | Little Blue Bridge | Hwy. 150 Right-of-Way |
| White Ave | E. 147th St. | E. 153rd St. |

SLURRY SEAL COATING THAT PRESERVES STREETS

| STREET | FROM | TO |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| E. 119th Terr. | Beacon Ave. | Dead End West of Belmont |
| E. 126th St. | Thirteenth St. | Fifteenth St. |
| E. 129th Place | Beacon St. | E. 129th St. |
| E. 132nd Terr. | Byars Rd. | Overhill Ave |
| E. 133rd St. | West Frontage Rd. | Grandview Rd. |
| E. 133rd Terr. | Winchester Ave. | Dead End West of Craig |
| E. 134th St. | Park Hills Dr. | Donnelly Ave. |
| E. 137th Terr. | Parker Ave. | 160' West of Lowell |
| E. 138th St. | Applewood Dr. | Lowell Ave. |
| E. 140th Place | E. 140th St. | Winchester Ave. |
| E. 140th St. | El Rancho Rd. | Dead End West of El Rancho |
| Applewood Dr. | E. 137th Terr. | E. 138th St. |
| Askew Dr. | Valley Brook Dr. | Jackson Ave. |
| Eastern Ave. | E. 132nd St. | E. 133rd Terr. |
| Eleventh St. | Highgrove Rd. | E. 133rd St. |
| Manchester Ave. | E. 119th Terr. | E. 120th St. |
| Overhill Ave. | E. 127th Place | E. 128th St. |
| Spring Dr. | E. 137th St. | Spring St. |

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

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

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Bennington Ave. | 13406 |
| Byars Rd. | S of 139th St |
| Corrington Ave. | 13101 |
| Corrington Ave. | 13103 |
| Eastern Ave. | 13205 |
| Eastern Ave. | 13207 |
| Eastern Ave. | 13209 |
| Eastern Ave. | 13211 |
| Eastern Ave. | 13215 |
| Fountain Lake Dr. | 12615 |
| Grandview Rd. | 12416 Blue Ridge |
| Southview Dr. | 7900 |
| Southview Dr. | 7902 |
| Southview Dr. | 7904 |
| Sycamore Ave. | 12600 |
| Wilshire Circle | 14413 |
| Wilshire Circle | 14501 |
| Wilshire Circle | 14503 |
| Wilshire Circle | 14505 |
| Wilshire Circle | 14506 La Quinta |
| E. 129th St. | 6800 |
| E. 129th St. | 6804 |
| E. 129th St. | 6808 |
| E. 133rd St. | 6405 |

Upcoming Events

PETS HELPING PEOPLE April 21st

The popular annual rabies vaccination program for dogs and cats will be held at Conn-West Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the reduced cost of \$5 per animal. Proceeds from the event will help support the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP), the community's local charitable organization. Call 316-4817 for more information on other services offered at the event.



ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION Friday, April 6th

Meadowmere Park Tree Grove North of The View
10:30 a.m. — Free

EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, March 31st

Meadowmere Park
Ages 2-10 (must be accompanied by an adult)
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. — Free

HARRY'S HAY DAYS May 19th

1200 Main Street
Parade starts at 10 a.m.

FARMER'S MARKET Saturdays—June 9th through October 13th

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
8th and Main Street
Vendors may contact Johnna Welch at 405-5561.

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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 7:30 p.m.

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

Planning Commission meetings are the fourth 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

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