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GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



Main Street Phase II
Corridor - Completed

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“Starting The Next Century”

Well we made it through a tough, hot summer, with thermometers breaking all over the heartland. My yard “took it on the chin” with so little rainfall, but I’m hoping to get it restarted this fall. But, as usual, I have so enjoyed sitting with my wife on our front porch and talking with our neighbors from the comfort of our rocking chairs. You can sure tell a lot about a community from just chatting with the neighbors.

Besides the hot weather, Grandview has really enjoyed an historic 100th Birthday Year! I’m not sure how many of our celebration events you got to take part in, but there was certainly no shortage of opportunities to have some fun this year.

We started with our “100 Year Birthday Party” in February. Seeing what an impact our town has had in its first century on the rest of the world was awe-inspiring.

In May, we set the standard for future city celebrations with the first annual “Truman Heritage Festival”. We have already received tons of requests from vendors and music groups who heard about the fun we had this year, and they want to join us next May. And I just got word that our Parade this year was the second-largest in the entire state of Missouri, and it’s sure to get bigger next year.

Grandview Day at “The K” in June was a huge success as well. We had almost 600 Grandview faithful come

out to celebrate Grandview and cheer on the Royals. But we weren’t too successful with bringing luck to the “Boys In Blue”.

And if you missed this year’s “Music On Main” in September, then shame on you. We couldn’t have asked for prettier weather, better music, more tasty food, and great friends getting together to celebrate real “community”. It was just picturesque! My family and I were sitting in the middle of Main Street in our lawn chairs, enjoying the evening, and feeling like we were in the middle of a Norman Rockwell painting. It was “small town” America at its best.

Well folks, are you ready to join with me to improve upon the success of the first century, and really make some history in our next 100 years? There’s just so much to be excited about! Our home town is really starting to gain some energy.

I know we’ve been talking about it for a number of months now, but, after all the paperwork gets signed, we’re just about ready to start knocking down buildings and start the redevelopment of Truman Corners. From what I understand, it’s going to have a new name: “Truman’s MarketPlace”, with the sub-title “Shopping & Dining District”. And it looks to be getting a lot of attention from the nationally-known retail establishments and restaurants. And I am working, on another front, to build on the site of the new center, a

Military Memorial & Celebration of Freedom Clock Tower that should be something special to have in our city. I couldn’t be more excited!

Don’t forget about the big “change-over” that happens in December.... the changing of our old “71 Highway” over to “Interstate 49”. Believe it or not, that really does make a positive difference in Improvement and Maintenance Funding for the newly-named Interstate.

Main Street continues to transform, as we march our improvements eastward toward that Interstate. I have heard so many positive reviews from our citizens about the new look that our downtown has with its new Street Lights, Winding Sidewalks, Pedestrian Seating, Street Clock, and.... of course, our new Archway over Main Street. It has been so much fun watching some of our early conceptual drawings “come to life” with the completion of each new phase of Main Street improvements.

We’re about to start the next phase on Main Street, from 13th to 15th Street, but, even more exciting to me, is the construction of our new Farmers’ Market / Community Gathering Park at 8th & Main Street. If you haven’t seen the Concept Drawings, I think you’re going to be impressed when you see the finished product next spring.

And, just as a “teaser”, there are two other extremely large developments



Mayor Dennis

that are in the “talking phase”, and if they come about, they will add SIGNIFICANTLY to the excitement already started in our city. I’ll keep you posted if they start to “take off”.

With all the improvements within the School District, the opening of our new Parks & Recreation / Public Works Building, the finishing of the work on 150 Highway, the multiple expansions of existing businesses and residential communities, combined with all the other things happening in Grandview, you can clearly see that our city is starting to transform into a real “community”one that we can all be proud to call home.

Well, that’s all for now. I hope I was able to update you on all the goings-on in our beloved Grandview and encourage you just a little as what the present and the future might just look like. I still have another month or so of rocking in the chair on my front porch before it turns too cold. But, for now, I’m sure enjoying the weather...and the view...of our home town.

Steve

HWY 71 WILL BECOME I-49 ON DECEMBER 12

On December 12, U.S. 71, from Kansas City south to Joplin, will officially become Interstate 49.



Officials with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) say that the finishing touches, including changing all at-grade cross-

ings to overpasses, will be complete by early November, and will be a big step forward in creating an all-interstate connection between Kansas City and New Orleans.

The interstate designation is expected to be an economic plus in Missouri, especially near the intermodal freight facility at the former Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base in south Kansas City.

The nearly \$64 million project – which was 80 percent paid for by the federal government using stimulus dollars – will stretch southwards from the current U.S. 71 – I-435 interchange in south Kansas City. The Bruce R. Watkins Drive through Kansas City is not part of the project, and will remain unchanged.

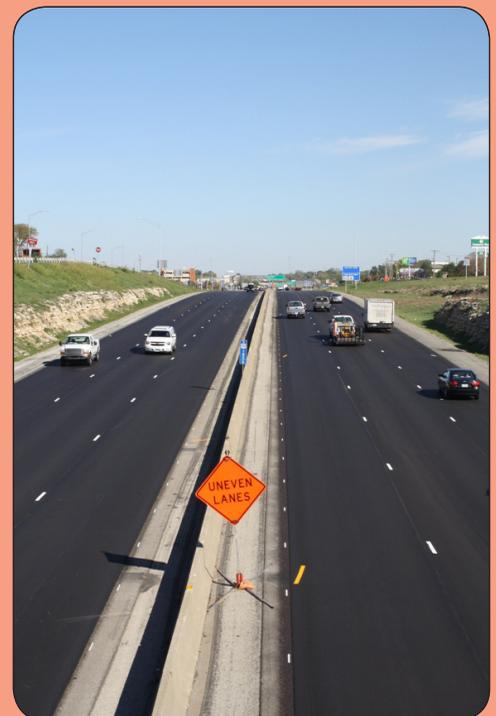
Because of a class-action agreement between the state and local residents along Bruce R. Watkins Drive, the state and city are forbidden from turning the roadway - which was a long-time source of controversy in the surrounding neighborhoods both before and during construction - into an interstate or restricted-access highway without a court order.

The I-49 project will end at Pineville, Missouri – just north of the Arkansas border. According to the *Kansas City Star*, officials in Arkansas are struggling to find funds to complete the interstate through a 180-mile stretch of the Ouachita Mountains.

The cost of completing the project in Arkansas – and thus completing an uninterrupted interstate path from New Orleans to the Canadian border via I-29 – is estimated at \$3 billion dollars, the *Star* reports.

Not including local interstates 435, 635 and 470, the completion of I-49 will give the metro area four major interstate routes with I-70, I-35 and I-29.

MoDOT is planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in the early afternoon of December 12, 2012, at the intersection of Hwy 150 to officially celebrate the change.



2013 BUDGET SNAPSHOT

The highlights of the 2013 budget*, along with its significant capital funds, are listed on the tables below.

The General Fund revenues, which are comprised of various taxes, service charges, licenses and permits, court fines, etc., are estimated to total \$14,523,584. On the expenditure side, personal service costs are estimated to be nearly 76 percent of the total General Fund budget. Due to increases in employee health care and pension costs for the past few years, the City is now projected to spend one out of every 8.7 general fund dollars on employee health care and pension costs – or 11.4 percent of the total General Fund budget. The remaining 24 percent accounts for things like street lighting, prisoner detention, legal services, special services, vehicle and other maintenance, street maintenance, other insurance costs, office supplies, training, IT and phone expenses, utilities, uniforms, gasoline and a variety of other items.

The City is competing in a global economy that is, to say the least, not too healthy at the present time. But the General Fund budget, along with special taxes, such as the half-cent sales taxes for capital improvements and transportation, will allow the City to provide for financial viability, preservation of infrastructure, a productive and efficient workforce, and competitiveness. The significance of these other funds cannot be overemphasized, particularly since General Fund revenues can no longer support capital expenditures for equipment replacement, vehicles, or other capital items.

City department heads have done an excellent job of looking for savings and efficiencies, reining in costs, and keeping operations intact with fewer people than in past years. Many employees have provided meaningful cost-savings ideas as well, so the City can continue to provide quality services over the next year.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES TAX HIGHLIGHTS	
Ambulance replacement	\$279,000
Police package vehicles	\$ 175,000
Public Works vehicle replacement	\$120,000
Annual storm drainage improvements	\$100,000
Annual concrete channel repair program	75,000
Annual sidewalk construction program	50,000
Traffic signal upgrades	40,000
Road weather monitoring system	30,000

2009 PARK BOND IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Valley Park – expansion, walking, bridge, shelter, restroom, playground, entrance	\$1,137,500
Southview Park – shelter, restroom, playground	\$185,000
Freedom Park – landscaping, restroom	\$192,000

TRANSPORTATION SALES TAX ITEMS	
CONSTRUCTION	
Main Street Corridor – Phase III	\$1,500,000
New curb construction	\$50,000
MAINTENANCE	
Annual street overlay program	\$375,000
Annual slurry seal program	\$65,000
Annual sidewalk and curb repair	\$65,000

PARK LEVY FUND ITEMS	
Field equipment	\$100,000
Swimming pool modifications	\$50,000
Vehicle replacement	\$58,000
Picnic/shelter improvements	\$18,500
Playgrounds	\$15,000
Landscaping	\$25,000
Drives/lots/trails	\$18,000

* The FY 2013 budget started October 1, 2012

Grandview Police Department Attracts International Attention as Other Police Agencies Come Here to Learn

Police force agencies across the globe have a heightened awareness of violence in schools because of the highly publicized outbreaks in recent years, including Columbine, Colorado, Oakland, California, and Chardon, Ohio. According to *Indicators of School Crime and Safety 2000*, students ages 12 through 18 were victims of more than 2.7 million crimes committed at schools in 1998.

Grandview implemented its School Resource Officer (SRO) program ten years ago. The City hires the officers, but the majority of the funding for the SRO program comes from the Grandview School District since they are assigned throughout the school year. Police officers receive special training from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) – a not-for-profit organization for school based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security/safety professionals who work in partnership to protect students, school faculty and staff in the schools they attend.

The success of Grandview's SRO program attracted an international visit this summer by four police officers from the Philippines, who shadowed and learned from our officers for one week.

The international visit was coordinated in partnership with the Department of Justice, which had a vested interest in the Philippine National Police Officers attending this advanced training in the United States, and specifically in Grandview, MO.

In addition to helping train officers from Asia, Grandview also hosted Western European guests from the Czech Republic this summer. They came to Grandview to learn the tactics and techniques that Grandview's SWAT teams use to resolve special situations. In return, the Czech officers

also shared new self-defense tactics that are relatively unknown here in the U.S.

Deputy Chief Dean Hutson of the Grandview Police Department was instrumental in prompting the visits from both countries. Hutson is also a Lieutenant-Colonel in the US Army, who has been deployed several times during the past 20 years to serve our country all across the globe. During his international tours, Hutson has generated numerous overseas contacts and relationships, according to Police Chief Charles Iseman.

This October, Hutson will be in Paris to offer instruction on active shooter training and will also appear on their top morning news program, one which is equivalent to our Today Show here in the states.

Together, these constituted a great honor and compliment to Grandview, according to Chief Iseman, who said he knows of no other city in the area that hosted even one international police officer visit, let alone two.



From left: Detective Gilbert, Phillipines Officer Mary Jane Perez, Grandview Sergeant Graff, Phillipines Officers Marlene Galvez, Joseph Jalon, and Benhar Asaddi

ALSO, CRIME IN GRANDVIEW IS DOWN FOR A THIRD YEAR

Crime in Grandview is down again this year. During the first six months of 2012, violent crimes were down 6.1%, indexed crimes were down 11.2%, police calls were 6% lower, traffic citations fell 2.3%, traffic accidents were down 4.4%, and DUI arrests dropped 18.5%. The most recent homicide occurred over three years ago.

In addition, Grandview crime decreased by 42% in targeted areas through its data-driven approach to crime program (DDACTS). Burglaries are down 50% in these areas; larcenies are down 32%; and auto crashes are down 42%.

CITY of GRANDVIEW



2012 FALL CLEAN-UP

**October 27
November 3 & 17**
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m
Grandview Ball Park
13200 Arrington Road

**\$12 PER VEHICLE
PER LOAD**

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS ACCEPTED AT DISPOSAL SITE :

- Appliances
- Furniture
- Carpeting
- Scrap Metal
- Scrap Building Material
- Porcelain Items (sinks, toilets, tubs)
- Small Mechanical Equipment

We'll Collect Electronics as well at **NO EXTRA CHARGE!!!**

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

Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 316-4856

TOUCH THE TRUCKS



**New Public Works Facility
Open House (7000 139th Street)
Saturday, October 27th
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**THIS IS A
FREE
EVENT**

Put your imagination in gear and go!
Join us for our new **Public Works facility Open House** where kids get a chance to get behind the wheel and explore several of your favorite City vehicles, including **Ambulances, Fire Engines, Police Cars** and **Construction Trucks**

We'll be serving
**HOT DOGS
CHIPS
SOFT DRINKS**

*Don't miss this great opportunity to have some fun and Be part of this Exciting Event !
Plus, you can get a tour of our brand-new Public Works and Parks Maintenance Facility.
We hope to see you there!*

For questions, contact the Public Works department at 316-4856



Boo at 'The View'

Wed, Oct. 31

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

'The View' is located at
13500 Byars Road

Activities will include carnival style games, preschool hallway, trunk or treating, cupcake walk, costumes contests, halloween egg hunt, and concessions. Haunted Trail rides for \$2. Questions? Call the Parks & Rec. department at 316-4888



CELEBRATE THE POSITIVE PICTURE CONTEST WINNERS

On Tuesday, September 25, at the Board of Aldermen meeting, the City announced the three winners of the *Celebrate The Positive* Picture Perfect Contest and they are:

First Place (\$300): Amanda George-Teel, with a Truman Heritage Festival 2012 picture. And here's what she said about the photo: "What does "Pride" mean in



Grandview? I think everyone will agree with me when I say that Grandview's pride is our children. This picture proves that we know our children ARE our future."

Second Place (\$175): Charissa

Robertson, with a City Hall photo. And here is what she wrote about it: "City Hall is a beautiful building. The positive is that it has lots of things that help Grandview keep going strong. And there are positive things happening in this building, plus it has that little museum in it!"



Third Place (\$125) : Tom Gravenstreter, with a John Anderson Park Playground photo. And here is why he thought it was a positive: "I believe our parks are well-

kept and are going through some amazing upgrades. That's one of the things I am proud about Grandview."

We would like to congratulate all of the participants who entered the contest; we received many positive photos and, because of that, the judging panel decided to give "honorable mention" prizes (\$50 gift cards) to two other contestants:

Ricky MacDonald with a railroad sign photo, on which he wrote "So many towns that experience growth in



both population and economy tend to forget where they came from. To me, the Railroad Crossing post just outside of the Depot Museum speaks to that. I'm

proud to live in a community that not only remembers, but celebrates its past."

Heather Tittone was the other recipient, with a robin's nest photo. Her explanation was "I love Grandview! It's a great place to have a home! Even robins think so."



From left: Ricky MacDonald, Amanda George-Teel, Charissa Robertson and Heather Tittone. (Tom Gravenstreter was out of town due to work commitments)

DID YOU KNOW...

Grand Summit Apartments at Hwy 150 will be going through major expansions in the near future.

Phase 2 at Grand Summit Apartments, also known as the Fairways at Grand Summit, will ultimately add 456 additional apartment homes. When completed, the Grand Summit apartment development will contain 900 apartment homes, in addition to the 18-hole golf course.



Green Tip

Recycle! It is the easiest way to help preserve our environment! There's a recycling facility right here in our community. The JobOne recycling center is located at 4280 Main Street and it offers a 24/7 sort-your-own-recyclables area. Bring the kids to help, while teaching them to become Earth-friendly.

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

FALL CLEAN-UP

October 27, Nov. 3 & 17 - 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Grandview Ball Park - 13200 Arrington Rd.
Details inside

BOO AT THE VIEW

Wednesday, October 31, 5:30 - 7:30p.m.
The View - 13500 Byars Rd.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 6
Cast your vote for president, senator, governor,
secretary of state, state representative and more

TRIVIA NIGHT

Thursday, November 8, 6:00 p.m.
Grandview High School - 2300 High Grove Rd.
\$100 for a team of eight - All welcome
Benefits the Grandview Education Foundation
Call 316-5021 to register or for more info

SENIOR THANKSGIVING DINNER (AGES 55+)

Thursday, November 15, 6:00-7:30pm
The View - 13500 Byars Rd.
FREE - Bring dessert to share with at least 4
Limited seats - Register today! 316-4888
Co-sponsor: Grandview-Hickman Mills
Elks Lodge #2088

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 6, 6:45p.m.
City Hall - 1200 Main Street
School musical performances and more
FREE, but collections will be accepted for the
Grandview Assistance Program

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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
Eric Lucas, 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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