

# GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



From top left clockwise:  
Trash Busters,  
Harry's Hay Days,  
Spring tulips,  
Longview/  
Grandview  
walking/bike trail,  
Freedom Park.

## WELCOME SIGNS OF SPRING

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# Spring Items of Interest

■ **ANNUAL CITYWIDE SPRING CLEANUP** The City will once again sponsor a citywide cleanup, offering residents and businesses the opportunity to drop off their trash and 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.

■ **PETS HELPING PEOPLE** This popular rabies vaccination program for dogs and cats will be held May 13th 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. (See page 6 for more information on other services offered at the event.)

■ **STOP BY AND CHECK OUT THE NEW RED X STORE** This new location, which opened in February, is in the former K-Mart building along West Frontage



Road and 139th Street, in the shopping center now known as Grandview Crossing. The Grandview Red X offers produce, meats, a wide selection of wine, and a variety of grocery items.

■ **WALGREEN'S** A new store at Main Street and the West Frontage Road offers more than just drug store items, including many grocery and convenience items.

■ **GRAINGER** A new business selling wholesale construction supplies, is currently under construction at Grandview Crossing, located just east of Red X.

■ **CARHARTT** Another new retail business opening in the near future at Grandview Crossing will sell outerwear for construction, automotive businesses, and outdoorsmen/sportsmen.

## ■ **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 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 to earn money while improving the appearance of Grandview. 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 316-4819.

## ■ **LONGVIEW/GRANDVIEW BIKE TRAIL AND PARKS**

Get out and enjoy this walking and bike trail that begins across the street from Meadowmere Park along Byars Road and stretches for six miles, ending at the Longview Lake marina. And don't forget to reserve one of the shelter houses at one of Grandview's parks for a family picnic or reunion. Call 316-4888. ■



# Community Involvement

## IS A PRIORITY FOR NEW POLICE CHIEF

**H**e is most proud of graduating from the FBI Academy, but Richard Schurman, the new Chief of Police for Grandview, is also a very proud father and grandfather. Originally from Joplin, Missouri, where his grandchildren now live nearby, Schurman served in Joplin's Police Department from 1973 to 1998. He then moved to Colonial Heights, Virginia, where he served as Chief for eight years. But when he heard of Grandview's opening, the thought of moving closer to his young grandchildren motivated Schurman and his wife, Becky, to pursue and ultimately accept the position here.

Despite the fact that Grandview is almost twice the size of Colonial Heights, Chief Schurman says "people are generally the same all over the country." He must know something about people because he has, over the years, implemented numerous community involvement programs as Police Chief that have helped his communities fight and solve crimes.

Chief Schurman's Police Department in Colonial Heights was one of the first in the country to formulate a plan for child DNA sampling, funded at no cost to the city. Schurman also developed a neighborhood program to help citizens solve their own problems. Three citizens, acting together in their neighborhood, used radar equipment to track speeders. The Police Department would use that information to send letters to the speeders, informing them of their transgression. Speeding was never a problem after that. "Citizens need to be part of the solutions to



**Richard Schurman**

problems of crime, so whatever it takes to get that done is what we're going to do," he says.

He also implemented a business

owners' program that helped solve crime as well as prevent it. Consulting with business owners about their special concerns, such as shoplifting, credit card fraud, or employee theft, the Police Department would suggest ways these businesses could alleviate such problems. For example, one solution to employee theft was to prevent the same employee from supervising both cash handling and accounting. "Getting people involved consistently is what works," says Schurman.

Chief Schurman also wanted to help the elderly and disabled, so he had dispatchers call every day at the same time to check on them. If they didn't answer, an officer was sent over to make sure everything was fine.

The new Chief of Police for Grandview believes the same programs can work here. He says "making a difference in peoples lives for the better" is the most rewarding aspect of law enforcement. And he is ready to make a difference in the quality of life for the citizens of Grandview, and to make them safer. "If the quality of life is better for the people of Grandview, they can continue to enjoy the resources available to them, like the great parks and convenient location." ■

# Upcoming Events

## ANNUAL CITYWIDE SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 1, 8, 15 & 22  
7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
139th & Winchester Avenue  
Call 316-4856 for more  
information on what items are  
accepted.

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 7th—10:30 a.m.  
Meadowmere Park Tree Grove  
North of The View



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th  
Meadowmere Park  
Ages 2-10 (must be  
accompanied by  
an adult)  
10:30 a.m. to  
11:00 a.m.

## ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday, April 7th  
Meadowmere Park  
7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$15/member, \$20/resident,  
\$25/non-resident  
There will be prizes and hors  
d'oeuvres.  
Bring a flashlight and collection  
bag!

## HARRY'S HAY DAYS

May 19-21  
1200 Main Street  
Parade is 10 a.m. May 20th

## FARMER'S MARKET

Saturdays—June 17th through  
October 14th  
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
8th and Main Street  
Vendors may contact Johnna  
Welch at 405-5561

## SPRING COTILLION

For ages 55+  
Friday, May 6th  
6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
The Grove at The View  
\$12.50 each or \$22.00  
couple/resident  
\$17.50 each or \$33.00  
couple/non-resident  
Includes dinner, dancing and  
souvenir photo

## CAMP KALEIDOSCOPE

For ages 6-12  
July 10th through August 11th  
John Anderson  
Park Activity  
Center  
4701 E. 135th  
Street  
Includes daily  
swimming and  
weekly field trips,  
plus a variety of daily activities.  
To register, call 316-4892



# Keeping Grandview Clean

## NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Appliances, junk (scrap metal,  
car parts) and abandoned  
vehicles on property are among  
the City's code violations, so it's  
important to keep property  
picked up and junk disposed of  
properly. All vehicles must be  
parked on improved surfaces,  
not on grass. Inoperable vehicles  
(vehicles without current tags,  
with flat tires or on jack stands,  
etc.) must be removed or stored  
in a completely enclosed  
building. Commercial vehicles  
over 22 feet long, 8 feet high,



## House remodeling at 14040 Southern Road

and 8 feet wide are not allowed  
to park in a residential neigh-  
borhood.

## BUILDING PRESERVATION CODES

Peeling paint, or gutters and

roofs in disrepair are among the  
code violations enforced  
through the Building Codes  
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 require a building  
permit and must have a 4-foot  
fence around them with a  
self-latching gate.

# Communication

## IS KEY FOR NEW MANAGER OF THE VIEW

**M**att Siders knows what it's like to run a recreational facility. He did it for five years in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and for two years at the Gregg/Klice Fitness Center in downtown Kansas City. But last August, his responsibilities got much bigger.

He was hired as the Manager of The View, Grandview's community center.

The View, a state-of-the-art recreational facility, which opened in 2004, has rapidly grown to over 5,300 members and is staffed by about 100 employees. Because The View is open for business seven days a week, Siders has his hands full overseeing all operations, in addition to the revolving full and part-time staff of dedicated employees who work practically around the clock to keep the facility running. To keep track of such a demanding schedule, he says "continuous communication is the key."

With such a large staff of employees, including those who handle special events, building maintenance, fitness and recreation, and numerous indoor and outdoor aquatics activities, Siders goes the extra mile when communicating. "I make sure they know what my goals and objectives are, and then I'm there to help them achieve them," he says.

One of those goals is to keep up on trends in fitness. He stays on top of them by sending staff to national conferences, researching web sites and fitness magazines, and networking with KC Metro Programmers, area professionals who get



**Matt Siders and staff**

together once a quarter to discuss recreational programming.

Being in charge of recreational programming means not just fitness and aquatics classes, but offering sporting activities for the community as well. Siders has begun to launch the Grandview Youth Sports Series, which has the motto "Start with Us." "We

want parents to look to us for their kids' first sports experience," he says. Junior volleyball, basketball and flag football are now among those activities offered at The View for local youth. The View's staff goes into the elementary schools and gym classes to teach skills in various sports, in addition to offering a program for home-schooled youth in the community.

New programs this spring are baseball, softball, T-ball, and indoor and outdoor soccer. Even an Easter egg hunt at night for adults in April has been planned. Siders is excited about his new job as Manager of The View and looks forward to offering the best in new activities and programs. Above all, he is dedicated to offering the community a healthy and enjoyable recreation experience.

Anyone interested in joining The View may call 316-4888 for membership information or go to [www.grandview.org](http://www.grandview.org). ■



**The View**

*4th Annual*  
**Pets Helping People  
Clinic**

Grandview and area residents may once again have their dogs and cats vaccinated for \$5 per animal. The popular clinic will be held May 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Conn-West Elementary School near the intersection of Main Street and 10th Street in downtown Grandview. Wayside Waifs will offer AVID identification microchips and registration for \$25. Spay and neuter surgeries also will be available for \$20, but proof of Grandview residency is required.



Proceeds from the clinic help support the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP). Since the clinic began in 2003, more than \$6,000 has been provided to GAP.

The services offered during the event are inexpensive because of generous donations of materials and labor by local suppliers and veterinarians. The City of Grandview would like to thank the following organizations for making the event possible:

- ◆ City of Kansas City, Missouri
- ◆ Country Kennels
- ◆ Grandview Animal Hospital
- ◆ Grandview Plaza Animal Clinic
- ◆ Spay and Neuter Kansas City
- ◆ Wayside Waifs
- ◆ Grandview Assistance Program

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Development  
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Parks and Recreation  
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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 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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[www.grandview.org](http://www.grandview.org)