

GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri



Fall is in the Air

Clockwise from top: School Crossing Guard Sharon Trumpeter helps children across Main Street; the South Suburban Jr. Football Association; Fire Prevention Week is October 9 through 15; the Grandview/Belton Soccer Association practice at Meadowmere Park; Officer Scott Evans enforces the speed limit on Grandview Road.

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2006 City Budget Maintains Infrastructure Commitments and Service Levels

On September 15th, 2005, the Grandview Board of Aldermen adopted the 2005-06 fiscal year budget, which began October 1st, 2005. Adoption of the budget concludes a process that began in April and continued through the summer. During the budget process, money the City anticipates receiving (revenues) and spending (expenditures) are projected. Budget recommendations from the City Administrator are reviewed and discussed by the Board of Aldermen at several work sessions and amended as they deem necessary before final adoption of the budget in September.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Total budgeted expenditures for 2005-06 are \$24,464,134. Of the \$12.8 million for general operations, more than \$4.1 million is allocated to the Police Department, including six new patrol vehicles, a new detective vehicle, two new motorcycles for the Traffic Division, and an upgrade of the computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. Additionally, more than \$3 million is allocated for operation of the Fire Department, including self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA or “air packs”) and defibrillator upgrades, and replacement of two thermal imaging cameras used for locating sources of heat during fire emergencies. Public safety (Police and Fire Departments) expenditures account for over 56 percent of all General Fund expenditures.

In November, 2001, voters approved a 1/2-cent sales tax for construction and operation of a new community center. This year, \$2.3 million is budgeted for operating costs and debt payments on our award-winning community center, known as “The View,” which has been in operation since February, 2004. Improvements to the facility in 2005-06 will include new cardiovascular equipment, refinishing the gym floor, and safety enhancements to the rock climbing wall. In addition, several park improvements will occur, including additional parking spaces adjacent to the Grandview Skate Park; new outdoor furniture for Meadowmere and John Anderson pools; and renovation of the walking trail at John Anderson Park.

Nearly \$3.5 million has been budgeted for capital improvement projects. Those projects include:

- ◆ Engineering, design and right-of-way purchase for **Grandview Road reconstruction** —When completed in 2007, this project will reconstruct the roadway, install curb, gutters, and sidewalks, and make other

drainage improvements to Grandview Road from Main Street to Blue Ridge Boulevard. This project was identified as a “first priority” project by the Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee when the 1/2-cent Transportation Sales Tax was approved by voters in August 2000.

- ◆ Engineering, design and right-of-way purchase for the **Blue Ridge Underpass** —When completed in 2008, this project will lower Blue Ridge Boulevard under the Kansas City Southern Railroad to provide sufficient clearance for trucks. This project was also identified as a “first priority” project by the Transportation Sales Tax Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Engineering and design for the **Merrywood Drive Bridge reconstruction** —When completed in 2007, this will reconstruct the bridge north of St. Andrews Drive leading to the River Oaks South subdivision. This project was included by the Board of Aldermen as part of the 1/2-cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax approved by voters in August, 1998.
- ◆ Completion of **Harry Truman Drive Extension** from 125th Street to Crystal Avenue — This project, which will be started in late 2005 or early 2006, completes the continuous east/west thoroughfare from Byars Road to Blue Ridge Boulevard. This improvement was also listed as a “first priority” project when the Transportation Sales Tax was approved by voters.
- ◆ Annual street overlay, slurry seal, sidewalk construction and drainage improvement programs will continue at their previous levels.
- ◆ Remodeling of the City’s motor vehicle and driver’s licensing office is intended to improve employee safety and enhance customer service and comfort.

These are just a few of the items contained in the 2005-06 budget. Copies of the annual budget are available for review at City Hall and staff is accessible to provide further explanations or answer specific questions.

Citizen Survey Results Are In

The City of Grandview, over the past summer months, conducted a citizen survey to assess citizen satisfaction with the delivery of primary City services and to help determine priorities for the community as part of the City's ongoing planning process. This was the second time the City has administered the survey through the ETC Institute. The first time was in 2000.

The survey was seven pages long and was administered by mail and phone to a random sample of 523 residents. The following is a summary of some of the major findings of the survey:

◆ **Residents were generally satisfied with the overall quality of services provided by the City of Grandview:**

this included the quality of police, fire, and ambulance services (80%); the quality of parks and recreation programs and facilities (79%); and the management of traffic flow on City streets (73%). Residents were least satisfied with the enforcement of City codes and ordinances (50%).

◆ **Three major services that residents thought were most important for the City to provide over the next two years:**

(1) the overall maintenance of City streets, buildings and facilities; (2) the quality of police, fire, and ambulance services; and (3) the enforcement of City codes and ordinances.

◆ **More than half the residents were satisfied with the quality of life in Grandview.**

56% were satisfied; 24% gave neutral responses; and 20% were dissatisfied.

◆ **Public safety:** 87% were satisfied with the quality of local fire protection; 79% were satisfied with the quality of local ambulance services; and 79% were satisfied with police protection. Residents were least satisfied with the visibility of police in retail areas (55%), a decline from 66% in the 2000 survey. The 62% satisfied with the visibility of police in neighborhoods compared with 69% in 2000.

◆ **Parks and recreation:** Overall satisfaction with parks and recreation improved in all areas that were rated in 2000 and 2005. The highest levels of satisfaction were with the proximity of City parks to residents' homes (82%); the maintenance of City parks (78%); and walking and biking trails (70%). A lower percentage of

residents were satisfied with the fees charged for recreation programs (50%), and the City's adult athletic programs (50%).

◆ **City maintenance:** 85% of residents were satisfied with the maintenance of City buildings, and 77% were satisfied with the maintenance of traffic signals and street signs. A lower percentage were satisfied with the maintenance and preservation of downtown Grandview (50%) and the availability of City sidewalks (50%).

◆ **Codes and ordinances:** 62% of residents were satisfied with the enforcement of codes to protect public safety and 57% were satisfied with the enforcement of sign regulations. Residents were least satisfied with enforcement related to the maintenance of residential property (48%).

◆ **City communications:** Satisfaction in all areas of City communications rated in both 2000 and 2005 increased. The highest levels of satisfaction were with the availability of information about City services (62%), and City efforts to keep residents informed (57%). Fewer residents were satisfied with the level of public involvement in local decisions (42%).

◆ **Grandview as a place to live:** 59% of residents felt Grandview was an excellent or good place to live, while 48% felt it was an excellent or good place to raise children. 39% felt it was an excellent or good place to work even though only 17.5% of the respondents work in Grandview.

When asked what they **liked best about Grandview**, the top reasons were Grandview's central location and its accessibility to other areas of the City and the Metro area, nice homes that are affordable in quiet, safe neighborhoods, and the friendliness of the people. Many respondents indicated they had a long history with the City through family members who had lived in Grandview for many years.

When asked what they **liked least about Grandview**, a frequent response was the lack of retail businesses in the City. Many residents thought there were too many empty commercial buildings, not enough grocery stores, and no large anchor stores.

For the complete listing of the survey results, residents may come to City Hall to purchase a copy of the report or look for it on the City's web site at www.grandview.org. ◆

NEW

“Show Me Proof”

REGULATIONS FOR MISSOURI DRIVERS

Unless you have renewed your driver's license lately, you may not be aware of the new regulations implemented by the State of Missouri. New documentation is now required for applicants applying for or renewing their Missouri driver's license, non-driver's license or instruction permit. Effective July 1, 2005, the following must be presented:

1. Proof of Lawful Presence

2. Proof of Identity

(including proof of name changes if applicable)

3. Proof of Residency

For proof of lawful presence for non-U.S. citizens or more information on obtaining required documents, go to

www.dor.mo.gov/mvdl/drivers/idrequirements.htm

Or call City Hall in Grandview at
316-4800

1 Proof of Lawful Presence for U.S. Citizens

(for Non-U.S. Citizens see Non-U.S. Citizens Proof of Lawful Presence section on next page)

U.S. Citizen

One of the following:

- U.S. Birth Certificate (certified with embossed or raised seal issued by state or local government) Note: must be original, not a copy.
- U.S. Passport (valid or expired)
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization
- Certificate of Birth Abroad

U.S. Citizens who have previously verified lawful presence, and the department's record indicates such verification, will not be required to present proof of lawful presence.

Non-U.S. Citizen —*See Non-U.S. Citizen Proof of Lawful Presence section on next page*

2 Proof of Identity

(including proof of name changes)

U.S. Citizen or Non-U.S. Citizen

- Provide Social Security Number, if one has been assigned; or
- If a Social Security Number has not been assigned, the applicant must present a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) regarding the status of the applicant's Social Security Number.

Proof of Name Change:

One of the following:

If the name on the document you present for proof of lawful presence does not match your current name, present one of the documents below showing your current name.

- U.S. Passport (valid or expired)
- Social Security Card/Medicare Card
- Certified Marriage License
- Certified Divorce Decree
- Certified Court Order
- Certified Adoption Papers or Amended Birth Certificate

3 Proof of Residency

(A Post Office Box will not be allowed as a resident address.)

(If an applicant is under 21 and cannot provide one of the documents listed below, the applicant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may provide such a document and a written statement)

U.S. Citizen or Non-U.S. Citizen

One of the following:

- Utility bill, most recent (phone, water, gas, electric, trash or sewer, etc.)
- Voter registration card, most recent
- Bank statement, most recent
- Government check, most recent
- Pay check, most recent
- Property tax receipt, most recent
- Housing rental contract of current residence
- Mortgage documents of current residence
- An official letter or document from another state or local government agency, not previously listed, which is on the agency's letterhead or contains the official seal of the issuing agency issued within the previous 30 days
- Letter or other documentation issued by the postmaster within the previous 30 days
- Other government document that contains the name and address of the applicant issued within the previous 30 days

New Neighborhood Services Manager

Looks Forward to Serving Residents

Being in charge of Neighborhood Services in Grandview means more than enforcing codes for tall weeds and grass. The job requires numerous responsibilities to help keep our neighborhoods clean, maintained, and safe for all Grandview residents. The person recently hired to do that job is Tom Weber, the new Manager of the Neighborhood Services Division in the Community Development Department.

Among his responsibilities are enforcing the City's ordinances regarding unlicensed, inoperable, and abandoned vehicles; weeds and tall grass; illegal storage of junk, trash, and other materials; nuisance violations; and animal control issues, including the investigation of animal bites, impounding animals for observation, and responding to after-hours requests for animal control services in emergencies.

Weber has lived in Grandview for over five years and says one of his goals is to serve the residents with the courtesy and respect they



Tom Weber (middle) and his Neighborhood Services staff

deserve. "I look forward to providing Grandview residents with the best possible services and to enforce City codes fairly and equitably in all areas," he says. He also says he would like to see the City's neighborhoods maintained "in such a manner that visitors are envious."

As a new City employee, Weber says it is a very positive experience to "inherit an organization that has capable and motivated people already doing a good job." He believes the support of the Board of Alderman and the Community Development Department has already made his transition into the position easier to become a productive member in a short time. ♦

Requirements Change for Pit Bull Owners

On July 26, 2005, the Board of Aldermen approved an ordinance that regulates the keeping of pit bull dogs in the City of Grandview. After careful review of information and statistics by the AVMA, CDC, and other animal control agencies, the Board approved an ordinance that requires owners or keepers of all existing pit bull dogs existing in Grandview as of July 26, 2005, to obtain permits to continue to keep pit bull dogs in accordance with Section 4-10.2 of the Grandview Code of Laws. Pit bull dogs that

were not being kept in the City of Grandview prior to July 26, 2005, are prohibited.

By definition, a pit bull dog is a Bull Terrier, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, an American Pit Bull, an American Staffordshire Terrier, a dog of mixed breed or other breeds of those listed above known as a pit bull dog, or any dog which has the appearance and characteristics of being predominantly of these breeds or any other breed commonly known as a pit bull, pit bull dog, or pit bull terrier, or a combination of any such breeds.

Anyone owning a pit bull dog that existed in Grandview prior to July 26, 2005 should contact the Grandview Community Development Department to obtain an initial annual permit application. A non-refundable fee of \$190 must accompany a fully completed application. Permits must be renewed annually prior to May 15 for a fee of \$50.

For more information, contact the City of Grandview Community Development Department at 816-316-4817 or visit our web site at www.grandview.org. ♦

CITY OF GRANDVIEW Directory of City Officials

It's Been 30 Years at 1200 Main!

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**The newly built
Municipal
Services Building
in 1975.**



NOW



Municipal Services Building in 2005.

Fall Cleanup Schedule

It's that time of year once again to bring your yard debris and other items to the Grandview Annual Fall Cleanup site.

The two Saturdays scheduled for this fall event are:
October 29 and November 5

Residents may drop off their items at the Public Works Maintenance Facility, 7000 East 139th Street (139th and Winchester) from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, including fees per vehicle load and items accepted at the drop-off site, call 316-4856. ♦

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Donald Crow, Municipal Judge

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Phoebe Cameron, City Clerk
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Larry Dickey, Acting Police Chief
Chuck Thacker, Fire Chief
Larry Creek, Director of Public Works
Kirk Decker, Acting Director of Community Development/Asst. City Administrator
Brad Chambers, 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 7:30 p.m.

Board of Aldermen work sessions are on the first and third Tuesdays of 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the new community center.

CITY HALL INFORMATION

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