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A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



Where President Truman's "Hay Days" Began...

In honor of President Harry S. Truman and his impact on our community, Grandview will once again celebrate Harry's Hay Days on Friday, May 17th through Sunday, May 19th. This year's event will be extra-special as Grandview also celebrates its 90th year as a city.

In the early 1900's Harry Truman spent nearly 14 years of his life in Grandview on his family's 600-acre farm. Truman served in a number of capacities in the newly incorporated village. He organized Grandview Masonic Lodge #618, worked as road overseer, served as a member of the local school board, and became the postmaster of Grandview in 1915.

There will be a variety of fun activities at Harry's



Hay Days giving the community an opportunity to come together and celebrate the influence of Harry Truman on the City of Grandview. Saturday's fun will begin with a "Patriotism Days" parade at 10 a.m. on Main Street. After the parade, Mayor Wilson will cut a special cake celebrating the 90th year of the City of Grandview. Saturday's activities will also include stage entertainment, food booths, arts & crafts booths, games, contests, a quilt show, ice cream social, and train and pony rides for children.

The nationally recognized Harry S. Truman Farm Home, located on Blue Ridge in Grandview, is now open for summer tours. For more information, call 254-2720. See page 2 for photograph information.

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Challenges Abound in the New Year



Mayor Harry Wilson

“Grandview is a great place to live and work, but it depends on all of us to truly make it a community.”

It's been a different kind of year so far. We can truly say it has been challenging, exciting, and costly, yet one that in many ways has restored our faith in our neighbors and in our ability to come together as a community. The January ice storm certainly proved challenging for all of us, but our public safety, public works, and other employees were up to the challenge and did a marvelous job. I'd also like to thank the Grandview School District, the high school administration and maintenance staff, Booth Manor, Salvation Army, the Lions Club, and the RLDS Church for all their help in providing food and shelter for nearly two weeks after the storm. Finally, thanks to all who helped friends and neighbors through this disaster and cleanup.

This spring, we have tried to take the time to turn our thoughts to more pleasant subjects and things to come, specifically the new community center. Through two separate selection processes, a committee of citizens, Board of Aldermen members, and staff members selected McCown Gordon as the construction managers and Gould Evans Goodman as the architectural and engineering consultants for the project. We will now be devoting a great deal of time collaborating on the design of the center. During the week of May 20th, the architects will involve those interested in an intense public participation workshop to allow citizens to review some of preferred design concepts and provide comments. I urge you all to watch for more information on this in the newspaper and on Channel 2, or call 316-4881 for specific meeting times.

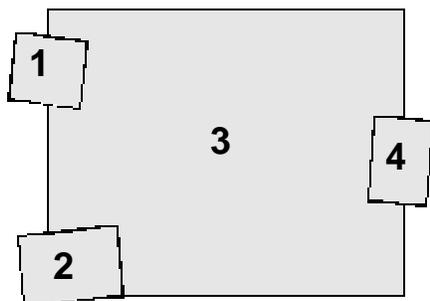
Now that spring is in full bloom, we will see several construction projects under way as well. The Grand Summit 18-hole Championship Golf Course, currently surrounding 450 new luxury apartments, is now in operation and already close to being sold out on memberships. The developer, Lindsey Properties, plans additional apartments and single-family homes. Meanwhile, a contractor has been hired to begin the 5th Street/Inman Square improvements, which will use a \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant to improve streets, sewers, and housing in one of the original areas of town. In addition, a contractor has been hired to provide new signalization and intersection improvements at Blue Ridge and Harry Truman Drive.

In our industrial areas, an estimated \$850,000 is being spent on the Cartwright Ave. street and sanitary sewer extension to provide "construction ready" industrial sites in the northwest portion of the city. On the southwest side, the Botts Rd. reconstruction and widening project, at a cost of \$1,100,000, will provide a dramatic improvement from 139th south to the city limits.

It promises to be another interesting summer filled with more progress for Grandview. Be sure to join in when we kick things off at the annual Harry's Hay Day's celebration, May 17-19. This spring and summer, I urge you to stay involved in your community. Grandview is a great place to live and work, but it depends on all of us to truly make it a community.

Photographs On the Cover

1. Harry Truman posing on his horse on the family's Grandview farm in his Battery B uniform with the Missouri National Guard.



2. Harry Truman riding a cultivator on the Grandview farm circa 1910.

3. Truman's mother, Martha Ellen Truman, grandmother Harriet Louisa Gregg Young, and a young Harry Truman in front of the Truman Farm Home in Grandview.

4. President Truman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson Truman, on their wedding day in 1881.

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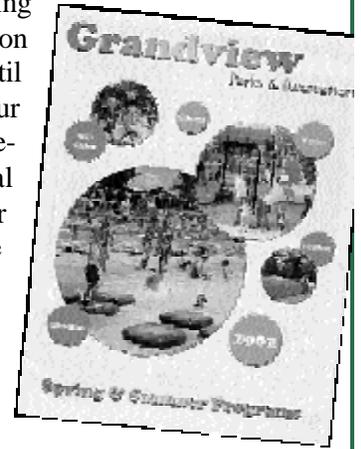
Splish, Splash! Getting Ready for Summer Fun!

Summer is just around the corner, and there are plenty of fun activities in Grandview for adults and children of all ages. Grandview Parks & Recreation's guide to its spring and summer programs is now available, filled with information on Meadowmere and John Anderson pools, water aerobics, swim lessons, Outback Adventures Day Camp, a guide to Grandview's parks, and much more.

Meadowmere Pool & John Anderson Pool

Grandview's pools will be open from June 3rd - August 18th, with Meadowmere closed Mondays and John Anderson closed on Tuesdays. The season pool passes have changed this year, returning to the former system of issuing business-card sized pool passes with a photo of the pass holder that must be presented at the front gate of each pool. In the past, people wanting pool passes had to find a photo of themselves or family members to put on the pass. This year, we will take a free photo of each person wanting a season pool pass. However, a pool pass cannot be issued until we have a photo of each person to put on his or her pass, so make sure to bring everyone up to have their picture taken!

When and where can you get your season pass? Pool passes can be purchased at Grandview City Hall during regular business hours (Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm). Mark your calendars, because we will also be selling passes at Grandview City Hall on Saturday May 18th from 8am until Noon. You can also purchase your passes at Meadowmere Pool's pre-season bash during Memorial Weekend from 2pm until 6pm. For additional pool information, please call 316-4886.



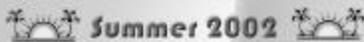
Outback Adventures Day Camp

Grandview's exciting Outback Adventures Day Camp is also preparing a spectacular summer for kids ages 6-12. The camp is located in John Anderson Park, and includes a weekly field trip, daily trips to John Anderson Pool, snacks, arts & crafts, sports, foreign languages, movies, and much more! Registration for Grandview residents is \$20 per child. The weekly rates are \$80 for the first child, \$70 for each add'l child, and a special rate of \$55 if the child goes 3 days or less during any week. The camp fills quickly, so for more information, call 316-4881 today!

Water Aerobics, Swim Lessons, Sports Camps, Parks, Day Trips, Fun Classes, and Much More!

The spring and summer are packed with fun activities for everyone! If you would like a copy of Grandview Parks and Recreation's spring and summer program guide, please give us a call at 316-4875.

Grandview Resident Pool Pass Prices



Family Pass (1st family member) . . .	\$40
(2nd family member) . . .	\$25
(each add'l member) . . .	\$15
Individual Pass	\$40
Senior Adult Pass	\$20

Grandview Community Center Update . . .

Progress on the Grandview Community Center is in full swing. In March, the team of McCown-Gordon was selected and approved as the construction management firm for the Grandview Community Center. In April, the team from Gould Evans Goodman was selected and approved to complete the architectural and engineering services for the project. The Construction Management team and the A/E team will be working intensively with City officials in May and June on the conceptual design of the center. In the meantime, the "Progress Checklist" sign has been installed at the future construction site in Meadowmere Park to keep the community updated on this exciting process.



The "Progress Checklist" sign located in Meadowmere Park.

Additional Comments

Please make any additional comments or suggestions you might have about the City's web site and/or the prospect of e-government functions here:

Place
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The City of Grandview
1200 Main Street
Grandview, MO 64030



City of Grandview E-Government Survey

The City of Grandview is considering using the internet to provide you with better service and access to government functions. We'd like to hear your opinions on information and services you would like us to make available on the City's website. The benefits of putting these services on the internet include your ability to access these functions from your home computer 24-hours a day, 7 days a week. Please take a moment to fill out this survey, and help us to better serve you. Thank you. We look forward to hearing your opinion!

Directions: Please fill out the survey below. Remove this page by cutting along the dotted line. Fold this page in thirds (see lines on back) with the City's mailing address facing out. Staple or tape the bottom, open end. Place a stamp in the space provided and put the survey in the mail!

Internet Access Information

	Yes	No	Not Sure
Do you have internet access in your home?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you have internet access, have you visited the City's site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever made a purchase over the internet using a credit or debit card?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Using the Internet to COMMUNICATE with the City

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely
How likely would you be to use the internet to...			
View agendas from Board and Commission meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sign up for a free service that would send you regular e-mail updates informing you on City matters, events, and meetings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alert the City to a broken street light or pothole?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Submit comments, concerns, or problems with service to the City?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Using the Internet to Do BUSINESS with the City

	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Not Likely
How likely would you be to...			
Apply for a job over the internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply for permits and licenses over the internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay for any item or service, such as a pet license, over the internet using your credit or debit card?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sign up and pay for a recreation class over the internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pay a parking or speeding ticket over the internet?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

City Studies Proposed TIF Districts



This spring, the Board of Aldermen and the Grandview Tax Increment Financing Commission have been holding public hearings to provide information and receive testimony about the creation of two proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts as a means to revitalize certain areas of Grandview. With TIF, all owners of property within a TIF District pay full taxes. However, when property values increase, corresponding increases in tax revenues are earmarked for physical improvement projects within the district.

In April the Board approved a new TIF District that would border Harry Truman Drive to the north, 15th Street to the west, Goode on the south, and the West Access Road to the east. This TIF District does include the use of eminent domain to assemble privately owned property for the purpose of redevelopment.

A Downtown Grandview Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District was also proposed following a 3-month study of Downtown needs. This plan does not include the use of eminent domain. The Planning Commission will continue the public hearing on this TIF plan on June 19, pending further review and discussion with Downtown businesses. For more information on TIF Districts in Grandview, call 316-4820.

Ice Storm Impact Continues

January's ice storm was a challenge for us all. The City soon realized that our limited staffing and equipment would not be able to complete the monumental clean-up without outside help, so supplemental curbside pickup, as well as chipping, hauling, and disposal site management were ultimately contracted. All in all, the City spent over \$700,000 to clean up and dispose of the ice storm tree debris. The clean-up is now complete, and staff is compiling overtime, equipment, and contractual cost information to submit to FEMA for partial reimbursement.

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Harry O. Wilson, Mayor
Leonard D. Jones, Jr., Ward I Alderman
Steve Dennis, Ward I Alderman
Catherine Kelley, Ward II Alderman
Kenneth L. Cox, Ward II Alderman
James N. Crain, Ward III Alderman
Eddie Garcia, Ward III Alderman
Donald Crow, Municipal Judge

City Staff

Cory Smith, City Administrator
Brian Scott, Assistant City Administrator
Phoebe Cameron, City Clerk
Bob Beckers, Police Chief
Lorenzo Gigliotti, Fire Chief
Larry Creek, Director of Public Works
Tom Greenwood, Director of
Community Development
Steve Stadler, 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.

Board of Aldermen Regular Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Work sessions are held the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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