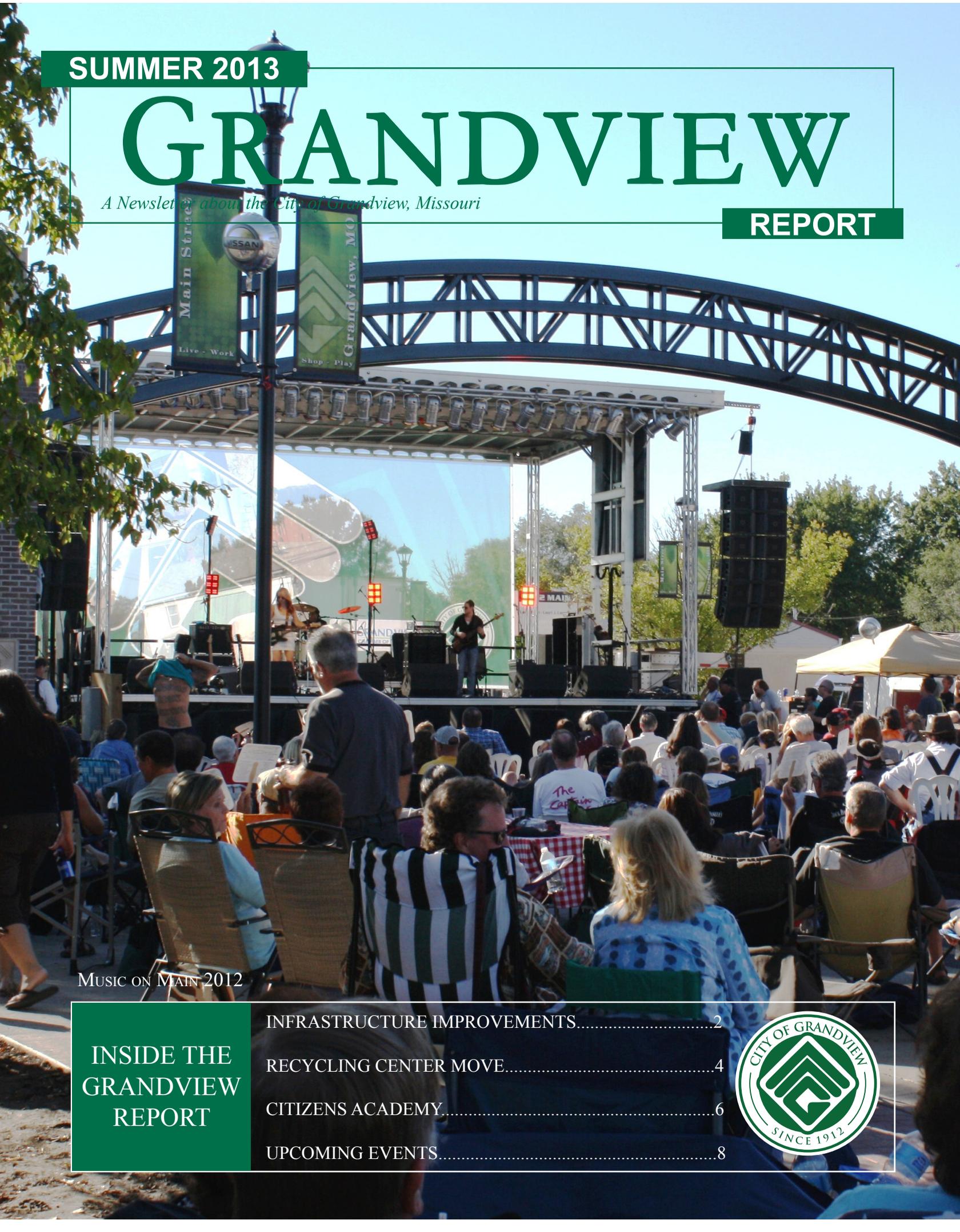


SUMMER 2013

GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



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Mayor Dennis

“Fun Summer”

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping cool in the hot summer sun. After some unseasonably cold weather this spring, the subtle pace of the summer has settled in. The kids are enjoying their three-month break from school, and life is moving along in Grandview.

That above-mentioned “unseasonable weather” played havoc with our community schedule earlier this year, as Mother Nature “threw us a curve ball” with cold winds, rain, sleet, and even snow that first weekend of May, forcing us to have to cancel our annual Truman Heritage Festival. So much planning went into this year’s event, and that made it all the harder to make the decision to call off the festivities. But all the hard work done this year should carry over to next year’s event, making it even better than hoped for. So mark your calendars for the first weekend in May of 2014...and start praying now for eighty degree days with no rain...we’ll keep our fingers crossed.

But weather was not an issue a few weeks ago when hundreds of Grandview residents got together for a party at Kauffman Stadium for the “Grandview Day at the K”. Judging by what I saw out at the stadium, our citizens definitely know how to have fun. Though the “Boys in Blue” came out on the short side of the game, we all had a blast eating ballpark hot-dogs, watching some good baseball, and enjoying our time with other Grandview friends.

I hope you didn’t miss the first of our Free “Concerts In The Park” (south

side of ‘The View’) a few weeks ago. What a great time! The music was awesome and the weather was perfect! If you weren’t there, you missed a terrific event. But you still have a couple more chances to take one in, the next one will be on Saturday, July 27th. And there is one more Free “Movies In The Park” planned as well. Be sure to check the schedule on our City website at Grandview.org.

And last week at Longview Lake, we had fun in partnering with our friends at Jackson County Parks and Recreation, commemorating our nation’s birthday with the monstrous “Independence Day Celebration”. In a carnival-like atmosphere, 35,000 area residents enjoyed great food, games and music, and we finished the evening with the largest fireworks display in the Midwest, right here in Grandview, Missouri!

As you can see, we’ve had plenty of events to keep us entertained thus far, and there’s so much more on the horizon....

Don’t forget, Saturday, September 7, marks the Chamber’s 10th annual “Music On Main”, and it is shaping up to be the best event ever! An entire afternoon and evening of great music and fun with our friends. Each year it keeps getting bigger and better, and it always shows our town at its finest. Be sure to come out and enjoy.

Our Farmers Market has been humming right along as well. Each Saturday morning at 8th & Goode St., local farmers have been selling

their delicious garden food, and I get reports from other cities that our market is getting a reputation as one of the best around! We have begun construction on our new Farmers Market / Civic Plaza area at 8th and Main Street. When completed in the fall, it should add another beautiful place in our Downtown Area for folks to get together and enjoy each other’s company and enhance that sense of “community” that we all long for.

And folks, I hope we all keep in mind the type of “community” that we would all like to live in...one where we raise good families, enjoy each other’s company, and help each other out. It’s really fun for me to see more and more young families starting to move to our city. One evening last week I walked from City Hall to the end of Main Street and back. During that walk, I passed two young families with baby strollers (as well as many other citizens), both pausing to enjoy some of the new park benches, and each making sure to greet others who were passing by. It just gave me the sense that kindness and civility are alive and well in our town.

You hear me say it a lot, but there is a new “feeling” in Grandview, and there are certainly a lot of new plans in the works, and the next two or three years should be a real time of exciting progress for our city. Please dream with me about what this city can, and will, look like in the near future. The view is going to be grand!

Steve

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Main Street Revitalization, Phases 3 and 4



Despite the bad weather (rain and snow), Phase 3 was completed without much delay by the end of June. It was a short 475-foot-long segment between the east side of 13th Street and 150 feet west of 15th Street. Along with the asphalt overlay, the major features of this phase involved building new curbs, sidewalks, and storm drainage improvements. Phase 3 also replaced the streetlights with modern energy-efficient fixtures and new decorative lampposts, matching those used in Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Because Phase 4 will be funded by a combination of the City's Capital Improvements Sales Tax funds and a Federal Highway Administration grant, construction is not scheduled until 2014. However, design of this phase is already in the works, and City staff will soon seek input from property owners, businesses, patrons, and citizens to gather feedback on what all is needed within this segment and how to best address those needs. Phase 4 will be a more complicated project that will ultimately connect Phase 3 to the West Frontage Road.

Farmers Market/Civic Plaza

Due to the rebidding of the Farmers Market/Civic Plaza project to keep it within City budget limits, along with the very wet June weather we experienced, construction at the northeast corner of 8th and Main

Street has been delayed for a few months. Now, that project is under way, and that parking lot is currently closed to the public during construction.



Thanks to another grant the City received from the federal government, these funds are going to be used for significant improvements on that parking lot area. The intent of this improvement project is to develop a "civic plaza" or public place that people can use to meet and gather during civic events or when eating, shopping or visiting businesses in the downtown area.

Improvements to the site will include landscaping, sidewalk, lights, an archway entrance, and a new "curtain-wall" water fountain. The rejuvenated site will provide a "pocket park" for relaxing, meeting friends, having coffee, or taking a break during the day or evening in a comfortable place.

Construction is expected to be completed this fall.

Construction: One of the Sweet Sounds This Summer

This summer, Grandview parks will not only come alive with the hustle and bustle of birds chirping, families picnicking, kids playing, and skateboarders and bicyclists enjoying the nice weather, but they will also be filled with the sounds of construction, as the promise to renovate most of our city parks hits full swing.

Bobcat Park playground renovations are complete, although there is still some landscaping to do. Later this summer, more improvements will come to Little Corner Park, Belvedere Park, Southview Park, and Freedom Park.

In addition, the City will begin demolition at Valley Park later this year. That park, along with Mapleview, Terrace, and River Oaks Park, will all see improvements in 2014, as the City looks toward completing all the projects approved by voters in 2008, and without a tax increase.

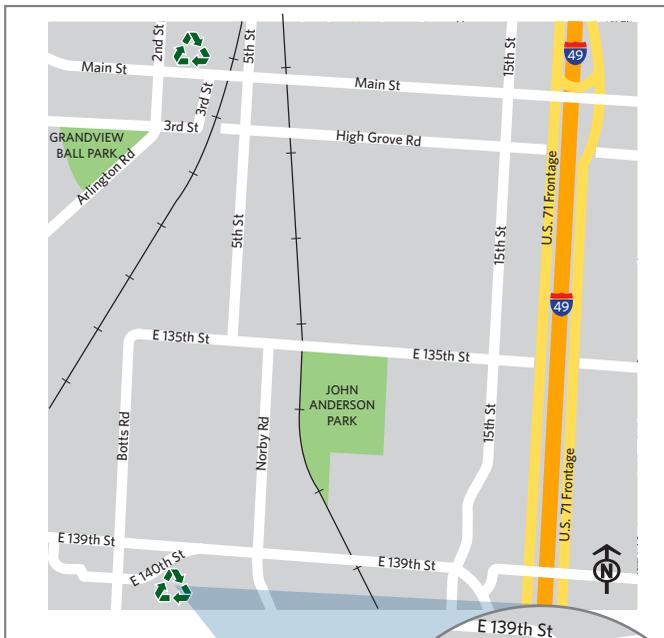
So, please be patient as you enjoy the wonderful outdoors in one of our parks this summer, and know that the City is hard at work trying to improve your park experience and complete all the much needed renovations.

Grandview Community RECYCLING CENTER

HAS MOVED

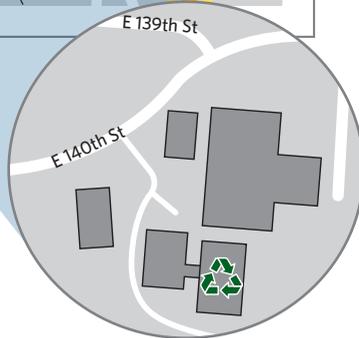


TO A NEW PLACE WITH MORE SPACE



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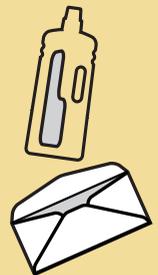
4405 E. 140th St.
Grandview, MO 64030 (on
140th Street, just east of
Botts Road)



The sole drop-off recycling center in Grandview moves to a new location with lots more room. JobOne Recycling Services (formerly known as Foundation Workshop, Inc.) operated the community recycling center at 2nd and Main Street since 2008, with support from the City of Grandview. The new facility at **4405 E. 140th St.** (east of Botts Road) offers three times more space than the current site. This will enable JobOne to expand services for residents and business customers.

Materials accepted at drop-off center (available 24/7)

- Aluminum cans (please rinse)
- Steel/tin cans (please rinse)
- Corrugated cardboard, paperboard and chipboard
- Clothing and shoes
- Newspapers (remove from plastic)
- White paper
- Mixed paper — including paper bags, junk mail, file folders, phone books, magazines and catalogs
- Plastic #1–#7 (please rinse)
- Glass — all colors



Hazardous Waste

For a fee, Grandview residents can dispose of dangerous household hazardous waste by appointment at the Lee's Summit drop-off site (2101 SE Hamblen Rd.). Call 816-316-4856 for details about getting reimbursed by Grandview.

Community Clean-Up

Grandview offers a spring and fall clean-up program for residents and businesses. Materials accepted: solid waste, tires, yard debris, appliances. Fees apply. Call 816-316-4856 for details.

RecycleSpot

For a comprehensive list of recycling and reuse services in the Kansas City metro area, visit www.recyclespot.org. This is your one-stop spot for recycling information.

Successful Citizens Academy Program To Be Offered Again This Fall



Long-time Grandview resident Stephanie Walker was amazed at how much she learned while attending the Citizens Academy, which took place this past winter and spring. She said she not only learned a lot, but she was also surprised at how much fun and engaging the sessions were. “I really enjoyed the program. I think some people make the assumption that it’s boring, and they don’t have time for it,” Walker said. “They would be surprised at how interesting the sessions can be. I would definitely recommend it to my neighbors,” she concluded.

Based on the evaluations received at the end, not only Stephanie, but all 19 participants who attended most of the sessions unanimously said they would recommend it to friends and neighbors. They all agreed it was a worthwhile learning experience.

“It was so interactive and so informative, the two-hour sessions didn’t seem that long at all,” commented one participant. “It felt good to meet our public safety officers, understand them, and realize that they are doing much more with less,” described another participant.

In June, the Mayor and Board recognized all 19 “graduates” with a diploma and other City take home items for their effort, time and dedication during the program. “We know the program took some time away from family and other commitments, but we hope it was an informative and enriching experience for them. It was fun to see them listening and learning, and we enjoyed their questions, comments, and enthusiasm, so it was also a good experience for us,” City Administrator Cory Smith said. Because of the program’s success, the City is now planning to host another Academy this fall.

The Grandview Fall 2013 Citizens Academy will again consist of eight sessions designed to provide community members with a better understanding of the operations of their local government. Over the course of eight sessions, the program covers all city departments.

Participants will attend dynamic sessions with department leaders and staff, tour city facilities, and get some hands-on experience on some of the departments’ equipment and technology. The goal of the

Grandview Citizens Academy is to inform citizens about how the city is organized and how it works in a variety of service areas to better equip them to more fully participate in our local government and the process of building Grandview’s future!

To qualify for graduation from the Academy, participants will need to attend a minimum of six of the eight sessions.

The Fall Academy sessions will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

September 12
City Government Overview/
Policy Direction/Administration

September 26
Police Department

October 10
Public Works

October 24
Fire Department

November 7
Community Development - Planning/
Building/Code Enforcement

November 14
Budget and Finance – Managing
Resources

November 21
Parks and Recreation

December 12
Economic Development/Placemaking

The sessions usually run for about two hours (with breaks in between) and the location varies depending on the department featured. Participants will be notified of each session location via email or voicemail.

Since there is a waiting list of 15 already, the fall program will only be able to accommodate about 20 more registrations. You can register online at www.grandview.org under the “What’s New” tab, or you can call (816) 316-4812.



The “Graduates” being honored at the Board of Aldermen meeting.



PRIMARY SEAT BELT LAW IN EFFECT

Not Wearing a Seat Belt in Grandview Can Now Cost You \$50!

Grandview officers are now authorized to stop a motorist exclusively for not wearing a seat belt.

The City of Grandview Board of Aldermen has adopted a primary seat belt ordinance, and the fine for not wearing one will be \$50.

“Fatalities and serious injuries increase when drivers and passengers do not use their seatbelts” Police Chief Charles Iseman said. “Over the past five years in our City, in the fatalities that did not involve pedestrians, 83% of the occupants were not wearing their seatbelts.”

Before passing the ordinance, Grandview had a secondary seat belt ordinance, which meant officers could only issue a ticket for not wearing a seat belt if they witnessed another traffic violation first, such as speeding.

The ordinance went in effect on July 9, but Grandview Police will initially just be issuing warnings.

Grandview officers will start issuing tickets in late August.

“It’s a proven fact that seat belts save lives,” said Alderman Jim Crain. “We are concerned about our citizens’ safety so we felt that a primary seat belt ordinance was more effective than a secondary violation law.”

Grandview aldermen are hoping to raise Grandview’s seat belt compliance rate through the new ordinance, and statistics prove that states with a primary seatbelt law benefit from a higher compliance rate. This past year Missouri witnessed an increase in traffic fatalities from 786 in 2011 to 829 in 2012. This is the first time in six years Missouri has had an increase in the number of people killed in traffic crashes. Even more disheartening was the fact that 70.6% of the people killed were not wearing a seat belt.

A state or city averages between 11%-13% increase in seatbelt usage after converting to a primary seat belt law.



Grandview Google Fiber Info Session

On Thursday, August 22, at the Google Fiber Space, there will be a special presentation for Grandview residents about upcoming fiber plans.

Thursday, August 22
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Google Fiber Space
1820 Westport Road
Kansas City, MO 64111

As the City looks forward to bringing Google fiber to Grandview, we encourage you to go and bring your questions about what to expect next. Fiber Space tours will be hosted from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with a presentation on the service to follow. **Visit our website, grandview.org, to reserve a seat.**

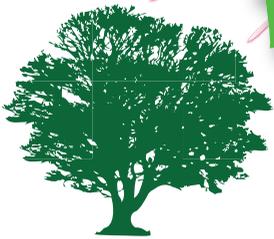
Get Ready For ...



Party IN THE Park



FREE
ADMISSION!



Food vendors will be onsite, as well as a beverage tent for the duration of the day.
No coolers allowed.

WHAT: Awesome party in the park! Gather your friends and neighbors and join us for the best family-friendly party in town! Your favorite tailgate games like washers, volleyball, horseshoes, water balloon launchers, and a 100 foot long Slip-N-Slide! We'll also have plenty of stuff for the kiddos, such as games and inflatables! We'll get the night started with the rockin' sound of Bad Disposition at 7 p.m. Then, national country star Katie Armiger takes the stage! Be sure to stick around for the fireworks extravaganza immediately after Katie's concert!

WHEN: Saturday, August 10th -Tailgate party starts at 3 p.m. Concerts start at 7p.m.

WHERE: Meadowmere Park - 13610 Byars Rd. (By 'The View' - Grandview'sCommunity Center)

Bring your chairs and/or blankets!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

3:00 to 10:30 PM

Downtown Main Street
Grandview, MO



Musical Performance SCHEDULE

- 3:30 - 4:30** LIVERPOOL - Beatles Tribute
- 5:00 - 6:00** SILVER BULLET - Bob Seger Tribute
- 6:20 - 7:20** OUTLAW JUNKIES - Country
- 7:40 - 8:40** DEAD OR ALIVE - Bon Jovi Tribute
- 9:00 - 10:30** FUNK SYNDICATE - Pop & Funk



FREE
ADMISSION

10th Time is the charm! If you haven't been to this event before, you should come this year! The best talent in the Kansas City area, together with great food, drinks, and fun times for the kids too! Don't forget your chairs! No coolers allowed! See you there!

Food Vendors, Kidz Zone and much more!!!

Upcoming Events

FARMERS MARKET

Open Saturdays- 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
8th and Goode Street (one block north of Main)
Details inside

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

FREE - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
All concerts will be held at Meadowmere Park
July 27 - Platinum Express
August 10 - Bad Disposition & Katie Armiger
(more info inside)

MOVIES IN THE PARK

FREE - Starts at dusk
August 28 - The Avengers @ Meadowmere Park

GRANDVIEW PARKS & RECREATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Tackle football league
Divisions 7-10 and 11-13
Brand new football equipment
2 games per week
3-5 practices per week
No travel required
\$85 Registration

H.I.I.T. CLASS

At 'The View' - 13500 Byars Rd.
High Intensity Interval Training
Tuesdays and Thursdays
Class offered at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.
\$60 registration for a six-week session

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Brent Steeno, Ward I Alderman
Brian Hochstein, 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
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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