

WINTER 2015



GRANDVIEW

A Newsletter about the City of Grandview, Missouri

REPORT



Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Grandview Police Department Gives Back



Downtown on a Snowy Day

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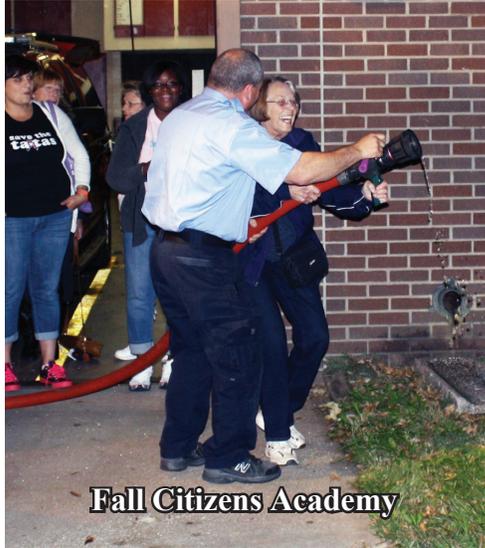


Citizens Academy Graduates

2014 Was a BIG Year!

2014 was a great year for the City and we look forward to keeping the momentum going in the New Year. Here is a recap of some of the great things happening in Grandview and a look at what we will see moving forward in 2015.

- Voters approved a \$14 million bond package proposed by the City last August. The bond project will include significant police, fire, and park improvements and equipment. Some of these voter-supported projects are now underway.
- Continued Grandview's Citizens Academy with all departments in the spring and fall 2014. This is an outstanding opportunity for citizens to learn about each City department, with many hands-on opportunities. Sign up for the next Citizens Academy scheduled for March 26 through May 14. Details on page 6.
- Continued working with special attorneys and consultants to battle against the issuance of a permanent permit by DNR to operate an asphalt plant in Kansas City on Grandview's southern border. The City believes plan emissions violate EPA standards.
- Valley Park opened to visitors in July, receiving substantial local news coverage upon its opening. Since then, the park has had more than 50,000



visitors and was featured on the cover of the Missouri Parks and Recreation magazine.

- Continued working closely with the Zimmer Companies as the City's Economic Development team to promote development on Main Street, the Highway 150 Corridor, the I-49 Corridor, and the industrial areas near the new Honeywell/NNSA facility.
 - Worked with the developer on the facility lease and incentive package to bring the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration facility to Grandview – a facility housing 80 employees and serving as the nationwide center for weather tracking and associated technology and equipment testing and re-conditioning.
 - Continued to work with RED Legacy on their redevelopment of Truman Corners, with acquisition and redevelopment scheduled for later this year and opening in early 2016.
- Worked with Cartwright Van Lines in Grandview on their expansion, with expected completion this spring, along with 50 new employees.
- Worked with Big Industrial LLC on the planning for the prospective Botts Road Business Park, around 60 acres located around 142nd and Botts Road; worked with Sika Corp. on the expansion of their large manufacturing complex on Botts Road; and worked with Eurotool on the expansion of their facility on Botts Road.



- Coordinated with MoDOT on a partnership agreement for the design and construction of the connection to the Gateway Commons area from Hwy. 150, across from the entrance to Grand Summit. Scheduled for this year.
- Coordinated with MoDOT on the connection from the E. Frontage Road to White Avenue on the south side of Highway 150 – scheduled for 2015.

- Received the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).



reaching more 13,500 people within our community through a variety of community support projects.

- Successfully completed Missouri Department of Revenue RFP process and awarded another fee agent contract for the License Office. This allows City Hall to serve as a one-stop shop, where citizens can pay their Jackson County taxes, renew their driver's license, and license a vehicle.

- Implemented the Teaching About Law Enforcement Knowledge (T.A.L.K.) program. This learning opportunity for 9th grade students highlights the various aspects of law enforcement.
- Realized a 24 percent crime reduction in Part I crimes (defined as the most serious and commonly reported crimes) from 2009 to 2013. During that same time period there was a 10 percent reduction in overall crime. In 2014, the City realized a 6 percent reduction in all Part I crimes.

- In an effort to become even more connected with the community, the Grandview Police Department enhanced their social media outreach program. A Twitter account was established @ GrandviewMOPD, and K-9 Hondo has his very own Facebook page. The Police Department encourages citizens to stop by headquarters for a facility tour or a ride-along with one of their officers, or follow the department's activities through social media.



- The Police Department continued supporting the Shop With a Cop Program, assisting underprivileged children during the holiday season. In 2014, 34 kids had an opportunity to shop with a Grandview Police Officer.

- Continued the Police Department's Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) program, which completed approximately 940 hours, saving the City more than \$13,600 in personnel expense.

- Issued 170 permits for residential construction and 33 permits for commercial/ industrial building construction from the Building Services Division.
- Completed 2,549 building inspections, including 755 for minimum building preservation code (MBPC) cases. Initiated 179 MBPC cases and started 15 dangerous building cases; closing 92 MBPC cases and 11 dangerous building cases last year.



- The Police Department took part in several community events,

2014 Accomplishments

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- Handled 5,275 Neighborhood Services cases for everything from tall grass and weeds to inoperable vehicles and zoning violations. Approximately 90 percent of the cases were voluntarily resolved by the property owners, and 555 contractor abatements were completed. Worked with Wayside Waifs on 526 animal cases.

- Planned and coordinated the 12th annual Pets Helping People event last April, providing hundreds of rabies vaccinations, raising \$6,000 and provided food for the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP).



- Co-sponsored the Grandview Chamber's 11th annual "Music on Main" event this past September, which attracted a large crowd that enjoyed several talented bands, some tasty food, drinks, and a great sense of community spirit.



- Planned, coordinated and hosted the Truman Heritage Festival, with over 8,000 in attendance, featuring a large parade, carnival, barbecue contest and live music.

- Successfully planned and coordinated nine other special events which provided activities and fun for more than 10,000 attendees.

- Completed construction of the following parks, which were the final projects promised to voters as part of the 2008 bond referendum: Southview Park; Little Corner Park; Belvidere Park; Freedom Park; Mapleview Park; River Oaks Park; Terrace Park; the new Tails and Trails Dog Park; and Valley Park.

- Obtained more than \$6 million in federal-highway funds for four projects in Grandview including \$5 million for future conversion of the I-49 West Frontage Road between Highgrove Road and Harry Truman Drive to two-way operation.

- Completed storm sewer improvements in the 129th Street and South Haven neighborhoods; and completed annual maintenance projects for street overlay, slurry seal, and curb and sidewalk repair.

- Implemented a new online mapping system to bring Grandview to your fingertips. "Your Grandview" includes GIS maps to



highlight the City’s infrastructure and other important areas including streets, parks, zoning, and land use layers. Visit cityofgv.maps.arcgis.com/home/index for a complete list of maps.

- Received the 2014 Transportation Achievement Award from the Missouri Valley Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers for the Main Street Revitalization project.
- Maintained and coordinated with Google Crews while they installed Google high-speed fiber across the entire City.
- Purchased two new ambulances to replace older units to continue providing exceptional emergency services.
- The Fire Department partnered with the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) to provide physician students in EMS rotations for field experience.



Belvidere Park Ribbon Cutting



UMKC Training Day

Ambulance Fees Increase



The City of Grandview provides outstanding emergency services to its citizens. This includes ambulance services and first-aid calls. The Grandview Fire Department’s skilled paramedics provide emergency medical services more than 2,800 times per year. This number continues to increase, and providing ambulance transport and first-aid or non-transport calls have become more expensive each year.

The cost for delivering these high quality medical services continues to rise; however, the charges for providing these services have not increased since 2006. The City approved an increase for its ambulance transport and first-aid/non-transport fees last fall to maintain a high level of service, while reducing the shortfall in revenues versus expenditures to the City.

Ambulance Billing

The City of Grandview provides Ambulance services as needed. The fees for these services are:

Resident:

Ambulance Transport

\$800.00 plus Mileage cost \$12.00/Mile

First-Aid/Non-Transport

\$200.00

Non-Resident:

\$950 plus mile cost \$12/mile for non-resident

Mark Your Calendar!

STATE OF THE CITY



You are cordially invited to join
MAYOR LEONARD D. JONES, JR.
for the

 **G R A N D V I E W**
State of the City Address

Thursday, January 29
6 p.m. at The View
13500 Byars Road, Grandview, MO

***Hear about the biggest accomplishments of 2014 and
learn about where Grandview is headed in 2015!***

***The City will also be collecting food donations for the
Grandview Assistance Program.***

www.grandview.org

Be One of Grandview's Elite

Participate in the 2015 Citizens Academy. Get up close and personal with each of the City's departments while attending dynamic sessions with department leaders and staff members, get hands-on experience on some of the different equipment and technology used.

WHAT: Grandview Citizens Academy

WHEN: Every Thursday, March 26 through May 14
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

WHO: Any Grandview resident 16 years of age or older



Attendance is not mandatory but encouraged for full benefit of the program. All participants must complete six sessions to graduate.

Register Today!

For more information or to register online, visit www.grandview.org; or contact Communications Coordinator Kerri Lewis at 316-4812 or email at klewis@grandview.org

Good Things to Know

Snow Removal

The Grandview Public Works Department wants you to know that during regular work hours, the staff will be ready to address snow and ice problems immediately. After regular work hours and on weekends and holidays, the staff will monitor conditions and use our on-duty standby staff member to handle small or spot problems. The Department encourages residents and the motoring public to report road conditions that need attention by calling the Public Works Department at (816) 316-4856. During off-hours, please contact the Police non-emergency number at (816) 316-4900.



Always assume a downed line is energized. If you are experiencing a power outage in your area, call 1 (888) 544-4852 or visit the KCP&L website at www.kcpl.com

Emergency Snow Routes

Several City streets are designated as emergency snow routes. During a traffic snow emergency, determined by the City Administrator or Mayor, parking along any emergency snow route is prohibited. Traffic snow emergencies are declared on the basis of falling snow, sleet or freezing

rain or on the basis of a weather bureau forecast, that weather conditions may cause hazardous or dangerous driving conditions on the streets within the city.

Pot Holes

During the winter, the water under the pavement freezes then thaws (contracting and expanding). This freeze/thaw cycle causes the pavement to crack under the weight of traffic and create potholes overnight.



To report a pothole, call 316-4900 and leave the exact location of the hole, the nearest cross street, and your name and phone number, so that we may contact you if we have problems locating the hole.

The Grandview Public Works Department tries to repair reported potholes on City maintained streets within two business days of receiving notification.

Police officers must remove any vehicle from the streets or rights-of-way when the vehicle is determined by an officer to be parked on an emergency snow route during a declared traffic snow emergency; is stalled on an emergency snow route, and the person who is or was operating such vehicle does not appear to be removing it; or is parked in violation of any parking ordinance or any other provision of law and is interfering with snow removal operations on the street.

For a list of designated snow routes, please visit Grandview.org or "Your Grandview," the new interactive GIS system at cityofgv.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html.

Power Outages

Winter storms can cause power outages in the community. KCP&L would like to remind customers that safety is the number one priority for crews and customers. Please remember to stay away from downed trees and power lines.

Removal of Ice or Snow from Sidewalks

It is the responsibility of the property owner or tenant of any property with a sidewalk adjacent to the street to remove all snow and/or ice from such sidewalk immediately following a storm.



Upcoming Events

STATE OF THE CITY

FREE: Thursday, Jan. 29

6 p.m.

The View, 13500 Byars Road

PUTTING THE "WIN" IN WINTER

Competition is heating up! Sign up for the first Winter Games coming to The View.

Friday, Feb. 13 to Feb. 15

Water Polo Competition, Water Basketball Tournament, Floor Hockey Tournament, a Burry Scurry Fun Run, and more.

FREE EVENTS: Please register by February 9

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

\$20 per person if registered before Jan. 31, and \$35 per person if registered after. Includes dinner, A Gift Bag, A Rose, and a 5x7" Photo.

The View, 13500 Byars Road

EASTER EGG HUNT

FREE: Saturday, March 28

10 a.m.

Meadowmere Park, next to The View

TRUMAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Thursday, April 30 (Carnival)

Friday and Saturday, May 1 & 2

NEW LOCATION: Meadowmere Park
13500 Byars Road (next to The View)

CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday,
May 14-16**

City of Grandview, multiple locations
Grandview.org for details

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Sandra Kessinger, Ward I Alderman
Michael Allen, 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
Kerri Lewis, Communications Coordinator
Deb Angell, Manager of Human Resources
Charles Iseman, Police Chief
Phil Hodgdon, Interim Fire Chief
Cemal Gungor, Director of Finance
Dennis Randolph, Director of Public Works
Chris Chiodini, Director of Community
Development
Eric Lucas, Director of Parks and
Recreation

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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1200 Main Street
Grandview, MO 64030
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