

# GRAIN VALLEY CITY VIEW

SPRING/SUMMER 2019



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GRAIN VALLEY  
PARKS &  
RECREATION  
ACTIVITY GUIDE!



Grain Valley,  
Missouri  
*Come Home To Opportunity*

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**Greetings! Warm wishes to you all as we prepare for the spring and summer.**

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our Public Works division for working hard to keep everyone safe during some winter weather the likes of which we haven't seen in a few years.

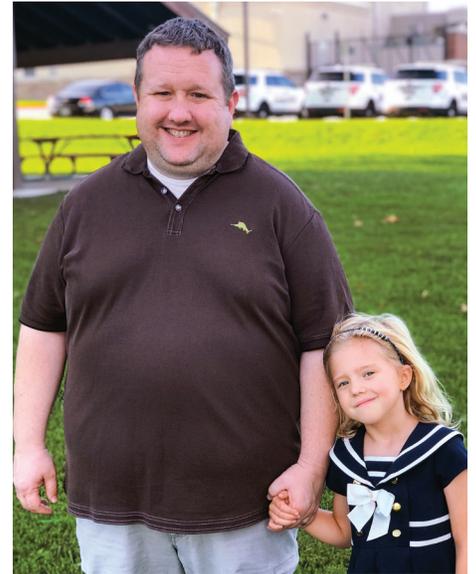
Once again, our community continues to see much change and growth since my last message. With the growth, some boundary changes within the Grain Valley School District's elementary schools were deemed necessary and will be implemented next fall. Kudos to the School District for the process they undertook in determining those boundary changes. Changing boundaries is never an easy process. Along with the elementary schools' changes, there are some exciting changes at the high school as it is growing by 30,000 sq. ft., in addition to other improvements – all made possible by the school bond that residents passed last April.

As most of you have noticed, the Conoco convenience store near I-70 closed permanently in November. I remember when it was first constructed as Pilot and we watched it go up from my classroom windows at the old school site where McDonald's is today! The new Temp-Stop will be opening this year in that location and will be a nice addition to Grain Valley - not only as a convenience store, but it will bring a couple more dining options to town as well. Main Street has seen some changes with new specialty shops opening, making it easy to shop local. Cosentino's Price Chopper has been open just over a year and has been great for the community. Not only is it a convenient place to get quality groceries and more, it also employs many Grain Valley residents. The Cosentino Family made a generous donation before the holidays, which made it possible for us

to have a Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund. We distributed the funds to several local non-profit organizations.

As always, the Fall and Winter were busy with community events. The Grain Valley Fair and Parade were a success, despite rainy conditions. The 1st Annual Grain Valley Fair 5k went well with approximately 160 participants. Trail or Treat drew an estimated 2,000 people to Butterfly Trail to collect treats from more than 30 local businesses and organizations. The Holiday Festival was chilly with snow on the ground but was still a fun way for many to come together and kick off the season. Thank you to everyone, including volunteers, City staff and supporters, who made all of these events possible.

*Mayor Todd with 5 yr old, Taylor who is on a mission to have ice cream with all Missouri mayors. Mayor count is currently 120+. More info about Taylor can be found at Show Me the Ice Cream on Facebook.*



The Grain Valley Police Department has seen several changes recently, starting with the retirement of David Starbuck last summer. James Beale stepped in and served as Interim Chief until the Board approved his transition to the position permanently in December. Chief Beale has already implemented several new programs in the community and I am excited to see what he has in store for the future!

As we near Spring and you and your family are ready to get outdoors, don't forget to check out the enclosed Parks & Recreation Activity Guide with fun activities for all ages. You may register for the Parks & Rec programs by visiting <https://grainvalley.recdesk.com>. Another great way to stay connected to what's going on in the community is by "liking" Grain Valley Parks & Recreation, City of Grain Valley and the Grain Valley Police Department on Facebook. Also, follow all three on Twitter and visit [www.cityofgrainvalley.org](http://www.cityofgrainvalley.org) for important updates, forms, municipal code and more.

On a sad note, on December 8th, 2018, we received the news of the passing of Jim Kissick. Jim was not only a businessman who has been an integral proponent to the growth of Grain Valley, but was a good friend to so many. I am pleased that he was honored last fall as Grain Valley's "Outstanding Citizen" at the Truman Heartland Foundation's 2018 gala. Jim helped change the face of Main Street in recent years, donated space to the Grain Valley Partnership, helped prepare the land at the Sni-A-Bar Farm, donated funds to the Grain Valley School District Foundation, and supported many other local organizations.

I appreciate the opportunity that I have to continue to serve this great community. Please know that I welcome your concerns and questions. I can be reached directly at [mayor@cityofgrainvalley.org](mailto:mayor@cityofgrainvalley.org), messenger through the "Mayor Michael Todd" Facebook page or by calling 816-719-9436.

–Mike Todd, Mayor

## ON THE COVER

*Youngster learning about Public Works equipment at the 2018 Community Development Event.*

**2019 Community Development Event—  
June 20th!**

## TEMP STOP

The former Conoco convenience store and service station, located at the SE corner of the I-70 interchange, closed in November 2018.

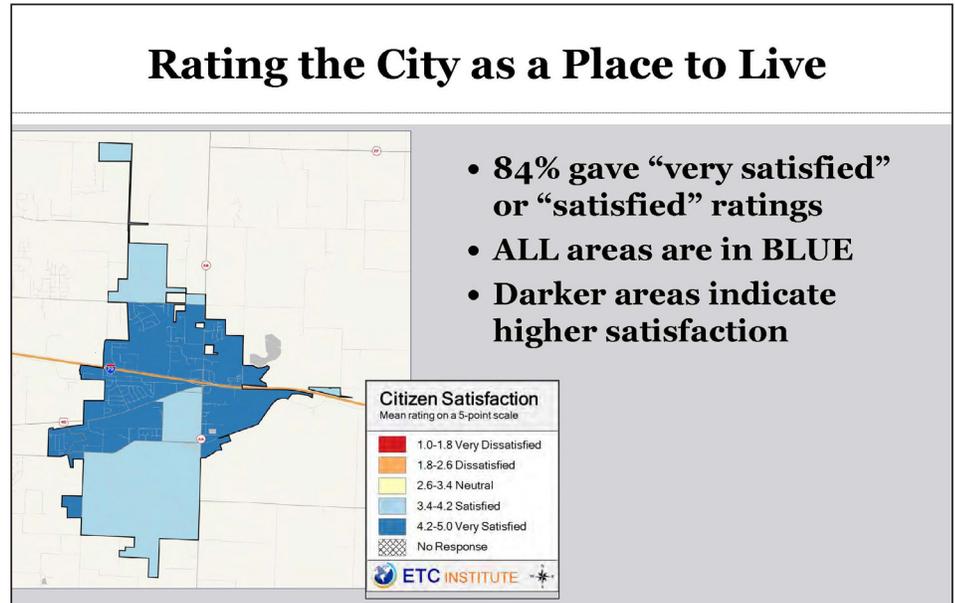
Demolition of the building soon followed to make room for the new Temp-Stop convenience store. Temp-Stop is expected to open in Summer 2019 and will include two restaurants: Champ's Chicken and BluTACO. It will serve as a fueling station for passenger vehicles, including RV's and light duty pickup trucks with trailers. The new store will not provide services for large, over the road tractor trailers.



## COMMUNITY SURVEY

**Last fall, the City of Grain Valley Community Survey was conducted by the ETC Institute.**

The primary purpose of the survey was to objectively assess overall citizen satisfaction with city services. It also gathered information about priorities of Grain Valley residents regarding future plans for the community. The 7-page survey was sent to 2,800 randomly-selected households. The survey recipients were given the option to complete the survey either on-line or through the hard copy that was sent to them. 610 surveys were completed, with a good representation of the community as a whole. The survey report stated that “the demographics of survey respondents accurately portrays Grain Valley,” including gender, age and race/ethnicity.



The overall satisfaction with City services was rated as high with respondents having a positive perception of the City. 84% were either “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with Grain Valley as a place to live.

**Visit [www.cityofgrainvalley.org](http://www.cityofgrainvalley.org) to view the complete survey.**

## NEW FEATURES FOR UTILITY BILLING WEBSITE

**New features have been added to the City’s utility billing website.**

Customers can now:

- Print their water bill
- View transaction and consumption history
- Quick Pay: one-time payment option
- Auto Pay: automatically deducts utility payment from same account monthly

Utility payments can still be processed in traditional methods including auto-draft from bank account, mailing to City Hall, the drop box located at the curb north of City Hall, or by calling the utility billing department. Call 816-847-6280 with questions or assistance in determining which payment method is best suited to you. There will be no changes to the current monthly billing process.

## SNI-A-BAR FARM PROPERTY UPDATE

**The municipal complex – including the Police Department, City Hall and Parks & Recreation Department – may have a new address within the next 2-3 years.**



The property, formerly home to Sni-A-Bar Farms, is comprised of 50+ acres that the City of Grain Valley purchased in 2015 with the intent of making it home to a new municipal complex. The property once belonged to William Rockhill Nelson, the founder of the Kansas City Star. Nelson used the property for agricultural research, some of which was instrumental in the development of improvements in agricultural sciences.

Kissick Construction has been helping to prepare land to the North of the main house on the property. This will make more of the site usable for construction.

The City is working with Sapp Design Associates, Architects P.C., who will conduct a site analysis to assess the property and buildings on-site. They will use this information to determine whether it will be advantageous or not to utilize the existing buildings as part of the new municipal complex. Information from the architectural firm and the selected contractor for the project will be compiled to create a financial budget overview. City administration and the architectural firm will begin community outreach, including public forums, later this year in order to keep the community informed and up-to-date on the plans as they progress.

## OATS TRANSIT



OATS Transit is available to eligible Grain Valley residents. The transportation service offers door to door or curb to curb service for residents 65 years of age or older or ages 18-64 with a disability. The service is available in Grain Valley on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Citizens utilize the service to travel to a variety of destinations, including the Grain Valley Community Center, retail stores such as Kohl's and Target, restaurants and doctor's appointments.

*Trips are limited to the city limits of Grain Valley and Blue Springs.*

The cost is \$1.00 per one-way trip. Fare cards may be purchased for \$10.00 (10 one-way trips or 5 round trips).

**To schedule a ride, call 816-380-7433 up to two weeks in advance between the hours of 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

## CJCARES: NON-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Over the course of 2018, the CJCares crew has been instrumental in assisting over 200 community members through this unique and community-centered program. By preventing the emergency before it happens, the ambulances and fire apparatus are more available to respond and assist on other calls. The primary focus of the community paramedic program (CJCares) is to provide solutions in a non-emergency setting to problems and issues that might ultimately result in the need for emergency help. CJCares specializes in “right sizing” and customizing care for citizens including finding durable medical equipment in the short term to helping families find the best kind of care for their loved ones.

CJCares began operation in late 2016. In 2018, the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District experienced a decrease in emergency calls. Our community is getting a more complete service with a much broader range of resources to help solve problems, both emergency and non-emergency, through CJCares.

For more information about CJCares, contact them at [cjcares@cjcfpd.org](mailto:cjcares@cjcfpd.org) or 816-463-8550.

## CENTRAL JACKSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

**The Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (CJC) serves Grain Valley, Lake Tapawingo and Blue Springs as the full-service fire department, providing fire and emergency medical service (EMS) response, fire and life safety education and hazardous and technical rescue.**



They go above and beyond to ensure that they are able to provide the best service possible for these communities, including reaching two major achievements in recent months.

They received an ISO Public Protection Class of 1 by the Insurance Service Office. This is the best possible rating. Evaluation is based on response, water supplies, training, fire prevention, and other capabilities to determine a risk class for residential and commercial properties, which can affect insurance costs.

CJC also received their 3rd accreditation from the Commission of Fire Service. Several variables are evaluated for this accreditation, including the response, finances, public education, and training, along with other functions of CJC.

The City of Grain Valley works closely with CJC, to ensure that the City’s water infrastructure is properly sized in order to provide adequate water supply and water pressure for CJC’s use. The fire hydrants in Grain Valley are maintained and inspected by the Public Works division.

## PUBLIC WORKS AS FIRST RESPONDERS

**It is common knowledge that the Public Works Division is responsible for the maintenance of roads, sanitary sewers and water mains throughout Grain Valley.**

Public Works staff are also first responders, on-call and ready to respond in the event of emergencies or natural disasters. Along with police and fire departments, Public Works plays a critical role in managing damaged or blocked roadways to allow access for emergency vehicles that provide lifesaving services to those who may be trapped or injured.

Water in your home is provided by a pressurized system that's controlled by a complex series of pumping and pressure stations that can be damaged during natural disasters. An ample supply of clean water is necessary for fire suppression and humanitarian needs such as cleaning, drinking and for showers. It's the role of your Public Works staff to prepare strategies for repairing or isolating damaged water lines to bring the system back into operation as soon as possible. Public Works crews



also have the skills to bypass damaged sewer lines and clear blockages to bring critical sewer operations back on-line for the health and wellbeing of those in need after a disaster. Public Works follows the National Incident Management System structure in which they not only manage infrastructure after an event, but they document their actions and provide progress information. They also report to the City's public information officer who will ensure news outlets are aware of critical information for citizens and other first responders. Should a major disaster affect Grain Valley, the Public Works division is ready and trained to take action.



GRAIN VALLEY  
**POLICE**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Curfew times for juveniles** – Juveniles under the age of 17 are not permitted to be in public places, sidewalks, streets and alleys, between the hours of 11:00 pm and 5:00 am, Sunday through Thursday and Midnight to 5:00 am, Friday and Saturday, per City code, section 215.130.
- **Non-emergency dispatch phone number** – Jackson County Dispatch is available 24/7 for non-emergency calls at 816-795-1960 or during the hours of 8 am – 5 pm, Monday-Friday, you may call the Grain Valley Police Department – 816-847-6250.
- **Grain Valley Parks' hours are 6 am – 11 pm** – Any persons on city park property outside of these hours of operation, may be subject to fines and/ or charges for loitering.
- **Speed humps** – Temporary speed humps are typically used in high traffic areas in which either citizens, police officers or other emergency response personnel notice a high frequency of drivers exceeding the posted speed limit. Speed hump placement may be requested by citizens who complete a form at the Community Development Department in City Hall. Completing the form does NOT ensure that a speed hump will be placed. Placement is dependent upon a traffic study and availability of the traffic calming devices (speed humps).
- **Community Security Camera Program** – Grain Valley businesses and residents can register their security cameras with the Police Department. The cameras may help officers investigate suspected criminal activity. You may register for the program by completing a form, which is available at [www.cityofgrainvalley.org](http://www.cityofgrainvalley.org) or by visiting the Police Department.



## STAY CONNECTED!

- City of Grain Valley
- Grain Valley Parks & Recreation
- Grain Valley Police Department

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# SAVE THE DATE!

**Grain Valley Police Department's National Night Out  
August 6th, 2019**

## CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

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### PARKS & RECREATION

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### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### PUBLIC WORKS

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After Hours (816) 990-1990