

CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY

NEW RESIDENT

GUIDE

Come Home To Opportunity



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WELCOME TO GRAIN VALLEY! It is one of the fastest growing cities in the state, offering award-winning educational opportunities and convenient access to recreational activities, shopping, dining and entertainment, while maintaining the feel of a close-knit community. We are located just over 20 miles from downtown Kansas City, with easy access to vast offerings including museums, theaters, world-champion sports teams, the Kansas City Zoo, Worlds of Fun and much more, but with the appeal of small-town living and values found right here. We know that you will be happy with your decision to make Grain Valley your home.

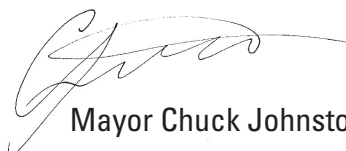
Grain Valley is a growing City of nearly 15,000 residents. Located in Jackson County, it is part of the Kansas City Metropolitan area. Situated right on I-70, residents enjoy close proximity to Kansas City's amenities. Grain Valley is a young community with a median age of 33.6 and a median household income of just over \$70,000.

Our City staff and elected officials work year-round to ensure the safety and needs of our citizens are met. Our Police Department takes pride in their promise to protect and serve, but also strives to connect through events and while out in the community. Our Community Development Department is working continuously to set Grain Valley apart as a first-class community, offering residents, businesses and visitors a premier lifestyle experience via quality infrastructure upgrades. Parks & Recreation offers programs for all ages and are always looking for opportunities to continue improving parks and the City's connectivity with walking trails throughout the community.

Grain Valley is rich with history having been formed from two smaller towns in 1878. It was incorporated in 1945 and has certainly changed in recent years with exponential residential growth, as well as, commercial growth, including added amenities such as a movie theater, a large locally-owned supermarket and dining options.

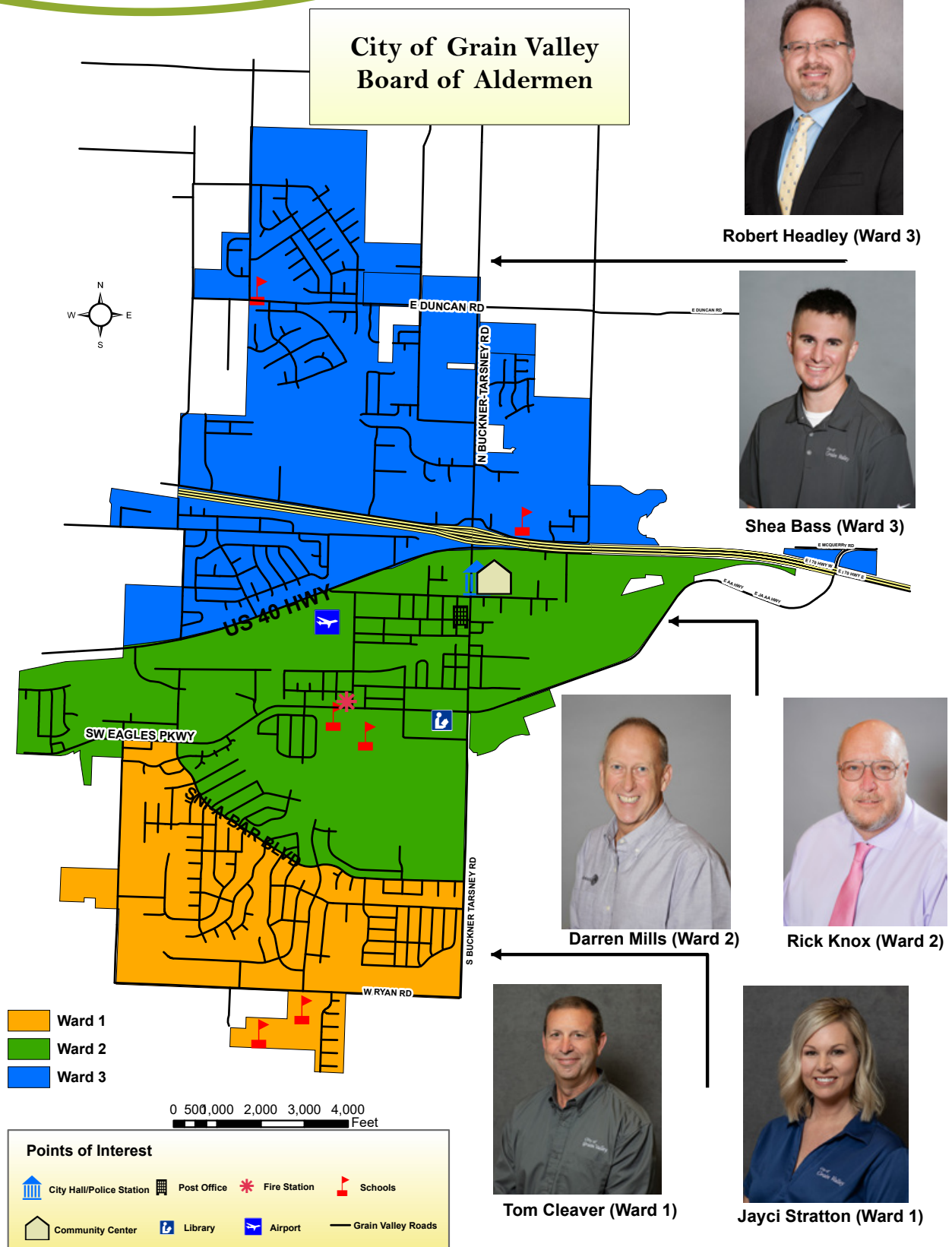
In order to get you off to the best start possible, we have provided you with this guide, designed to answer questions you may have about living, working and playing in Grain Valley. Communication is important to us, so stay connected on social media, via our app and website. If you have questions, call 816-847-6293 or send a message to info@cityofgrainvalley.org.




Mayor Chuck Johnston




Ken Murphy, City Administrator



GRAIN VALLEY ELECTED OFFICIALS: MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

The City of Grain Valley is classified as a Fourth-Class City in the State of Missouri following the laws of Chapter 79 of the Missouri State Statutes. The Grain Valley Board of Aldermen is the policy making body of the City. Elected officials are responsible for developing a budget for the City and adopting legislation that has the force of law within the City limits.

All Grain Valley elected officials serve 2-year terms. The elected body is composed of a Mayor and six board members. The City is composed of three wards, represented by two board members each.

Board of Aldermen meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 711 Main Street.

ELECTED OFFICIAL	TITLE	TERM EXPIRES	CONTACT INFO	EMAIL ADDRESS
Chuck Johnston	Mayor	April 2022	816-847-6278	cjohnston@cityofgrainvalley.org
Jayci Stratton	Alderman Ward I	April 2022	816-847-6295	jstratton@cityofgrainvalley.org
Tom Cleaver	Alderman Ward I	April 2023	816-847-6277	tcleaver@cityofgrainvalley.org
Darren Mills	Alderman Ward II	April 2023	816-847-6297	dmills@cityofgrainvalley.org
Rick Knox	Alderman Ward II	April 2022	816-935-6333	rknox@cityofgrainvalley.org
Bob Headley	Alderman Ward III	April 2022	816-935-2181	rheadley@cityofgrainvalley.org
Shea Bass	Alderman Ward III	April 2023	816-847-6243	sbass@cityofgrainvalley.org

ADMINISTRATION: 816-847-6290*Call for:*

- Board of Aldermen Information
- Public Records Requests
- Public/Media Relations
- Human Resources
- Occupational, Liquor and Fireworks Licenses
- City Organizational Information
- Event Information
- Economic Growth and Development
- Municipal Election Information
Candidacy and Ballot Measures
- Policy Related Information
- Volunteer Boards & Commissions
- City Social Media Outlets

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: 816-847-6220*Call for:*

- Building Permits: Pool, Deck, Fence, Remodel, etc.
- City Code Questions and Reporting Violations
(Blight, Weed, Tall Grass, etc.)
- Building Code Requirements & Inspections
- City Planning Information & Plan Review
- Infrastructure
- Zoning and Land Use
- City Mapping
- Signage Regulation
- Capital Improvement Projects

PUBLIC WORKS: 816-847-0091*Call for:*

- Pothole Repair Request
- Street Sign Concerns
- Snow Removal Questions
- Water/Sewer Needs
- Street Construction and Overlay
- Report a Water Main Break

MUNICIPAL COURT: 816-847-6240*Call for:*

- Court Records and Information
- Court Payment Processing
- Court Dates

FINANCE/UTILITY BILLING: 816-847-6280*Call for:*

- City Budget Information
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- City Fee Schedule
- New Voter Registration
- Utility Billing Payments and Shut-Off Assistance
- Water/Sewer Service Turn On/Transfer
- Water Leaks and Detection Information

PARKS AND RECREATION: 816-847-6230*Call for:*

- Community Center Fitness Memberships & Rentals
- Youth Sports Leagues
- Swimming Pool and Swimming Lessons
- Parks Information including Shelter & Ballfield Rental
- Community Events and Activities
- Trail System
- Park Board Information

POLICE: Emergency: 911

Non Emergency: 816-847-6250

Call for:

- Animal Control
- Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)
- Animal Registration
- Citizen Police Academy
- Peddler/Solicitor Licenses and No Call List
- Report Copies
- Special Event Permits
- Speed Sign/Speed Enforcement:
speedenforcement@grainvalleypolice.org

GRAIN VALLEY PARKS

ARMSTRONG PARK

(713 S Main Street)

This 10-acre park is located in the heart of Grain Valley and is loaded with amenities for the entire family. The park currently boasts four picnic shelters with BBQ grills, picnic tables, a gazebo, restrooms, two large playground areas with swings, a skate park, an asphalt walking trail, and two lighted baseball fields. For larger gatherings, our pavilion is a great facility to host your company picnic, banquet, or wedding reception. The pavilion has three elevated stages, private restrooms and is 2-3 times the size of our regular shelters. Shelter, pavilion and athletic field reservations may be obtained by calling (816) 847-6230.

MONKEY MOUNTAIN PARK

(35007 E Old U.S. 40 Highway)

This park is known for its athletic fields. Monkey Mountain Park has 4 baseball/softball fields and 1 multipurpose field. Other amenities include two playgrounds and a picnic shelter for the whole family to enjoy. Shelter and athletic field reservations may be obtained by calling (816) 847-6230.

FOOTBALL FIELD COMPLEX

(28605 E Old U.S. 40 Highway)

This complex has two multipurpose fields for football and soccer, restrooms and a picnic shelter.

NEIGHBORHOOD POCKET PARKS

Grain Valley has four neighborhood pocket parks: Clover Park (Clover Drive & Brome Drive), Eagle Park (Willow Street & Broadway Street), Kirby Park (RD Mize Road & Barr Road), and Farmington Meadows' Park (Sandy Court & Laura Lane). Clover and Eagle parks are small in stature and located right in the middle of neighborhoods. These are generally greenspace areas only and are perfect for a picnic. Farmington Meadows 5-acre lake is a great place to get in some fishing!

TENNIS COURTS

(551 SW Eagles Parkway)

Public tennis courts are located at the Grain Valley High School, on SW Eagles Parkway. The tennis courts are open to the public anytime except for practices and matches during the High School tennis season in the spring and fall, and when school is in session. All courts are lighted.



Armstrong Park

GRAIN VALLEY TRAILS

BUTTERFLY TRAIL

(RD Mize Road & Long Drive)

This beautiful asphalt trail, located in the heart of Grain Valley at RD Mize Road and Long Drive is a .8-mile, figure eight loop that traverses around a 10-acre lake. Walking, jogging and biking are allowed as well as fishing. Trailside picnic shelters are also available for use. All animals must be leashed and under control while on the trail.

BLUE BRANCH CREEK TRAIL

(Buckner-Tarsney Road & SW Rock Creek Lane)

This asphalt trail connects Buckner-Tarsney Road to SW Eagles Parkway and runs parallel to Blue Branch Creek. The trail is just over a mile one-way. Trailheads are located at Buckner-Tarsney Road, just south of Dollar General and at the dead end of Cross Creek Drive located in the Cross Creek subdivision. Expansion to this trail will include a pedestrian bridge over Blue Branch Creek, additional trails to the south connecting the Sni-A-Bar Farm neighborhoods, and trail connectivity to the High School and Sni-A-Bar Elementary campuses.



GRAIN VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER AND SHELTERS

The Grain Valley Community Center is home to a gymnasium, fitness center, locker room & shower facilities, conference/meeting room, reception room, and full commercial kitchen. Your first visit to the Community Center to utilize the fitness center is free. Residents receive discounts and senior citizens age 65 and up are eligible for free memberships. The meeting room and reception room may be rented for private occasions. There are three shelters available to rent at Armstrong Park, in addition to the Pavilion at Armstrong Park. Monkey Mountain Park also has one shelter available to rent. Call 816-847-6230 for information regarding membership fees for the fitness center and rental information.

GRAIN VALLEY AQUATIC CENTER

The Grain Valley Aquatic Center features a zero-depth entrance, tot slide, giant floating feature, diving board, and slides. Concession stand, shaded concession tables, and lounge areas are also available to keep you and your family refreshed on those hot summer days. The aquatic center opens on Memorial Day and closes on Labor Day. It is available for private event rental by calling 816-847-6230.



PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Grain Valley Parks & Recreation offers a variety of youth, adult and senior activities throughout the entire year. For the most up to date information, please visit our website at www.cityofgrainvalley.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/ Stay informed by following us on Facebook (@GrainValleyParksAndRecreation), Twitter (@GVParksAndRec) and Instagram (grainvalleyparksandrec). You may receive text alerts regarding events and ball fields rainouts by registering at the following link: mobile-text-alerts.com/GVPR

Grain Valley Police Officers strive to connect with citizens. All are encouraged to bring their questions to the police department and when available, an officer will take time to visit with them. The following are programs in which officers engage with the community. Call 816-847-6250 for more information regarding any of these:

- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME** - National Night Out Against Crime brings together community residents and law enforcement nationwide in order to promote positive community interaction. The GVPD hosts this annual community event. A wide variety of law enforcement displays, vehicles, and demonstrations, along with lots of giveaways, activities for children, free food, and drink make this a great family event.
- **GRAIN VALLEY CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY** - The Citizens Academy educates and informs interested citizens, allowing them to walk in the footsteps of a police officer. Participants attend classes (1 night a week for 12 weeks) on law, police procedures, crime scene investigations, and more.
- **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE (VIPS)** - Citizens who successfully complete the Citizens Police Academy are eligible to apply to be members of the VIPS. Members volunteer their time and skills for a variety of projects and assignments. They are a valuable part of the police department and assist with tasks including traffic control, community relations, crime scene searches and clerical.



- **REQUEST A COP** - The purpose of the Request a COP Program is to promote a healthy interactive relationship between the Grain Valley Police Department and the citizens and business members of Grain Valley. The Grain Valley Police Department will arrange for a uniformed police officer to visit your neighborhood event, get-together, meeting, block party, birthday party, or school function to mingle and interact with those in attendance.

GRAIN VALLEY SCHOOLS

The **GRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT** is comprised of four elementary schools, two middle schools, an alternative high school, an early childhood center and one high school. It offers a vast array of extra-curricular opportunities for students. Grain Valley Schools have outstanding teachers with quality instruction. Faculty is often recognized for their effectiveness as they work together to prepare students for the future. One-to-one technology is available for 6th – 12th grade students. The district has received numerous accolades, both regionally and nationally such as the Best High Schools 2020 list by U.S. News & World Reports and 2019 Best Elementary School for Sni-A-Bar Elementary, named by readers of *The Examiner*.

More information about the Grain Valley School district can be found at www.GrainValleySchools.org. Families may enter their address into the boundary map located on the “Enrollment & Residency” section of the website under the “For Families” tab. This is also where families begin the enrollment process.



ANIMAL CONTROL

Our **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (ACO)** is dedicated to improving the co-existence of animals and humans by educating citizens about responsible pet ownership. The ACO cooperates with local rescue/animal welfare organizations in effort to find homes for stray and abandoned animals. The ACO can be reached at 816-847-6250 during business hours or Jackson County Sheriff's Department dispatch, after hours at 816-795-1960. Call 9-1-1 if you have an animal control emergency after hours, such as a confined stray with a life threatening injury, animal posing an immediate threat to public safety or an animal that has bitten a person.



COMMUNITY DISPOSAL EVENTS

Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Disposal Events are free to Grain Valley residents through a program brought to our community by the Solid Waste Management District, the Mid-America Regional Council and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The mobile events typically take place in the Spring - Fall in metro communities. Grain Valley residents may attend any of the events. The complete list can be found at recyclespot.org. Household hazardous waste includes paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, lawn & garden products, bug sprays, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. Call 816-474-8326 or email recycle@marc.org for more information.

Grain Valley Public Works hosts a City Wide Clean-Up Event annually in which residents may dispose of unwanted items, with the exception of hazardous waste, refrigerators and yard waste. Senior citizens (age 65+) are eligible for curbside pickup. This event takes place in June. Stay tuned to City social media for event announcements or contact Public Works at 816-847-0091. ID and proof of residency are required at both events.



GARAGE SALES

Residents are welcome to have garage sales throughout the year. There is no permit required to hold a garage sale, however, the Municipal Code requires that residents do not host more than four (4) sales per year and that they do not exceed three (3) days in length per sale.

Garage sale signs may not be posted on any public property, including street signs, posts, traffic signs, or any utility pole. Signs can not be placed more than two (2) days before the sale and need to be removed on or before the last day of the garage sale.

The City does not manage any city-wide or neighborhood sales throughout the year and each individual is responsible for ensuring they comply to all rules set in the Municipal Code regarding garage sales.

WATER BILL PAY OPTIONS

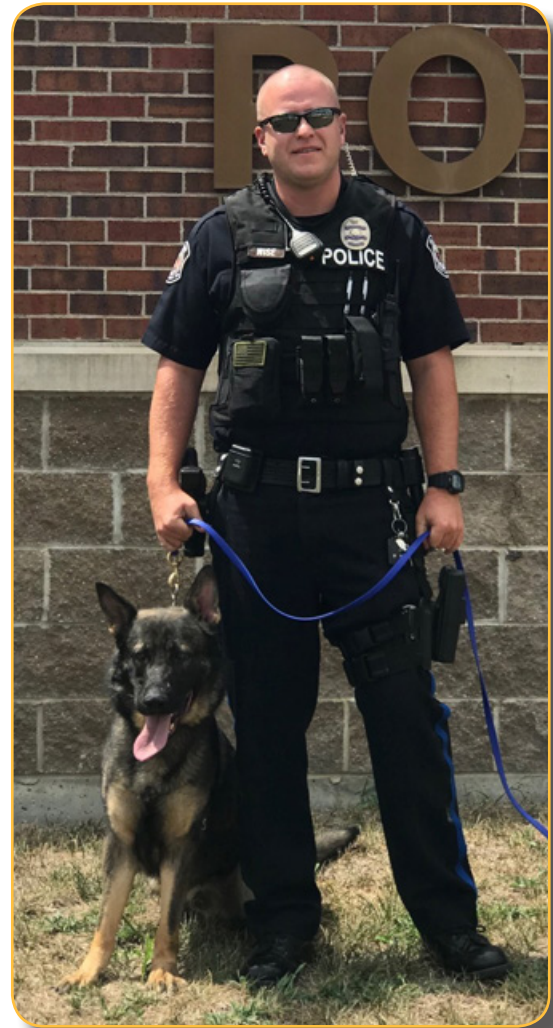
Our utility billing division makes paying your water bill simple with several convenient options. Call 816-847-6280 for more information:

- Residents may pay by phone or set up text to pay, 24/7 by calling 866-290-8885.
- Enroll in automatic bank draft withdrawal with the submission of an authorization form and a voided check.
- Payment can be left at the drop off box at the curb, north of City Hall.
- Download the City of Grain Valley app.
- Payments also may be managed by visiting www.cityofgrainvalley.org, where you may sign up for paperless billing or arrange for recurring online payments. More information and forms may also be accessed on the City website.
- Pay in person or mail payment to City Hall, 711 Main Street, Grain Valley, MO 64029.

The **GRAIN VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT** not only serves and protects us year-round, but they also strive to be involved in the community and engage citizens. Grain Valley has been cited as one of the safest cities in Missouri. Our officers participate in training programs throughout the year to ensure they are prepared for anything that may come their way. There are several community outreach programs that citizens can become involved in such as the Citizen's Police Academy, Volunteers in Police Service and R.A.D. self-defense. Our officers welcome citizens of all ages to stop by with questions or concerns at 711 Main Street. For more information call 816-847-6250 or visit www.cityofgrainvalley.org/police/.



The **CENTRAL JACKSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** (CJCFPD) serves Grain Valley as well as Blue Springs and Lake Tapawingo. All firefighters on staff are either EMT or paramedic trained. CJCFPD personnel are out in the community, including conducting public fire safety education. Their administrative offices can be reached by calling 816-229-2522. Station #4 is located in Grain Valley at 700 SW Eagles Pkwy with a new station coming soon to Duncan & Dillingham. More information can be found at cjcfpd.org.



CENTRAL JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT AND RESOURCE EVALUATION SERVICE (CJCares) is a non-emergency service which responds to patients who need services such as medication inventory and compliance and home safety checks. Their objective is to reduce medical calls for issues such as falls and medical transports from chronic conditions. For more information about the services that CJCares offers, call 816-229-9118 or email cjcares@cjcfpd.org.

SENIOR LUNCHEONS – The luncheons take place the first Wednesday of each month, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. They include entertainment, an informative presentation and a meal for a \$3 suggested donation. Attendees may also have their blood pressure checked before luncheons. The luncheons are followed by Bingo. Call 816-847-6293 or email info@cityofgrainvalley.org to RSVP or with questions.

SENIOR COFFEE – Complimentary coffee is available every Monday at the Community Center, 9:00-11:00 am.

OATS TRANSIT – Transportation is available for Grain Valley residents, age 65+ or age 18-64 with a disability. Rides are \$1 for each trip and offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. For more information and to schedule rides call 816-380-7433 or visit www.oatstransit.org.



FITNESS CENTER – Grain Valley residents who are 65 years+ are eligible for a free membership, including access to Senior Citizen focused fitness classes. Call the Community Center at 816-847-6230 for more information about the classes that are currently available.

UTILITY BILL DISCOUNT – There are discounted rates available for residents who are 65+. Call utility billing for more information at 816-847-6280. Residents must submit a form to Utility Billing to qualify.



We have several opportunities throughout the year for citizens to engage with staff and join us for some fun! Stay tuned to the City of Grain Valley Facebook page for updated information regarding events:

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EVENT** – This is a community outreach event for our Community Development Department showcasing the work of the Public Works, Building & Codes and Planning & Engineering divisions. Citizens are encouraged to visit with staff and ask questions about their operations. This event typically takes place in June at Armstrong Park and includes free fun activities, games and food for the whole family.
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME** – The primary objective of National Night Out is to encourage police-community partnerships. The Grain Valley Police Department hosts this annual, popular community event. A wide variety of law enforcement displays, vehicles, and demonstrations (along with giveaways, children's activities, free food, and drink) make this a great family event. It typically takes place in August at the Pavilion in Armstrong Park.
- **GRAIN VALLEY FAIR AND PARADE** – The community comes together the weekend after Labor Day for a fair with rides, food and vendors at the Fairgrounds near the Pavilion at Armstrong Park. The community parade is on the Saturday of fair weekend, which includes creative floats by City staff, school organizations, local businesses and many more. For more information find "Grain Valley Fair" on Facebook.
- **TRAIL OR TREAT** – The annual Halloween celebration has become our most popular event. City staff work together to produce this free, family fun event annually on the Friday closest to Halloween. Local businesses set up areas around the walking trail at Butterfly Trail Park and give treats to kids in costume. Many go all out with decorations and some with haunted house type features. Staff provides additional "scares" and a hayride.
- **HOLIDAY FESTIVAL** – This holiday kick-off event takes place the Thursday after Thanksgiving and includes free pictures with Santa, the lighting of the Mayor's Christmas tree, Main Street, the Community Center, City Hall and Armstrong Park, free cookies, hot chocolate and Christmas caroling.



The City encourages citizens to become actively engaged in the municipal decision-making processes through volunteer board, commission and committee positions. The majority of these positions are appointed by the Mayor and vary in term length, meeting requirements and duties. You can apply for any of the boards or commissions by visiting www.cityofgrainvalley.org.

GRAIN VALLEY PARK BOARD: The purpose of the Park Board is to manage the long-term planning of the Grain Valley Park System as well as the maintenance of and improvement to existing park facilities. Board members must be a resident of Grain Valley for a minimum of one-year prior to appointment. The Park Board meets monthly.

POLICE ADVISORY BOARD: The purpose of the Police Advisory Board is to serve as an advisory board to the Board of Aldermen, City Administrator and Chief of Police on police and public safety issues. The Police Advisory Board serves as a liaison between the Police Department and Grain Valley citizens as well as study, recommend and review policies, programs and concepts which are utilized in other communities to improve communication and understanding between the police and the community. The Advisory Board shall also institute and conduct educational programming for the community. The Police Advisory Board meets quarterly.

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICES: The purpose of the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) Program is to assist the police department in providing a higher level of service to the community. VIPS is a national program. The VIPS provide services that would otherwise keep officers from responding to higher priority calls for service. To join the VIPS, one must attend the Grain Valley Police Department

Citizen's Academy, then apply for a VIPS position through the Police Department.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT: The purpose of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) is to hear and decide appeals for a variance to the City's zoning and land use ordinances. An applicant appearing before the Board must prove there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship in the way of carrying out the strict letter of such codes. The BZA meets as needed.

CODE BOARD OF APPEALS: The purpose of the Code Board of Appeals is to consider and decide on appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official or City Engineer relative to the application and interpretation of the adopted building codes, fire codes, and Design and Construction Manual accordingly. The Board also reviews updated editions to the International Building Codes for recommendation to the Board of Aldermen. Board of Appeals members must be experienced in diversified building and construction trades. The Code Board of Appeals meets as needed.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION: The purpose of the Planning and Zoning Commission is to oversee the planning needs of the City. The Planning and Zoning Commission makes recommendations to the Board of Aldermen on all proposed zoning text amendments and rezoning of property, including conditional use permits and oversees proposed subdivisions of land and development. The Planning and Zoning Commission also makes recommendations to the Board of Aldermen on the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan and adopts and amends the City's Comprehensive Plan. The Commission meets monthly.

EVERGY (Electrical Service)
888-471-5275
evergy.com

GRAIN VALLEY PARTNERSHIP
(Chamber of Commerce/Econ. Development Corp.)
816-443-5162
growgrainvalley.org

GRAIN VALLEY ANIMAL CONTROL
816-847-6250
816-795-1960 (after hours number)
non-emergency

GRAIN VALLEY POST OFFICE
816-228-2024
112 Walnut Street

GRAIN VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
816-847-5006
grainvalleyschools.org

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE/ RECYCLING**
816-474-4240
Recyclespot.org

MID-CONTINENT PUBLIC LIBRARY
816-228-4020
mymcpl.org

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSING
Blue Springs: 816-228-0128
Independence: 816-307-7348
Lee's Summit: 816-944-4000

SPIRE ENERGY (Gas Service)
800-582-1234
spireenergy.com

TRASH SERVICE OPTIONS
AAA Disposal: 816-650-3180
aaadisposal.net

Lies Trash Service: 816-228-4728
liestrashservice.com

WCA: 816-220-3227
wcawaste.com

TV / INTERNET OPTIONS
Xfinity: 800-934-6489
AT&T: 800-288-2020

UTILITY BILLING DIVISION
816-847-6280
water@cityofgrainvalley.org

VOTER REGISTRATION
Jackson County Election Board
816-325-4600
jcebmo.org

YARD WASTE DISPOSAL
816-847-7050
Jacksongov.org

DRIVER'S LICENSE & PLATES

The Department of Motor Vehicles has several locations in the Kansas City metro area. Those located within closest proximity to Grain Valley are listed here. The state of Missouri requires proof of identity, date of lawful status (ie: birth certificate or passport), proof of social security number, proof of Missouri residential address and associated fees to obtain a **NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE** or to **RENEW A DRIVER'S LICENSE**.

In order to **RENEW PLATES** you will need your Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice (or Application for Motor Vehicle License – Form 184), a safety inspection, a paid personal property tax receipt for the previous year (or two years if it is a 2-year renewal), proof of insurance and processing fee.

- Blue Springs Driver License Office
2402 SW State Route 7
Blue Springs, MO 64014
816-228-0128
- License Office Services, LLC
(also offers driver's exams)
316 SW Blue Parkway
Lee's Summit, MO 64081
816-944-4000
- Independence License Office
(also offers driver's exams)
16643 East 23rd Street
Independence, MO 64055
816-307-7348

VOTER INFORMATION

The Jackson County Board of Election Commissioners (JCEB) is the election authority for all of Jackson County, excluding Kansas City proper. JCEB oversees all aspects of the election including new voter registration, maintaining the voter database, conducting all elections and more. Elections may occur several times throughout the year but typically in the months of February, March, April, August and November. Please visit the website or call the election board to find out where polling locations are:

Jackson County Election Board
215 N. Liberty, Independence MO 64050
816-842-4820
www.jcebmo.org

REGISTERING TO VOTE:

In order to be able to register to vote, you must be registered at your current address by the fourth Wednesday of the month prior to the election in which you plan on voting. You may register in person at the Jackson County Election Board, mail a printable form (obtained online) directly to the Election Board, or call City Hall at 816-847-6200 for additional options. If you move, you must re-register to vote in your new jurisdiction. For more information, including eligibility and current polling locations and hours, please visit the election board's website: jcebmo.org

GRAIN VALLEY ASSISTANCE COUNCIL

The Grain Valley Assistance Council (GVAC) is available to help individuals and families who find themselves in a time of need. GVAC provides food, clothing and other tailored assistance to those who reside within the 64029 zip code. Special assistance is also available during the holiday season. GVAC also provides home delivered meals to residents who are age 65+, and are homebound.

GVAC relies on community support to meet the needs of our residents. If you would like to host a food drive, make a monetary donation or volunteer in another capacity, please contact GVAC to discover the most pressing needs.

GVAC is open to serve on Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. If you or someone you care about is in need, please contact the Grain Valley Assistance Council:

Phone:
816-355-0328

Email:
admin@grainvalleyassistancecouncil.org

Address:
513 Gregg Street Unit A
Grain Valley, MO 64029

VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Legacy Plaza at Butterfly Trail Park is a tribute to honor living and fallen veterans who have served our country. It is comprised of flags to represent each branch of military with bricks which are engraved with the names of veterans. Bricks can be purchased and personalized with distinguishing information about the veteran you wish to honor. For more information, contact Grain Valley Parks & Recreation at 816-847-6230.



The **NIXLE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM** sends text messages to citizens regarding extreme weather conditions, road closures and other emergency occurrences. Text your zip code to 888777 to sign up.

TORNADO SHELTERS are available at Armstrong Park, located directly behind City Hall and at Butterfly Trail Park near OOIDA. The restrooms at each location are certified storm shelters with limited capacity.

EMERGENCY SIRENS are located throughout Grain Valley. These are intended to alert citizens who are outdoors of impending dangerous weather conditions and are tested the first Wednesday of each month, weather permitting.

If you have questions or concerns regarding emergency preparedness, call the Grain Valley Police Department at 816-847-6250. Questions regarding the emergency sirens should be directed to the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District by calling 816-229-2522.

PUBLIC WORKS is working for you. Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the water, sewer, transportation and storm water systems in the City.

They work in extreme conditions at times to keep citizens safe on the roads in the winter and to ensure that water service is working properly for you. During snow events, please remove vehicles and other obstacles from roadways when possible to ensure the safety of our staff and the effectiveness of the work they are doing. Vehicles that are parked in an Emergency Snow Route during a winter weather event, may be subject to towing.

If you witness a water main break and City personnel are not yet on the scene, please contact Public Works. They can be reached at 816-847-0091 during business hours or 816-990-1990 after hours. Concerns regarding pot holes, snow removal and water pressure issues can be reported with the City of Grain Valley's app (Report an Issue) and at www.cityofgrainvalley.org (Report a Concern).



STAY CONNECTED

The City of Grain Valley strives to communicate with citizens through various methods. If you are unable to find the information that you require, call 816-847-6200 or email info@cityofgrainvalley.org. The following are easy ways for you to stay updated with City news:

CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY NEWSLETTER The Newsletter is sent directly to your email inbox quarterly. Signing up is easy by selecting "Sign up for Emails" on the home page of our website. You will also receive additional City updates via email with this option.

CITY VIEW is sent to homes of residents bi-annually (Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter) with City news and includes Parks & Rec's Activities Guide. The Activities Guide has information about upcoming programs.

VALLEY NEWS is a free community newspaper which covers local news, including government, schools, sports, health and wellness and the people of Grain Valley. It is published online weekly and in print on the first and third weeks of the month. Visit grainvalleynews.com to sign up to receive Valley News weekly, via email.



CITY OF GRAIN VALLEY APP

The app is a free download on I-Phones and Androids. Search "City of Grain Valley" in your App Store or Play Store. Report an issue and have easy access to City resources.



The **OFFICIAL CITY WEBSITE**, www.cityofgrainvalley.org, is where you can learn more about the City, information about our elected officials, each of the departments, pay your utility bill, register for parks & recreation programs and view our Code of Ordinances. You will also find forms and permit applications.



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