

City of Grand Junction

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AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

The Regular City Election will be on November 2, 2021. There will be three (3) council seats and the mayor's seat up for election. If anyone is interested in running for one of these positions, please stop at City Hall and pick up the Candidate's Guide to the Regular City Election packet during business hours (M-F 9am - 3pm).

IOWA LINCOLN HIGHWAY HERITAGE BYWAY NAMED NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

The Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway in Iowa has been designated a National Scenic Byway. The application for national status was administered by Jan Gammon, recently retired director of the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway in Iowa, which is administered by Prairie Rivers of Iowa in Ames on behalf of the Iowa Department of Transportation.

To achieve national designation, a state byway must have one defined high intrinsic quality (archaeological, cultural, historic, recreational, natural or scenic).

The Nebraska Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway was also accorded National Scenic Byway status. Illinois Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway was previously named a National Scenic Byway, so now over 3,000 contiguous miles of the Lincoln Highway in Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois are a National Scenic Byway.

The Lincoln Highway spans 13 states from coast-to-coast and in Iowa it spans the state from the Mississippi River to the Missouri River passing through 13 counties. The Lincoln Highway was established in 1913. In the mid-1920s, Greene County became to the first county in Iowa to pave its portion of the highway.

Much of the Lincoln Highway in eastern Greene County is on the National Historic Register. The highway spans more than two miles in Grand Junction, beginning with its intersection east of town at U.S. Highway 30, then running along Main Street from 20th Street to 8th Street (Iowa Highway 144), and then south along Highway 144 until it turns west toward Jefferson at the southwest city limits.

Grand Junction is home to the Lincoln Highway Interpretive Center at the US 30 intersection, in addition to the Greene County Lincoln Highway Museum and Lincoln Highway Garden on Main Street.



GROW GREENE COUNTY FUNDING

The City of Grand Junction received a check from Grow Greene County in the amount of \$29,495.00 for the new gutter system on the municipal pool. The project is to be completed by December 31, 2021.

COUNCIL MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - MICHELLE HILLMAN

Hello, Grand Junction. I am Miki (Michelle) Hillman and Grand Junction is my hometown. I was born at the Greene County Hospital, graduated from East Greene Schools and left Junction to go to college. I returned to Junction in October of 2020 after being away for more than fifty years. I'm the newest member of the Grand Junction City Council and I want to hear your concerns about Grand Junction and how the Council can better serve you. With that being said, I will be at City Hall every Monday morning from 10:00 am - Noon to meet with you and listen to your concerns. If you can't get to City Hall during those hours, please feel free to contact me by mail at City Hall (PO Box 15). Just make sure you give me your contact information (phone number, e-mail or physical address) to send you a reply. I look forward to being one of your representatives.

THE LIBRARY NOOK



The library finished the summer reading program on July 21st. The children had fun making suet for the birds, a google-eyed pencil holder, bird feeder, hula hoop fun and painting a picture. We celebrated the end of summer reading with a sing-a-long on our karaoke machine! We had good participation this summer and the kids really enjoyed themselves!

Drop by and visit the library! We have a wide selection of new books and large print books. Recently the library obtained a laminator. There is a charge of \$1 per sheet to laminate your documents. As always, copy prices are as follows: .25¢ per copy for black and white and .50¢ per copy for color. We also have a picture printer which is .30¢ per photo.

Thanks to a grant from ARPA, the library will soon have a charging station, printer and picnic table.

MAIN STREET CONSTRUCTION

InRoads will be starting the tearing up and repaving of Main Street from 13th Street to 20th Street and part of Railroad Street soon. Updates will be posted on the City's Facebook page and the LED sign in front of the Community Center.



CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP

Grand Junction held a successful city-wide clean-up day on Saturday, June 5th. Thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who pitched in picking up curbside loads and those at the dump site who unloaded and organized the items into the dumpsters.



RECIPE BOX



Peanut Butter Pie

8 oz cream cheese, room temperature
1 c creamy peanut butter
12 oz cool whip

1½ c powdered sugar
2 tsp ground cinnamon
1 Oreo pie shell

With an electric mixer, mix cream cheese and peanut butter until smooth and well blended. Add powdered sugar, cinnamon and cool whip and mix until creamy. Pour into pie shell and refrigerate at least four hours until firm. I like to drizzle the top with chocolate and caramel syrups when serving.