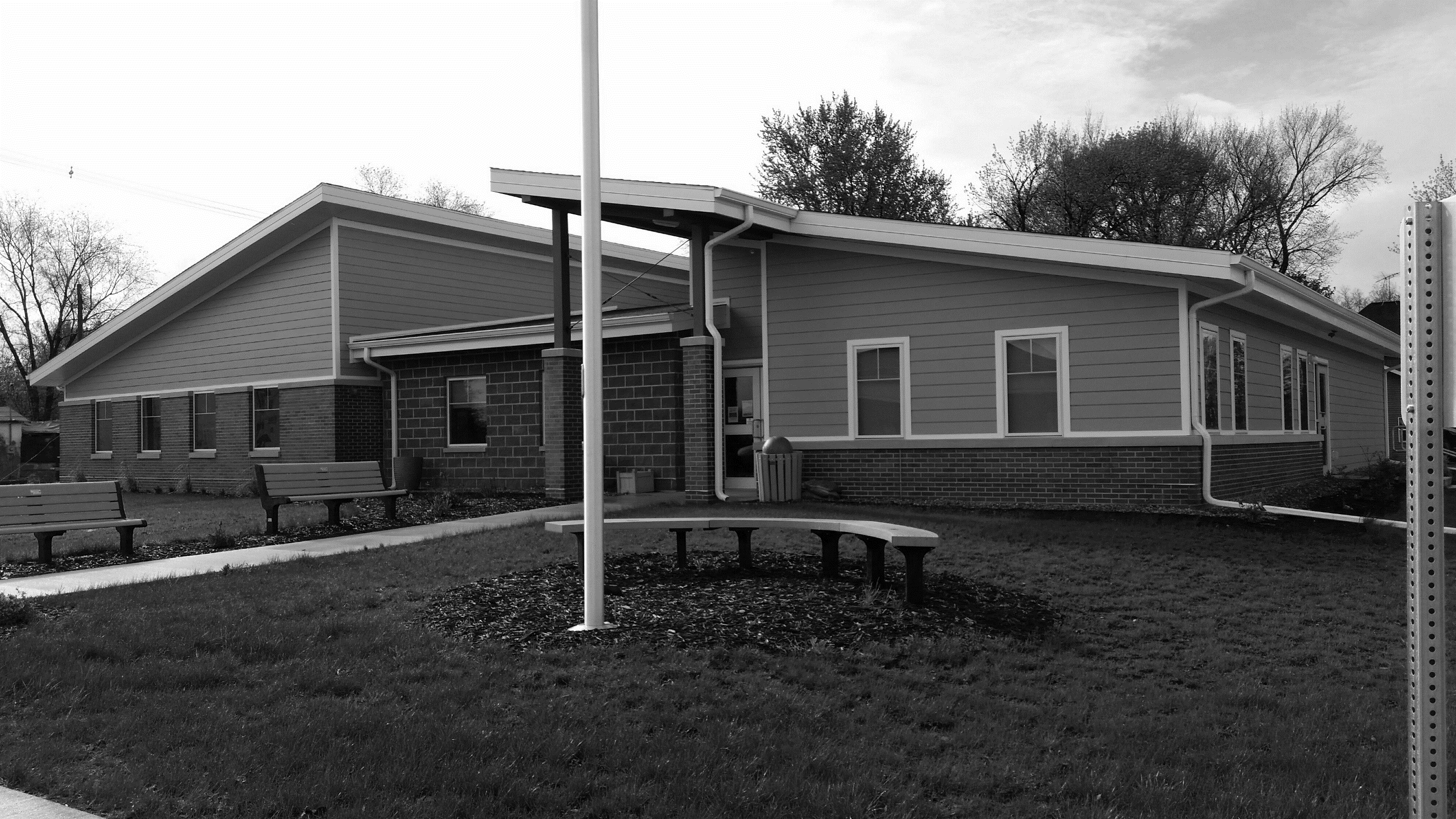
**Grand Junction to Celebrate 150 Years**

GRAND JUNCTION WINTER 2019 NEWSLETTER



Grand Junction’s Sesquicentennial Celebration set for **Aug. 2–4** will be the culmination of more than a year of planning by the GJ 150 Steering Committee.

The **GJ 150 Parade** is set for Aug. 3 at 11 a.m., featuring the Isiserettes marching troupe from Des Moines. Earlier that morning the **GJ Library will host a breakfast** at the community center.

The **Lions Club annual car show** will be held that day at City Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dutton Park Ball Field will be the site of a **beverage garden and live bands** on both Friday and Saturday nights.

**Historical presentations** **are planned** **for Aug. 2 and 4.** The Greene County Historical Society will host its monthly meeting on Friday with a noon meal followed by a program at 1 p.m. On Sunday, GJ 150 and the Greene County Historical Society will co-sponsor a presentation, “Grand Junction: 150 Years of Transportation and Transitions.”

**GJ Fire and Rescue Plans Expansion**

In 2018, Grand Junction Fire and Rescue is pleased to report it acquired several new members; participated in multiple training opportunities, from controlled burns pump training, EMT continuing education, LUCUS device training, extrication training, and so on; and completed fire truck and fire station maintenance. Department members are grateful for the community’s support.

**For 2019, the fire department is excited about plans to expand and improve the fire station.** The department has received a generous grant but still needs about $15,000 to meet its goal. To help, department members are selling raffle tickets for Fareway grocery gift certificates, with amounts ranging from $25 to $100. Tickets are sold in $5 increments, so a $25 donation equals 5 drawing entries. Drawing entries are due Jan. 15, with the drawing Jan. 17. Contact Fire Chief Adam Hoffman (370-2959) for details.

The **Centennial Time Capsule** that was buried in front of the old Legion Hall during the Centennial Celebration in July 1969 will be opened, and **activities for kids** include carnival rides, inflatables, and concessions. **Blank Park Zoo** will have its popular petting zoo on Main Street on Saturday afternoon after the parade. **Games are planned** also at the sports court as well as kickball at Dutton Park Ball Field.

A complete schedule will be finalized soon. **If you would like to help** with our 150th anniversary celebration – either with a financial contribution or by volunteering – **please contact a member of the Steering Committee:** Melanie Frantz, Randy Frantz, Jacob Fester, Amber Richards, Jeremy Richards, Derek Kennedy, and Alan Robinson.



**Near Record Turnout for Jingle Into Junction**

**Hometown Update**

***Message from the Mayor***

In our ongoing efforts to improve our town, one of our goals this year is better **enforcing our Rental Property Code**. Over the past few months Council has heard presentations from a home inspector and the Boone Fire Chief on how to implement inspections and how they are conducted.

Our Code of Ordinances, which is on our website, includes a chapter on our Rental Code (Chapter 5 of Title III). It includes **registration of rental premises with rental permits issued by the city and annual self-inspections** of the properties. This year we will work to apply this Code as well as take steps to implement Council-designated inspections.

In addition, we are continuing to work on Main Street improvements and sewer infrastructure solutions.

Also, please take a moment to fill out the survey included with this newsletter. We value your input on our community needs as we move into 2019.

I appreciate your ideas and support to continue to improve our town. – ***Brock***

***Newsletter by Email***

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please notify Melody or Barbara in the clerk’s office.

Wintry weather didn’t keep crowds from turning out for Grand Junction’s annual **Jingle Into Junction.**

A record number of tickets were sold for the soup-and-sandwich supper held by **Horizons,** raising about $1,200, and the silent auction featured some unusual gift opportunities, such as a climb up a wind turbine, raising around $800. These monies will be used for community projects in the coming year.

In addition, the **GJ Library** held a bake sale and raffled off a quilt, won by Dawn Higgins, and our **GJ** **Fire and Rescue** hosted Santa, shared cookies and hot chocolate, and gave away turkeys.

Plus, 15 individuals/businesses decorated or created colorful entries for the annual Festival of Trees, Wreaths, and Stockings. Proceeds from those that were for sale totaled $840 for the GJ 150 celebration.

**Mark your calendars for the GJ 150 Celebration set for Aug. 2–4, 2019!**

***What Do You Think?***

We appreciate your help on our first city survey a year ago. Now, as we continue to try to meet your needs while revitalizing our town, the City Council is asking for more detailed responses.

***If you haven’t yet done so***, please fill out the survey included with this newsletter. Return it to City Hall by Friday, Jan. 18; if the office isn’t open, you can leave your survey in the drop box outside the front entrance. Thanks in advance for your help!

Contact City Hall at 515-738-2585 or grandjct@iowatelecom.net.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 to 11 am or by appointment.

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