



## City of Grimes April 2015 Newsletter!

This month's newsletter is long as we are catching up on news to get you ready for the summer months.

### **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!! - WHY?**

I just came back from a debriefing on the unfortunate accident that took Sally West's life off of Highway 141.

I originally saw her missing persons report on FB. I called Polk County Sheriff's office to make sure it was a valid post before putting it on the City's FB page. They called Mahaska County and verified that it was. They then entered everything into their system as they had NOT been notified. I posted it on FB and many of you shared my status. On Friday, someone saw the post along with a description of the car and remembered seeing it in the median on Hwy 141 on Monday. Polk County Deputies took a closer look and saw her car in the creek. It was through caring people, like you, who take the time to share news like this, that her family was able to get some closure. Grimes cares!

**Join us on Facebook, keep informed**

# and make a difference!

<https://www.facebook.com/CityofGrimes?>

## **Water Bills - GOING GREEN –**

Did you know you can have your water bill sent by email, you can pay on line as well or be set up on auto billing?

You can type this link into your browser or just email Kay. At [ksuhr@ci.grimes.ia.us](mailto:ksuhr@ci.grimes.ia.us) <mailto:ksuhr@ci.grimes.ia.us?subject=e-billing>

## **SHRED IT!**

Do you have documents that you would like to dispose of in a secure manner? Well bring them to the City Hall parking lot of May 16th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

## *Spring Clean Up Day - May 16th*

*All items must be placed at the curb by 7:00am. The collection vehicles will make one pass down each residential street. This cleanup is for residential only. Place material at edge of street in a bag, box,*

## **Scrap Tire Drop off May 16th**

Each household can drop off a maximum of five tires with the rims removed. In special situations where a household may have more than five tires, please contact Metro Waste Authority to be considered for an exemption.

*containerized or tied in bundles no more than 4ft in length or weigh over 40lbs. Loose piles of trash will not be picked up.*

*Business and residents that operate a business out of their home or anyone with excessive waste must contact Waste Connections for a special collection.*

*White goods such as refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, water heaters, and freezers will be collected. Doors must be removed for safety.*

*All large items (swing sets, play equipment, etc.) must be dismantled to the point that it can be handled by one person.*

This program does **NOT ACCEPT** the following types of tires at the collection site:

1. Tires generated from businesses,
2. Farm or tractor tires,
3. Solid tires (lawnmower, forklift or golf cart tires),
4. Bicycle tires

**Year-Round Disposal - For a Fee**

If you can't take advantage of this event, or you find yourself with tires at other times during the year, then recycle tires directly with:

**Liberty Tire Recycling in Des Moines**

*Items that will not be collected during spring cleanup include; yard waste, brush, tires, vehicles and/or major auto parts, waste oil, paint, flammables, batteries, solvents, household hazardous waste, railroad ties, large piles of building materials, concrete, brick or block. Hazardous waste, such as paint, oil, etc. can be disposed of at the Metro Waste Authority's Regional Collection Center. Please refer to their website ([www.metro-waste.com](http://www.metro-waste.com)) or the recycling guide in your phone book for further details.*

# Yard Waste Season Starts March 30

Spring has sprung early in Iowa and if you're itching to tackle your yard work, you'll be happy to know Yard Waste Season starts the week of March 30 for Metro communities that participate in the [Compost It! program](#). Collection runs through Nov. 28, 2015 and occurs weekly at the curb, on regularly scheduled garbage collection day.

## Two Easy & Convenient Options

There are two easy ways to dispose of yard waste through the program - or you can mix and match:

[Bag & Sticker Program](#) - Purchase Compost It! bags, which cover the cost of collection, or purchase green Compost It! stickers for store-brand bags and brush bundles. Learn [where to purchase bags and stickers](#).

[Cart Service](#) - Yard waste carts can be conveniently wheeled around to wherever you are working - as well as to the curb when you are finished. The capacity of the 96-gallon cart is equivalent to three full yard waste bags. To enroll, call or visit [your city hall or public works](#). Renewal can be easily completed [online](#). If you have more yard debris than the cart's capacity, then the Bag & Sticker program can be used in addition to your cart.

## Accepted and NOT accepted materials

Grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and brush can all be recycled

through the Compost It! program. Food waste, stumps and dirt cannot. [Learn more](#) about what material is and is not accepted in the Compost It! program.

Want to know what happens to your yard waste when it leaves the curb? Learn more about the [compost production process](#), including where to purchase [Turf Gold Compost](#).

The following communities participate in the Compost It! curbside yard waste collection: Altoona, Bondurant, Carlisle, Clive, Des Moines\*, Grimes, Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill, Polk City, Urbandale\*\*, West Des Moines and Windsor Heights.

## **TREE BOARD**

**WE ARE LATE AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!**

At the September 23, 2014 City Council Meeting, the Council passed the Third and Final Reading for the Ordinance establishing a Tree Board with the ultimate goal of the City of Grimes obtaining the prestigious designation of being a TREE CITY USA! If you are interested in serving on the Board, please email [odeyoung@ci.grimes.ia.us](mailto:odeyoung@ci.grimes.ia.us) with a letter of interest explaining why you want to serve and your qualifications as well as a recommendation from a friend.

These are the duties of the Tree Board:

The Tree Board shall have the authority to establish certain guidelines for the care, preservation, trimming, planting, replanting, removal, or

disposal of trees and other landscape plantings within street rights-of-way, parks and public places to ensure safety and to preserve and enhance the aesthetics of such public places. The guidelines developed by the Tree Board will be presented to the City Council and upon acceptance and approval shall constitute the official guidelines for the City. The Tree Board, when requested by the Council or as needed, shall review and update these guidelines and make findings and recommendations to the Council for their consideration. Should a dispute regarding the applicability of the guidelines to a particular situation arise, the aggrieved party shall have thirty days to appeal the decision of the Tree Board to the Council. (2) The Tree Board shall serve as an advisory resource for City officials and staff, and for the community at large, by providing information, education, recommendations and support to promote practices which will lead to a healthy urban forest (both public and private) and desirable public landscaping throughout the City. (3) In accordance with the administrative policies and procedures established by the city administrator, the Tree Board may solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property, or any donations to be applied, principal or income, for either operating expenses or purchase of materials, buildings or property. (4) The Tree Board shall, with the approval of the city administrator, on behalf of the council, coordinate community tree maintenance activities that employ the leisure time of the citizenry in a constructive and wholesome manner. (5) The Tree Board shall prepare, submit and review on an annual basis with the city administrator, recommendations to the council for a five-year capital improvements plan. (6) The Tree Board shall submit on October 1 of each year a progress report to the city council summarizing its activities, major accomplishments for the past year and a proposed work program for the coming year. The report shall contain for the year the attendance record of all members and the identity of the Tree Board officers. (7) The Tree Board, at the direction of the city

council, shall study, hold public hearings and submit reports on any topics pertaining to tree development planning that the city council deems appropriate. (8) The Tree Board shall forward recommendations to the city administrator, on behalf of the council, with regards to the tree plantings in the right or ways. (9) The Tree Board shall ensure that the City of Grimes has qualified for and maintains the designation of Tree City USA with the initial designation being no later than January of 2016. (10.) The Tree Board shall develop and maintain a tree inventory of all of the species of trees in the City of Grimes

(11) The Tree Board shall develop an Emerald Ash Borer mitigation plan and proposed budget. Said plan and budget shall be submitted to the City Administrator for review and consideration by the Grimes City Council. Said initial plan shall be developed no later than March of 2015.



## Grimes Firefighters Association is

## COMPOST IT!

What Can You Compost through Compost It!?

In Iowa, we have the pleasure of experiencing all four seasons. Fall, a favorite among many, is when we think of cooler weather and raking the fallen leaves. Conveniently, our Compost It! program accepts your

hosting the annual  
pancake breakfast  
on Saturday May  
2nd from 7:00-11:00  
at the Grimes Fire  
Station 37. This  
event is a Free Will  
Donation.

We will be hosting  
LifeFlight, PCSO,  
and kids activities.  
Please join us.

leaves and other yard and garden  
waste at the curb.

There are some misconceptions  
about what is and is not accepted in  
the program, so below is a quick  
reference: Accepted: Leaves, Grass,  
Brush, Garden vegetables, including  
pumpkins, Flowers

Not Accepted: Dirt and rocks, Plastic  
bags, Pots, Stumps, Concrete and  
building materials. Garbage, Food  
scraps. Cups, plates, and utensils  
labeled compostable are not  
accepted in the Compost It!  
program.

Make sure you're prepared and stock  
up on Compost It! bags, or store  
brand bags and Compost It! stickers.  
It's the Compost It! name on the bag  
or sticker that covers the cost of  
collection. For more information visit  
[www.WherItShouldGo.com](http://www.WherItShouldGo.com) or call  
Metro Waste Authority at  
515.244.0021

Cart Service

## **Yard Waste Cart Basics**

A Compost It! cart is on wheels, just like your Curb It! cart, making it a convenient alternative to yard waste bags. Simply wheel it to the curb on garbage day during Compost It! season. The 96-gallon cart can hold the equivalent of three yard waste bags, but you can always use the [Bags & Sticker](#) program if your yard waste exceeds the cart's capacity.

### ***Consider a cart if:***

- You purchase more than 65 bags a year.
- You garden, bag grass clippings, have a lot of trees or don't want to hassle with bags.

### **Participating Communities**

- Altoona
- Bondurant
- Carlisle
- Clive
- [Des Moines](#): provides a similar service to its residents.
- Grimes
- Johnston
- Norwalk
- Pleasant Hill
- Polk City
- Urbandale

- West Des Moines
- Windsor Heights.

### ***First-time Enrollment***

New customers pay a one-time fee for the cart. Some cities rent the cart to residents, while others sell the cart. First-time participants also pay an annual service fee to cover the cost of collection and to process the material. Visit your community's [Collection Information](#) page to learn how to sign up.

### ***Annual Renewal***

Each year, residents pay for the upcoming season and receive a new sticker for the cart, indicating the service is current. The sticker is \$105 and covers the collection and processing costs. Existing customers can renew online now, but stickers won't be mailed out until February.

[Renew Cart Service](#)

### ***Missing or Broken Carts***

If your cart is lost, stolen, or broken, please find the contact information of your community's collection service by clicking on [Collection Information](#).

## **ALS Key Club fundraiser -**

The weather was nasty making it harder for our amazing supporters to come out to this event. Don't worry, you can still donate by making a check out to DCG and have Staff VS Students or ALS in the subject line. You can mail it to the High school or drop it off in person. Their

address is: DCG High School 2555 W 1st Street Grimes, IA 50111

Thanks again for supporting our kids in their efforts to make a difference!



HYDROLOGISTS have finished their test drilling of the Shallow Well aquifers and are writing a report on the water formation and the long term viability of the Shallow Well water supply. Once the results are known, the City will have a better idea of what water source will be used in the future. Once that is known, being able to identify the best treatment options can be determined.

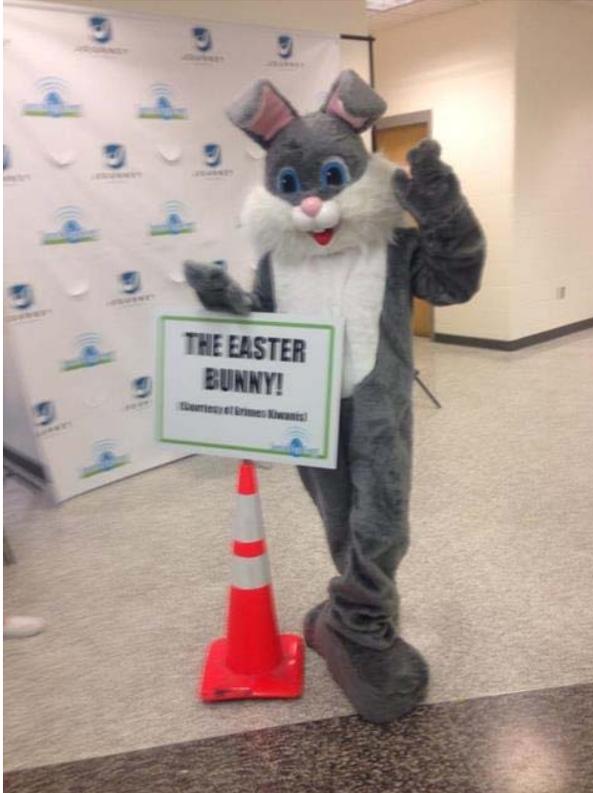
We are hoping to have the report by the end of April.

## Water update

*We have increased the amount of Jordan water used in our blending and have been able to decrease the hardness in the water by about 4-5 grains. That being said, it still is considered hard water. We can't increase the amount of Jordan water any higher without compromising the taste. The City of Grimes, FOX Engineering and US Water continue to work on solutions to decreasing the water hardness.*

*Mixing two water sources has its set of challenges because the varying chemistry is harder to treat.*

*That being said, the water is perfectly safe to drink, just difficult to remove the hardness from the water.*



**Egg Hunt starts at  
10:40 a.m.**

## The Countyline Kiwanis Easter Eggstravaganza

The Grimes Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday April 4th at the Grimes  
Community Center

Activities start at 9:00am

- Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Games
- Bounce House
- Coloring Contest with Prizes!

Egg Hunt starts at 10:40am!

Special events from Crossroads  
Community Church

Food available through the Grimes  
Lions Club

## HOME BASE IOWA COMMUNITY

Last night the Grimes City Council passed a resolution in support of

the Governor's initiative to make Iowa a welcoming place for Veterans to live and work and to work towards the goal of making Grimes a Home Base Community. A special thanks to those founding members of the Grimes team: Mayor Tom Armstrong, Grimes Chamber & Economic Development Director Brian Buethe, Grimes Small Business Award Winner Clint Dudley, Past City Council Member Tom Shatava and Grimes Building Inspector David Guthrie. Both Tom Shatava and David Guthrie are amazing Veterans who have served our beautiful country. The City of Grimes is very proud to be working towards this goal!

#### RESOLUTION NO. 03-0515

#### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HOME BASE IOWA INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor of the State of Iowa has launched a public-private partnership called Home Base Iowa initiative, which is an effort to match military veterans with jobs available across Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Home Base Iowa initiative consists of two programs, Home Base Iowa Businesses and Home Base Iowa Communities; and

WHEREAS, Governor Branstad is requesting Iowa businesses and communities to promote and support the Home Base Iowa initiative. One of the requirements for Grimes to be a Home Base Community is that the City Council adopt a resolution of support; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Grimes finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Grimes and veterans everywhere to support the Home Base Iowa initiative and adopt this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved by the City Council of Grimes, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of Grimes hereby proclaims its support for the Home Base Iowa initiative and encourages its residents to take whatever actions are necessary for Grimes to become and continue to be a Home Base Iowa Community.

Section 2. The City Council also encourages Grimes businesses to take whatever actions are necessary to become and continue to be a Home Base Iowa Business.

Section 3. The Mayor, City Administrator, and Communications Specialist are authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this resolution.

Section 4. All resolutions, orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed, and this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

Passed and approved on March 24th, 2015.

**Did you know there are ways to get involved?**

## **The Public Health and Safety Board has an opening for a Board Member.**

26.01 BOARD CREATED. A Public Health and Safety Advisory Board is hereby created to accomplish the following purposes: (A) Serve in an advisory capacity to the city council, regarding the growth and development of the public health and safety programs of the city. (B) Recommend to council programs, policies and ordinances that will benefit and promote the public health and safety needs of the community. (C) Seek to promote close cooperation between the city and all private citizens, institutions, agencies and associates interested in or conducting public health and safety activities, to the end that all public health and safety resources within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

26.02 ORGANIZATION. 1. The Board shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Mayor, three of which shall be qualified electors of the city, the Fire Chief or his/her designee and the Polk County Sheriff or his/her designee or the Chief of Police or her/her designee (whichever is applicable) for overlapping three-year terms with the expiration of the terms staggered for a three-year period. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement for their actual expenses. In the event a vacancy arises, a new Board member shall be appointed by the Mayor and the Board members so appointed shall serve out the unexpired term. Said vacancy shall be filled within sixty (60) days after the position becomes vacant.

2. Qualifications for Board Members shall be a minimum age of eighteen years and reside within the corporate limits of the City of Grimes, Polk County, Iowa. Board Members are required to possess a vital interest in health and public safety as demonstrated by

application for the position and recommendation by a citizen of Grimes.

26.06 DUTIES. The Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities: (1) Under council direction, the public health and safety board will review and recommend rules, procedures and ordinances for consideration by the city administrator, relating to the management of a public health and safety program. (2) In accordance with the administrative policies and procedures established by the city administrator, the public health and safety board may solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property, or any donations to be applied, principal or income, for either operating expenses or purchase of materials, buildings or property. (3) The public health and safety board shall, with the approval of the city administrator, on behalf of the council, coordinate public health and safety activities that employ the leisure time of the citizenry in a constructive and wholesome manner. (4) The public health and safety board shall prepare, submit and review on an annual basis with the city administrator, recommendations to the council for a five-year capital improvements plan. (5) The public health and safety board shall submit on October 1 of each year a progress report to the city council summarizing its activities, major accomplishments for the past year and a proposed work program for the coming year. The report shall contain for the year the attendance record of all members and the identity of public health and safety board officers. (6) The public health and safety board, at the direction of the city council, shall study, hold public hearings and submit reports on any topics pertaining to public health and safety program planning that the city council deems appropriate. (7) The public health and safety board shall forward recommendations to the city administrator, on behalf of the council, with regards to the public health and safety budget.

26.07 WRITTEN REPORTS. The Board shall make written reports to the

Council of its activities from time to time as it deems advisable or upon Council request. Its revenues and expenditures shall be reported monthly by the City Administrator, in the manner of other departmental expenditures, and a copy shall be provided to each member of the Board and in the City Administrator's report to the Council. For more information please contact Olivia DeYoung @ [odeyoung@ci.grimes.ia.us](mailto:odeyoung@ci.grimes.ia.us)

**There are other ways to get involved in your community as well!**

**There is a Kiwanis Club, a Rotary Club and the Lions Club!**

## **PEDDLERS PERMITS**

It's almost that time of year when outdoor stands pop up or people start door to door soliciting. The Grimes City Council has passed tougher regulations regarding peddling and door-to-door soliciting in the City of Grimes.

Some things that you need to know for your safety. All qualifying peddlers must have a permit with them that they can show you. If they do not, please ask them to leave and call City Hall (986-3036) or Polk County Sheriff (286-3333) to let us know they are soliciting and we can check on the status of their license. People who do not need a

license are: (1) Persons making door-to-door sales for the purpose of a community improvement or benefit approved by the city council on behalf of nonprofit, tax-exempt corporations; or

(2) Persons licensed as a solicitor under article IV of this chapter; or

(3) Persons delivering and selling goods or merchandise to established customers; or

(4) Persons having written permission from a street use permit holder to make sales within the street area closed for an event.

(5) Students. Students representing any school in Grimes as well as any student representing any school district that lives within the City of Grimes conducting projects sponsored by organizations recognized by the school.

(6) Club Members. All clubs affiliated with the City of Grimes.

(7) Local Residents and Farmers. Local residents and farmers who offer for sale their own products.

The new applications for licenses are very extensive and are put in place to protect our residents. A cash bond is also required for no less than \$200 per license or \$1,000 for an employer employing a group of five or more license applicants. There are also fees for transient merchants so please check with City Hall before you sell. If you would like a complete copy of the ordinance, please e-mail Olivia and she will send one to you. [Odeyoung@ci.grimes.ia.us](mailto:Odeyoung@ci.grimes.ia.us).

# **If you haven't seen the newly remodeled Grimes Public Library, please come take a look!**

Did you know the Library performs all of these services and they are at your disposal? Besides circulation materials, we also provide the following services for patrons:

Wi-Fi Internet Access both inside and outside of library

Online management of your account, E-mail reminders 2 days before items due, Credit Card / Debit Card payments. Video gaming at the library, Learning games to play at library, Downloadable books for Grimes and Rural Polk County Citizens, Consumer Reports (EBSCO, Reference Information, Children's Storytime (No registration required), including Evening Storytime, Disc Scratch Removal, Computer learning games for loan, Des Moines Register and Other Local Papers, Periodicals (Magazines) for Loan, DVD and Blu-Ray Movies and Documentaries, EBSCO Database, Conference Room, Meeting Room, Interlibrary Loan, Large Print Books, Music CD's, Online Catalog, Open Access Participant, Photocopy and FAX Services, Scanning Services, Photo Printing and Scanning, Test Proctoring (Please schedule), Public Computers, Summer Reading Program, Wii and X-Box 360 Games for Loan, Internet Training (Individual), Book Discussion Group, Bingo for Adults and Seniors And much more!

**GVSS Update!**

On February 19 we begin our 5th year of service to the Grimes area. You know the old saying, "Times flies when you're having fun!"

Thank you to all of our faithful volunteers who made it happen and our donors and sponsors for their generous financial support during the past four years.

During February, 27 drivers provided 118 trips during the month. We also had 6 opportunities for cleaning and repair and 1 ME checkout.

Also during last month 35 volunteers drove 2,100 miles and spent 317 hours assisting others or organizing and administering the program so we could assist our clients.

If you know of someone that needs some assistance in order to stay in their home, have them give us a call.

As many of you know we had a bit of a bump in our road this past week. There were some questions as to whether GVSS was completely covered for liability insurance in all cases. Until we could make sure we were totally protected, we suspended a number of trips last week.

I am happy to report we have lifted those suspensions and except for snow removal we are back doing all the things we were doing. We WILL have snow removal available again next fall. We still need to explore some alternatives in that area.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding. We know full well that what we do is vitally important to a lot of people, we just have to make sure we are going to be available in the long haul to provide those services for years to come.

Thanks for all that you do!

Jay W. Brewer, President

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### JOYCE HABEL

Joyce Habel

Joyce Habel grew up in the Chicago area, and graduated from Elmwood Park High School in 1959. She attended Bradley University (Peoria Illinois) in 1963 with a degree in elementary education.

She also married in 1963 and went on to teach kindergarten in Aurora, IL for two years.

She spent seven years working part time for Kempner Products where she assembled and tested pneumatic and hydraulic valves. The valves were used by fire departments, surgical tools, and one of the valves they worked on went into one of the space ships.

Joyce went back to school at a junior college in Elmhurst where she took some classes in para legal work. She reviewed insurance claims for Social Security and then she went on to do hearings in that department. "I worked for 13 years in the unemployment hearing department where I handled hearings for all 50 states and Puerto Rico," she says. "I was learning as I went along."

In 2005, Joyce retired to Arkansas where she had bought a home earlier with the intent to retire there. While in Arkansas Joyce became involved in her church where she served on the board, part of the time as secretary, sang in the choir and also became a volunteer with a thrift

shop.

In 2012 Joyce decided to move to Iowa where her twin sister lives, in Johnston. "We decided we would live out our 70's together," Joyce said. "I settled in Grimes and looked for something to get involved with. I always live by the motto to give back to the community where you live." She found GVSS and began volunteering with that organization in 2014 when she got a new car.

"I love driving people," Joyce says, "I am a people person basically. And now I'm being trained to work in the office part of the time too."

"I love living in Grimes, it's a wonderful little community, the people are friendly and I have gotten involved with my church here, and I'm glad I have found GVSS, I hope to help keep it going."

### GVSS Spends an evening at the Expo

**A dozen GVSS volunteers share with the community our story.**

With the help of BDI Signs, who donated a new banner, and Godfather's Pizza, who supplied pizza, a dozen volunteers shared what we do with the community of Grimes.

These pictures are part of the crew that set up, hosted and then tore down the booth on March 3. If you haven't yet attended a Grimes Expo put on by the Grimes Chamber and Economic Development and hosted by Performance Display, put it on your calendar for next March. Its a fun and informative evening. Every booth is required to provide food or drink - many do both.

Along with the party cut pizza, GVSS served Sprite and homemade wine. We also share with everyone what we do to assist Grimes area residents to stay in their home.

## 2015 GVSS Board Members & Officers

### Board Members

Delores Anderson; 515-689-1859, Teresa Bahr 515-689-7022, Kelley Brown 515-577-7252, Bill Lego 515-447-8705, Ron Oolman 515-710-7619, Ruth Otto 515-986-2211, Steve Walker 515-986-5746, Joan Warren 515-371-8706, Jay W. Brewer, President 515-321-8051, Jerry Nicklos, Vice Pres. 515-986-1391, Don Hart, Secretary 515-779-3968, Tom Letsch, Treasurer 515-321-7052

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Anderson, Don & Joyce Hart, Dorothy Greif, Doug & Carla Letsch, Elizabeth Brown, Grace Garrett, Harold & Eileen Honeck, Irene Buddenberg, Jahn & Bruce Bartelt, Jeanne Blyth, Jon Volz, JoAnn Hudson, Karen Schechinger, Kay Bartelt, Margie Perkins, Russell & Wanda Slauson, Teresa Bahr, Susan Ballard, Supportive Neighbors (Up to 99.99) , Becky Arthur, Betty Thomas, Carmelite Staker, Delbert & Kathleen Wynn, Donald & Mary Trebbien, Esther Rogers, Janice Kubovich, Jim & Grace Rich, Jim & Dini Anderlik, Marjorie Chrisinger, Marie Hutcheson, Maxine Grove, Molly Wolfe, Robert Nielsen, Selma Edinger, Steve Walker, Vaunda Heckman

Member of the

[Grimes Chamber and Economic Development](#)

Grimes. Far from ordinary. Close to everything.

### Mission Statement

To provide needed services without charge to individuals in the Grimes area to assist them to remain in their home.

For more information regarding GVSS, go to our web site: [www.grimesvss.com](http://www.grimesvss.com) 515-986-3355 [info@grimesvss.com](mailto:info@grimesvss.com)

If you'd like to be on our Email newsletter list, just click on the link below: [Join Our Mailing List](#)

**JOIN THESE GREAT VOLUNTEERS AT GVSS**

Alex Adams, Alex Dittmer, Anne Hess, Bill Lego, Brian Buethe, Clint

Dudley, Cody Kynion, Conrad Wiser, Dave Lewis, Delores Anderson, Dick Piphon, Don Hart, Doris Deubel, Doyle Gillis, Drue Cavanaugh, Elessa Vath, Emily Alexander, Gloria Brewer, Grace Rich, Gus Henrici, Harold Honeck, Jane Juelsgaard, Jay Brewer, Jeanne Rippere, Jeff Kynion, Jerry Nicklos, Jim Rich, Jo Tosh, Joan Warren, Joyce Habel, Kelley Brown, Mary Claseman, Maxine Grove, Mike Bleskacek, Mitzi Chizek, Molly Wolfe, Nathan Dittmer, Nick Brusheber, Nicole Smith, Reg Yoder, René Leppert, Roberta Shuey, Ron Oolman, Ruth Otto, Ryleah Cross, Sara Kynion, Steve Hudson, Steve Johnson, Steve Walker, Tammy Robinson, Teresa Bahr, Tom Letsch, Tom Vath, Tyler Kynion, Valerie Johnson, Wesley Steele

## PARK & REC NEWS

Summer Rec Registration Opens ONLINE on Monday, March 23rd at 7pm!

### NEWS-

We have open gym and open batting cages from 9am-5pm, Monday

through Friday this Spring Break Week!

### **GCC March Gym Time Availability-**

Family Open Gym on Wednesdays from 5-8pm, Saturdays from Noon-3pm, Sundays from Noon-3pm, and weekdays from 10-5pm.

Spring Break gym and batting cage rental availability:

#### **Gym**

Tues. 3/17 5-6:30pm

Thurs. 3/19 5-6pm

Fri. 3/20 5-7pm

#### **Cage**

Wed. 3/18 6:30-9pm

Fri. 3/20 5-6pm

\*Call in to the office to reserve time 515-986-2143

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS-**

Little Artist- K-4th grade

Mondays, March 23-April 13, 2015

Summer session: July 6-July 9

Little Artist Program is a great time for kids to interact and show their creative side! Kids will get to paint, create, and sculpt a master piece of their own every week with a little guidance and instruction from our instructor! A minimum of 6 participants is required and a max. of 24 per class. Just a few spots remaining!

**Kids in the Kitchen- K-4th grade**

Tuesdays, March 24 - April 14, 2015

Summer session: June 15- June 18

Create a beautiful snack and EAT it TOO! Kids will have fun making art with food, learning about nutrition, cooking safety, and mealtime etiquette..

**Babysitting Clinic at the GCC**

**on Saturday, April 11-**

<http://grimesiowa.gov/ParksandRecreation/YouthPrograms/BabysittingClinic.aspx>

## Summer Adventures- school age

Each week (3 days) is \$35 per child- residents and non-resident fees are the same. Min. 10 kids needed per week. Max of 65 kids.

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
June 1 - July 17, 2015

2015 DATES

Week 1: June 1 - June 5

Monday, June 1- Sleepy Hollow Sports Park - more info click here

Wednesday, June 3- Trip to Adel Aquatic Center

Friday, June 5- Trip to the Movies at Cobblestone Theatre

Week 2: June 8 - June 12

Monday, June 8- Bowling- Warrior Lanes in Waukee-

Wednesday, June 10- Cascade Falls Aquatic Center in Ankeny

Friday, June 12- Blank Park Zoo

Week 3: June 15 - June 19

Monday, June 15- Mini Golf at West Grand Golf

Wednesday, June 17- Trip to Clive Aquatic Center

Friday, June 19- Climb Iowa

Week 4: June 22 - June 26

Monday, June 22- Trip to Valley View Aquatic Center in WDSM

Wednesday, June 24- Iowa Cubs

Friday, June 26- Kil'n Time\* at the GCC \*Kil'n Time is an arts/craft business that comes to the GCC so all participants must be dropped off at the GCC.

No Bus Transportation is provided.

Week 5: July 6 - July 10  
Monday, July 6- Trip to Dallas Center Pool  
Wednesday, July 8- Trip to Skyzone in Grimes  
Friday, July 10- Horseback Riding at Jester Park  
Week 6: July 13 - July 17  
Monday, July 13- Science Center in Des Moines  
Wednesday, July 15- Jester Park (Pond Study, Natural Playscape, and Canoeing)  
Friday, July 17- Pump It Up

**NEW! Bus Trip To Kansas City Royals Game-**

ALL families welcome!

Sunday, July 26, 2015. \$100 per person (Includes a ticket in Section 242-243, transportation in a charter bus, and parking)

Come with us on a trip to beautiful Kauffman Stadium, the home of the ALCS Champs- Kansas City Royals to take on the Houston Astros. Game time is at 1:10pm. There will be one stop each way for restrooms and food break. Families are welcome to bring food and drink on the bus too. Children are allowed to come as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

**DCG Youth Tennis Club- ages 6-15**

Designed for participants interested in learning the game of tennis in a fun

way.

Ages 6-11-

Juniors

Ages 12-15- Intermediates (For DCG School Residents Only)

\*Must be this age at the start of the program.

More information and registration information online!

**Summer Songs-** ages 0-4 years and their parent/caregiver

Class runs on Mondays, June 8-June 29, 2015 from 9-9:45am.

A Mommy and Me style music class for parents and their young children. Classes include songs, books, hands on experiences with instruments and fun surprises for the kiddos. Min. of 2 families needed per week and max. of 10 families. Cost is \$10 per time per family (\$35 if all four weeks are paid for at once).

**Exploring Music Camp-** Grades K-2 2015/16 School Year \$60 per participant, per session.

Four Day Music Camp where students will experience elements of music (Rhythm, Melody, Instruments, Dynamics, Musical Notation, and Singing) throughout this four-day camp. Two sessions will be held for this camp- a morning session or afternoon session. Parents may drop off students for this camp.

Morning Session- Tuesday, June 16 - Friday, June 19 from 9-11am

OR

Afternoon Session- Tuesday, June 16 - Friday, June 19 from 1-3pm.

### Tiny Adventures ages 3-5

\$35 per participant, per week.

Tiny Adventures is a program that contains fun activities, age appropriate games, crafts, and explorations in the parks and sports complex. These one-week sessions are ONLY offered in the mornings. Min. 6 kids are required/Max of 24.

Session 1: June 8 - June 11 ("Star Gazing")

Session 2: June 22 - June 25 ("River Watching")

Session 3: July 13 - July 16 ("Kickin' It")

Session 4: July 27 - July 30 ("Dinosaurs")

### Tiny Kickers Soccer- ages 3-5

Mondays and Wednesdays

Parent Volunteers are needed at night to make this program a success. Geared toward a fun and rewarding experience in a low-competitive atmosphere that is taught by the parent volunteers. Please have player wear tennis shoes and socks, bring a water bottle, and wear appropriate clothing. Shin guards are optional but recommended.

Session 1- June 8 - June 24, 2015 (Deadline is May 20 at 5pm)

Mondays/Wednesdays @ 5:30-6:15 pm (Ages 3-4)  
Mondays/Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:15 pm (Ages 4-5)  
Session 2- July 13 - July 29, 2015 (Deadline is June 24 at 5pm)  
Mondays/Wednesdays @ 5:30-6:15 pm (Ages 3-4)  
Mondays/Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:15 pm (Ages 4-5)

### Bam Bam Baseball- ages 3-5

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Parent Volunteers are needed at night to make this program a success. This league was designed to give the children an opportunity to get a feel for the game of baseball and softball. The main purpose of the Bam Bam League is to teach children to hit the ball, run the bases, become familiar with being on the field, and most of all, to have FUN. It is our hope that this league will be the first step for many fine players of the future.

Session 1- June 9 - June 25, 2015 (Deadline is May 20 at 5pm)

Tuesdays/Thursdays @ 5:30-6:15 pm (Ages 3-4)  
Tuesdays/Thursdays @ 6:30-7:15 pm (Ages 4-5)  
Session 2- July 14 - July 30, 2015 (Deadline is June 24 at 5pm)  
Tuesdays/Thursdays @ 5:30-6:15 pm (Ages 3-4)  
Tuesdays/Thursdays @ 6:30-7:15 pm (Ages 4-5)

**NEW! Rookies Camps- ages 5- 2nd grade**

This program introduces the skills and rules needed to play each sport. These camps will focus on skill development for the first part of each practice and then play the game the last half.

1- Monday, June 15 - Wednesday, June 17, 2015- BASEBALL on Field 7 (Boys Only)

2- Monday, June 29 - Wednesday, July 1, 2015- SOFTBALL on Field 2 (Girls Only)

3- Monday, July 6 - Wednesday, July 8- SOCCER behind Concession Stand on Soccer Fields

4- Monday, July 20 - Wednesday, July 23 - BASKETBALL either at GCC or North Ridge

5- Monday, August 3 - Wednesday, August 6 - FOOTBALL on Main Field at Complex

Cost: Residents - \$25 per child per week  
Non-Residents- \$35 per child per week

### Run for Fun in the Sun Running Club-

grades K-5th

Monday, July 6 - Thursday, July 9, 2015

This program gets the kids interested in the sport of running in a fun and positive way. Begin with a team builder warm-up, then go through dynamic warm-ups, followed by running drills, stretching, instruction/pointers, and end with fun games. The last day would end with a for fun relay and more exciting games. Kids would need to wear

appropriate running clothing, bring a water bottle, and have a good pair of athletic shoes.

Cost: \$30 per participant (includes t-shirt)

### Small Group Volleyball Camp- Grades K through 6th

#### July 13-14

Going into Grades K-1: 9:30am - 10:30am  
Going into Grades 2-3: 10:30am - 11:30am

#### July 15-16

Going into Grades 4-6: 9:30am - 11:30am

Max of 20 kids per time slot. This clinic allows the kids to get a jump start to the upcoming fall season in a smaller group atmosphere so they can get closer attention and work more on their skills.

### Grimes Parks and Rec Football Camp Featuring Air It Out QB Clinic Staff-

Grades 2nd-6th

Wednesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 16, 2015

Going into Grades 2-6: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

This two-day clinic focuses on the skills needed to be a successful football player.

Cost: \$25 per player

Safety City- Going into Kindergarten (2015/16 school year)

Thursday and Friday, August 6th and 7th

Grimes Safety City will also include various activities involving anti-bullying, pedestrian rules, street crossing, stop lights, fire department, respect for authority, playground safety, bike safety, and many more. A miniature "city" will be used to teach students correct street crossing techniques using tricycles (as vehicles) and by walking. Special appearances by the Fire Department, Police Department, Teachers, and more. Students will learn about safety and have much more one on one contact with volunteers during this course.

Cheer Clinic- ages 3-7

Wednesdays, June 3 - June 24, 2015

Students will present their cheer and cheer dance to parents on the last day of the camp. Kids should wear shorts/tank top or leotard, and tennis

shoes. No jean shorts or baggie t-shirts. Parents will be asked to sit outside of the gym area until the last 10 minutes of the program so the kids can focus more on the skill development.

### Youth Volleyball League- Grades K-6th

Sunday	Practice/Game				Times
Grades K-2:	1:00pm	-	1:50pm	OR	2:00pm - 2:55pm*
Grades 3-4:	2:00pm	-	2:55pm	OR	3:00pm - 3:55pm*
Grades 5-6:	3:00pm - 3:55pm OR 4:00pm - 4:55pm*				

\*Times could change depending on the number of kids registered.

Younger kids will be using a beach ball and lowered net height and the older kids will be using VolleyLite Balls and a lowered net to work on skill development. Geared toward a fun and rewarding experience. Practices and games will always be on Sundays. Cost:Residents

Grades K-2:	\$30	per	player
Grades 3-6:	\$40	per	player
Non-Residents-			
Grades K-2:	\$40	per	player
Grades 3-6:	\$50 per player		

### Youth Flag Football League- Grades K-4th

All Practices start Sunday, August 16 - Sunday, October 11, 2015  
(Skips Labor Day Weekend)

This program allows players to play in a recreational atmosphere supervised by parent volunteers. Teams practice during the week (Grades 1-4) and then play their league games on Sunday afternoons. Players are assigned to a team randomly so no requests will be taken. Coaches Meetings will be conducted after the deadline and will give the coaches sample lesson plans, game rules, and a sample playbook. They will also receive a bag with footballs and flags for their practices. The Director will contact the volunteer coaches that expressed they could help out during registration. Coaches who are selected will be given a \$10 credit towards their online account.

#### **Beginner's Flag Football- ages 3 to 5**

Mondays, September 7 - October 5, 2015 (5 times)

This program introduces the skills and rules needed to play football. The participants move through drills with their parents working on passing/receiving, running, defense, and blocking. The "Head Coach" leads their team through practices. Each child must have a "coaching" parent present though that is willing to go through each drill throughout the clinic. Kids progress at their own pace. Equipment used is a nerf football, cones, and flags that remain at the park. Kids should wear weather appropriate clothing and can bring a water bottle. NEW in 2015! No player requests will be granted to be on the same team unless the parents are coaching together (2 coaches per team).

#### **Drake Soccer Camp- ages 6 through 12**

Tuesday, July 28, Wednesday, July 29, Thursday, July 30, 2015

Boys and Girls Ages 6-12 (Kids are separated into different age groups on different fields.)

9am - 11:30am

Cost: \$50 per child

Join coaches and players of the Drake Women's soccer team for three mornings filled with soccer skills, games and tournaments. Campers will be taught proper technique through small-sided games and contests. All activities will be arranged in a fun, safe and skill appropriate environment. Campers should wear shin guards and sunscreen and bring a ball and water. This clinic is geared for the recreational level soccer player.

### **Curtain Call Kids- school age**

CCK provides a fun, safe, disciplined, supportive environment to encourage the imagination and give kids a strong foundation in acting. Kar believes that through building on acting skills kids obtain self-confidence, increase focus, develop cooperative skills, and most of all they learn about themselves while having fun in a creative way!

Kindergarten - 2nd Tuesdays 5:30-6:30

3rd-5th Mondays 5:30-7:00

6th - 8th Tuesdays 6:30-8:00

9th - 12th Tuesdays 4:00-5:30

Curtin Call Improv Classes

9 th-12th grade Monday 4:30-5:30

6 th - 8th grade Monday 7:00-8:00

\*visit our website for registration and more class details!

### Adult Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League- adults

Sundays, June 7 - July 19, 2015 (Skipping July 5th)

This will be a non-officiated league with all participants calling their own game. Tournament will conclude this league. 2 out of 3 games to 25 using rally point scoring. If enough teams register, three divisions will be formed- A (Competitive), B (Recreational), and C (For Fun) so please indicate during registration which level you are.

Cost: \$50 per team

### Adult Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball- adults

Two Divisions-  
"B" - More competitive than Rec  
"C"- Recreational

This is a family friendly environment where the batting team calls their own balls/strikes/outs, we don't have umpires, and we have modified rules/shorter bases with a home run limit (3) due to the shorter, little league field. Ten players are allowed on the field at one time with at least 4 women on the field. An alternating batting order must be used as well going male/female. See more rules to the left.

**Cost:**DCG/Grimes Residents Fee- \$125 per team- more than 50% of the team members are from DCG School District/Grimes Address.  
Non Resident Fee- \$150 per team- less than 50% of the team members are from DCG/Grimes

**Zumba-** ages 16 and up

Mondays at the GCC- Zumba is the most awesome workout ever. Great music, great people, and burn a ton of calories without even realizing it. Every class feels like a party! Come join me and you will see what I mean. You don't even have to know how to dance. Just move your body and follow my lead. It's easy! Come try it at the GCC, I guarantee you will have a blast! Contact Brindi Brown at [zumbawithbrindi@aol.com](mailto:zumbawithbrindi@aol.com) for more information and registration information!

**Jazzercise at the GCC in Grimes**

You want that look good, feel great, got-my-stride-on-and-you-love-it confidence. That's where we come in. Jazzercise is a fun and effective pulse-pounding, beat-pumping fitness program that gets you results...fast. It's a calorie-torcing, hip-swiveling, Shakira'd-be-proud dance party

workout to put your abs to the test, with a hot playlist to distract you from the burn. Incinerate up to 800cph (that's calories per hour) in one 60 minute class. Our classes-Strike, Fusion, Core, Strength and Dance Mixx-will leave you breathless, toned and coming back for more. Expect to feel results after 3 classes and expect to stick with it. Why? Because it works. So stop working out. Start working it...with Jazzercise. We offer morning and evening classes 7-days each week! Enjoy access to unlimited classes with you monthly pass or punch card. We have a variety of pass options. For more information call (515) 480-0905 or email: [jazz4k8@mchsi.com](mailto:jazz4k8@mchsi.com). For our class schedule, check out the [jazzercise.com](http://jcls.jazzercise.com/facility/jazzercise-grimes-community-complex) web site: <http://jcls.jazzercise.com/facility/jazzercise-grimes-community-complex>

### City Wide Garage Sale!

Registration opens online at 7pm on March 23rd!

\$5 per sale to be listed on the map

Saturday, May 9, 2015 (Rain or Shine!)

\*Traditionally the week before Citywide Clean-Up Day (May 16)

\*Grimes Living Magazine Deadline is April 10 at Noon.

\*Deadline to be included on the online map is May 1 at 5pm.

### Governors Day Kiddie Parade- all ages and FREE

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Pre-registration is appreciated by emailing Brett at [bbarber@ci.grimes.ia.us](mailto:bbarber@ci.grimes.ia.us) to let us know you will be attending. Check-in at

the GCC South Parking Lot. This parade kicks off our annual community event, the Grimes Governors Days- A Funtastic Event! This is a dress-up, let's make believe, costumed event for kids. Little ones are asked to dress up in their costumes and "strut their stuff" down Main Street in Grimes.

### Upcoming Programs

Please visit <http://www.grimesiowa.gov/ParksandRecreation.aspx>

for daily updates on the schedule at the GCC and upcoming programs.

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