

The Village Voice of Grantwood

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GRANT BICENTENNIAL

Most people know Ulysses S. Grant as the nation's highest ranking general during the American Civil War and a two-term president during the Reconstruction Era. He was also a loving husband, devoted father to four children, and a man dedicated to his country and the ideals of a More Perfect Union. Grant is one of the most important figures of 19th Century U.S. history and his legacy is complex, remarkable, and inspiring.

Join Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in 2022 as we commemorate the 200th birthday of Ulysses S. Grant. The Park will host more than 15 in-person programs throughout the year to commemorate the Bicentennial and educate people of all ages about Grant's legacy.

Any questions about Bicentennial programming can be directed to the park's Program Manager at 314-842-1867 ext. 223. The park's program calendar will be updated frequently. Read about the activities and events below to learn more about the bicentennial events at Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site!

To learn more about national efforts to commemorate the Grant Bicentennial, visit the Ulysses S. Grant Association's website.

GRANT AND HORSES AT WHITE HAVEN

Saturday, June 25 (new date)
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Throughout Grant's life, horses played an important role. He loved to ride, train, and care for horses from the time he was a young boy. Horses were also vital to him as a soldier and farmer. At this event, visitors will learn more about horses and Grant's relationship to them throughout his life. Numerous horses from area ranchers and individuals will be at the park providing both formal and informal demonstrations. We will also have presentations on Grant's horsemanship, saddles, history of racing, and hands-on activities for children.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

THE GRANTWOODIANS:
Happy Spring to all!

Let's plan some neighbor gatherings! Anyone interested in a spring/summer adults only social night? It's a great time to walk the neighborhood and enjoy some snacks and drinks on a few neighbors' patios or decks! Maybe you are more comfortable hosting a summer event for families? Please contact grantwoodians@gmail.com with your ideas or offer to host an event. We can help you plan and coordinate!

Tis the season for families and kids to be out enjoying the neighborhood, please remind your family members and anyone visiting your home to SLOW DOWN!

Join the "Grantwoodians" Facebook page or send an email to grantwoodians@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

You can drop off annual dues of \$30 to Mistie Bley at 4 Zinzer Ct. All checks should be made out to "Grantwoodians".

FOREST HAVEN ASSOCIATION:

Welcome to new neighbors **Nick & Megan Arb** at 8845 Raleigh and **John & Patricia Mayer** at 7611 Bracken.

Watch for the 2022 Neighborhood Association Membership Campaign letters in your mailbox. Your \$30 annual dues pay for our social events and Welcome Bags to new neighbors. Please consider joining or renewing. If you have any questions or want to help with planning events, reach out to us at foresthavenstl@gmail.com.

Join us for a **Summer Morning Meet & Greet on Saturday, June 18th**. From 9am-11am we'll be serving up donuts, muffins, coffee, juice, and mimosas. The Bubble Bus will be at this event from 10-11am. See the insert for other events lined up for the year. We hope to see you in June at the Granbury & Hibbard Parkway!

TREE BOARD REPORT
Climate Resilient Gardens

Seasonal patterns are shifting to wetter springs followed by long periods of drought mixed with occasional heavy rain events. Research shows that spring warm-up and bloom-out is getting earlier, but the last freeze date is not. Not only can gardens thrive in unpredictable conditions, but they can also lessen the impacts of climate change. Even a small garden bed can store carbon, provide sanctuary for pollinators and wildlife, control runoff, and create a cooling microclimate around your home. And more homes with climate-resilient gardens will have a broader the impact on our community and region.

Add more native plants to make your garden more climate-resilient. Hardy native plants with longer life spans can adapt to handle tough conditions. Replace some of your lawn with garden beds. Turf grass requires more water and resources, sequesters very little carbon and is a food desert for pollinators and wildlife. Once established, many native plants require less water to do well so you save on watering. If you have an area that collects runoff, add native plants that can handle those conditions to absorb excess rainwater.

Finally, for the biggest impact on climate change, plant more trees as they sequester more carbon. Choose different native trees for more diversity to support more pollinators and songbirds and preserve our tree canopy when one species declines because of pest or disease. You can get a free tree from the village tree planting

program. The village offers free native trees in 15-gallon containers to our residents.

To learn more, check out Wild Ones and Grow Native websites. Or you can contact Laura Yates, Tree Board President, at 314-842-8374 or lmy555@outlook.com.

FENCE ORDINANCE

In the beginning of the year there have been several requests to put up fences in the village.

Please know no fence should be erected or constructed on any lot within the Town of Grantwood Village unless such fence meets the following requirements:

- All new fences are to be of wrought iron style constructed of galvanized steel/iron or gal annealed steel/iron, or aluminum.
- Fences should be painted black.
- Fences should be no taller than four (4) feet in height.
- The fence shall be constructed with pickets that are no more than four inches apart.
- The fence should be designed such that at least 70% of the fence is open.

Permit Required

- It shall be unlawful to proceed with the construction, installation, enlargement or alteration of a fence within the Village unless permits therefor shall have been obtained from the Building and Street Commissioner.
- Every application requesting a permit shall be submitted, together with a

fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the Building and Street Commissioner.

The complete ordinance can be found on grantwoodvillage.org for all the details.

VILLAGE SAFETY

There have been several residents concerned regarding the speeding in the village. Please remember the speed limit is 20 mph throughout the Village. We have a very active neighborhood with walkers and kids playing outside.

As we all know, it gets dark in the Village. Walkers and runners please wear reflective cloths, so it is easier for drivers to see you in these winter months. We want everyone to be safe and enjoy the neighborhood!

BUILDING PERMITS



Please remember that if you are planning an interior or exterior remodeling project, having a new fence installed, renting a dumpster, etc. you will need a Grantwood Village permit. Some projects require permits from both Grantwood Village & St. Louis County. Before you start a project please contact the Trustees One of them will be able to assist with requirements & various code details.

NEWSLETTER THANKS



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