

# Granby Hometown News

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Granby City Hall

Granby MO

January 2026

## Mayor's Corner

### **New Year, New Projects!**

We have some great news to announce about the Water Improvement Project. After a very successful bid process in December, we will now begin awarding contracts to construction companies. The water improvement project is actually two parallel projects: 1) One part of the Project is for a new water tower for our system. The City Council voted and approved a company for this project during the January 8th council session. 2) Part 2 of the Project, is the biggest part and includes the replacement of all of the old water lines in town. On our behalf, OWN engineering firm is doing their due diligence on the two lowest bidders for that project and we anticipate voting to approve the winning bid by the end of January. Once the council approves the two companies, Missouri Department of Natural Resources will need to review and approve the bidding process. After that, the city will begin meeting with the chosen companies to start discussions on timelines. As a part of the original bond implementation, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources required that a cash reserve be built related to the water bond. With current projects right now, it looks like the current base rate as of February 2026 will be \$52.62 and will remain unchanged until 2027. While the \$5.00 increases every six months for the last 3 years have been challenging, they were required to secure the loan for the Water Improvement Project that Granby voters approved a few years ago. Thankfully because the projected funds reserve limit is currently on target, we will not have to follow through with the sixth and final \$5.00 increase that was scheduled.

During the January 8th council session, the City of Granby received the highest rating possible on the audit performed by Decker & Pace, LLC. This audit was especially complex because the federal audit included reviewing all transactions the City has performed with regard to the large amounts of Federal Grant money that we have received and spent over the last year related to the completion of the Sewer Treatment Plant and implementation of the Water Improvement Projects. An outstanding rating and job well

done by the City Administrator who manages the budget and compiles the information with your City Councils oversight and review. Great job to everyone involved!

Exciting new happenings at the Granby Sports Complex! Granby Parks & Recreation will be offering a 9 hole Disc Golf Course for community use near the ball fields. Construction has already started on the Concrete Tee Pads. Check out the Granby Parks and Recreation Facebook Page for updates on the progress!

High winds have made trash collection and pick-up challenging. The loose trash not inside of bags placed in receptacles falls out and blows into the streets and yards of other residents. Our contracted refuse company, GFL, has requested that residents ensure that all trash placed inside the receptacles is contained and bagged properly. This helps us meet our contractual requirement and ensures that trash is not blowing loose in the area. Going forward we want to ensure that all trash receptacles will be able to qualify for pick-up from GFL.

Over the next month or so, future community activities and events planning will begin. If you are interested in assisting with future events and activities such as the summer ball program, annual holiday events or Old Mining Town Days, please contact City Hall to join the team.

**Wishing everyone and our city great things in 2026!**

**Dustin Elder**

**Mayor**



### Important Contact Information

**Granby City Hall** (8-5 M-F) 417-472-6556

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<https://granby-mo.com/contact-us>

**Recycle Center** 8-4:30 M-F 8-11:30 SAT

**Police Department** (non-emergency) 417-472-3535

**Fire Department** (non-emergency) 417-472-3333

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## Did You Know...

### SPOTLIGHT



Our featured SPOTLIGHT for January is Charles "Brian" Barker. Brian works in the Granby City Public Works Department as a laborer for a total of 10 years. Brian grew up in the area and went to Neosho High School. Later following his parents to the Granby area. He enjoys riding horses and spending time with his family whether that is family time with his daughter and grand-kids, attending auctions and horse sales with his dad or relaxing with Angela. A few of his old time favorites include the movie "Old Yeller", books by Louis L'Amour and old-school Rock & Roll.

Brian says he feels blessed to work with the city in a such a good environment and enjoys working with his fellow employees who feel more like family. He also states that he likes the small town atmosphere and friendly people of Granby where there is always something new and different to do or work on in town. The very first project he worked on in the city was during the 2007 storm clean up when he was hired to assist with debris removal. One of the projects he states he feels most proud to be a part of was the installation of the playground equipment at the Sports Complex last year. He is anxiously looking forward to the Water System Project scheduled to start this year.

His supervisor, Jim Channel states that Brian is a good dedicated employee and assists many departments when needed. He is classified as an Utility Specialist.

Brian and Angela along with their dog Elwood and about a half a dozen horses live in a rural area just outside of the city. His favorite quote to live by— "One Day at a Time"

### DECEMBER STATS

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

**CALLS 151** Dog 6 in 6 out (3 return) 3 shelter

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

CALLS	FIRE	Traffic Acc.	MED	Assist
CITY (15)	1	0	12	2
DIST (15)	3	2	8	2

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CALLS	Water Repair	Gas Repair	New	Disconnect
(155)	9	0	17	15

  

Notices	Shut-off	Reconnect	811 (LOCATES)	Street repair
57	19	10	28	

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Parks & Recreation Events

#### BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

##### *JAN— Committee Meeting*

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Parks & Rec

##### *FEB—SIGN-UPS BEGIN*

#### Senior Center Events

Sr. Coffee Wednesdays 8-10 a

Sr. Luncheon Thursdays 11:30a-12:30p