



**NEXT MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2025
6:00 PM**



**LOTS OF
CHANGES IN 2025**



**THE
SMITHSONIAN
IS COMING**



**OPEN
10 AM-3 PM
WEDNESDAYS**

Change & Excitement Await



In May, the Historical Society announced that we were recipients of a grant from Missouri Humanities for the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street—in a year and a half. In September, we told you the Chamber of Commerce would be sharing our building—next year. Wow! Where has the time gone? The Chamber is coming, tomorrow! And “Voices and Votes is coming, in less than a year. A lot of very exciting changes are happening at 506 Main Street. But for the next month we are “Open” for business on Wednesday, December 4, 11, & 18.

**Can it be
Christmas already?**

**Where has this
year gone?**

Christmas in Grain Valley

Not to be confused with a “Hallmark” town, Grain Valley is “Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas. When that song was written by Meredith Wilson, in 1951 our Christmas was a single, but beautifully lit cedar tree near the train depot at the corner of Main and Front Street. On the Saturday before Christmas, Santa arrived, seated in the back of a pickup truck. He talked to the children and gave them a small brown sack, about the size of a lunch bag, filled with candy and fruit supplied by the local merchants. It was indeed a simpler time.

In 2024, well before the turkey was roasted for Thanksgiving dinner, the light poles up and down Main Street were wrapped in greenery and topped with red, green and gold Christmas ornaments and a big red bow. Later this week, the Christmas display will light up Armstrong Park and the Christmas lights will be turned on from City Hall to the train tracks.

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the Historical Society. too. On Thursday, December 12, at 4:00 PM the ribbon we are cutting is to welcome the Chamber of Commerce to Downtown Grain Valley.

Beginning on January 1, 2025 the Chamber office will officially be sharing the building. It is our hope that the hours of operation can be extended somewhat to accommodate the growing needs of our town. We hope to welcome businesses and residents to visit the building not only to learn about our past, but to celebrate all of the new and exciting businesses and events that our town has to offer, including the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street coming November 1, 2025!

So, Merry Christmas and we hope to see you next year at 506 Main Street!



Grain Valley Historical Society Museum

Opened on Wednesday

9 AM - 3 PM



**Please Join Us!
At the
Historical Society
Thursday
January 23, 2025
6 PM**

**Refreshments, program
and business meeting
Hope to see you there!**



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www.grainvalleyhistory.com

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you can become a member.**

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