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Grand Ledge Celebrates 125 Years

GRAND LEDGE, MI, March 27, 2018 — Grand Ledge was incorporated as a city on March 27, 1893. That means that this year we are fortunate to celebrate 125 years as a naturally grand community. When we think of Grand Ledge, what comes to mind is our beautiful sandstone ledges and Grand River views nestled among a thriving business district that radiates small-town charm.



Looking north on Bridge Street during the late 1800's. Photo courtesy of the Grand Ledge Area Historical Society.

Communities evolve and grow because of the vision, dedication and hard work from the people that build them. City of Grand Ledge Mayor, Kalmin Smith talks about the importance of recognizing the city's history of hard work and commitment to the infrastructure and safety of our residents and visitors. "We strive to work collectively with city residents to better understand areas of need and find solutions together," Mayor Smith says.

This is a perfect time to research the things we love as a community. The Grand Ledge Area Historical Society was formed in 1975 while planning for Grand Ledge's celebration of the National Bicentennial. Online at GDLedgeHistSoc.org, the historical society accounts the detailed history of Grand Ledge, providing photos, maps, timelines, and more. Visitors can sift through pages and pages of history that have been digitized and preserved for generations to come. City Administrator, Adam Smith says, "We encourage visitors of Grand Ledge to explore things old and new that built our city's foundation. Even residents can be tourists in their own town; learning about area history, shopping local, or visiting a new park." The Historical Society Museum at 118 W. Lincoln St., is another opportunity for those interested to experience Grand Ledge history.

Smith notes, "Celebrating 125 years as a city is a historic milestone and an opportunity to honor our past while we embrace our future." On January 8, 2018, City Council adopted priorities for 2018-2019. Establishing tiered priorities ensures clear direction and focus for administration and for the allocation of our limited resources. These priorities are reevaluated every two years to realign our strategies accordingly and accommodate the positive growth we continue to make as a community. To learn more about city priorities visit CityofGrandLedge.com.

The sense of community and place in Grand Ledge is undeniable. Residents and visitors have countless opportunities to connect and build relationships that quickly become the pillars for future generations to grow in Grand Ledge. The Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce hosts a myriad of community events throughout the year and works with hundreds of organizations and individuals to promote other events happening in the city. Get involved or learn about events and initiatives near you at GrandLedgeChamber.com.



New city banners adorn the lampposts downtown and honor 1893 the year Grand Ledge was officially incorporated as a city.

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