

Our Community's Vision for Downtown Grand Island

Downtown Grand Island is the arts and entertainment center of Central Nebraska. Downtown residents mingle with members of the community and visitors to explore a diverse variety of creative businesses, restaurants and entertainment venues located in revitalized historic buildings with architectural character.

Ample green spaces and gathering places highlighted by period lighting, signage, amenities and public facilities draw locals and visitors alike. Artists, musicians and street vendors beckon shoppers to the casual and safe open spaces for family friendly activities. The Grand Theater is a restored showcase of the downtown and offers educational sessions on historic theaters as well as movies for all ages. Architectural details such as terra cotta accents, iron storefront pillars and canvas awnings celebrate the authentic historic character of Grand Island, provide a solid, sensible place to do business and encourage other communities to ask "How did you do that?"

The Grand Island Main Street program works with the consumer, building and business owners, Business Improvement District, the Chamber of Commerce, city government, and the community to: encourage a healthy business mix; encourage creative people to open businesses; encourage young developers to provide affordable downtown loft living and the opportunity to conduct business in their own buildings; develop multiple entertainment places and promote and market downtown as a benefit to local residents and visitors. Downtown is clean and open and an affordable place to start a new business, move an existing business and purchase quality and essential goods and services.

Store hours and convenient parking accommodate the community and travelers. The business and arts and entertainment mix meet the needs of local residents and visitors. Business owners respect and appreciate their heritage and the community's history and pride themselves on their involvement to preserve downtown. From the unique shops, entertainment and dining establishments operated by friendly business owners who have vision to the government center with active and involved community leaders, there is a willingness to work together for the greater good. Downtown Grand Island is a visible, livable and usable blend of history, heritage and culture.



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