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### **GRAND JUNCTION HOSTS HALLOWEEN-THEMED GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY AT WHITMAN PARK**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. Oct. 4, 2023** – The City of Grand Junction will host a free Halloween-themed “Get to Know Your City” event for the whole family on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 4 – 6 p.m. at Whitman Park.

The event will feature games, tricks and treats for the kids, and a Touch-A-Truck event on 4<sup>th</sup> Street which will be closed for the event. City staff will present information about projects, plans and new initiatives and many will be in costume. Warm cider will be served and the first 200 guests to complete their spooky bingo card can stop by and receive a bag of treats from City Manager Greg Caton. Displays will also include a history of buildings and locations in the community thought to be haunted.

Attendees are encouraged to park in the lots on Colorado between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets, at Ute and 6<sup>th</sup> and at the History Museum, or at meters in downtown, and enter Whitman Park at the signal/crosswalk on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Ute.

“We are hosting this Halloween version of Get to Know Your City to include aspects that are fun and informative, with a nod to the season with tricks and treats as well as our community’s haunted history,” said Greg Caton, city manager. “In addition to displays with information about city projects, the event showcases one of the city’s original four historic parks along with offering interactive games and a chance for kids to enjoy some of the vehicles we use in our work to keep the city clean and safe.”

“City staff have been working hard to prepare the park for special event reservations and we are excited to host the first event as part of our reimaging of how Whitman Park can be used by the community,” continued Caton.

Get to Know Your City events are planned throughout the year to provide community members with an opportunity to learn more about current and upcoming city projects and initiatives. City staff are on hand at these events to answer questions and displays to provide detail regarding projects and plans currently underway or in the planning stages. Staff also offer ways for the public to provide input and learn more about current projects. In addition to information about plans involving public safety, transportation, utilities, and development, the event offers residents in the first phases of the Dual Stream Recycling program a chance to learn more and see the new recycling collection bins. These events are free and open to all community members. For information or questions about the event email [communications@gjcity.org](mailto:communications@gjcity.org).

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