

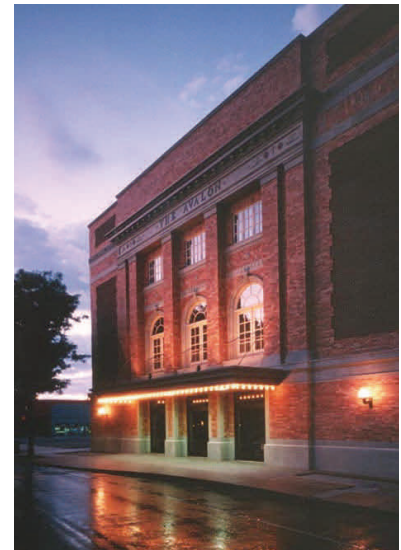
Historic Grand Junction

Resources

Within the Grand Junction City limits, 6 individual properties and the North Seventh Street Historic Residential District that includes 36 structures, are designated in the National Register of Historic Places.

There are numerous other State and National Register properties in the rural areas and outlying communities including Fruita, Palisade, DeBeque, Gateway, Collbran and within the Colorado National Monument.

Since establishment of the City's Historic Preservation Board in 1995, 82 more properties, 53 of which are located in the Lincoln Park Residential District, have been designated locally.



Downtown Walking Tour

Take an armchair tour or take a walk during a visit—just scan below



Did you know?

Grand Junction was named for the confluence of the Grand (renamed the Colorado) and Gunnison Rivers

In the early 1900s, the Chamber of Commerce offered a free 1-way train ticket to attract new residents to Grand Junction

Grand Junction was named an All America City in 1962, along with Boston and San Diego among others that year



Main Street Shopping Park

Faced with a deteriorating city core in the early 1960s in which no major public improvements had been undertaken for over 2 decades, the Grand Junction City Council appointed a committee to outline a renewal plan. The committee publicized its in-house design to property owners, businessmen and the public through slide presentations with taped narrations.

City Manager, Joe Lacy, wrote in the American Cities magazine in 1962: "Operation Foresight", Grand Junction's version of the downtown shopping mall, recently received the enthusiastic endorsement of local merchants and property owners who will foot 72% of the bill. Project

designers feel that the face lifting will overcome two key disadvantages of mall installations - a great loss of on-street parking and space for emergency vehicles.

The Grand Junction design features a Shopping Park along four blocks of Main Street. Now a straight four-lane thoroughfare 66 feet wide, the downtown artery will be transformed into a series of gentle S-curves. Pedestrian safety, angle parking, trees, shrubbery and benches will keynote the new look".

Operation Foresight received national attention and was visited by people from more than 100 other cities. It transformed not only the street but public attitudes and became a source of pride for residents. 50-plus years later, the Main Street Shopping Park continues to be a major attraction for visitors to the Grand Valley.

