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THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER



The City DPW works as quickly as possible during inclement weather to assure the safety and clearance of all city streets for the use of emergency vehicles and citizens. Your patience, cooperation, and understanding will help the road crews to clear the roads faster and safer.

Happy Holidays!

The Grant City Commission wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Snow Plow Permits

The City requires that snow plow permits be obtained for snow plowing within the City limits. Permits are \$25 and are available at the City Office. It is important to note that if you are plowing your own driveway or a family member's driveway, you do not need a permit. If you are a property owner hiring a plow company, please direct them to the City Office for a permit.

Credit/Debit Card Payments Available For Your Convenience

The City has expanded payment options for property taxes as well as water and sewer billing. The company processing the payments will charge a fee of \$5.95 for utility payments and 3% for tax payments. To use this service simply go to the city's website www.cityofgrantmi.com and click on the online payment tab, you can go directly to www.officialpayments.com or by phone **1-800-272-9829**

Our Jurisdiction Code is 7124.

You can pay by:

- Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover credit and debit cards.
- Electronic Check

If you have any questions, please contact the city office.

Be Involved! Other Public Meetings:
Library Board Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Ashland-Grant Fire District Meetings: Every other month- February 27 and April 30, 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W State Rd.

Grant Public Schools: 2nd Monday of every month, 7pm, Middle School Cafeteria.

Grant Police Department - Neighborhood Watch Program

The Grant Police Department has started a Neighborhood Watch program to help protect residents and property. **In order to be successful we need participation!**

For more information please call the Grant Police Department at **834-7212**. Please get involved in our walking group program! Walk with neighbors and help coordinate with the Police Department to keep our community safe.

Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project

The City has been working closely with Grant Public Schools on safety involving children walking to and from school. The MDOT review committee has tentatively recommended a change to the application. Routes that MDOT has indicated include both north and south sides of Brink St and Commerce St as well as the west side of Elder. This is a 100% funded grant project, which means property owners will not have to pay for these improvements.

Grant Police Department Tips

In these economic times, it is important to remain security conscious and be aware of your surroundings. Keep your homes and garages locked and be sure to remove your keys from the ignition and lock your vehicles whether your car is at home or store parking lots.

The Grant Police Department reminds residents and business owners to call law enforcement authorities when suspicious activity or a crime is occurring. **Do not wait to report such activity!** If you wait to report suspicious activity or a crime it makes solving or resolving the complaint difficult.

November 2011 City Election Results:

Mayor: Terry Fett, elected through Nov. 2013
City Commission: Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith and Cheryl Weeks, elected through Nov 2015.
Fire Millage Renewal 4 Years: Yes 64 to No 13
Public Safety Renewal 4 Years: Yes 57 to No 20

Newaygo County is now utilizing "City Watch"-an automatic call warning system to warn citizens within a close radius to an issue or crime. If you are receiving calls and have questions, please contact the Sheriff's Dept.

For Emergencies: Dial 911

For Non-Emergencies: Dial 231-834-7212

For Non-Emergencies if there is no answer at Grant PD: Dial 231-689-5288-Dispatch-They will contact the car out on patrol to assist you.

Thank You Voters!

Sewer Issues, How Do I Handle It?

If you ever experience slow drains or notice drains bubbling up, first call the City DPW at 834-7462. City staff will check the main line from the manhole to determine if the main line is obstructed or not. If the main line is obstructed, then the city will clear the line and is responsible for any property damage. If the main is flowing, then it is likely you have roots in your lateral, grease plugging your lateral, or you have an old clay lateral that may have collapsed. If it is determined that the issue is your lateral, then you should **call a local plumber immediately. You are responsible for your sewer lateral to the main line, just like you are responsible for your driveway to the street.**

Winter Parking Restrictions

The City reminds residents and visitors that there is no parking of any motor vehicle upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of 2 am and 6 am between November 15 – April 15 (Ord. #18). This aids City plows removing snow from city streets. Signs are posted around the City that have a number to call if your vehicle is towed.

Remember: Water freezes at 32 degrees!!!!!!!

Please be sure that your home or business is properly winterized or make sure that the location of your **water meter is properly heated** so that pipes do not burst when temps drop. The City is not responsible for any pipes that freeze or burst after the water shut off in the right of way. If your pipes freeze and burst, call the DPW first (834-7462) so they can shut your water off, then call one of our great local plumbers to assist you.

Ordinance # 50-Residential Solid Waste Contract

The City Commission voted to approve a 5 year renewal with A-Waste for residential solid waste hauling through December 31, 2016.

Individual Bag Service: \$2 per bag (can be purchased at City Office)

65 Gallon Container: \$30 per quarter

96 Gallon Container: \$36 per quarter

Recycling Container: \$13.50 per quarter (This is new and optional)

****Recycling is single stream which does not require sorting-all recyclables can go into one container-glass, cardboard, paper, plastics with recycle logo****

Diesel fuel charges are based on the average quarterly price:

\$3.51-\$4.00=\$6 per quarter

\$4.01-\$4.50=\$9 per quarter To alter service call A-Waste:

\$4.51-\$5.00=\$12 per quarter **231-834-9913**

\$5.01-\$6.50=\$15 per quarter

Notice of Public Meetings:

January 16, 2012

February 20, 2012

March 19, 2012

City of Grant Regular Commission Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

280 South Maple Street, Grant, MI 49327

Important Numbers

(Clip this out for the fridge):

City of Grant Office: 834-7904

A-Waste (Garbage): 834-9913

City of Grant Police: 834-7212

City of Grant DPW/Water/Sewer: 834-7462

Grant Post Office: 834-5966

Newaygo County Sheriff Department: 231-689-7303

City Assessor (Newaygo County Equalization):231-689-7244

Building Inspector (Newaygo County):231- 689-7216

Grant District Library: 834-5713

For a list of area business contact information please visit:

www.grantareachamber.com

Sidewalks and Snow Removal Policy

1. City Charter: Chapter 3.1(e): Compels all persons to keep sidewalks which are in the area of streets immediately adjacent to the premises owned, controlled, or occupied, free from anything which obstructs them...that may be hazardous to the public health or safety (meaning it is the responsibility of property owners to keep sidewalks clear of snow).

If you have an elderly neighbor or a neighbor who is disabled, be a kind neighbor and help clear their sidewalk.

2. The DPW will clear sidewalks when snow accumulation hits 10 inches in a snowfall event. This will be done only if there is appropriate time as priority of snow removal is City Streets.

Community Center

If you or someone you know is interested in renting the Community Center for a reception or party, all information is available at the Community Center, City Office or the City website:

<http://www.cityofgrantmi.com/communitycenter.html>

City Resident Rate: \$140 (includes tables and chairs)

Non-Resident Rate: \$240 (includes tables and chairs)

Deposit \$240

City of Grant Salt/Sand Barrels

The City of Grant has placed salt and sand barrels on the hill at E. State Rd and also Park Dr. as a resource to assist citizens traveling these roads if additional traction is needed.

Other Local Ordinances to be Aware of:

Ordinance #44 Prohibits loud noise generated by radios or other sound amplification devices. Limits are 50ft from 7am-9pm and 25 ft from 9pm to 7am.

Ordinance #15-1 and #53.301-308 Our local junk ordinance prohibits unlicensed and nonfunctioning vehicles in the city limits, unless they are located in full-enclosed areas of your property as well as cluttered material present in yards.

Ordinance #20 An ordinance requiring anyone plowing snow for hire must obtain a permit from the City. Permits are \$25 per vehicle.

Ordinance #37-2 An ordinance that allows for a permit to burn for \$20.

Ordinance #34 Curfew-no minors under 17 out from 10pm to 6am, no aiding or abetting curfew violations for 17 or older.

Ordinance #14 Snowmobiles-Off roads, not on sidewalks, 10mph, not after 10pm to 8am.

All City Ordinances are available on our website:

www.cityofgrantmi.com

****If you see any of these violations, call the Grant Police Department at 834-7212****