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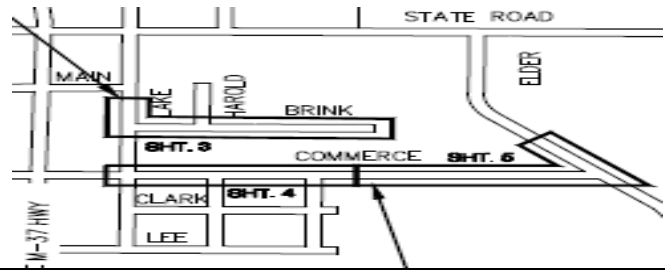
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THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER



Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project 2012

The City has been successful in securing a \$246,878 grant for sidewalks in the City as part of a collaborative effort between the City and Grant Public Schools. The construction costs are covered 100% by the grant so costs will NOT be assessed to those in the project area. Construction is anticipated in July and August. The project area includes Brink St., Commerce St. and parts of Lake St. and Elder Ave. Public notices and permits are regularly posted with other notices under the "public notice" tab on the City website.

City Board Members Needed

The City is in need of individuals who would like to serve on the City Planning Commission, Board of Review or as an Elections Inspector. If you are interested in serving please pick up an application at the City Office.

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.

City Tax and Assessing Information Now Online!

The City has recently added tax and assessing information online for business owners and residents. You can access this info. by clicking on the "tax and assessing" tab on the City website. Property owners can access their own records free of charge. Just look for the option on the BS&A website and follow their instructions. You will need to set up a free login account, and once you receive an e-mail confirmation from BS&A, just follow the instructions to retrieve your own information.

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 a walking group program! Walk with neighbors and help coordinate with the Police Department to keep our community safe.

Please Keep Our City Beautiful!

The City of Grant has several ordinances regarding parking of vehicles, trash/junk, tall grass/weeds and other nuisance violations. As a reminder, these ordinances **will be enforced** so please be sure to read the regulations on the back page of this newsletter and by clicking on the "ordinances" tab on the City website.

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. Installing motion sensor lights on your home is also another inexpensive way to deter would be thieves or vandals.

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.

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.

Be Involved! Other Public Meetings:

Library Board Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

Ashland-Grant Fire District Meetings: Every other month- April 30, June 25 and August 30 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W State Rd.

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

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.**

Ordinance #53 Section 302.4-Tall Grass and Weeds

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of **10 inches**. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens as well as wooded or forested lots. The City will serve you written notice sent by U.S. Mail if you are in violation. You will be given 7 days to comply before a **\$30 citation** is issued. If the property is still not taken care of for an additional 7 days, another citation will be issued and the City DPW will mow the property and a bill will be sent for the services rendered.

Ordinance #53 Section 303.1-Pools

Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas containing water more than 24 inches (2 ft) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (4 ft) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool.

Newaygo County Hazardous Household Waste Drop-Off

Hazardous waste drop off will be done at the Newaygo County Road Commission in White Cloud by APPOINTMENT ONLY on June 2, 2012. You may contact them for an appointment at 231-689-7225. Details are available at the City Office as well as the City website under the "public notice" tab.

Cit of Grant Non-Hazardous Household Waste Drop-Off

The City is offering residents and business owners the opportunity to dispose of non hazardous waste at the City DPW at 341 S. Jones St. within the locked gate. The DPW will be open May 7 through May 10 from 7am until 7pm to accommodate citizen's work schedules. Driver's licenses/ID cards or property tax bills/statements will be required to make sure the service is provided to City taxpayers only. There will be a 30 yard dumpster available. Once it is full the program will be completed for the year, so make arrangements early. Details are available at the City Office as well as the City website under the "public notice" tab.

Notice of Public Meetings:

April 16, 2012

May 21, 2012

June 18, 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

(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

DPW Brush Pick Up

Its spring and time to spruce up your yard again!

Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up beginning **April 1st**. However only leaves bagged in *biodegradable paper bags* will be picked up. The city has encouraged local stores to stock these bags for your convenience. ***Pick up of yard waste occurs on the 1st and the 15th of each month.** Please do not place your yard waste at the curb after they do pick-up on your street, because it will not get picked up until the next scheduled pick-up. However, if the DPW crew misses your yard waste, please contact them as soon as possible at 834-7462. **Size and weight restrictions are strictly enforced, 50 pounds and 4 foot sections for branches.** Also as a reminder, do not place any yard waste at the curb more than 1-2 days before the scheduled pick-up. If the regular pick-up falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, it will be moved to Monday.

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 \$250****

Water Main Flushing

Water mains will be flushed by the DPW April 9 through April 20. You may notice some fire hydrants with water running out of them, this is for flushing so do not be alarmed. If you notice any discoloration in your water, run it until it is clear. If you have any questions, please contact the DPW at 834-7462.

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 #21-1 An ordinance regulating the care and custody of dogs. All dogs must be licensed, no more than three dogs per household, no dogs running at large, must be restrained on 6ft or shorter leash, may be unrestrained at home if being supervised, if not supervised must be inside or in a kennel/fenced in.

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.

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****