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## THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER



### **Grant Chamber of Commerce-Day at Blanche Lake Sponsored by Spectrum Health Grant Medical Office**

- **Saturday, July 13 from 10am to 2pm-200 Park Dr.**
- Free hot dogs, chips and beverages
- Meet and greet your local Grant Medical Office Providers
- Free use of kayaks and canoes and the new City Stabil-Float docks
- Kids games, volleyball, horseshoe pits, fishing (gear provided)

### **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\*\*

\*\*Non refundable deposit to reserve date \$20\*\*

\*\*These are non-alcohol rates\*\*

### **Community Resources Call 2-1-1**

2-1-1 provides callers with information such as volunteer opportunities, mobile food pantries, housing options, senior programs, utility bill assistance and youth programs.

### **Please Keep Our City Beautiful!**

The City of Grant has several ordinances regarding parking of vehicles, trash/junk, tall grass/weeds, trash containers 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.

### **Be Involved In Your Community! Other Public Meetings:**

**Library Board Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm at 122 Elder Ave.

**Ashland-Grant Fire District Meetings:** Every other month- June 24 and August 26 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W State Rd.

**Grant Public Schools:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 7pm, Fine Arts Center.

### **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](http://www.cityofgrantmi.com) and click on the online payment tab, you can go directly to [www.officialpayments.com](http://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

### **MSHDA's "Step Forward" Loan Rescue Program**

This program is available to help those who have delinquent property taxes, if you qualify. For more information visit: [www.stepforwardmichigan.org](http://www.stepforwardmichigan.org) or call the Center for Non-Profit Housing for MSHDA certified counselors at 231-924-0641.



### **Grant Festival 2013-August 16-17-360 S. Maple St.(M-37)**

For up to date information, list of events, contact information and entry forms, please visit: [www.grantareachamber.com](http://www.grantareachamber.com)

For other inquiries please e-mail: [inquire@grantareachamber.com](mailto:inquire@grantareachamber.com)

### **Grant Police Department Information**

The Grant Police Department reminds residents and business owners to call law enforcement authorities when suspicious activity or a crime is occurring.

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.

Silent observer: Dial 231-924-0641 or [newaygocountysilentobserver@gmail.com](mailto:newaygocountysilentobserver@gmail.com)

### **Summer Property Taxes**

Summer tax bills will be sent out July 1<sup>st</sup>. They are **due August 12<sup>th</sup>**. Taxes can be paid at the City Office during regular office hours, the City drop box, or via the City's 3<sup>rd</sup> party payment vendor for online/phone payments (see top the page of the newsletter).

**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 **\$50 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. Unpaid bills will be placed on tax bills.

**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 and must have a locked/latched gate.

**Please Help the Post Office!**

The Postmaster has requested that the City remind residents and business owners not to place your yard waste or trash cans in front of your mailboxes. This creates a hazard for the postal service. Also, several homes have mailboxes located too far off of the street which creates damage to your street. If you see tire ruts into your yard, your mailbox is too far away from the street. For regulations visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

**City of Grant Water Quality Report**

The annual water quality report is/was mailed out with property tax bills for your convenience and is also available via the City website: <http://www.cityofgrantmi.com/publicnotices.html>  
If you have any questions please contact the DPW/Water Dept. at 834-7462.

**Notice of City Commission Meetings:**

July 15, 2013

August 19, 2013

September 16, 2013

City of Grant Regular Commission Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00pm at City Hall-280S. Maple St, Grant, MI 49327

**Citywide Yard Sales**

The "unofficial" Citywide yard sales in the City will be September 7, 2013.

**(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**

**DPW Brush Pick Up**

Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags to be picked up. The city has encouraged local stores to stock these bags for your convenience.

**\*Pick up of yard waste occurs on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Please do not place your yard waste out after pick-up on your street, because it will not get picked up until the next scheduled pick-up. The City has had several homeowners come out after DPW staff has been down their street. Just like your solid waste/garbage that is picked up, get it out the night before or very early in the morning to make sure it gets picked up. Otherwise you will have to wait until the next pick up and may receive a citation for violating Ord. # 50. **Size and weight restrictions are strictly enforced, 50 pounds and 4 foot sections for branches.** If the regular pick-up falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, it will be moved to Monday.

**Summer 2013 Projects**

- \*New public amphitheatre at Blanche Lake-thanks to the FACF for a \$56,000 grant.
- \*New sidewalks on E State Rd. in front of the Elementary school to Elder Ave and then on the east side of Elder Ave connecting existing sidewalk. This project is funded by the City, Grant Public Schools and the FACF.
- \*Water tower repainting-interior dry and wet.
- \*Paving- E. Commerce St.—depending on quotes and funding.
- \*Sewer main replacement and CIPP lining throughout the City to replace clay tile mains
- \*Blanche Lake treatments for weeds/algae/cattails-The DEQ Permit is online via the public notice tab.
- \*Though it's not in the City it will have an impact-120<sup>th</sup> St. from Wisner to the City Limits will be closed from July 8 to August 3<sup>rd</sup> for complete rebuild. It will be open to local traffic only!

**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 #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:**

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