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THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER



Blanche Lake Amphitheater

The Fremont Area Community Foundation awarded \$56,000 toward the construction of an amphitheatre at Blanche Lake Park. Completion of project will be early spring.

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: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at 122 Elder Ave.

Ashland-Grant Fire District Meetings: Every other month- April 28 and June 23 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W State Rd.

Grant Public Schools: 2nd 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 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

Water/Sewer Payment Policy

Water/Sewer Bills are sent out quarterly. The due date is the end of the month following each quarter.

Quarter	Billing	Due Date
January – March	April 1	April 30
April – June	July 1	July 31
July – September	October 1	October 31
October- December	January 1	January 31

Unless the due date falls on a weekend, then the due date will be the next business day.

The day after the due date late fees will be applied at the rate of 10% on sewer and 5.4% on water as set by Ordinances #3 Section 9 and #35 Section 1109. Once the late fees are applied a Shut Off Notice will be sent with the new amount due and the final day to pay before water is shut off. If the bill is not paid the water will be shut off and an Off/On charge of \$100.00 will be added to the bill. Water will not be restored until the amount due plus Off/On charge is paid in full. If not paid any balance outstanding for 6 months will be added to the tax bill as a lien on the property.

If you cannot pay your bill in full you **must** come into the city office to create a written payment plan. This plan must be agreed upon prior to the shut off date. If payments are not made in accordance with the payment plan, the water will be shut off without further notice. No payment plans will be extended into the next quarter.

The city will NOT be using the door hanger notices any longer.

Summer Property Taxes

Summer tax bills will be sent out July 1st. They are **due August 12th**. Taxes can be paid at the City Office during regular office hours, the City drop box, or via the City's 3rd 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

City of Grant Water Flushing

Water mains will be flushed by the DPW **April 14 through April 30**. 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/Water Dept. at 834-7462.

Notice of City Commission Meetings:

April 21, 2014
May 19, 2014
June 16, 2014

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

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 1st and the 15th 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.

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

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****