



**THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER*
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

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****PLEASE READ YOUR CITY NEWSLETTER. MANY QUESTIONS VIA CALLS/E-MAILS/STOPPING BY CITY HALL ARE OFTEN ADDRESSED IN NEWSLETTERS TO BETTER INFORM CITIZENS****

THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

2014 Grant Christmas Festival



The first annual Christmas in Grant was quite a fun event in spite of the weather. Several hundred visitors came to see Santa & Mrs Claus, along with the cast of Disney's "Frozen". They also had pictures with Santa's Elves and enjoyed roasted chestnuts and more at the Main Street Train District. Some had a free picture taken with Santa, enjoyed Christmas carols, attended a tree lighting, and enjoyed a ride in a horse-drawn carriage, while others decorated cookies, made craft ornaments, and enjoyed hot cocoa, coffee, and cider. Other guests opted to visit with Santa at one of the local restaurants.

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.

Pharmaceutical Drug Collection Drop-Box

The Grant Police Department has a drop-box for unused drugs located in the City Hall lobby. It is important to turn over unused drugs that are no longer needed to prevent abuse of them in our community as well as to make sure they are properly disposed of.

Winter Parking Restrictions-Ord. #18

The City reminds residents/businesses/visitors that there is no parking of any motor vehicle upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of 2am and 6am November 15-April 15. This aids City plows removing snow from streets.

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- Feb. 23, 2015 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W State Rd.

Grant Public Schools: 2nd Monday of every month, 7pm, at the Fine Arts Center on E State Rd.

Grant Police Department Information

The Grant Police Department would like to say **THANK YOU** for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you for many more years.

Chief Bob Mendham



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

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—The City's Jurisdiction Code is 7124.

You can pay by: Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover credit and debit cards and electronic check.

Water Freezes at 32 Degrees!

Each winter the City DPW responds to several City properties that have not adequately insulated or heated the area where a water meter is located. When the water meter freezes, it will burst and flood the property. Please make sure that there is adequate insulation, heat or appropriate winterization to avoid a mess and costly repair this winter. The DPW can be reached at [231-834-7462](tel:231-834-7462).

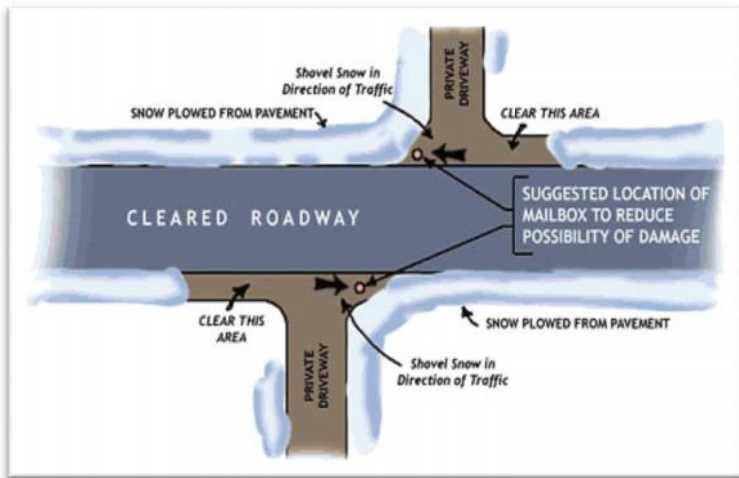
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Sewer Issues, How Do I Handle It?

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 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, 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 Snow Plowing: Understanding Plowing Near Driveways

Driveways are always a sensitive issue when it comes to snow removal. DPW crews are sensitive to this problem, however, there is no practical way to plow snow without depositing snow into driveways. Drivers will do their best to minimize filling in or blocking driveways. Below is a graphic showing how a driveway can be initially cleared to reduce the likelihood of the plow filling the entrance. If you shovel or move the snow in the direction of traffic, making a pocket next to the driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the opening.



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

City DPW staff will be picking up Christmas trees placed out in the public right of way each Monday during the month of January.

Notice of City Commission Meetings:

January 19, 2015

February 16, 2015

March 16, 2015

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

Important Contact Numbers:

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

Winter Child Safety Request!

Please watch children and **DO NOT** let them build snow forts, tunnels, or play in snow banks along streets or in the right of way. This is very dangerous!

Ordinance #14-Snowmobiles

By ordinance snowmobiles are **NOT** permitted on ANY City streets or sidewalks to protect them from damage caused by snowmobile spikes. Snowmobiles must also travel no faster than 10 mph in the city limits and between the street and the sidewalk in the public right of way or on private property. Snowmobiles are also not permitted to be operating after 10pm. Please call the grant Police Department at 231-834-7212 to report any violations.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks

Ordinance #53 section 302.3- Requires property owners to keep sidewalks adjacent to their property free from anything that will obstruct them or cause a hazard to public safety. Please shovel/clear sidewalks to keep them clear, especially for children who use them. Per City Policy, the DPW will clear sidewalks during single snow events of 10 or more inches of accumulation or as time permits during a regular work day.

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 #14 Is an ordinance regulating snowmobiles for the winter season. Snowmobiles must be OFF streets, sidewalks, must travel at a speed not greater than 10mph, and may not operate between 10pm and 8am.

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. It also prohibits cluttered material present in yards.

Ordinance #20 Is an ordinance requiring anyone plowing snow for hire to obtain a snow plow permit from the City. Permits are \$10 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.

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****

ORV Ordinance #56: The City Commission has approved an ORV Ordinance, similar to Newaygo County, permitting ORV's on the edge of City streets. Please visit the City website and click on ordinances to view the rules and regulations.

MSHDA'S "Step Forward"

Unemployment Mortgage Subsidy Program is available to pay Delinquent Property Taxes, if you qualify. Visit: <https://www.stepforwardmichigan.org/> or call toll free (866) 946-7432. (A list of MSHDA's programs to assist homeowners is on the back of this sheet.) MSU Finance and Home Ownership Educator, Bill Hendrian, is also available to assist you at (231) 757-4789.