



THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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ADDRESSED IN NEWSLETTERS TO BETTER INFORM CITIZENS

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THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

Streetlight Out, Flickering or Dim?

If you notice a streetlight that is out, flickering or dim, please contact Consumer's Energy directly at consumersenergy.com, click on Report outage, Streetlight Outages and follow the prompts or call Consumer's directly at: 1-800-477-5050.

City Police Voicemail

If you need immediate assistance and cannot reach a City Police Officer, please call Central Dispatch at 231-689-5288 and a car closest to your area will be dispatched. **Please do not leave complaints on the City PD voicemail.** If you would like to leave a non-emergency voicemail for a Grant PD officer please call 834-7212 to leave a message and an officer will return your call as soon as possible.

Burn Weekend in The Spring

This year the City is allowing residents to burn without needing to purchase a burn permit. The free burn weekend will be held on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th. Residents are encouraged to burn their brush and remaining leaves at this time. Contact City Hall if you have any questions. If there is a burn ban in place, the alternate date will be May 3rd and May 4th. Please check the City Facebook page for updates.

Water Main Flushing

The DPW will be flushing water mains during the month of April. Don't be alarmed if you notice water running out of some hydrants. The flushing will happen during the day. If you notice any discoloration in your water, run it until it is clear. If you have any questions, please contact Justin at the DPW/Water Department at 834-7462.

Clean-up Week

Starting Monday, April 29th thru Friday, May 3rd, there will be a 30-yard dumpster at the DPW dept located at the end of Jones Street. City residents may unload "**non-hazardous**" household waste into the dumpster at no charge. Once the dumpster is full, the clean-up event is over. Hours for the dumpster: Mon. and Wed. 8am-6:30pm, Tue. and Thurs. 8am-5pm and Friday 8am to 3:00pm. **This is for City Residents only!**

CITY ORDINANCES

All City Ordinances are available on our website:
www.cityofgrantmi.com

If you see any of these violations, please call the Grant Police Department at
231-834-7212

Marijuana Establishments

The City Commission has decided to opt out the MRTMA, therefore prohibiting Recreational Marijuana establishments. However, the Commission is reviewing the prohibition of Medical Marijuana establishments as governed by the 2016 MMFLA. During this process, the Commission would like to hear input from the community. Please consider attending a public meeting (held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm), or consider contacting Commission members with your input.

Yard /Garage Sale Permits

The City will now require yard/garage sale permits, per Ordinance No. 55. This free permit allows for residents to hold three (3) sales per year with a maximum duration of three (3) days per sale. No permit will be required for sales during the annual community-wide yard sale day, which is always the first Saturday after Labor Day.

DPW Brush Pickup Starts April 1st

Pickup of yard waste occurs on the 1st and 15th of each month. If the 1st or 15th falls on the weekend, please make sure your yard waste is out on the immediate Monday following the weekend. Please do not place yard waste out after pickup on your street because it will not be picked up until the next scheduled pickup date. All brush shall be left in the right-of-way, between the curb and sidewalk for pick up not more than 48 hours before scheduled pickup times. If you don't get the brush out in time and it has to sit out until the next pickup date, you may receive a citation for violating Ord. #50. **Size and weight restriction are strictly enforced, 25 pounds and 4 foot sections and not to exceed 18 inches in diameter and branches bundled.** Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags for pick up. The City has encouraged local stores to stock these bags for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the DPW at 834-7462.

Republic Services Monthly Cleanup

City residents that currently use Republic for trash pickup have the option of setting larger items at the curb on the **first Tuesday** of each month. The bulk trash items are limited to one (1) square yard (3 foot by 3 foot). Acceptable appliances would be dish washers, dryers, stoves and washing machines. Washing machines will be up to the driver's discretion because of weight. Items not accepted are air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers. Questions regarding acceptable items, please contact Republic directly at 1-877-698-7274.

Blanche Lake

Blanche Lake will be sprayed in May for cattails and emergents. Be aware that this means **no swimming** for the period stated on the sign posted.

Trash Containers

Please make sure that your trash containers are moved back from the right-of-way no later than 12 hours past pickup.

City Ordinances

All City ordinances are available on our website: www.cityofgrantmi.com. If you see any of these violations, please call the Grant Police Department at 834-7212. Please leave a message with your name, phone number and a brief description of the ordinance in question and an officer will return your call as soon as possible. Below are just a few of the ordinances that can be found on the website.

Ord. #53: Section 302.4—Tall Grass and Weeds

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds and 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. 1st Offense: \$50. 2nd offense: \$100. 3rd Offense: \$200. 4th Offense: \$500.

Ord. #34 Curfew—no minors under the age of 17 out from 10pm to 6am, no aiding or abetting curfew violation for 17 and older.

Ord. #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.

Ord. #44: Prohibits loud noise generated by radios or other amplification devices.

Burn Permits

For those who are cleaning up their yards and want to burn brush, please remember that you do need to purchase a burn permit. The permit is good for 2 weeks from the date of purchase. The permit is \$20 and can be purchased at City Hall. Be sure to check that there has not been a burn ban issued for our area. Call the DNR Cadillac Region (covering Newaygo Co) at 231-745-4651 ext 6950. Please see the front page regarding dates for the free burn weekend.

Water/Sewer Billing Schedule for 2019

Water and sewer is billed quarterly. Payments can be made throughout the quarterly billing cycle (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) to reduce the amount owed at the end of the quarter. Payments can be made using cash, check, money order or credit card. Payments can be left in the drop box if the office is closed. If you would like to pay online, visit govpaynow.com or call 888-604-7888 and use code 4308. Additional charges apply. Visa, MC, American Express and Discover accepted.

The billing dates for the 2019 year are as follows:

Quarter	Billing	Due Date
Jan-March	April 1	April 30
April-June	July 1	July 31
July-Sept	Oct 1	Oct 31
Oct-Dec	Jan 1	Jan 31

How Do I Handle Sewer Issues?

If you 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 in 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.**

Farmer's Market Opening in June

The Farmer's Market will be open starting mid June thru the end of October on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Vendors are able to sell fruits, vegetables, bakery items, flowers, etc. There will be an informational meeting at City Hall on Saturday May 4th if you would like to become a vendor. If you have any questions regarding reserving a space and fee, please call Pete at 834-7384.

Community Center Rental Information

If you or someone you know is interested in renting the Community Center, all information is available at the Community Center, City office or the City website: www.cityofgrantmi.com/communitycenter.html. **City Resident rate: \$175; Non Resident rate: \$275** (tables and chairs included). **Reservation fee: \$20; Deposit \$300.** These are non-alcohol rental rates. More questions please call City Hall.

Grant Police Department Information

The Police Dept reminds residents and business owners to call law enforcement **when suspicious activity or a crime is occurring**. Please see Emergency numbers under Important Contact Numbers.

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 22 and June 24 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; 331 E. State Rd.

Notice of City Commission Meetings:

April 15, 2019

May 20, 2019

June 17, 2019

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

Important Contact Numbers:

City of Grant Office: 834-7904

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

City of Grant Police: 834-7212

Newaygo Co. Central Dispatch: 231-689-5288

Newaygo County Sheriff Department: 231-689-7303

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

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

Republic (Garbage): 1-877-698-7274

Grant District Library: 834-5713

Grant Post Office: 834-5966

Silent Observer: 231-924-0641 or newaygocountysilentobserver@gmail.com