



## THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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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

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THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY  
PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

#### Summer Property Taxes

Summer tax bills will arrive on July 1st and are due August 10, 2019 without incurring any interest. 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. Call GovPayNet at 1-888-604-7888 or visit GovPayNow.com to pay online and use location code 4309. Processing fees apply.

#### Tornado Siren Testing

Tornado siren testing will be done on the first Monday of every month during the summer months between 7:00pm - 7:30pm. The tornado siren is a long, constant whistle.

#### Farmer's Market Open

The Farmer's Market is open for the season from now until the end of October on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Vendors are able to sell fruits, vegetables, bakery items, flowers, etc. Please remember that the market is not a place for yard sale/flea market items. If you have any questions regarding reserving a space and fee, please call Pete at 834-7384.

#### City-Wide Yard Sales

The 'unofficial' city-wide yard sales will be the Saturday after Labor Day which is September 7. No permit is required for this annual event.

#### Yard/Garage Sale Permits

Reminder to get your FREE yard/garage sale permits from the City office. You are allowed three (3) sales per year with maximum duration of 3 days per sale.

#### Burn Permits

Are you cleaning up your yard and want to burn brush? Purchase a burn permit for \$20.00 at City Hall (permits good for 2 weeks from purchase date). Be sure to check that a burn ban has not been issued by calling the DNR Cadillac Region (covering Newaygo Co) at 231-745-4651 ext 6950.

#### Trunk or Treat

Do you or someone you know want to take part in the Trunk or Treat event in October? Call the City office for more information: 834-7904.

#### CITY ORDINANCES

All City Ordinances are available on our website:

[www.cityofgrantmi.com](http://www.cityofgrantmi.com)

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

#### Parking Ordinance

The City Commission is reviewing our current parking ordinance. Currently parking in the right-of-way along the street is prohibited. This spring many residents were asked to move their vehicles in order to be in compliance with the ordinance. Future legislation, under consideration, would allow for parking in this area if the adjacent property owner improved the space into a hard durable surface that was free from vegetation, mud, and ruts. Please contact the City Office or the City Commissioners with your input on the issue.

#### Medical Marihuana Ordinance

After several months of discussion during regular City Commission meetings, the Commission has adopted an ordinance amendment to allow for Commercial Medical Marihuana Facilities. In a 7-0 vote, the City will allow for one (1) provisioning center, one (1) safety compliance facility, and one (1) secure transporter. No grow or processing facilities will be allowed. This change does not affect commercial recreational facilities which are prohibited within the City.

#### Community Center Wi-Fi

The Community Center now has Wi-Fi available to renters. The network is password protected and the password will be made available to the renter when they pick-up the key. A public network for everyone is still in consideration.

#### DPW Brush Pickup

**\*Pick up 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.** If leaves are not bagged, they will not be picked 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 Monthly Cleanup

City residents that currently use Republic for trash pickup have the option of setting larger items at the curb once a month. This will be done on the **first Tuesday** of each month. The bulk trash items are limited to one (1) square yard (3 foot by 3 foot). The driver will pull up to your house and load the truck up to the one (1) yard mark and then leave. For any questions regarding what will be accepted and what will not, please contact Republic Services directly at 1-877-698-7274.

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

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

**Ord. #53 Sec. 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. #21-1:** An ordinance regulating the care and custody of dogs. All dogs must be licensed, no more than 3 dogs per household, no dogs running at large, must be restrained on a 6ft or shorter leash, may be unrestrained at home if being supervised, if not supervised must be inside or in a kennel/fenced in area.

**City Police Voicemail**

If you need immediate assistance and cannot reach a City Police Officer, please call Central Dispatch at 231-689-5288. A car closest to your location will be dispatched.

Please do not leave complaints on the City PD voicemail.

If you would like to leave a voicemail for a Grant PD officer and it is not an emergency, please call 834-7212 as normal and leave a message. The officer on duty will return your call as soon as possible.

**Water/Sewer Late Fees/Payment Plans**

Please be advised that if you need to set up a payment plan to pay your water/sewer bill, it **must** be done within the first 30 days of receiving your bill. Payment plans are not to exceed more than 30 days past the initial late date. Late fees will be added to each account that is not paid by the original pay by date. Failure to receive your water bill in the mail does not waive the late fees. Please see the billing schedule below so that you know when you will be receiving a bill and when it is due.

**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 1-888-604-7888 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.**

**Summer Is Here**

Now that summer is finally here, we remind you to secure your items by locking your car doors, especially at night, and securing bicycles, etc. We also remind you that if you are enjoying Blanche Lake Park, please make sure you keep an eye on your children around the beach/lake area.

**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](http://www.cityofgrantmi.com/communitycenter.html). **City Resident rate: \$175; Non Resident rate: \$275** (tables and chairs included). **Reservation fee: \$25; Deposit \$300.** These are non-alcohol rental rates. More questions please call City Hall.

**Grant Police Department Information**

The Police Department 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—August 26 and October 28 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:**

July 15, 2019

August 19, 2019

September 16, 2019

City of Grant Regular Commission Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:newaygocountysilentobserver@gmail.com)