



# SUMMER IS HERE!

Check out our Farmer's Market and various parks!

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## Gus Macker is coming to Grant July 15 & 16!

Our city will be hosting this regional event. The courts will be set up in the Grant Middle School parking lot. River Country Chamber (RCC) is coordinating with Grant Police, Grant Schools, Grant City Office, and various sponsors. Let's welcome people from across the nation to our great city. Please contact RCC online if you would like to volunteer @ [rivercountrychamber.com](mailto:rivercountrychamber.com).



**Grant High School Class of 2023** - Our leaders of tomorrow — Go out into the world, pursue your goals while leaving a legacy of kindness in your wake! Good luck in your endeavors! Congrats to the class of 2023 from all our staff at the City, Police Dept, DPW, and City Commission!!

**Brush curbside pick up occurs 1st and 15th each month.** Yard waste pick up occurs on the 1st and 15th of each month. If the 1st or 15th falls on the weekend, pick up will be the following Monday except **next pickup will occur on July 5th.** Place yard waste out only 48 hours prior to pickup, and do not place yard waste out after the scheduled pickup or you could be cited. Brush bundles should be no more than 25 pounds, no bigger than 4 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags for pick up.

**Summer Property Tax** bills will be mailed on July 1st and are **due Thursday, August 10, 2023.** Taxes can be paid at the City office during regular office hours, use the City drop box, or via the City's 3rd party payment vendor for online payments. Please make sure to write separate checks for property tax and water/sewer bills.

## Monday 7:00 pm City Commission Meeting Schedule:

July 17th, August 21st, September 18th

**Quarterly Water / Sewer** bills are due *Monday, July 31, 2023.* Use our after hours drop box.

Ways to reduce water usage in hot summer months:

- Watering lawns/gardens less often but at least 1" deep to reach roots will improve the plant health
- Water early morning or evening to avoid evaporation
- Set mower decks at higher levels to help grass avoid stress of summer heat

Fun Fact: The average eight minute shower uses 20 gallons of water.

## Veteran's Memorial Relocated to Parkview

**Cemetery** - Thank you to **AJ McKinley** for his generous donation making it possible to move the Memorial from S. Front to Parkview cemetery. With the help of our DPW staff, space was cleared for a cement base and new flag poles where new flags were installed.



**Grant Farmer's Market Opened May 27th.** New vendors welcome—contact Market Master Pete Pickard @ 231.834.7384. Now open every Saturday 9am—1pm and Tuesday 2pm—6pm. Find out what's available each week at our page: [Facebook.com/groups/grantfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/groups/grantfarmersmarket). Support local growers and vendors! Seasonal produce, baked goods, artisan crafts, & more.

**Recreational camp fires on private property** for the purpose of cooking or ambiance are allowed and do not require a permit provided all restrictions of Ordinance #37-2 are followed. All fires are to be extinguished by 11 pm and must not create any odor or smoke nuisance.

**Burn Permits** Open burning requires that you purchase a burn permit to burn in the city. Permits can be purchased at City Hall for \$20 and are good for 14 days from purchase. Always be sure to check that there has not been a burn ban issued—contact the DNR at [www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits](http://www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits) for more information.



**Celebrate Independence Day!**

With summer upon us, we encourage residents to come in to obtain permits for your various housing and outdoor projects, garage/yard sale permits, burn permits, zoning permits, etc.

**Grant City Parks** Residents are encouraged to get outside, enjoy the sunshine, exercise, or just relax. We have three parks in the city that residents of all ages can enjoy now that summer is here! Please be sure to clean up after your pets.

**Ryan Benson Memorial Skate Park** located at 85 Harold Street. Bring your rollerblades, skates, or skateboards to ride jumps and ramps.

**Water Tower Park** located downtown Grant along M37. Hosting Grant Farmer and Flea markets on Saturdays.

**Blanche Lake** located at 200 North Park Drive. Picnic facilities, baseball diamond, walking paths plus swimming, fishing, or kayaking in the lake.

**Also at Blanche Lake—18 hole Disc Golf course** - Course is made possible by a partnership of Grant Wesleyan Youth, City of Grant, and Grant Public Schools.

**Community Center Celebrations** Our historical venue is available for wedding receptions, graduation parties, meetings, etc. Rental includes full kitchen facilities, large spacious main hall with antique wood panel flooring, elevated stage for seating guests of honor, and air conditioning. Tables and chairs are also included. Various caterers are available in the area. **City Resident weekday/weekend rate: \$100/\$350; Non-resident weekday/weekend rate: \$150/\$450; Non-alcohol/Alcohol Security Deposit: \$300/\$600 (Rates include \$50 Non-refundable reservation fee).** Events with alcohol allowed—see rules and regulations online or contact our office.

**Tall Grass and Weeds Alert.** Recent dry conditions seem to only encourage the weeds to grow! City Ord #53 Sec 302.4 requires that all premises and exterior property be maintained free from weeds and plant growth in excess of **10 inches**. 1st offense \$50, 2nd offense \$100, 3rd offense \$200, 4th offense \$500.

**Experiencing slow drains or drain bubbling up?** First call the City DPW department @ 834-7462. City staff will check the main line from the manhole to determine if the main line is obstructed. If the main line is obstructed, the City will clear the line and evaluate any damage. If the main is flowing, then it is likely you have a blockage in your lateral—could be roots or grease buildup—or your property may have an old clay lateral that could have collapsed. **If it is determined that the issue is in your lateral, you should call a local plumber immediately.** As property owner, you are responsible for maintenance of your sewer lateral to the main line, just like you are responsible for your driveway to the street and any damage incurred.

**Important Public Safety Information.** If you're in immediate need of a police officer, call Newaygo County Dispatch @ 231-689-5288 to quickly reach the nearest available police officer. **For life threatening emergencies always call 911.**

**No August Election.** November 2023 will be the next election—City Mayor and three Commission seats & millage renewal.

**City Ordinances** Violations could result in citations which are issued by Grant Police Department—contact @ 231.834.7212. All City Ordinances can be viewed online @ [www.cityofgrantmi.com](http://www.cityofgrantmi.com).

**Inoperative and unlicensed vehicles, RVs, and boats** must be enclosed within the confines of a 6 ft tall solid fenced enclosure or an enclosed building. Violation of Ordinance #53 sec 302.8 will be fined.

## Upcoming Events

### July 15 & 16 / Gus Macker

A couple thousand people will attend the event. Please be aware that traffic and local businesses will be congested.

### August 12 / GRANT Festival

The name has changed and the date has moved earlier this year so it would not conflict with many school events that occur later in September. Activities include:

- Parade
- 5K run
- Auto Show
- Soap Box Derby
- BBQ Contest
- Pie Baking Contest
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Kid's Activities

\*\*\*\* Sponsors needed \*\*\*\*

\*\*\* Volunteers needed \*\*\*\*

go to [Rivercountrychamber.com](http://Rivercountrychamber.com)

**City-wide Yard Sale** "unofficial" annual event occurs the Saturday after Labor Day—no yard sale permit needed. **Any other planned sale requires a permit** for yard and garage sales. This permit is free and allows for residents to hold three (3) sales per year with a maximum duration of three (3) days per sale. Please remember to remove any posted signs.

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