

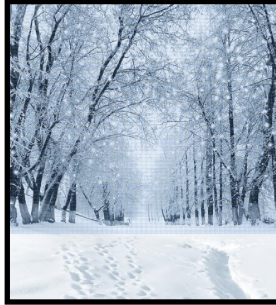


WINTER IS HERE!



VOTE! 2024 Presidential Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. This is 2 weeks earlier than previous Primary elections. Plan to vote along party lines to select the candidate that will be on the November 2024 ballot.

The Grant City Commission has a **Commissioner vacancy** to be filled. Please contact our city office for details. Any applicant must be at least 21 years of age, registered to vote, must have been a city resident for a minimum of 1 year, and must not be in default to the city to apply.



Christmas in Grant - Our annual event was held on Saturday, December 9th and we had a great turnout. Santa made his arrival to greet the boys and girls. Thanks to all volunteers, police officers, city staff, and

our local sponsors that continue to make the event free to everyone—Gene’s Market, Depot Restaurant, Grant District Library, Farmers Insurance & Andrea’s Pizza. A special thanks to Michelle McKinley our photographer and Dan & Sherry Powell for their continued support of our annual event.

Community Impact Fund Raiser—Early in December, two of our Grant City law enforcement folks, SRO Justin Visser and Reserve Cpl Mollie Clapp, worked with many local businesses that elected to decorate a Christmas tree to participate in the fund raiser. The decorated trees and many donated wreaths were sold in a silent auction at the Christmas in Grant event—the result, our community generously contributed over \$7,000 toward the fund—**Thank You Grant Community!**

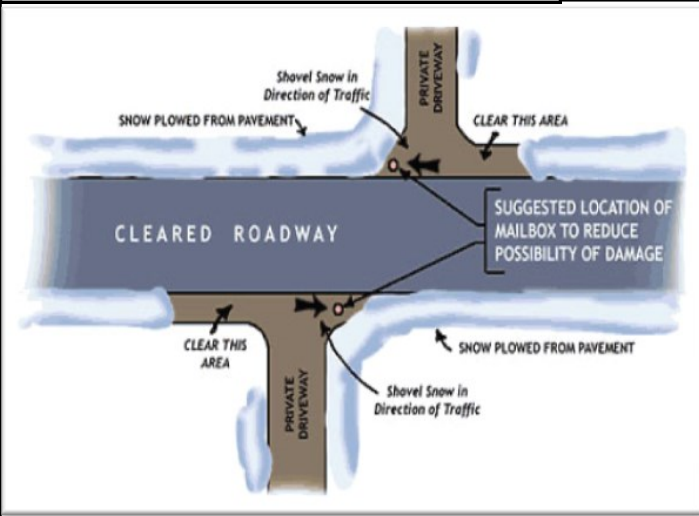
Snow Plowing Across the Road The 2nd picture shows snow left on the road after it was plowed. This snow is what presents a serious traffic hazard for those driving on the road as it creates unnecessary drifts and ice build-up on the road which can cause cars to slide. The Grant PD will be issuing citations if you are caught plowing/blowing snow across city roads. Please make sure that if you have someone plowing/blowing your driveway, they are aware that if they are plowing/blowing snow across the road and are caught, this **will result in a ticket**.

Please remember:



It is **illegal** for residents or any unauthorized personnel to plow snow, ice or slush onto or across roadways because it can present a **serious traffic hazard**.

Vehicles may slide or lose control if they hit a patch of ice/snow dropped by a private plow/snow blower



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 without depositing snow into driveways. Drivers will do their best to minimize filling in or blocking driveways. The illustration to the left of this article 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, clearing a pocket in front of the driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.

Live Christmas tree removal. Early every Monday in January the DPW will pick up your live Christmas tree for composting if you place it by the road.

Republic Waste—Bulky Item Tags are available in our office for \$20 each and get scheduled for pickup. **Mattress and Box springs must be fully enclosed in plastic bags.** Effective January 1, 2024, monthly pickup service fees (fuel surcharge may also apply):

Trash bags—\$2.70

65 gal container—\$11.36 / month

96 gal container—\$11.36 / month

96 gal curbside recycling—\$5.41 / month

Water Freezes at 32 degrees so protect your pipes and meter! We receive a few calls every winter regarding water meters freezing. We urge you to make sure that your pipes and meters are properly insulated and kept above freezing so that this doesn't happen to you. This simple task of insulating pipes and meters can prevent freezing (**replacement meters start at \$154.00**) and is the property owner's responsibility. Meters must be purchased at the City office.

Important Public Safety Information. If you are in need of a police officer, call 231.834.7212 and follow the prompts to quickly reach the nearest available police officer. **For emergencies always call 911.**

2023 Winter Property Tax payments are **due Wednesday, February 14, 2024** without late fees. 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 @ www.cityofgrantmi.com. Any taxes for years prior to 2023 must be paid at the Newaygo County Treasurer office in White Cloud.

Monday 7:00 pm City Commission Meeting Schedule:

January 15th, February 19th, March 18th

4th Quarter Water / Sewer bills are due **Wednesday, January 31, 2024**. Quarterly water/sewer invoicing schedule—bills are mailed early January, April, July, and October. Payments are due January 31st, April 30th, July 31st, and October 31st.

Pharmaceutical Collection site—Please properly dispose of unused medications along with protectively packaged needles at the City office in the lobby—**Do Not Flush!**



Snow Removal, Plowing & Parking

Winter Parking Restrictions-Ord #18 The City reminds residents/businesses/visitors that there is no parking of any motor vehicles upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of **2:00 am and 6:00 am November 15th - April 15th**. This aids City plows removing snow from streets. Signs are posted around the City that also serves as a notice. If your vehicle is towed, signs have the appropriate contact number to call.

Snow Plow Permits Remember that commercial for hire snow removal requires a snow plow permit to plow in the city. We inspect all vehicles for safety and confirm that insurances are current. Permits can be purchased at City Hall for \$10 and are good for the 2023-2024 winter season.

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 slip-free, especially for children who use them. Per City Policy, DPW will clear sidewalks during single snow events of 10 inches or more of accumulation in a single event or as time permits during a regular work day.

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