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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

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.

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 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.

Burn Weekend in The Spring

This year the City is allowing residents to burn on weekend without needing to purchase a burn permit. The free burn weekend will be held on Friday, May 18th and Saturday, May 19th. Residents are encouraged to burn their brush and remaining leaves at this time. Please feel free to contact City Hall if you have any questions regarding the free burn weekend. If there is a burn ban in place, an alternate date for free burn weekend will be given.

Clean-up Week

Starting Monday, May 14th thru Friday, May 18th 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.

Board of Review Openings

If you are interested in serving on the City Board of Review, please contact City Hall for more details. Board of Review candidates must be in good standing with the City (no delinquent water/sewer or property tax). Currently there is an opening for a regular member and an alternate.

DPW Brush Pickup Starts April 2nd

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. 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.

A-Waste Monthly Cleanup

City residents that currently use A-Waste 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. Examples of acceptable appliances would be dish washers, dryers, stoves and washing machines. However washing machines are going to be up to the drivers discretion because of weight. Example of items not accepted are air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers. For any questions regarding what will be accepted and what will not, please contact A-Waste directly at 834-9913.

Streetscape Lights

The streetscape lights are still in the process of being fixed and/or replaced. When the weather permits the DPW staff have been working on fixing the lighting or poles that have been damaged.

Blanche Lake

Blanche Lake will be sprayed in May for cattails and emergents. Please be aware that this means no swimming for the period stated on the signed posted. Once the City gets a more accurate date, we will post it on the City Facebook page.

Streetlight Out, Flickering or Dim?

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

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

Ord. #52: Sanitary sewer use declares that laterals are the responsibility of the property owner. It's common for tree roots to grow into lines. It is recommended that you purchase root killing products to make sure a back up does not occur.

Ord. #15-2: An ordinance regulating nuisances prohibits allowing dogs or birds to make long continued noises that shall disturb the comfort of any person.

Ord. #15 and #53: Our local junk ordinance prohibits unlicensed and nonfunctioning vehicles in the city limits, unless they are located in full-enclosed areas of your property. These vehicles may be impounded by the PD any time they are deemed to be in violation.

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.

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 burn 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 to make sure that a burn ban has not been issued for our area by calling the DNR Cadillac Region (covering Newaygo Co) at 231-745-4651 ext 6950. You will not have to purchase a permit on May 18th and 19th. Please see front page regarding times for the free burn weekend.

Water/Sewer Billing Schedule for 2018

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 2018 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. 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.

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—June 25 and August 27 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 16, 2018

May 21, 2018

June 18, 2018

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

A-Waste (Garbage): 834-9913

Grant District Library: 834-5713

Grant Post Office: 834-5966

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