



# THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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## PLEASE READ YOUR CITY NEWSLETTER

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THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

### 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 834-7212

The City of Grant staff and City Commissioners would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe this holiday season.

#### Winter Parking Restrictions-Ord. #18

The City reminds residents/businesses/visitors that there is no parking of any motor vehicle upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of 2am and 6am November 15-April 15. 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.

#### THANK YOU

The City of Grant city staff would like to say thank you to all that participated and helped sponsor the Christmas in Grant event.



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

**Please see back page for Snow Plowing Near Driveways**



#### Winter Taxes

Winter property tax bills will be available December 1 and they are due by Monday, February 16, 2016. The City will accept late summer and winter tax bills with penalties until Monday, February 29, 2016. After this date delinquent taxes go to the County and payments must be made to: Newaygo County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.

#### Water Freezes at 32 Degrees!

Each winter the City DPW responds to properties that are not adequately insulated or heated, which in turn results in pipes/meters bursting and a high bill. Please make sure that there is adequate insulation, heat or appropriate winterization to avoid a mess and repair that will be costly to you.

#### Snow Plow Permits

The City requires that snow plow permits be obtained for snow plowing within the City limits. Permits are \$10 and are available at the City Office. It is important to note that if you are plowing your own driveway or a family member's driveway, you do not need a permit. If you are a property owner hiring a plow company, please direct them to the City Office for a permit.

### Other news...

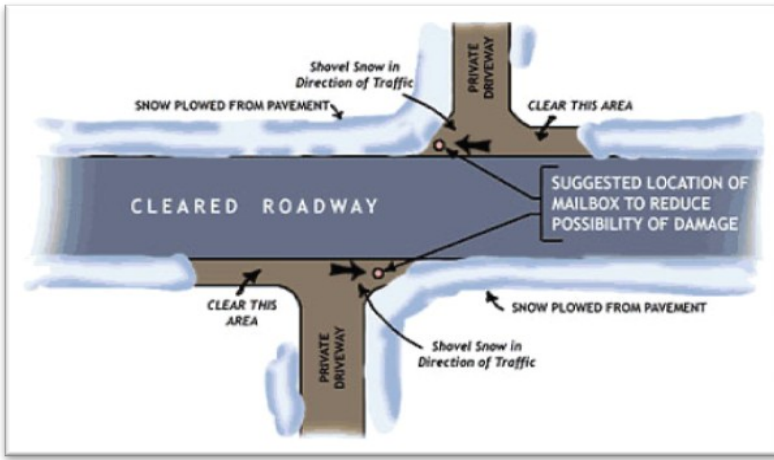
#### New Options For Debit/Credit Cards

You can now use GovPayNet to make utility and tax payments. This can be done by either coming into the City office and swiping your card, going to [GovPayNow.com](http://GovPayNow.com) or call 1-888-604-7888. You will be prompted to enter a pay location code; utility billing use code 4308; tax payments use code 4309. Please be aware that there is a non-refundable service fee for online payments and payments taken over the phone. If you do not wish to pay the service fee, you can pay with cash, check or money order at the city office or by dropping the payment off in the drop box located to the left of the front door after hours. If you wish to have a receipt mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.

The City DPW works as quickly as possible during inclement weather to assure the safety and clearance of all city streets for the use of emergency vehicles and citizens. Your patience, cooperation, and understanding will help the road crews to clear the roads faster and safer.

## 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 snow without depositing snow into driveways. Drivers will do their best to minimize filling in or blocking driveways. Below 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, making a pocket next to the driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the opening.



### Michigan Primary Election

The Presidential primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This will be a partisan election. Please be sure to come to the City office to vote. If you are a new resident living in the City of Grant and need to register to vote, you can do so by stopping in to City Hall and picking up a voter registration form or by going to the Secretary of State office.

### Community Center

If you or someone you know is interested in renting the Community Center for a reception or party, all information is available at the Community Center, City Office or the City website: <http://www.cityofgrantmi.com/communitycenter.html>

**City Resident Rate: \$175** (includes tables and chairs)

**Non-Resident Rate: \$275** (includes tables and chairs)

**\*\*Deposit \$300\*\***

**\*\*Non refundable deposit to reserve date \$20\*\***

**\*\*These are non-alcohol rates\*\***

Please call the City office to see if the date you want to reserve is still open. For Alcohol rental rates or any questions, please call the City office.

### November 2015 City Election Results:

**Mayor:** Julie Hallman, elected through Nov. 2017

**City Commission:** Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith and Cheryl Weeks, elected through Nov 2018.

**Thank You Voters!**



### Water/Sewer Billing Schedule for 2016

Water and sewer is billed out 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 (please see front side for credit card information). The billing dates for the 2016 year are as follows:

Quarter	Billing	Due Date
January-March	April 1	April 29
April-June	July 1	July 29
July-September	October 1	October 31
October-December	January 1	January 31

### Nixle

#### Emergency Alerts by email or text message

Do you want to know about localized emergency situations relevant to your community and Newaygo County?

Nixle is a FREE service that provides information via text message alerts and emails for such things as severe weather emergencies, crime alerts/missing persons and road closures/large power outages.

To register for this FREE service or to find out more, [text your zip code to 888777](http://www.nixle.com) or visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Nixle is a free service but text message data rates may apply.

### Notice of City Commission Meetings:

January 18, 2016

February 15, 2016

March 21, 2016

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**

**A-Waste (Garbage): 834-9913**

**City of Grant Police: 834-7212**

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

**Grant Post Office: 834-5966**

**Newaygo County Sheriff Department: 231-689-7303**

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

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

### Other Public Meetings:

**Library Board Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm at 122 Elder Ave.

**Ashland-Grant Fire District Meetings:** every other month—Feb. 22 and April. 25 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W. State Rd.

**Grant Public Schools:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month, 7pm at the Fine Arts Center.