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The Grant Frontier Festival was a great opportunity for our residents and visitors to have some good fun while supporting our great local businesses.

News from the Department of Public Works

Leaf and Brush Pick-up:

The City of Grant offers leaf and brush pickup to residents on the 1st and 15th day of each month during the normal lawn/yard maintenance seasons. Ordinance #50 sets the guidelines for residents to follow:

- All leaves, grass clippings, mulch, etc. must be bagged.
- Branches must be cut into manageable sizes and bundled (lengths not to exceed 4 feet) and not to exceed 25 lbs.
- Brush and leaves must be placed near the street, between the curb and sidewalk.
- Brush and leaves cannot be put to the street more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled pickup day.
- Fines may be levied for non-compliance with the above regulations

***** The last day for regular brush pick up is November 15th *****

Hydrant Flushing:

Hydrant flushing will again take place throughout the month of October. If you experience any discolored water, please do not panic; it's a result of the flushing, and will last for only a short period of time. Please direct any questions related to the hydrant flushing to DPW Supervisor John LaPree at 834-7462.

Parking During the Winter:

During the winter months, there is no parking on City Streets from 2AM to 6AM. This gives the DPW workers adequate time to clear the streets for morning travel after a night of snowfall. If your vehicle is left on City streets during the times above, it may be ticketed and towed. Any questions can be directed to the City Manager.

Remember to Vote November 7th

This year's general election will be held on November 7th. Remember that Grant City residents vote at the new Municipal Offices (280 South Maple Street). The General Election will feature a number of open offices at the local, state, and federal levels, and will also include 5 proposals to either add new State Laws or change the State Constitution. Our Clerk has sample ballots available for all that are interested in viewing and studying the ballot in advance; please feel free to stop in and request one.

From the City Clerk . . .

Did you know that you only need to register to vote if you have a name or address change? You do not need to register to vote each time you visit the Secretary of State office; only if you move or have a name change. New Voter Registration Cards have been sent out. If your card does not arrive within 4-6 weeks, please phone your local clerk to check the status of your new card.

City Rolls Out New Trash Service with A-Waste, Inc.

The City of Grant has contracted with A-Waste, Inc. of Newaygo to provide residential garbage pickup services to our entire City. As of the printing of this newsletter, all of our residences should have made arrangements with A-Waste, Inc. to begin service. If you have not yet made arrangements with A-Waste, please contact them at 652-9913 to set up your new service.

Garbage pickup day will now be on Tuesday of each week. Please put your container out Monday night to ensure that it is out in time for early morning pickup. During weeks where a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, customers are asked to still have their containers out for the regular pickup time, as A-Waste anticipates picking up on certain holidays.

You container can only be in the right-of-way or in your front yard for a maximum of 48 hours. Please store the container in either your backyard or garage during non-pickup times to help us keep our neighborhoods looking clean, safe, and inviting.

The Cost for your residential services should be as follows:

<u>96 Gallon Container</u>	<u>64 Gallon Container</u>	<u>Individual Bag Service</u>
\$42.00 per quarter for weekly service	\$32.00 per quarter for weekly service	\$2.00 per bag
\$40.00 per quarter for bi-weekly service	\$30.00 per quarter for weekly service	

Fuel recovery fees may apply when diesel fuel surpasses \$3.00 per gallon

Halloween Festivities

Halloween festivities will take place Tuesday, October 31st. Please be considerate of the families that are participating in trick-or-treating activities, and watch for children crossing the streets. If you would like to participate, please do so from 5PM to 8PM, and only visit the households that have left their porch lights on. We hope all have a safe and happy experience.

For those that are interested, *Halloween Hollow* will again take place at Riverfront Park in Newaygo this year. Trick-or-treating activities will take place in the park on Saturday, October 7th, from 1PM to 3:30PM. Children of all ages are welcome . . . you may even recognize some of the characters as members of the Grant City staff. There is a minimal cost to participate, and all proceeds will benefit the *Prevention of Child Abuse* organization of Newaygo County

Ground Water Wells in the City Limits

The City of Grant and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality advise that our residents do not use their private wells. As many of you know, parts of the City's ground water supply were found to be contaminated about 16 years ago. The City offers treated public water from a supply outside of the City Limits to ensure that our residents are not drinking water that could be hazardous to their health.

If you currently use a well, whether it's for watering your grass, filling swimming pools, or other activities that do not necessarily include drinking, you may still be putting yourself or your family at risk. Some contaminants may not be detected by taste or smell.

If you would like information on sealing and closing private wells, please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at (616) 356-0500.

Some Local Ordinances to be Aware of:

Ordinance #44 prohibits loud noise generated by radios or other sound amplification devices.

Our local junk ordinance prohibits unlicensed and nonfunctioning vehicles in the city limits, unless they are located in full-enclosed areas of your property.

Ordinance #37-1 allows only limited burning within the city limits.

Ordinance #21 prohibits the barking dogs and dogs at large in the City. If your dog is constantly barking or running freely, you may be ticketed by our Police Department.

Ordinance #20 requires all individuals providing snow plow services for hire to obtain a plow license from the City. The cost for one season is only \$25, but the fine for plowing without a license is \$100.

All City Ordinances are available on our website

