



# THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

July 2018

VOLUME 18 ISSUE 3

## PLEASE READ YOUR CITY NEWSLETTER

MANY QUESTIONS VIA CALLS/E-MAILS/STOPPING BY CITY HALL ARE OFTEN ADDRESSED IN NEWSLETTERS TO BETTER INFORM CITIZENS

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: CITY OF GRANT

THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

## City Events

### Farmer's Market Open

The Farmer's Market is open for the season from now until 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.

### City-Wide Yard Sales

The 'unofficial' city-wide yard sales will be the weekend after Labor Day, Saturday September 8.

### Yard/Garage Sale Signs

If you have a yard or garage sale and place signs on the corners of road or telephone poles, please make sure you remove the signs after your sale is done.

### Harvest Moon Festival 2018

The River Country Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the Harvest Moon Celebration in Grant on Saturday, October 13th from 9am to 5pm. This years event will have apple and onion eating contests, kids tractor pull, an auto show, pumpkin decorating contest and much more. If you have any questions, please call Denise at River Country Chamber at 231-652-3068 or by visiting [events@rivercountrychamber.com](mailto:events@rivercountrychamber.com). We hope to see you there!

### Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat is a few months away and we would like people to start thinking about participating either by decorating a trunk or donating candy. If you know anyone who might like to participate, please forward this information to them. For more information, call the City office by 834-7904. Please watch social media for more info.

### August Primary

The August Primary will be on Tuesday, August 7th. Voters should come prepared with photo identification.

### 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 231-834-7212

### Detour Routes

Please be mindful of the detour routes during construction. The north bound lane on M-37 is open to **SOUTH BOUND** traffic only during construction. Watch your speed in the construction zone. All City businesses are open during construction. Please follow the detour route to get to the local businesses.

### DPW Brush Pickup

**\*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.** If leaves are not bagged, they will not be picked 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.

### Summer Property Taxes

Summer tax bills will arrive on July 1st and are due August 10, 2018 without incurring any interest. Taxes can be paid at the City office during regular office hours, the City drop box, or via the City's 3rd party payment vendor for online/phone payments. Call GovPayNet at 1-888-604-7888 or visit [GovPayNow.com](http://GovPayNow.com) to pay online and use location code 4309.

### Streetlight Out, Flickering or Dim?

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

### City Ordinances

All City ordinances are available on our website:  
www.cityofgrantmi.com.

### Summer Is Here

Now that summer is finally here and we are able to enjoy the nice weather, we remind you to secure your items including locking your car doors, especially at night, and securing bicycles, etc. We also remind you that if you are enjoying Blanche Lake Park, please make sure you keep an eye on your children around the beach/lake area.

### City Police Voicemail

If you need immediate assistance and cannot reach a City Police Officer, please call Central Dispatch at 231-689-5288. A car closest to your location 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.

### Tornado Siren Testing

Tornado siren testing will be done on the first Monday of every month during the summer months between 7:00pm-7:30pm. The tornado siren is a long, constant whistle.

### Board of Review

Want to be on a City Board but not sure which one? The Board of Review has an opening. Call the City office for more information regarding this position 834-7914.

### Water/Sewer Late Fees/Payment Plans

Please be advised that if you need to set up a payment arrangement to pay your water/sewer bill, it must be done within the first 30 days of receiving your bill. Payment plans are not to exceed more than 30 days past the initial late date. Late fees will be added to each account that is not paid by the original pay by date. Failure to receive your water bill in the mail does not waive the late fees. Please see the billing schedule below so that you know when you will be receiving a bill and when it is due.

### 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.**

### Burn Permits

For those who are cleaning up their yards and want to burn brush, please remember you do need to purchase a burn permit from City Hall. The permit is good for 2 weeks from the date of purchase and is \$20.00. Be sure to check that a burn ban has not been issued by calling the DNR Cadillac Region (covering Newaygo Co) at 231-745-4651 ext 6950.

### 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 Department 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—August 27 and October 22 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:

July 16, 2018

August 20, 2018

September 17, 2018

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**

**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