



THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harvest Moon Celebration

The River Country Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to the Harvest Moon Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 12 starting at 11:00 am. This year there will be 2 new events, Charity Corn Hole Tournament and an Apple and Pumpkin Pie Baking Contest along with classics like the BBQ Cooking Contest, Apple Eating Competitions, Great Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Contest. For more information regarding events, registrations, times and locations, please call River Country Chamber of Commerce at 231-652-3068 or visit rivercountrychamber.com. We hope to see you there!

Trunk-Or-Treat in Grant

The City of Grant will be hosting the 5th annual Trunk-Or-Treat event on Saturday, October 26 from 12:00 pm—1:30 pm at the Middle School parking lot. If you or anyone you know is interested in decorating a trunk, please contact City Hall. There will be prizes given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the 'Best Trunk' contest. If your business would like to participate but not decorate a trunk, you can donate a monetary amount to help cover expenses, a bag of unopened candy or a gift certificate to your business.



Trick-Or-Treat

Trick-or-Treating will be on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Christmas in Grant

Come join Santa and his helpers on Saturday, Dec. 14 starting at 12:00 noon at the Community Center.

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

Welcome To Our New City Manager

Kasey Jernberg will officially take over as our new City Manager on October 8. Kasey is a graduate of Grant High School and recently obtained his Master's Degree from Grand Valley State University. Kasey looks forward to serving the community in which he grew up. Kasey looks forward to talking with business owners and residents. Please welcome Kasey when you see him.

DPW Brush Pickup Continues

Pick up of yard waste occurs on the 1st and the 15th of each month. If the 1st or 15th fall 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. Just as your solid waste/garbage pickup, place brush out the night before or *early* in the morning of pickup day. 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 bundled for branches.* **The last day for brush pickup is Thursday, Nov. 1.**

Water Main Flushing

Water main flushing will on Monday, October 22 and Tuesday, October 23. If you notice any discoloration in your water, run it until it is clear. If you have any questions, please contact the DPW at 834-7462.

Bulk Leaf Pickup

This Fall season, **bulk** leaf pickup will be on **Monday Oct. 29** and **Monday, Nov. 19**. This means you can rake your leaves to the edge of the road to be picked up on these two dates. However, you are encouraged to bag your leaves as bagged leaves will be picked up every Monday in Oct. and ending Nov. 12. If you have any questions, please call City Hall. Bagged leaves will take priority for pick up.

Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags in order to be picked up. The

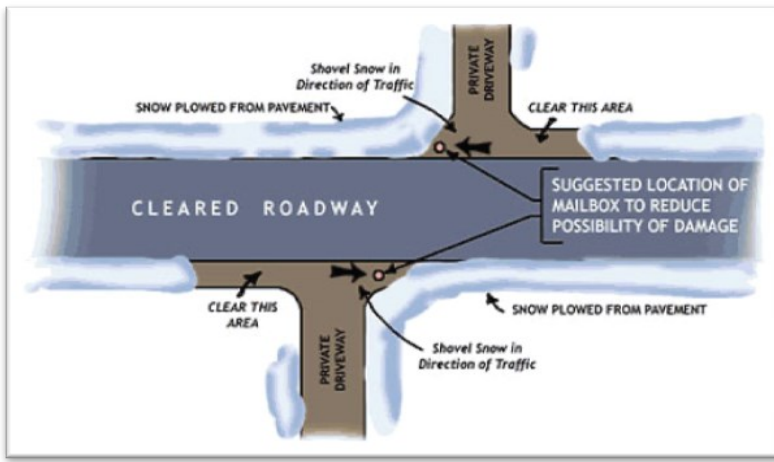
DEA National Take Back Day

The DEA is offering a prescription drug take back day on Saturday, October 26 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Grant Fire Department. This program allows people to drop off their unused prescription medications, no questions asked. If you are unable to attend this Take Back Day, you can still dispose of unused medications properly at the Grant City office.

DON'T BE THE DEALER

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. 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, 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.



Remember to Vote

In order to be eligible to vote in the November election, you must be registered on or before October 9th. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 6 at City Hall, 280 S. Maple St. (M-37). Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. A sample ballot will be available at City Hall.

*****If you need an absentee ballot, please contact the City Clerk to receive an application. Requirements to receive an absentee ballot must be either:

- *60 years or older
- *unable to vote without assistance
- *expecting to be out of town on election day
- *unable to attend polls for religious reasons

Parents of Primary Center Children

Please note that parking on the roadway near the Primary Center (Elder St) is a violation of State law. Parking on or blocking any portion of a City sidewalk is a violation of City Ordinance. Grant Public Schools recently cleared space for 25+ new parking spots along Elder St. We urge all parents to use the parking spots available and **not** park along Elder St. If you are caught parking along Elder St., you could be written a \$50.00 ticket.

City Police Voicemail

If you need immediate assistance and can not reach a City Police Officer, please call Central Dispatch at 231-689-5288. Central Dispatch will dispatch a car closest to your area. If you want to leave a message for a City Police Officer and you do not need immediate assistance, please call 231-834-7212 as normal and leave a message when prompted. The officer on duty will return your call as soon as possible.

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—Oct. 23 and Dec. 18 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W. State Rd.

Grant Public Schools: 2nd Monday of every month, 7 pm at the Fine Arts Center.

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 inches or more of accumulation in a single event or as time permits during a regular work day.

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 2:00 am and 6:00 am 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.

Snow Plow Permits

The City requires that snow plow permits be obtained for hired snow plowing within the City limits. Permits are \$10.00 and are available at City Hall. Please note that if you are plowing your own driveway you do not need a permit. If your business is hiring a plow company, please direct them to City Hall for inspection and purchase of a permit.

Remember...Water Freezes at 32 Degrees!

Please make sure that there is adequate insulation, heat or appropriate winterization to avoid a mess and repair that will be costly to you.

Notice of City Commission Meetings:

October 21, 2019
November 18, 2019
December 16, 2019

City of Grant regular Commission Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at City Hall—280S. Maple St, Grant, MI 49327

Important Contact Numbers:

Central Dispatch (Police/Fire/EMS): 231-689-5288
City of Grant Office: 834-7904
City of Grant Police: 834-7212
City of Grant DPW/Water/Sewer: 834-7462
Republic Services (Garbage): 877-698-7274
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
Grant District Library: 834-5713