



THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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Harvest Moon Celebration

The River Country Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to the Harvest Moon Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 12th starting at 9:00 am. Events include Charity Corn Hole Tournament, Pie Baking Contest, BBQ Cook-off, Pumpkin Decorating Contest and Kids Pedal Tractor Pull Contest, Auto Show, Soap Box Derby competition and Pumpkin Derby 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 26th 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 within the city limits will be on Thursday, Oct. 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please make sure your children are well attended and visible when trick-or-treating.

DEA National Take Back Day

The DEA is holding a prescription drug take back day on Saturday, October 26th 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 properly dispose of unused medications along with needles at the City office.

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

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 Friday, November 1st.**

Bulk Leaf Pickup

This Fall season, **bulk** leaf pickup will be on **Monday Oct. 28th** and **Monday, Nov. 18th**. 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. 18th. 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 City has encouraged local stores to stock these bags for your convenience.

Water Main Flushing

Water main flushing will be the week of October 21st. 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.

Christmas in Grant

Saturday, December 14th 2019 Noon to 3pm at the Community Center

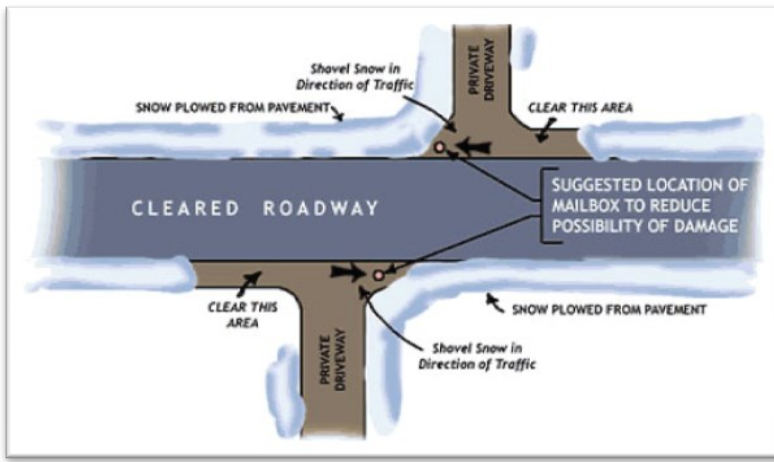
Santa & Mrs Claus will arrive at the Community Center at noon. Santa will **Light the Tree**, and then go inside and meet every boy and girl waiting patiently in the moving line. Activities in line will include several **Kids Games**, **Coloring Book Pages**, write a **Letter to Santa**, listen to **Holiday Music**, and take some **Selfies with Mrs Claus and the Elves!** After getting their **Free Photo with Santa**, children can **Decorate a Christmas cookie**, and families can enjoy a **Horse-drawn Wagon Ride**. All of these activities are FREE.

CHECK THE CITY OF GRANT'S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!



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 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

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 5 at City Hall, 280 S. Maple St. (M-37). Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. A sample ballot will be available at City Hall.

Don't Be A Litterbug

Please help to keep the City clean and free from any litter or garbage.

Fire Hydrants and Snow

If you have a fire hydrant on or near your property please make sure it is clear of snow in case of an emergency.

Winter Taxes

Winter property tax bills will be available December 1st and are due by Friday, February 14th, 2020. The City will accept late summer and winter tax bills with penalties until Monday, March 2nd, 2020. After this date, delinquent taxes must be paid at: Newaygo County Treasurer's Office, PO Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349. Please call the Treasurer's office to find out what the exact amount of the delinquent tax payment is: 231-689-7230. If you would like to pay online, visit www.govpaynow.com or call 1-888-604-7888 and use location code 4309. Additional charges may apply. **PLEASE MAKE 2 SEPARATE CHECKS WHEN PAYING TAX AND WATER/SEWER BILLS!** Please do not leave cash in the drop box, use either check or money order for the exact amount.

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. 28 and Dec. 30 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 vehicles upon any public street or alley within the City limits between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am November 15th-April 15th. 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!

The City office always receives a few calls every winter regarding water meters freezing. We urge you to make sure that your pipes and meters are properly insulated and kept above freezing so that this doesn't happen to you. This simple task of insulating pipes and meters before the winter months arrive can save you money as replacing a frozen meter is costly. Replacing a frozen meter is \$135.00 and is your responsibility. Meters must be purchased at the City office.

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