



SUMMER IS HERE!

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Check out our Farmer's Market and various parks!



Farmer's Market Opened June 20th. Every Tuesday 2pm-6pm and Saturday 9am-1pm. New vendors welcome—contact Market Master Pete Pickard @ 231.834.7384. Grant Farmer's Market has applied to participate in the **Senior Project "Fresh"**. Check out Grant Farmer's Market on Facebook and support local growers! Vegetables, fruits, baked goods, and more.

Grant High School Class of 2020, Go Tigers!!

This was an unprecedented year, especially for our seniors. Follow your dreams and enjoy your success because life is what you make it - good luck in all of your endeavors! Congrats to the class of 2020 from all our staff at the City, Police Department, DPW, and City Commission!!

Pool Fencing Required Per Ordinance #53 Section 303.1, private **swimming pools, hot tubs and spas** containing water more than 24 inches (2 ft) shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (4 ft) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool.



Tall Grass and Weeds Alert. Rain and lightning encourages vegetation growth! City Ord #53 Sec 302.4 requires that all premises and exterior property be maintained free from weeds and plant growth in excess of **10 inches**. 1st offense \$50, 2nd offense \$100, 3rd offense \$200, 4th offense \$500.

Burn Permits Remember that you must purchase a burn permit to burn in the city. Permits can be purchased at City Hall for \$20 and are good for 14 days from purchase. Always be sure to check that there has not been a burn ban issued—contact the DNR at www2.dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits for more information.

Brush Pickup occurs 1st and 15th each month.

Yard waste pick up occurs on the 1st and 15th of each month. If the 1st or 15th falls on the weekend, pick up will be the following Monday. Please, place yard waste out only 48 hours prior to pickup, and do not place yard waste out after the scheduled pickup or you could be cited. Brush bundles should be no more than 25 pounds, no bigger than 4 feet long and 18 inches in diameter. Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable paper bags for pick up.

Planning a Garage/Yard Sale? Free

Garage & Yard Sale Permits available at the city office. The City requires a permit for yard and garage sales. This permit is free and allows for residents to hold three (3) sales per year with a maximum duration of three (3) days per sale. Please remember to remove any posted signs.

City-wide Yard Sale "unofficial" annual event occurs the Saturday after Labor Day—no permit needed.

Summer Property Tax bills will be mailed on July 1st and are **due Monday, August 10, 2020**. Taxes can be paid at the City office during regular office hours, use the City drop box, or via the City's 3rd party payment vendor for online payments.

Monday 7:00 pm City Commission Meeting Schedule:

July 20th, August 17th, September 21st

Quarterly Water / Sewer bills will be mailed on July 1st and are due **Friday, July 31, 2020**.

Ways to reduce water usage in hot summer months:

- Watering lawns/gardens less often but deep to reach roots will improve the plant health
- Water early morning or evening to avoid evaporation
- Set mower decks at taller levels to help grass avoid stress of summer heat



Happy 4th of July! Be safe and have fun!

Our City Office has re-opened—come visit us! We at the Grant City office have been allowed to re-open our doors! Thanks to everyone for your patience and support during the shutdown.

With summer upon us, we encourage residents to come in to obtain permits for your various housing and outdoor projects, garage/yard sale permits, burn permits, zoning permits, etc.

Community Center Celebrations Our historical venue is available for wedding receptions, graduation parties, meetings, etc. Rental includes full kitchen facilities, large spacious main hall with antique wood panel flooring, and air conditioning. Tables and chairs are also included. Various caterers are available in the area. **City Resident rate: \$175; Non-resident rate: \$275; Non-refundable reservation fee: \$25; Non-alcohol Security Deposit: \$300.** Events with alcohol allowed—see rules and regulations online or contact our office.

Experiencing slow drains or drain bubbling up? First call the City DPW department @ 834-7462. City staff will check the main line from the manhole to determine if the main line is obstructed. If the main line is obstructed, the City will clear the line and evaluate any damage. If the main is flowing, then it is likely you have a blockage in your lateral—could be roots or grease buildup—or your property may have an old clay lateral that could have collapsed. **If it is determined that the issue is in your lateral, you should call a local plumber immediately.** As property owner, you are responsible for maintenance of your sewer lateral to the main line, just like you are responsible for your driveway to the street and any damage incurred.

No wipes in the pipes please! “Flushable” wipes are not flushable in city water treatment systems and cause damage to delicate water filtration equipment! Please do not flush wipes down toilets.

Important Public Safety Information. If you are in immediate need of a police officer, call Newaygo County Dispatch @ 231-689-5288 to quickly reach the nearest available police officer. **For life threatening emergencies always call 911.**

City Ordinances Violations could result in citations which are issued by Grant Police Department—contact @ 231.834.7212. All City Ordinances can be viewed online @ www.cityofgrantmi.com.

Grant City Parks Residents are encouraged to get outside, enjoy the sunshine, exercise, or just relax. We have three parks in the city that residents of all ages can enjoy now that summer is here! Please be sure to clean up after your pets.

Blanche Lake and hiking trails located at 200 North Park Drive. Walk, swim, fish or kayak.

Ryan Benson Memorial Skate Park located at 85 Harold Street. Bring your rollerblades, skates, or skateboards to ride jumps and ramps.

Water Tower Park located downtown Grant along M37.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday August 4th - Congressional Primary Elections- On-site voting as well as absentee ballots are acceptable. If you are registered and want an absentee ballot but did not receive your application, please contact the city office.

Saturday September 26th—Harvest Moon Festival
Get involved—contact facilitator Rachael Peterlein @ 231.652.3068
Activities include:

- Parade
- Auto Show
- Soap Box Derby
- Chili Cookoff
- BBQ Contest
- Pie Baking Contest
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Pumpkin Craft
- Brat Eating Contest
- Kid’s Activities

***** Volunteers needed *****

6th Annual Trunk or Treat— Halloween is just around the corner. Please contact the city office if you would like to stage a “trunk”.

Let’s keep our city beautiful - trash pickup occurs every Tuesday –let’s keep curb time of waste containers at a minimum whenever possible!

**Check us out at
[Facebook.com/cityofgrant](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgrant)**

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Hours: M-Th 9am-5pm, F 9am-12pm