



# FALL IS HERE!

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Check out upcoming events!



**Fire Hydrant Flushing and Sewer Smoke Testing Oct 5th—8th.** Fire hydrant flushing will be performed during business hours. It can cause a temporary harmless discoloration in the water. If you experience this, avoid doing laundry and run your faucet until it clears from your intake pipe. **Smoke Testing** will assist the city in identifying defects in our sewer system. The smoke you may see coming from vent stacks or holes in the ground is non-toxic, non-staining, odorless, white to gray in color, and creates no fire hazard. The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps. **Please refer to the colored paper insert.**

### Water Freezes at 32 degrees

We receive 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 prevent freezing (**frozen meter replacement costs start at \$135.00**) and is your responsibility. Meters must be purchased at the City office.

**Snow Plow Permits** Remember that commercial for hire snow removal requires a snow plow permit to plow in the city. Permits can be purchased at City Hall for \$10 and are good for the 2020-2021 winter season.

**Trunk or Treat is Saturday, October 24th.** Come one and all to join the festivities. This year it will be held at Grant Middle School parking lot (if it's inclement weather, it will be held at the Community Center). Contact our office if you would like get registered to provide a decorated trunk and hand out candy.

**VOTE! Tuesday November 3rd** Exercise your privilege to influence history and cast your vote! The polls will open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. Voters will need to provide proof of identity.

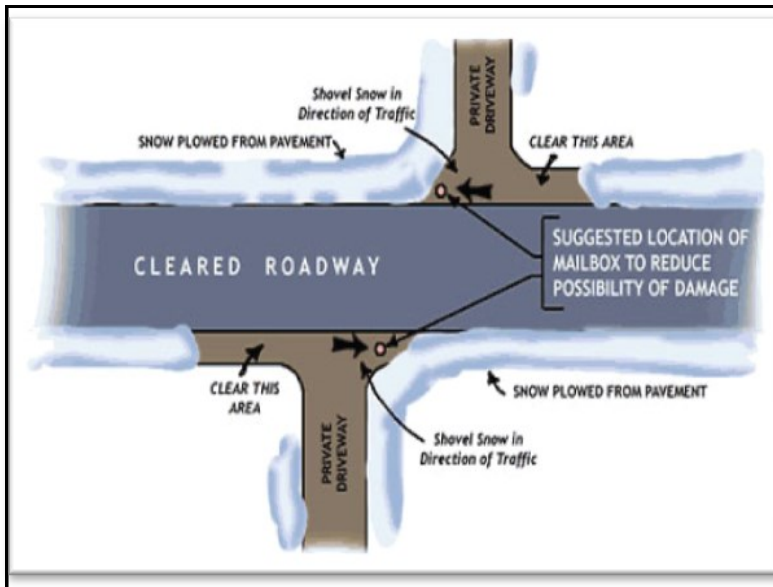
**Absentee Ballot recall** Any November ballots already sent to voters with a postmark on or before September 25, 2020 will be replaced due to an error that was made at the state level. Replacement ballots will be sent in the next week or two. Please contact the city office with any questions.

**Burn Permit** Open burning within the city is regulated under Ord 37-2 and requires a permit from the city office. Michigan DNR restrictions apply and can be found on the DNR website.

Small fires for food preparation/recreation are allowed in the city if limited to logs and other clean wood material. Curbside brush and leaf pickup for large amounts of yard waste is offered by the city (see below).

**Wrapping up Brush Pickup** This Fall season, bulk leaf pickup will occur *every Monday starting Oct 5th* and ending Nov 16th (or until it snows). This means you can rake your leaves to the edge of the road to be picked up on Mondays—bags are preferred but not required.

**October 31st Halloween Night Trick or Treating** 5:30pm-7:30pm. Masks encouraged 😊



### 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, clearing a pocket in front of the driveway as shown, snow accumulation on the plow will drop into that pocket and only a bare minimum will go into the driveway opening.

**Christmas in Grant** starts at noon on Saturday, Dec 12th at the Community Center—we will have reindeer!! Thank you to the Ulrich family that generously donated in Rich's memory to our enchanting



event so we could bring reindeer to our children for Christmas. **Santa & Mrs Claus** will arrive at noon. Santa will **Light the Tree** 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 **Free Photo with Santa** children can **Decorate a Christmas cookie**, and families can enjoy the **Horse-drawn Wagon Ride**. All of these activities are **FREE**. Festivities will conclude around 3 pm.

**DEA National Take Back Day** The DEA is holding a prescription drug take back day on Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Ashland—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 **Pharmaceutical Collection site** in the lobby.

**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.

**Important Public Safety Information.** If you are in immediate need of a police officer, call 231.834.7212 and follow the prompts to quickly reach the nearest available police officer. **For emergencies always call 911.**

**Winter Property Tax** bills will be mailed on December 1st and are **due Tuesday, March 2, 2021.** 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:**

October 19th, November 16th, December 21st

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

## Snow is Coming

**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.



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