



WINTER IS HERE!

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Christmas in Grant - Our annual event was held on Saturday, December 10th and we had a great turnout. Santa and Mrs. Claus made their arrival to greet the boys and girls. Thanks to all our local sponsors that continue to make the event free to everyone. A special thanks to Julie Ulrich in Rich's memory who made it possible for reindeer to fly in to mingle with our kids and families.



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 slip-free, 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.

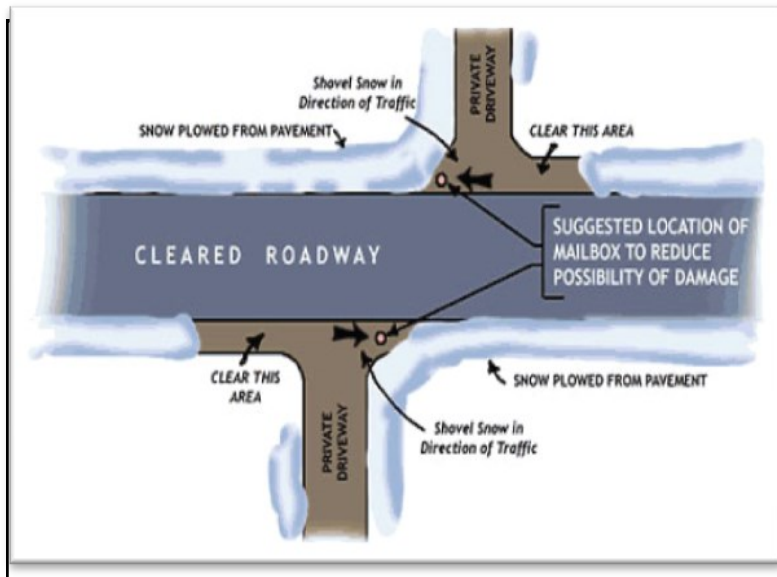
Water Freezes at 32 degrees so protect your pipes and meter! We receive a few calls every winter regarding water meters freezing. We urge you to make sure that your pipes and meters are properly insulated and kept above freezing so that this doesn't happen to you. This simple task of insulating pipes and meters can prevent freezing (**frozen meter replacement costs start at \$135.00**) and is your responsibility. Meters must be purchased at the City office.

Please remember:

It is illegal for residents or any unauthorized personnel to plow snow, ice or slush onto or across roadways because it can present a serious traffic hazard.

Vehicles may slide or lose control if they hit a patch of ice/snow dropped by a private plow/snow blower

Snow Plowing Across the Road The 2nd picture shows snow left on the road after it was plowed. This snow is what presents a serious traffic hazard for those driving on the road as it creates unnecessary drifts and ice build-up on the road which can cause cars to slide. The Grant PD will be issuing citations if you are caught plowing/blowing snow across city roads. Please make sure that if you have someone plowing/blowing your driveway, they are aware that if they are plowing/blowing snow across the road and are caught, this will result in a ticket.



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.

City Commission Election results Our mayor, Julie Hallman, and Commissioners, Anne Pickard and Gabriel Sanchez, were re-elected while Katie Arens joins as a new Commissioner.

Christmas tree removal. Every Monday in January the DPW will pick up your live Christmas tree if you place it by the road

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, elevated stage for seating guests of honor, and air conditioning. Tables and chairs are also included. Various caterers are available in the area. **City Resident daily rate: \$175; Non-resident daily rate: \$275; Weekend rate: \$375; 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.**

2021 Winter Property Tax payments are **due Monday, February 14, 2022** without late fees. 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 @ www.cityofgrantmi.com. Any taxes for years prior to 2021 must be paid at the Newaygo County Treasurer office in White Cloud.

Monday 7:00 pm City Commission Meeting Schedule:

January 17th, February 21st, March 21st

Quarterly Water / Sewer bills will be mailed on January 3rd and are due *Monday, January 31, 2022*. Quarterly water/sewer invoicing schedule—bills are mailed early January, April, July, and October. Payments are due January 31st, April 30th, July 31st, and October 31st.

Republic Waste / Recycling Services Effective January 1, 2022, pickup service fees will increase as follows:

- Trash bags—\$2.50
- 65 gal container—\$10.50 / month
- 96 gal container—\$10.50 / month
- 96 gal curbside recycling—\$5 / month



Snow Removal, Plowing & Parking

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 Remember that commercial for hire snow removal requires a snow plow permit to plow in the city. We inspect all vehicles for safety and confirm that insurances are current. Permits can be purchased at City Hall for \$10 and are good for the 2021-2022 winter season.

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.

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