



# THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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THE CITY OF GRANT IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

### CITY ORDINANCES

All City Ordinances are available on our website:

[www.cityofgrantmi.com](http://www.cityofgrantmi.com)

If you see any of these violations, please call the Grant Police Department at 231-834-7212

#### New DPW Employee

Please help us welcome Justin Salisbury to the City of Grant Department of Public Works department. Justin was recently hired in November 2017 and comes to us knowing how to run most City equipment. Justin has a great knowledge of problem solving and will be a great asset to the City of Grant DPW. Justin was a diesel mechanic in the Marines. Please welcome Justin if you see him working around the City.

#### 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 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 or more inches of accumulation or as time permits during a regular work day.

**Please see back page for Snow Plowing Near Driveways**

#### City Police Voicemail

If you need immediate assistance and can not reach a City Police Officer, please call Central Dispatch at 231-689-5288 and a car closest to your area will be dispatched. Please do not leave complaints on the City PD voicemail. If you would like to leave a voicemail for a Grant PD officer and it is not an emergency, please call 834-7212 as normal and leave a message. The officer on duty will return your call as soon as possible.

#### DPW Staff

The City DPW works as quickly as possible during inclement weather to assure the safety and clearance of all city streets for the use of emergency vehicles and citizens. Your patience, cooperation, and understanding will help the road crews to clear the roads faster and safer.

#### Burn Weekend in The Spring

In the spring of 2018, the City will be holding a burn weekend. During the burn weekend, residents will not need to purchase a burn permit and are encouraged to burn their brush and remaining leaves at this time. The dates have not been set yet but please check on the City Facebook page, website and the upcoming newsletter for more details.

#### Snow Plow Permits

The City requires that snow plow permits be obtained for snow plowing within the City limits. Permits are \$10 and are available at the City Office. It is important to note that if you are plowing your own driveway or a family member's driveway, you do not need a permit. If you are a property owner hiring a plow company, please direct them to the City Office for a permit.

#### Cleanup Week

Monday, May 14th through Friday May 18th there will be a 30-yard dumpster at the Department of Public Works department located at the end of Jones Street. City residents may unload **“non-hazardous”** household waste into the dumpster at no charge. Once the dumpster is full, the clean-up event is over. If you have any questions regarding times, please call the DPW office at: 834-7462.

#### 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 2am and 6am 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.

#### Water Freezes at 32 Degrees!

Each winter the DPW responds to properties that are not adequately insulated or heated, which in turn results in pipes/meters bursting and a high bill. Please make sure that there is adequate insulation, heat or appropriate winterization to avoid costly repairs.

#### Water/Sewer and Tax Payments

Please use separate checks when paying City bills. Water/sewer payment go on one check and tax payment(s) go on a separate check. If you are paying more than one parcel for taxes, all of the parcels can be combined on one check. Please note which parcels payments are to be applied to.

#### Streetlight Out, Flickering or Dim?

If you notice a streetlight that is out, flickering or dim, please contact Consumer's Energy at [consumersenergy.com](http://consumersenergy.com), click on Report an Outage, Streetlight Outages and follow the prompts or call Consumers directly at: 1-800-477-5050.

#### Streetscape Lights

The streetscape lights are being fixed and/or replaced. The DPW has been working on fixing the lighting or replacing poles that have been damaged.

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\*\*\*

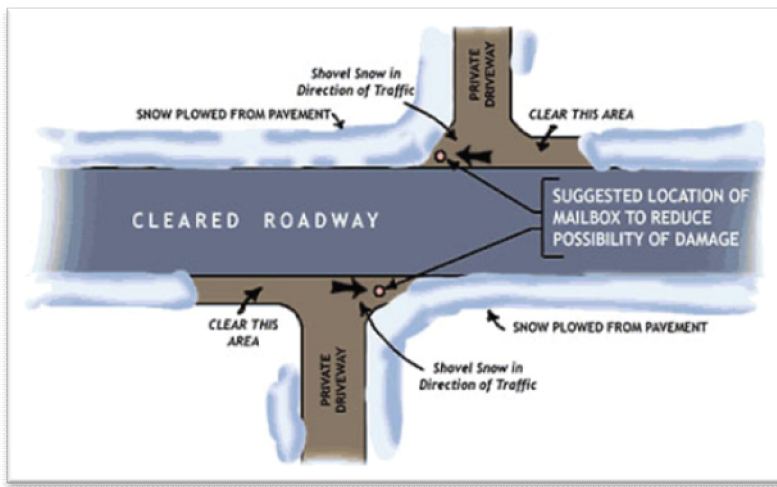


### Snow Plowing Across the Road

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 aware of 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 graphic to the left shows 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.



### Winter Taxes

Winter property tax bills will be available December 1 and they are due by Wednesday, February 14, 2018. The City will accept late summer and winter tax bills with penalties until Wednesday, February 28, 2018. After this date delinquent taxes go to the County and payments must be made to: Newaygo County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349. If you would like to pay online, visit [www.govpaynow.com](http://www.govpaynow.com) or call 888-604-7888 and use location code 4309. Additional charges apply.

### 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—Feb. 26 and April. 23 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W. State Rd.  
**Grant Public Schools:** 2nd Monday of every month, 7pm at the Fine Arts Center; 331 E. State Rd.

### Water/Sewer Billing Schedule for 2018

Water and sewer is billed out quarterly. Payments can be made throughout the quarterly billing cycle (weekly, bi-weekly, monthly) to reduce the amount owed at the end of the quarter. Payments can be made using cash, check, money order or credit card. The billing dates for the 2018 year are as follows:

Quarter	Billing	Due Date
Jan-March	April 1	April 30
April-June	July 1	July 31
July-Sept	Oct 1	Oct 31
Oct-Dec	Jan 1	Jan 31

If you would like to pay online, visit [govpaynow.com](http://govpaynow.com) or call 888-604-7888 and use code 4308. Additional charges apply. Visa, MC, American Express and Discover cards accepted.

### Notice of City Commission Meetings:

January 15, 2018

February 19, 2018

March 19, 2018

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

### Important Contact Numbers:

**City of Grant Office: 834-7904**

**City of Grant DPW/Water/Sewer: 834-7462**

**City of Grant Police: 834-7212**

**Newaygo Co. Central Dispatch: 231-689-5288**

**Newaygo County Sheriff Department: 231-689-7303**

**City Assessor (Newaygo County Equalization): 231-689-7244**

**Building Inspector (Newaygo County): 231-689-7216**

**A-Waste (Garbage): 834-9913**

**Grant District Library: 834-5713**

**Grant Post Office: 834-5966**