



THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER

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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

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harvest Moon Festival

The River Country Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Harvest Moon Celebration. The Celebration will be held on Friday, Oct. 13th and Saturday Oct. 14th. The Harvest Moon Celebration will have a parade on Friday, Oct. 13th to coincide with the Homecoming festivities and football game against the Newaygo Lions. Activities include an onion eating and apple eating competition, Great Pumpkin decorating contest, BBQ contest, scarecrow decorating contest, carnival rides, kids tractor pull, craft vendors and Auto Show. Be sure to drop off canned goods to vote for your favorite Scarecrow starting on Oct. 2nd thru Oct. 14th! For more information regarding events, 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 3rd annual Trunk-Or-Treat event on Saturday, October 28 from 1:00pm-2:30pm at the Middle School parking lot. We are looking for more trunks this year to participate. 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. A recommended donation to trunk or treat is an unopened bag of candy. If your business would like to participate but not decorate a trunk, you can donate a monetary amount as well to help cover expenses.



Trick-or-Treating will be on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 6pm to 8pm.

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 Wednesday, Nov. 1st.**

Change to Bulk Leaf Pickup

This Fall season, **bulk** leaf pickup will be on **Monday Oct. 16th** and **Monday, Nov. 13th**. 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. 13th. If you have any questions, please call City Hall. Bagged leaves will take priority for pick up.

Water Main Flushing

Water main flushing will begin in October and possibly run through November. Please check the City Facebook page for dates or call the City office starting mid October.

GRANT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY AND PICTURES WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, 2017

Noon - 3:00pm

Grant Community Center, 105 S Front St, Grant, MI 49827

Noon: Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Elves will arrive at the Grant Community Center aboard a horse-drawn carriage. The event will kick-off with Santa Claus Lighting the Christmas Tree outside the Community Center.

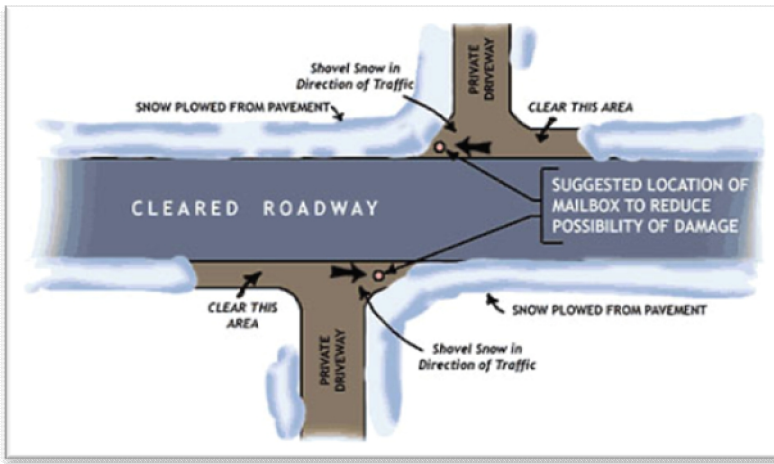
12:10pm - 3:00pm Free picture with Santa available for same day pick-up within twenty minutes. Children can enjoy activities while waiting in a moving line.

After children meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, they can play some games, decorate a freshly bake Christmas cookie, make some crafts, and play kids games. Families can enjoy some good old fashioned holiday music, photo opportunities, and a horse-drawn wagon ride. Stop by for some hot cocoa, and make good old fashioned memories that will last a lifetime!

A **School fundraiser** may also take place during this event, inside the Community Center.

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 snow 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

In order to be eligible to vote in the November election, you must be registered on or before October 10. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 7 at City Hall, 280 S. Maple St. (M-37). Polls open at 7am and close at 8pm. A sample ballot will be available at City Hall.

****If you need an absentee ballot, please contact the City Clerk to receive an application. Requirements to receive an absentee ballot must be either:

- *60 years or older
- *unable to vote without assistance
- *expecting to be out of town on election day
- *unable to attend polls for religious reasons

Parents of Primary Center Children

Please note that parking on the roadway near the Primary Center (Elder St) is a violation of State law. Parking on or blocking any portion of a City sidewalk is a violation of City Ordinance. Grant Public Schools recently cleared space for 25+ new parking spots along Elder St. We urge all parents to use the parking spots available and **not** park along Elder St. If you are caught parking along Elder St., you could be written a \$50.00 ticket.

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. 23 and Dec. 18 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.

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 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.

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!

Please make sure that there is adequate insulation, heat or appropriate winterization to avoid a mess and repair that will be costly to you.

Notice of City Commission Meetings:

October 16, 2017

November 20, 2017

December 18, 2017

City of Grant Regular Commission Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm 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

A-Waste (Garbage): 834-9913

City of Grant Police: 834-7212

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

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