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THE CITY OF GRANT NEWSLETTER



Blanche Lake Park Improvements

- Dusk/dawn lighting-18 new LED lights
- Invasive weed treatments for the Lake (DEQ permitted)
- Addition of 3 more (for a total of 4) new Stabil-Float docks
- New sand swim beach adjacent to the new docks
- New aluminum bleachers and player benches for the ball field
- Security cameras
- Community Amphitheatre (grant funding pending)

Community Center

If you or someone you know is interested in renting the Community Center for a reception or party, all information is available at the Community Center, City Office or the City website:

<http://www.cityofgrantmi.com/communitycenter.html>

City Resident Rate: \$140 (includes tables and chairs)

Non-Resident Rate: \$240 (includes tables and chairs)

Deposit \$250

Non refundable deposit to reserve date \$20

These are non-alcohol rates

Community Resources Call 2-1-1

2-1-1 provides callers with information such as volunteer opportunities, mobile food pantries, housing options, senior programs, utility bill assistance and youth programs.

Please Keep Our City Beautiful!

The City of Grant has several ordinances regarding parking of vehicles, trash/junk, tall grass/weeds, trash containers and other nuisance violations. As a reminder, these ordinances ***will be enforced*** so please be sure to read the regulations on the back page of this newsletter and by clicking on the "ordinances" tab on the City website.

Be Involved In Your Community! 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- April 29, June 24 and August 26 at 9am at the Fire Building at 62 W State Rd.

Grant Public Schools: 2nd Monday of every month, 7pm, Middle School Cafeteria.

Credit/Debit Card Payments Available For Your Convenience

The City has expanded payment options for property taxes as well as water and sewer billing. The company processing the payments will charge a fee of \$5.95 for utility payments and 3% for tax payments. To use this service simply go to the city's website www.cityofgrantmi.com and click on the online payment tab, you can go directly to www.officialpayments.com or by phone **1-800-272-9829**

Our Jurisdiction Code is 7124.

You can pay by:

- Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover credit and debit cards.
- Electronic Check

MSHDA's "Step Forward" Loan Rescue Program

This program is available to help those who have delinquent property taxes, if you qualify. For more information visit: www.stepforwardmichigan.org or call the Center for Non-Profit Housing for MSHDA certified counselors at 231-924-0641.

*****IMPORTANT SEWER SYSTEM NOTICE*****

Please DO NOT Flush Household Refuse Into the City Sewer System!
During routine maintenance of the sewer collection system, City DPW staff has noticed unusual items such as shirts, cigarette butts, diapers, rags, female health products and other items like pants and nightgowns that have been flushed down toilets. These items should never be flushed, but deposited into a refuse container. These items can cause a sewer back up at your own home, burn up pumps (which cost you higher water and sewer bills) and creates problems and unnecessary work for DPW staff. Please be courteous and do not flush items down the drain that belong in a refuse container.

Grant Police Department Information

The Grant Police Department reminds residents and business owners to call law enforcement authorities when suspicious activity or a crime is occurring.

For Emergencies: Dial 911

For Non-Emergencies: Dial 231-834-7212

For Non-Emergencies if there is no answer at Grant PD: Dial 231-689-5288-Dispatch-they will contact the car out on patrol to assist you.

Silent observer: Dial 231-924-0641 or newaygocountysilentobserver@gmail.com

Blanche Lake Park-No Dumping/Littering

The City needs your help in reporting people dumping household garbage at our City Parks. This is not only a local ordinance violation but a State violation as well. This spring/summer new security cameras will be going up in the park to help stop this activity but we need your help too. Please call the Grant Police Department at 834-7212 to report violators.

Sewer Issues, How Do I Handle It?

If you ever experience slow drains or notice drains bubbling up, first call the **City DPW at 834-7462**. City staff will check the main line from the manhole to determine if the main line is obstructed or not. If the main line is obstructed, then the city will clear the line and is responsible for any property damage. If the main is flowing, then it is likely you have roots in your lateral, grease plugging your lateral, or you have an old clay lateral that may have collapsed. If it is determined that the issue is your lateral, then you should **call a local plumber immediately**. **You are responsible for your sewer lateral to the main line, just like you are responsible for your driveway to the street.**

Ordinance #53 Section 302.4-Tall Grass and Weeds

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of **10 inches**. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens as well as wooded or forested lots. The City will serve you written notice sent by U.S. Mail if you are in violation. You will be given 7 days to comply before a **\$30 citation** is issued. If the property is still not taken care of for an additional 7 days, another citation will be issued and the City DPW will mow the property and a bill will be sent for the services rendered.

Ordinance #53 Section 303.1-Pools

Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas containing water more than 24 inches (2 ft) in depth 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 and must have a locked/latched gate.

Newaygo County Hazardous Household Waste Drop-Off

Hazardous waste drop off will be done at the Newaygo County Road Commission in White Cloud by APPOINTMENT ONLY on June 1, 2013 from 8am-2pm. This year they will be accepting tires for a small fee! You may contact them for an appointment at 231-689-7225. Details are available at the City Office as well as the City website under the "public notice" tab.

City of Grant Non-Hazardous Household Waste Drop-Off

The City is offering residents and business owners the opportunity to dispose of non hazardous waste at the City DPW at 341/321 S. Jones St. within the locked gate. The DPW will be open May 6 through May 9 from 7am until 7pm to accommodate citizen/business work schedules. Driver's licenses/ID cards or property tax bills/statements will be required to make sure the service is provided to City taxpayers only. There will be a 30 yard dumpster available. Once it is full the program will be completed for the year, so make arrangements early. Details are available at the City Office as well as the City website under the "public notice" tab.

Notice of City Commission Meetings:

April 15, 2013
May 20, 2013
June 17, 2013

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

Grant Area Chamber of Commerce

For information related to chamber of commerce events, directory, meetings and trainings please visit: www.grantareachamber.com

(Clip this out for the fridge):

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

DPW Brush Pick Up

Its spring and time to spruce up your yard again!

Brush and bagged leaves will be picked up beginning **April 1st**. However only leaves bagged in biodegradable paper bags will be picked up. The city has encouraged local stores to stock these bags for your convenience. ***Pick up of yard waste occurs on the 1st and the 15th of each month.** Please do not place your yard waste at the curb after they do pick-up on your street, because it will not get picked up until the next scheduled pick-up. However, if the DPW crew misses your yard waste, please contact them as soon as possible at 834-7462. **Size and weight restrictions are strictly enforced, 50 pounds and 4 foot sections for branches.** Also as a reminder, do not place any yard waste at the curb more than 1-2 days before the scheduled pick-up. If the regular pick-up falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, it will be moved to Monday.

Summer Road/Sidewalk Projects

The City utilizes the PASER road assessment rating system along with budget constraints to determine which streets get resurfaced or FOG treatments. This year tentatively the City is looking to FOG seal: E. Commerce St. (M-37-Elder), S. Lake St. (E. Commerce to Lee St.), S. Jones St. (Amy Ct. to DPW) and W. State RD. (east side of train tracks to M-37). The City also may be constructing new sidewalk on the south side E State RD to Elder Ave. and on the east side of Elder Ave. south to the Library.

Water Main Flushing

Water mains will be flushed by the DPW **April 8 through April 19**. You may notice some fire hydrants with water running out of them, this is for flushing so do not be alarmed. If you notice any discoloration in your water, run it until it is clear. If you have any questions, please contact the DPW at 834-7462.

Other Local Ordinances to be Aware of:

Ordinance #44 Prohibits loud noise generated by radios or other sound amplification devices. Limits are 50ft from 7am-9pm and 25 ft from 9pm to 7am.

Ordinance #15-1 and #53.301-308 Our local junk ordinance prohibits unlicensed and nonfunctioning vehicles in the city limits, unless they are located in full-enclosed areas of your property as well as cluttered material present in yards.

Ordinance #21-1 An ordinance regulating the care and custody of dogs. All dogs must be licensed, no more than three dogs per household, no dogs running at large, must be restrained on 6ft or shorter leash, may be unrestrained at home if being supervised, if not supervised must be inside or in a kennel/fenced in.

Ordinance #37-2 An ordinance that allows for a permit to burn for \$20.

Ordinance #34 Curfew-no minors under 17 out from 10pm to 6am, no aiding or abetting curfew violations for 17 or older.

All City Ordinances are available on our website: www.cityofgrantmi.com

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