

A Newsletter for Grandville Residents

Charting New Courses

November - December 2023

From the Office of the Mayor

59th District Court
616.538.9660
3161 Wilson Ave SW

City Hall
616.531.3030
3195 Wilson Ave SW

Clean Water Plant
616.457.0720
15 Baldwin St.
Jenison MI 49428

Fire Department
616.530.6211
3215 Wilson Ave SW

Police Department
Non-Emergency 616.538.6110
Emergencies dial 911
3181 Wilson Ave SW

Public Works
616.538.1990
4095 White St SW



Mayor Steve Maas

There are so many reasons to love living in the City of Grandville! Here's one of the reasons: A few weeks ago the Grandville Community Tree Project had a volunteer tree planting event on a Saturday morning. We planted over a dozen trees near the Department of Public Works building, and the number of people that showed up to help was awesome!

We had fun and got to know each other and helped increase the "tree canopy" in our wonderful city! If you'd like to help or learn more, please check out the Facebook page for Grandville Community Tree Project!



Working for you. Listening to you. Grateful to serve you.

Grandville Mayor Steve Maas



City Clerk's Office

PRECINCT 2 POLLING PLACE CHANGE

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND GOING FORWARD

**CHANGED FROM: FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3110 BARRETT SW**

**PRECINCT 2
HAS MOVED**

**NEW POLLING LOCATION
FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF GRANDVILLE
3060 WILSON AVE SW**



Department of Public Works



During the fall, a free leaf drop-off is available to Grandville residents. Pick-up service is available with the purchase of Grandville City leaf stickers. Details of the program are outlined below.

FALL LEAF PROGRAM

The City of Grandville will be providing leaf pickup service for residents beginning in November. The program will consist of weekly, curb-side pickup of leaves in bags with a City of Grandville leaf sticker and the provision of a drop-off site for leaves at the Department of Public Works. The following provides details of the leaf program.

CURBSIDE PICKUP: Begins November 13, and ends November 28, 2023

- **Monday Pickup:** South of Buck Creek
- **Tuesday Pickup:** North of Buck Creek

LEAVES FOR PICKUP MUST BE PLACED IN PAPER LEAF BAGS with a CITY OF GRANDVILLE leaf sticker affixed to the bag.

City of Grandville leaf stickers may be purchased for \$1.00 each. Residents must provide their own paper leaf bags. Leaf stickers will be available beginning on September 11, 2023 at the following locations:

- Grandville City Hall ---3195 Wilson Ave.
- Family Fare -----3960 44th Street
- Ivanrest Hardware ----3291 28th Street

LOOSE LEAF DROP OFF HOURS OF OPERATION

Loose leaves may be brought to the City of Grandville Public Works Garage, 4095 White Street, for disposal. The drop off site will be open beginning October 2, through December 21, 2023 depending on weather conditions. Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday 7:30AM-8:00PM.

STREET SWEEPING PROGRAM

Street sweeping plays a critical role in keeping Grandville's streets, water and air clean. The City of Grandville owns one street sweeper which weighs over seven tons and holds an average of four cubic yards of debris in its hopper. The sweeper simultaneously sprays water while its rotating brooms sweep debris and dust up into the unit. The street sweeper covers 68 miles of streets at least twice during the year, at a speed of 1 mile per hour.

Because leaves and tree debris fall onto the streets throughout the year, the city needs your help keeping gutters and storm drains clear.

- Never rake, blow or mow grass or leaves into the street. Doing so is a violation of Grandville City ordinance.
- Do not allow yard waste to go down the storm drain.
- When you clean your yard, clean up the curb area and catch basins too.

This not only creates a more pleasant view in your neighborhood, it also keeps our storm basins clean allowing water to drain away quickly during times of heavy rainfall. Most residents already take these measures to enhance the appearance of their home and yard. Remember - it may be a long time before the street sweeper is back in your area. Show your pride and go the extra mile when cleaning your yard.



DPW EMERGENCY RESPONSE



The Department of Public Works is available to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During regular office hours (Monday-Thursday, 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Friday 7:00 AM-11:00AM) call 538-1990. After hours and weekends/Holidays call 538-6110.

Department of Public Works

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

Our winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on the public streets or municipally regulated parking lots between the hours of 2:00 AM and 8:00 AM, from December 1, 2023 -March 31, 2024.

Parking exemptions are issued on a limited basis. A parking exemption will not be issued for inconvenience of moving vehicles. For information on applying for a parking exemption please call the Department of Public Works at 538-1990 or email publicworks@cityofgrandville.com

CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY

City Ordinance Sec. 25-168 States:

No snow or ice shall be removed from private property and deposited or left upon any public road or any public sidewalk nor shall snow or ice be plowed into or left upon the property, sidewalk, driveway or parkway of another person.

We hope for a mild winter as we know with heavy snowfall over a long period of time it is hard to find a place to put the snow, but the roadway or the neighbor's property is not the place for blowing your snow. We do our best to keep the streets clear and safe, please help us by blowing your snow onto your own property. Thank you for your cooperation.



POTHOLES

Please report potholes within city limits to the Grandville Department of Public Works. We make every effort to respond and fill them as soon as we know they exist.

Freezing temperatures and snowy conditions can cause patched potholes to reoccur without warning. Use care when you see potholes and contact the Department of Public Works so they can be filled or refilled.

GRANDVILLE CEMETERY

The Grandville Cemetery staff would like to remind you that holiday wreaths and grave blankets are the only decorations allowed on graves from December 1 to April 1. No flowers, cemetery pails or shepherd's hooks are allowed during the winter months.

If you forgot to pick up your cemetery pail or shepherd's hook by November 1st, cemetery staff removed them for you. Please call the cemetery office at (616) 538-1990 to receive information about retrieving these items.



MAILBOX POLICY

The heavy snow forced out by the blade while plowing may cause mailboxes to fall, crack or break. There is no escape from some of the hardships of a Michigan winter, including the toll it takes on our mailboxes.

Although this is inconvenient, we must clean the entire road. We do not replace mailboxes hit by the force of the snow. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in our efforts to keep our streets clear.

Downtown Grandville Special Events



Come join us on Saturday, December 2nd for Christmas at the Commons. Floats decked out in lights, holiday animals, Dickens Carolers, North Pole houses, character photo stops, and stages for Christmas musicians will line the street.

In the lots around the stationary parade, we will add train rides, food vendors, a Christmas market, the mega tree, a synthetic ice rink, and more.

The tree lighting, hosted by Grandville City Council and accompanied by the GHS marching band, will take place at 5:30 pm by the big tree along Chicago Drive.

Fire Department

Several Grandville Fire Department personnel were recognized at the Annual Kent County EMS Provider Recognition Ceremony that was held on October 11, 2023, at the Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids.



Life Saving Awards

Ryan Austhof (not pictured)
Tom Blake
Rick Dwarshuis
Kevin McNutt (not pictured)
Brandon Puckett
Jake VanderWall
Jim Walker (not pictured)

Exceptional Patient Care Awards

Tom Datema (2)
Jared DeWitt (not pictured)
Jake VanderWall

Leadership Award

Tom Datema

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

As it becomes time to start setting up those decorations be mindful of the ones you choose. Candles and Christmas trees are both huge contributing factors for fires during the holiday months.

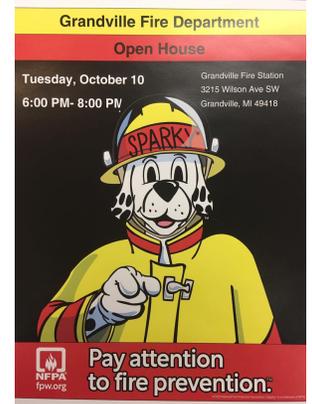
KITCHEN FIRES

The holidays are quickly approaching, and this is usually a time where we find ourselves cooking more often. While using the kitchen make sure that food is not left alone, and all children are supervised. This is also a good time to check that all smoke and CO alarms are in proper working order and a fire extinguisher is nearby just in case.



The Grandville Fire Department will once again be a drop off site for Toys for Tots. Please feel free to drop off your new unwrapped toys in the box located in our lobby.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open House! Despite the rainy weather, we still had a wonderful turnout. We would also like to thank the Grandville Police Department for joining us.



FOLLOW US ON X

Follow the Grandville Fire Department on X @GDVLFDD for important fire safety information!

Human Resources

Welcome

This fall, The City of Grandville hired some new employees across multiple departments. When The City has positions that become available, they are always posted

on the website:

www.cityofgrandville.com.



John Greyzck
Clean Water Plant
Operator



Caleb Yoder
Firefighter/EMT
Fulltime



Kaylee Perrin
DPW
Maintenance Worker



Kent Ristow
DPW
Maintenance Worker



Emily Navarre
Human Resources
Assistant

Police Department

KCEMS (Kent County Emergency Medical Services) held their annual awards banquet at the GVSU Eberhard Center. We would like to congratulate all of the providers that were recognized, especially our officers and friends at the Grandville Fire Department.

Recognized for Life Saving

Cpl. Rich Brown
Det. Jeffrey Oostdyk
Ofc. Chad Buchholz (not pictured)
Ofc. Noah Farrant (not pictured)
Ofc. Tyler Stroud

Recognized for Exceptional Patient Care

Cpl. Jon Steffes (not pictured)
Ofc. Keegan Syme



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came out (despite the weather) and donated to support our Faith and Blue Food and Community Needs drive! #faithandblue2023



Environmental Sustainability Committee

HOLIDAY RECYCLING EVENT

DECEMBER 29, 2023 2:00-4:00 P.M.

The Grandville Environmental Sustainability Committee will be hosting a cardboard and foam recycling event. This is your opportunity to divert from landfills all the cardboard and clean, white EPS foam that you've collected over the holidays. (Please use the entrance on Wentworth Drive for the drop off.) Learn more and let us know you're coming at <https://tinyurl.com/esc-recycling>



Prairie St SW



Wentworth Dr SW

COMMUNITY WILDLIFE HABITAT

On August 28th, the City Council committed to supporting the Environmental Sustainability Committee in seeking certification of the City as a Community Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation. This is exciting! There are just over 300 such communities across the country, and only 8 in Michigan! The planning is just getting underway with much more to share in the coming months.

In the meantime, please consider enrolling your own property in the NWF Garden for Wildlife program. While confirming your own efforts to enhance the community and wildlife, it will also directly support Grandville's certification. The City-wide effort will involve a number of large-scale projects, but will also require many dozens of individual certified gardens. The process is quite simple and can be done all online; simply go to nwf.org/garden for all the details.



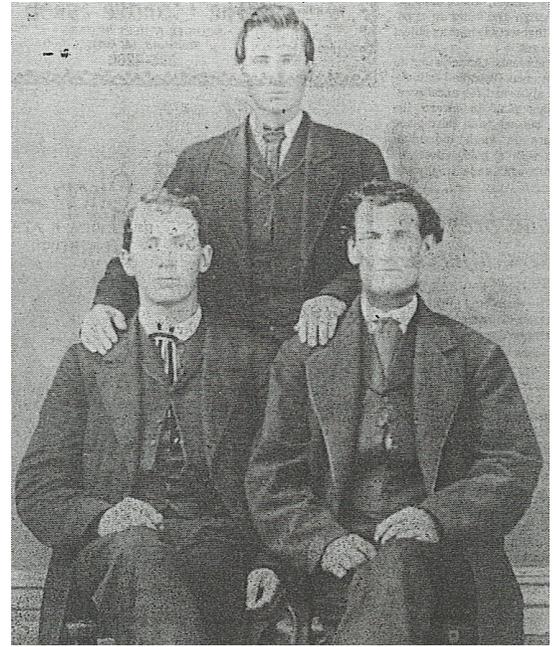
Historical Commission

Around the year 1835, new settlers to Grandville, Mr. Godwin and Rev. Ferry, decided they were going to open a general store. Mr. Godwin began to acquire goods and stock them away in his house while they built the new store. However, before that could happen, his house burned down and destroyed everything. Mr. Godwin moved on to homestead in Wyoming (Godwin High School).

After the fire, Rev. Ferry formed a business partnership with Rix Robinson and Nathan Boynton buying up land in Grandville and starting 2 mills.

Rev. Ferry later founded the City of Ferrysburg. Rix went on to become a wealthy Indian Fur Trader and founded the City of Ada.

Nathan Boynton continued working the Grandville Mills and lived on Ivanrest. He was elated when his nephew, James Garfield, was elected 20th President of the United States. Nathan is buried in the Boynton Cemetery on Ivanrest St.



Nathan Boynton with brother's Jerry and William



Senior
NEIGHBORS
no longer alone

LOCATION: 3380 DIVISION
GRANDVILLE, MI 49418
HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY
8AM TO 4P
PHONE: (616) 531-5250

The Grandville Senior Neighbors Center is located at 3380 Division (south off Prairie) and offers a variety of opportunities for older adults to remain healthy, independent, a chance to meet new people, and be connected to the community.

Whether it's learning a new skill, finding the right exercise class or simply sharing a meal, our goal is to be welcoming and fun. While activities at the senior center vary, they include social/recreational activities, gardening, outings, yoga, enhanced fitness, holiday parties/special events, educational/art programs, computers with internet use, Wii bowling, as well as volunteer opportunities.

We serve a delicious meal daily at noon for a \$3.00 donation. If you are 60 and over, the Grandville Senior Neighbors Center welcomes you to join us Monday through Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Under 60 - \$4.00. Please call (616) 531-5250 for more information.

We will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th.

We are also closed Monday December 25th and Tuesday December 26th for Christmas, along with Monday January 1st for the New Year. See you in 2024!

If you would like a schedule of daily activities, please stop in the Center for a newsletter & tour. You can view the newsletter on online at www.seniorneighbors.org