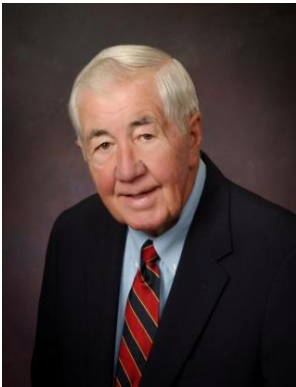


A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Winter has passed us by and it's time to prepare for a busy spring season. As I have often commented, spring is an extremely busy time in Grandville. This year will be no exception.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the week of May 17, as we celebrate Michigan Week. On Wednesday evening, May 19, we will have the opportunity to gather at the

Library's amphitheater for the annual City barbeque and some great entertainment.

Memorial Day is always special in Grandville and certainly this year will be no exception. The parade will originate in Wedgwood Park, followed by a ceremony at the Grandville Cemetery. This is made possible thanks to Bill Schrader, members of the American Legion Fonger Post, and our students from the Grandville Middle School.

The Grandville Park and Recreation Board is busy planning their 41st Annual Fourth of July Celebration. The celebration this year will begin on Saturday, July 3, when we will hold the annual Buck Creek Run. This event just continues to grow and we look forward to a great turnout of runners. That evening we will have the annual Little League All-Star game. Following that is a game between the "Guns" of the Grandville Police Department and the "Scholars" of Grandville Public Schools. This will be the third meeting of these two teams and the Guns continue to search for their first victory. On Sunday, July 4, we will hold our traditional community worship service at 6:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Grandville Middle School. The big day will be on Monday, July 5, when we will actually celebrate the Fourth of July. That day begins with our pancake breakfast, parade, arts and crafts show, the entertainment, sky divers, and concludes with a super fireworks display that evening. Be sure and mark your calendars!

It was our pleasure again this year to play host to the 2010 Special Olympic Michigan State basketball final on the weekend of March 26 and 27. Some 1,000 coaches and athletes from across the state were our guests here in Grandville. On Friday night I had the opportunity to extend

a warm welcome to all the participants at the opening ceremony. Thanks once again to the Grandville-Jenison Chamber of Commerce and all the volunteers whose efforts made for a memorable weekend for our Special Olympians.

On Saturday night, April 10, Grandville will host the Mrs. Michigan America Pageant. We are very proud to spotlight the achievements and contributions made to our communities by the married women of Michigan.

There are several park projects which will be completed in the forthcoming months. The Peck Street Park will become a reality with the extension of the trail from East Elementary to the intersection of 30th Street and Peck. This project is entirely funded by a community development block grant.

Plans are also underway to complete an extension of the Buck Creek Trail from the end of Broadway, along Buck Creek, where it will eventually connect with the Kent Trail that runs along the Grand River. This has been a project that will enable our bike riders and hikers to move from downtown Grandville to the shores of the Grand River without being exposed to traffic. The funding of this project involves a substantial grant from the Department of Natural Resources, and the contribution from the Grandville Downtown Development Authority. It is anticipated this will be completed during the summer. We will certainly look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

As you are well aware, these are difficult times for those of us involved in local government. The City Council and staff have been working on the budget for the past several months. This will need to be completed prior to a public hearing, which will be held on May 10, with final budget approval scheduled for May 24. If you have suggestions as to how we can proceed to balance the budget, while still providing quality services, we would certainly welcome your input. The article enclosed in this newsletter from City Manager Ken Krombeen provides an excellent overview of the challenges we face.

As you can see these are busy days, but I hope you will take the time to enjoy our parks and partake in our numerous activities. We certainly have so much to be thankful for, so enjoy!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jm".

FROM THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

ON SUCCESSFUL DOWNTOWNS

“There’s no place that has provided a thriving downtown without public investment.”

- Stephen Friedman, S.B. Friedman & Company

“Automobiles need quantity and pedestrians need quality.”

- Dan Burden, Walkable Communities, Inc.

“Successful communities are renewing their commitment to make their downtowns distinctive. These communities foster innovation, encourage entrepreneurship, demonstrate a commitment to green initiatives, establish regional partnerships, and celebrate diversity – all hallmarks of success with a new economy. These communities are successful, due in large part to their vibrant downtowns.”

- Dave Ivan, MSU Extension.

“The street, which is the public realm of America, is now a barrier to community life.”

- Andres Duany, Congress for the New Urbanism

Currently Downtown Grandville is not thriving or vibrant and is only marginally successful. In 2004, realizing this stark reality, the Grandville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) developed a Master Plan to help address the core issues that impact the downtown. The Master Plan found that in order for the downtown to be successful the following objectives must be accomplished:

1. Create a pedestrian friendly downtown,
2. Improve downtown parking,
3. Revitalize the downtown’s core, and
4. Make the downtown a destination for businesses and the community.

The one vehicle that the DDA believes can address all these needs is a streetscape. As such, the DDA is proposing a streetscape which is a \$5.8 million investment in the downtown. The project will include pedestrian improvements, signage, the reintroduction of on-street parking, landscape improvements, street furnishings, lighting upgrades, overhead utilities relocation and a farmer’s market pavilion. Since 2004 there have been many rumors and misunderstanding about the proposed project. The intent of this article is to answer the many questions and to clarify the facts behind the project.

Q1) Why does Grandville need a streetscape?

Answer: A vibrant downtown is crucial to a community’s identity and health. Grandville is one of two Grand Rapids inner ring suburbs that have a traditional downtown. Grandville’s downtown is aged and losing many of the attributes that make it a viable and traditional downtown. The DDA strongly feels that a streetscape will help accomplish the goals set forth in the 2004 Master Plan.

Q2) What are the benefits of a streetscape?

Answer: The streetscape will beautify the downtown with aesthetic features such as brickwork, decorative lighting, landscaping, and underground utilities. Other than superficial improvements, the streetscape will help to solidify the identity of the downtown and make it a destination for Grandville residents and visitors alike. A streetscape is an investment in the downtown that will be a catalyst for additional private investment. The pedestrian scale of the streetscape will encourage more people to come downtown and patronize the downtown businesses, current and future.

Q3) How will the streetscape project be funded?

Answer: The estimated \$5.8 million streetscape project will be funded with a combination of different sources. Currently, the DDA has a fund balance of approximately \$2.4 million. This money has been collected from within the DDA district for the purpose of making such physical improvements to the district. The DDA has applied for a \$1.0 million Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant and plans to bond for \$2.3 million. Finally \$100,000 of major state street funding will be utilized. By law, all DDA funds must be used in the downtown district. No local property tax dollars generated from outside the district are used for DDA projects such as the streetscape.

Q4) What is the purpose of on-street parking?

Answer: Inclusion of on-street parking has been the biggest concern voiced about the streetscape project. The purpose of on-street parking is threefold: First, on-street parking creates additional parking and brings parking to the front of the buildings. Second, on-street parking brings a pedestrian scale to downtown. Parked cars create a buffer between the traffic and pedestrians. This encourages more human interaction and activity in

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CONT.)

front of the stores and throughout the district. Third, on-street parking calms traffic as drivers are more cautious and aware when driving next to parked vehicles. It has been proven time and time again in numerous communities nationwide that on-street parking is the critical link that makes downtown more walkable and therefore more desirable to business and customers.

Q5) How will on-street parking work?

Answer: The streetscape design ensures that the on-street parking is safe and provides maximum maneuverability that minimizes parking difficulty. The design provides 22-foot long parking spaces with 8-foot buffers staggered between the spaces. This design will provide a total of 30 feet for vehicles to maneuver vs. 22 feet in traditional parallel spaces. An additional 8 feet will allow vehicles more room to safely maneuver in and out of the spaces without impeding traffic flow.

Q6) How will the streetscape improve the flow of traffic?

Answer: Currently the downtown section of Chicago Drive has two 11-foot wide east bound lanes and two 11-foot wide west bound lanes. During peak hours traffic backups occur as vehicles wait to turn left. The proposed streetscape includes a three lane cross section including: one 11-foot wide east bound lane, one 11-foot wide west bound lane, and one 10-foot wide center turn lane. This proposed cross section will improve traffic flow as the center lane separates the left turn traffic from the through traffic. This design allows the through traffic to flow more freely without getting stuck behind left turning vehicles. The proposed cross section also permits the most significant difference: the Chicago Drive/Wilson intersection will change from a three phase to a two phase signal which will permit longer green times for through traffic.

Q7) Have the traffic impacts been studied?

Answer: Yes; the DDA's consulting traffic engineer has modeled the proposed traffic flow. In 2006, prior to the Baldwin ramp project and detour, the average daily traffic volume traveling through downtown on Chicago Drive was 17,500 vehicles. The model, which used a 5% increase in average daily traffic, demonstrated that the proposed three lane cross section moved traffic more efficiently than the current design. Recent traffic counts taken after the opening of the Baldwin Street ramp indicate that the traffic volumes have dropped 15-30% from the 2006 volumes. An extensive study conducted in the Pacific Northwest suggests that three

lane "road diets" (as proposed) can handle up to 20,000 vehicles a day without impacting other local routes. This study also indicates that "road diets" have 6% fewer accidents than four lane cross sections.

Q8) How can fewer through lanes result in better traffic flow?

Answer: As indicated, the congestion of Chicago Drive traffic is caused primarily by left turning vehicles and the three phase signal at the Chicago Drive/Wilson Intersection. The proposed three lane cross section will provide a designated middle turn that separates through traffic from turning traffic while the two phase signal will create more green time for east and west bound through traffic.

Q9) What are the next steps in the process?

Answer: The DDA has completed a preliminary design which establishes \$5.8 million cost for the project. The next step in the streetscape process is to obtain approval from the City Council in the form of a traffic control order (TCO) as the City Council is responsible for all streets in Grandville. The City Council must also accept the \$1 million TE grant once it is awarded. Once the grant is secured the DDA and can move forward with engineering the project. This project cannot go forward without the support of the downtown merchants, the community, and the City Council.

Q10) What is the timeline for project construction?

Answer: The earliest construction could begin is the spring of 2011. The construction would last one construction season which typically last from spring through late fall. As the project progresses the DDA will remain in close contact with the downtown business owners to ensure that the project proceeds as smoothly as possible.

Q11) Will the construction shut down downtown and hurt my business?

Answer: This is perhaps the most common question from downtown merchants. Obviously there is no sense in investing \$5.8 million in the downtown if all the businesses close or relocate. Throughout the construction the DDA will work with the contractor to ensure that access to all businesses is maintained and that downtown remains open for business. In fact, the DDA will require access maintenance in the construction contract. The DDA will also actively market the downtown and work with individual businesses as issues arise.

For more information regarding the streetscape please attend a DDA meeting which are held the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 AM, contact the City Manager's Office at 530-4983, or go to the City of Grandville's website at www.cityofgrandville.com

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Good News From the Public Works Department

The good news is..... Winter is over!

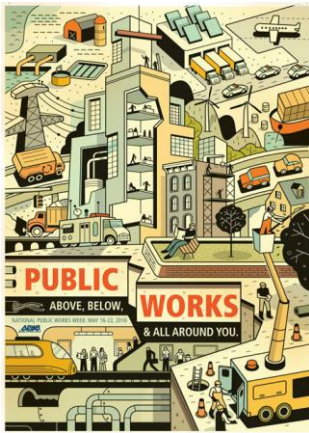
Many thanks to all of you who called and thanked the public works crew for the great job they do plowing the streets, smiled and waved at the guys out plowing and salting, brought us cookies, or sent us a kind note. We appreciate all your support.



Many thanks for your impressive display of patience during the winter months. We all have to be tough in the cold, snowy weather and we applaud your stamina and hardiness in making it through. We survived another winter.

National Public Works Week – May 16 - 22

National Public Works Week is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.



The Week seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society- the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

The 2010 theme of Public Works Week is, "Public Works - Above, Below, and All Around You." Look around and become aware of all the areas the public

works department faithfully maintains and improves the systems and services vital to our community health, safety and comfort.

Consumer Confidence Report

The annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) providing residents with information about our water distribution system will be mailed out during the month of June. This important pamphlet provides specific information about water quality and proposed improvement projects. We are very fortunate that our water comes from Lake Michigan and meets or exceeds all water quality requirements. Be sure to read about it for yourself in the City of Grandville CCR. If you do not receive your copy in the mail by July 1, 2010 you may pick up a copy at the Grandville Administration Office or the Grandville Public Library.

Spring Clean Up 2010 – May 7 & 8

The City of Grandville will hold its Annual Spring Cleanup on Friday, May 7 from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Grandville City Cleanup will be the same as last year with the following guidelines. Please read carefully before loading your vehicle for drop-off.

Grandville residents may bring yard waste, branches, scrap metal, appliances (without Freon), concrete, block, stone and oil to The Department of Public Works at 4095 White Street. This service is for Grandville residents only. One load per household will be accepted, with identification required at the gate. Grass clippings and yard waste must be removed from bags. All materials must be unloaded in designated areas in the Public Works yard. Oil must be put in the disposal receptacle available on site. There will be workers at the gate and in the yard to direct you to the proper dumping location. Items not accepted include furniture, residential construction waste, shingles, treated wood, garbage, household trash, fencing, hazardous waste, household chemicals, paint or pesticides.

For hazardous waste drop off, call Kent County DPW Resource Recovery at 336-2570. A Guide to Waste Management Options and Alternatives, provided by Kent County will be available at the gate.

Backflow Device Testing

If you are a Grandville water customer and have an irrigation system, you may receive a letter and test form in the mail this spring notifying you that it is time to have your backflow device tested in accordance with the City of Grandville Cross Connection Program.

The protection of the water supply from contamination to our water distribution system is very important and the City of Grandville has had a program in place since 1974 to ensure that cross connections are eliminated from the water system. A cross connection occurs when a backflow, or reversal of flow, thru back siphonage or back pressure causes a contaminate to enter the drinking water through a connection with the city water supply. A lawn irrigation system is one way this connection occurs and all home owners need to be periodically tested by a state certified tester to make sure they are operating properly as required by the State of Michigan and our Cross Connection Program. Notifications have been sent out on a 5 year rotation but beginning in 2011 it will be updated to every 3 years as mandated by the State Department of Environmental Quality. If you need any additional information or have questions about our Cross Connection Program you can contact the Department of Public Works at 538-1990.

PUBLIC WORKS (CONT.)

Sewer Backups

Please remember to contact the City of Grandville Public Works Department immediately if you experience a backup in your sanitary sewer service. Homeowners are



responsible for their own sewer line but we need to be notified to see if the backup is in the main line in the street or in yours. If the backup is in our line we usually get calls from many residents in the area. We will come and check

our sewer line when you call us and let you know if the problem is in our line or yours. We also like to clean the line after backup materials have been pushed into our line so be sure and let us know if you have done so. The Department of Public Works is available to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. During regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM) call (616) 538-1990. After hours and weekends/holidays call (616) 538-6110.

MICHIGAN WEEK BARBEQUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

AT THE GRANDVILLE LIBRARY
AMPHITHEATER

FOOD - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
PUBLIC WORKS DISPLAY

POLICE BEAT

Personnel

In December Officer Matt Meeuwsen was moved to road patrol services after spending several years in Community Policing. This was one of those unfortunate circumstances due to budget cuts. Matt was heavily involved in zoning issues that came up throughout the city and worked closely with the Assistant City Manager. He was also involved in the Neighborhood Watch Program, Child Safety Seat Inspections, Crime Prevention Association of Michigan, National Night Out, and Highway clean-up with probationers. Matt is also an instructor at the Metro High School Academy and fills in for the SRO (School Resource Officer). Officer Meeuwsen is currently assigned to the day shift and we are hopeful that he will be able to assist the SRO/Community Policing Officer on a limited basis.



Police Memorial Week



Police memorial week will be May 9-15 this year. It is the time when we in the law enforcement community honor those officers who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to put their

lives on the line for the safety and protection of others.

Share the Road

Spring means the bicycle season is upon us, please remember bicyclists have all the same rights and responsibilities as the driver of any other vehicle and can be ticketed for violating Michigan traffic laws. We need to be aware of our surroundings especially when driving, show respect and consideration, SHARE THE ROAD and enjoy this spring!



SUMMER 2010 WATER PROJECTS

The Department of Public Works will continue to do updates to the water distribution system this summer. The projects for 2010 will be to replace the water main on Yellowstone Drive, from Earle to Chanute, and Wilfred from 40th to the South end. The projects will include the replacement of settled curb, sidewalk replacement where necessary, new water services between the new water main and the property line, and street resurfacing. We would like to apologize in advance for the inconvenience to the residents in these areas.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DECLINING REVENUES A CHALLENGE FOR ALL CITIES

The cost-cutting mode that the City of Grandville, and most other Michigan cities, has been in for several years now is clearly continuing. As predicted, the City's General Fund revenues will again drop by a significant margin this year. This is primarily due to (1) additional cuts to local government revenue sharing made by the State of Michigan last October and (2) the overall property value decline throughout Kent County attributable to the current real estate market. The bottom line is that the City is projecting a deficit of over \$770,000 for the fiscal year that starts on July 1st. The good news, if there is any, is that the City of Grandville has been making cuts for the past 5 years to keep pace with the changing economics facing local governments so the amount of the deficit is much less than it would have been without previous proactive

moves by the City. Case in point, last November the City Council made over \$173,000 in mid-year budget cuts including leaving 2 more full-time positions vacant (1 police officer and 1 at the Cemetery) to adjust to the new State cuts. *City staffing has now been cut by 12.5 positions since 2005, from 100 to 87.5 full time equivalent positions.* Positions have been eliminated in the Police Department, Fire Department, City Hall, Court, Public Works Department and Clean Water Plant.

These and other cost-cutting measures over the past several years have allowed the City to avoid any millage increases in that time despite the shrinking revenues. In fact, Grandville remains one of the "best buys" in Kent County due to its low City millage rate and high level of services and quality of life.

GRANDVILLE MILLAGE RATE HISTORY

| Year | Millage Rate |
|-----------|--------------|
| 1970-1974 | 8.300 |
| 1975 | 9.000 |
| 1976 | 8.981 |
| 1977-1982 | 9.000 |
| 1983-1985 | 8.900 |
| 1986-1994 | 8.639 |
| 1996-1999 | 8.847 |
| 2000-2002 | 7.299 |
| 2003-2009 | 8.454 |

| Cities in Kent County | Millage Rate |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Lowell | 15.8300 |
| Cedar Springs | 15.4414 |
| East Grand Rapids | 14.4895 |
| Rockford | 10.9000 |
| Wyoming | 10.6773 |
| Grandville | 8.4540 |
| Grand Rapids | 8.3709** |
| Kentwood | 7.7064 |

** City also has 1.3% income tax

The City Council is now in the process of developing a budget for the next fiscal year. In order to address the projected deficit the Council will be looking at both the revenue and expense side. A public hearing on the proposed budget, once determined, would be held on May 10, however, the Council welcomes citizen input throughout the budget development process so feel free to drop a note or e-mail to the Council if you have comments, suggestions or questions about this budget or city finances in general. You may also contact me or Finance Director Tammy Hopman at 531-3030.

Ken Krombeen, City Manager



ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HONOREES



Small Business of the Year
Grand Office Supply



Non-profit Achievement Award
**United Church
Outreach Ministries**



Medium-to-Large Business
of the Year
DeVries Landscape



Business Person
of the Year
Dr. Derek Draft

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

The 2010 Election dates are:

May 4, 2010 - Annual School Election

August 3, 2010 – State Primary Election

November 2, 2010 – State General Election

As always, the polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on election days.

In order to vote in any election you must be a registered voter. To register to vote you must be: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) at least 18 years of age on or before the next scheduled election; (3) a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you reside.

You must register at least 30 days prior to any election. If you move or change your name you must re-register.

Absentee voter ballots are available from the Clerk's Office by calling 724-1906. Voters that are on the permanent absentee voter list should have received an application for a ballot in the mail prior to each election.

That application must be returned to the Clerk's Office before a ballot can be issued.

In order to qualify to receive an absentee voter ballot you must meet one of the following requirements:

- are unable to attend the polls without assistance
- are 60 years of age or older
- expect to be absent from the city for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day
- are in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs

In order to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you, your application must be received in the Clerk's Office by 2:00 PM the Saturday prior to each election; or you may vote an absentee ballot in person any time prior to 4:00 PM the Monday before each election.

*Mary L. Meines, City Clerk - 530-4976
Sharon Knoper, Deputy City Clerk - 724-1906*

CLEAN WATER PLANT

EXPANDING TO BETTER SERVE YOU

Clean Water Plant? What's that? Well every day, residents, restaurants, businesses and offices use water. In fact, most of the things that make modern life convenient use water. But where does all that water go after it's gone down the drain? You may have heard the terms "wastewater" or "sewage". Neither of which paints a pretty picture. Really, the water isn't "wasted" at all; it has been used for some purpose and now contains additional organic material and nutrients. In a city with an underground piping system, that used water gets collected and transported. With many users on a system, the volume of organic material and nutrients make it unsafe to discharge into a river or stream without harming public health so treatment facilities are built to "clean" the water before it's returned to the environment. To remove such volumes of material, a Clean Water Plant creates an artificial environment that speeds up natural biological processes. As the water goes through several treatment steps, organic material and nutrients are removed and stabilized. The end products are clean water discharged to the river and nutrient rich fertilizer that can be applied to agricultural land in a controlled manner.

Built and put into service in 1964, the Grandville Clean Water Plant has served the community well for nearly half a century, even winning a national EPA award for Operations Excellence in 2008. As growth occurred throughout the years in Grandville and with the addition of Ottawa County, Georgetown, Hudsonville and Jamestown as customers, the plant has been expanded to meet the need; the last occurring in 1994 and made feasible by utilizing capacity in the Wyoming Clean Water Plant. The service area has continued to grow

since then with the plant now consistently operating over capacity. This requires another expansion to continue meeting mandated treatment requirements and allow for future growth.



Through regional cooperation with Grandville and the Ottawa County communities it has been determined the most cost effective approach for the systems customers is to discontinue using the Wyoming plant and add enough capacity to the existing Grandville plant to meet the area's needs for the next 20-30 years. Construction is scheduled to begin this spring with an anticipated completion in the summer of 2012. The costs for this project will be paid for by all users of the system and not through Grandville property taxes.

By focusing on areas of sustainability where possible, local suppliers will be used for materials and construction. Also, a new digester process will be built to treat organics and nutrients. Once in operation, it creates a natural biological environment that produces methane gas. That gas will then be used to generate about one third of the plant's electrical needs. The generation process produces large amounts of excess heat which will be used to heat water that will then be utilized in several operational areas including heating buildings, reducing the plants overall natural gas usage as well. If you are interested in bringing a group tour to the plant please call 457-0720. Please note that tours may be limited during periods of construction.

*Todd Wibright
Plant Superintendent*

KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

Library Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday and Saturday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM Phone – 784-2007

STATE FUNDING CUTS WILL AFFECT WHERE TO RETURN MATERIALS STARTING MARCH 15

Due to state budget cuts area library visitors are requested to use the following guidelines when returning library materials.

- items borrowed directly from KDL locations may be returned to any other KDL location
- Items borrowed from other Lakeland Library locations must be returned to the loaning library – for example – if you borrow a book from the Georgetown Library, it should be returned to that location.

Please note...out of area returns may incur fines.

These changes are being made to help reduce delivery costs.
Still confused? Please talk to a library staff member in your community.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Pajama Storytime

For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. For families who can't come to the library during the day, Pajama Storytime offer an evening of stories and fun.

Thursdays - April 8 to May 13, 6:30 PM

Storytime for Special Needs Kids

Have your special needs child join in with peers to practice his/her circle time and gross motor skills at this storytime. ALL kids are welcome. Registration is required and participation is limited.

Monday, April 19, 6:30 PM

Lego™ Family Block Party

The library is the place for Lego™ fun! Drop in with the whole family and make your own special Lego™ or Duplo™ creations. All materials are provided by the library. So come, design and create!

Saturday, April 24, 1:00 PM

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS – Grades 6-12

Teen Zone

Join us every Thursday afternoon as we play games, complete crafts, discuss books, and enjoy snacks.

Thursdays, March 4 to May 27, 3:00 PM

Word Wise –Teen Poetry Contest

KDL is having its 7th annual poetry contest for teens. Look on the KDL website for rules and entry forms or stop by the library for more information.

Contest runs from April 1 to 30.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament – Wii @ KDL Series

The KDL Teen Video Gaming Tournaments continue with Super Smash Bros. Brawl, snacks, prizes and more. Many will enter, only one will be crowned champion!

Saturday, April 10, 12:30 to 5:00 PM at the Cascade Township Branch (2870 Jacksmith Ave SE).

Spring Anime Festival

Tweens and Teens are invited to the Spring Anime Festival, hosted by anime expert Mark Ritzema. Participants will view anime films, discuss anime and Japanese culture and enjoy refreshments. For ages 10 and up.

Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Englehardt Branch (200 N. Monroe St. in Lowell)

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Early Childhood Essentials

Receive professional development hours or just learn some great information about early childhood topics – perfect for parents or childcare providers. Childcare is not provided. Registration is required and participation is limited.

- **Monday, April 26, 6:30 PM** – Connecting Kids with Nature. Mary Jane Dockeray, founding curator of the Blandford Nature Center, will be on hand to show off some fun ways to get young children connected with nature through crafts and activities that even the youngest child can do.

KDL
Kent District Library

LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

Last year the following businesses and organizations worked with Kent District Library – Grandville to provide special programs and services. Their time and commitment to supporting and enhancing library services makes all the difference! We extend our heartfelt thanks to

Grandville Public Schools
Friends of Grandville Library
Grandville Education Foundation
Grandville Library Board
Grandville Rotary Club
Macatawa Bank

Northway Family Dentistry
The Architectural Group
Wal-Mart
West Michigan Therapy Dogs
Michigan Schools Readiness Preschool Parent Involvement & Education Initiative

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Your Historical Commission has been working very diligently to serve our community with historical information and memorabilia. Some of our new acquisitions are late 1800 - early 1900 dresses, hats, and purses. The Palmer family has donated these articles to the Museum. We will be displaying them as room permits. We need dress forms, mannequins, and head forms to properly display our collection. If anyone can help us out with some of these items, please call the City Offices. They will direct you to the right person.

Another acquisition is a large picture of the old Winters and Crampton Building (now known as the Land Bldg.) on Wilson Ave. We've placed this photo complete with a back light in the corridor outside the Museum.

The Commission will be starting a collection of names for a GRANDVILLE HALL OF FAME. Persons on this list must have gained national prominence in some area of expertise. It could be sports, music or anything else. Nominations can be sent directly to us or brought into City Hall. Personnel there will direct you to a person to contact.

NEW! NEW! The Museum will be open in the evenings on Mar. 22, Apr. 26, & May 24, 2010 from 6 PM – 8 PM. Hopefully this will make it more convenient for families and those who work during the day to visit us.

We are thankful that four new members have joined the Commission. They have proven to be a wonderful asset to us. We can use more help. Please let us know if you are interested in learning more about the Historical Commission.

In February we lost one of our faithful members who served as our treasurer for many years. We will miss Bill Winglar who helped so much with the schoolhouse and the museum. Bill was also the President of the One Room School House Association of Michigan. He will be sadly missed.

We've had some home-schooled students visit and hold class at our #10 Schoolhouse. We prefer for 3 or 4 families to come at one time. Please call the City of Grandville offices and they will connect you with a person to help set a date for this. Children love to visit the old schoolhouse.

A few of our members are available speakers for your club, organization, school, church, etc. Please call the City Office to be referred to the Historical Commission. We look forward to seeing more of you in the near future. Look for our 4th of July entry in the Grandville Parade! Be sure to wave and say "HI" to us.

We're thankful that we are able to serve our Grandville Community.

SENIOR NEIGHBORS

3380 Division, Grandville (616) 531-5250

Spaghetti Dinner

Join Grandville Senior Neighbors for a homemade Spaghetti Dinner, Thursday, April 15, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Menu includes: Spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, beverage and dessert. Suggested donation only \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for ages 6 and under. Bring the whole family and support your local seniors.

Free services

Hearing: Beltone Hearing will offer free hearing screening, otoscopic exams, cleaning & checking of all makes hearing aids, and consultations on Monday, April 12, 9 AM – 12 PM

Legal advice: Attorney Mike Herring will be available for free 15 consultations on Thursday, March 11, 10 AM -12 PM. Must sign up.

Eye Glass Care: Grandville Optical will offer eye glass adjustments and cleaning on Thursday, April 22, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM.

Daily Lunch

Make new friends and enjoy a delicious lunch weekdays at noon. Donation is only \$2.00 and the fellowship is free!! Fridays we offer live music that starts at 11:00 AM, cards and shuffleboard following lunch. New members receive a goodie bag at sign up. For more information call 531-5250.

Kitchen Band

Have you always wanted to be part of a band? Well, now is your chance. The kitchen band meets every Monday at 10:00 AM to practice. They often get asked to perform for other agencies and have a great time entertaining others. The instrument you choose is open to your imagination. Come and have fun.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The City offices will be closed on the following dates:

April 2
Good Friday

May 31
Memorial Day

July 5
Independence Day

September 6
Labor Day

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Hydrants

Once the warmer weather arrives, Fire Department personnel will be testing the fire hydrants in the city. While this may appear to be wasteful it actually serves several, important purposes:

This flushing provides a test for the hydrants that, thankfully, are seldom used. It provides us the opportunity to check for any damage that may have occurred and to keep the hydrant lubricated and in the best possible working condition.



The flushing prevents sediment from building up in the water mains and removes any contaminants that may have entered them due to breaks or other problems.

Siren Testing

Each year, beginning with the first of April, on the first Friday of every month, the emergency warning sirens will be tested. The test begins at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and lasts for one minute. Monthly testing continues through the first Friday of October.

These tests, which are organized through the Kent County Emergency Management System, are done to ensure that all sirens are in working order should they be needed to alert the public to severe weather during the spring and summer months.

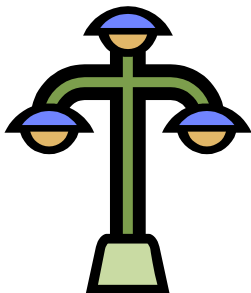
STREETLIGHTING

City streetlights are contractually maintained and operated by Consumers Energy. Streetlighting problems should be reported to Consumers Energy. This can be conveniently done via a website:

www.consumersenergy.com

Select the *For Home* option and *Report an Electric Outage*. The Streetlight Problem link will request the

address nearest to the malfunctioning streetlight, the nearest cross streets and a very brief description of the problem. Consumers Energy will email an acknowledgement of the report and instructions should follow-up be required.



For those without internet access, reports may be made to

our Department of Public works between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday by telephoning 538-1990.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

TENATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 3

Buck Creek Run
Little League All Star Game
Guns v. Scholars Softball Game

Sunday, July 4

Community Worship Service

Monday, July 5

Rotary Pancake Breakfast
Parade
Art and Craft Festival
Live Entertainment

FIREWORKS AT DUSK

For information with regard to participation in Celebration events such as the parade or craft show, consult our website:

www.cityofgrandville.com

Vendor, Parade and Craft Festival Applications are available online.



CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| City Hall | 531-3030 |
| Information Hot-Line (recording) | 530-4978 |
| District Court | 538-9660 |
| Library | 784-2007 |
| Public Works | 538-1990 |
| After Hours | 538-6110 |
| For All Emergencies | 911 |
| Police | 538-6110 |
| Fire | 530-6211 |
| Treasurer | 530-4971 |
| Assessor | 530-4979 |
| Clerk | 530-4976 |
| Manager | 530-4983 |
| Water/Sewer Billing | 530-4973 |

(Clip and save)

PARK RENTALS

Wedgwood Park is in the center of Grandville and is used more than any park in the city. You can reserve the



park pavilion by coming to the Public Works Department at 4095 White Street. The cost is \$35.00 per 4 hour segment for a Grandville Resident and \$50.00 for a 4 hour segment for a non resident.

Due to the high level of use at the pavilion, the following suggestions may be helpful:

- Bring a broom to sweep up concrete under the pavilion
- Bring a clean rag to wipe tables
- Bring extra garbage bags for trash as barrels fill quickly over the weekend
- Remember to pick up the key if you need electricity for coffee or crock pots
- Remember to return the key on the next business day after your rental date so they will be available to the next renter
- Please bag all trash, sweep up the area used, and wipe up tables so the area will be cleaned for the next renter
- Bring your permit. If the pavilion is not rented, any resident is able to sit in the pavilion with a group until a renter arrives. Your proof of rental is your permit.
- Arrive early. Many people use the Pavilion that are not paying the rental fee for a confirmed reservation and sometimes (unfortunately) they leave a mess. Give yourself time to inform people that the pavilion has been rented by you and time to clean up for your guests.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our pavilion area a great place for gathering with friends and family. Enjoy your time at the park

APPLY FOR YOUR
UNITED STATES PASSPORT
At the Grandville City Clerk's Office
Phone 531-3030 for information or visit the
website: www.travel.state.gov

ELECTION WORKERS

The 2010 election year will be a busy one and the City is always looking for people to work at the voting locations. If you are a registered voter and would like to work on election days, please submit an application to the City Clerk's office at City Hall. The Election Inspector Application can be found on the City of Grandville website under Forms, Clerk's Office.



Michigan Week Barbeque 2009

BUILDING PERMITS

City of Grandville building permits are administered by Professional Code Inspections. You may phone or visit their offices in Georgetown. Permit forms are available on their website, their offices or at Grandville City Hall.



PROFESSIONAL CODE INSPECTIONS

1913 Baldwin St.
Jenison, Michigan 49429

(616) 667-8803
Fax (616) 667-8869
www.pcimi.com

FARMERS MARKET

TUESDAYS,
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Beginning June 1

Located in the parking
lot
north of the Grandville
Library



CITY OF GRANDVILLE

3195 WILSON AVE
GRANDVILLE MI 49418

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
GRAND RAPIDS, MI
PERMIT NO. 17

41ST ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIPS

It is not too late for your business or organization
to be part of the festivities!

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE : _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

DONATION: \$100 __ \$250 __ Other _____

Make your check payable to the Grandville 4th of July Celebration
and mail **before June 1** to:

City of Grandville
Celebration Sponsorship
3195 Wilson
Grandville, MI 49418



For information with regard to participation in Celebration events such as the parade or craft show, consult our website:

www.cityofgrandville.com

Vendor, Parade and Craft Festival Applications are available online.