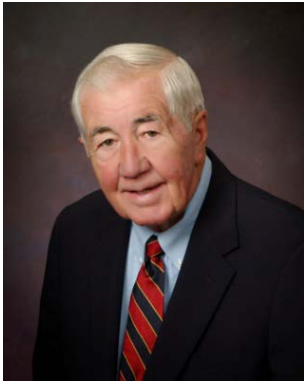


A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It is hard to believe that another summer has passed us by. It was a wonderful summer to enjoy all of the amenities that we have here in Grandville

Let me begin by expressing my thanks to the Park and Recreation Board for providing a tremendous 42nd Annual 4th of July Celebration. It certainly was a busy three

days, beginning with the 38th annual Buck Creek Run. In addition to the three hundred-plus runners, we had over thirty rollerbladers who provided a very interesting race. Once again, thanks to the Visser Family YMCA people who did an excellent job in coordinating this event. That evening we hosted the 4th Annual Guns and Scholars game which continues to be a tremendous rivalry. The Scholars were able to send the Guns to their third defeat.

Once again, our community worship service on Sunday was well attended. The weather was excellent and the crowd enjoyed music along with some comments from our State Senator Arlan Meekhof and Pastor Doug Wood. Many thanks to Ann Aardema for once again coordinating the community worship service.

Monday was our big day. We began with our parade with over one hundred participants, more music, few gaps and a wide variety of participants. We were pleased to have over seventy vendors join us for the Arts and Crafts Festival which was held in Wedgwood Park. The woodcrafters also joined us again and certainly their appearance was well received.

You may remember that a year ago, the skydivers were unable to participate because of high winds, but this year they joined us and provided a great exhibition. The skydiver carrying the American flag is certainly a fitting climax to an outstanding show. There is good news to

report as the skydiver who took a spill upon landing is well on the way to recovery.

The fireworks display at dusk was a fitting conclusion to a great three day celebration. Thanks to all those who helped make it a tremendous success.

As I indicated in the Spring Edition, we were able to complete the Peck Street Park and on May 24, participated in the dedication. It was a joint effort with the students from East Elementary who joined us for the ceremony and participated in the walk back to the school and enjoyed some ice cream refreshments. If you have an opportunity, stop and visit the park. I believe you'll be impressed.

If you have a chance, take a look at the refurbished tennis courts at Calvin Crest Park. Two of the courts have been rebuilt and the other three resurfaced. A big improvement!

In June, the City Council approved the Chicago Drive Streetscape Project as it is proposed by the DDA. The DDA is currently working with project consultants and staff to ramp up the project for a Spring 2012 start.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held on Monday, the fifth of December at 7:00 p.m. at the Grandville Library Amphitheatre. This is another of our grand traditions and marks the beginning of the Christmas season.

Once again, we had another enjoyable summer to partake in all of Grandville's amenities. Thanks to all of you for making Grandville a great place to live, work and play!

ENJOY!



Go Paperless!

Help save natural resources and sign up for paperless bills. We'll send your water/sewer bill by e-mail. You'll have one less piece of mail to open and keep track of.

There are two easy ways to sign up for paperless billing:

- Fill out the form below and drop it in the mail to address below.
- E-mail Grandville-water-sewer-bill@cityofgrandville.com with the information on the form below.

Beginning immediately those who have opted for e-mail bills will no longer receive a bill in the mail.

E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
CONFIRM E:MAIL ADDRESS:	
ACCOUNT NO:	
SERVICE ADDRESS:	

Once we receive your e-mail information you will receive a confirmation e-mail stating that you are set up for paperless billing. **If you do not receive the confirmation e-mail within a week of signing up please call 616-530-4973.**

Never pay a late fee again!

You will receive your bill stating we will debit your account on the due date.

DIRECT PAYMENT ENROLLMENT FORM
COMPLETE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW (PLEASE PRINT):

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

ACCOUNT #: _____ (as shown on company's bill)

NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION: _____

ABA/ROUTING # _____ - _____ - _____

CHECKING ACC# _____ OR SAVINGS ACC # _____

THIS FORM CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT YOUR SIGNATURE

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Mail forms to the following address:

CITY OF GRANDVILLE
3195 WILSON AVE SW
GRANDVILLE, MI 49418

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOVEMBER 8, 2011 ELECTION INFORMATION

The City of Grandville will hold a local election on November 8, 2011. Three Council Members will be elected to four year terms.



The individuals that will be on the November ballot include:

- * Randal Gelderloos (*I*), Tomas Kosmak, Joshua Meringa (*I*), Carole Pettijohn (*I*), and Steve Zinger

Only registered voters are allowed to vote in any election and to register you must be:

- a citizen of the U.S.
- at least 18 years of age on or before the next scheduled election
- a resident of Michigan

If you move to a new city or township, you must re-register to vote; or if you move within the city you must update your address. Registration must be done at least 30 days prior to an election and you may do so at:

- the city or county clerk's office
- any Secretary of State Branch Office

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on election days and your polling location is the same for every election. Applications to Vote are automatically mailed to those that have requested to be made a permanent absentee voter. If you are unable to vote at the polls you may qualify for an absentee voter ballot if:

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

In order to receive an absentee ballot, an application must be received in the Clerk's office by 2:00 p.m. the Saturday before the election; or you may pick up the ballot in person anytime before 4:00 p.m. the day before the election.

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's Office.

Mary L. Meines, City Clerk – 530-4976
Laura Roebuck, Department Assistant – 724-1906

STAFFING CHANGES IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

After eleven years with the City, Sharon Knoper retired from the Clerk's Office. Her smiling face was a welcomed addition to City Hall and during that time helped many elections run smoothly for the City. Sharon will be missed.

As a result of Sharon's retirement a new assistant was hired in the Clerk's Office. We would like to welcome Laura (Piscitello) Roebuck. Laura grew up in Cincinnati and moved to Indianapolis in 2005. She has relocated to Michigan to marry her fiancé Justin. Her interests include music – singing and song writing – movies, and creative projects. After she returns from her honeymoon she will be a regular addition to the staff at City Hall.

CHANGE IN ISO RATING MAY LOWER INSURANCE COSTS

The Insurance Services Office (I.S.O.) is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments and other interested entities by providing information about risk. I.S.O.'s expert staff collects information about the municipal fire suppression efforts in communities throughout the United States and assigns the communities with a Public Protection Classification which is expressed as a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program and Class 10 indicates that the area reviewed does not meet minimum criteria.

Earlier this year, the city received notice from the I.S.O. that our Public Protection Class was being

lowered to 4 subsequent to a comprehensive review that took place in late 2010. This is an improvement from our previous classification of 5. We are quite proud of this accomplishment as now only 28 communities state-wide are rated more favorably than ours.

We recommend that you contact your insurance carrier and advise them of this change as it might result in lower premiums. Please understand, however, that the way an insurer uses our I.S.O. rating may vary from company to company. Other factors may also be considered in their calculations. Please contact the Fire Department office if you have any questions.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LEAF PICKUP



The City of Grandville will be providing leaf pickup service for residents beginning in October. The program will consist of weekly, curb-side pickup of **City of Grandville bagged leaves**, and the provision of a drop-off site for

leaves at the Department of Public Works. The following information provides detail of services provided, as well as the schedule for this fall:

CURBSIDE PICKUP

Begins Monday, October 17, 2011, and ends Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

Mondays: South of Buck Creek
Tuesdays: North of Buck Creek

LEAVES FOR PICKUP MUST BE PLACED IN CITY OF GRANDVILLE PAPER LEAF BAGS ONLY

City of Grandville paper leaf bags may be purchased at a cost of \$8.50 for a bundle of ten bags. The bags will be available beginning on Friday, September 23, 2011 at the following locations:

Grandville City Hall 3195 Wilson Ave.
D & W 3960 44th St.
Ivanrest Hardware 3291 28th St.

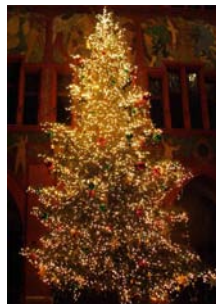
LOOSE LEAF DROP OFF

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 Monday, September 26, 2011, through Friday, December 9, 2011.

The drop off site will be open during the following hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday.....8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(If the gates are not open during these hours call the Grandville Police Department at 538-6110)

CHRISTMAS TREE DROP OFF

A tree drop off site is available behind the Public Works Building at 4095 White Street Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The gate will also be opened on Saturday (January only) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for tree drop off.



CLEAR THE WAY!

Fall is an ideal time to check the water meter remote located on the side of every Grandville water customer's home. This remote must be accessed by a meter reader each billing cycle; therefore City Ordinance requires that the meter be unobstructed. Take this opportunity to prune plants and shrubbery which may cover the remote. Check for stored items which may obstruct access.



PARKING REGULATIONS

Our winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on public streets or municipally regulated parking lots between the hours of 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., from December 1, 2011 through the following March 31, 2012.

MAILBOX POLICY

Every winter we get a number of calls from residents whose mailboxes have been hit by the heavy snow and ice that is forced out by the blade of passing snowplows. Although we are sorry for the inconvenience this causes, we must clean the entire road. This often means two lanes worth of heavy snow will hit mailboxes as the trucks go by. There is no escape from the hardships of a Michigan winter – including the toll it takes on mailboxes. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in our efforts to keep our streets clear. **We do not replace mailboxes damaged by force of moving snow.** Our policy states that the City of Grandville Public Works Department will replace any mailbox struck by a city vehicle, or by equipment attached to a city vehicle, during snow plowing operations. The City will not replace mailboxes damaged by any other means, **including from the weight of snow plowed from the roadway.**

CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of City Ordinance Sec. 25-168 which 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 know that it is hard to find a place to put the snow sometimes 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.

POLICE BEAT

The Grandville Police Department is participating in the National Prescription Drug Disposal Day that is being held on October 28, 2011 by continuing to provide a Medicine Disposal site for Grandville residents. The site is located in the lobby of the Police/Court/Probation building. Hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. excluding holidays. Prescription and over the counter medication will be accepted. Bring the medication in the original container, cross off your name and personal information and drop it in the receptacle. Bio-hazardous materials, needles and sharps will not be accepted. Utilizing the disposal site rather than flushing the medications down the toilet or throwing them away helps protect our natural waterways. It also helps to prevent childhood poisonings and reduces substance abuse by removing the old unused medications from the home.



Starting December 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, the Grandville Police Department will enforce the prohibition of overnight parking on public streets or any municipal parking lot. This is to ensure that the public streets and

parking lots are clear for snow removal by the Department of Public Works.

When the snow starts to fall and the roads get icy, we get to re-learn how to drive in the wintery conditions of Michigan all over again. The frequency of traffic accidents increases in the winter months so please slow down and use due care and caution when the weather turns for the worse. If you are involved in an accident and your vehicle is drivable it is advisable to drive off of the roadway to a safe location where the accident can be policed.

Grandville snowbirds that are planning to head to warmer climates during the winter months may request the Grandville Police Department to conduct periodic property checks of their homes while they are away. The property check request forms can be obtained at the Grandville Police Department Records Bureau during business hours Monday through Friday.



FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT RETIREES

On July 31, three veteran paid-on-call firefighters retired from the fire department. They were Lt. Larry Roelofs, Dan VanderMarkt and Jack Veldhouse. Lt. Roelofs served 36 years, Dan served 35 years, and Jack served 33 years, for a

combined total of 104 years of service. They were honored at the fire department with an Open House on August 16. We are grateful for their years of dedicated service to the fire department and this community.



Pictured from left to right: Lt. Larry Roelofs, Firefighter Jack Veldhouse, Firefighter Dan VanderMarkt, Chief

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Fire Prevention Week was October 9–15, and we celebrated with our annual Fire Prevention Open House



on Tuesday, October 4. This year's theme was, "Protect Your Family From Fire." Many showed up to meet your Grandville Firefighters, try on firefighters turn out gear, take truck tours, have free blood pressure checks, enjoy refreshments, meet

Sparky the Fire Dog, and have face painting and balloons by Mr. and Mrs. Bubbles.

WHEN SECONDS COUNT, YOUR HELP MATTERS

Winter snow piles up fast and can completely obscure fire hydrants. The humble task of keeping neighborhood fire hydrants clear of snow and other obstructions means a great deal in an emergency. The minutes saved when hydrants are visible and accessible to firefighters preserve life and property. Be a hero. Make clearing hydrants in your yard part of your snow removal routine. During warm months, be sure that bushes and ornamental plantings are pruned.



KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

KDLville comes to the Grandville Branch!!

The Grandville Branch has seen significant changes and improvements in the children's area. Here at KDL we know that kids learn best through play. Put the library on your destination list with your little ones and check out our new and improved play space. When the library is open, KDLville is open! Thank you to the Friends of the Grandville Library for their support of KDLville.



Teen Zone

Come hang out with your friends and learn something new with games, crafts, and activities.

Thursdays, October - November 17, 3:00 p.m.

Ghosts and Legends of West Michigan

Take a ride to the paranormal side! Listen to spooky ghost stories and learn about local haunts of West Michigan with Amberrose Hammond, author of *Ghosts and Legends of Michigan's West Coast*. This program is designed for adults and teens.

October 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration required.

Lego Family Block Party

The library is the place for Lego fun! Drop in and make your own special Lego or Duplo creations. All materials provided.

Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m.

Reel Fun: a family movie event

Come enjoy Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Friday, November 25, 1 p.m. Registration required.

Friends of the Library Holiday Décor Sale

Mark your calendars for another great opportunity to buy quality décor items at bargain prices. A selection of like new books and gift baskets will also be on sale.

December 1-3 - during library open hours.

*The Friends of the Library support a wide range of library related programs and services such as the Summer Family Night series, children play areas, and the Grandville Reads community event.

Recycling @ the Grandville Library

Be green and recycle! We accept old eye glasses, household batteries, recent magazines, and gently used books for resale and recycling. Call the branch for details - 784-2007.

Coming Soon... Grandville Reads 2012!

Stay tuned for exciting details on Grandville's next community reading event set for February, March, and April. We will reveal our four books each geared for different ages, as well as the many programs slated to celebrate reading in our community.

Visit the library at www.kdl.org or Grandville Branch of KDL on Facebook to track all the latest news!

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
7:00 p.m.**

AT THE LIBRARY AMPHITHEATRE

FREE

**MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
REFRESHMENTS**

TWILIGHT SHINES 2011

**AT THE GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM
ROCKING' THROUGH THE DECADES**

1950'S SOCK HOP AND TWIST AUCTION
benefitting Senior Neighbors
Tuesday November 8, 2011
6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

To reserve a place and/or purchase raffle tickets, call Senior Neighbors at (616) 459-6019 or reserve online at www.seniorneighbors.org
Reservation deadline is October 31, 2011

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

PEARLDEAN EISENGA 1924-2011

Pearldean Eisenga, a dedicated member of the Grandville Historical Commission, passed away on March 22, 2011. Pearldean and her husband, Ben, raised their family, grew strong within their church, Hope Christian Reformed, and were beloved by their Grandville neighbors.



Our community benefitted greatly from Pearldean's voluntary service. She embraced a vision of preserving local history so those who come behind us in time would not forget our heritage. Members of the Historical Commission recall her steadfast attitude on keeping the index system of donations accurate and up-to-date. Pearldean was the original designer for many of the display vignettes that still capture the imagination of visitors to the museum located in the lower level of City Hall. Pearldean's joy and generosity will be missed. Her contribution to our Historical Commission endures.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

In Spring 2011, our #10 One Room Schoolhouse was visited by over 450 area second graders. Local Historian/Teachers volunteered their time to help the children re-enact Prairie life as it may have been. Parents and teachers were also able to explore the well-preserved schoolhouse.

We are fortunate to live in a vital community who preserves its history. If you're interested regarding the Grandville Historical Commission, please call our President, Ken Gates, 531-8141. Opportunities are available to participate in Commission functions or to schedule special tours and activities.

HALLOWEEN



Trick or Treating will be held on Monday, October 31, 2011 between the hours of 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

SENIOR NEIGHBORS

FALL FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our annual Fall Family Fun Night will be held on Tuesday, October 18, from 5:30 – 7:30. Come as you are or dress up in your favorite costume. Check out the magic show provided by magician Maciek's Biezunski, and stop by the game and trick or treat stations. There will also be a cake walk, music, popcorn.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Improve your quality of life with pain relief and increased range of motion. Reduce emotional and mental stress to maintain a healthy immune system. Massage is available every Tuesday from 9:00 – 12:00 and 2:00 – 4:00 provided by Linda Gray, CMT. \$10 for each 15 minutes of Massage.

SUNDAY DINNER

Enjoy a delicious catered meal by Carols Catering on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$6.00 and sign up is required.

SENIOR ODYSSEY...

A JOURNEY YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

If your children or grandchildren were involved in a program called Odyssey of the Mind, then you will know what this program is. We have turned Odyssey of the Mind into Senior Odyssey.

In Odyssey of the Mind participants spend weeks, and even months, creating solutions to long-term problems where creativity is encouraged and emphasized. They also work on spontaneous problem solving which is quick, on your feet thinking. The result is a sense of purpose, accomplishment, and deep pride in their work. Participants learn there can be many solutions to a problem and they must work together to identify these.

Older adults experience these benefits and many more, including less social isolation, and opportunities to use their experience and knowledge in a purposeful, meaningful way. And, research has shown that keeping the brain engaged in cognitive activities can promote cognitive vitality.

Late this fall teams of Senior Odyssey participants will begin forming and you don't want to miss it! If you are interested in challenging yourself, thinking outside the box, and having fun, this is the program for you!

There are many ways to get involved. You could join a team, volunteer as a coach or judge, become a sponsor, or be a part of the leadership developing and planning the program! If you have an interest in any of these roles, please contact Julie Lake, Health Promotion Coordinator at Senior Neighbors, 233-0283.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chambers across the State of Michigan are celebrating Chamber of Commerce Month. This is a way to educate the community about the value of Chambers and the direct impact on their communities. Did you know that the Grandville Jenison Chamber has almost 500 members that:

Invest back into their community –Members play an active role in the Chamber’s Mission “ Fostering business development and promoting business expansion through community connections.”

Invest in their future –Having a successful business involves investing back into the community where you live, do business and raise families.

Invest in business relationships – Through committees, events and six Leads/Referral Groups, members are building and strengthening relationships within our community.

Invest in their visibility – Studies show businesses that are visible in their local chamber have a higher level of commitment to their customers and their community.

Invest in their bottom line – In many cases the cost savings from being a chamber member offsets the investment amount, no matter the size of the business.



For information about the Grandville Jenison Chamber: www.grandvillejenisonchamber.com, 616.531.8890 or sandy@grandjen.com

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Thursday, November 24
Friday, November 25

Monday, January 2

Friday, December 23
Monday, December 26

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