

### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It was a most unusual winter. Some warm weather and, of course, our February 2nd snow storm. One of the real pluses of the winter was our ice rink at Wedgwood Park, which provided ice skating for six weeks. It had been a long time since we had the ice rink. A big thanks goes out to our Department of Public Works for doing such a great job!

On November 3rd we had the opportunity to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the greatly anticipated Buck Creek trail connector. It allows our citizens to move from downtown Grandville to the shores of the Grand River without being exposed to the 28th Street traffic. The project was the epitome of cooperation, as the City joined efforts with the Michigan National Resource Trust Fund and our Downtown Development Authority.

Spring is always a busy time for all of us in Grandville and this year is no exception. We'll look forward to the dedication of the Peck Street Park in early April. This will extend the trail from East Elementary to the intersection of 30th Street and Earle/Peck. It's another great addition to our park system.

Be sure and mark your calendar for the week of May 22 as we celebrate Michigan Week. On Wednesday evening, May 25, we will have the opportunity to gather at the library amphitheater for our annual City barbeque and some great entertainment from our middle school jazz bands.

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. A special thanks to Bill Schrader, the American Legion Fonger Post, and our students from Grandville Middle School for putting it all together.

The Grandville Park and Recreation Board is busy planning our 42nd annual Fourth of July celebration. This year's celebration will begin on Saturday the 2nd of July when we will host the annual Buck Creek Run. In the evening we will have the annual Little League game. This will be followed by the softball game between the *Guns* of the Grandville Police Department and the *Scholars* of Grandville Public Schools. This will be the fourth meeting of the two teams, with the *Scholars* enjoying a two to one lead. It is a great rivalry!

On Sunday, the 3rd of July 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 Monday, the 4th of July. This day begins with our pancake breakfast, the parade, and the arts and craft show. There will be a lot of entertainment during the day, followed by the sky divers, and concluding with a super fireworks display that evening. Be sure to mark your calendar!

As I have indicated previously these are difficult days for those of us involved in local government. I'm sure all of you have read about the challenges that have been forthcoming from Lansing. Our staff has done an excellent job this year in controlling costs and we move into the fiscal year 2011-2012 in sound financial condition. This Council has been conducting budget sessions and we'll look forward to our public hearing on the budget on May 9th. Final budget approval is scheduled for May 23rd. Enclosed in this newsletter is an article from City Manager Ken Krombeen that provides an excellent overview of the challenges facing local government. As always, we certainly welcome any input from our citizens.

There are lots of activities in the months ahead. I hope you will take the time to enjoy our parks and to partake in the numerous activities. We have so much to be thankful for, so ENJOY!



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIRE CHIEF



Photo Courtesy of  
Dan Johnson Photography

After 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Grandville, Chief Veldhouse retired from the Fire Department in January. He will long be remembered for the contributions he made to the City and the impact that he had on the community.

On February 14, Lt. Michael May was appointed the new Fire Chief. Mike has been employed with the Grandville Fire Department in a full time capacity since 1998 and prior to that, from

1991 to 1998, as a part-time E-unit paramedic and paid on call firefighter for a total of 20 years with the City. Prior to the City of Grandville, Mike worked for American Medical Response. Mike and his family reside in the City of Grandville.

### CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Friday, April 22, 2011 – Good Friday  
Monday, May 30, 2011 – Memorial Day  
Monday, July 4, 2011 – Independence Day  
Monday, September 5, 2011 – Labor Day

## 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.

# QUALITY OF LIFE CODES

As the temperatures rise so do the number of code complaints received by the City. Throughout the years the City has established a number of codes that are aimed at protecting Grandville's high quality of life. The City has made quality of life issues a priority. Please help yourself and your neighborhood by abiding by all of the quality of life codes. Below are four (4) common code complaints received during the spring and summer months.

- **Storage of Inoperable Vehicles and Junk:** The Zoning Ordinance, the Property Maintenance Code, and the City's General Code all prohibit the storage of unlicensed and inoperable vehicles, the collection or placing of discarded materials, trash, garbage, and other such debris on all properties within the City.
- **Tall Grass and Weeds:** The Grandville Property Maintenance Code prohibits weeds and grass that have grown in excess of ten (10) inches. Trees, shrubs, and cultivated flowers are not prohibited.
- **Garage and Estate Sales:** The Zoning Ordinance limits garage and estate sales to three (3) consecutive days and limits the number of sales to three (3) annually. The signs for such sales are limited to four (4) square feet and shall display the dates of the sale and shall be removed within 24 hours after the sale. The signs cannot be placed on utility poles.
- **Storage of Recreational Equipment:** The Zoning Ordinance permits storage of one recreational equipment unit (flatbed/enclosed trailers, boats and boat trailers, travel trailers, motor homes, and pick-up caps and campers) per lot. The equipment must be stored in a side or rear yard at least two (2) feet from the lot line. The equipment must be screened by a solid six (6) foot fence or six (6) foot screen of coniferous trees or shrubs. The equipment is permitted in the driveway 72 hours before and after trips. At no time shall the equipment block the sidewalk.

These codes can be found in their entirety on the City website [www.cityofgrandville.com](http://www.cityofgrandville.com). If you have any questions about these codes or would like to report a violation, please call City Hall at 531-3030.

Thank you to our members who have upgraded their membership!

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERS: Bolhouse, Baar & Lefere, P.C. Attorneys at Law and Grand River Bank  
COMMUNITY INVESTOR MEMBERS: Spectrum Health and Sunset Retirement Communities and Services

[www.grandvillejenisonchamber.com](http://www.grandvillejenisonchamber.com) or 616.531.8890

**MISSION STATEMENT: To Foster business development and promote business expansion through community connections**



## FIRE SAFETY

### CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!!!

Spring is just around the corner and everyone is thinking of all the home projects they want to get done (i.e. spring cleaning, landscaping, and cleaning the garage). One very important home project to put on the list is: **Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.**

In 2009, there were 1,348,500 fires reported in the United States. Of those, 480,500 were structure fires. Seventy nine percent (377,000) of the structure fires occurred in the residential setting which includes one- and two- family dwellings, apartment buildings and condos.

Fires in the home in 2009 resulted in 2,695 civilian fire deaths and 17,050 civilian fire injuries. Cooking fires are the leading cause for residential fires and smoking is the leading cause for fire-related civilian deaths.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), an average of 3,000 civilians die each year due to fire, with 85% of these deaths occurring in the home. In 2008, 40% of the civilian fire deaths occurred in homes without smoke detectors and 23% occurred in homes that had smoke detectors but they did not operate. At least half of these deaths could have been prevented had there been smoke detectors present and operating correctly.

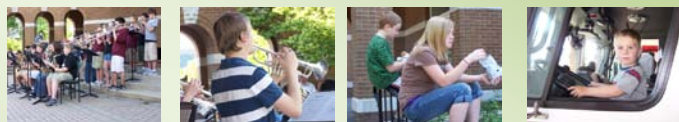
Let us all make a commitment to ourselves and our family to change the batteries in all of our smoke detectors and if you don't have smoke detectors, your commitment will be to get smoke detectors in your home.

#### THINGS TO DO WITH SMOKE DETECTORS:

- Install them if you don't have them
- Test them once a month
- Change the batteries twice a year (with the time change)
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years

#### THINGS **NOT** TO DO WITH SMOKE DETECTORS:

- DO NOT take the batteries out for any reason other than to change them
- DO NOT put anything over the smoke detector
- DO NOT remove the smoke detector except when replacing it
- DO NOT ignore smoke detectors when you hear them sounding



## MICHIGAN WEEK BARBEQUE

May 25, 2011, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
at the Grandville Library Amphitheater

Entertainment by the Grandville Middle School Jazz Bands  
Purchase barbecue sandwiches, chips and drinks at low cost  
Visit the Grandville Historical Museum (City Hall, lower level)  
Visit the Fire Department

## POLICE BEAT

As spring approaches and the temperature starts to rise, everyone wants to get outside and enjoy the nice weather including some with not so good intentions. With the nice weather property crimes such as larceny from vehicles, garages and yards have a tendency to increase in frequency. Here are some crime prevention tips that may help deter some of these crimes.

Residents often leave their car doors unlocked, whether parked outside in the driveway or in their garages, with valuable items left in open view. Larceny suspects often will walk around neighborhoods at night trying car doors until they find a car that is open. Residents may have the false assumption that if their car is parked in the garage even with service doors closed but unlocked that the property that they leave in the car is safe from theft. We encourage residents to lock up their cars and their homes at night or while they are away. Take valuable property that is easily removed from your cars and either place it in the trunk or put it in your homes. Turning on your outside lights at night on your home is always a deterrent.



We encourage residents to secure property such as bicycles, lawn equipment and power tools in their locked garages at night. Recording serial numbers, engraving your name or driver's license numbers on such items is always a good idea. In the event property is stolen the description and serial number are placed into a law enforcement computer which aids in identifying to whom the property belongs if it is recovered and in prosecution of suspects.



Keep an eye out for your neighborhood. If you should witness activity that you think is suspicious please do not hesitate to call the police at any time day or night. Police departments are more effective when the people in communities they serve care, watch out for each other and take measures to help prevent crime.



## FARMERS MARKET

Open every Tuesday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Located in the parking lot north of the Library.  
Market runs from June 7 thru October 11

Farm Fresh and Locally Grown  
Open rain or shine



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## SPRING CLEANUP

The City of Grandville will hold its Annual Spring Cleanup on Friday May 6 & Saturday May 7, 2011. Hours will be Friday, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. City cleanup guidelines will be the same as last year.

### Please read this carefully before loading your vehicle for drop-off:

Grandville residents may bring yard waste, brush, scrap metal, appliances (without Freon), electronics and concrete to The Department of Public Works, 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. There will also be a waste oil disposal receptacle available on site. Workers will be at the gate and in the yard to direct you to the proper dumping location.



Items not being accepted include furniture, residential construction waste, shingles, treated wood, garbage, household trash and fencing.

Hazardous waste, household chemicals, paint or pesticides will NOT be accepted.

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 DPW will be available at the gate.

Check the City of Grandville website ([www.cityofgrandville.com](http://www.cityofgrandville.com)), or call the Public Works Office (538-1990) for more information.

## SIGNS

Whether it is campaign season or garage sale season, temporary signs will appear throughout the community. Any sign placed in the public right-of-way (between the sidewalk and the curb) is a violation of city code. City inspections enforce this code as seen, or as complaints are called in. These signs will be removed as time permits.

Citizens are encouraged to not place signs in the public right-of-way, other public properties or on poles or sign posts. A good guideline for estimating the edge of the public right-of-way is 2 feet behind the sidewalk. Only small garage sale or estate sale signs (must be dated and removed by owner within one business day after the announced sale) are permitted in the public right-of-way. All other signs of any kind are prohibited.

With the community's awareness of the code, and willingness to help out, Grandville neighborhoods will be visually less cluttered and more pleasant for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 15-21, 2011

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 American Public Works Association has announced the 2011 theme for National Public Works Week. The theme this year is "Serving you and your Community". To us, that is serving Grandville. We faithfully serve the community by maintaining and improving the systems and services vital to our community's health, safety and quality of life. We hope you benefit from the myriad of work that is done behind the scenes. We enjoy serving the City of Grandville by enhancing its appearance, its amenities, its events and its infrastructure.



### FREE ELECTONICS RECYCLING

@ City of Grandville Public Works  
4095 White Street  
May 7, 2011, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

#### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:

Televisions  
CRT Monitors  
LCD Monitors  
Computers  
Laptops  
Printers  
Fax Machines  
Copiers  
VCR's  
Keyboards & Mice  
DVD Players  
Microwaves  
Stereos  
Speakers  
Miscellaneous Cables  
Computer Parts  
Telephones  
Game Consoles  
Handheld electronic devices  
(Ipods, CD players Gameboy, etc.)



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## LEAVE GRASS CUTTINGS ON YOUR LAWN!

Grass clippings and other yard waste (leaves, tree and shrubbery prunings) make up 12 percent of the solid waste sent to American landfills. The amount can exceed 50 percent during peak grass cutting and leaf collection times in some parts of the country. We do not have a site for grass clippings and only take leaves for a month in the fall so the following information should be very helpful to you as a Grandville resident.

The myth that allowing grass cuttings to stay on a freshly mowed lawn will damage the lawn still persists in the minds of many homeowners and others who are responsible for maintaining grassy areas. Research has proven otherwise. Cut grass clippings are a source of free, nutrient-rich fertilizer for consumers. Throwing away cut grass clippings not only overburdens landfills, it is also costly: millions of taxpayer dollars are spent to collect and transport this organic fertilizer to the landfills.

The environmental benefits of keeping cut grass clippings on lawns are considerable.

Grass clippings contain 80 to 85 percent water and decompose quickly when left on the lawn. The clippings also help keep moisture in the soil longer, reducing the need for frequent watering (saving both water and money).



Up to 25 percent of a lawn's total fertilizer needs can be met if grass clippings are left on the lawn. The clippings slowly release essential nutrients—nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, and minor elements — slowly so the lawn is continuously being fertilized. Well-fertilized lawns need less water.

Average lawn mowing time can be reduced by 30 percent when grass clippings are not bagged.

Contrary to myth, grass clippings do not cause thatch problems.

If you need information or have questions about these devices or the cross connection program you can contact the Department of Public Works at 538-1990.

From now on you can have a healthy lawn that saves water, time, landfill space, and money. Here's how:

- Mow the grass often enough so that no more than one-third (about 1 inch) of the vertical height of the grass is cut each time. This leaves a healthy amount of grass clippings on the lawn, and also helps support a healthy root system, which translates into a lawn that is more drought resistant and less needy of water.
- Mow grass when it is dry. Cutting wet grass creates clumps, which can accumulate on the lawn and damage it.
- Keep your lawn mower blade sharp. A dull blade damages grass and increases the possibility that insects and disease will move in.
- If you have extra grass clippings, spread them in thin layers in vegetable and flower beds or around the base of trees.
- Extra grass clippings can also be mixed with leaves and used as mulch around shrubs in the fall.
- If you have not yet convinced your neighbors to leave their clippings on their lawn, ask if you can use the grass for mulch or for your compost bin.

A mulching mower cuts grass blades into smaller pieces than does a regular rotor mower, although it is not necessary to use a mulching mower when leaving grass clippings on the lawn.



## BACKFLOW DEVICE TESTING

If you are a Grandville water customer and have underground irrigation, you may receive a letter and test form in the mail this spring. The letters and forms will be sent to about twenty-five percent of the customers with residential backflow devices. We began the program 6 years ago. The Water Department is required by the State of Michigan to have a Cross Connection Ordinance in place as a condition of our operating permit. This ordinance requires testing of residential devices at least every 5 years.

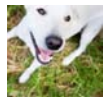
These devices are required to be installed on all irrigation systems to protect the water supply from possible contamination caused by backsiphonage into the water supply system. This device, if working properly, is designed to protect you and your family, and the city's water system from contamination. The only way to be sure the device is working is by periodic testing and inspection.

## 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 May. 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, 2011, you may pick up a copy at the Grandville Administration Office or the Grandville Public Library.

## WHY WE PUT DOG POO IN PLASTIC BAGGIES:

Did you know that pet waste has bacteria that can make our streams and lakes unsafe for swimming? Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, or yards can be washed into storm drains, which flow directly to our streams and lakes. Water with high concentrations of bacteria can cause human illness.



# FISCAL YEAR 2011-12 BUDGET

## CITY CONTINUES TO RESPOND TO DECLINING REVENUES

The City Council and staff members are deep into the development of the City's budget for the fiscal year that will begin on July 1 and, perhaps as usual in recent years, there is both bad news and good news to report.

The bad news is that City revenues are projected to decline again next year by an additional 2.2%, primarily due to the continued drop of both property values and revenue from the State of Michigan. This revenue squeeze on municipalities in Michigan is not new. The last year the State fully funded revenue sharing was a full decade ago and Grandville has been "shorted" to the tune of over \$3 million in that time period. The projected 4% decline in property tax revenue in 2011 comes on the heels of a similar decline in 2010. So, once again in 2011-12, the City budget will be under stress.

The good news is that, while the revenue decline has tightly squeezed the City budget, the City Council has been up to the challenge. Over that same decade, the City has closely monitored its fiscal health and used a consistently conservative approach to budgeting our revenues and limiting our expenditures, a focus on identifying potential cost savings and a commitment to efficiency to reduce our annual expenditures accordingly.

A multitude of strategies have been implemented to achieve these cost reductions. Here are just a few of the strategies and a sampling of examples of each:

*Shrinking the Government:* City work force reduced by 16 positions in the past 5 years.

*Privatization:* Water meter reading, landscape maintenance, building inspections, commercial and industrial assessing, janitorial services, IT systems maintenance.

*Collaboration:* With the Grandville Public Schools (summer recreation, Police School Liaison Officer, joint vehicle fueling center), Kent County (9-1-1 Dispatch Center, Kent Trails, Vice Team, soil erosion), the City of Wyoming (automatic fire response, pistol range, police training, records management system), the City of Walker (59<sup>th</sup> District Court and Probation).

*Labor Costs:* Wage freezes, health plan changes, increased employee contributions to health care coverage, no defined benefit pensions offered since the 1990's.

*Seeking Savings:* Re-bidding liability and property insurance, energy efficiency improvements to City buildings, participating in State and County bids on equipment and supplies.

These efforts will continue again in the coming fiscal year as the City fights to maintain an acceptable quality and quantity of services to residents in an economically challenging time. A public hearing on the recommended budget, once determined, will be held on May 9, 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.



## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GRANDVILLE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Committee would like to offer you, your business or your organization an opportunity to provide a fun-filled day of community enjoyment for thousands of City residents and their guests. You can help by making a general fund contribution to help offset Celebration costs. All contributions will be recognized on a prominently displayed "Sponsor Board" at the Celebration. They will also be featured on the City's website and listed in the July 4<sup>th</sup> program which is distributed throughout the community.

In order to publicly recognize our sponsors, we ask that donations be turned in by **June 1, 2011**. Please fill out the following form and mail to **City of Grandville Celebration Sponsorship, 3195 Wilson, Grandville MI 49418**



BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_  
DONATION: \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



Make your check payable to the Grandville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration  
Note: For information with regard to participation in Celebration events such as the parade or craft show, consult our website: [www.cityofgrandville.com](http://www.cityofgrandville.com). Vendor, Parade and Craft Festival Applications are available.

## KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY

Can I download electronic books from the library? Yes, you can! We have free ebooks available for download at <http://ebooks.mcls.org>. You can read Overdrive ebooks on a wide variety of devices, including iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, the Barnes & Noble Nook, Sony Reader, Android devices, and Windows/Mac computers. Learn all about downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks by clicking Free Digital Downloads at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org). To try out an ebook reader, stop by the library to see the Sony Reader display.

Can I download music from the library? Yes, you can! We have hundreds of thousands of free recordings from Sony Music Entertainment available through Freegal. Find Freegal by clicking Free Digital Downloads at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org). Each library cardholder can download three songs per week. The downloads on Freegal are all in the MP3 format with no DRM. This service will work with any MP3 player, including iPod, and can be loaded into iTunes. It works on both PCs and Macs.

### ISN'T MANGO A FRUIT?

Yes it is – but it's also is a free online language learning website! Mango teaches practical conversation skills for real communication. It's a fast, easy, and effective way to learn to speak a foreign language. Basic courses are offered for 34 foreign and 15 ESL languages along with many more in-depth courses. Access Mango via the "reference resources tab" at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org).

\* As a reminder, you will need a valid KDL card to access these free online resources. Happy downloading and learning!

### BOOK, CDS, DVDS DONATIONS ARE NEEDED

The Friends of the Library are always looking for donations for their resale shop, the Book Nook. Donations must be in good condition and published within the last five years. All Book Nook sale proceeds help support library programs and services. Think spring, think clean and donate today!

### ONE FOR THE BOOKS! GRANDVILLE READS 2011

Did you hear? Grandville's second annual community reading event sponsored by the Kent District Library-Grandville Branch was a real page-turner. Highlights included hundreds of books read and the first ever Battle of the Books. Curious George helped kick off the preschool portion, and Art Blast provided a venue for artists of all ages to display their work. Grandville Reads focused attention on three books that forced us to think about the concept of place and belonging: *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave, *Home of the Brave* by Katherine Applegate, and *All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon. We are grateful to many area sponsors who stepped up to help make Grandville Reads so spectacular.

### LIBRARY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Memorial Day, May 30  
Independence Day, July 4  
Labor Day, September 5

## SENIOR NEIGHBORS

### DAILY LUNCH

Did you know that we offer lunch for Seniors 60 and over?  
MONDAY – FRIDAY AT NOON

The food is great and it is only a \$2.00 donation. In addition, our menus include a full salad bar four days a week. Stop in and enjoy some socialization with lunch.

**Dancers Wanted** – In March we began putting together a group of senior dancers to perform at our Annual Senior Neighbors Picnic in August. If you like to dance, it's not too late to join us. It will be great exercise and a lot of fun. Call for more details.

**Odyssey of the Mind** -A new and exciting program is coming in the spring for seniors who like to have fun, be creative, and feel challenged! Seniors Neighbors, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids Community and Priority Health are developing a new community program for older adults called Senior Odyssey. We will be looking for teams to compete against each other in creative problem solving. We meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 12:30p.m. Space is limited.

**Free legal services** - Free 30 minute consultations with Attorney Mike Herring the second Thursday of every month from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sign up is required.

**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 a.m. - 12:00p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. provided by Linda Gray, CMT. \$10 for each 15 minutes of Massage.

**Better Business Bureau** - A Speaker from this organization will give a presentation on April 20 at 9:30 a.m.

**Cooking with Sheldon Meadows** - Come April 28 at 1:15 p.m. for this presentation!



*Health Fair – a Senior Neighbors/Lions Club joint project offered free screenings and services, information, prizes and healthy snacks.*

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Saturday, July 2

8:00 am.....37<sup>th</sup> YMCA Buck Creek Run & Walk Middle School  
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.....#10 Schoolhouse Open House .....Heritage Park  
 5:30 pm.....Little League All Star Game ..... Wedgwood Park  
 7:30 pm.....Guns vs. Scholars Softball Game Wedgwood Park

## Sunday, July 3

8:30 am.....Church in the Park ..... Wedgwood Park  
 6:00 pm.....Community Wide Worship..... Middle School

## Monday, July 4

7:30 am - 9:30 am.....12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast ..... Middle School  
 8:30 am.....Flag Raising Ceremony ..... Wedgwood Park  
 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.....3 on 3 Basketball ..... Middle School  
 9:00 a.m.-5:00 pm.....Arts and Crafts Show ..... Wedgwood Park  
**11:00 am. ....Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade..... Wilson Avenue**  
 12:00 pm - dark.....Food Vendors ..... Middle School  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Chainsaw Wood Carving ..... Wedgwood Park  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Blacksmith Demonstration ..... Wedgwood Park  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.....Penny Carnival..... Wedgwood Park  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Mr. and Mrs. Bubbles Face Painting. Middle School  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.....Hole in One Contest ..... Middle School  
 1:00 pm - dark.....Climbing Wall, Moonwalk, Maize ..... Middle School  
 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm ..... Pickleball Exhibition ..... Middle School  
 4:00 pm.....Premier Skydiving Exhibition ..... Middle School  
 5:30 pm - 10:15 pm.... Classic Fix (Live Music) ..... Middle School  
**AT DARK.....FIREWORKS (30 minute show) ... Middle School**

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**GRANDVILLE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE POLICY**  
 No items will be allowed to be placed in the public right-of-way along the parade route (Wilson Avenue) prior to 6:00 a.m. on Monday, July 4, 2011. This includes blankets chairs, ropes, stakes, tarps, signs or any other items intended to save spaces along the parade route.