

# **GRANT NEWS**

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## **GRANT ROADSIDE CLEAN UP DAY**

Set aside Saturday April 29th, from 9 am until noon, to help with road side clean up in Grant. All you need it a good pair of gloves, boots, plastic trash bags, and a sense of adventure - who knows what lurks on the shoulders and in the ditches of our roadways. The "treasures" (or trash) will be dropped off at the Grant Town Hall, 8380 North Kimbro. Our rain date is Saturday May 6th.

In addition to Roadside Cleanup, Grant residents may drop off large appliances at the City Hall the day of the clean up. Payment is due at the time of drop off. The fee schedule is: \$30.00 refrigerators/freezers; \$25.00 Stoves; \$20.00 dishwashers, washing machines, and water heaters; \$10.00 dehumidifiers. FYI, Maroney's will transport the appliances to the appropriate recycling/re-conditioning centers where hazardous materials are removed and parts "scavenged". Remember, both proof of Grant residency AND payment are required for this service.

We've had lots of helping hands in the past and look forward to meeting more neighbors during roadside clean up day. To sign up and co-ordinate locations, please contact Joyce Welander at Jowel1@juno.com or at 651-4439-2598. Thanks for giving a Saturday morning to your community.

## **VOTING PLACE TO BE CHANGED**

Starting with the Primary Election on September 12 of this year, residents of Grant will vote at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ located at 9050 N. 60<sup>th</sup> Street, by the intersection of the Highway 36 frontage road and Jarvis Ave.

This change has been made for several reasons. The Church has space for additional voting booths so that the lines will move faster. Also, the parking lot is larger and is paved, with easy access to the main entrance. There are indoor restroom facilities at the church, and there are phone/modem hook-ups so that our voter information can be reported electronically. All facilities are handicapped accessible. Postcards will be sent to your home reminding you of this change several weeks before the election.

## **ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED**

Meet your neighbors, and help the elections process at the same time. Election judges are needed for the two election days this fall, September 12 and November 7. Training sessions will be held in advance of these days, so no experience is necessary. Judges are paid minimum wage for their services, and usually work either from 6:30 AM to 2 PM or from 2 PM to 8:30 PM. Call Grant Clerk, Stephanie Marty at 651-426-3383 for more information and/or to sign up.

## **CALCIUM CHLORIDE INFORMATION**

In the August 5, 1999 *Grant News* , Glen Robinson reported the good experience he and his Jeffrey Ave. neighbors had by using calcium chloride to control dust and washboarding. If your neighborhood is interested in collecting funds to pay for 1 or 2 calcium chloride applications on your gravel road this spring and summer, you should obtain a [\*\*Calcium Chloride "Survey Response Sheet"\*\*](#) from the city office, or from the web site. You can call Joyce or Art Welander at 439-2598 to obtain an estimate of what the cost will be.

The calcium chloride will be placed on your street shortly after June 1, weather permitting. To obtain the maximum benefit from the calcium chloride application, your road will not be graded for about two months after the application unless you notify the city before that time that the road needs to be graded.

## **BEFORE YOU CUT DOWN THAT OLD DEAD TREE...by Lynn Keller**

Consider the wood ducks and owls. Standing dead trees, known as snags, are critical habitat for many birds and animals. In addition to providing nesting cavities for owls and wood ducks, you will often find hawks, osprey and eagles perching toward the top. We've had both bald eagles and a rarer golden eagle use an ugly, rotting birch outside our bedroom as a lookout post. Whether for firewood or just to "clean up the woods" and improve your view, think about what you want to see and who you want to visit.

## **NEW SHERIFF'S OFFICER FOR GRANT**

Grant has been fortunate for the past three years to have had Deputy Lonnie Van Klei in charge of our police protection. Lonnie announced at the April City Council meeting that he has been promoted into the Investigative Division of the Washington County Sheriff's department. Another sheriff's deputy will soon be assigned to Grant.

## **GLEN ROBINSON**

Glen Robinson, who has been on the Grant Planning Commission for almost twenty years, announced that last week's meeting would be his last! Glen and his wife Oree have been accepted as missionaries in Alaska, and will be teaching there for at least the next two years. Glen has helped to author many ordinances, and reviewed hundreds of requests over the years. The City Council would like to thank Glen for his many years of exceptional and dedicated service on the Planning Commission.

## **ST. CROIX VALLEY ATHLETIC PARTNERSHIP**

The mission of the non-profit St. Croix Valley Athletic Partnership (SCVAP) is to promote and advance athletics by providing sport facilities for the benefit of the youth in the St. Croix Valley. This includes the city of Grant's youth that are part of the District 834 school system. The SCVAP has obtained 90 acres of land just south of Hwy. 94 for twelve grassed sports fields and has built an irrigation systems, a holding pond, roads and parking. Phase II of the project, which they hope to complete this year, is to pave the roads, put up fences and lights.

Two SCVAP representatives gave a presentation to the Grant City Council in December. The project cost is \$2.4 million, and the group is trying to have 90% of the funding from private citizens or businesses, and 10% funding from the fifteen municipalities in the service area. Because Grant is divided between two school districts, the SCVAP did not look to Grant for funding based upon our population, but rather by the number of youth participants involved. The group has asked the city for an \$8000 contribution over the next two years.

While the City Council appreciates the mission of the SCVAP, and was very impressed with the work that has been accomplished to date, they chose not to donate from City coffers. The

reasons are that Grant is divided between two school districts, and each district has many sports programs that have asked for city funds in the past 96 and have been turned down. Grant does fund much of the care for the ball field at the Town Hall. Also, funds have not been budgeted for athletic programs.

However, the Council would like to advertise the needs of the SCVAP and the good work they are doing in hopes that Grant residents might choose to donate to their cause. The address is: St. Croix Valley Athletic Partnership, INC. / P.O. Box 203, Stillwater, MN 55082 / 651-439-1028 / <http://www.scvap.org>. If you donate, please let them know you are from Grant.

## DOGS

The City has had numerous complaints of dogs being a nuisance lately. The following is taken from the Dog Ordinance (No. [1998-84](#)). Copies of the entire ordinance can be obtained at the City office or from the web site. FYI, nuisances include:

- Any dog that damages property, including plantings, lawns or structures, or that deposits fecal matter off of the owner's property that the owner fails to remove promptly.
- Any dog that, without provocation, chases, molests or approaches any person in a threatening manner upon the streets, sidewalks, right-of-way, or any public property, or habitually chases automobiles on the public streets or highways.
- Any dog that kills or attacks another animal or livestock without provocation while off the owner's property

Calls have been coming in about dogs running loose, sometimes in packs of two or three. No person shall allow a dog to run at large at any time.

*At large* means off the premises of the owner and not under the physical control (by leash or by voice) of the owner, a member of the owner's immediate family, or a person designated by the owner.

## WEB PAGE

Where can you read the City's new [Treadway Ordinance 2000-86](#), or download a "[survey response sheet](#)" to get Calcium Chloride for your neighborhood, or read Planning Commission/City Council minutes, or find out what the sheriff and fire department calls were for last month, or see what is happening with the Hwy 36 study???? The Grant Web Page has it all, see it at [www.ci.grant.mn.us](http://www.ci.grant.mn.us).

## **MEETING DATES all meetings are held at the Town Hall on Kimbro, and begin at 7 PM**

Planning Commission: April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 24

City Council: May 2, June 6, July 11, August 1

## **MN HOME LAWN CARE GUIDE from the Washington County Soil & Water Conservation Agency**

	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Seeding	x	x			o	o		
Sodding	o	o	o	x	x	o	o	
Fertilizing	x	x	x		o	o	o	o
Mowing	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Watering								
Aeration	x	x			o	o	o	
De-thatch	x	x			o	o		
Crabgrass Control	o (pre-emerge)	o	x (post-emerge)	x	x			
Broadleaf Weed Control	x	x	x			o	o	

*Legend: x - Indicates the BEST time of year to carry out this lawn practice*

*o - Indicates the time of year to carry out this lawn practice be done*

CAN

*Indicates time of year  
when this lawn  
practice can be done*

*Here's How to Keep  
Lawn Care Products Out  
of Your Runoff:*

- *Always read and follow label directions when using lawn care products and disposing of their containers.*
- *If you fertilize your lawn, use a no or low phosphorus fertilizer unless a soil test indicates otherwise.*
- *Don't apply lawn care products to frozen ground wait until the grass starts growing.*
- *Sweep up and reuse any lawn care products that fall on streets, sidewalks, and driveways.*