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## THE GRANT NEWS FROM YOUR CITY COUNCIL

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Winter 2003

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### FROM YOUR MAYOR by Tom Carr

It's a new year! Lots of stuff to take care of and look forward to. It seems like this is a good time to make resolutions as far as the City of Grant / Council to what we'll do better in the next year. Road maintenance (always a conversation starter), money managing, our park access, care of the ball field, cable broadcasting meetings, get lower fire insurance rates for homeowners and a more responsive city are things that will happen or are in the works this year. That's a pretty good list!

Also this year I would ask that you would take a little time to try and think of things that you could do for Grant. i.e. John Kennedy. Suggestions to the City Council do count.

And also try and remember that the people who are making the decisions on the City's behalf are making very little if anything to try and make Grant a nice place to live. I look forward to a good year and I wish you the same.

Some notes:

On the state front the Met Council is changing which could affect the City with long term planning issues. Maybe even short term. The transfer station may be gone with the property sold to the school district for ball fields and future use. This should be a win/win for everyone.



### THE SHERIFF SAYS by Deputy Sheriff Marc Lombardi

Winter is here, so I would like to advise Grant city residents on some of the do's and don'ts of snowmobile and

## ATV use in the City of Grant.

It is acceptable to ride either your snowmobile or ATV on the outermost portion of a ditch of any designated county road in Washington County, unless otherwise posted. Snowmobile or AVT users may ride against traffic flow in the ditch during the daytime, but **MUST** ride in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic during the nighttime. ATV use in county ditches is permissible from August 1st through April 1st.

It is acceptable to ride either your snowmobile or ATV on any local street within Grant City limits. Snowmobile or ATV uses must obey the same traffic laws as motor vehicles while traveling on local streets.

It is illegal for snowmobile or ATV users to drive on private property, unless the user has verbal or written permission from the property owner. It is illegal to ride any motorized vehicle on any portion of the Gateway Trail. It is illegal to ride on any school district or any other property owned by the City of Grant, unless City officials have granted you permission.

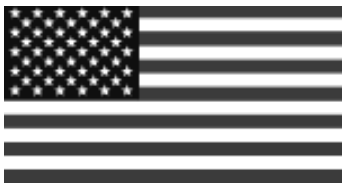
It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile with metal traction devices, including, but not limited to carbide studs, on any paved Washington County trail or any paved or unpaved portion of the Washington County Regional Railroad Authority Corridor (Hardwood Creek Trail.)

While traveling on lakes in the City of Grant, Snowmobile or ATV users must ride at least 100 feet away from any fish house.

It is illegal to ride an OHM (off highway motorcycle) on any public roadway anywhere in Washington County. OHM use is only acceptable on private property with verbal or written permission from the property owner.

Most cities and townships in Washington County have their own ordinances for snowmobile or ATV use. If you would like more information about where you can ride in Washington County, feel free to speak with one of our Water, Parks and Trails Deputies at (651) 430-7857.

Just remember, be careful and don't drink and ride.



**SPECIAL ELECTION...** A vacancy has occurred in the office of State Representative of House District 52B of the State of Minnesota caused by the resignation of Representative Mark Holsten. A Special Election will be held on February 11, 2003 at the City of Grant's polling place (the Risen Christ Church, 9050 N 60th Street), from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Absentee Voting will be conducted at the COUNTY only. They will be open on Saturday January 25, 2003 and Saturday, February 8 before the elections from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Monday January 27, 2003 and Monday February 10, 2003 before the election from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information and a list of candidates go to the Secretary of State web site at: <http://www.state.mn.us/ebranch/sos/>



## CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS by Rick Vanzwol

## September 2002

- Adopted the preliminary budget for 2003 and certified the preliminary tax levy number.
- Approved the Scott Olson variance request for a garage location closer to the road than the residence.
- Adopted MNDOT recommendation to reduce the speed limit on Kimbro Avenue to 45 MPH.
- Placed a moratorium on all development until January 8, 2003.
- Accepted the Auditor's report for the year 2001.

## October 2002

- Approved the Roy Olson minor subdivision (lot line rearrangement).
- Agreed to plow snow on Hillcrest Court in Meadowlark Preserve.
- Removed the moratorium on all development and placed a moratorium on all adult entertainment businesses for six months.

## November 2002

- Approved a resolution certifying the November 5 election results.
- Issued a certificate of compliance to Scott Warren for an accessory building closer to the road than the residence.
- Approved spending up to \$2,000 to repair an erosion problem in Orchard Hills.
- Extended a moratorium on permitting Seasonal Business in A-2 zones until July 2003.
- Agreed to hear a proposal from the Eckberg law firm regarding representation by that firm as the City Attorney.

## December 2002

- Approved the MaeDelle Peterson minor subdivision request.
- Reappointed David Sherlock and Elizabeth Mursko to three year Planning Commission Terms.
- Appointed Nancy Havlish and Joyce Welander to three year Planning Commission Terms.
- Agreed to consider modifying the lease terms of the Tristar Communications Tower on the City Hall property.
- Appointed the Eckberg Law Firm as the Grant City Attorney beginning January 2, 2003.
- Agreed to proceed with a Purchase Agreement and Contract for Deed for the Waste Management property (formerly Bellaire Sanitation).
- Conducted the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 10, 2002.

## January 2003

- Heard a report on a methamphetamine lab on the premises of a residence on 110th Street. Agreed to do further investigation about potential ongoing hazards to the community.
- Approved appointments for Council Members and others. Approved formation of a Finance Committee and a Roads Committee.
- Appointed Kevin Shoeberg to represent the City in the Waste Management issue, the Fritz agreement, and prosecutions.
- Approved a variance request for the Stinski property.
- Passed a replacement Planning Commission Ordinance 2003-96.
- Accepted Barb Ramsden's resignation from the Planning Commission and Appointed Howard Gochberg to fill the 2 year remainder of this term.
- Agreed to do snow plowing on 118th Street east of Kimbro Avenue.

- Passed Resolution 2003-1 enabling video taping and cable casting of City Council and Planning Commission meetings as soon as the equipment is provided by the Ramsey/Washington Cable Commission.
- Appointed Kevin Shoeberg as the City Attorney.
- Recinded the December motion to appoint Havlish and Welander to the Planning Commission.
- Adopted a new Planning Commission ordinance requiring a public application process for new Planning Commissioners.

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## LEGAL NOTICES...

are published in the White Bear and St. Croix Valley Press. Please call Mary ( 407-1241 ) at the Press Publications if you are not receiving either paper or have troubles with delivery.

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## ROAD WEARY?

Rick Vanzwol is the new Road Commissioner. Get involved - watch the web-site or call the office for information on a roads committee. Rick can be reached at: 426-2378 or rvanzwol@aol.com



## PLANNING COMMISSION

As of January 27, 2003 there are three Planning Commission vacancies. If interested in serving in the volunteer capacity, complete an application by February 20th. Applications are available in the Grant City office or printable from the website. Interviews and selection will take place end of February/beginning of March.

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For application submission deadlines for presentations to the Planning Commission, please check the website [www.ci.grant.mn.us](http://www.ci.grant.mn.us) or call the Grant City Clerk at 651- 426-3383. Dates were not available at time of printing.

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## HISTORY REPORT

In the 1917 Plat Book owned by Pat Kendrick DeMars, Grant's western border is located in the middle of White Bear Lake. An important landmark was the Duluth Junction. We would love to share your bit of history too.

The Historic Preservation Committee met on January 27, 2003. They continue to gather information on the historic schools that were located in Grant. Information from the Washington County Historical Society has been obtained. The earliest school discovered was from 1855 District 10 at 110th and Lansing. It was called the Greeder School. Any information about any of the schools, or copies of pictures that you can add to this would be appreciated.

The committee continues to work on identifying historic sites within Grant.

Howard Gochberg is looking at the long-term historic status of the Grant Town Hall. This includes determining the correct maintenance, possible renovations and necessary legal status of this committee.

We are always looking for information, committee members or interested individuals. Contact Sharon Schwarze at 429-2153 or [ksjta@aol.com](mailto:ksjta@aol.com).

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## **BLOWING IN THE WIND**

Both a popular Peter, Paul and Mary song of the 60's and Grant's roads on recycling day!

Maroney's Sanitation Inc, both a Grant city business and Grant's recyclers have the following requests to help keep our roadways clean and 'stuff' out of our landfills. All items need to be contained, whether in paper sacks/bags, or recycling bins.

Glass recycling: remove lids, rinse glass clean, and separate into three color categories: clear, green, and brown/blue/amber.

Aluminum and Bi-metal cans including foil: rinse, and flatten if possible.

Magazines, Mixed Mail, phone books, and boxboard should all be bagged to prevent blowing. Wax bags from inside those cereal/snack boxes must be removed.

Newsprint must be bagged in paper bags - don't let it blow around, and don't put it in plastic bags.

Plastics must be narrow necked (#'s 1,2,3,4 or 5) rinsed, flattened, and contained so they don't blow around.

Pick-ups will continue to be the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. If Thursday is a holiday, the following day, Friday recycling will be picked up. That makes the schedule for the year:

February 13, 27	March 13, 27	April 10, 24	May 8, 22	June 12,
26	July 10, 24			
August 14, 28	September 11, 25	October 9, 23	November 13, 28	December 11, 26

Please have your recycling out by 7 am... and remember if it goes out the night before come spring, make sure critters don't get into it and scatter it. New residents can pick up a recycling bin from Art or Joyce Welander: 439-2598.

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## **GRANT RANT**

The Grant News has been criticized for being 'milquetoast' - containing no controversial subjects, no hot topics.

This is intentional. Grant News is a city publication that needs council approval before being published. Obtaining

consensus on content can be challenging. And, as humans, we will always be unable to report hot issues without bias, personal interpretation, honest mistakes or even the decision of what details to include and exclude. The subjective self will be heard/seen.

So we, the staff and volunteers in Grant, ask that you attend the meetings yourself. Hear for your self. Bring your ideas. Form your own opinions. Don't rely on hearsay or just what is reported or opinioned in the papers.

Recent meetings have been lengthy and at times 'uncivil' (personal opinion word!). In an effort to maintain order and ensure all voices are heard, please follow the suggested conduct: those wishing to address the Council, please wait until recognized by the chair before commenting; clearly state your name and address; direct comments to the elected/appointed officials; and keep things as brief and courteous as possible. Those in the audience, please take conversations outside and refrain from sideline comments to others in the room.

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## ROADSIDE CLEAN UP RALLY

Saturday April 26th is the date for the annual Grant Road Side Clean Up. Joyce Welander has offered to co-ordinate this citywide event again and is your contact for road assignments. Joyce can be reached at 439-2598 or weljo1@aol.com. Saturday May 3rd is the rain date.

For those who have not participated - all you need is a good pair of gloves, plastic trash bags, and sturdy footgear. Roadside trash (and treasures) are brought to the Grant City Hall on Kimbro between nine and noon, where Maroney's Sanitation will handle disposal. It's a good way to enjoy that fresh country air and meet fellow Grant neighbors.

For a fee, Grant residents may drop off their own appliances for recycling at the town hall. Proof of residency (driver's license) and payment are required on that day. The fees are:

Refrigerator or Freezer: \$30

Stove: \$25

Dishwasher, Washing Machine, Dryer, Hot Water Heater or De-Humidifier: \$20

Maroney's Sanitation will deliver these appliances to A-Plus Appliance in St. Paul for removal of hazardous waste and recycling.

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