



Grant Launches New, Improved Website!

The City launched its new website in March; the address is www.cityofgrant.com

By Glenn Larson
City of Grant Webmaster

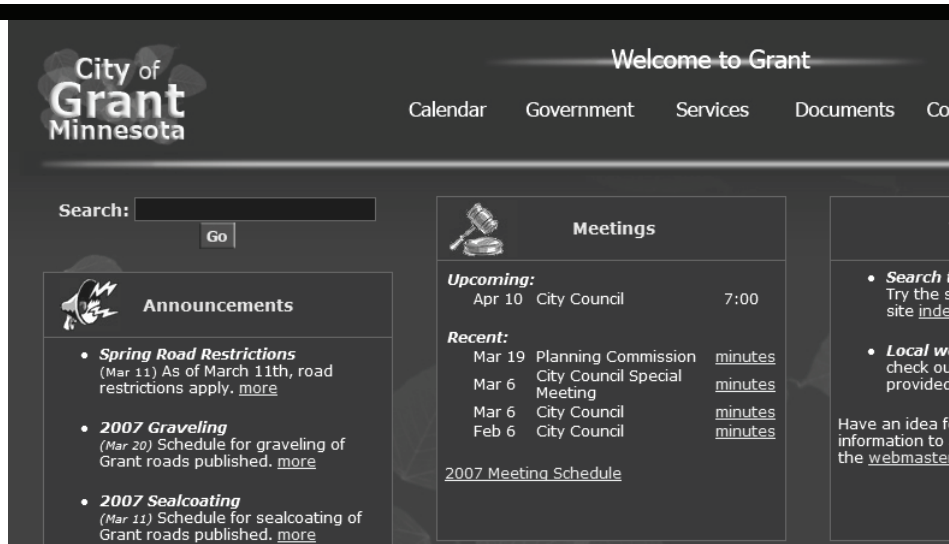
The new website is designed to make access to information about Grant, its government, and the community easier and more enjoyable.

Search the Website

One of the best enhancements with the new website is a full search capability. You may now search all meeting minutes, ordinances, city policies, personnel directories, or anything else on the website. Just type in what you're looking for, and click Go! You'll be given a list of all pages and documents containing your search word or phrase, and links to access them. There is also an advanced search feature for more refined searching, as well as a site index and site map.

Keep Up To Date

Stay informed with frequent updates on City Council actions, road updates,



news, and other announcements of interest to Grant citizens. View the detailed calendar of events for meeting schedules, cable broadcasts, and other community events.

Follow the Roads

The new website features extensive information on Grant roads, such as sealcoating and graveling schedules, road projects, and maintenance information. View maps of Grant roads and other

information concerning road issues in Grant.

Fun Stuff

The new website also contains items for community enjoyment. Visit the weather page run by Grant citizens with extensive local meteorological data. Or submit your photos taken in Grant to the photo contest. Watch for future community interest and involvement items, too.

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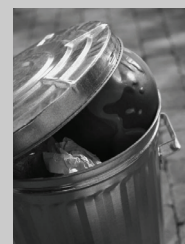
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Mayor's Corner

by Mayor Tom Carr

There have already been several changes in the city since the beginning of the year. I'd like to recap the bigger ones for you.

- Brad Hinseth & Scott Fogelson were sworn in as City Council members. I was appointed Mayor.
- Brad Hinseth was appointed Road Commissioner. Brad was the former Planning Commission Chair and now has volunteered to take on this position. Thanks Brad!
- Kim Points was hired as the City Clerk. Kim has been a great addition to our staff!
- Grant resident Bob Mikkelsen has agreed to step in as the City Treasurer. He will work with Kim Points to streamline the City's finances. Bob was a former Grant Township Treasurer. He will be a wonderful asset for his financial guidance. Thanks Bob!
- Kim Linner has been leading the

City's efforts to preserve our Town Hall and to have our city ordinances codified. This will make the city documents easier to find and to understand. Thank you Kim!

- The City of Grant website has a new look! With Webmaster, Glenn Larson working to modernize this important resource, Grant residents will not only benefit from our goal of keeping the website updated, but will also find searching for information much easier. Thanks for all your work on this Glenn!
- Scott & LuAnne Fogelson have volunteered to head up a Grant Picnic committee. It will be a great opportunity to celebrate our City and meet neighbors! The plan is being discussed and may include crafts and food products, 4-H, old tractors, softball and

other ideas that you, the residents, may want. Please send your suggestions to Scott. Thanks, Scott!

- Nancy Levitz has been assisting Brad in transitioning the Road Commissioner duties. Thanks for all your hard work on the past road issues, Nancy!
- I've been busy getting the clerk and treasurer settled in and helping with any issues that may arise. It's a process, but we're moving forward.

As always we welcome your participation in what is happening in **your city** and hope to see you at the meetings. If not then, I'll see you on the ball fields or streets of Grant this summer!

Take care!

Tom

Country Roads, Take Me Home

By Brad Hinseth
Grant Road Commissioner

While talking to voters in Grant last fall, it was clear to me that Grant residents desire to have their roads maintained thoughtfully and effectively without ballooning the budget on huge, unnecessary projects. In short, folks in Grant like things the way they are, but want improved road maintenance.

Improved Maintenance

To that end, I proposed and the Council approved, the sealcoating of paved roads that are overdue for this regular maintenance and increased spending on the graveling of gravel roads. I am also exploring more funding for potholing and dust control, as well as small repair and culvert projects.

The overall goal, after attending to overdue maintenance, is to develop a

long range regular maintenance schedule for all Grant roads.

Spring Weight Restrictions

Seasonal weight restrictions on roads statewide took effect until further notice on March 11, 2007. The spring weight restriction in effect on all Grant roads is 5 tons per axle until the statewide restrictions are lifted. Emergency exceptions and permits for Grant roads are available from the Grant Road Commissioner.

Resident Efforts

I occasionally receive calls from residents asking, for instance, why broken off chunks of road asphalt have not been picked up. When you see something that you think is a problem on your own road or road frontage that you could easily remedy (like small chunks of asphalt on the road), please feel free to take care of it. Folks, I'm no spring



chicken, but when it comes to brush, drainage, mowing, or litter, I take care of whatever I can that I think is a problem on my own road frontage. If you are not physically able to lift a finger in this regard, you have hopefully made friends of helpful, able-bodied neighbors. You can lower your taxes and improve the road in front of your home with a little effort. If you don't help, having our various maintenance contractors constantly addressing very minor problems that you could solve will unnecessarily increase your taxes.

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New Phone and Email

The new Grant Road Commissioner phone number is 651-707-2780 and email: brad@cityofgrant.com.

More detail and information on Grant Roads is available on the new official Grant website www.cityofgrant.com.

Road Commissioner Brad Hinseth has a dedicated cell phone number for handling issues pertaining to Grant's roads. Not only will Brad be available on-site if needed, he can also record pertinent messages for Grant residents to receive when calling the **Road Line:**

651-707-2780

A Short Course in Driver Safety

Running stop lights and stop signs is dangerous, for you and for others. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reports that approximately 40% of all traffic crashes are intersection-related. The most devastating of these intersection-related crashes are those that are caused by persons running red lights. While we don't have an abundance of signal lights in Grant, stop signs require the same care when driving.

Be careful around intersections. If you are one of the many who accelerate when seeing a yellow light in hopes of "beating it," please re-think what you are doing. We all should know a yellow light means we need to **slow down** because the light is about to change to red. Just as important, if not more, is what to do when you have a green light. Your job then is to **watch for red-light runners!** Look left, right, and then left again to make sure the intersection is safe before you enter it. Again, red light run-



ners are often speeding, so make sure you look down the road far enough to see them coming.

This same strategy should also be used at intersections with stop signs. Many of the roads in Grant may be lightly traveled, but traffic laws still need to be followed. Learn to be a **defensive driver!** Drive as if **other drivers do not abide by traffic laws** and you may well save yourself, your family, and the other driver and family from tragedy!

Please slow down and be an attentive, patient driver, no matter how pressured or late you are. Pay special attention to intersections! Do the right thing and obey all traffic laws. Do it for yourself, for others on the road, and for children that are watching your example.

Drive Safely! Lives depend on it!

There Isn't a Problem Gravel Roads Couldn't Fix

Found circling the Internet
By Paul Harvey

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved.

There's not a problem in America today: crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency that wouldn't be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride.

That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home...a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along.

There was less crime in our streets before they were paved.

Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by 5 barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun. And there were no drive by shootings.

Our values were better when our roads were worse!

People did not worship their cars more than their kids, and motorists were more courteous, they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust & bust

your windshield with rocks. Dirt Roads taught patience.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly; you didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk you walked to the barn for your milk. For your mail, you walked to the mail box.



What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap.

Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole. At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out.

Usually you got a dollar...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road!



Is My Barn Eco-friendly?

Adapted with permission from Betsy Gilkerson
University of Minnesota Extension Service

Submitted by Melissa Lewis
Washington Conservation District

Many livestock owners are concerned about their affect on our environment and natural resources. It doesn't matter what kind of livestock you have, they all can be quite easy – or hard - on natural resources. Take this quiz to determine how eco-friendly your livestock operation is. (Circle Y for Yes, N for No)

Livestock Exclusion

- Y / N** Animals are fenced 30-100 feet from sensitive water features such as wellheads, creeks, streams, lakes, and wetlands. This fenced area is called a filter strip or buffer. Steeper slopes require wider filter strips, and ideally animals should also be kept off septic systems to prevent compaction and damage.
- Y / N** Filter Strip is maintained with good vegetative cover and weeds are managed. Trees and shrubs are encouraged.

Nutrient Management

- Y / N** A manure management plan has been established and is followed which includes designated areas for stockpiling and spreading, manure removal and/or spreading schedule, and management technique such as composting.
- Y / N** Stockpiled manure is stored on a cement pad or compacted clay and removed semi-annually.
- Y / N** Manure stockpile and feedlot are not within a drainage way, at least 150 feet from sensitive waters, and are not allowed to run off into sensitive waters.
- Y / N** Fields and pastures are tested for phosphorus and other nutrients every 2-3 years and nutrient recommendations are followed when spreading manure and/or fertilizing.
- Y / N** If you fertilize your lawn, phosphorus free fertilizers are used and the fertilizer is kept away from sensitive features, driveways, and ditches.

Pasture Management and Erosion Control

- Y / N** Amount of bare soil on the property is minimized through the use of designated sacrifice areas / feedlots and pasture management techniques that ensure continual high-quality ground cover.
- Y / N** Gullies on the property are stabilized and not at risk of being overgrazed.
- Y / N** Runoff from bare and paved areas is filtered through a vegetative buffer strip.

Clean Water

- Y / N** Runoff from impervious surfaces such as driveways, parking areas, arenas, and rooftops are directed through vegetative buffer strips – away from bare soils and manure storage facilities.
- Y / N** Stormwater from the property is collected so it can infiltrate into the ground and recharge groundwater (e.g. rain barrel, raingarden).

Best Management Practices

- Y / N** Label instructions are followed for dilution, application, and storage of all hazardous chemicals (e.g. gasoline, paints, cleaning products, pesticides, and fertilizers).
- Y / N** University of Minnesota guidelines for applying chemicals are used, including the setback guidelines and avoiding spray drift.

- Y / N** Hazardous chemicals are purchased in quantities that can be used within a year and unused chemicals are disposed at hazardous waste facilities.
- Y / N** Noxious weeds such as Canada thistle, bull thistle, and purple loosestrife are controlled.
- Y / N** Non-native, invasive species such as buckthorn, spotted knapweed, garlic mustard, and Siberian elm are controlled.

Bonus Question

- Y / N** Do you plant native plants (instead of non-native plants) whenever possible?
- If you answered *Yes* to all these questions, pat yourself on the back. **You are eco-friendly!**
 - If you answered *No* to any of these

Yes Answers	Grade
0-4	Poor – call me, we have work to do
5-10	I've seen worse – you can do better
11-15	Good work – keep going
16+	Child of nature – keep up the great work!

For more information, visit the **Minnesota Extension Service website** at www.extension.umn.edu

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For assistance with improvements or water quality & natural resource questions, **contact Melissa Lewis, Natural Resource Specialist at the Washington Conservation District at 651-275-1136 x22 or melissa.lewis@mnwcd.org**.

Grant Roadside Cleanup is Saturday, April 21, 2007

It's time again for the annual spring roadside cleanup. Residents may volunteer to pick up trash along a specific section of roadway by contacting **Joyce** at **439-2598** or email: weljo1@aol.com.

Neighbors may work together to coordinate the cleanup along their roads. Rubber gloves, boots, and trash bags are helpful in snagging your 'street finds'.

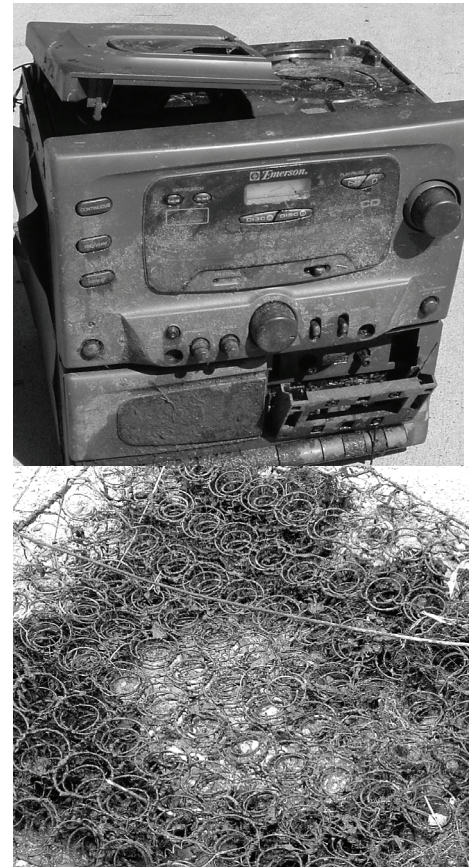
Maroney's picks up large appliances *for a fee* (see fee table).

Payment and proof of residency in Grant are **required** to take advantage of appliance disposal. Fee is payable on site.

Disposal of street trash and fee based recycling service will be at the **Grant Town Hall parking lot, 8380 Kimbro Ave, 9:00am—noon.**

Rain date is Saturday, April 28.

Type of Appliance	2007 Fee
Refrigerator	\$40
Freezer	\$40
Air Conditioner	\$40
Stove	\$35
Washing Machine	\$35
Dryer	\$35
Hot Water Heater	\$35
De-humidifier	\$25
TV (call if over 40")	\$25
Dishwasher	\$15
Tires	Price
Car Tire / w rim	\$5 / \$7
Truck Tire /w rim	\$10 / \$12
Tractor Tire	\$15



These items; stereo, top; mattress, bottom; were recovered from a local lake.

Fishing

By Tyler Linner

I was walking the dog and what did I see
In the pond; was it a weed? Was it a tree?
I gingerly walked to the shore with care
And upon closer looking, saw it was a chair.
Not a recliner or a sofa, I cussed,
It was a lawn chair, all covered in rust!

Was that all there was, a lonely ol' lounge?
I would've thought so, if I wasn't a scrounger.
But, alas, I peered deeper into the mud
And the realization hit me -- *thud!*
It was not one, two, or even three,
But a quad of lawn chairs waiting for me.

So I walked the pup home to get some rest
And came back later to do my best.
I hooked my trailer up to my bike
And pedaled to the lake with a long hooked pike.
Then with my trusty hoe in hand
I waded deeper away from the land.

Tugging and pulling was needed, you see,
The trash was rooted like a tree.
Finally I got it all out of the water
And bungeed it crudely; what did it matter?
Towing it home was quite a trial,
But doing my part was worth the while.

This poem was based on a true story. Please, don't dispose of junk where it shouldn't go. If you do spot it, though, do your part and clean it up. Grant stays beautiful only when caring citizens act wisely in nature. Thank you for disposing of all of your trash properly. Concerned citizen, Tyler Linner

Search for Pocket Gophers

When the snow melts this spring, we are sure to see signs of the plains pocket gopher (*Geomys bursarius*). While gophers eat mostly plant roots, occasionally they also venture just outside their burrows to feed on aboveground vegetation. Sometimes they pull vegetation into their tunnel from below.

Pocket gophers are strict herbivores, eating grasses, shrubs, and trees. Alfalfa and, oddly, dandelions are some of the most preferred and nutritious foods for pocket gophers.

Gophers, when they're smart, build their burrows where they have the most available food supplies. (*Duh!*) By eating the plant roots, vegetation is destroyed or thinned directly over their burrows. Since plant roots are what keep the earth in place, those bare patches of earth and gopher mounds, particularly when on slopes, mean the top soil is

vulnerable to erosion.

Believe it or not, gopher activity does have some benefits. It increases water infiltration and reduces soil compaction. That being said, the damage can easily outweigh the benefits. Gophers can reduce hay and alfalfa yields by almost 50%! The mounds can also damage mowing and hay baling equipment. Holes or burrows near the surface can also cause injury to grazing animals. Gophers can damage underground utility cables and irrigation pipe by their burrowing activity. Gopher tunnels can channel water runoff, causing loss of surface water, especially detrimental in irrigation. A side effect of gopher pres-

ence is that it increases the likelihood of badger activity, which can also cause considerable damage.

There are several natural ways agricultural uses can minimize problems with pocket gophers. Crop Rotation and Grain Buffer Strips allow an interruption in the food sources for pocket gophers. Rotating alfalfa with grain crops or planting 50foot buffer strips of grain around hay fields provides minimal root structure for the food source gophers need to survive year-round and can minimize immigration of gophers into those hay fields.

As with weed control, gopher control takes a commitment and requires attention to timing. While poisoning and trapping are the most common ways to control gophers, baiting the burrows is time-consuming and involves the use of toxic substances. Trapping takes time and works well in small areas (and larger ones, if a cheap labor source exists).

Tips for effective trapping can be found on the Internet.

Search: pocket gopher trapping



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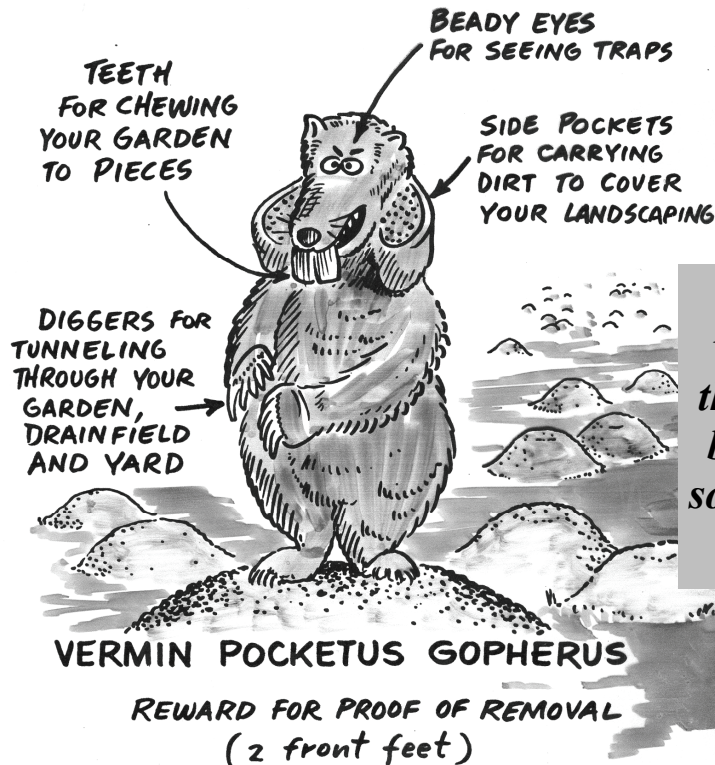
Give Your Feedback

Help improve the Grant website by giving your feedback. How could it be more useful? What additional information would you like to see? Use the convenient feedback page, or send email to webmaster@cityofgrant.com.

More to Come

The website is brand new and just getting started. Watch for new features, such as online forms and applications, "How Do I?" help pages, email notifications, and more. Let us know how the city website can better serve your needs as a Grant citizen.

Visit: www.cityofgrant.com



**Hey kids-
what about
that "gopher
bounty" for
some summer
cash?**

Drawing by: Ray Hostager

Upcoming Events

Build Your Own Rain Barrel

Materials, tools, & instructions provided. Saturday, April 28th, 10 am-1pm. Contact the Washington Conservation District at 651-275-1136 x24 for more info or check online at www.mncwd.org for registration form. This workshop is limited to the first 30 to sign up.

Seedling Tree Sale

Contact the Washington Conservation District at 651-275-1136 x24 for more information or check the website for species list and order form: www.mncwd.org. Tree pick up for the Washington Conservation District Spring Tree Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday April 28th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. We are not responsible for trees not picked up by the pick up date. If you can't pick up your trees at the time listed above, please call 651-275-1136 x24 to make other arrangements.

What's That Weed?

Submitted by Joyce Welandar

Are we talking about the newest prime-time Game Show? No, most of us are breathing a fresh sigh of relief that spring is just around the corner! And with spring, comes the growing season, and along with that, comes noxious (or, shall we say, obnoxious) WEEDS!

Are you able to name the 10 most well-known Noxious Weeds? Can you identify them? Are you smarter than a fifth grader...*(Say...that just may make a good prime-time Game Show!)*

State Law places the Burden of Ridance on the communities who allow such Noxious Weeds and others to flourish at will. Grant, therefore, follows State guidelines and encourages residents to be diligent in getting rid of nox-

ious weeds this coming spring. Especially before they mature to the point that, with the help of the wind and the birds, allows further spreading to your, and your neighbor's, property.

The City of Grant, again in 2007, designated Joyce Welandar as Weed Inspector. In the event a property appears to be in violation of state law pertaining to noxious weed growth, a notice will be sent to property owners to cut their weeds.

**Are you able to
name the ten
most well-
known Noxious
Weeds in MN?**



Answer: Poison Ivy

Noxious Plants of Minnesota

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A noxious weed, as defined by Minnesota Law, is an annual, biennial, or perennial which is deemed by the Commissioner of Agriculture to be "injurious to public health, public roads, environment, crops, livestock, and other property." The lists of plants deemed noxious under the Minnesota Noxious Weed Law are contained in Minnesota Rules 1505.0730 to 1505.0750.

The following excerpt is from Beverly R. Durgan's article, titled "Identification of the Primary Noxious Weeds of Minnesota."

This publication will be limited to the identification of the ten primary noxious weeds on the primary noxious weed list in Minnesota. This list includes six perennial, three biennial, and one annual weed.

Annual weeds germinate and emerge from seed and complete their life cycle in one growing season. Annual weeds that complete their life cycle during the period from spring to fall are called **summer annuals** or just annuals. Annual weeds that complete their life cycle during the period from fall to spring are called **winter annuals**. **There is only one annual weed on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list -- hemp.**

Biennial weeds require two growing seasons to complete their life cycle. Biennials form a rosette (clusters of leaves close to the ground) the first year and during the second year they develop a flower stalk, flower, produce seed, and then the plant dies. **The three biennial weeds on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list are: bull thistle, musk thistle, and plumeless thistle.**

A perennial weed can live for 3 or

more years. Perennial weeds may emerge from seed like annuals and biennials, but also emerge from rhizomes, stolons, or other underground storage organs. **The six perennial weeds on the Minnesota Noxious Weed list are: field bindweed, purple loosestrife, poison ivy, leafy spurge, perennial sow thistle, Canada thistle.**

Interested in Learning More?

Beverly R. Durgan's article, "Identification of the Primary Noxious Weeds of Minnesota," can be purchased from: www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/cropsystems/DC5620.html with color photos for \$3.00 plus shipping/handling by clicking the "to order" link at the top of the publication or going to: www.extension.umn.edu/shopping and entering/ "05620" (the publication item #) in the Search Extension box.

Courage Riders Need Horses for Program

Submitted by Gay Soltis

Courage Riders is a Courage St. Croix therapeutic horseback riding program. It provides horseback riding for children with physical or sensory integration disabilities in order to improve physical, cognitive, and communication skills. The spring, summer and fall sessions are held at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Tuesday evenings from May through the end of September. There are three classes each Tuesday run by a certified instructor, a physical therapist and many volunteers.

Courage St. Croix does not own horses, so it depends on the generosity of horse owners to volunteer their horses to the program. The owners are responsible for getting the horses to and from the fairgrounds each week, and many of the owners also volunteer for the program. Horses are tested for soundness and compatibility before being accepted. Older, bombproof horses who are balanced at a walk are the best candidates. Courage Riders prefers that the horse's owners commit to bringing their animals to all three sessions each year. There is on-site training for the horses during the same time the human volunteers are trained. This occurs at the fairground at the end of April.

Courage Riders needs horses for the upcoming season and is appealing to horse owners for their help. There is a waiting list of children who want to ride this year and, of course, that is impossible if we don't have horses.

If anyone has a horse that may be able to help, call the Coordinator and instructor, Gay Soltis, at 651-351-2315 or at 715-386-0093. She will arrange to come to the owner's site to evaluate the horse for the program.



Pasture Management Calendar

Winter/Early Spring (December 1 – April 15)

- Plan for the year
- Remove animals during thaw and when muddy

Spring (April 15- May 15)

- Keep animals off grass till 6-8 inches tall
- Set up fences for rotating and exclusion from creeks and wetlands
- Plant cool season grass
- Flash graze

Late Spring/ Early Summer (May 15- June 15)

- Chemical control of annual weeds and second year growth of biennial weeds
- Start rotating pastures
- Plant warm season grass
- Mow and/or harrow as needed

Summer (June 15- August 15)

- Rotate pastures as needed
- Harrow as needed
- Mow as needed
- Fertilize as needed¹

Summer/Early Fall (August 15- September 15)

- Rotate pastures as needed
- Harrow as needed
- Mow as needed
- Fertilize as needed¹

Fall (September 15- October 15)

- Best time for chemical control of perennial weeds and first year growth of biennial weeds
- Send soil samples to U of M for fertilizer recommendations.²
- Remove animals before frost
- Harrow as needed
- Rest one area – let grass grow to 10-12 inches

Late Fall (October 15- November 30)

- Remove horses before/during frost and when muddy
- Rest one area
- Harrow
- Animals can graze when grass is dormant

1. Fertilizing around the 4th of July and Labor Day will help boost growth during warmer periods. Use a soil test to determine how much fertilizer to use.
2. Only needs to be done every 2-3 years.

For more information visit
www.extension.umn.edu or contact
 Betsy Gilkerson at 612-596-1175
 or eliza003@umn.edu

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New Horse Trail Pass Required

The following information was taken from the DNR website. Find out more about the required Horse Trail Pass at:

www.dnr.state.mn

What is the Horse Trail Pass?

Effective January 1, 2007, revenue from the new Horse Trail Pass similar to other DNR passes, such as the cross-country ski pass, will provide a dedicated fund source enabling users to assist directly with the operation and maintenance of MN DNR horse facilities.

The statute states: "while riding, leading, or driving a horse on horse trails and associated day use areas on state trails, in state parks, in state recreation areas, and in state forests, persons 16 years and older shall carry...and visibly display ...a valid horse trail pass. The pass must be available for inspection by a peace officer, a conservation officer..."

"100% of the funds raised [will] benefit DNR horse facilities"

What does the Horse Trail Pass cost?

The fee for an annual horse trail pass (valid Jan through Dec) is \$21. The fee for a daily horse trail pass is \$5 and is valid only for the date shown.

Does the Pass go with the person or with the horse?

Each *person* needs to have their own signed pass and must carry it when riding on designated horse trails. The pass is valid only for the individual whose name and signature are on that pass.

Examples include:

- When two people are riding the same horse, they both need a pass.
- Only the driver of a horse and buggy need a pass; any passengers are not required to have a pass.
- Should a person be riding one horse and leading another horse (without a rider), the person needs only one pass.
- If a stable brings a horse onto a des-

ignated trail with different riders throughout the day, each rider needs their own horse pass.

Is a Pass required to ride other animals, such as a mule or donkey?

Yes. By state definition, "horse" includes a horse, mule, donkey, llama, alpaca, or other ungulate or ruminant that is used to transport people, equipment, or materials.

Where can a Pass be purchased?

Horse passes may be purchased from DNR authorized Electronic License Service (ELS) vendors (ie. the same vendors who sell fishing and hunting licenses; such as Fleet Farm).

Trail users may acquire a pass prior to arriving at the horse trail facility or fill out a self-registration form similar to the cross-country ski pass program. If the user selects an annual pass, it will be mailed to them.

How will the fees be used?

100% of the funds raised by the sale of this pass will be used to benefit DNR horse facilities, seeking to provide a consistent, quality experience all across Minnesota. The Division of Trails and Waterways will determine horse pass project priorities. A committee made up of horse community representatives and users will advise the Division on project priorities.

Will the Pass provide all the funds needed to operate the DNR's horse facilities?

The exact amount that will be available from the sale of Horse Trail Passes is not known. However, user passes typically provide only a portion of the funds needed to sustain and operate a trail system.

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Find out more and purchase your Horse Trail Pass online at:

http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/outdoor_activities/horseback_riding/horsepass.html

Mark Your Calendar

Grant Trail Rangers

SPRING MEETING

Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 7-8 PM
Wildwood Library, Mahtomedi

- New Horse Trail Pass
- Talk to City Council members
- Join or Renew your Membership

If you are interested in horseback riding or cross-country skiing, the spring GTR meeting is a perfect opportunity to learn about the GTR and meet others that share your interests.

The Wildwood Public Library meeting room will be open 1/2 hour before and after the meeting (from 6:30-7:00 & 8:00-8:30) for current and new members to drop in, renew their membership, and pick up tags. Annual membership runs from May to April each year.

For more information, contact Tamara Cameron at (651) 429-3999 or timtam@comcast.net.



Grant Trail Rangers Establishes Web Site

The Grant Trail Rangers (GTR) has moved into the 21st Century by establishing a web site! The site is up for viewing but is still under construction. While there's not much on there yet, it does have an application available for downloading, as well as member contacts.

Please visit our new web site at www.grantrailrangers.org. In the future, we hope to post group information and activities. However, landowners can rest assured that there will be no

Blue Thumb Program

Help for tackling eroding yards and polluted water in Grant.

Are you frustrated by a dwindling shoreline? Is erosion causing damage to your yard? Are you disgusted by the smelly green algae overtaking your local lake or river every summer? If so, Blue Thumb may be just what you need. Here in Grant, an exciting new program called Blue Thumb – Planting for Clean Water is available to help you budget, design and plant native flower gardens, rain gardens and shoreline stabilizing gardens on your property. The Blue Thumb website, www.BlueThumb.org contains a variety of resources for new gardeners, including plant selection guides, links to local retailers, how-to manuals and garden blueprints. Also on the website are links to local watershed agencies that can give you mini-grants and technical assistance to make Blue Thumb projects happen.

It may be cold and snowy outside, but it's not too early to start thinking about spring and summer gardening projects. In the next few months, Blue Thumb will be conducting workshops through local community education programs. In these classes, you can learn how to landscape your property to increase curb appeal, reduce maintenance, attract wildlife and limit flooding and erosion. Soon, you will also see Blue Thumb information kiosks at your local libraries. You can visit these kiosks to find more information about planting native gardens, rain gardens and shoreline plantings, and to learn about upcoming workshops and grant opportunities. For more information, contact Angie Hong, East Metro Water Resource Education Program, at (651) 275-1136 x35 or angie.hong@mnwcd.org.



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Notes from Yesteryear

Submitted by Art & Joyce Welander

- 1858 15 votes were cast at the annual meeting.
- 1858 Bulls, Stallions, hogs, and mules roamed at large.
- 1860 A law was put on the books that allowed no cattle to roam at large.
- 1863 Called the Town of Greenfield
- 1864 During the Civil War time bonds of \$20.00 to \$350.00 were issued for \$1200.00 to pay bounties of drafted men for Grant.
- 1864 The first dog license – until revocation in 1865.
- 1866 Special meeting was called to raise money to pay soldiers Bounty on taxable property of the Town.
- 1872 Town assessed each person liable to work on roads 2 days labor, the sum of 50 cents on each \$100.00 valuation of real estate, for a Road tax. Supervisors were paid a sum of \$6.00 and \$7.00 for 5 days of Service for the Town.
- 1876 The first mention of a Board of Equalization.
- 1877 There were 34 votes cast for Town Election of Grant.
Supervisors were overseers of roads and each took a territory
Such as N.E.; N.W.; S.E.; S.W.
- 1878 First mention of a public notice not legally posted, was rejected.
A petition for a properly posted meeting of the supervisors to hear arguments for or against the laying out of a route for a road.
- 1879 54 votes were cast at the annual Town Meeting.
- 1886 The Town treasurer received \$53.00; Roads Supervisor 25.00.
The annual road maintenance was \$300.00.
- 1886 The first assessment on personal property was as follows – for each animal:
Horse \$75.00; Stallion \$200.00; Cow \$20.00; A colt \$40.00.





Date: 06/30/2007

Time: 2:00 p.m.



Grant Hay Day City Picnic



**Location: Grant Town Hall
8380 Kimbro Ave
Grant, MN 55082**

Interested in
helping out
with this event?

Activities Include:

- Farmers Market—Celebrating products grown and sold by city residents and businesses within the City of Grant.
- Hay rides
- 4-H Display
- Petting Zoo
- Antique Tractor Show
- Games for kids—young and old
- Heritage Society Display
- Hot dogs, chips, pop, ect. will be sold by the Mayor and Council Members.

And Much More...



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towards the maintenance
of Grant Town Hall.*

**COME ONE,
COME ALL!**



Fun for Kids!

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From the first letters that are not circled:

Find the Hidden Message



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