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## HURRICANE SEASON

*Rick Hood - Town Administrator*

Its hurricane season again. It's been a while so it's time to dust off your plan of action and restock your emergency supply kit. The Town has copies of the Official Hurricane Survival Guide from Brevard County Emergency Management available at Town Hall. This guide has many helpful tips to get you through hurricane season. The information contained in this guide is also available online at [www.embrevard.com](http://www.embrevard.com). The following is information regarding the shelters that are run by emergency management in the event you must evacuate. If you have special needs you must pre-register; go to the same website and click on the link for special needs.

### **Brevard County Emergency Management Shelters**

Brevard County strongly urges that a Public Shelter be used **Only As A Last Resort**. You will be more comfortable sheltering with friends, family or in commercial lodging. If you require Public Sheltering, please be familiar with your designated **Primary Evacuation Shelter** location and your planned route to that shelter. Shelter Route Signs have been posted to assist you.

### **Plan for the following at a shelter:**

- Be sure to take enough food and supplies to last several days, including special diet foods, as food may not be readily available at the Shelter.
- Bring bottled water (2 qts/person/day) and other beverages/juices/soft drinks.
- Bring a manual can opener, eating utensils, paper plates, cups and napkins/paper towels.
- Infant formula/food/diapers.
- Have a 2 week supply of medications & First Aid Kit.
- Cash or Travelers Checks.
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, folding chairs. **BEDDING IS NOT PROVIDED IN PUBLIC SHELTERS.**
- Personal hygiene items and changes of clothing.
- Flashlight, battery powered radio/TV and spare batteries, cards, games, books and toys.

**Do Not Take Pets (except Guide Dogs), Alcoholic Beverages Or Weapons Of Any Kind To Public Shelters.**

### **Pet Shelters**

Port St. John Community Center 6650 Corto Road, Port St. John  
Viera Regional Community Center 2300 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera  
Palm Bay Regional Park, 1951 Malabar Rd NW, Palm Bay

### **Primary Shelters**

Mims Elementary School, 2582 US Highway 1, Mims, Florida  
Apollo Elementary School, 3085 Knox McRae Dr., Titusville  
Imperial Estates Elementary School, 900 Imperial Estates Lane, Titusville  
Walter Butler Community Center, 4201 US Highway 1, Cocoa  
Manatee Elementary School, 3425 Viera Blvd., Viera  
Sherwood Elementary, School 2541 Post Road, Melbourne  
Eau Gallie High School, 1400 Commodore Blvd., Melbourne  
Melbourne High School, 74 Bulldog Blvd., Melbourne  
Meadowlane Intermediate Elementary, 2700 Wingate Blvd., West Melbourne  
Bayside High School, 1901 DeGroot Rd. S.W. Palm Bay  
Heritage High School 2351 Malabar Rd., Palm Bay  
South Mainland Community, Center 3700 Allen Ave., Micco  
Barefoot Bay Community, Center Bldg A, Barefoot Blvd. (Not a shelter, only for transportation).

**Shelter openings are incident-specific. Never go to a shelter unless local officials have announced it is open.**

# WASTE PRO USA IS YOUR SERVICE PROVIDER!

Household garbage is collected twice a week

<u>Residents</u>	<u>Days</u>
All residents living on Highway 1	Trash Pick-up: Tuesday & Friday
All residents living on Babcock Street SOUTH of Grant Rd.	Trash Pick-up: Tuesday & Friday
All residents living on Babcock Street NORTH of Grant Rd.	Trash pick-up: Wednesday & Sunday
All residents of Grant Valkaria	Household Recycling: Thursday
All residents of Grant Valkaria	Residential yard waste: Monday
All residents of Grant Valkaria	Residential bulk waste: (1) day per week, on your second garbage service day of the week, being either Friday or Saturday, depending on your service area.

If you have a compliment, request, or complaint please visit Waste Pros website at:  
<http://www.wasteprousa.com/locations/CF/grantvalkaria/>

## BOARD POSITIONS OPEN:

The Trails and Greenways Committee, along with the Planning and Zoning/Local Planning Agency Board are looking for new Members! Please be advised that you must be a registered voter within the Town as well as a resident of the Town for at least 6 months. If you are interested in volunteering on either board you may pick up an application at Town Hall located at 1449 Valkaria Rd. Grant Valkaria, Fl. 32950 or online at [www.grantvalkaria.org](http://www.grantvalkaria.org).

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## NOTICE OF GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION:

The Town of Grant-Valkaria is holding a General Municipal Election on November 8, 2016, for the purpose of electing three (3) Council Members. The seats to be filled at this General Municipal Election are Seat Number 2, Seat Number 4 and Seat Number 6. Each Candidate must be a resident of the Town for the 2 years preceding the date of filing for candidacy, is qualified as an elector of the State of Florida and the Town of Grant-Valkaria, and is registered to vote in the manner prescribed by law. The qualifying period for these seats will be from Tuesday, August 16, 2016 noon through Tuesday, August 23, 2016 noon. For information contact Rebekah Raddon, Town Clerk at Town Hall, 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant Valkaria, FL 32950, Phone: (321) 951-1380, Email: [clerk@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:clerk@grantvalkaria.org). Candidate qualifying packets are now available at Town Hall. Please note several forms need to be filled out prior to qualifying.

## BUDGET UPDATE

It is that time of the year again where we are preparing the annual budget for next fiscal year. I presented a proposed budget on July 13<sup>th</sup> to the Council as per the Charter. Our first budget workshop was held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at town hall. If you didn't make the workshop there is still time to comment on the proposed budget. Public hearings will be held in September on September 14<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget is posted online at [www.grantvalkaria.org](http://www.grantvalkaria.org). At the workshop on August 3<sup>rd</sup> the Town Council discussed the proposed budget and set the preliminary millage rate. The millage rate set on August 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the maximum millage rate that can be adopted in September. The millage rate set in August can go down in September but not up. The millage rate is the rate levied against your property value. Right now it is at 1.0603 mills. That number means we get \$1.06 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. If your home had a taxable value of \$200,000 after exemptions you would pay \$212.00 in ad valorem taxes to the town. Most people pay less than that. The highest millage rate allowed to be adopted by law for us is 1.1348 mills, which is the rollback rate plus 10%. That same \$200,000 of taxable value would then generate \$227 in revenue to the town or a difference of \$15.00 annually. If you look at your tax bill you will see a line labeled Town of Grant Valkaria. That is the portion of the ad valorem taxes that we get when you pay your taxes. We do not get the \$3,000 to \$4,000 or more that may appear on your bill. We receive the Town of Grant-Valkaria line item, the Grant-Valkaria portion of the solid waste, and the stormwater portion. The solid waste and the stormwater fees must be utilized for those purposes and cannot fund the other town services. We have done everything we can to keep your taxes low. We have one of the lowest millage rates in the County and are striving to continue to keep your taxes low. We are operating the town with only 4 full time employees and 1 part-time employee. Everything else is handled through contracts or interlocal agreements with the county. As our population continues to grow, we experience increased requests for services. More services typically require more money. This year's budget is \$2,907,330 in revenues and expenditures which is a 7.96% increase over last fiscal year's budget. While most line items are proposed to remain the same or decrease we did have increases in the category of Road Projects due to the railroad crossing repairs, the cost of road grading due to a new contract for this service, and we increased ditch cleaning to attempt to provide additional services of this nature. We are using \$188,600 from general fund reserves to fund 2 railroad crossings. Please note that we have no voice in the matter when the railroad crossings are done, what is done, or who does the work. The railroad decides what and when and who does the work. We just get to pay for it since our roads cross their right-of-way. The proposed budget may be tweaked slightly from what you see on our website by the time we get to the public hearings but that's because the budget is a work in progress right up to final adoption. The state has been releasing revenue projections later and later which makes it difficult to budget revenues. When you don't know how much is coming in it's hard to determine the expense side of the budget. As usual I am budgeting very conservatively. All of our capital projects are being funded through other means besides your ad-valorem tax dollars. We have received impact fee dollars that were collected previously, funds from FDOT, and a state grant for the various capital projects listed in the budget. So remember, if you missed the workshop you still have a voice at the public hearings. Those dates are Wednesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 28. Both meetings will be at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall in the Council Chambers.

## LISTING OF ALL ORDINANCES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN

The following Ordinances have been adopted by the Town Council. They are available for public review at Town Hall located at 1449 Valkaria Rd, Grant Valkaria, Florida 32950.

The Ordinances are also available on the Town website at [www.grantvalkaria.org](http://www.grantvalkaria.org)

Ordinance No.	DESCRIPTION
2016-01	Amending the Comprehensive Plan to provide for changing the future land use map of the plan for a property as follows: 29-38-28-25-B-24
2016-02	No parking in Right-of-Ways
2016-03	Repealing Ordinance No. 2007-07, 2008-05, 2011-04, 2013-01, and 2014-08 in their entirety: Establishing a Special Magistrate
2016-04	Repealing Ordinance No. 2015-01 in its entirety
2016-05	Declaring a Moratorium on the issuance of any approvals or permits for electronic signs



## HISTORICAL HOUSE

The Grant Historical House will be making their jellies again and are in need of habanero, jalapeno, red, orange, yellow, and green bell peppers as well as tangerines, key limes, and lemons. If you have any jelly jars or goods you would like to donate or recycle please contact Nancy Turner at 321-951-0583.

Also, the Historical House will be having a flea market on Saturday October 15, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. If you'd like to take part and rent a space for \$10.00 call Nancy Turner at 321-951-0583

Come out and celebrate! The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Historical House will be November 5, 2016. From 10 – 4 P.M. there will be kid's games, basket weavers, soap makers, story teller, swamp cabbage, ice cream and butter making just to name a few fun things. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Nancy Turner 321-951-0583.

## GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Grant Community Center will be hosting a block party on Saturday, September 24, 2016 and will begin at 5:00 P.M. If you would like to attend please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. To reserve your seat please call Nancy Turner at 321-951-0583.

### 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day
- Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving
- Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas

### GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month and begin at 6:30 P.M. Come join us and see what's up!

### REMINDER

June through September  
Skip the Fertilizer  
Grant-Valkaria bans the use of lawn or landscape fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous from June 1 to September 30.  
Do your part to help the Indian River Lagoon!



## BICYCLE SAFETY

Summer time is the perfect time to get outside and ride your bike! But, before you get on your bike for that enjoyable ride be sure to brush up on your bicycle safety. Here are a few regulations for you to be aware of...

- Human powered vehicles have all rights and duties applicable to any other vehicle
- Bicycles must have a permanent and regular seat
- Bicycles are not to carry more persons than designed or equipped to
- Rider or passenger under 16 must wear a helmet
- You may not attach bicycle or rider to any other vehicle except trailer designed for such attachment
- Bicycles may ride near the left-hand curb or edge on a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes
- Bicycles may not ride more than two abreast, and may do so only within a single lane and, if traveling at less than normal traffic speed, when it does not impede traffic
- When riding a bicycle between sunset and sunrise it must be equipped with white lamp on front and a red lamp and reflector on rear; additional lighting permitted
- No parent or guardian of any minor may authorize or knowingly permit the violation of this section
- Rider on a sidewalk or crosswalk shall yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking
- No roller skates, coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device on roadway except while crossing on crosswalk
- Bicycles must be equipped with brakes
- No wearing of a headset, headphones, or other listening devices, other than a hearing aid or a headset in conjunction with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard

### DID YOU KNOW?

- That ZUMBA fitness classes are being offered Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and ZUMBA GOLD are Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Lisa at 321-213-0571 for details.
- The Grant Community Library is opened Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., Thursday from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering at the Grant Community Library please contact Gert Jackson, Librarian at (321)733-0636.
- That the Valkaria Airport, Valkaria Aviation Association serves a pancake breakfast on the third Saturday of the month from 8am to 11am. Breakfast is \$5.00 and family friendly.
- That as a resident of Grant Valkaria you can become a member of the Grant Community Club. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Come make a difference, share your ideas and get involved.
- The Benson House is a wonderful place to visit and full of interesting history. Please stop by and visit the Benson House located at 5795 S. Highway 1, Grant Florida 32949.

# KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COMMUNITY AND HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU

The **Town Newsletter** will be published quarterly and mailed to all households in Grant-Valkaria. If you live in Grant-Valkaria and don't receive the letter, please call Town Hall (321) 951-1380.

The **Town Website** is [www.grantvalkaria.org](http://www.grantvalkaria.org).

You can be added to the Town Email List by emailing: [Webmaster@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Webmaster@grantvalkaria.org)

The **Town Hall location and mailing address**: 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant Valkaria, Florida 32950.

The **Town Hall phone number is**: (321) 951-1380

The **Town Hall fax number is**: (321) 956-5660

The **Town Hall Bulletin Board** is located at Town Hall, in the Park. Meeting notices and important announcements will be posted there. There is also a bulletin board at the Grant Community Center on which Town information will be posted.

The regular **Town Council Meetings** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Town Hall. If a special meeting is scheduled or the date, place or time of regular meetings changes, the changes will be posted on the Bulletin Board and sent out to the Town Email List.

To contact Council Members:

All Council Members:	<a href="mailto:GVC@grantvalkaria.org">GVC@grantvalkaria.org</a>
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To contact our Town Administrator, Rick Hood: [TownAdmin@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:TownAdmin@grantvalkaria.org)

To contact our Town Clerk, Rebekah Raddon: [Clerk@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Clerk@grantvalkaria.org)

To contact our Administrative Assistant Jessica Keenan: [Info@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Info@grantvalkaria.org)

To contact our Assistant to the Town Administrator, Jason Mahaney: [Jmahaney@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Jmahaney@grantvalkaria.org)

The regular **Local Planning Agency/ Planning and Zoning Board** meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7 p.m. If a special meeting is scheduled or the date, place or time of regular meetings changes, the changes will be posted on the Bulletin Board and sent out to the Town Email List.

The **Town Charter, Town Council minutes** and pending and adopted **ordinances** and **resolutions** are available for your review on the Town website, or at Town Hall.

Please call, email, or visit Town Hall with any ideas you may have – this is **your** community!

## CALVARY BAPTIST HOSTS FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING CLOSET

The Calvary Baptist Church has been working to provide a food pantry and clothes closet for the hungry and less fortunate every Thursday from 10:00 A.M until noon. If you are able to donate and need these items picked up please call Betty White at (321) 724-2262 or feel free to drop off items during the food pantry hours.

Sunday School 9:45am  
Morning Worship Sunday, 11:00A.M  
Evening Worship, Sunday, 6:00P.M.  
Bible Study Sunday,  
5:00 P.M.  
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday,  
6:30 P.M.  
Calvary Baptist Church  
5640 Old Dixie Hwy Grant Valkaria,  
Florida 32949

## JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST TO STAY UP TO DATE ON CURRENT TOWN EVENTS AND INFORMATION

If you would like to join the Town's e-mail list please contact Jessica Keenan at Town Hall: 321-951-1380.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR!

August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Budget Workshop at Town Hall (1449 Valkaria Road @ 7:00 pm)
September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Budget Hearing at Town Hall (1449 Valkaria Road @ 7:00pm)
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Block Party at Grant Community Club 4:00pm (call 321-951-0583 for details)
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents' Day
September 28 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Budget Public Hearing at Town Hall (1449 Valkaria Road @ 7:00pm)
October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Historical House will reopen from 10:00am until 4:00pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Historical House "Benson House" <b>Flea Market</b> 8:00am until 2:00pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Kid's Halloween Party 7:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call 321-951-0583 for details) Volunteers needed for setup and clean up!
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lions Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am until 1:00pm \$4.00 (Grant Community Club Call 321-951-0583 for details)
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Historical House will be closed and reopen for the Christmas Open House December 1, 2, 3, and 4
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day 
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving Day
December 1 <sup>st</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Historical House Christmas Open House 10:00 am until 6:00 pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Christmas Tree Lighting (Call Town Hall for Details)
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Kid's Christmas Party 7:00 P.M. (Grant Community Club)
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day 
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Eve
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	Happy New Year