



TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA

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GRANT VALKARIA FERTILIZER ORDINANCE

The Town Council has joined the other cities and towns in Brevard County and has adopted a strong fertilizer ordinance. I'm sure you have all heard about the state of the Indian River Lagoon and fertilizer is one of the culprits causing problems in the Lagoon. By adopting a strong ordinance, the residents of Town of Grant-Valkaria will be doing their part to improve the water quality in the Lagoon. You may not realize it but nearly all of the water that runs off the properties in Grant-Valkaria ends up in the Indian River Lagoon, even if you live in a sub-division that has storm water ponds. The highlights of the Fertilizer Ordinance are as follows:

- No applicator shall apply fertilizers containing nitrogen and/or phosphorus to turf and/or landscape plants during the *Prohibited Application Period*, or to saturated soils. In addition, fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus shall not be applied to turf or landscape plants during the *Restricted Application Period*.
- "*Restricted application period*" means June 1 to September 30.
- "*Prohibited Application Period*" means the time period during which a Flood Watch or Warning, or a Tropical Storm Watch or Warning, or a Hurricane Watch or Warning is in effect for any portion of the Town, issued by the National Weather Service, or if heavy rain (World Meteorological Organization definition of heavy rain: Rainfall greater than or equal to 50 mm (2 inches) in a 24 hour period) is likely.
- Except along the Indian River Lagoon, fertilizer shall not be applied within ten (10) feet of any pond, stream, watercourse, lake, canal, or wetland.
- Fertilizer shall not be applied within twenty five (25) feet of the Indian River Lagoon.
- A voluntary ten (10) foot low maintenance zone is strongly recommended, but not mandated, from any pond, stream, water course, lake, wetland, or from the top of a seawall.
- No fertilizer containing phosphorous shall be applied to turf or landscape plants in the Town unless a soil or plant tissue deficiency is verified by a University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences, approved testing methodology
- The nitrogen content of fertilizer applied to turf or landscape plants within the Town shall contain at least 50% slow release nitrogen per guaranteed analysis label.
- Spreader deflector shields are required when fertilizing via rotary (broadcast) spreaders. Deflectors must be positioned such that fertilizer granules are deflected away from all impervious surfaces, fertilizer-free zones and water bodies, including wetlands.

To read the complete Fertilizer Ordinance you can go to our website, www.grantvalkaria.org, click on the area that says Agenda, Minutes, Ordinances, Resolutions, click on 2014 in the column titled Ordinances and then click on Ordinance 2014-01. By following this ordinance you will be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

The South Mainland Community Center is hosting an Arts & Crafts Festival April 19, 2014 from 8:00am until 4:00pm. Spaces are still available for \$25.00. If you are interested in displaying your arts and crafts please call (772) 663-8748.

If you don't have crafts to display but love arts and crafts stop on by to see all of the great items available on display.

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COUNCIL RECOGNIZES LOGAN MORRIS

Logan Morris an 18 year old Grant Valkaria Resident was recognized on December 11, 2013 by the Town Council for her exemplary dedication to special needs children.

In October 2012 Logan founded the Dance Abilities team at Dance Mania All-Stars as part of her senior project. The Dance Abilities team is made up of dancers five years and older with a variety of special needs. To ensure that her project was a success Logan raised money to purchase the team's costumes, received sponsorships from competition companies to cover the required registration fees and scheduled all of the necessary training.

Logan also had a lot of help from her fellow senior dancers who make up the "Best Buddies." The "Best Buddies" went through training and were required to become certified in First Aid, CPR and AED, Seizure and Diversity and People First Language. The Dance Abilities team has since preformed in local, regional and national dance competitions.

Logan was a finalist for the 2013 and tied for 2013 Volunteer of the year. Logan was also selected as a USASF Scholarship winner! Congratulations Logan.



DID YOU KNOW?

- That **ZUMBA** fitness classes are being offered Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and **ZUMBA GOLD** is 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. They are also looking for donations of unwanted books, and dvds.

- 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 the Grant-Valkaria Community Park is open and ready for you and your kids to fish, play and spend the day!

- Town Hall Has Moved to our new location at 1449 Valkaria Road.

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Know Your Days

Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water. These days depend on whether you have an odd or even numbered address, and the time of year. These restrictions also require you to water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Water for no more than one hour per zone.

| Time of year | Homes with odd numbered or no addresses | Homes with even numbered addresses | Nonresidential properties |
|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Daylight saving time | Wednesday/Saturday | Thursday/Sunday | Tuesday/Friday |
| Eastern Standard Time | Saturday | Sunday | Tuesday |

DOGS AND HORSES IN THE PARK

We have one of the few towns in the area that allows dogs and horses in their park. But we have a small problem – visitors are not cleaning up after their animals and they are taking them into areas that are prohibited for pets. Some people are also allowing their dogs to roam freely. The Town Council has addressed these problems at a recent council meeting. There was a consensus to keep allowing the animals in the park but to add additional signage regarding the requirements for leashes and regarding cleaning up after your animals. No one wants to discontinue the animals in the Park but no one wants to step in a pile either. We also don't want any accidents caused by someone's dog running free. We are going to add additional signage regarding these rules and doggie waste bags around the park but it will be your responsibility to abide by the rules. If the added signage doesn't help, the animals may be banned from the park forever.

Simple Rules for Your Animals

1. Stay out of areas where animals are prohibited – playground & pavilions.
2. Clean up after your pet.
3. Horse riders – it may be hard to clean up after your horse while you are on a ride – come back and clean up after you put your horse up.
4. Keep all dogs on the leash – it's the law.
5. Obey all warning signs.



LISTING OF ALL ORDINANCES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN

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

The Ordinances are also available on the Town website at www.grantvalkaria.org

| ORDINANCE NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 2013-08 | Park Regulation Ordinance |
| 2014-01 | Fertilizer Ordinance |
| 2014-02 | Floodplain Management Ordinance |



POOL SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Drowning can be a silent catastrophe, one that can happen in the few minutes you take to answer a phone call or run inside for a towel. Florida leads the country in drowning deaths of children ages 1–4. Explore WaterproofFL.com to learn the steps you can take to secure your pool and protect Florida's children.

LAYERS OF PROTECTION 1 SUPERVISION 2 BARRIERS 3 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Layer 1. Supervision: Supervision, the first and most crucial layer of protection, means someone is always actively watching when a child is in the pool. In 2008, 71% of drownings occurred in residential swimming pools. Supervision, the first and most crucial layer of protection, means someone is always actively watching when a child is in the pool.

Layer 2. Barriers: A child should never be able to enter the pool area unaccompanied by a guardian. Barriers physically block a child from the pool. Barriers include: child-proof locks on all doors, a pool fence with self-latching and self-closing gates, as well as door and pool alarms. Pool covers may also be used but make sure it is a professional cover, fitted for your pool. A simple canvas covering can be a drowning hazard and entrap a child in the water.

Layer 3. Emergency Preparedness: The moment a child stops breathing there is a small, precious window of time in which resuscitation may occur, but only if someone knows what to do. Even if you're not a parent, it's important to learn CPR. The techniques are easy to learn and can mean the difference between life and death. In an emergency, it is critical to have a phone nearby and immediately call 911.

CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| April 5 th | Malabar Springfest Malabar Community Park 10:00am-4:00pm |
| April 5 th & 6 th | Relay for Life Bayside Highschool. |
| April 12 th | Grant Valkaria Day and Town Hall Grand Opening Celebration 9:00am-4:00pm (1449 Valkaria Road) |
| April 12 th | Pioneer Fish Fry Grant Historical House from 5:00-6:30pm (5795 Highway 1, Grant Florida 32949 Call Leslee Poore at 321-676-2161) |
| April 19 th | Easter Egg Hunt Grant Community Center at 9:00am (4580 First Street) |
| April 19 th | Arts & Crafts Festival South Mainland Community Center from 8:00am-4:00pm (9655 Riverview Drive, Micco Fl 32976 Call 772-663-8748 for more details) |
| April 20 th | Easter Sunday |
| May 11 th | Mothers' Day |
| May 26 th | Memorial Day |
| May 31 st | Grant Historical Closed until October 1 st |
| June 15 th | Fathers' Day |
| July 4 th | Independence Day |
| September 6 th | Block Party Grant Community Center (4580 First Street, Grant Florida 32949. Call Nancy Turner @ 951-0583 for details.) |

TOWN HALL NEWS

We are OPEN for business! On March 14th, staff, with the help from Two Men and a Truck and several volunteers moved everything into our beautiful, newly constructed, Town Hall. We are located in the park at 1449 Valkaria Road. We are now busy getting settled in and preparing for the formal ribbon cutting which will be held on April 12, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. as part of the annual Grant-Valkaria Day celebration to be held here at the park. We will open town hall for all to walk thru and take a look around after the ribbon cutting ceremony. I am happy to report that we completed the construction project in only three months and under budget. After paying rent and occupying two different places in the past seven years, it's great to know we won't be ever moving again and the rent payment can now go back into general fund. The construction project was paid for from General Fund Reserves so we are still completely debt free.



I would like to thank the Architect – *Dave Nagrodsky Architects* and our General Contractor – *Certified General Contractors, Inc* for designing and building us such a beautiful Town Hall. A lot of work and effort went into this project to have it designed so quickly and built in only three months. The Mayor and Town Council spent several meetings choosing not only the design-build team but also the style of building, the layout, and the finishes. I hope you all are as proud of your town hall as we all are. This building will serve the town well for many years to come.

WASTE PRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste Pro will be observing the following holidays this season: Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day, Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day, and Monday, September 1st. If your regularly scheduled garbage or recycling collection falls on one of these dates this service will be provided the next regularly scheduled collection day.



2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Monday, May 26, 2014 In Observance of Memorial Day
- Friday, July 4, 2014 In Observance of Independence Day
- Monday, September 1, 2014, In Observance of Labor Day
- Tuesday, November 11, 2014, In Observance of Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 27, 2014, In Observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday, December 24, 2014, In Observance of Christmas Eve
- Thursday, December 25, 2014, In Observance of Christmas Day
- Thursday, January 1, 2015, In Observance of New Year's Day

If you have a Town related emergency such as a road closure or drainage issue please contact (321) 626-5078

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

If you would like to join the Town's email list please visit our website at www.grant-valkaria.org.

Click the contact us tab and scroll down to the link that says "[Click Here to Join the Town E-Mail List.](#)"

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.
You can be added to the Town Email List by emailing: Webmaster@grantvalkaria.org

The **Town Hall location**: 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant Valkaria Florida 32950
The **Town Hall mailing address**: PO Box 766, Grant, Florida 32949
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 the Park at 1449 Valkaria Road. 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 2nd 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:

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| Council Member Dan Robino: | DRobino@grantvalkaria.org |

To contact our Town Administrator, Rick Hood: TownAdmin@grantvalkaria.org
To contact our Town Clerk, Sue Krueger: Clerk@grantvalkaria.org
To contact our Deputy Town Clerk, Jessica Williams: Info@grantvalkaria.org

The regular **Local Planning Agency/Planning and Zoning Board** meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month. 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 **Code Enforcement Board** meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month as needed. All meeting notices 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!

PIONEER FISH FRY

The Grant Historical House is hosting their annual Pioneer Fish Fry Saturday April 12th from 5:00 until 6:30pm. Stop on buy any enjoy a complete fish dinner including dessert and a drink from only \$7.00 per ticket. All Children under 10 years of age are free. All tickets can be purchased on the day of the event. Rain Date is scheduled for April 19th. All proceeds from the annual fish fry.

Volunteers are needed at the Grant Historical House to give tours. The Historical House is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am until 4:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering and giving back to the community please contact Diana Nelson at (321) 953-3968.

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FIREWISE LANDSCAPE

The goal of Firewise landscaping is to create and maintain a safety zone around the home. This "defensible space" increases the likelihood that a home will survive a wildfire even in the absence of firefighters. Defensible space should extend outward from the home from 30 feet (minimum) to 100 - 200 feet if the home borders heavy wildland fuels. This area does not need to be devoid of shrubs and trees, but should be wisely landscaped with plants known to be less-flammable separated by walkways and grassed areas.

Defensible Space

- Breaks up the continuity of vegetation that might otherwise bring fire from adjacent wildland to the structure.
- Provides room for firefighters to safely work to defend a structure.
- Helps prevent a structure fire from spreading to adjacent wildland areas.

Within the zone of defensible space, follow these guidelines:

- Thin trees so that the crowns (tree tops) are 10 to 15 feet apart.
- Remove any "ladder fuels". Ladder fuels are vines and shrubs that can carry a ground fire up into the treetops.
- Remove dense fuels, trim overhanging branches, and carefully plan your landscaping within 30 feet of homes.
- Prune tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet from the ground.
- Remove any large groupings of plants like saw palmetto, yaupon, wax myrtle and gallberry, especially if the plants are close to the home, adjacent decks or porches or under eaves or overhangs.
- Instead of flammable mulch like bark or wood chips, use lava stone or coarse gravel around any shrubbery that is within 5 feet of the structure.

ALLOW NO FLAMMABLE VEGETATION IN CONTACT WITH THE STRUCTURE.

- Remove highly flammable plants characterized by resinous sap and waxy leaves. These include: saw palmetto, wax myrtle, yaupon, red cedar, cypress and young pine trees.
- Locate firewood and propane gas tanks at least 50 feet from the structure.
- Keep 100 feet of hose readily available at a faucet away from the structure.
- Select less-flammable plant species to plant within the zone of defensible space.

Less-Flammable Trees and Shrubs

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| TREES | | | |
| • Ash | • Tabebuia | • Plum | • Hydrangea |
| • Citrus | • Gumbo-Limbo | • Elm | • Oleander |
| • Crepe Myrtle | • Red Mulberry | PALMS | • Philodendron |
| • Dogwood | • Willow | • Pindo Palm | • Pittosporum |
| • Persimmon | • Magnolia | • Queen Palm | • Red Yucca |
| • Blue Beach | • Maple | • Alexander Palm | • Beauty Berry |
| • Sea Grape | • Redbud | • Pygmy Date Palm | • Camellia |
| • Sweet Acadia | • Sycamore | • Sago palm | • Century Plant |
| • Loquat | • Green Button | SHRUBS | • Coontie |
| • Oaks | • Satin Leaf | • Agave | • Anise |
| • Peach | • Pigeon Plum | • Aloe | • Indian Hawthorne |
| • Black Cherry | • River Birch | • Azalea | • Oakleaf Hydrangea |
| • Pecan | • Hawthorne | • Viburnum | |
| • Silver Button | • Winged Elm | | |
| | • Sweet Gum | | |

The main idea is to create a less-flammable landscape that also meets the homeowner's needs. With a little planning, a landscape can be FIREWISE and also be aesthetically pleasing, provide food and cover for wildlife, require less water for irrigation and provide shade to cool the home and reduce energy bills.

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**The
Town of Grant Valkaria**
would like to invite you to
enjoy a free fun filled day with
your families and neighbors!!

8th Annual Grant Valkaria Day and Town Hall Dedication Ceremony!

Saturday, April 12, 2014

9:00am to 4:00 pm

Grant Valkaria Community Park

1449 Valkaria Road

Grant Valkaria, Florida 32950

For more information contact Town

Hall at (321) 951-1380

Sponsored By:



Entertainment to include:

Youth Fishing Derby at 9:00a.m.

**Town Hall Dedication & Open House
at 10:30a.m.**

**Music, a Car Show,
Raffle Prizes and Food for
All.**

**Fingerprinting, Games,
Bounces houses and
More for the kids!**