



TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA

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GRANT-VALKARIA COMMUNITY PARK GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

On October 18, 2012 Council and staff invited residents, County Staff and the County Commissioners to join them for the Grant-Valkaria Community Park ground breaking ceremony. The transfer of the land and the funds from the South Brevard County Park Referendum took a lot of work and cooperation between the staff of both agencies as well as the Town Council and County Commission. During the ground breaking ceremony Mayor Yonts thanked all of the parties involved in making this park a possibility. The ground breaking ceremony was a huge success and was well attended by residents, town and county staff in addition to County Commission Chairman Chuck Nelson, Commissioner Trudi Infantini and Commissioner Mary Bolin-Lewis. The County has been collecting taxes through the park referendum and was supposed to build a park at this site about 3 years ago. We were able to convince them that the town could do it quicker and better and built it to suit our residents. We have had several meetings concerning the park and prepared a site plan for the layout from the input at those meetings.

The new park will be located at 1449 Valkaria Road and will consist of a two large pavillions, two small pavillions, playground, sports court, restrooms and open field for the children to play. The park has been designed, sitework at the park is currently underway, the playground equipment is on order and well and septic items have went out to bid. The Town Council is hoping to see completion of the park and kids playing in February of 2013.



2012/2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Thursday, November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, December 24 through Friday, December 28 in observance of Christmas
- Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st 2013 in observance of New Years.

If the Council approves the holiday schedule as in previous years the holiday schedule will be as follows:

- Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday.
- Monday, February 18th in observance of President's Day.

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ELECTION 2012

Thank you to all citizens of Grant-Valkaria for voting this election. Your vote counted! On November 6, 2012, Grant-Valkaria had a great turn out at Precinct 302. This town came in second in the county with 80.9% of registered voters that voted in this election. Satellite Beach came in first with 81.1% turnout and the count-wide average was 75.4%. There were 681 absentee voters, 299 early voters, and 1,482 voting at the poll. The unofficial results of the election are: Lisette M. Kolar - 1,443 votes; Cathy Landrum DeMott - 1,399 votes; Christopher R. Pozgar - 769 votes; Dan Robino - 1,353 votes. The Brevard County Supervisor of Elections Officer will release the official results which should not be too much different than the unofficial ones after printing of this newsletter.

The Town Council will be holding a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. to certify the results of the November 6, 2012 General Municipal Election, swear in new Town Council Members and elect a Vice Mayor from among Council Members for a term of one year. According to our Town Charter the candidate with the highest number of votes fills the lowest seat number; therefore, Lisette Kolar will fill Seat No. 2, Cathy DeMott will fill Seat No. 4 and Dan Robino will fill Seat No. 6. Council and Staff would like to welcome Mr. Dan Robino to the Town Council after having served on the Local Planning Agency/Planning and Zoning Board since April 2007.

WELCOME TO GRANT-VALKARIA SIGNS BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR COMMUNITY!

By now you may have noticed the beautiful new signs marking the entrances to our Town. These signs took a lot of consideration by the Town Council. One in particular, Council Member Hackford worked diligently going to local businesses to see if they would help donate to the new signs that would help to mark the Town's boundaries. He also came in or called daily to ensure that the permits were being diligently worked on by the Town Administrator and the proper agencies. The signs are now up and the hard work is complete. It is hoped that these signs will help those that didn't know where we were to know that we are a community, we have local businesses and we do come together to accomplish wonderful things. Council and staff would like to thank all of the contributors for their generous donations. Please remember to thank the following individuals and companies if you see them:

- CDM Trucking, Inc
- Daniel Faden/ The Metal Shop
- Grant Community Club
- Grant Valkaria Community Association, GVCA
- Hackford Landscaping & Lawn Care, Inc
- Honda R&D America's Inc.
- John Sessa
- Keith Tuten
- Toys for Kids, Inc
- Valkaria Aviation Association
- Waste Management



DID YOU KNOW?

- That an evening zumba fitness class is offered at the Grant Community Club on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7:00p.m. A Saturday class is also offered at 9:30a.m. through December. A new **ZUMBA GOLD** fitness class is being held Wednesdays at 10:00a.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 by subscribing to the Town's email list you will receive notifications relating to disasters such as hurricanes, and fires as well as missing or found animals that are reported to the Town.
- That if your property has a gated entry you can contact the Brevard County Fire Department and give them your access information to ensure that they can respond in case of a fire.
- That you can now register your golf cart and ride on designated Town roadways. Please refer to Ordinance No. 2011-05 or contact Town Hall.

WASTE PRO NOW SERVICING GRANT VALKARIA!

You may have noticed that the Town of Grant-Valkaria is currently being serviced by Waste Pro USA. As stated in our previous edition, you may have seen some changes in your service schedule. **Household Garbage** collection has been changed for those residents living on Babcock Street **SOUTH** of **Grant Road**, residents living on **Highway 1** and all residents in the **Grant Area**. The service days for these residents are **TUESDAY** and **FRIDAY**. The remainder of the residents will continue to be serviced on **WEDNESDAY** and **SATURDAY**. Residential Bulk Waste will be collected one day per week, on your second garbage collection day of the week, being either **FRIDAY** or **SATURDAY**, depending on your service area. All **Household Recycling** will be collected on **THURSDAY** and all **Residential Yard Waste** is collected on **MONDAY**.

By now you should have received a notice from Waste Pro, USA regarding your options for automated garbage receptacles. You are not required to use these receptacles; however, if you do not make a selection the default 64 gallon cart will be selected and delivered to you as your default size. You can either return the mailed out form or visit the website listed below to make your selection. These carts are will not result in an additional charge to the customer. The rate last year was \$ 262.20, this year with the cart and the new contract price the current rate is \$ 236.76. If you have a compliment, request or complaints please visit the website at <http://www.wasteprousa.com/locations/CF/grantvalkaria/> or call Waste Pro at (321) 837-0055.

Please note that the Christmas Holiday will fall on a Tuesday which is the regularly scheduled collection day for the Grant area. This will be serviced on the next regularly scheduled collection day.



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 4240 Highway 1, Grant-Valkaria, Florida 32949.

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

ORDINANCE NO.	DESCRIPTION
2012-04	FROM BREVARD COUNTY RU-1-7 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) AND BREVARD COUNTY AU (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO BREVARD COUNTY IN(L) (LOW INTENSITY INSTITUTIONAL)LOCATED AT 4580 FIRST STREET



CRIME PREVENTION AWARENESS

Brevard County Sheriff's Office

www.BrevardSheriff.com

Crime Prevention Unit (321) 454-6674

AVOID FRAUDS AND SCAMS

Con Artists use phone, e-mail, postal mail, door to door solicitation, and the internet to trick victims.

- NEVER give out personal information (Medicare number, SSN, credit card, bank account, etc...) unless you initiated the communication with a reputable business.
- Beware of credit card schemes, free vacation offers and foreign lotteries.
If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Don't agree to deposit a check from someone you don't know and then wire the money back.
- Read your bills and monthly statements regularly—on paper and online.
- Never wire money to strangers, to sellers who insist on wire transfers.

PREVENT BURGLARIES TO YOUR HOME

- Lock all outside doors and windows before you leave the house, even if it is for a short time.
- Install bright outdoor lighting with motion detection.
- Trim bushes and trees so burglars can't hide and so branches don't block lighting.
- Keep your garage door closed and locked.
- Always keep your valuables locked up and out of sight

PREVENT BURGLARIES TO YOUR VEHICLE

- Do not leave windows or sunroof open.
- Do not leave doors unlocked.
- Do not leave keys, garage door opener, or valuables (GPS device, laptops, cell phones, IPOD's, etc...) in plain view.

Follow These Crime Reporting Steps. Be Proactive, Not Reactive.

- Call the police for ALL crimes, even if they are minor.
- Report as much detail as possible about the incident or activity.
- Call the police if you hear or see anything suspicious...listen to your intuition!

Non-Emergency Calls for Services South area 952-6371 or in the 772 area code 663-6269, Central 633-7162 or North 264-5100 ---- Dial 911 for Emergencies

The Crime Prevention Unit can provide a CONFIDENTIAL & FREE Home Security Survey in which a Crime Prevention Practitioner will check your home to identify potential security problems and recommend solutions. We also offer Neighborhood Watch programs, senior safety and youth programs. If you are interested in any of these services, please call 321-454-6674 or visit our website at BrevardSheriff.com.



THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE WHICH MEANS TRAVELING IS NEAR! SEE WHAT YOUR LOCAL CITIZENS ON PATROL CAN DO FOR YOU...

The Citizens on Patrol work hard throughout the Town to ensure that residents' homes and families are safe. These individuals volunteer to ensure that you can feel comfortable leaving your home while you are away on vacation or even have someone check on a family member that may live alone. If you are in need of their services you can contact Town Hall at (321) 951-1380 or visit the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Website at http://www.brevardsheriff.com/request_house_check.php.

If you would like to volunteer your time and become a Citizen on Patrol applications are available to be downloaded at <http://www.brevardsheriff.com/personnel/volunteers.htm#CitizenonPatrol>.

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.](#)"



CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND HAPPY HEARTS,
THAT'S THE WAY CHRISTMAS STARTS.

The 5th Annual Grant-Valkaria
Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will be held:

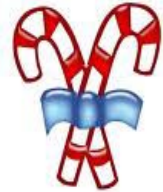


Saturday, December 1, 2012

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

At

Fisherman's Landing



Council and staff would like to invite all Grant-Valkaria residents and families to join your neighbors while we trim our tree for all to see. There will be a live tree to decorate, ornaments to sign, music, free homemade cookies, hot chocolate and cider. But best of all don't forget to bring the kids for a special visit from Jolly Olde Saint Nick



Grant Community Center's
Children's Christmas Party
December 14th - 7:00 pm

'Tis the season to be jolly and children anticipating!
There will be the 'Christmas Story' play, goodies, and presents
for the children. There will also be a visit from Santa!

Please RSVP to Nancy at (321)951-0583 by December 10th
So that we may have a count of the gifts needed.

Rehearsals will be November 29th, December 6th, & December 13th
at 6:00pm.



Old Timers Christmas Dinner
December 16th - 4:00pm

Come join us for a wonderful festive holiday dinner.
Meet new neighbors and visit with friends.

GCC will provide the main course:
Roasted Turkey and Ham

You help by bringing a covered dish or a dessert.

Please call Nancy at (321)951-0583
to coordinate dishes and to RSVP.

Please note that these events are not affiliated with Town Hall. For
further information please contact the individuals listed above.

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**: 4240 US Highway 1 (look for U.S. and State of Florida Flags)

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 Town Hall, outside the building. 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:

All Council Members:	GVC@grantvalkaria.org
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Council Member Dan Faden:	DFaden@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Joe Hackford:	JHackford@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Lisette Kolar:	LKolar@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!

COME JOIN US, WITH THE BIG RED BUS

On December 14, 2012 Florida's Blood Center will kick off their 3rd Annual Guns and Hoses Blood Drive. This Blood Drive is a competition between the fire department and the police department. Individuals that donate will get a chance to vote for the guns or the hoses. Though we do not have our own fire and police department, we do utilize county services and this is our opportunity to have a little fun while helping others. The blood drives will be located throughout the County at various locations.

The Town will be hosting a Guns and Hoses Drive on January 8th 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Last year we had a wonderful turn out and I hope that this year our community can come together for a more successful second year. If you are interested in donating please call town hall for more information (321) 951-1380.

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CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

November 17 th	Grant Historical House will be closed until November 29 th (please call (321) 723-8543 for details)
November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day
November 29 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call (321) 951-0583 for details or just show up if you are interested)
November 29 th - December 2 nd	Grant Historical House "Benson House" Christmas Open House 10:00 am until 6:00 pm (please call (321) 723-8543 for details)
December 1 st	5 th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00pm – 6:00pm (Fisherman's Landing 5795 Highway 1
December 6 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club)
December 13 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club)
December 14 th	Kid's Christmas Party at 7:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call (321) 951-0583 to RSVP who is attending and what snack you are bringing)
December 15 th	Grant Historical House closed until January 2 nd
December 16 th	Old Timer's Dinner @ 4:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call (321) 951-0583 for details)
December 25 th	Christmas Day
January 1 st	Happy New Year
January 2 nd	The Grant Historical House Reopens (normal hours please call (321)723-8543 for details)
January 5 th	Seafood Festival Work Party 8:00am (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street)
January 9 th	Guns N Hoses Blood Drive 10:45am until 3:45pm (4240 Highway 1)
January 21 st	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 2 nd	Groundhog Day
February 14 th	Happy Valentine's Day
February 16 th	Valkaria AirFest
February 18 th	President's Day
March 2 nd & 3 rd	Grant Seafood Festival (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street)