

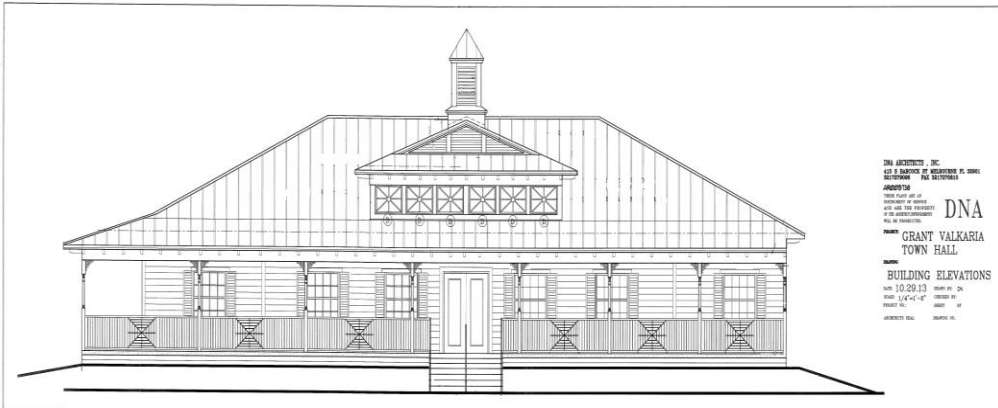


TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA
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GRANT-VALKARIA'S NEW TOWN HALL



The time has finally arrived. After years of saving and months of selecting, planning, budgeting, and designing, we are about to begin construction of the new town hall. The town hall will be located in the new park at 1449 Valkaria Road. The contractor, Certified General Contractors, Inc. along with David Nagrodski Architects, Inc. has completed the design and is now in the permitting phase for the structure. The town hall will be a 4400 sq. ft. building which will house staff and the council chambers. The design includes energy efficiency and ease of maintenance and will meet or exceed all current design standards. We are planning a ground breaking ceremony in the near future so watch our web site, www.grantvalkaria.org, and the news-channel for further information on the date. Construction is scheduled to be completed by March 1, 2014.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Park

We are always looking for volunteers to help save the town some money. If you would like to volunteer, we can always use some help over at the park. The center island in the parking lot of the park could use some attention. The plants are doing great but the weeds are getting ahead of us. There are also palm fronds all over the place that could use picking up. Its time consuming work so if you are at the park and would like to help out your community, please don't hesitate to lend a hand. Just make piles; we have a dumpster over by the maintenance building and I will see that the piles get put into it. I would like to thank all of the users of the park. It makes me very proud that it has been kept so clean and tidy with no issue to date. Everyone is picking up after themselves and I can say that I have seen everything in the park being utilized. People from all over South Brevard have been utilizing the park and all have had wonderful comments about the amenities contained within it. If you haven't had a chance to visit the park, please come out and take a stroll, it truly is unique.

2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Thursday, November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st in observance of Christmas and New Years.

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

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DO YOU LOVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS?

Do you love Christmas lights? Would you like to support your local Boy Scout Troops and Packs? If so, please attend Space Coast Lightfest this Christmas season.

Space Coast Lightfest will be held at Wickham Park every evening from 6:30 pm to 10 pm, from Monday, November 18 to Tuesday, December 31, 2013. The Space Coast Lightfest is a holiday themed drive-through event featuring millions of shimmering lights and dazzling animated displays.

The fee is \$10 per car, Mondays through Thursdays, and \$15 per car on the weekends. Your donations will help our boys from Boy Scouts of America's Riverside District go to summer camp next summer and are very much appreciated.



NEW OPENINGS ON TOWN BOARDS!

The Town Council is looking for volunteers to fill positions in both the Planning and Zoning/Local Planning Agency and the Code Enforcement Board. Applicants for the Town Board must be a registered voter within the Town and a resident of the Town for at least six months.

If you are interested and you need to complete an application please contact Sue Krueger at Clerk@grantvalkaria.org or stop by Town Hall to pick up an application. Please also contact us if you have already completed an application for a previous volunteer opportunity and are still interested in serving on a Town Board.

WASTE PRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste Pro will be observing the following holidays this season: Thursday November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving, and Wednesday December 25th in observance of Christmas. 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.



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.

- The Valkaria Aviation Association is presenting the Space Coast Rock and Blues Festival, Sunday November 24th at 2865 Greenbrooke Street from 12:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

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

- That Grant was the only community along the east coast of Florida that did not have a Works Progress Administration (W.P.A) Project. These "make work" programs providing jobs and employment to the unemployed during the Great Depression, were not needed in the Grant area. It is thought that this was due to Mr. Couch who was known to have never turned away a willing worker.

AVOID CONTRACTOR FRAUD

The Unlicensed Contractor Program was developed to protect the public, ensure qualified contractors are legally advertising and properly insured to perform the work in their trade, and maintain the credibility of the Construction Industry. County certification means being licensed to engage in a specific trade within the county.

State registered means holding a Certificate of Competency and being registered within the State of Florida for a specific trade. A registered contractor must meet local licensing requirements.

State certified means being certified by the State of Florida to perform work in a specific trade. Anyone certified by the State of Florida may perform work in that specific field throughout the State of Florida.

Trades requiring Certificate of Competency from the State and/or County:

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| Alarm Contractor | Garage Door Contractor | Residential Contractor |
| Alarm II Contractor | General Contractor | Roofing Contractor |
| Aluminum Structure Contractor | HARV Contractor | Sheetmetal Contractor |
| Building Contractor | Irrigation Contractor | Solar Contractor |
| Drywall Contractor | Limited Energy System Contractor | Storm Shutter Contractor |
| Electrical Contractor | Marine I Contractor | Stucco Contractor |
| Electrical Sign Contractor | Marine II Contractor | Swimming Pool Contractor |
| Land Clearing Contractor | Masonry Contractor | Swimming Pool Finishing Contractor |
| Fencing Contractor | Mechanical Contractor | Swimming Pool Service Contractor |
| Floor Covering Contractor | Painting Contractor | Underground Utilities Contractor |
| Floor Covering w/Tile Contractor | Plumbing Contractor | Window and Door Contractor |

1. Request copies of the contractor's occupational license, contractor license and certificate of insurance.
2. Confirm the contractor has obtained the necessary county or city permits.
3. Obtain a signed contract detailing the services to be completed by the contractor.
4. Be cautious of requests for large down payments.
5. To verify your contractor has obtained the necessary Brevard County Building Permits, you can contact (321) 633-2072 or <https://acaweb.brevardcounty.us/CitizenAccess/>.
6. To verify your contractor has the necessary Brevard County Licenses visit <http://web.brevardcounty.us/LicensedContractorSearch/>, or you can contact (321) 633-2058.
7. To verify state licenses visit <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp>, or you can contact (850)-487-1395

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 |
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| 2013-07 | Amend Unpaved Road Ordinance to allow for an unpaved road to extend to up to 2640 feet, such measurements shall be made along no more than 3 unpaved right-of-ways, or portions thereof. |



SKYMAN PARK EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Boy Scouts of America's Troop 37 has been involved at the Valkaria Airport for a number of years, learning about general aviation as well as offering public service. One of their Boy Scouts, Jacob Adkins, a life-long Grant-Valkaria resident, has been working on his Eagle Scout Service Project at Valkaria Airport for the past 9 months.

"Skyman Park is an awesome new park at Valkaria Airport," Adkins said. "Skyman Park is a new drainage pond that has two islands in the middle of them. Around the pond, the contractors are building a three-quarter mile BMX track. They have already created a radio-controlled racecar track and a radio-controlled off-road track."

"The timing was right for me to do my Eagle project at the airport. I have been designing the entrance way for the new Park. I hope that you can visit Skyman Park and that you will enjoy it."

"Skyman Park" was named in tribute to Scott Adair, a pilot who was killed in April when his single-seat gyrocopter crashed on airport property. Adair was a U.S. Powered Paragliding Association certified instructor and helped start the award-winning Search Operations Aerial Response, or SOAR, paragliding unit of the Palm Bay Police Department. He also trained with the department's dive team and organized the Palm Bay Para-Fly-In, an event that brought powered paragliders from around the country to Valkaria Airport to raise money for Palm Bay Police Department's Police Athletic League.

Troop 37 is a local troop of boys from Malabar, Grant-Valkaria, Melbourne and Palm Bay that enjoys aviation, water sports, backpacking, blacksmithing and survival camping skills. They meet weekly at the Valkaria Airport in the pilots' lounge from 6:45 to 8:15 pm.

In Boy Scouts of America, boys from age 11 to 18, learn leadership and camping skills while having a lot of fun. Younger boys of ages 6-10 can join Cub Scout Pack 37 which also meets at the Valkaria Airport.

To learn more about them and to possibly join, drop by and visit them one Monday night. You will be glad you did.



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#CitizenPatrol>.

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.](#)"

**EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY NOT BE SNOW...
IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE WITH FOLKS WE KNOW!**

*Please Join Us For Our 6th Annual Grant- Valkaria
Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration*



Saturday, December 7, 2013

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

At

Fisherman's Landing

5795 Highway 1



We cordially invite all Grant-Valkaria residents and families to join us 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.

**THEN HEAD ON DOWN TO THE TREASURE COAST
TO SEE SANTA CLAUS ARRIVE BY BOAT
THERE WILL BE COOKIES, CANDY, COCOA AND TOYS,
FOR ALL THE GOOD LITTLE GIRLS AND BOYS.
MAKE REINDEER FOOD TO SPRINKLE ON YOUR LAWN
AT NIGHT,**

**PLAY IN THE SNOW AND ROAST S'MORES BY THE
FIRESIDE LIGHT.**



6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

At

Treasure Coast Marina

5185 Highway 1



If you are interested please feel free to bring a canned good for the "stuff a boat for the holidays!" food drive sponsored by SeaTow. You can drop goods at both locations this season.

Grant Community Center's
Children's Christmas Party
December 13th - 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 December 5th, & December 12th
at 6:00pm.



Old Timers Christmas Dinner
December 15th - 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:

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| All Council Members: | GVC@grantvalkaria.org |
| Mayor Del Yonts: | DYonts@grantvalkaria.org |
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| Council Member Pat Bryan: | PBryan@grantvalkaria.org |
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| Council Member Dan Faden: | DFaden@grantvalkaria.org |
| Council Member Jason Mahaney: | JMahaney@grantvalkaria.org |
| 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!

GRANT LIBRARY BOOK DONATIONS NEEDED

The Grant Library is free to all residents and is run with volunteers. The Library has both the latest versions of the materials that you are looking for and great historical data.

Each year the library looks for donations of unwanted books and videos of all kinds. These books and videos are used both in the library and most sold at the annual Grant Seafood Festival Book Sale. This Sale helps to raise funds to purchase new books for the library and keep the references up to date.

If you have unwanted books that you are willing to donate or if you are willing to donate your time please contact Gert Jackson at (321)733-0636

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CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

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| November 15 th November 24 th | Grant Historical House will be closed until December 4 th (Please call 321-723-8543 for details) Rock and Blues Festival 2865 Greenbrooke Street 12:30-8:30pm (www.rocknbluesfestival.com) |
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| November 28 th | Thanksgiving Day |
| December 5 th - December 8 th | Grant Historical House Christmas Open House 10:00 am until 6:00 pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details) |
| December 7 th December 7 th | Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Fisherman’s Landing 5795 Highway 1) St. Joseph Catholic School “Super Bowl of Golf Tournament” will be held on 8:00am, the Habitat Golf Course |
| December 5 th December 11 th - December 13 th | Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club) Grant Historical House will be open from 10:00am – 4:00pm |
| December 12 th December 13 th | Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club) 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 14 th December 15 th | Grant Historical House closed until January 8 th Old Timer’s Dinner @ 4:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call 321-951-0583 for details) |
| December 25 th December 31 st | Christmas Day  New Year’s Eve |
| January 1 st January 4 th January 8 th | Happy New Year Seafood Festival Work Party 8:00am (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street) The Grant Historical House Reopens (normal hours please call 321-723-8543 for details) |
| January 20 th February 2 nd | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Groundhog Day |
| February 14 th February 17 th March 1 st & 2 nd | Happy Valentine’s Day  President’s Day Grant Seafood Festival (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street) |