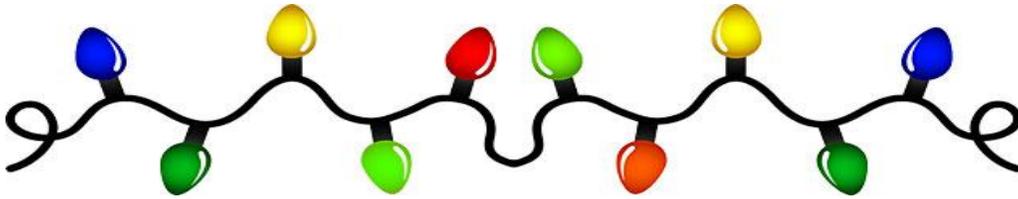




TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA

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**THE TREE IS UP AND LIGHTS ARE
AGLOW**

**IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE WITH
FOLKS WE KNOW!**

*Please Join Us For Our 7th Annual Grant-
Valkaria*

Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration

Saturday, December 6, 2014

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.

2014 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

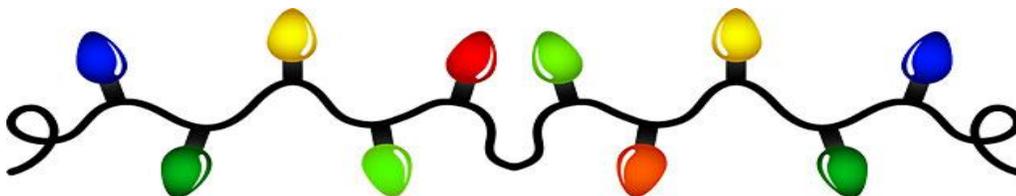
Town Hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Thursday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Wednesday, December 24th through Thursday, 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? It is that time of year again for taking a trip to Wickham Park to see 2.5 million lights.

Your local Boy Scouts of America have set up Brevard County's premier drive-through light show.

The Boy Scouts are proud to announce that this is the 15th year of Light fest! Drive over to see how it has grown and improved over the years. Feel proud that your contribution will help our young men grow into tomorrow's leaders.

Open nightly from 6:30 pm to 10 pm from November 17th to January 1st \$10.00 per car Monday through Thursday and \$15.00 per car Saturday, Sunday and on Holidays. Go to www.spacecoastlightfest.com for additional information and a schedule of events.

GIVE THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS!

This Christmas Season the Town Hall has joined with the Salvation Army to place an Angel Tree in our Lobby. The Angel Tree Program is a program created by the Salvation Army matches low income families with members of the community in order to provide gifts for children and seniors that may not receive gifts without the program. The Salvation Army does face to face interviews to determine eligibility and wish list items and clothing sizes are placed on the Angels for the community to sponsor. Gift List wishes are preferences. Gifts must remain unwrapped and the top two portions of the angel should be attached. All Angel Gifts must be returned by December 2, 2014 to sort and ensure that all children and seniors will receive gifts for Christmas.

WASTE PRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste Pro will be observing the following holidays this season: Thursday November 27^h in observance of Thanksgiving, and Thursday 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.



GRANT-VALKARIA HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Last year the Grant Valkaria Community Association (GVCA) began selling ornaments as a fundraiser. The proceeds of the ornaments help to pay for the Town's Christmas tree, additional park equipment as well as the future hiking, biking and equestrian trails throughout the Town. Both the new 2014 ornaments and 2013 ornaments are currently available at Town Hall and will be on sale at the Annual Tree Lighting on December 6th. The price of the 2014 ornament is \$10.00 and the 2013 ornament will be sold for \$5.00. The 2014 ornament will have a new design and be green and gold. The 2013 ornament is red and gold and features two sandhill cranes.

Start your collection of ornaments unique to your hometown!

DID YOU KNOW?

- That ZUMBA fitness classes are being offered Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and Body Toning and ZUMBA GOLD are Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 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 2nd 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 locate at 5795 S. Highway 1, Grant Florida 32949.

DRAINAGE CONCERNS

This past September we had near record rainfall amounts in Town that identified several drainage deficiencies. Some of the problems were isolated areas that needed additional maintenance. Some of the problem areas were attributed to low lying property that the Town cannot do anything about – the lot is lower than the road or drainage swale. There was however another drainage problem that came to light in several areas. That problem was the individual driveway culverts. We had a couple of pipes fail during the month of September that caused problems downstream from the collapsed pipe. Please note that all driveway pipes are the responsibility of the homeowner. It is your responsibility to maintain your own driveway pipe. If your driveway is developing a depression anywhere in the driveway or along the headwall, most likely the pipe is failing. While placing new material in the depression might help temporarily, it will not solve the problem. The pipe is failing. When your driveway pipe collapses and you do nothing to repair it you are not only in violation of the code of ordinances, you could also be held liable for any damage to your neighbors downstream. Please repair your driveway pipes as soon as you see trouble to prevent an accidental flooding of your neighbor or a traffic accident if the water goes over the roadway. The Town will send out a courtesy letter to any home where we see a problem and will cite a homeowner who does not respond by correcting the deficiency, however, that could take months of time to get the case before the code enforcement board and in the meantime you could be causing a lot of problems for your neighbors. Remember, you could be held liable for any damage. The Town completed a drainage study a couple of years ago and has each and every driveway pipe categorized on a map. We have the size, type of pipe, and condition of the pipes for every home in the town. You can call town hall to find out how your driveway pipe is categorized. If it is indicated as poor condition you should begin to think about replacing the pipe before it becomes a problem for you or your neighbors. Remember, you must obtain a permit to do any work in the right-of-way to replace the pipe. We will furnish you with the size and elevation that the pipe must be set at to ensure proper drainage flow.

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
2014-04	Medical Marijuana
2014-06	Rezone Parcel Id # 29-37-27-00-00518 from Agricultural Residential to Low Intensity Institutional.

HAVE YOU BEEN PUTTING OFF CLEANING OUT YOUR PANTRY?

The Calvary Baptist Church has been working to provide a food pantry for the hungry and less fortunate every Thursday from 10:00am 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 & Worship
9:45 am until 1:00 pm.
Bible Study & Worship Service
Sunday
5:00 pm until 7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday
6:30pm until 7:30 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
5640 Old Dixie Hwy
Grant, 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 email list please visit our website at www.grantvalkaria.org.

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



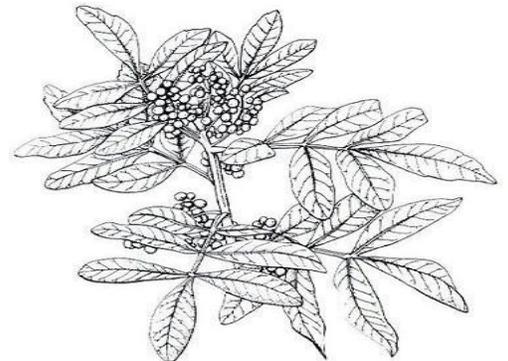
RAINY SEASON- YOU CAN HELP?

Each year the Town of Grant-Valkaria spends tens of thousands of dollars cutting back Brazilian Pepper Trees from the right-of-ways and mowing the ditches and swales. These trees are a nuisance, and are non-native invasive species that grow everywhere. They block visibility and block drainage. Many of the trees are on private property and should be removed by the owner of the property. County code which the Town adopted when we incorporated requires home owners to remove all invasive species from their property. Although this is most often applied to new construction, it certainly applies to existing homes. It just isn't enforced. Quite often the trees are left to grow to form a visual barrier between the home and the cars on the roadway, a privacy fence if you will. The problem begins when the property owner doesn't trim the trees and they begin to fall over into the right-of-way. At that point they become a problem that the Town must take care of. The Town has over 58 miles of paved and unpaved roads in town. That means 116 miles of right-of-way that must get mowed, trimmed, and maintained. Many homeowners do a wonderful job of keeping their area clear of invasive trees and some of you go above and beyond and mow half of your street even though you only own one lot. I commend you and thank you for your assistance. Every little bit helps. We do the best we can with the money we have to spend. Assistance from the individual homeowners means less work that the Town has to contract out. September was a very wet month that we saw evidence of how much of an impact there is from overgrowth in the ditches and swales. We ask that you do your part and try to keep the area in front of your home clear of debris and overgrowth. In the end, this will help with the drainage and cut the Town's operating costs. Fortunately, there are several products containing effective herbicides that are readily available from local garden supply stores and suppliers.

THE HERBICIDES

Name

Pathfinder II
Roundup Super Concentrate
Roundup Brush
Brush-B-Gone
Brush Killer
Vine-X



INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOVAL AND TREATMENT

Basal Bark Treatment

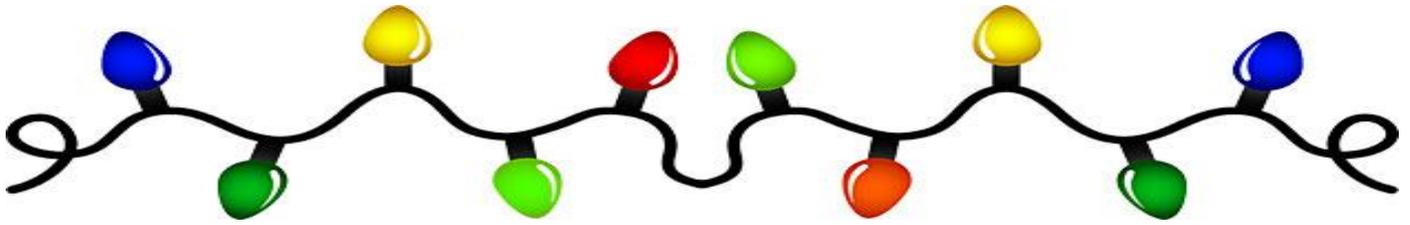
Basal bark treatment allows you to kill a tree or shrub without cutting it down first. This approach is less expensive and may be preferred if you have a large property and don't mind having dead trees standing. This method is frequently used on Brazilian Peppers on publicly conserved lands in central Florida. The herbicide penetrates the bark into the living tissue and translocates through the tree. When you see leaves turning yellow and starting to fall, you will know the herbicide is working. Within a few weeks the leaves will turn brown. It is important to follow the instructions below, spray each trunk, and monitor the tree. If after a few weeks, one or more branches of the tree are still healthy, additional treatment will be necessary. Be aware that if you plan on cutting the trees down after they are dead, the wood may become very hard and cutting it may be difficult. Of the above listed herbicide products, Pathfinder II and Vine-X (which are sold pre-mixed with oil) can be used for this method.

- 1.) Clear any leaves or debris off of the trunk.
- 2.) Spray the entire circumference of the lower 12 to 15 inches of each trunk to entirely wet the bark, but not to the point of runoff.
- 3.) Mark the tree with a flag to indicate that it has been sprayed and monitor it for symptoms.

Cut Stump Treatment

This method is preferred by most homeowners, especially those with only a few trees to remove. The tree is cut down and then an herbicide is **immediately** applied. If this method is used, be sure to dispose of cut material in such a way that seeds are not dispersed. Brazilian Pepper is most fruitful in the winter. All of the herbicides listed on the front can be used for this method.

- 1.) Before cutting down the tree have herbicide ready.
 - 2.) Cut the trunk(s) of the tree as close to the ground as possible and brush away any sawdust or debris.
 - 3.) Within 5 minutes of making the cut, use a squirt bottle to apply herbicide to the living layer of tissue.
- University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. 2002. Brazilian Pepper-tree Control. Document # SS-AGR-17. <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>.



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.

Saturday, December 6, 2014

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Treasure Coast Marina

5185 Highway 1

CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE

December 13, 2014 at Sundown

VIEWING AREAS ALONG HIGHWAY 1 BETWEEN SEBASTIAN INLET MARINA AND
TREASURE COAST MARINA!

CONTESTANTS MUST ATTEND MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING DECEMBER
11, 2014 AT 7:00PM AT SEBASTIAN INLET MARINA.

PRE-REGISTRATION CAN BE COMPLETED AT SEBASTIAN INLET MARINA,
TREASURE COAST MARINA OR AT THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING.

PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE SEA TOW "STUFF A
BOAT" FOOD DRIVE.

CALL 321-733-3390 OR 772-664-8500 FOR MORE INFORMATION



Grant Community Center's
Children's Christmas Party
December 12th- 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 4th, & December 11th
at 6:00pm.



Old Timers Christmas Dinner
December 14th – 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

Please bring a covered dish or dessert.
Please call Nancy at (321)951-0583
to coordinate dishes and to RSVP.

Please bring a non-perishable food item, if possible to both events to
help stock the Calvary Baptist Food Pantry!

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 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
Mayor Del Yonts:	DYonts@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Lisette Kolar:	LKolar@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Pat Bryan:	PBryan@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Cathy DeMott:	CDeMott@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Dan Faden:	DFaden@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Tom Sammon:	TSammon@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!

HOSPICE OF ST. FRANCIS

Hospice of St. Francis is a non-denominational, independent, non-profit hospice with offices in Melbourne and Titusville. Providing hospice care and support to patients and families throughout Brevard County. Hospice of St. Francis is seeking caring volunteers to provide respite care and companionship to hospice patients and their caregivers throughout Brevard County.

Volunteers are needed in Melbourne, Palm Bay, Beachside, and Barefoot Bay.

Training is required please contact Mary Larson, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at (321) 269-4240 or visit www.hospiceofstfrancis.com

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CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

November 7 th	Grant Historical House will be closed until December 4 th (Please call 321-723-8543 for details)
November 11 th	Veteran's Day 
November 27 th	Thanksgiving Day
December 4 th - December 7 th	Grant Historical House Christmas Open House 10:00 am until 6:00 pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
December 6 th	Annual Christmas tree lighting (5795 Highway 1)
December 6 th	Christmas Party at Treasure Coast Marina
December 4 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club)
December 10 th - December 13 th	Grant Historical House will be open from 10:00am – 4:00pm
December 11 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club)
December 12 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 13 th	Grant Historical House closed until January 7 th
December 13 th	Christmas Boat Parade from Treasure Coast marina to Sebastian Inlet Marina- Stop by Fisherman's Landing to watch the parade
December 14 th	Old Timer's Dinner @ 4:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call 321-951-0583 for details)
December 25 th	Christmas Day 
December 31 st	New Year's Eve
January 1 st	Happy New Year
January 7 th	The Grant Historical House Reopens (normal hours please call 321-723-8543 for details)
January 3 rd	Seafood Festival Work Party 8:00am (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street)
January 19 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day