



Sandhill Bugle



A BUDGET MESSAGE

Rick Hood - Town Administrator

On July 10, 2013 the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 was submitted to the Town Council at their regular Town Council meeting in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Town Charter. The budget adoption schedule is as follows:

- **September 11, 2013**
– 1st Public Hearing
- **September 25, 2013**
– 2nd Public Hearing

This year, as in the past, I submitted the proposed budget with the intention of keeping the millage rate at 1 mill. The Town Council accepted my proposal of keeping the millage at 1 mill at their July 10, 2013 meeting. What this means to the residents is that no matter what happened from this point on, the Council cannot increase the proposed millage rate higher than the current proposed one mill. One mill is the equivalent of \$1.00 per every \$1,000 of taxable value. The Brevard County Property Appraiser sets the property values of all locations within Brevard County.

I cannot promise your overall taxes will not go up. It is dependent on your assessed value and the millage rates chosen by the County, Schools, Libraries, Sheriff, Fire and others. The tax notice inserted in this article will give you a better picture of the amount the Town gets from the taxes you pay.

The sample tax bill is from a property here in Town to show how much of your tax dollars actually go to the Town. This tax bill is for a home assessed at \$226,300 with the standard \$50,000 exemptions. Taxes and assessments total \$4,063.55. Of that amount we received \$176.30 in ad valorem taxes, \$36.00 in stormwater assessments and \$236.76 in solid waste assessments.

The solid waste assessment is remitted in full to Waste- Pro so we get to utilize \$212.30 of the \$4,063.55 in Taxes and assessments to run the Town. Of the total tax bill just 3 line items go to the town, not all of the taxes you pay.

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Ad Valorem Taxes and Non-Ad Valorem Assessments

The information contained herein does not constitute a title search and should not be relied on as such.

Account Number	Tax Type	Tax Year			
2932273	REAL ESTATE	2012			
Mailing Address [REDACTED]					
GEO Number [REDACTED]					
Exempt Amount	Taxable Value				
See Below	See Below				
Exemption Detail	Millage Code	Escrow Code			
HA 25000	34L0				
HX 25000					
Legal Description [REDACTED]					
Ad Valorem Taxes					
Taxing Authority	Rate	Assessed Value	Exemption Amount	Taxable Value	Taxes Levied
COUNTY GENERAL FUND	4.9063	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$864.98
BREVARD LIBRARY DISTRICT	0.5986	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$105.53
BREVARD MOSQUITO CONTROL	0.2151	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$37.92
S BREVARD REC DIST 2001-2020	0.1089	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$19.20
SCHOOL - BY STATE LAW	5.5980	226,300	25,000	\$201,300	\$1,126.88
SCHOOL - BY LOCAL BOARD	0.9980	226,300	25,000	\$201,300	\$200.90
SCHOOL - CAPITAL OUTLAY	1.5000	226,300	25,000	\$201,300	\$301.95
TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA	1.0000	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$176.30
FIRE CONTROL MSTU	0.8135	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$143.42
LAW ENFORCEMENT MSTU	1.3574	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$239.31
ST JOHNS RIVER WATER MGMT DST	0.3313	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$58.41
FLA INLAND NAVIGATION DIST	0.0345	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$6.08
SEBASTIAN INLET DISTRICT	0.1124	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$19.82
ENV END LD/WTR LTD 05-24	0.0422	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$7.44
ENV END LD/WTR LTD (DBTP) 05-24	0.1577	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$27.80
S BREVARD REC DIST (DBTP) 01-20	0.4911	226,300	50,000	\$176,300	\$86.58
Total Millage		18.2650	Total Taxes	\$3,422.52	
Non-Ad Valorem Assessments					
Code	Levying Authority	Amount			
Y111	STORMWATER GRANT/VALKARIA	\$36.00			
Y158	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$57.00			
Y166	FIRE SP ASSESSMENT - COUNTY	\$311.27			
Y168	SOLID WASTE GRANT-VALKARIA	\$236.76			
Total Assessments		\$641.03			

GRANT-VALKARIA PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2013-2014

GRANT-VALKARIA PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET SUMMARY				
Millage Rate 1.00				
Estimated Revenues	General Fund	Stormwater Fund	Solid Waste Fund	TOTAL BUDGET
Taxes				
Ad Valorem Taxes	278,424			278,424
Local Option Gas Tax	76,652			76,652
FP&L Franchise Fee	195,000			195,000
Communication Service Tax	133,513			133,513
Licenses and Permits	18,500			18,500
State Shared Revenues				
Intergovernmental Revenue				
Municipal Revenue Sharing	82,676			82,676
Alcohol Licenses	900			900
State 1/2 Cent Sales Tax	191,916			191,916
County Business Tax Receipts	600			600
Service Charges	3,775			3,775
Fines and Forfeitures	250			250
Miscellaneous Revenue	4,600			4,600
Physical Environment				
Solid Waste/Garbage			411,244	411,244
Stormwater		91,218		91,218
Reserve Carry Forward (roads)	175,000			175,000
Reserve Carry Forward (townhall)	500,000			500,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	1,661,806	91,218	411,244	2,164,268
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES				
General Governmental	524,663			524,663
Protective Inspections	12,555			12,555
Roads and Streets	312,100			312,100
Emergency/Disaster Relief	1,000			1,000
Solid Waste Collection			411,244	411,244
Flood Control/Stormwater Management		59,200		59,200
Sub-Total	850,318	59,200	411,244	1,320,762
Capital Improvements:				
Road Repairs	250,000			250,000
Town Hall	500,000			500,000
Park Improvements	10,000			10,000
Reserves:				
Stormwater		32,018		32,018
General Fund	26,488			26,488
Road Repairs	25,000			25,000
Sub-Total	811,488	32,018		843,506
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES				2,164,268

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.grant-vaalkaria.org.

ORDINANCE NO.	DESCRIPTION
2013-05	Heliport moratorium until Feb 12, 2014

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Those are the only 3 line items that the Town Council has any control over.

This budget is similar to last year's budget in that we are budgeting for 2 capital projects. The first is the completion of Town Hall which should be underway early this fall and the 2nd is for road resurfacing also expected early this fall.

We had town hall in our current fiscal year budget but did not get that project started so we will be rolling that money over into next year's budget. We are also rolling forward the road repair dollars and adding to it to do approximately \$250,000 worth of road projects in the fall.

The proposed budget for next fiscal year is \$2,164,268. This is nearly a 13% decrease in last year's budget.

The following are some of the highlights of the proposed budget:

REVENUES:

Property values have started to increase slightly. This helps because as I pointed out earlier in this budget message we only control a very limited amount of your overall taxes. The revenue received from ad valorem taxes only accounts for 28% of our total general fund revenues. The majority of our revenues come from state revenue sharing, gas tax revenues, and franchise fees so we are very dependent on what goes on in Tallahassee. This year, the general fund revenues are expected to increase by just 3.86% overall. Several of our other revenue sources are decreasing while a few are increasing. We will continue to use reserve funds for funding the construction of town hall and for the road resurfacing projects. The town does not use reserves for operation, only for capital projects. That is why it is so

important to fund reserves each year in the budget. The reserve account is our savings account.

EXPENDITURES:

Expenditures are broken down into three categories. The first is the general fund. That is the fund that we operate the daily operations with. It covers staffing, equipment, utilities, road and drainage facilities, and our contract services for legal, auditing, and engineering. The General Fund budget is increasing by approximately 1.5% overall. As always there are some line item increases and some line item decreases. Each year we are able to identify our true cost of operation which means more exact estimates of expenditures each year. This budget continues to provide similar services as in the past in areas such as drainage, road grading, and mowing. Staffing will also remain the same. The other area of the budget is funded through the assessments on your budget statement. It includes stormwater management and solid waste. The stormwater management fee will remain the same this year and the expenditures from this fund include maintenance of the existing drainage system and some improvements from the stormwater master plan. The other assessment is for solid waste. This fee is going to increase 1.03%. This past year we changed contractors to Waste Pro which appears to have resulted in improved services throughout the Town. The final category in the budget is capital improvements. Last fiscal year we proposed to build the park, build town hall and resurface some roads. We managed to complete 1 out of 3 with the park. We also started the process of town hall construction by choosing the contractor who will be starting the design in September with construction immediately following the design. This budget will fund the completion of the

We have also been working with several contractors trying to determine the best use of the money we have for roads. This budget has increased the amount we are planning to spend on the roads. We have raised the amount for road work to \$250,000 which we plan to begin right after the start of the fiscal year. We also intend to continue some additional drainage projects. Overall, with the completion of the park, the Capital Improvements portion of the budget will decrease.

The budget must be balanced where revenues and expenditures balance. The overall budget is decreasing by 13% with money going into reserves for future projects. This budget includes using reserve funds for the construction of town hall and for the roads.

The budget summary shown in this newsletter is only a summary. It does not break down the budget for each individual line item. The full budget can be found online on the Town's website and copies are always available at Town Hall.

Don't forget the budget public hearings on September 11, 2013 and September 25, 2013. The Town Council appreciates your input.

2013 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Monday September 2nd in observance of Labor Day
- Thursday November 11th in observance of Veterans Day
- Thursday November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving
- Tuesday December 24th through Wednesday January 1st in observance of Christmas and New Years.



SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY

BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

How Secure Is Your Home?

The **Brevard County Sheriff's Office** is offering Residential Security Surveys to the residents of Brevard County. This involves a visit to your home by a Crime Prevention Practitioner, who will inspect the interior and exterior of the home to identify potential security concerns. The homeowner will be provided a written report along with recommendations on improving the security of the home. These surveys are **FREE** and totally **CONFIDENTIAL**.

If you are interested in a survey, please call the **Crime Prevention Unit** at **321-264-7755** for more information or to schedule a survey.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office works diligently each day to promote a safe and secure environment for all the people who live, work and visit Brevard County. The Brevard County Sheriff's Office Community Services Team serves as a liaison to the community and is committed to enhancing and improving crime prevention awareness and education to the citizens of Brevard County.

Programs available for presentation by your Community Services Unit:

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| Teen Driver Challenge | Sheriff's Explorers |
| Brevard S.T.O.P.P.E.D. | Economic Crimes |
| COPDOTS | Identity Theft |
| File of Life | Child Safety |
| Project Lifesaver | Anti-Bullying |
| Business Security Surveys | Senior Safety |
| Residential Security Surveys | Workplace Violence |
| Threat Awareness | Self Defense through Mental Preparedness |
| radKids | Uneighbors |

Emergency Calls: 911

Non-Emergency Calls for Service - South Area: 321-952-6371

Non-Emergency Calls for Service - 772 Area Code: 772-663-6269

Precinct Front Desk:

Monday through Friday
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Phone: (321) 253-6658 or (772) 664-1015
Email: southprecinct@bcso.us

Fingerprinting Service Provided to General Public:

Monday Through Friday
8:00 am to 11:00 am
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

For further information as to the services provided by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, feel free to contact us at the above listed phone numbers, or visit the Brevard County Sheriff's Office website at www.brevardsheriff.com.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND GIVE A VOICE TO FLORIDA'S ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN!

A Guardian Ad Litem is an individual who is appointed by the court to protect the rights of a child and advocate their best interests involved in court proceedings such as a result of alleged abuse or neglect. They make independent recommendations to the court by focusing on the needs of each child.

Some of the requirements to become a Guardian ad Litem:

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Complete and submit application and photo identification
- Pass a Level 2 background screening
- Have 2 character references
- Interview with a local program director or designee
- Successfully complete 30 hours of certification training including classroom lecture and court room observations
- Sign code of conduct

These volunteers are not social workers, therapists or lawyers. These are average people who make a difference in a child's life.

If you are interested in volunteering to help give a voice to the children, please contact the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, Moore Justice Center, 2825 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, Florida 32940 at (321) 690-6823 or

www.brevardcounty.us/guardianadlitem . Even though court and training is in Viera, they try hard to make the visits less taxing. The local Guardian Ad Litem Coordinator will try to match volunteers with the age range they prefer and most importantly in a location near to their work or home. The Guardian Ad Litem program is a non-profit organization.

GRANT VALKARIA RESIDENT BECOMES EAGLE SCOUT!

Zachary Schneider a resident of Grant Valkaria and has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 520 for the past eight years. On May 11, 2013 Council recognized and commended Zachary for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest rank. The Eagle Scout Award carries a special significance, not only in Scouting, but also as a young man entering higher education, business, industry, and community service.

To become an Eagle Scout one must earn twenty one badges; demonstrate Scout Spirit and leadership in the troop. The Scout is required to plan, develop and lead a service project. Zachary's Eagle Scout Project was to build and install three large mosaics measuring 4 foot by eight foot entitled "Faith, Hope & Love" at St. Joseph Catholic Church School in Palm



Bay, Florida. This project took nearly six months to complete which he hopes the students and faculty enjoy in years to come. Way to go Zachary!

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

PICK UP SCHEDULE

Household garbage is collected two (2) times per week.

Tuesday and Friday

Residents living in the Grant area
All residents living on Highway US 1
All residents living on Babcock Street **SOUTH** of Grant Road

Wednesday and Saturday

Residents living in the Valkaria area.
All residents living on Babcock Street **NORTH** of Grant Road.

Household recycling is collected one (1) time per week. Your pickup schedule is Thursday for everyone in Grant-Valkaria.

Residential yard waste is collected one (1) time per week. Your pickup is schedule is Monday for everyone in Grant-Valkaria.

Residential bulk waste is collected one (1) day per week, on your second garbage service day of the week, being either Friday or Saturday, depending on your service area.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste Pro will not be providing collection and disposal service on holidays observed by the Town of Grant-Valkaria.

Labor Day	1st Monday in September
Thanksgiving Day	4th Thursday in November
Christmas Day	December 25

Any disposal and collection service that would have been regularly provided, but for the holiday, shall be provided the next regularly scheduled collection day. If you have further questions please contact Waste Pro at 321-837-0055.

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



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
Mayor Del Yonts:	DYonts@grantvalkaria.org
Vice Mayor 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 Dan Robino:	DRobino@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Jason Mahaney:	JMahaney@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!

INTERESTED IN BLAZING TRAILS!

The Town Council is looking for volunteers to be members of a Grant-Valkaria "Trails and Greenways Committee". This committee will explore the best areas of Town in which to develop walking/hiking, bicycle, and equestrian trails and provide input to the Brevard County Trail System. The committee will also explore available grants for the development of trails in our Town. We are fortunate to have a vast area of beautiful forests and waterways – join a committee that will be instrumental in making these accessible to our residents and enhance our quality of life.

Contact: Vice Mayor Lisette Kolar at lkolar@grantvalkaria.org.

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.](#)"

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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR!

September 8 th	Grandparents' Day
October 2 nd	Grant Historical House will reopen Wednesday thru Friday From 10:00am until 4:00pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
October 19 th	Grant Historical House "Benson House" Flea Market 8:00am until 2:00pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
October 26 th	Kid's Halloween Party 7:00pm (Grant Community Club, please call 321-951-0583 for details)
October 31 st	Halloween
November 11 th	Veteran's Day 
November 15 th	Grant Historical House will be closed until December 4 th (Please call 321-723-8543 for details)
	
November 28 th	Thanksgiving Day
December 5 th -	Grant Historical House Christmas Open House
December 8 th	10:00 am until 6:00 pm (please call 321-723-8543 for details)
December 7 th	Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Fisherman's Landing 5795 Highway 1)
December 5 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club)
December 11 th -	Grant Historical House will be open from 10:00am – 4:00pm
December 13 th	
December 12 th	Christmas Story Rehearsal 6:00pm (Grant Community Club)
December 13 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 14 th	Grant Historical House closed until January 8 th
December 15 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 8 th	The Grant Historical House Reopens (normal hours please call 321-723-8543 for details)
January 4 th	Seafood Festival Work Party 8:00am (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street)
January 20 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 2 nd	Groundhog Day
	
February 14 th	Happy Valentine's Day
February 17 th	President's Day
March 1 st & 2 nd	Grant Seafood Festival (Grant Community Club 4580 First Street)

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HELP NAME THE TOWN'S NEW PARK ON VALKARIA ROAD.....

Send your suggestions for the name of the new park on the form below.

It is the Town Council's request that the park name should include somewhere in it the words "Grant- Valkaria".

Name _____		
Address _____		
Phone _____	Email _____	
I would like to suggest the following name(s) for the Town Park, in order of preference:		
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		
Mail to: Town of Grant-Valkaria PO Box 766 Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949	OR	Drop off at Town Hall: 4240 US Highway 1 Grant Valkaria, FL 32949