

"KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE RESIDENTS AS WELL AS KEEPING THEM INFORMED."

GRANDVIEW NEWS

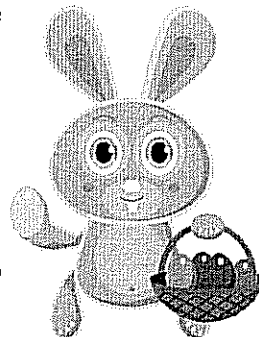
OLDEST BUSINESS STILL OPERATING IN GRANDVIEW??

Have you ever wondered who that is?? We have. So we will be featuring a different business in the Village in each newsletter so we can see what our Village has to offer its residents. In 1960, Larry and Mary Wertz opened Wertz Alignment at the corner of 8th & Jefferson. In 1964, they were informed the building would be torn down due to urban renewal in downtown Springfield. Larry purchased ground in Grandview which was a Construction Co. Storage Lot from Elmer Bartolo. Several pieces of equipment and other assorted items had to be removed, after removal excavation and the construction began. Once the new building and equipment was ready Wertz Alignment opened in Grandview 1965. Through the years this family owned and operated business has employed many of their family members. Jerry Wertz runs the business now, he has worked with his mom, dad, 3 sisters, Linda, Peggy and Barb, great uncles, uncles, cousins, brother-in-laws, Jerry's son and daughter and assorted friends through out the years. Wertz Alignment is proud to be a Grandview Business!! Wertz Alignment specializes in alignments and front end suspension work on any size vehicle, cars, pickups, SUVs, campers, buses and large trucks. **Call Jerry at 522-3558.**

Calling all business... If you would like to be featured in an upcoming newsletter please contact Lisa at 528-7624.

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....The Village of Grandview is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children 1-12 years old, on April 19th, at the Muni Bldg from 4:00pm-5:30pm. We will have hotdogs, chili and drinks!! Please plan to bring your family!!! We had an awesome turn out last year and hope to make this an annual event.

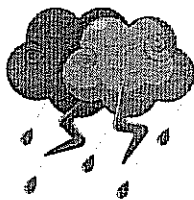


COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

- *First & Third Tuesday of every month are Board Meetings at 5:30 pm located at the Water Dept. Open to the Public!*
- *April 19th—Village Easter Egg Hunt & Dinner at the Grandview Municipal Bldg.*
- *May 2nd & 3rd Village Wide Garage Sales*
- *May 10th Clean up day for all streets South of North Grand and North Grand Ave.*
- *May 17th Clean up day for streets North of North Grand*
- *Village Offices closed on May 26th Memorial Day*
- *Village Offices closed on July 4th - Fourth of July*

DITCHES & STORM WATER DRAINAGE

With the spring season approaching our area, we wanted to remind residents to remove all debris from their ditches and curbing, examples include: sticks, leaves, debris, etc. This is your responsibility! This will help avoid any blockage and possible flooding problems within your neighborhood. This helps you and your neighbors!! Hopefully, with your help our storm water drainage system will be able to handle any weather that comes our way!!



WATER PAYMENTS

The Village of Grandview is now accepting automatic payments directly from your checking or savings account. If you are interested in signing up, stop by the office or call 528-7624 and we can send you out the sign up sheet. This service is free of charge. You will still receive your monthly bill at the beginning of each month so you know how much will be taken out of your account prior to the day you select. Once you sign up for this service you will not have to write another check for your water payment!! Feel free to call Lisa with any questions!



REMOVAL OF GARBAGE CANS

Unfortunately, this is still an ongoing problem with many residents in our village. In Ordinance No. 11-10, all containers of garbage and recycling, shall be removed from the collection place sites within 24 hours of set collection day. **This means you must remove your cans from the street!** While in use during the week excluding the contracted pick up day, all containers must be kept behind the face-line of the individual premises being served. Also, that no container shall be placed so as to constitute a nuisance to adjacent property and to the occupants. Lets be courteous to our neighbors and bring our cans back to the rear of the residence! Thanks!!



SWIMMING POOLS

Please call the water department prior to filling your pools.

Any swimming pool in the Village of Grandview shall have a fence, protective wall or other effective barrier completely surrounding the pool as specified in Ordinance 13-11.

New changes with the Pool Ordinance has electrical requirements that need to be met.

ALL POOLS must meet all guidelines within the ordinance prior to April 1, 2014.

Any violation of this Ordinance is subject to a fine, up to \$750. Please ensure your swimming pool complies with the Ordinance for the safety of yourself and others! The Village of Grandview wishes everyone a Safe and Happy Summer!

Please come by the office and pick up a copy of the ordinance for your review.

CONTACT INFO

President - Mark Woollen 528-3061

Police Dept - 622-4626 or 753-6666

Emergency - 911

Admin/Water Office - 528-7624 9 am - 1 pm

Clerk - Michelle Bates 741-2359

Trustees:

Muni Bldg - Janice Bentley 523-5707

Police - Mike Murphy 753-1382

Public Health - Karen Murphy 527-8675

Streets - Ernest Nudo Jr. 725-3921

Water - Vickie Kean 741-0044

Zoning/Permits- Leland Rhodes 241-7505

LOW INCOME SEWER REBATE

On June 1, 2011, income eligible Sangamon County residents living in the Springfield Metro Sanitary District, **would qualify for a one-time sewer rebate of \$63.75. The program is still available for 2014-2015, while there is money available.**



Residents may call 535-3120 for an appointment any day during business hours until funds are depleted. No walk-in appointments will be taken.



SEWER RATE INCREASE

The Springfield Metro Sanitary District will raise the sewer rates again effective with your June 2014 bill, May's usage. This is a cost that is billed to us by the Springfield Metro Sanitation District. The Village receives 50 cents per household of the monthly charge and the remaining amount is then forwarded to the SMSD monthly. The sewer rate is a monthly charge plus usage. Your sewer charges are billed per unit of usage of water. The total this year will be \$10.52 per month charge and \$5.87 per unit of usage. In order to keep your bill low, repair any leaky faucets, toilets, and water breaks that you may have. The more water you use the more sewer charges you will see on your bill. If you fill a pool, please call us first, in doing so we may discount the sewer charges of the water it takes to fill your pool. You must call FIRST!! Thanks!!

WATER BILL REMINDERS

I want to remind all residents of how the bill works. We have had several misunderstandings in the last winter. Your bill is read at the end of the month. Once all readings are gathered, I input these into the system. I then give to our Street Department a list of "high reads". The guys go back out with this list and reread each meter on this list. On the first business day of the month, I apply all payments that were in the drop box overnight. Once I start the process of billing, it can not be stopped. If you come into the office after I have started you are assessed a late fee of 10% of the balance you owe. At that time, you are deemed late. The bill is due by the last day of the month. Anyone can pay your bill with cash, check, money order or by credit card. We offer direct pay which is automatically deducted from your bank account on a specific day that is preselected. If payment is not received by the end of the month, you will be assessed your 10% late fee and you will receive in the mail a disconnection notice, stating if you do not pay your entire bill due by the due date, usually this date is 2-3 weeks from the first of the month, you will be shut off. No excuses and no extensions. If by chance you happen to have a water line break at your residence, we will try to come up with a specific payment arrangement that we both can live with. But only if this was a BREAK, not by USAGE. I do not make the rules, I am here to enforce them. The Village Ordinance has been in place for decades. Unfortunately, the rates have increased due to the City charging us more, which we have to pass on to you. No one is happy about the high costs, especially the Board.

SOLICITOR'S PERMIT

Hi everyone, just wanted to pass on some information to everyone. A Solicitor's Permit has been issued to a subject named Jeffrey Norris. Mr. Norris will be going door-to-door between today through April 20th. He has already been advised to not approach houses displaying the "No Solicitor" card. Mr. Norris is selling flashing light devices for homes. The device can be used in your normal porch light but is made so that it can be activated during a time of an emergency. The light will flash and alert any neighbors or police that the person inside the residence is in some kind of distress but is unable to call for help. While we don't normally assist solicitors, we have had some people express an interest in this device and therefore we just are advising people in case they might know someone this possibly could help.

LIMB PICKUP AND REMOVAL

The Public Works Department Limb Pickup runs from April through November. The pickup starts on the first Monday of the month. Should this be a holiday the pickup begins on Tuesday following the holiday. We ask that you wait until the weekend before pickup to put out your limbs. The limb pick up program does not mean that the crew will carry away logs, etc. when you have a tree cut down. When you make arrangements with a tree trimmer you should also make arrangements to get rid of the debris. **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY:**

The Village **WILL** collect:

Limbs or branches that have fallen from the trees.

Limbs or branches that have been trimmed from trees and bushes as part of tree maintenance only.

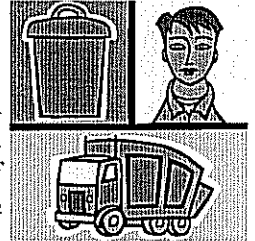
Branches can be no longer than six (6) feet in length; no wider than four (4) inches in diameter. Place branches (no twigs, leaves, or lawn rakings) in a neat orderly pile in the ditch.

The Village **WILL NOT** collect:

Limbs, branches, logs, or excessive trimming resulting from tree removal.

Anything longer than six (6) feet. A pile of leaves or other debris mixed in with the limbs will result in the limbs not being picked up.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP DUMPSTER PROGRAM



The Springfield Township offers a Dumpster Program for residents that live within Springfield Township, which includes all of Grandview residents. The Township will accept items that are not accepted by local waste haulers. The Springfield Township offers this service for a small donation. The donations are used for Christmas Baskets every year for the needy. Residents will need to bring their items to the drop off location and pay a small fee. **DATE:** 1st Saturday of every month, except when it falls on a holiday, if the first Saturday is a holiday then it will be on the following Saturday. **TIME:** 8 am—Noon **FEES:** \$10/ pickup load \$20/1 ton truck or higher \$2.00/per tire limit of 4; off rims. **LOCATION:** Springfield Township Garage, 3298 Terminal Ave, Springfield, IL. Need to bring a photo id/ proof of residency required. **ITEMS THAT ARE ACCEPTED:** refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, washers/dryers, dishwashers, lawn mowers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, boilers, furniture, stove/ranges. Please make sure that all liquids are drained from any appliance. This doesn't apply to Freon. **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AND FORBIDDEN:** fluorescent bulbs, batteries, paint/paint cans, propane tanks, mattresses, yard waste. **For more information please contact Springfield Township at 523-4393 or 525-1464.**

ONLY BURNING OF YARD WASTE ALLOWED

The Village Board of Trustees wants to remind all residents that you may burn **YARD WASTE ONLY**. The Grandview Police Department has been called out to several residences where they have been burning garbage. **This is not acceptable.** Our officers will issue a ticket for this ordinance violation. The violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$750.00.



BURNING GUIDELINES:

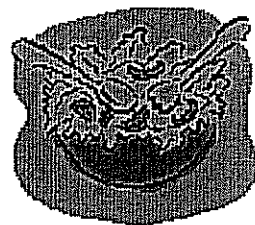
The burning of yard waste may only take place on Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to sunset, and only if:

- the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less
- There is at least one person, age 16 or older, constantly tending the fire;
- Excessive smoke is not caused thereby; and
- The person tending the fire has ready access to a garden hose or other water supply.

Yard waste includes: grass and shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. The Village Board met to increase the fine for any and all burning citations that are issued.

Recreational fires are permitted as long as they are contained and the wood that is burning has not been treated with any chemicals!! Please have an adult monitor the fire at all times.

RECIPE CORNER



Ever wonder what you do with all the hardboiled Easter eggs you have left over??? Here are a few recipes to ensure they don't go to waste...

Pickled Tuna Salad

- 1- 6 oz can tuna (drained)
- 2 tablespoons of pickle relish (dill or sweet)
- 1 hard cooked egg, peeled and finely chopped (optional)
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 8 slices white bread

Directions:

In a small bowl gently combine the tuna, relish and egg. Add the mayonnaise and parsley and combine. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Divide the salad among 4 slices of bread and sandwich with the remaining slices. Cut in half and serve.

Creamy Potato Salad

- 1 1/2 pounds round red or white potatoes (about 6 medium), peeled
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 medium stalks celery, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- Paprika, if desired

Directions:

- 1- Place potatoes in 3-quart saucepan; add enough water to cover potatoes. Cover and heat to boiling; reduce heat to low. Cook covered 25 to 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender; drain. Let stand until cool enough to handle. Cut potatoes into cubes.
- 2- Mix mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper in large glass or plastic bowl.
- 3- Add potatoes, celery and onion; toss. Stir in eggs. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours to blend flavors and chill. Store covered in refrigerator.

Cobb Salad

Dressing:

- 2/3 cup olive or vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped

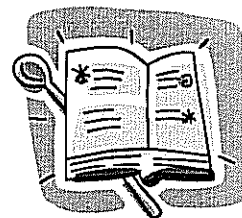
Salad:

- 8 cups chopped romaine lettuce (12 oz)
- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
- 6 slices precooked bacon, chopped
- 4 plum (Roma) tomatoes, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese (2 oz)
- 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 2 medium avocados, pitted, peeled and cubed (about 2 cups)

Directions:

- 1- In small bowl, beat dressing ingredients with wire whisk until well blended. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
- 2- In 6- to 8-quart glass bowl, place half of the chopped lettuce. Top with half each of the chicken, bacon, tomatoes, cheese and eggs. Repeat layers.

- 3- Just before serving, top salad with avocados. Serve salad with dressing.



VILLAGE GARAGE SALES AND CLEAN UP

Grandview's Village wide garage sale dates have been set for Friday May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd. Now is the time to go through your items and decide which "treasures" you can part with. The Village will place an ad in the State Journal Register regarding the sale. The official time will be from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm but, of course, individual households are free to open or close their sale at their convenience.

The Village wide clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday May 10 and Saturday May 17th

This is for Village Residents only! Do not bring items from outside of Grandview for removal. If caught, those residences will not be picked up!

Streets that will be serviced on Saturday May 10th, includes all the streets South of North Grand Ave.

North Grand Ave will only be picked up on May 10th.

Streets that will be serviced on Saturday May 17th includes all streets North of North Grand Ave.

Have all items placed by the curb no later than 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day. **Items that will not be picked up include:** Major Appliances, Freon items, Tires, Box spring and mattresses, Couches, Concrete and or brick items, Yard waste, Paint or liquid chemicals, Hazardous waste, Propane tanks. No dismantled buildings/structures. They will not pick them up!

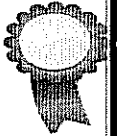
*Individuals items must be under 60 lbs and must be under 5 foot in length.



GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS



Mr. Art Shifflett of the 1315 Albany, is being recognized as a recipient of the Grandview Good Neighbor Award. Art has demonstrated his commitment to his neighbors of the Village by plowing out driveways and shoveling sidewalks. Mr. Shifflett is so helpful to his neighbors and we couldn't ask for more. He is meticulous at anything he does and he has a huge heart!! Thank you Art for being such an active resident and a great neighbor to the Village of Grandview residents!!!



Mr. Tracy Houser of Reservoir is also being recognized as a recipient of the Grandview Good Neighbor Award. Tracy owns several homes in the Village and as a landlord, he keeps the homes in good repair and always looking nice. Tracy also owns a cleaning service, which the Village had contracted with to keep our municipal building floors looking like new. Tracy has gratuitously cleaned our Police Department's floor at no charge! Thank you so much Tracy for all you do!! The Village of Grandview Board, Police Department and Employees Thank you!!!

From your Village Neighbors & the Village of Grandview Board

To nominate a "Good Neighbor" for recognition submit your information to the Water department. There are many throughout the Village. This is a great way to thank one of your neighbors for all they do!! We try to showcase one special neighbor in each newsletter! Thanks to all the residents that do that little bit extra to help another resident! It's a fantastic way to show them that we care!!

A BIG THANK YOU!!!

We wish to say a big THANK YOU to our Street Department guys for keeping our roads clear and safe with the last winter we had. Unfortunately, we received more snow than we were used to and the Street Department did an awesome job clearing our roads!!

Thank you Rex Kinzora and Gary Nation!!!

TIPS FROM OUR STREET CREW

The Street Crew would like to remind residents that with the cold winter we have had, you may want to check your tires for air pressure. The cold air reduces the amount of actual air in your tires. This will effect your gas mileage and safety of the vehicle!



Habitat for Humanity
of Sangamon County

A Brush with Kindness

Habitat for Humanity's A Brush with Kindness (ABWK) is a nation-wide program serving homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes. A Brush with Kindness focuses on exterior home repair services such as painting, minor exterior repairs, landscaping, and exterior clean up. Groups of volunteers work to revitalize a home's exterior.

A Brush with Kindness is part of Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI). This initiative is a holistic approach, assisting communities as well as families. It is designed to revitalize the appearance of the neighborhood, encourages connections within the community, and most importantly, help preserve affordable housing stock.

To qualify, applicants must:

- Live in an owner-occupied home (renters are not eligible)
- Have homeowners insurance
- Be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity and contribute 15 sweat equity (volunteer) hours to Habitat for Humanity
- Be in need of exterior improvements to their home including painting, minor exterior repairs, landscaping and exterior clean up.
- Have an ability to pay for the materials through a zero interest loan.

Maximum family incomes to qualify for the program are as follows:

2014	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
MAXIMUM INCOME (80% AMI)	\$39,000	\$44,600	\$50,150	\$55,700	\$60,200	\$64,650	\$69,100	\$73,550

For an application or more information
visit www.habitatsangamon.com or call 217.523.2710