



Harbor Lights

City of Grand Haven

"Coast Guard City, USA"

Message From Mayor McCaleb

From the day our new Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium opened, it has proven to be a very busy and popular place. Opening weekend the City hosted the Queen's cup, Soccer in the Sand, the Grand Haven Art Festival, and topped it off with Worship on the Waterfront. This gave plenty of opportunity for folks to experience our new look. It's great to see people sitting at the tables and on the seat walls every day of the week enjoying the beauty of Grand Haven's waterfront. As an added bonus, what fun it is to watch kids going up and down the tiers and taking to the stage dancing to their own tune, as if they were performing before thousands of their adoring fans. It's very gratifying to see how the community has embraced this new space.



This was a very special year for the Coast Guard Festival marking 75 years since the loss of Grand Haven's own Coast Guard Cutter Escanaba. She was lost in the North Atlantic while on duty protecting shipping convoys from Nazi submarines in June of 1943. The suddenness of the sinking in the frigid waters caused the loss of 101 of the 103 man crew. The genealogy department of the Loutit District Library was able to locate nearly 100 descendants and family of the original crew and many came to Grand Haven for a special remembrance service in June and the Coast Guard Festival in July.

For the remembrance, Escanaba III made the trip from its home port in Boston for Coast Guard Festival week. Grand Haven has had the pleasure of being a center for naturalization services for new citizens, and the Coast Guard and Homeland Security made it possible to hold the swearing in of about 20 new American citizens on the ship while she was in port.

The King Company has completed the concrete work on the south pier. The fog house has its new windows installed as the Lighthouse Conservancy continues the revitalization of the inner and outer lights. King continues work on the catwalk bents, which are planned to be installed in the spring of 2019.

Our next big infrastructure project now underway is the full reconstruction of Harbor Drive between Columbus and Franklin Streets. The City was awarded an ICE (Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement) Grant for over a million dollars to help complete this very important part of our infrastructure.

And, lastly, a call for vigilance; the City has long had the one-way pair of Franklin and Columbus. For years, the pros and cons of one-way vs two-way streets have been discussed. It was decided by City Council to change Columbus from one-way to two-way from Harbor to Fifth beginning in August. It is hoped that this change will enhance economic development and vitality along the Columbus Street corridor. The vigilance comes in as old habits are hard to break; so, take advantage of the convenience, but remember that it's now two-way traffic from Harbor to Fifth.

Geri McCaleb
 Geri McCaleb, Mayor

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City Hall Hours

Monday–Friday
8:00 AM–5:00 PM

Holiday Closing Hours

Thanksgiving
 November 22 Closed
 November 23 Closed

Christmas

December 24 Closed
 December 25 Closed

New Year's Eve

December 31
 Closed @ Noon

Payments can be placed in the drop box located at the sidewalk in front of City Hall or the drive-up drop box located along the back of the building.



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City of Grand Haven Improves Fire Protection Rating

The City of Grand Haven has improved its fire protection rating through the Insurance Service Office.

The Insurance Service Office is a national benchmarking organization that uses national standards and best practices to analyze fire protection in a community. Following the analysis, a rating or “Public Protection Class” is assigned. The better the rating, the lower the protection class number.

After an exhaustive review, the City of Grand Haven recently improved the community rating from Public Protection Class 5 to Public Protection Class 4.

In arriving at the rating, ISO analyzes four factors critical for community fire protection:

1. Fire Department—Staffing, training, response, and equipment. Mutual aid partnerships with neighboring fire departments play an important role.
2. Water Supply—All components of the water supply system are reviewed to determine if the community has adequate water supply for fire suppression beyond the daily maximum consumption.
3. Emergency Communications—How are emergency 911 calls handled in the community? This includes review of the local 911 center for staffing, training, and equipment.
4. Community Fire Risk Reduction Activities—Fire prevention programs including the Public Safety Department fire inspection program and community fire education efforts.

Of the 1,728 Michigan communities analyzed, only 261 rate class 4 or better. This places Grand Haven in the top 15% statewide.

The improved fire protection rating may result in better premiums for property owners. Insurance customers should check with their insurance representatives.



Grand Haven Department of Public Safety Officer Graduates at the Top of His Police Academy Class

Public Safety Officer/Fire Fighter Terry Turkelson recently completed the GVSU Police Academy, earning the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Outstanding Performance Award.



Terry has been serving the citizens of Grand Haven as a firefighter for over 10 years. With completion of the police academy, Terry is now a licensed police officer and also holds Michigan Fire Fighter and Emergency Medical Technician certifications.

The Police Academy includes 16 weeks of training, including extensive academic and physical requirements.

The MCOLES Outstanding Performance Award is presented to candidates that exhibit high standards of performance measured by their mental, physical, and moral fitness.

To qualify, candidates must perform in the top 20% of the class in the areas of:

- Knowledge (Academic testing)
- Physical skills (Such as emergency driving and firearms)
- Leadership abilities demonstrated
- Interpersonal communications skills
- Demeanor and appearance

The academy director, academy staff, and academy peers vote to determine the award winner.

Congratulations Terry! You made all your co-workers and the citizens of Grand Haven proud!

Hydrant Flushing



City crews are out flushing fire hydrants during the month of October. When hydrants are exercised, build-ups in water lines can sometimes be disturbed, resulting in discolorization of the water. If you see crews have been on your street flushing hydrants, it is a good idea to run water through an outside spigot to let any discoloration rinse through the system. Call Shawn at 847-3493 for more detail on the City’s hydrant flushing efforts.

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Elections

Only registered voters are allowed to vote in any election. The registration deadline for the upcoming general election on November 6 is October 9. Locate your polling location and obtain a sample ballot by contacting the State of Michigan's Voter Information Center at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Law Enforcement Torch Run Returns to Grand Haven



Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Officer Nichole Hudson, the Law Enforcement Torch Run returned to Grand Haven after a 10 year absence.

The Torch Run is the primary fund-raiser for Special Olympics. Police Officers carried the torch through several Michigan communities to raise awareness for Special Olympics, raise funds, and support Special Olympians.

Our local Applebee's sponsored a "Tip A Cop" night, where local officers served food and tip proceeds were donated to the Special Olympics campaign.

Thanks Officer Nichole Hudson for your dedication to Special Olympics!

Ottawa County Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are renewed in the month that the dog's rabies vaccination expires and can be purchased from the City Treasurer's Office.



Overnight Street Parking Reminder

No parking on a public street within the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from December 1 until April 1 for street maintenance, except as otherwise permitted.

Grand Haven is Now a Certified Redevelopment Ready Community!

Thank you to everyone involved for all of the hard work that went in to this great accomplishment. Now we will have even greater access to resources that will assist us in drawing in and keeping people in the City of Grand Haven.



Waste Removal Services

The City has a waste removal service agreement with Republic Services. To set up services, schedule bulk item pick ups or if you have any questions or concerns about your services, contact Republic Services at 877-698-7274.



Customers who travel for an extended period of time may call Republic Services to have their account placed on "vacation hold." You will not receive an invoice for the time you indicate to them you will be away.

Yard Waste Services

Leaves, grass clippings, vegetable or other garden debris, shrubbery, brush or tree trimmings less than four feet in length and two inches in diameter, or wood chips that can be converted to compost humus will be accepted. Yard clippings do not include stumps, agricultural wastes, animal waste, roots, sewage sludge, or garbage. Tree, shrub and brush trimmings are acceptable if they are securely tied together forming an easily handled package not exceeding 40 pounds in weight.

Yard Waste Curbside Pick-up

Paper yard waste bags or trash cans marked "Yard Waste" may be placed along your curbside each week from April 1 - December 31. Small branches are accepted if bundled no longer than 4' feet in length using twine or inside of biodegradable bags.

Yard Waste Drop-Off Locations

Republic Services will provide a FREE yard waste collection on Saturdays ONLY from October 20 through December 8 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at Griffin Elementary and Lakeshore Middle Schools.

Household Hazardous Waste

The Ottawa County Health Department has a Resource Recovery Service Center for the collection of household hazardous waste. For more information, call 616-393-5645 or visit www.miottawa.org.





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Main Street Events

Downtown Trick-Or-Treat October 31, 2018

The hours for Downtown Trick-or-Treating has changed this year; it's now 4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m. on Washington between Harbor and Third Street.



Light Night–Holiday Shopping Open House November 16, 2018

Downtown Grand Haven is all abuzz with holiday cheer as Washington Avenue and Seventh Street are brightened by an eye-catching display of seasonal lights during the kick-off to holidays–Light Night! Strolling carolers, freshly roasted chestnuts, and hot cocoa offer a heart-warming reprieve on a chilly eve and FREE Main Street re-usable shopping totes will be given to the first 500 shoppers.

Participating merchants host open houses from 5-8 PM with special promotions where you can find gifts for everyone on your list. While here, you can even purchase evergreen wreaths from a Grand Haven Boys Scout troop. Join us downtown on November 16 to kick off a season of giving thanks.

Small Business Saturday–Show Your Support to Your Local Businesses! November 24, 2018

There are over 866,196 small businesses in operation in Michigan – which make up 99.6% of all the businesses located here! When you support a locally-owned business, your dollars stay in the community – paying wages, funding school and local government, and supporting our local schools and charitable events. Be intentional with your shopping and do business with a locally-owned, independent business owner whenever possible. When small business succeed, we all do!

Santa in Centertown December 8, 2018

Santa is visiting Centertown on Saturday, December 8, and will welcome children of all ages at Just Goods Gifts & Café from 11am-1pm. While visiting, be sure to visit the charming and unique stores in our neighborhood where you're sure to find something special!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

are held on the first and third Monday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. Work Sessions may be held prior to Council Meetings. Meetings of the City Council can be viewed from our web site: www.grandhaven.org.

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HOUSING SERVICES	935-3270
HUMAN RESOURCES	847-4887
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MAIN STREET	844-1188
MANAGER'S OFFICE	847-4888
MARINA	847-3478
PUBLIC SAFETY	842-3460
PUBLIC WORKS	847-3493
TREASURER	842-3210
WASTE WATER	842-3215
WATER BILLING	847-4895
WATER FILT	847-3488
ZONING	847-3490

For Special Event Listings



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