



TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA
Sandhill Bugle



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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 Annual Grant- Valkaria
 Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration*

Sunday, December 4, 2016

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.*

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Be an Angel, Give the Gift of Christmas

This Christmas Season 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 that 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 Thursday, December 1, 2016.

Christmas at the Grant Historical House

Looking for a unique one of a kind Christmas gift? Visit the Grant Historical House (Bensen House). Talented volunteers have worked hard and created amazing handcrafted items you won't see anywhere else. The Christmas open house will be held December 1st through December 4th.

Grant Community Center's Children's Christmas Party December 9th~ 7:00 pm

Tis' the season to be jolly
You must RSVP to Nancy at (321) 951-0583 to attend
Don't forget to bring a snack to share with all the good boys and girls!

Rehearsals for the children's Christmas play will be
December 1st, & December 8th at 6:00pm at the Grant
Community Center for any child wanting to participate.

CALVARY BAPTIST HOSTS FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING CLOSET

The Calvary Baptist Church has been working to provide a food pantry and clothes closet for the hungry and less fortunate every Thursday from 10:00 A.M 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 9:45am
Morning Worship Sunday, 11:00A.M
Evening Worship, Sunday, 6:00P.M.
Bible Study Sunday,
5:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday,
6:30 P.M.
Calvary Baptist Church
5640 Old Dixie Hwy Grant Valkaria,
Florida 32949

2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

- Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving Day
- Monday, December 26th through Sunday, January 1st in observance of Christmas and New Years. Town Hall will re-open Monday January 2nd

GRANT-VALKARIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our 5K Country Run/Walk on Grant-Valkaria Day in April and our recent Sandhill Scramble Golf Tournament in October, were great successes! As a result we were happy to present a \$3,000 check to The Trails and Greenways Committee for their use on a future trails project, at the November 9th Town Council meeting.



Also, we continue to support our community by purchasing the tree for the Town's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Party in December. This year we will be making some lives merrier by contributing \$500.00 to Toys for Kids and using \$500.00 to shop for folk's requests found on the Town's Salvation Army Angel Christmas Tree.

We hope you all will be purchasing this year's GVCA Holiday Ornament which features The Bensen House as it Celebrates its 100 Year Anniversary. In recognition of this special event, the GVCA has designated that a portion of the proceeds from the ornament sale will be contributed to the Grant Historical Society. They will be on sale at Town Hall, The Bensen House and at our table at the Christmas Tree Lighting on December 4th.



For photos from the Country Run, Grant-Valkaria Day, the Golf Scramble and other activities, see our Facebook page – GVCABrevard, or our website GVCAofBrevard.org. We are always looking for people who have an interest in our Town to join us! Email us at: GVCA@cfl.rr.com.



WASTE PRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste Pro will be observing the following holidays this season: Thursday November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving, and Sunday December 25th in observance of Christmas. Any disposal and collection service that would have been regularly provided on these days will be provided the next scheduled collection day.

HEAD ON DOWN TO THE TREASURE COAST MARINA FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT

Come see Santa arrive by boat!
There will be movies & popcorn on the beach,
Christmas crafts, bounce house & slide along with a
reindeer food factory, refreshments, snow & gifts with
Santa

**Saturday, December 3, 2016
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Treasure Coast Marina
5185 Highway 1**

MAKE IT A SEASON OF GIVING

Please bring non-perishable food items for the Sea Tow & Toys
for Tots "STUFF A BOAT" food drive.
For more information call 321-733-3390



MOTORIZED VEHICLE AND BICYCLE SAFETY

- Vehicles proceeding at less than normal speed of traffic shall be driven as far right as practicable except when overtaking and passing another vehicle, preparing for a left turn, avoiding an obstacle, or upon a roadway designated for one-way traffic.
- Driver overtaking a bicycle must pass bicycle at a distance not less than 3 ft.
- No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing
- Vehicle entering stop or yield intersection shall stop at marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk or, if none, then where the driver has a view of approaching on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection
- Vehicle entering highway from private road or driveway or emerging from alley, driveway or building shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or human-powered vehicle
- It is unlawful to operate any vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- It is unlawful to possess an open alcoholic beverage while operating a vehicle or as a passenger
- There shall not be any use of a motor to drive a vehicle on sidewalk or bicycle path
- Signal of intent to turn must be given continuously during the last 100 feet, except a bicyclist need not give arm signal continuously
- Drive in a careful and prudent manner, having regard for the width, grade, curves, corners, traffic, and all other circumstances, so as not to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person.

FIVE EFFECTIVE POINTERS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM BURGLARY

There are many different ways to protect your home & car from invasion. These are the top

5:

- **Install a security system:** The majority of burglars will think twice about breaking into a home that has a security sticker on the window. When the alarm sounds it will warn you that someone has forcefully entered your home and it will usually discourage the burglar and they will flee.
- **No Hints:** If you are going out of town do not leave a hint on your voicemail saying that you will be out of town for awhile. Informing neighbors you trust and a few close friends is preferred so that they can keep in contact with you if a problem does arise.
- **Check your doors and Windows:** Be sure when leaving your home or before bed that you check your doors and windows to make sure they are locked and sealed properly.
- **Proper lighting:** Burglars will hide in dark places. The use of proper lighting will discourage burglars from invading your home.
- **Lock your cars:** Most car burglaries occur to unlocked vehicles

The following Ordinances have been adopted by the Town Council. They are available for public review at Town Hall located at 1449 Valkaria Rd, Grant Valkaria, Florida 32950.

The Ordinances are also available on the Town website at www.grantvalkaria.org

ORDINANCE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
2016-01	Amending the Comprehensive Plan to provide for changing the future land use map of the plan for a property as follows: 29-38-28-25-B-24
2016-02	No Parking in Right-of-Ways
2016-03	Repealing Ordinance No. 2007-07, 2008-05, 2011-04, 2013-01 & 2014-08 in their entirety: Establishing a Special Magistrate
2016-04	Repealing Ordinance No. 2015-01 in its entirety
2016-05	Declaring a Moratorium on the issuance of any approvals or permits for the electronic signs
2016-06	Establishing a conditional use permit for private boat docks
2016-07	Rezoning parcel 29-38-34-25-2-1 from GU to AU

GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER

Grant Community Center meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month. Come join us and find out what is going on first hand! Our Seafood Festival is coming up. Wanna help? Our work parties will start Saturday January 7th at 8am and every Saturday after that until the Seafood Festival or Call Nancy 321-951-0583.

The Seafood Festival will be held on Saturday March 4, 2017 and Sunday March 5, 2017. Now is the time to get involved and meet new people!

GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE MEETINGS

Interested in the Historical House? Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month starting at 6:30 P.M and everyone is welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

- That ZUMBA fitness classes are being offered Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and ZUMBA GOLD are Monday, 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 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 Bensen House is a wonderful place to visit and full of interesting history. Please stop by and visit the Benson House located at 5795 S. Highway 1, Grant – Valkaria, Florida 32949.

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 at 321-951-1380.

Visit our website at www.grantvalkaria.org

TOWN HALL INFORMATION:

Location and mailing address: 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant Valkaria, FL. 32950

Telephone Number: 321-951-1380

Fax Number: 321-956-5660

Bulletin Board: is located at Town Hall, in the Park & at the Grant Community Center. Meeting notices and important announcements will be posted there.

TOWN MEETINGS

The **Town Council Meetings** are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

at Town Hall. If a special meeting is scheduled or the date, place, or time of regular

meetings change, the changes will be posted on the bulletin board and sent out to the Town E-mail list.

To contact a Council Member:

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Council Member Lisette Kolar: lkolar@grantvalkaria.org

Council Member Dan Robino: drobino@grantvalkaria.org

Council Member Tom Sammon: tsammon@grantvalkaria.org

The regular Local Planning and Zoning Board meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. If a special meeting is scheduled or the date, place, or time of regular meetings change, the changes will be posted on the bulletin board and sent out to the Town E-mail list.

The Town Charter, Town Council minutes and adopted Ordinances and Resolutions are available for your review on the Town website, or at Town Hall.

**JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST
TO STAY UP TO DATE ON
CURRENT TOWN
EVENTS AND
INFORMATION**

If you would like to join the Town's e-mail list please contact Jessica Keenan at Town Hall: 321-951-1380 or e-mail Info@grantvalkaria.org

**PLEASE CALL, E-MAIL,
OR VISIT TOWN HALL
WITH ANY IDEAS YOU
MAY HAVE – THIS IS
YOUR COMMUNITY!**

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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

November 24 th	Thanksgiving Day 
December 1 st	Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal 6:00 P.M.
December 1 st – 4 th	Grant Historical House Christmas Open House 10:00 am until 6:00 pm
December 3 rd	Treasure Coast Marina's Children's Christmas Event 5 pm – 8 pm
December 4 th	Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
December 8 th	Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal 6:00 P.M.
December 9 th	Kid's Christmas Party 7:00 P.M. (Grant Community Club)
December 25 th	Christmas Day 
December 31 st	New Year's Eve
January 1 st	Happy New Year
March 4 th -5 th	Grant Seafood Festival
March 18 th	Historical House Flea Market 8am-2pm
March 25 th	Historical House Pioneer Fish Fry 5:00 P.M – 6:30 P.M.
April 15 th	Easter Egg Hunt at the Grant Community Center 9am