

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA  
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The magic of Christmas never ends  
And the greatest of gifts is family and friends

*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 Santa Claus.*

*Please Join Us For Our Annual Grant-Valkaria  
Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration  
Sunday, December 2, 2018  
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. at  
Fisherman's Landing  
5795 Highway 1*

**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 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 a face to face interview 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 Monday, December 3, 2018.

## **NEW TOWN HALL HOURS**

Effective Thursday, November 1, 2018  
Town Hall will be open Monday –  
Thursday  
7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
Remaining closed on Fridays

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT OPEN**

As of September 17, 2018 the Town has opened their own building department. All permitting will now be done through Town Hall. For more information call 321-951-1380.

## **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

Interested in volunteering within your community or need volunteer hours? The Town is always searching for new volunteers to help with our annual Christmas tree lighting and Grant-Valkaria Day celebration. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Town Hall at 321-951-1380.

## **GRANT LIBRARY HOURS**

Tues 10am-4pm  
Thurs 6pm-7:30pm  
Sat 10am-12pm

The library is still accepting books for their book sale. For more information contact Nancy at 321-951-0583.

## **NEW TO TOWN?**

The GVCA Welcome Wagon would like to give a warm welcome to all new residents. We are happy to drop off a packet of interesting activities and information about our town. If you are new to town and have any questions feel free to contact Carole at 954-242-0996 or by emailing [carole561.welcome@yahoo.com](mailto:carole561.welcome@yahoo.com)

## **2018 TOWN HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Town Hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:  
Thursday, November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving  
Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday,  
January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of Christmas and New Year's.  
Town Hall will re-open Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 am.



## **A FRIENDLY REMINDER – PLEASE RECYCLE THESE ITEMS**

Empty aerosol cans (No paint cans)  
All plastics 1-7 (No Styrofoam, bags, or wrap)  
Wide-mouth plastic containers & lids  
Rigid plastic containers & small hard plastic toys  
Milk & juice containers & juice boxes  
Shredded paper (placed in clear bag)  
Aluminum cans  
Metal food cans and lids  
Glass bottles & jars  
Cereal & food boxes  
Cardboard boxes flattened  
Mixed paper, newspaper with inserts, & junk mail  
Paperback books  
Magazines & Phonebooks  
Spiral paper cans (lids detached)  
**Do not recycle:** Plastic bags, plastic tubs, &  
regular garbage

## **WASTE PRO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Waste Pro will be observing the following holidays this season: Thursday, November 22nd in observance of Thanksgiving, and Tuesday, 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.

**GVCA**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS 2018!**

The Grant-Valkaria Community Association is excited to have chosen Brevard Equestrian Center to be on the commemorative 2018 Christmas Ornament. Ornaments are \$10.00 each, cash only, and are available at the Grant-Valkaria Town Hall, 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant-Valkaria, FL 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM Monday – Thursdays only. No credit cards or personal checks will be accepted. The Ornaments will also be available for sale at the lighting of the Town Christmas Tree at the Grant Historical House on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Since 2003, Brevard Equestrian Center has done an outstanding job making sure individuals who have equestrian interests are trained properly. A lot of blood, sweat and tears go into this rewarding business. On behalf of Grant Valkaria Community Association, we appreciate all you do for the community and the hours you spend helping your students advance.

The Brevard Equestrian Center ornament sale will help fund future community projects. The next project will be to purchase the Grant-Valkaria Town Christmas Tree that will be placed at the Grant Historical House on US1 in Grant. GVCA also participates in the Salvation Army Angel Tree that is placed inside Town Hall.

GVAC is a volunteer group of citizens committed to enhancing the Grant-Valkaria lifestyle by contributing to recreational and service programs which impact the health, safety and quality of life of the residents of Grant-Valkaria, as well as developing, leading programs and activities which provide business opportunities, fellowship and a unified community spirit.

Soon you will see benches on the walkways along Valkaria Road and Grant Road sidewalks. This was all made possible by the efforts of the volunteers of GVCA as well as the residents and community businesses purchasing benches. GVCA would like to thank Lisa Smit and her team at Brevard Equestrian Center for making Grant Valkaria a better place to live.

If you are interested in becoming a GVCA Volunteer, please contact Susanne Rosewell at 410-949-5766.

## **GVCA PAST ORNAMENTS**

Each year the Grant-Valkaria Community Association highlights a local landmark or business on the GVCA annual Christmas Ornament. After reviewing our inventory, GVCA is excited to announce that we have a few full sets of Christmas Ornaments past. A full set or “Premium” series set which includes 2013 – 2017 is \$25.00 per set. We have a limited amount of “Premium” sets. Sets of “Collection” series which includes 2014-2017 ornaments are available for \$20.00 per set; Individual ornaments from 2014- 2017 are available for \$5.00 each. Ornaments are available at Grant-Valkaria Town Hall, Monday – Thursday 7:30am to 5:30pm. Only cash, no personal checks or credit cards can be accepted. If you weren’t able to purchase the ornaments each year, now is your chance to get the whole set! The Christmas ornaments will also be available for purchase at the Town Christmas tree lighting at the Grant Historical House on December 2, 2018. Thank you for supporting the Grant-Valkaria Community Association in 2018. We look forward to an exciting 2019. If you are interested in volunteering on the committee, please contact Susanne Rosewell at 321-953-1290

## **GRANT-VALKARIA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS COMMITTEE**

In 2014, the Town of Grant-Valkaria established a Trails and Greenways Committee. The five volunteer members and two alternates are appointed by the Town Council. Their goal is to facilitate the development of a trail system for passive use such as walking, hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. The committee first explored possible trail sites and sources for funding. Their first project was to apply for a grant to extend the multi-use paved path on Valkaria Road to the Park. They then tackled the project of building the town’s first official trail. They wrote and won a grant from the State of Florida to build the Town Connector trail that connects the town park at Valkaria Road to Grant Road. They also developed the Bird Island Trail in the Park. Plans for the future include continuing the trail, which is part of the Al Tuttle Trail, to the south eventually to the St. Sebastian River State Park and connecting to Malabar’s portion of the Al Tuttle trail at our north border. The Committee meets the first Thursday of every month, at 6:00 pm, in the council chambers at Town Hall. The meetings are open to the public and volunteers are always needed.

## **GVCA BENCH UPDATE**

The installation of benches will begin in November. More information will be published via the Town email list, as it becomes available. If anyone wishes to volunteer their time to help install benches, please contact Town Hall at 321-951-1380.

## **GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Grant Community Center meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6pm. Come join us and find out what is happening!

The Children’s Christmas play rehearsals are Thursdays: Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. Questions about the play? Call Amina 321-728-3899. The Children’s Christmas party will be held Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Parents RSVP required please contact Nancy Turner at 321-951-0583 by December 10<sup>th</sup>.



## **2019 MAYORS' FITNESS CHALLENGE**

Registration for the 2019 Mayors' Fitness Challenge begins Dec. 14, 2018 at [www.uwbrevard.org](http://www.uwbrevard.org). Mayor Del Yonts, along with other Mayors in Brevard County, are challenging their citizens to get involved in a healthy competition. Families are encouraged to participate together in the FREE 8-week challenge and track their minutes of exercise. Grant-Valkaria will host community walks and other healthy activities. All ages are welcome.

Adults 18 and older may also choose to join the "Great Weight-Off Competition." Two cash prizes will be awarded to the top male and female participants who lose the most weight by percentage. The Great Weight Off is optional. Grant-Valkaria won third place in last year's competition and with your help, we can win first place this year and lead healthier, more active lifestyles. This is a great way to get outside and meet your neighbors, and we hope you will join us. Be sure to register between Dec. 14 – Jan. 15 to ensure you receive your free t-shirt. The Challenge will begin Feb. 2, 2019. For more information contact Rebekah at Town Hall, 321-951-1380 or go to [www.uwbrevard.org](http://www.uwbrevard.org).

## **TREASURE COAST MARINA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT**

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

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

5pm – 8pm

Treasure Coast Marina

5185 Highway 1

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE**

Looking for a unique one of a kind Christmas gift? Visit the Grant Historical House (Bensen House) located at 5795 Highway 1, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949. Talented volunteers have worked hard and created amazing handcrafted items you won't see anywhere else.

The Christmas open house will be held November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Historical House will be closed December 14<sup>th</sup> through January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Historical House Flea Market will be held March 16<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm.

The Historical House fish fry will be held March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

## **LISTING OF ALL ORDINANCES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE TOWN**

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](http://www.grantvalkaria.org).

Ordinance No.	Description
2018-01	Plant and Wildlife Preservation
2018-02	Vehicles for Sale in Right-of-Ways
2018-03	Parking and Storage of Vehicles on Split Lots
2018-04	Marijuana Moratorium Extension
2018-05	Medical Marijuana Dispensary Locations
2018-06	Rezoning - Triplex
2018-07	Building Department

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Gert Jackson Community Library is open Tuesday from 10am-4pm, Thursday from 6pm-7:30pm and Saturday from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in volunteering please stop in!
- That as a resident you can become a member of the Grant Community Club. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Stop by and visit the Bensen House located at 5795 S. Highway 1, Grant-Valkaria, FL 32949.
- Zumba fitness classes are being offered Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. Please contact Lisa at 321-213-0571 for details.

### **GRANT SEAFOOD FESTIVAL 2019**

Work parties for the Seafood Festival start Saturday, January 5th, 8AM-12 noon and continue every Saturday until our Seafood Festival. Lunch is served. This is a great time to get involved, meet new people, see what is done behind the scenes, and HAVE FUN doing it.

Grant Seafood Festival will be held Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd.

## **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR COMMUNITY AND HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU**

The **Town Hall location and mailing address:** 1449 Valkaria Road, Grant- Valkaria, Florida 32950.

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, in the Park. Meeting notices and important announcements will be posted there.

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 Tom Sammon:	TSammon@grantvalkaria.org
Council Member Dan Robino	DRobino@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

To contact our Town Administrator, Jason Mahaney: [TownAdmin@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:TownAdmin@grantvalkaria.org)

To contact our Town Clerk, Rebekah Raddon: [Clerk@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Clerk@grantvalkaria.org)

To contact our Administrative Assistant Jessica Keenan: [Info@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Info@grantvalkaria.org)

To contact our Building Division Manager Alex Juan: [Ajuan@grantvalkaria.org](mailto:Ajuan@grantvalkaria.org)

The regular **Local Planning Agency/ Planning and Zoning Board** meetings are held on 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 changes, the changes will be posted on the Bulletin Board and sent out to the Town Email List.

The regular **Trails and Greenways Committee** meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. 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 **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!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2018 - 2019

November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Veteran's Day
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thanksgiving Day (Town Hall Closed)
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Historical House Open House Begins
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grant Historical House Closes
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Registration begins for the Mayors' Fitness Challenge at <a href="http://www.uwbrevard.org">www.uwbrevard.org</a>
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eve (Town Hall Closed)
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day (Town Hall Closed)
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Town Hall Re-opens
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mayors' Fitness Challenge Kick-Off Event
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	President's Day (Town Hall Closed)
March 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grant Seafood Festival
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Historical House Flea Market
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry