



TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA

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BUDGET UPDATE

Jason Mahaney – Town Administrator

It is that time of the year again where we are preparing the annual budget for next fiscal year. I presented a proposed budget on July 11th to the Council as per the Charter. Our first budget workshop was held on July 25th at 7:00 PM at town hall. If you didn't make the workshop there is still time to comment on the proposed budget. Public hearings will be held on Wednesday, September 12th and Wednesday, September 26th. The proposed budget is posted online at www.grantvalkaria.org. At the workshop on July 25th the town council discussed the proposed budget and set the preliminary millage rate. The millage rate that was set on July 25th will be the maximum millage rate that can be adopted in September. The millage rate set in July can go down in September but not up. The millage rate is the rate levied against your property value. Right now, it's at 1.1490 mills. That number means we get \$1.15 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. If your home had a taxable value of \$200,000 after exemptions you would pay \$230.00 in ad valorem taxes to the town. Most people pay less than that. The highest millage rate allowed to be adopted by law is 1.1850 mills which is the rollback rate plus 10%.

That same \$200,000 of taxable value would then generate \$237.00 in revenue to the town or a difference of \$7.00 annually. If you look at your tax bill you will see a line labeled Town of Grant-Valkaria. That is the portion of ad valorem taxes that we get when you pay your taxes. We do not get the \$3,000 to \$4,000 or more that may appear on your bill. We receive the Town of Grant-Valkaria line item, the Grant-Valkaria portion of the solid waste, and the stormwater portion. The solid waste and the stormwater fees must be utilized for those purposes and cannot fund other town services. We have done everything we can to keep your taxes low. We have one of the lowest millage rates in the County and are striving to continue to keep your taxes at a lower rate. We are operating the town with only 4 full time employees and 2 part-time employees. Everything else is handled through contracts or interlocal agreements with the county. The proposed budget may be tweaked slightly from what you see on our website by the time we get to the public hearings but that's because the budget is a work in progress right up to final adoption. The workshop is the place to come out and express your feelings on where we should be spending the money. So, remember, if you missed the workshop you still have a voice at the public hearings. Those dates are Wednesday, September 12th and Wednesday, September 26th. Both meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall in the Council Chambers located at 1449 Valkaria Rd.

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KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE: AMENDMENT 1

There will be numerous proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments on the November 2018 ballot. One of them, Amendment 1 proposes to give homeowners whose homes are valued between \$100,000 and \$125,000 a new, additional, exemption from property taxes on their home.

Per Resolution 06-2018 (see below) you will find that the Town of Grant-Valkaria was tasked to evaluate the impact Amendment 1 will have on its property taxes.

Q: How much will the impact be felt by the Town of Grant-Valkaria?

A: It is estimated that the Town will have its general revenue reduced \$35,000 to \$40,000 if Amendment 1 passes.

Q: How much will the impact be felt by Brevard County?

A: It is estimated that the County will have its general revenue reduced \$12,000,000 if Amendment 1 passes.

Q: What is the possible impact if Amendment 1 passes?

A: Possibility of the County or Town having to increase taxes to keep the same level of service or have a decrease in service.

Q: Where can I find more information on this or other Amendments?

A: We have placed links on the Town's website that contains more information on this, and all amendments that are on the ballot in November. Below are some sample links we found that explain each Amendment and contain both pro and con reasons for voting for or against each one. We do not endorse any of these sites, we are just providing them to you to give you more information and as a starting point as you make your decisions.

Informational links found on the Town website (under "Useful Links"):

Florida league of Cities

http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/docs/default-source/resources/amendment-1/amendment-1-tool-kit.pdf?sfvrsn=71ced9d5_2

Business Voice of Florida (contains info on all Amendments)

http://www.businessvoicepac.com/ballot-initiatives/?gclid=EAJaIQobChMImMrbjqHq3AIVD1gNCh0IQgc8EAAYASAAEgKIdvD_BwE

Ballotpedia (contains info on all Amendments)

https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_2018_ballot_measures

Town of Grant-Valkaria

RESOLUTION 06-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONCERNING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA’S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as “Amendment 1”; and

WHEREAS, this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year-resulting in either service reductions or tax hikes; and

WHEREAS, local communities may be forced to increase local property tax rates to offset revenue reductions; and

WHEREAS, changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, instead of fixing Florida’s complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s tax system should work for all homeowners, and most of Amendment 1’s benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden, and this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Grant-Valkaria, Florida:

SECTION 1. The Town of Grant-Valkaria will evaluate the impact Amendment 1 will have on its property taxes.

SECTION 2. The Town of Grant-Valkaria urges its residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general election.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution will be provided to the Florida League of Cities and other interested parties.

SECTION 4. Severability/Interpretation Clause. In the event that any term, provision, clause, sentence or section of this Resolution shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be partially or wholly unenforceable or invalid for any reason whatsoever, any such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any of the other or remaining terms, provisions, clauses, sentences, or sections of this Resolution, and this Resolution shall be read and/or applied as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable term, provision, clause, sentence, or section did not exist.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2018.

TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA

_____(Signature on file)____

Del Yonts

Mayor

ATTEST: ____ (Signature on file) _____

Rebekah Raddon

Town Clerk

A TOWN ADMINISTRATORS FINAL MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS

By: Rick Hood

This is my final message to the residents. By the time you read this I will be retired. Effective August 30, 2018, at close of business, I will no longer be your town administrator. It has been my pleasure and my honor to serve you as Town Administrator for the past 10 years. There is still a lot of work to do, as we are still just a young town, but I hope I've prepared a solid foundation to build a future on. The town still has a long way to go, but I know with the Mayor and Council you have elected at the helm that you will get there. I hope you feel that I've directed the Town in a positive manner. I've always tried to be helpful and at times I know I haven't been, but it's not for lack of trying. Sometimes codes or finances got in the way and we just weren't able to do what was being requested.

I'm proud of this town. I'm proud that the town is debt free and still has the lowest ad-valorem tax rate in the County. We have accomplished more, with less, than any other town I know. The staff I am leaving you with is second to none. They are kind and courteous, knowledgeable and respectful, and they are here to serve the fine residents of this community.

I want to thank each and everyone for the assistance they have given the town over the past 10 years. The volunteers are too numerous to name individually. From previous employees, to volunteer board and committee members and from resident volunteers at the annual picnic, tree lighting, and town hall decorating, as well as the road crew, and the Putter Club, I thank you. This is not a job one person can do alone. It takes the whole town to be successful. If you are new to the town, call town hall, get involved, volunteer, you won't regret it.

I also want to thank our contractors. From engineering, to mowing and grading as well as ditch cleaning, pepper mulching and garbage collection, they have all done a wonderful job for the Town. Our contractors have saved the town thousands of dollars annually by providing their services at a rate the town could afford without the town having to bear the cost of overhead expenses and equipment.

Jason Mahaney will be taking the lead upon my retirement. He will serve you well. Many of you already know Jason and understand his passion for the Town. Exciting times are ahead. The Town will be opening their new building department on September 17th allowing all permitting to be done in house.

I will miss you all but I won't be deserting you. My wife and I have built a home here in Grant-Valkaria to reside in as retired residents and who knows – maybe future volunteers.

SAW PALMETTO BERRY HARVESTING

As of March 14, 2018 Town Council adopted Ordinance 2018-01 which protects and preserves plants and wildlife in natural public areas. This Ordinance was created to prohibit illegal activity such as saw palmetto berry harvesting on natural public lands. In order for the sheriff's office to enforce illegal berry picking on private land you must have a no trespassing sign posted in a conspicuous place. In addition, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services added saw palmettos to the Department's commercially exploited plant list, which resulted in new requirements for the harvesting of saw palmetto berries which took effect July 17, 2018. The new requirements enacted by the State and the Native Plant Harvesting Permit can be found at <https://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Plant-Pest-Permits/Native-Plant-Harvesting-Permit>.

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

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

PROJECT LIFESAVER: GIVING CAREGIVERS AND FAMILIES PEACE OF MIND IS OUR GOAL!

The Project Lifesaver program has been implemented by Brevard TRIAD a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office in an effort to provide enhanced support and assistance to Brevard County residents who are primary caregivers for an individual suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia disorder as well as families of children afflicted with Down syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries or cognitive impairments. Our goal is to offer this program at no, or very low cost to participants. If you are a local business or a private party who would like to contribute funds towards the success of this program please email projectlifesaver@bcso.us

For more information about the program, you can do the following:

1. Go to BREVARDTRIAD.ORG website and click projects and download and application and brochure
2. Call Brevard County Sheriff's Office Community Services division at 321-264-7755
4. Email address: Projectlifesaver@bcso.us

Project Lifesaver Presentations can be made by our Community Service Division by contacting PLS Coordinator Joseph Downs at 321-412-2079.



On July 21, 2018, the Grant Community Club dedicated their library to Gert Jackson, a long time friend of the community and a committed volunteer to the library.

According to Edith Beckman, it all began back in the early 1960s, when the Melbourne Public Library loaned the Grant community about 500 books to get a library started. After the Melbourne Library changed over to a new computer system, it gave Grant all the books it had loaned them, plus some library materials, such as book covers, pockets and cards for signing.

In 1969, The Grant Community Library was staffed and run by the Grant Homemakers Club. Edith Beckman, Mildred Holzinger, Violet Hill, Lois Ormond, Betty Doles, Jeannette Wadams, and Elsie Mae Brinson were some of the founders and earliest volunteers at the library. They were followed by Gert Jackson, Jean Kries, Diane Clemons, Pat Hall, and many more. Most volunteers come and go, but these ladies stayed the course. I believe Edith Beckman spearheaded the effort starting in 1964 with monetary support from the Grant Community Club beginning in 1966. In addition to the help from the Community Club, the volunteers held book sales, with the first sale being held at Senne Lumber and later sales moved to Buntyn's Supply. That was the beginning of the library organizing a second-hand book sale to raise money to purchase new books which lead to our very successful book sales held at the Grant Seafood Festivals. The first record I found for a Seafood Festival Book Sale dates back to 1984, and we made \$134.25. Today our Book Sales average \$3,000.

Mildred Holzinger was head librarian from 1971 to 1989. During some of that time and in addition to Gert's volunteering in the library, she ran the children's program Thursday nights, with crafts, stories, games, and ice cream for children of all ages.



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)

Grant Community Center

Meetings are held
the 2nd Monday of
the month and
begin at 6:30 P.M.
Come join us and
see what's up!

DID YOU KNOW?

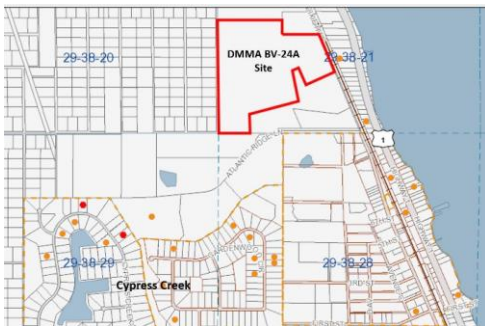
- The Gert Jackson Community Library is open Tuesday from 10am-4pm, Thursday from 6pm-7:30pm and Saturday from 10am-12pm. If you are interested in volunteering please stop in!
- That as a resident you can become a member of the Grant Community Club. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30pm. Come make a difference, share your ideas and get involved.
- The Bensen House is a wonderful place to visit and full of interesting history. 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.

FPL PHONE SCAM – A MESSAGE FROM FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT

Phone scammers posing as FPL employees are targeting customers across our 35 county service territory. These scammers are using false phone numbers that could appear on a caller ID to be FPL. They are also using a recording of our customer service phone message to make them sound legitimate. They then threaten to shut the power off unless a payment is made immediately with a Green Dot MoneyPak card. These calls are not from FPL. We will never call and demand credit card information or take Green Dot MoneyPak cards as payment. In fact, we do not ask for any personal information from you unless you initiate the contact. If you ever receive a strange call and are in doubt, hang up and call us at the phone number listed at the bottom of your FPL bill. Authorities have been notified of this scam. It seems to be affecting utilities across the nation. If you think you may have been a victim, please click the Report Fraud/Scam link at <https://www.fpl.com/landing/protect.html> for further instructions on how to protect yourself. And remember, if you're calling FPL, you'll need your Social Security number and/or your account number to manage your account.

DREDGE MATERIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (DMMA) TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN GRANT-VALKARIA

The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recently published a notice that the Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) had submitted an application to construct a Dredge Material Management Area (DMMA BV-24A) in Grant-Valkaria. The application and other information is posted on the Town's website at (www.grantvalkaria.org). The DMMA is located in the south part of Town, off Old Dixie and Atlantic Ridge Lane (a private drive). The DMMA location is shown in Figure 1 below.



FIND is commissioned by the USACE to dredge the Intra-Coastal Waterway (ICW) when necessary to keep it at the navigable depth of approximately 12 feet. FIND has constructed numerous DMMA's all along the east coast of Florida in order to have facilities where the dredge material is pumped to and stored. In order to protect the environment, FIND can no longer create "spoil islands" with dredged material as was done in the past when the ICW was first constructed. The property for the DMMA in Grant-Valkaria was purchased by FIND in the 1990's. It will be used to dredge a 13-mile reach of the ICW from Palm Bay to the Sebastian Inlet.

FIND also allows other government entities (cities and counties) to use the DMMA's for dredging projects they may undertake. Brevard County recently used a DMMA (BV-52) that is on US 1 near Conlan Blvd. in Palm Bay to dredge muck from Turkey Creek. There are other DMMA's in northern Brevard that are being used to dredge muck from the Indian River Lagoon in the effort to clean it up. The DMMA (BV-24A) located in Grant-Valkaria can be used for this effort also.

Below are some facts that were learned as a result of the 2 meetings held in Grant-Valkaria with FIND to discuss the DMMA BV-24A.

DMMA CONTINUED

The construction of DMMA BV-24A can begin only after the application to the USACE is approved. This application requires that many other agencies review it, including environmental concerns (FDEP, Fish and Wildlife, etc.). The Town of Grant-Valkaria will also require that FIND obtain the correct zoning, and obtain permits for driveways and for boring pipes under Old Dixie Highway. Currently, an additional scrub jay survey will be conducted because scrub jays were seen on the FIND property. The scrub jay survey may delay permitting. FIND anticipates completing the construction within the next 2 years.

The FIND site consists of 112.52 acres. The DMMA containment area is 63.2 acres in size within the site. Almost half of the site will remain as a natural, undisturbed buffer area. The construction consists of clearing the DMMA containment area and constructing a 6-foot berm around the perimeter. Pipes to bring in the dredge material will be installed. Weirs and pipes will be installed to return water to the lagoon. A perimeter ditch and other controls will help to contain any saltwater intrusion into the near-by area. The presentation that FIND gave at meetings in Grant-Valkaria explains this and is posted on the Town's website at www.grantvalkaria.org. FIND has installed numerous test wells used to determine the current state of the groundwater around the site and to determine the types of substances that would be brought in during dredging. Once the DMMA is constructed, there is a period of time that it will be undisturbed and allowed to "rest". During periods of inactivity, the test wells around the DMMA are tested quarterly for undesirable substances.

DMMA BV-24A is a 50-year use facility. This means that FIND expects to be able to use the facility for 50 years of dredging. The dredging schedule is typically short periods (8-10 weeks) of dredging, 5-10 years of "resting". This is expected to be repeated 5 times in the life of DMMA BV-24A. This may be more frequent if Brevard County wishes to use it for lagoon clean-up. However, when used by an entity other than FIND, the material that is dredged into DMMA BV-24A must be removed and the DMMA restored to its prior condition. By speaking with Brevard County, we learned that the current focus of lagoon clean-up is in northern Brevard and they do not anticipate using DMMA BV-24A for 7 to 8 years. This is because the muck deposits are much worse in the northern lagoon and they are also limited by funding.

Prior to any dredging activity, FIND or any entity using DMMA BV-24A must apply for permits. The dredge material is tested for harmful substances prior to being deposited into the site and if any are found, the material must be stored elsewhere, they cannot be dumped in the DMMA. During dredging activity, groundwater testing is conducted every month. FIND has committed to providing the Town with all test results. Should any undesirable substances be found in the test wells, action will be taken to contain it and stop it from leaching outside the DMMA. The DMMA has been designed with controls to contain substances within the DMMA boundaries. The modeling used to drive the design is included in FIND's presentation on the Town's website. An analysis/trade study conducted by FIND to determine the most appropriate containment method is also posted on the Town's website.

According to the FIND application, periodic environmental surveys will be conducted and any corrective actions will be taken should any degradation be noted.

The Town Council has established lines of communication with FIND, the USACE, and Brevard County in order to obtain status of the project and test results during construction and throughout any dredging activity.

For updates to information on DMMA BV-24A, residents are encouraged to check the Town's website periodically. The DMMA information can be found by clicking on the FIND icon at the bottom of the main page or by clicking on the "Community" menu.

SPACE COAST LA LECHE LEAGUE

Breastfeeding is natural, but it's not always easy! Join Space Coast La Leche League at 2 PM on the first Sunday of each month at the Grant Community Center for mother-to-mother breastfeeding support. Meetings last about an hour and a half. All are welcome! For questions about the meeting or for help between meetings, call or text 775-800-MILK (775-800-6455) or email spacecoastLLL@gmail.com

GRANT HISTORICAL HOUSE UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/03/18** Historical House opens
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 AM –
4:00 PM
- 10/19/18** Historical House closed to prepare
for Christmas
- 10/20/18** Historical House Flea Market 8:00
AM – 2:00 PM. Come rent a space for
\$15.00

Any questions call Nancy 321-951-0583
Grant Historical House is located at 5795
South US Hwy. 1 Grant, Florida 32949

GVCA BENCH CAMPAIGN

The GVCA would like to thank the members of our community for their generous donations which will enable us to order 15 benches. These benches will be placed along the sidewalks of both Grant and Valkaria roads, as well as near Town Hall. We received some additional donations which we intend to use to potentially landscape around some of those benches. We will host a dedication this fall once the benches are in place. We will ensure that the dedication is announced on the news channel.

GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER

The kid's Halloween party will be held Saturday, October, 27th, starting at 7:00 P.M. If you have any questions or want to help set up, text or call Melody at 321-250-0325.

Interested in helping with the haunted hayride? Text Carly at 321-480-5725.

If you are interested in renting out the Grant Community Center please contact Nancy at 321-951-0583.

GVCA GOLF CART COMPETITION RESULTS

At our annual Grant-Valkaria Day celebration the GVCA sponsored their first annual golf cart competition. The best in show was the Yellow Submarine, owned by Julin Lynn with help from her friend Kathy Sarafino.



GRANT-VALKARIA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The GVCA meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Town Hall and is seeking community minded persons to join us. If you have time and would like to work with other locals on small community projects, please come out and join us or contact Susanne Rosewell at 321- 953-1290.

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

The **Town Newsletter** will be mailed to all households in Grant-Valkaria.

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
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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

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To contact our Town Clerk, Rebekah Raddon: Clerk@grantvalkaria.org

To contact our Administrative Assistant Jessica Keenan: Info@grantvalkaria.org

To contact our Building Division Manager Alex Juan: 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 6:30 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!

NEW TO TOWN?

The Grant-Valkaria Welcome Wagon gives a warm welcome to all new residents. We will be visiting you shortly with a packet of interesting activities and information about our town. If you have any questions feel free to contact Carole at 954-242-0996 or by emailing carole561.welcome@yahoo.com

2018 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town hall will be closed for the following holiday dates:

Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day

Thursday, November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving

Monday, December 24 in observance of Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas Day

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COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

September 3 rd	Labor Day (Town Hall Closed)
October 3 rd	Historical House re-opens for tours
October 13 th	Calvary Baptist of Grant – Fall Festival
October 19 th	Historical House Closes
October 20 th	Historical House Flea Market 8AM – 2PM
October 27 th	Kid’s Halloween Party 7pm at the Grant Community Center
November 7 th	Historical House re-opens with Christmas items for sale
November 11 th	Veteran’s Day
November 22 nd	Thanksgiving Day (Town Hall Closed)
December 2 nd	Christmas Tree Lighting
December 24 th	Christmas Eve (Town Hall Closed)
December 25 th	Christmas Day (Town Hall Closed)