

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

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**NEWS**



### SEWER RATE INCREASE

The Springfield Metro Sanitary District has raised the sewer rates effective with your June 2011 bill. This is a cost that is billed to us by the Springfield Metro Sanitation District. The Village only receives 50 cents per household of that charge and the remaining amount is then forwarded to the SMSD monthly. Your sewer charges are billed per unit of usage of water. 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!!

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

- *First & Third Tuesday of every month are Board Meetings at 5:30 pm located at the Administrative Office Open to the Public!*
- *June 24-25 Village Wide Garage Sales*

### VILLAGE GARAGE SALES

Grandview's Village wide garage sale dates have been set for Friday June 24 and Saturday June 25. 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.

### NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATIONS

*The Village of Grandview will be debuting a new website for the Village. We are currently gathering all the information that will be needed on the site and we hope to have it active by the end of June 2011! Please feel free to visit us on the internet at [www.villageofgrandview.com](http://www.villageofgrandview.com)*

*If you have anything you would like more information about in upcoming newsletters please call the Administrative office and let Lisa know at 528-7624.*

### CONTACT INFO

**President** - Mark Woollen 528-3061  
**Clerk** - Michelle Bates 741-2359  
**Muni Bldg** - Marilou McQuillan 522-8738  
**Police** - Mike Murphy 753-1382  
**Public Health** - Leland Rhodes 241-7505  
**Street Dept** - Janice Bentley 523-5707  
**Water Dept** - Vickie Kean 741-0044  
**Zoning/Permits** - Karen Murphy 527-8675  
**Police Dept** - 544-7318 or 622-4626  
**Emergency** - 911  
**Administrative Bldg/Water Dept**  
Lisa Cave - 528-7624

### SWIMMING POOLS

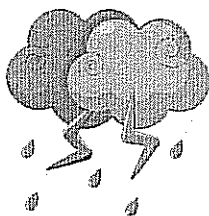
Please call the water department prior to filling your pools! No discounts will be given to those who fill their pool without calling first! Any swimming pool in the Village of Grandview shall have a fence, protective wall or other effective barrier completely surrounding the pool as specified in Ordinance # 308. Any violation of this Ordinance is subject to a fine, up to \$500. 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!

MAY 2011

## DITCHES & STORM WATER DRAINAGE

With the erratic storms that have been in the area, we have noticed that more water is being forced through our storm water drainage systems. Residents are reminded 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!!



## LEASH LAW

When you walk your animal, please remember to pick up their waste. The Village has received several complaints from residents without animals, that they are finding animal waste in their yard. Please be courteous to your fellow neighbors and pick up their waste. Thank you!



**To all pet owners in the Village.** There is a leash law for **ALL** animals. Animals should be on a leash and are not allowed to run free. Animals found running free will be collected by the Sangamon County Animal Control. The owner of the pet, will be assessed a fine from the Village as well as Animal Control.

The Village asks that you control your cats and dogs. There is a leash law on both animals. For more information please come down to the Village Office and look up Ordinances 355; 02-03 & 07-01 . The fines are \$125 payable to the Village of Grandview and a release fee is charged by the Sangamon County Animal Control, when your animal is picked up by them. Please don't let your animals run free!!

## TREE & LIMB REMOVAL

The following outlines the Village guidelines which are used for the process of tree and limb removal. The Village **WILL** pick up trees and limbs that are related to storm damage, minor pruning or fence and brush clearing.

The Village **WILL NOT** pick up complete trees cut down by the owners and/or contractors. These guidelines have been set in place by the Board members. Pick ups are the first week of the months of April—November.

## PAYING YOUR BILL BY PHONE

Effective July 17, 2011 there will be a \$2.50 service charge for every credit card payment made over the phone. To avoid this charge, you may come in the office and run the card through the machine in person. The Village is charged more for phone in orders.

## 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!

## GARBAGE

**ATTENTION:** Do not place items out that local garbage companies will not pick up without contacting your waste hauler provider first. Residents are responsible for proper disposal of these items if they are left behind by the waste hauling company. Violators will be fined.

## LIMB PICK UP

The Village has resumed picking up limbs the first week of the month. Please have your limbs to the ditch prior to that week to ensure that they are picked up during that month's pickup. Limb pickup is a monthly courtesy that is provided April through November.

If you have a question please feel free to contact the Village Hall at 528-7624 or call your local trustee! We are here to serve you!



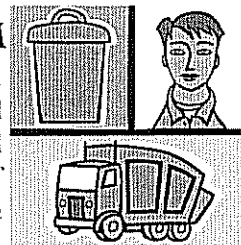
## WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

**BILLS DUE UPON RECEIPT:** Monthly bills are due in full upon receipt. Any bill not paid before the first working day of the succeeding month is deemed overdue and late. Payments shall be recorded and credited to a customer's account on the day payment is received in the office or upon the following working day if the drop box is used after 1:00 p.m. A customer's failure to receive a bill, or loss of a bill for any month shall not excuse non-payment. **LATE FEES:** A customer shall be assessed a late charge of 10% per month on any balance that is not paid and credited to an account before the close of books on the first working day of the succeeding month. Partial payment by a customer does not excuse a late charge on the remaining balance. The corporate authorities may waive late charges in the interest of fairness. **SHUTOFF NOTICE:** A shutoff notice shall be sent to all customers owing a balance at the end of a month. Service shall be disconnected if the bill is not paid in full, including current and past due charges, within 10 days of mailing of the notice, or payment arrangements are made as set forth in the shutoff notices. **RECONNECTION CHARGES:** When water service is discontinued, a \$35.00 reconnection fee must be paid before service will be restored during regular working hours. The reconnection fee shall be \$50.00 in the event restoration of service is made on holidays, weekends, or before or after regular working hours.

These policies are in Ordinance 342, dated June 20, 1995. The Office Administrator can not change these policies. It is the Administrator's job to record payments, send bills and notices. The Water Department does accept cash, check, Visa & MasterCard.

## 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.



## ALLOW BURNING OF YARD WASTE ONLY

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

- A. the wind speed is 15 miles per hour or less
- B. There is at least one person, age 16 or older, constantly tending the fire;
- C. Excessive smoke is not caused thereby; and
- D. 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.

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 could result in a hefty fine.

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.

## STAY SAFE

### THIRTEEN THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WONT TELL YOU:

1. Of course I look familiar, I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator. 2. Hey thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier. 3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have tastes... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always makes me wonder what type of gaming system they have. 4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it. 5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway. 6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control panel where I can see if its set. That makes it too easy. 7. A good security company alarms the windows over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom—and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too. 8. Its raining, your fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door—understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather. 9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it!) 10. Do you really think I wont look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet. 11. Here is a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' room. 12. You're right: I wont have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if its not bolted down, I'll take it with me. 13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (find it at <http://www.faketv.com>) **Here are 8 more in case I haven't gotten your attention yet:** 1. Sometimes, I carry a clipboard.. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook. 2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosey neighbors. 3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature. 4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it? 5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs, or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets. 6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up addresses. 7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air.. To me, its an invitation. 8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and walk right in. Here are some **helpful tips:** Easy humane way to arm yourself is wasp spray. Wasp spray can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. Keep a can on your desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. Keep one can nearby at home for home protection. After spraying this in the burglars eyes, you will have a chance to call the police and maybe get out of the home. Also, keep your car keys beside your bed at night, if you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your home, press the panic button on your car. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This is also a great idea for the elderly to keep near them. If they need assistance, inside or out they can hit that alarm.

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