



2024 Calendar

"Sustainability"

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

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Pictured (left to right): Council Member Karen Lowe, Mayor Pro-Tem Ryan Cummins, Mayor Bob Monetza, Council Member Kevin McLaughlin, and Council Member Mike Fritz.

The Grand Haven City Council serves as the elected body of the City and is comprised of the mayor and four council members, all who live within the City limits. City Council establishes policy by allocating public funds in the form of an annual budget. The City Council appoints a professionally trained and experienced manager to administer the day-to-day operations of the City and provide policy recommendations. Grand Haven is among the more than 175 home rule cities in Michigan that use the council-manager form of government.

Council Meeting Schedule

Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers of Grand Haven City Hall, located at 519 Washington Avenue on the first and third Monday of every month, at 7:30 p.m., except when otherwise indicated. Work sessions may be held prior to council meetings. Meeting dates are subject to change. Visit our website to view agenda packets and meeting notices. To view a live stream of City Council meetings, as well as previous recordings, you can visit the City's Facebook page as well as our website at grandhaven.org, then, click on the link for the City's YouTube channel toward the bottom of the page. In addition to watching meetings live on YouTube and Facebook, residents can listen to the meetings live on WAWL (103.5 FM).

Boards & Commissions

City of Grand Haven boards and commissions are made up of members chosen from the community. City Council and staff rely on boards and commissions to give a citizen's point of view. Please check the City's website for the most current list of vacancies.

Apply today to serve on a City board or commission. Go to grandhaven.org, select City Services, Boards and Commissions and submit the application online or print it and turn it into the Clerk's Office, 519 Washington Avenue.

Grand Haven City Council



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Ryan Cummins

Mayor Pro-Tem

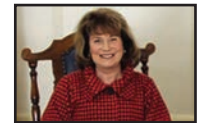
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Members of the City of Grand Haven team gather at Duncan Park for a staff photo.

City Manager's Office

The City Manager's Office is responsible for facilitating the goals of City Council. The mayor and council formulate broad policy initiatives and direct the manager in the execution of their will. The City Manager's Office is charged with responding to the needs of the entire community and is ultimately responsible for the daily operations of the municipal organization.

City Clerk's Office

The City Clerk serves as Clerk to the City Council. The Clerk's Office provides informational services to residents, the general public, and other City departments. Additionally, this office is responsible for the management and preservation of the City's official documents, maintaining voter registration records and administering elections held in the City, maintaining and providing electronic access to the City Charter

and Code of Ordinances, coordinating Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and posting public notices.

Planning/Zoning Department

The Planning/Zoning Department is responsible for administering the City's planning and zoning.

The department helps current and future property owners understand how they can develop their property and what may happen

in the future within their neighborhood. Permits for smaller projects like driveways, sheds, and commercial signs are also issued by the Planning Department.

Finance Department

The Finance Department ensures that budgetary and financial requirements are met, auditing and accounting standards are followed, the City's annual audit is reported properly, payment of invoices and billing of services are made timely, and grants and loans to the City are reported appropriately. The department provides financial services for all City Funds; and, by contract, the Northwest Ottawa Water Systems (NOWS), Sewer Authority, Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), Loutit District Library, and Ottawa County Central Dispatch Authority.

Public Safety Department

Members of the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety are cross-trained to provide law enforcement, fire suppression and inspection, and emergency medical services to the community. Officers enforce state laws and local ordinances through criminal investigation and application of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code. Officers also provide education programs, water and ice rescue, school crossing guards, and a School Resource Officer in partnership with the Grand Haven Area Public Schools. Additionally, the department is responsible for building services and code enforcement issues through the Building and Code Division.

Public Works Department

The Department of Public Works is comprised of the cemetery, custodial, facilities and grounds, maintenance, marina/waterfront, motor pool, parks and grounds, special events, project management, streets and storm water, utilities (water distribution and sanitary sewer collection systems), and water filtration.

CENTRAL PARK PLACE



Central Park Place, located at 421 Columbus Ave., is in the heart of Grand Haven and provides event space for performances, weddings, business meetings, community expos, art exhibits and much more! Owned and operated by the City of Grand Haven, the facility was built in 1966 and has operated as an art, cultural, and community center. Through COVID, the facility experienced a financial downturn. As a result of the financial hardship, City Council approved a re-brand project that allowed, for the first time in its history, the venue to be marketed as an event center. An independent website and social media outlets were created.

The venue has a 181-seat theater, a 4,800 square foot ballroom with a catering kitchen along with smaller rooms that are able to host a variety of events, either public or private. Affordable rates and discounts to City residents are offered.

Approximately 700 events are hosted annually, with over 40,000 people participating in some way as an attendee, guest, or visitor.

Central Park Place's mission is to create memorable moments and provide experiences where every attendee feels welcomed, celebrated, and included.

Our vision is to be West Michigan's premier destination for community enrichment that inspires public engagement, creates economic vitality, and reflects the community we serve.

Community connections, creativity, and collaboration are valued at Central Park Place. We believe in creating a sense of inclusivity and embracing our common ground, while creating life enrichment through engagement of the arts, business, social events and causes.

Visit our web site at centralparkplacegh.org.

—Char Seise, Community Affairs Manager



FORMALIZED CITY COLLABORATIONS

Board of Light & Power

The Board of Light and Power and the appointed director are responsible for the economical and proper operation and maintenance of the City's electric services and organizes and conducts the affairs of the City's systems for the purchase, and distribution of power in a manner consistent with the best practices. The board shall make contracts concerning the electric facilities of the City, subject to the overall control of the council relating to all departments of the City.



Harbor Transit

Harbor Transit services a 55-square-mile area. The system serves the City of Grand Haven, the Village of Spring Lake, the City of Ferrysburg, Grand Haven Charter and Spring Lake Townships. Harbor Transit is administered by the Harbor Transit Multi-Modal Transportation System. Policy direction is provided by an eleven-member board of directors, which is



composed of two representatives of the five participating units of governments and a member at large. Services provided by Harbor Transit include demand-response public bus transit, contractual services, and trolley transportation. Please view the Harbor Transit website at harbortransit.org for any additional information.

Main Street Downtown Development Authority

Grand Haven is one of only 25 communities in the state to operate a nationally accredited Main Street program through Michigan Main Street. Formed in 2005, the mission of Main Street is to enhance a vibrant historic business district through community efforts, plus public and private partnerships. To achieve this mission, they actively engage volunteers to complete projects and host special events in the Downtown/Center town district. Main Street's planning committees meet monthly and welcome new volunteers. For more information visit: downtowngh.com.



Water Treatment Plant

The Northwest Ottawa Water Systems Treatment Plant is operated and managed by the City of Grand Haven, under contract since 1988, for the Townships of Grand Haven and Spring Lake, the City of Ferrysburg, and the Village of Spring Lake, which make up the Northwest Ottawa Water System (NOWS). The Water Treatment Plant is approved to filter and pump 23.25 million gallons per day. The facility produces potable drinking water, averaging about 2.8 billion gallons annually, that meets

or exceeds all state and EPA requirements to provide industrial, commercial, and domestic water needs including fire protection. Filtration plant personnel, as well as the filtration plant laboratory facility, must be certified with the State of Michigan, going through re-accreditation periods to retain certification levels. To see a short presentation on the NOWS filtration plant, please visit: NOWS Water Treatment Plant on YouTube.



Sewer Authority

The Grand Haven Spring Lake Sewer Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant entered into municipal service in 1973. It serves the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, the Village of Spring Lake, Spring Lake Township, and the City of Ferrysburg. The plant is designed for a 6.67 MGD (million gallons/day) flow, with a current average flow of 3 MGD. The plant is staffed by a plant superintendent, an environmental compliance supervisor, and seven operator-mechanics. The plant added a Biological Odor Control System and converted the disinfection process from chlorine gas to ultraviolet light in 2013.



CITY DEPARTMENTS

Grand Haven City Hall
519 Washington Avenue
Grand Haven, MI 49417
Web Site: grandhaven.org

AIRPORT	616-842-4430
ASSESSING	616-846-8262
BOARD OF LIGHT & POWER	616-846-6250
BUILDING	616-842-3460
CEMETERY	616-847-3489
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE	616-847-4888
CLERK	616-847-4886
CENTRAL PARK PLACE	616-842-2550
PLANNING	616-935-3276
FINANCE	616-847-4893
HARBOR TRANSIT	616-842-3220
HOUSING SERVICES	616-935-3270
HUMAN RESOURCES	616-935-3211
LOUITT DISTRICT LIBRARY	616-850-6900
MAIN STREET DDA	616-844-1188
MARINA	616-847-3478
PUBLIC SAFETY	616-842-3460
PUBLIC WORKS	616-847-3493
TREASURER	616-842-3210
WASTE WATER	616-842-3215
WATER BILLING	616-847-4895
WATER FILTRATION	616-847-3488
ZONING	616-935-3276

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Election Information



2024 Election Dates

- **Presidential Primary**
February 27
- **Special Election**
May 7
- **Primary Election**
August 6
- **General Election**
November 5

Voter Information Center

mvc.sos.state.mi.us/

The State of Michigan Voter Information Center website provides information on registering to vote, absentee ballot information, polling locations, and accessible voting.

Early Voting

Starting in 2024, the City of Grand Haven will be partnering with Ottawa County to offer nine (9) days of early voting before each Federal and State election. The exact process is still being established by the State of Michigan, Ottawa County, and the City of Grand Haven. Information will be available at grandhaven.org by January 2024.

Permanent Ballot List

The State of Michigan now allows voters to sign-up to receive an absentee ballot for each election without filling out an application every time. If you do sign up for the list, please remember that *absentee ballots cannot be forwarded in the mail*. Please notify the Clerk's office, in writing, if you need your ballot mailing address changed before an election.

Election Inspector

The City Clerk's office is seeking Election Inspectors for 2024. Working as an Election Inspector is a great way to learn about the election process and support the community. Please contact the Clerk's office if you are interested.

Temporary Yard Signs

One temporary yard sign per street frontage is permitted on private property. Extra signs are permitted thirty (30) days before an election and seven (7) days after an election. Temporary yard signs cannot exceed three (3) square feet in area on residential property and twelve (12) square feet in area on nonresidential property. Temporary Yard signs placed on public property, or in the public right-of-way, are not permitted.

City Clerk's Office Contact Information

Phone: 616-847-4886

Email: clerk@grandhaven.org

City Website & Social Media



Web Site: grandhaven.org



Like Our Facebook Pages:

- City of Grand Haven
- Central Park Place
- Grand Haven Department of Public Safety



Follow us on YouTube: [@youtube.com/user/GrandHaven2010](https://youtube.com/user/GrandHaven2010)



Follow us on Instagram:

- [cityofgrandhaven](https://www.instagram.com/cityofgrandhaven)
- [centralparkplacegh](https://www.instagram.com/centralparkplacegh)

Nixle Community Information Service

Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply). The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted.

Stay connected to your world, from important public safety alerts to neighborhood advisories, and other valuable community information. You decide the information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone or e-mail.

Sign up at nixle.com. It is quick and easy. If you have any questions or need help, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 616-842-3460.



Grand Haven Food Pantries

Our generous community has many options for families to access needed nutrition at area food pantries. Most are coordinated through the Salvation Army or Love in Action.

- The Salvation Army Food Pantry is located at 310 N DeSpelder. For details you can call 616-842 3380 ext. 200.
- Love in Action main offices are located at 326 N Ferry Street. Please call 616-846-2701 for information.
- A Micro-Pantry at the Grand Haven Momentum Center, 401 N. 7th Street, (north side of the main building) is available 24/7 to anyone who can use a little help.



Residential Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Service

Republic Services, Inc. provides residential trash, recycling (every other week) and yard waste (April-December) removal within the City of Grand Haven. Visit Republic Services at republicservices.com or call 877-698-7274 to set up your service, report a missed pick-up, view the recycle schedule, request a "vacation hold" and answer frequently asked questions.



Bag Service Customers – Bags are available for sale at the Treasurer's Office.

Recycling Collection – Recycling services are provided every other week. Your recycling collection day will be the same day as your trash collection day (pick-up dates are noted on this calendar and available online).

Large or Extra Items – Bulky items may be placed at the curb for pick-up with your regular trash each week. Major appliances and furniture will be picked up on the last Friday of each month. Please call Republic Services in advance to schedule a pick-up.

Yard Waste Service – Republic Services provides curbside yard waste collection services April 1 to December 31. Paper yard waste bags or a container marked "yard waste" may be used. Yard waste drop-off containers are scheduled at Harbor Island, for residents who are Republic Services customers, on eight consecutive weekends in both the spring and the fall. Visit grandhaven.org and Facebook for dates and further information about the drop-off sites.

Please Do Not Deposit Leaves or Other Debris in Street

Section 17-3 of the City Code prohibits the accumulation, deposit or disposal of leaves, yard waste or other materials in the public right-of-way, including the street right-of-way, alleys, and sidewalks. Leaves, yard waste or other prohibited materials left in the public right-of-way may be collected and removed by the City with the cost of such collection billed to the adjacent property owner, plus a fine.

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 miottawa.org.

Metal Recycling

First Christian Reformed Church (located at 516 S. Ferry) operates a Metal Recycle Ministry. The church collects all types of metal (except televisions and computer monitors). If you have such items, call 616-842-6370 to schedule a pick up, or you can drop off...free! Visit firstchurchgrandhaven.com for more information.

Disposing of Unused Medicine

Scientists have found medicines in surface, ground and marine waters, as well as soils and sediments. Even very low levels of medicines enter the environment and affect human health. Medicines should never be flushed or rinsed down the drain or placed into landfills. Use the disposal vault in the lobby at Grand Haven Public Safety.

Parking

Overnight Parking Permit for Downtown Municipal Lots

A self-service parking kiosk is located in our downtown at the northwest corner of First Street and Franklin Avenue. For just \$5 you may purchase an overnight parking permit for downtown municipal parking lots. This is a great option for late night visitors/guests to downtown. Violations can be costly, so protect your wallet with an overnight parking kiosk permit and remember to be responsible; never drink and drive.



Winter Parking on Streets

Parking on public streets within the City is restricted 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.



City Charter and Code of Ordinances

The City's Charter and Code of Ordinances are available by visiting the City's website grandhaven.org; under the "City Services" section, select "Charter & Ordinances."



Code Enforcement

The Grand Haven Department of Public Safety oversees code enforcement in our City. Issues may include noxious weeds, abandoned vehicles, trash accumulation, and more. To report a public nuisance for Code Enforcement investigation, please call 616-842-3460.

Snow and Ice Removal on Sidewalks

The owner or occupant of every parcel is responsible for keeping the abutting portion of the sidewalk free and clear of snow and ice. Some residents in our neighborhoods have indicated that they may not be able to clear snow from their sidewalks following every storm. Rather than issue warnings, invoices, and tickets, the City is appealing to all neighborhoods to please help improve the walkability of our town by shoveling off the sidewalks.



Restroom Locations & Hours

A listing showing locations and availability of public restrooms maintained by the City is listed on the City's website grandhaven.org, under the City Services category.



General Tax Payment Information

Summer tax bills will be mailed out July 1 and due September 16. On September 17 a 4% penalty will be applied to the remaining balance of all unpaid summer taxes. Additionally, on October 16, a 2% late fee will be applied to the remaining balance of all unpaid summer taxes.

Winter tax bills will be mailed out December 1 and due February 14. On February 15 a 4% penalty will be applied to the remaining balance of all unpaid winter taxes.

The final calendar day of February (28 or 29) is the last day current year summer and winter taxes can be accepted by the City of Grand Haven. On March 1 all unpaid property taxes will be considered delinquent and due to the Ottawa County Treasurer's Office. The Ottawa County Treasurer's Office can be reached by calling 616-994-4501.

Tax payments can be made in person or left in one of the two drop boxes outside Grand Haven City Hall. Cash, check, and credit/debit cards are all accepted forms of payment. Paying with a card will result in a 3% processing fee. Credit/debit card payments can be made in person or online through grandhaven.org, or over the phone by calling 855-461-9798.

Property taxes can be paid through an ACH auto-draft from a bank account. To set up auto withdrawal payments, submit a signed and completed Property Tax ACH form to the Grand Haven Treasurer's Office. This form can be found on the "Forms & Permits" page at grandhaven.org, or at the Grand Haven Treasurer's Office.

Taxpayers who are 62 years of age or older, disabled, or a veteran, may be eligible for a summer tax deferment on their primary residence. Please contact the Treasurer's Office for additional information and paperwork. While the deferment does not reduce the amount of taxes due, it does allow a significant extension on the summer tax due date.

The City of Grand Haven will accept postmarks from the United States Postal Service as proof of timely payment. Any payments made through bill pay, online banking, metered mail, as well as UPS and Federal Express will be posted the day they are received in the Treasury Department.



Rental Registration

If you own residential rental property in the City of Grand Haven, it must be registered with the Department of Public Safety. The rental program is designed to help protect the safety of the tenants, as well as the owners, and improves and maintains the quality of our neighborhoods. Landlord cooperation is critical to the success of this program. Rental property registration is required in accordance with the City of Grand Haven Code of Ordinances Section 9-201. Payment per rental unit along with the rental registration forms are due in February of each year. There is a per property late fee if the form and fees are not received by the due date. Inspections are conducted every three years, and a Certificate of Compliance is issued based upon compliance with the requirements of the property maintenance code.



Assessing Information

Assessing Division

The City's Assessing Division is managed by Ottawa County Equalization employees through a contract between the City of Grand Haven and Ottawa County. Carla Hill is our primary contact and is available by appointment at City Hall. Please call 616-846-8262 for assistance on assessing and property appraisal matters or to set up an appointment.



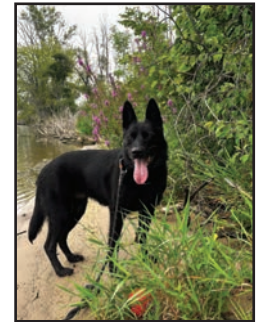
Property Assessment

You will receive a "Change in Assessment Notice" in Mid-February. If you believe the assessment of your property is incorrect, you may appeal to the Board of Review. The board meets March 18-20, 2024 at City Hall; please schedule an appointment or appeal by mail. Contact the City Assessor's Office at 616-846-8262.

Dog Regulations

Responsible Dog Ownership

Many who reside in and visit the City of Grand Haven know the pleasures of having a dog and understand that responsibility comes with good dog ownership. Dog owners are expected to keep their pets on a leash and under control anywhere in the City except private property. Owners are required to pick up waste left by their dog. The City encourages active enjoyment and responsible behavior by providing Mutt-Mitt dispensers in numerous public areas. Rules regarding barking dogs, leashes, and cleaning up after pets are enforced by the Department of Public Safety (Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7).



Dogs are allowed in all City parks, but they must be on a leash and owners must adhere to City ordinances and rules regarding dogs and pets. Dogs are restricted from the Farmers Market while open (Wednesdays & Saturdays). Dogs are not allowed on the City Beach at any time between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Off-Leash Areas

There are two locations within the City to allow your dog off-leash. A fenced dog park is located at the East Grand River Park and a second area is a posted off-leash trail in the parklands at the south end of Mulligan's Hollow, which is accessible off Lake Avenue.

Dog Licenses

Licenses need to be renewed in the month in which the dog's rabies vaccination expires and will be available year-round. Dog licenses can be purchased from the City Treasurer's Office, the County Treasurer's Office, the Harbor Humane Society, and some veterinarians if they have opted into the program.

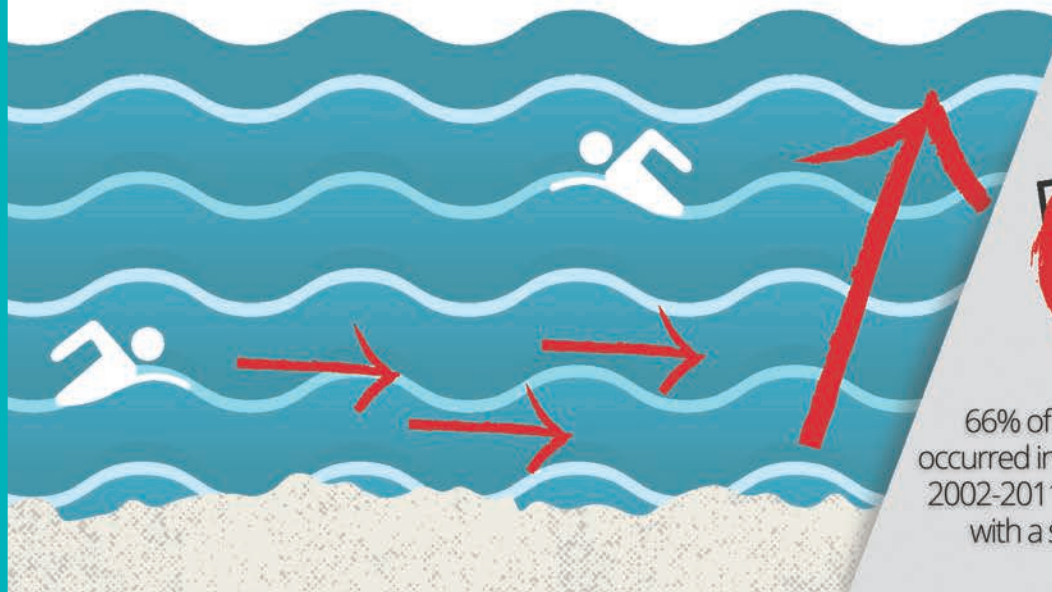
BEACH SAFETY

STRUCTURAL CURRENTS

Avoid swimming next to piers or breakwalls. Paired with longshore currents, structural currents can sweep swimmers directly out into the depths of the lake.

If faced with any kind of current, it is important to remember the "**Flip, Float, and Follow**" philosophy.

- 1 **Flip** onto your back
- 2 **Float** to conserve energy, rather than swimming against the current
- 3 **Follow** the safest course to safety, while assessing which way the current is flowing



DID YOU KNOW ?

66% of all 256 incidents that occurred in Lake Michigan between 2002-2011, took place on a beach with a shoreline structure*.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!



Life rings are placed every 300ft along the pier and beach, to assist the public with water rescue efforts. When pulled, each ring is equipped to send an alarm to Ottawa County dispatch.



Red "Area" signs are placed along the length of the beach to assist the public in identifying their location to dispatch in the case of emergencies.



The State Park and City Beach utilize a flag system to identify high risk swimming conditions.

Red: Lake conditions are high risk and dangerous.

Yellow: Dangerous rip and structural currents are possible. Swimmers should use caution.

Green: Lake conditions are normal/low risk.

*To Learn More: www.glsrp.org

GRAND HAVEN AREA INFORMATION



Government Offices & Agencies

Ferrysburg City Hall ferrysburg.org	616-842-5803
Grand Haven City Hall grandhaven.org	616-842-3210
Airport	616-842-4430
Assessor's Office	616-846-8262
Building Official	616-842-3460
Cemetery, Lake Forest	616-847-3489
City Manager's Office	616-847-4888
Clerk's Office	616-847-4886
Finance	616-847-4893
Harbor Transit	616-842-3200
Human Resources	616-935-3211
Municipal Marina	616-847-3478
Planning	616-935-3276
Public Safety	616-842-3460
Public Works/Parks	616-847-3493
Sewer & Street Emergency	911
Special Events	616-847-3493
Treasurer's Office	616-842-3210
Wastewater Treatment Plt	616-842-3215
Water Filtration Plt	616-847-3488
Grand Haven Charter Twp ght.org	616-842-5988
Michigan, State of michigan.gov	
MDOT (Muskegon TSC)	231-777-3451
michigan.gov/mdot	
Municipal Marina Reserv	800-447-2757
midnrreservations.com	
State Park Reservations	800-447-2757
midnrreservations.com	
Secretary of State's Office	888-767-6424
Treasury	517-373-3200
Ottawa County miottawa.org	
(414 Washington Ave., Grand Haven)	
20th Circuit Court	616-846-8315
58th District Court	616-846-8280
Friend of the Court	616-846-8210
Probation (Adult)	616-846-8217
Prosecuting Attorney	616-846-8215
Clerk	616-994-4531
Drain Commissioner	616-994-4530
Family Court	616-786-4100

...Ottawa County

(12220 Fillmore St., West Olive)	
GIS	616-738-4600
Jail	616-738-4090
Juvenile Services	616-786-4100
MSU Cooperative Ext	616-994-4580
Planning	616-738-4852
Probate Court	616-786-4110
Property Descrt & Mapping	616-738-4826
Register of Deeds	616-994-4510
Sheriff's Office	616-738-4000
Treasurer	616-994-4501
(12251 James St., Holland)	
Community Action Agcy	616-393-4433
Community Mental Health	616-392-1873
Environmental Health	616-393-5645
Health Department	616-396-5266
(14110 Lakeshore Dr.)	
Road Commission	616-842-5400
Robinson Township Hall robinson-twp.org	616-846-2210
Spring Lake Township Hall springlaketwp.org	616-842-1340
Spring Lake Village Hall springlakevillage.org	616-842-1393
US Federal Government	
Social Security Office	800-772-1213
US Army CORPS of Engineers	616-842-5510
US Coast Guard Station	
Sector Field Office	616-850-2500
US Federal Info Center	800-333-4636
firstgov.gov	
US Post Office, Grand Haven	616-842-0510

Hospital

Trinity Health Grand Haven Hospital	
	616-842-3600

Libraries

Loutit District Library loutitlibrary.org	616-850-6900
Spring Lake District Library sllib.org	616-846-5770

Newspapers & Radio Broadcasting

The Muskegon Chronicle mlive.com/muskegon	231-722-3161
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...Newspapers & Radio Broadcasting

Grand Haven Tribune grandhaventribune.com	616-842-6400
WAWL Local Radio Station	616-402-9661
WGHN Local Radio Station	616-842-8110

Museums, Theaters & Cultural Centers

Central Park Place	616-842-2550
Central Park Players centralparkplayers.org	616-971-1329
Tri-Cities Historical Museum tri-citiesmuseum.org	616-842-0700
Waterfront Stadium	616-847-3493

Organizations

Alliance for the Great Lakes greatlakes.org	616-850-0745
American Red Cross ottawaredcross.org	616-396-6545
Better Business Bureau	800-684-3222
Chamber of Commerce grandhavenchamber.org	616-842-4910
Coast Guard Festival, Inc coastguardfest.org	616-846-5940
Community Foundation ghacf.org	616-842-6378
Habitat for Humanity, Tri-Cities tricitieshabitat.org	616-846-1505
Harbor Humane Society harborhumane.org	616-399-2119
International Aid	616-888-7563
Kiwanis, Tri-Cities tricitieskiwanis.org	616-644-5715
League of Women Voters lwvwni.org	517-484-5383
Love in Action, Tri-Cities loveinactiontricitie.org	616-846-2701
Main Street DDA downtowngh.com	616-844-1188
Michigan Works michiganworks.org	800-285-9675
Momentum Center momentumcentergh.org	616-414-9111
Mosaic Counseling mosaiccounseling.com	616-842-9160

...Organizations

Four Pointes fourpointes.org	616-842-9210
Northwest Ottawa Rec Auth norarec.org	616-850-5125
OAR, Inc oar-inc.org	616-842-6710
Resilience resiliencemi.org	616-392-2829
Salvation Army sagrandhaven.org	616-842-3380
Tri-Cities Family YMCA tcfymca.org	616-842-7051
United Way ottawaunitedway.org	616-842-7130
Visitor's Bureau visitgrandhaven.com	616-842-4499 800-303-4092

Refuse

Republic Services	877-698-7274
Hazardous Waste (Ottawa Co)	616-393-5645
I.B. Compost	616-895-6743

Schools - Grand Haven

GH Area Public Schools ghaps.org	616-850-5000
School Closing Information	616-850-5100

Public Transportation

Harbor Transit harbortransit.org	616-842-3220
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Utilities & Local Telecommunications

Board of Light & Power ghblp.org	616-846-6250
Charter Spectrum spectrum.com	833-694-9256
Michigan Gas Utilities michigan Gasutilities.com	800-401-6402
Water Billing	616-847-4895



Sustainable Resolutions

January is the time of year for resolutions. This year, consider making changes in your daily life that support sustainability and conservation efforts. As a community, we can work together to promote changes in our lives and build a more sustainable future for Grand Haven. Here are a few ideas:

1. Reduce your energy consumption by making energy-efficient choices in your home.
2. Recycle and consider at home composting to reduce waste. Single-stream recycling is available to Grand Haven residents.
3. Support local businesses that are committed to sustainability. By doing this, we can collectively promote and encourage implementation of sustainable business practices.
4. Get involved at the local level. Examples include volunteering, attending Sustainability and Energy Commission meetings and attending City Council meetings.

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JANUARY 2024

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City Beach

Grand Haven, Michigan, has one of the most visited beaches in the Midwest. This tremendous natural resource plays a significant role in Grand Haven's tourism economy. Through dune preservation projects, responsible waste management, beach clean-up events, and educational events, the community strives to minimize the environmental impact of millions of visitors each season.

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Home Composting

Composting is a highly effective sustainability practice that diverts leftover organic materials from landfills and transforms them into useful nutrient-rich, organic fertilizers that can be recycled.

The City of Grand Haven has created a community composting site that is located on Harbor Island; this site is accessible to residents and businesses alike.

Reducing organic waste is an important consideration as we look to reduce greenhouse gases and minimize landfill waste.

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MARCH 2024

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10 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	11 Cemetery Board 3:00 PM	12 Loutit Dist Lib Bd 5:00 PM Planning Comm 7:00 PM	13 Musical Ft Comm 6:00 PM	14 Main Street 7:30 AM Sustain & Energy 6:00 PM	15	16
17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 Board of Review City Council 7:30 PM	19 <i>March Equinox</i> Board of Review Harbor Board 4:00 PM Duncan Park Board 6:00 PM	20 Board of Review Historic Comm 5:00 PM ZBA 7:00 PM	21 GHBLP Meeting 6:00 PM	22	23
24	25 Central Park Place 5:00 PM	26 Airport Board 5:30 PM	27 HT Multi-Modal TS 4:30 PM	28 Human Rel Comm 5:30 PM	29 <i>Good Friday</i> Non-Emergency City Offices Closed at Noon	30 <div>Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM-11:00 AM Central Park</div>
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Earth Day

Observed across the globe, Earth Day is celebrated annually on April 22, coinciding with National Arbor Day.

Earth Day began in 1970, prior to most legal mechanisms designed to protect our air, water, and land, as well as plants and animals. Later that year, the United States Congress authorized the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in an effort to control and minimize impacts on our environment.

While the Federal and State environmental agencies aid in reducing large-scale environmental impacts, it is up to all of us to manage and minimize our daily impacts on the planet.

In observance of Earth Day, please consider joining a beach cleanup event, planting a tree, volunteering to remove invasive species, or simply picking up trash when you are walking throughout our beautiful City. Let's make every day Earth Day!

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APRIL 2024

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Bird Migration

In the Grand Haven area, spring bird migration is in full swing by May—and full song! For birders, May means the “neotropicals” are returning to their summer breeding grounds. Some of these colorful migratory birds will, in fact, breed and nest in the ample confluence of habitats here: forests, dunes, open lands, marshes, rivers, and lakes. Others may stop over to refuel and rest on their journey to destinations further north in Michigan and Canada. Among the arrivals of warblers, vireos, tanagers, flycatchers, and dozens of other species, the American Redstart arrives right about mid-month, year over year.

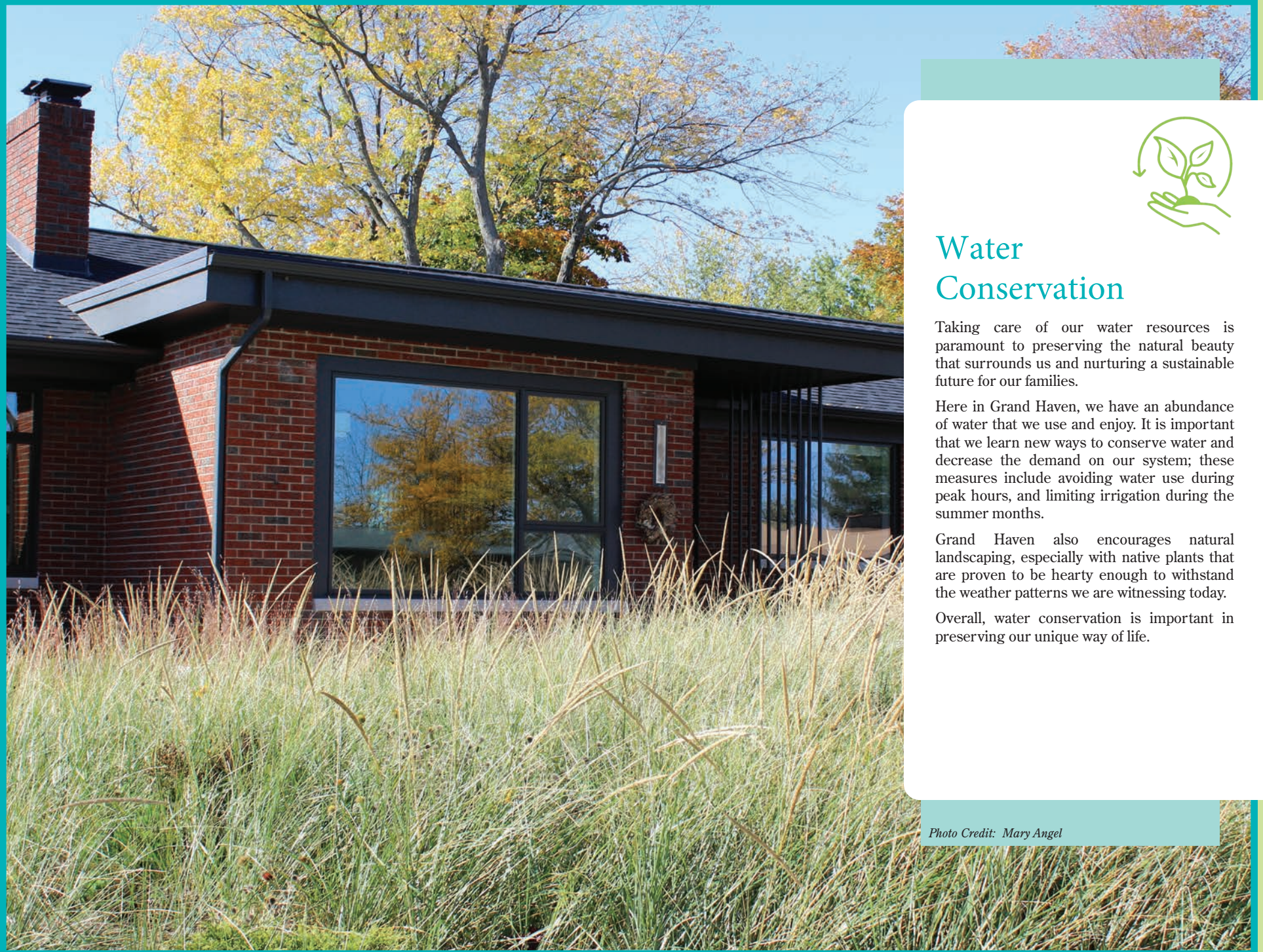
The male warbler has the black and orange coloring of a Northern Oriole. By month's end—after the trees have leafed out, making seeing this active little bird challenging—you will hear its crystal-clear zee, zee, zee, zee, zee in our woods.

Great Blue Herons and Sandhill Cranes, commonly found on the Grand River, migrate south in the late fall and return in early spring.

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Water Conservation

Taking care of our water resources is paramount to preserving the natural beauty that surrounds us and nurturing a sustainable future for our families.

Here in Grand Haven, we have an abundance of water that we use and enjoy. It is important that we learn new ways to conserve water and decrease the demand on our system; these measures include avoiding water use during peak hours, and limiting irrigation during the summer months.

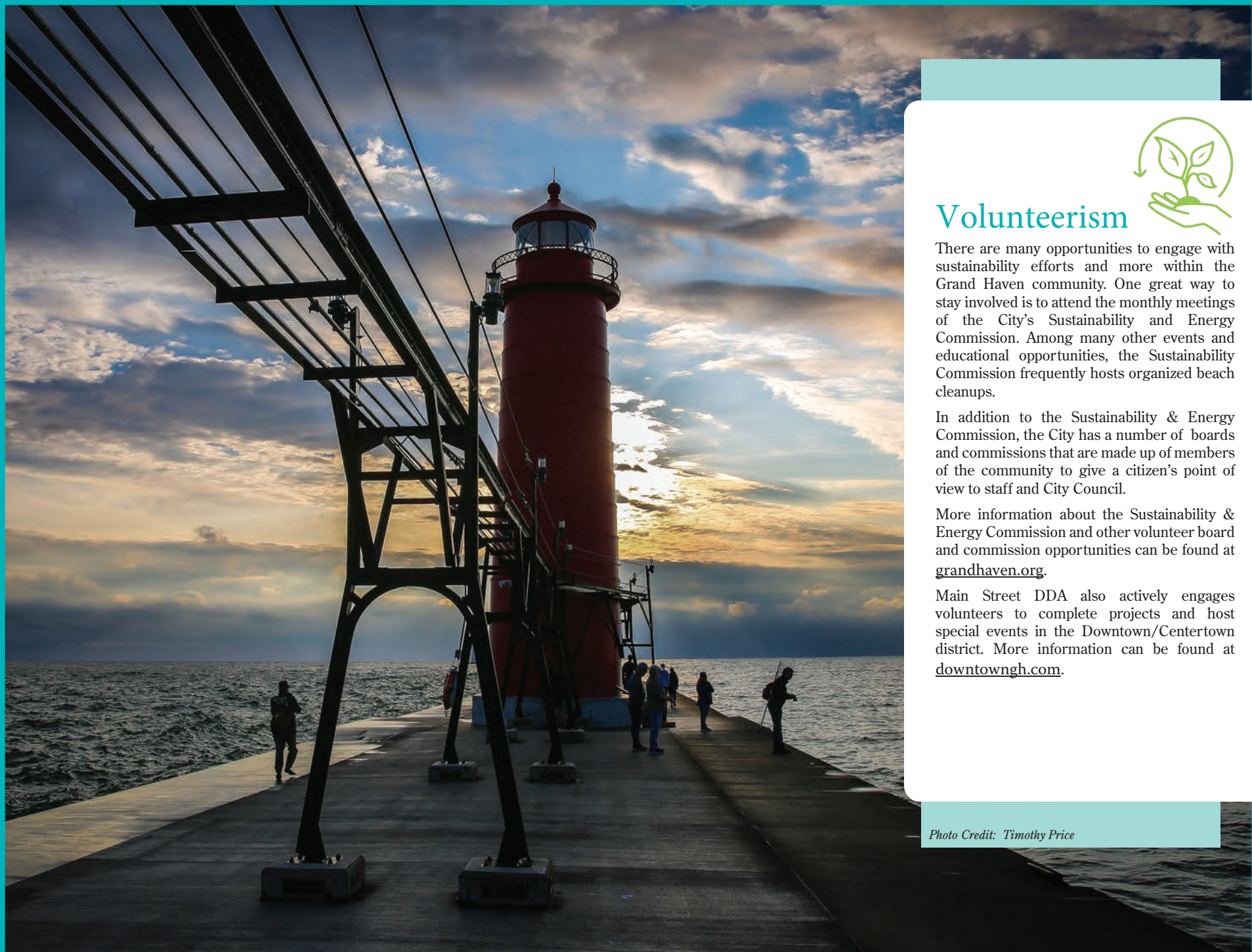
Grand Haven also encourages natural landscaping, especially with native plants that are proven to be hearty enough to withstand the weather patterns we are witnessing today.

Overall, water conservation is important in preserving our unique way of life.

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Volunteerism

There are many opportunities to engage with sustainability efforts and more within the Grand Haven community. One great way to stay involved is to attend the monthly meetings of the City's Sustainability and Energy Commission. Among many other events and educational opportunities, the Sustainability Commission frequently hosts organized beach cleanups.

In addition to the Sustainability & Energy Commission, the City has a number of boards and commissions that are made up of members of the community to give a citizen's point of view to staff and City Council.

More information about the Sustainability & Energy Commission and other volunteer board and commission opportunities can be found at grandhaven.org.

Main Street DDA also actively engages volunteers to complete projects and host special events in the Downtown/Centertown district. More information can be found at downtowngh.com.

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JULY 2024

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Tree City USA

Grand Haven holds the title of “Tree City USA.” It’s a testament of the community’s commitment to the environment and quality of life. Grand Haven has held this national designation for over 20 years.

Being a Tree City USA means that Grand Haven actively promotes tree planting (over 100 annually), care, and preservation. We recognize the important role trees play in enhancing our town’s beauty, air quality, and overall well-being.

Our Tree City USA status shows Grand Haven’s commitment to preserving our natural surroundings. It’s a reflection of our love for the lush, leafy canopies that make our town welcoming.

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AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>Music on the Grand</i> Wed, August 7–August 28 6:30 PM–8:30 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium <i>Grand Haven Farmer's Market</i> Wed & Sat, June 1–September 8:00 AM–1:00 PM	1 	2 <i>Farmer's Market</i> <i>Coast Guard Grand Parade & Fireworks</i> <i>Coast Guard Craft Fair • August 2–3</i> <i>...Coast Guard Festival • July 26–August 4</i> www.coastguardfest.org	3 <i>Farmer's Market</i> <i>Coast Guard Grand Parade & Fireworks</i> <i>Coast Guard Craft Fair • August 2–3</i> <i>...Coast Guard Festival • July 26–August 4</i> www.coastguardfest.org
4 <i>Praise by the Pier</i> Sunday, June 16–August 25 7:00 PM–9:00 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium	5 Brownfield/EDC 4:00 PM City Council 7:30 PM	6 <i>Primary Election</i> Duncan Park Board 6:00 PM	7 Parks & Rec Board 6:00 PM <i>Grand Haven Farmer's Market</i> <i>Music on the Grand</i>	8 Main Street 7:30 AM Sustain & Energy 6:00 PM	9 <i>Free Friday Nights Concert Series</i> August 9–August 23 6:00 PM–8:30 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium	10 <i>Farmer's Market</i> <i>Sand Sculpture Contest</i> 9:00 AM–1:00 PM <i>Merchants & Makers</i> 9:00 AM–4:00 PM <i>Walk the Beat</i> 1:00 PM–5:00 PM • Bolt Park
11 <i>Praise by the Pier</i> 7:00 PM–9:00 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium	12 Cemetery Board 3:00 PM	13 Loutit Dist Lib Bd 5:00 PM Planning Comm 7:00 PM	14 HT Local Adv 1:15 PM Musical Ft Comm 6:00 PM <i>Grand Haven Farmer's Market</i> <i>Music on the Grand</i>	15 GHBLP Meeting 6:00 PM	16 <i>Free Friday Nights Concert Series</i> 6:00 PM–8:30 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium <i>Main Street Sidewalk Sales</i> 9:00 AM–7:00 PM Friday; 9:00 AM–5:00 PM Saturday	17 <i>Farmer's Market</i> <i>Pedro's Pig Roast</i> Noon–6:00 PM <i>Art on the Riverfront</i> 10:00 AM–1:00 PM
18 <i>Praise by the Pier</i> 7:00 PM–9:00 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium	19 City Council 7:30 PM	20 Harbor Board 4:00 PM Duncan Park Board 6:00 PM	21 GHSL Sewer Auth 8:15 AM NOWS 9:30 AM Historic Comm 5:00 PM ZBA 7:00 PM <i>Grand Haven Farmer's Market</i>	22 Human Rel Comm 5:30 PM	23 <i>Free Friday Nights Concert Series</i> 6:00 PM–8:30 PM Lynne Sherwood Stadium	24 <i>Grand Haven Farmer's Market</i>
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Solar Panels

There are various types of renewable energy, one example being solar. Solar panels generate clean, renewable energy from sunlight. By utilizing this resource, we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and decrease harmful greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to cleaner air and a healthier environment.

Grand Haven embraces solar energy, recognizing the profound impact and benefit it can have on our environment.

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SEPTEMBER 2024

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1 <div>Loutit District Library Banned Books Challenge September 1–30 loutitlibrary.org</div>	2 Labor Day Non-Emergency City Offices Closed <div>Labor Day Bridge Walk 9:00 AM–11:00 AM Third Street Bridge</div>	3 Duncan Park Board 6:00 PM City Council 7:30 PM*	4 Parks & Rec Board 6:00 PM <div>Grand Haven Farmer's Market Wed & Sat, June 1–September 8:00 AM–1:00 PM</div>	5 <div>Grand Haven Farmer's Market Wed & Sat, June 1–September 8:00 AM–1:00 PM</div>	6	7 <div>Grand Haven Farmer's Market</div> <div>Grand Armory Anniversary Party 3:00 PM–11:30 PM</div>																																																																																			
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Forest Management

The City of Grand Haven is fortunate to have over 200 acres of urban forest, including; Mulligan's Hollow, Lake Forest Cemetery, and Duncan Woods.

Unfortunately, our forests are in trouble due to diseases plaguing Oaks, Hemlocks, and Beech trees, invasive species, and deer overgrazing.

The Forest Management Subcommittee of the Sustainability and Energy Commission is working to Save Our Forests through education and fundraising. To get involved, or donate to this cause, visit ghacf.org.

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OCTOBER 2024

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		1 Duncan Park Board 6:00 PM <div>Main Street DDA Bones About Town October 1–25</div>	2 Parks & Rec Board 6:00 PM	3 <div></div>	4	5 <div>Grand Haven Farmer's Market Sat Only through October 8:00 AM–1:00 PM</div>																																																																																										
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Nest Learning Thermostat



Stainless Steel



Energy Literacy

Did you know?

- Turning your thermostat down by just one degree can save up to 3% on your power bill and reduces your carbon footprint.
- Unplugging your lights, power strips, and phone chargers can save you up to 10% on your power bill annually.
- Walking, biking, or using Harbor Transit, can reduce carbon and save you money.
- Planting a tree every time you travel by airplane can make your travel carbon neutral.
- The Board of Light and Power will pick up, and pay for, your old refrigerator. Call 1-866-341-8729 to schedule.
- Save energy by purchasing a smart thermostat that allows you to control your settings when you're away from home.

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NOVEMBER 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	4 Brownfield/EDC 4:00 PM City Council 7:30 PM	5 <i>General Election</i> Duncan Park Board 6:00 PM	6 Parks & Rec Board 6:00 PM	7	8	9
10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> Cemetery Board 3:00 PM	12  Loutit Dist Lib Bd 5:00 PM Planning Comm 7:00 PM	13 HT Local Adv 1:15 PM	14  Main Street 7:30 AM Sustain & Energy 6:00 PM	15 <div>Main Street DDA Light Night 5:00 PM–8:00 PM</div>	16
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Shop Local

To shop local is to invest in where you live. Shoppers who choose locally-owned businesses create a powerful multiplier effect that reverberates economically, stimulating job growth, expanding the tax base, and strengthening the community. Grand Haven offers a rich retail landscape that can address every consumer need.

Buying local is also better for the environment. It requires less transportation for shoppers and businesses, reducing pollution, traffic congestion, sprawl, and with it, habitat loss.

While you're shopping locally, also consider buying "pre-owned" instead of "brand new." By opting for pre-owned goods, you'll lower your carbon footprint and take a chunk out of the junk destined for the landfill.

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MAYOR MONETZA'S MESSAGE

Grand Haven has placed renewed emphasis on community sustainability by forming a Sustainability and Energy Commission. The Commission's goal is to assist "with the conservation and restoration of natural resources and sensitive habitats, reduction of waste, and support for community driven clean energy solutions while fostering responsible growth."



Sustainability is a goal and a process by which people make wise use of resources, avoid waste, and work toward shared prosperity for current and future generations. Sustainability is closely tied to resilience, healthy outcomes, stability, and high quality of life over an extended period of time. Conservation of our natural resources, preservation of our forests, waterways, habitats, and other natural spaces, reducing waste and inefficiency, responsible economic activity, and fair opportunities are all critical elements of sustainability.

As a starting point, the Sustainability and Energy Commission accepted the Michigan Green Communities Challenge. This is a checklist of best practices which any community can pursue. Building on the prior work of our Planning Department and Environment and Natural Resources Commission, we have already attained a "Gold Assessment" ranking. We have further broken down the work into some specific initiatives.

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Sustainable practices protect our environment. Zoning and land use regulations are being reviewed, including the "Sensitive Areas Overlay" within the zoning ordinance, to better incorporate the natural "green infrastructure" of our environment into our urban landscape. Self-sustaining natural processes, when allowed to survive and operate, provide us with clean air, water, and habitat for plants and animals.

A major legacy of our city is the network of rich urban forests, dunes, and wetlands. Unfortunately, our old-growth urban forests are under severe stress, limiting the natural regeneration needed to sustain the forests over time and in the face of advancing climate change. Careful management of our natural areas is critical. The City has adopted a forest management plan as a framework for action, and the commission is spearheading implementation of the plan.



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