

Grand Island's 'Paint The Town' returns for second year

Grand Island's traffic box art initiative brings visual artistry to town center

Submitted by the Town of Grand Island Economic Development Advisory Board

Grand Island's traffic box art project, "Paint the Town," returns following a successful inaugural year. The "Paint the Town" project gives residents the opportunity to transform everyday traffic signal boxes into colorful, eye-catching works of public art.

The traffic boxes are in high-visibility locations that will showcase the selected artwork for the entire community to enjoy, adding color, creativity and community pride to Grand Island's town center.

Led by the town's Economic Development Advisory Board, "Paint the Town" invites local artists to share their talents while celebrating what makes Grand Island unique. This year's theme is "Our Community, Our Canvas." Artists are encouraged to interpret the theme and bring their vision and imaginative designs to life.

Open to Island residents ages 13 and up, the project welcomes artists of all experience levels, including students, emerging creatives, and established artists. No prior public art experience is required. Up to three designs will be selected this year, with each chosen artist receiving a \$200 honorarium for their approved final design.

Applications are open through June 30. Grand Island residents can find application forms and full details on the town's website at: <https://www.grandislandny.gov/1496/Paint-the-Town>.

The Economic Development Advisory Board is an advisory body to the Town of Grand Island. The advisory board's mission is to foster economic growth and vitality within the Grand Island community, while preserving the unique character of the town.

By bringing local artwork into everyday public spaces, "Paint the Town" aims to foster community pride while creating a more vibrant and welcoming Grand Island.

2026 Grand Island Garden Walk

Gardening season is here. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 12, to check out some of the beautiful



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gardens across Grand Island. The 10th annual Grand Island Garden Walk returns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., providing visitors a chance to explore a variety of garden landscapes and themes open to the public. Visit the Town Commons Gazebo (2255 Baseline Road) to pick up a garden map and go for a drive, or a bike ride, and check out the many unique gardens shared by hard-working gardeners.

If you are an Island resident and interested in sharing your garden, come join the fun as a participant. The Garden Walk is free for participating gardeners, and all types and sizes of gardens can participate. Applications will be being accepted until June 19. For more information, email grandislandgardenwalk@gmail.com or contact Jan at 716-465-7396.

This event is possible through the support of individuals and local businesses. For those interested in donating to this community tradition, checks can be made payable to Bridgeview Garden Club and mailed to 3280 Stony Point Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

Rotary Club of Grand Island document destruction day

Rotary Club of Grand Island will

again present its annual document destruction event. This year, the occasion is set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 6, at a new location: Sidway School parking lot.

This is a drive-thru, in-vehicle service, and patrons can watch the confidential destruction of their papers. Cost is \$10 per box (approximately 12-by-16-by-10 inches, or \$20 for double banker's box). Please follow guidelines for secure document destruction by removing metal and plastic binders. Staples and paper clips will be accepted. Only paper items accepted for curbside recycling are allowed. If you have more than six large boxes, call 716-773-7265.

The funds raised at this event will be used by the Rotary Club for various community causes.

Cosponsors for this event are Christine Learman C.P.A., P.C.; and Madison Tile Carpet One.

For more information, visit www.grandislandrotaryclub.org or on Facebook.

Grand Island Memorial Library

1715 Bedell Road

Effective now, summer operating hours are in effect at the library: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tues-

Erie County Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island, Erie County, New York, sealed Proposals will be received and considered by the Town Board on July 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the Town Hall for furnishing all labor, equipment and other facilities required for the collection, hauling and disposal of garbage, refuse, waste materials, bulk items and/or source separated recyclable materials from all single family residential units,

including duplexes, triples and townhouses within the Town of Grand Island Refuse and Garbage District No. 1.

The Proposals will be received in accordance with the Town of Grand Island Bidding Documents for Collection, Hauling and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste & Recyclables, all of which are on file with the Town Clerk at her office in the Town Hall, Grand Island, New York, where the same may be examined during the usual hours of business. Copies of the said Specifications may be

obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Grand Island 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, New York 14072 on or after June 5, 2026, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Town will accept written comments and questions submitted to the Town Engineer, Robert H. Westfall, P.E., rwestfall@grand-island.ny.us until 2:00PM on June 17, 2026, and will answer questions via an addenda to the extent the Town deems necessary no later than June 24, 2026.

The Town of Grand Island reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, or waive any informalities.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by a Bid Bond having a surety thereon from a surety company acceptable to the Town Attorney, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of Contract A, conditioned that if the Proposal is accepted, the Contractor will enter into a Contract for the same, for the faithful performance of the Contract. No Bidder may withdraw or modify his

Bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the date set for the opening thereof but may withdraw same at any time prior to the scheduled time for the opening of Bids, providing Bidder provides written notice of withdrawal or modification to the Town Board.

Each Bid Proposal must be submitted in the complete bound Specification Booklet Form with Bid Bond attached, enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Town of Grand Island. On the outside of the envelope, clearly label "Collection,

Hauling and Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste & Recyclables" and indicate name and address of Bidder.

Proposals not meeting this format will be unacceptable.

Patricia A. Frentzel, Town Clerk
Town of Grand Island
Dispatch
June 5, 2026



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•Grand Island Memorial Library Book Club evenings meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays, June 19 and July 14. The featured books are "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon and "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros. All are welcome. Physical copies of the books will be available to borrow. Call the library at 716-773-7124 for more information.

•Grand Island Book Club afternoons meets at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. The featured book is "Memorial Days" by Geraldine Brooks. All are welcome. Physical copies of the book will be available to borrow. The club will not meet in July or August. Call the library at 716-773-7124 for more information.

•Book a technology trainer. Available sessions are between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday, June 15, and Friday, July 17. This service is free and open to library patrons ages 17 and over. Topics include Android basics; email; cloud services; internet basics; iPhone/iPad basics; Microsoft Office basics (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.); files and folders; sample digital editing online (audio and photos); social media (Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram); using Google; and Windows basics. Call 716-773-7124 or stop in to register for a 45-minute, one-on-one session with a tech trainer. For more computer training and other events, visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

•"Mario Kart Night" is 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, for ages 8-12. Join us to play some Mario Kart at the

library! Snacks will be provided. Limited openings. Registration is required. Call 716-773-7124 or visit.

•"Sprouts with Ms. Melissa," 10-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 1, for ages 0-5 with a caregiver. Join Ms. Melissa in helping your little one learn and grow through music. Registration is required, as space is limited. Call 716-773-7124 to reserve a spot.

•"Preschool story time with Miss Stefanie," 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, June 2-16, for ages 3-5 with a parent or caregiver. This program is for children who are ready to sit longer and begin practicing school-appropriate behaviors such as listening and following simple instructions.

•"Itty bitty lapsit and story time with Miss Stefanie," 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, June 4, 11 and 25. Program includes play time and social time. Registration is required. Call 716-773-7124.

•"Toddler story time with Miss Stefanie," Fridays, June 6, 12 and 26, for ages 18 months to 3 years old (approximate), with parent or caretaker. Toddler story time is designed specifically for little ones who are now mobile and ready to explore the world through motion. There will be an emphasis on early childhood literacy, achieved through reading, storytelling, music, movement and singing, but this event includes learn-through-play toys and puzzles, and social time for kids and adults. Registration is required and is underway. Call 716-773-7124 to reserve a spot.

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