

Grant Township Blight Enforcement

Blight Report for the Month of October, 2024

1) Call to the owner of the property at 574 Binder. She called me when she received the letter informing her that the property was not in compliance with the TWP. She stated that she will trying to sell the travel trailers and cars that are in the front yard. She appears to be very motivated to get these issues corrected and I told her I would check on the progress by the November TWP meeting. She mentioned that the cars that may be to old to sell she will call Spencer's to have them removed. - UPDATE to follow in Nov.

2) I received a complaint in regards to 1660 Binder. The complaint is that there are two full trash receptacles in the yard that contain bricks and other heavy building debris. The cans have been out front for more than three weeks and need to be removed as they are way to heavy for the refuse truck drivers to have to deal with. A letter will be sent to the property owner about this issue and also to remove the counter tops from the front porch area. UPDATE - a neighbor moved the receptacles back off the road and placed by the porch. I received no phone call from the owner, Mr. Ryan King.

3) I revisited Camino St., and others, to find no real improvements on locations I have been following. I will attempt to talk face to face with the residents at these locations as registered letters have been returned to me. I will attempt these meetings and keep in mind possible trespassing issues. I will visit these addresses;

1491 Camino

1808 Camino

1871 Camino

1861 Saginaw

1717 Beaunavista

4) I received a call and complaint from Mrs. Jennett in regards to the property at 1205 N. Sand Lake Rd. The property had been coming along, but recently it appears more debris is accumulating in the driveway and there is car close that is under repair and has not been moved. I will be sending another letter to the owner of this property to inform them that these issues need to be addressed ASAP. - UPDATE - - The car next to the road has been moved to the driveway and there has been some improvement in the front yard. Still has a way to go for compliance.

5) I received a call from the owner of the Red Cabin on N. Sand Lake Rd. he informed me that he will be rebuilding where possible and demolishing where is not possible in the Spring of 2025. In the meantime, he has told me he is going to paint and put siding up to make the property more presentable until he starts to rebuild as above. Mr. Snyder has local residence and will keep me up to date on his plans. - UPDATE - called again and waiting for a return call. Nothing has happened at the property since Mr. Snyder told me he was going to make it more presentable until he demolishes the building and rebuilds, as stated above.

6) At the last TWP meeting I was informed that since 6 out of 7 registered letters were returned that I could send them again using first class mail. I plan to do that and also I may try to speak with the owners face to face as stated above. These are the people I will try to speak to, Robert Ortman, Pamela Jordan, Michael Lambert, and the resident at 1808 Camino.

7) On Oct. 21 myself and a TWP volunteer collected some items that have been by the side of different roads and took them to the compost site. This was not meant to be a "public service " to the TWP but simply a Good Samaritan act to improve the TWP. We saw it and removed it. In no way is this, or was this a TWP obligation.

If furniture and other large debris is left out for pick-up know that the refuse truck driver or jumper are not obligated to pick it up and carry it away. It is the responsibility of the resident to properly dispose of large items. These items can be taken to the compost site during regular hours of operation and, if available, I can be contacted to open the gate on other days.

8) I made calls and sent letters to several people for different reasons on Oct 20, 2024. These are the people I called or wrote a letter to and the reason why;

A) Mr. Jeff Speith - to update him on his complaints about Camino.

B) Vic & Eileen Kendall - to get the new owners name of the house at 1205 N. Sand Lake Rd. - Call returned and information needed was received.

C) Eric Monesterski - to start a new dialog on how to move forward if he is not moving. - No answer-

D) Dan Kammer - to follow up on him removing debris and unplatted vehicles at the property on Ash St. - we spoke and were to meet at the property, but he never called back to set a time and date.

E) Shawn Sanney - to ask the tenants at the property of 3561 Shiawassee to please remove the tires and other debris in the yard and check for current plates on the numerous vehicles on the property. - Shawn called back and informed me that the tenant will be fixing yard and removing tires and other debris.

F) Letters were sent to the residents of;

A) 1205 N. Sand Lake Rd.

B) 1660 Binder -

See UPDATES above.

9) I received a call from Carol Bleu in regards to a complainant who lives at 5880 M-55. She received this complaint from a person she met while she was campaigning for office. I went to the address and left a card for the owner to call me so I could investigate her claim, but she never got back to me. I will be trying again in Nov.

I would like to add a personal note to this report.

I enjoy doing the TWP blight enforcement and I depend on the great people of the TWP to share with me any problems that I might be able to remedy for the good of the TWP. Please reach out with complaints or other concerns I may be able to help with.

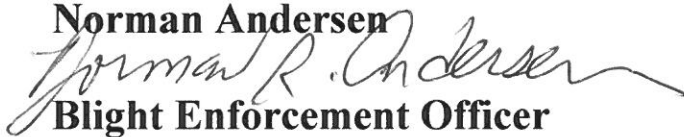
There are several areas in the TWP that no matter how much I work them, it seems nothing gets better, but let me assure you that I continue to work on these areas as much as new complaints that come in to me.

I have had several trailers and homes demolished and had several residents who did not even know they were not in compliance thank me for asking them and informing them in a nice and non hostile manner to fix what they have wrong.

The TWP's biggest headache has left and I will be able to focus more time on other troublesome areas.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the people of Grant Township and my hope is to clear all troubling places with your help.

Norman Andersen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norman R. Andersen", written over the printed name and title.

Blight Enforcement Officer

Submitted Oct. 31, 2024

Grant Township