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December News Brief

Winter Property Tax Bill

Enclosed is the 2023 Winter Property tax bill which includes the annual GRT General and Public Safety total levy of 1.5 mils which is a 6% reduction from the over 20-year levy of 1.5995 mils. GRT does not charge the allowable 1% administration fee, and townships cannot collect income taxes. The Township Board is committed to Balanced Budgets, maintaining a Fund Balance, the Capital Improvement Plan and fully funded Endowment Funds which allows GRT to have one of the lowest property tax rates in Kent County, while providing for essential and quality of life services for the residents, businesses and visitors that live, work and play here.

Election Information

Election laws have changed for 2024 with the addition of 9 days of early voting for each election. Early voting will be held at the Township Hall. Absentee ballots and in person voting on election day has not changed.

There are 4 potential elections in 2024, February 27 Presidential Primary, May 7 not currently scheduled, August 6 Primary Election and November 5 General Election. *The February 27th Presidential Primary election is paid for by the Democrat and Republican Parties and each voter will be required to request a Democrat or a Republican ballot. Voters are NOT choosing a party affiliation and the Township does NOT maintain any record of which ballot was requested.*

Master Land Use Plan

GRT is working to adopt a new Master Land Use document to take effect in 2024. Please visit the website to review the updated plan which includes census data and 20 years of development history that helped the GRT Planning Commission work through the future considerations for growth and redevelopment in GRT.

2024-2025 Crahen Valley Park Trail

Engineering work is being completed for the recreational trail through Crahen Valley Park from Leonard Street to Knapp Court with a connector to the Knapp Street trail. Funding for this multi-year \$4 million construction project has been secured with a Transportation Grant, GRT Capital Improvement Plan savings, and 2 years of GRT General Fund trail construction allocations. This is the most ambitious Township project in 60 years.

2024 Road Projects

The preliminary 2024 neighborhood road resurfacing project list includes Bridgehampton Drive, Nettlesworth Way, White Hills Drive, Clearview Drive, Mason Lake Drive, Mason Lake Court, Kamp Valley Drive, Knapp Valley Drive and Hall Street. Dean Lake Avenue will be seal coated. Our road network under the jurisdiction of the Kent County Road Commission is in good shape and GRT is pleased to be a 50% contributing partner in maintaining the township neighborhood road system.

Fun Fact

The largest land owners in GRT are the Meijer Gardens with 347 acres, GRT with 304 acres and Forest Hills Public Schools with 183 acres totaling 1.3 square miles or 8% of the total land area of GRT.

Grand Rapids Township remains committed to our primary responsibilities: provide essential services of Police, Fire and EMS; perform our constitutional duties of election administration, assessment of property and property tax collection; ensure that we promote appropriate land use regulations; support regional economic development; and provide for parks, open space and recreational trails.

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Should you ever have questions
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Best Regards,
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QUICK NOTES...

Street Light not working?

Pot Hole in the street?

Drainage Issues?

Report them online from the GRT

"Report a Problem" link at:

www.grandrapidstwp.org