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NEWS BRIEFS
MARCH – APRIL 2008

*** Record Snow Year ***

The snow has been challenging for all of us this year. The Fire Department is grateful to everyone who shoveled out the hydrants in front of their houses and businesses. Thank you for your help. The Kent County Road Commission is appreciative too for your patience and understanding of the strain the record snow fall has placed on both the Road Commission staff and equipment this season. Road maintenance is funded by per gallon gas taxes so there is added budgetary pressure as higher gas prices have reduced usage and lowered receipts.

*** Appointment Changes ***

Congratulations to Beverly Wall, a veteran of 9 years on the Grand Rapids Township Zoning Board of Appeals, was appointed as our new Planning Commissioner. James Kubicek currently a Zoning Board of Appeals alternate moves up to Zoning Board of Appeals member and Brandon Steward a local attorney joins the Zoning Board as an alternate.

*** Kent County Courthouse ***

Visit our website for the elevation and site plan for the new 63rd District Court Building, it's a beautiful facility to be located behind Chase Bank north of the Township facilities on the East Beltline. It will be an excellent addition to our community.

*** Park Facilities ***

Grand Rapids Township is blessed with a beautiful 50 acre park behind the Township Hall on the East Beltline. The shelter building, tennis courts and ball fields may be reserved. Please visit our website for additional information or call Sandy at the office to make a reservation.

*** 2008 Election Dates ***

Mark your 2008 calendar. There are 3 more elections; May 6th School Election, August 5th Primary and the November 4th General Election. Questions? Visit our website or contact Jan or Janice in the Clerks Office for information.

*** 2008 Expectations ***

Watch for construction to begin on the 3 Mile East Beltline Lifestyle Center Project. The introduction of New Urbanism with Celadon New Town at Knapp and Leffingwell. A new Gainey Family YMCA facility on Forest Hills Ave and enhancements to the entrance, office space and meeting rooms at the Meijer Gardens.

Spring is right around the corner!

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