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**NEWS BRIEFS**  
May – June 2008

**\* BIKE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION \***

The Forest Hill/Crahen Rd Trail is progressing nicely. We are hopeful of completion in June. The segment on Crahen from The Orchards to Fulton St. is not being constructed at this time. We are hopeful that additional private funds can be raised yet this summer that will allow us to construct a safe separate bridge crossing over the railroad tracks on Crahen as soon as the funding is committed.

You may send your donation or pledge to the Grand Rapids Township Trail Fund. 1836 E. Beltline Ave NE Grand Rapids MI 49525.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR ALL OF THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

**\* FOREST HILLS GARDEN TOUR \***

The annual Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Garden Tour will be held on July 12, 2008 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (rain or shine). For more information, contact Pam Ruiter at (616) 285-9228.

**\* ROAD PROJECTS \***

Grand Rapids Township and the Kent County Road Commission closely monitor road conditions. Good roads must be a priority. The Kent County Road Commission will be scheduling the following streets for routine maintenance: Leffingwell, south of Knapp St., Michigan St. east of Crahen to Steketee Dr., 3 Mile, Maguire to Grand River Dr, Eaglecrest, Leonard to E. Beltline.

The following neighborhood projects are cost shared by Grand Rapids Township and the Road Commission. Glen & Golf Dr – Aberdeen – Windover, Woodsboro, Ashville, Pinesboro, and Woodsboro Court in Whispering Pines.

Kent County Road Commission Emergency funds have been allocated for segments of Lakeside Dr, from Fulton to Robinson Road – Forest Hills Avenue – Dean Lake Avenue, from 196 to 4 Mile. Grand Rapids Township will contribute to the Dean Lake project in order to provide for a long term repair for Dean Lake Avenue. **SIGNS WILL BE POSTED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.**

During this time of declining gas tax revenues and in order to maintain the quality of roads in our community, Grand Rapids Township will contribute financially to support the Kent County Road Commissions Primary Road Maintenance Program. Should you be concerned about a road maintenance issue that is not on this list let me know at 361-7391.

**\* NEW EMS VEHICLE \***

Look for the new Grand Rapids Township Ambulance operated by the Non-Profit Rockford Ambulance Company. It is stationed 24/7 at the Forest Hills Fire Station to help provide the best in EMS services for Grand Rapids Township.

**\* CONDOLENCES \***

Marsha Bouwkamp's husband, Ted Bouwkamp, passed away on April 30, 2008. Marsha was Grand Rapids Township Clerk and also Township Supervisor for many years. Ted and Marsha retired and moved to Wolf Lake. If you would like to contact Marsha, her address is 2210 Wolf Lake Drive, Baldwin Michigan, 49304

Enjoy the beginning of Summer!  
Michael J. DeVries, Supervisor