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SUMMER NEWS BRIEFS

*** East Precinct has 5th Birthday ***

The East Precinct of the Kent County Sheriff Department is beginning its 6th year in protecting the Forest Hills Communities of Ada, Cascade and Grand Rapids Township. This collaboration provides us with the best in policing services in a cost effective manner.

*** Township Master Plan ***

The draft of the Grand Rapids Township Comprehensive Land Use Plan is close to completion. The plan is on line and available at the Township Hall for your review. The Plan is a guide for land use in our community and is the basis for decisions on land use proposals. The plan is scheduled to become formally adopted late this summer.

*** Road Improvements ***

Public roads in Grand Rapids Township are routinely maintained by the Kent County Road Commission with funds distributed from state and federal per gallon gas tax dollars. In order to maintain a high quality of neighborhood road surface quality, Grand Rapids Township contributes from the general operating fund half of the expense to resurface residential streets. In addition to the monitoring by the Kent County Road Commission, Grand Rapids Township closely watches neighborhood road quality. Road projects are costly. Therefore, a continued commitment to scheduled maintenance is imperative. Over the next 3 years, the Whispering Pines neighborhood will have all of the roads reconstructed at a cost of approximately \$700,000.00. The work for this year has been completed. The segments to be rebuilt in 2008 will be determined next spring based on maintenance, labor costs and the availability of funds.

*** Property Taxes ***

Summer tax bills have been mailed with payment due by September 14th. The tax bill is determined by multiplying the taxable value (listed on the tax bill or you can find it online) by the summer Millage rate of 20.4071 mils for Forest Hills Schools. Summer Taxes are about 74% of your annual property tax. A second tax bill for the remainder of the 2007 taxes will be mailed on December 1st. Please visit the Grand Rapids Township website to find out where those tax dollars go.

*** Community College Election ***

There will be a reconsideration of the Grand Rapids Community College Millage request on August 7th. Grand Rapids Township has a history of high voter turnout so don't forget to vote on August 7th.

Have a great summer!

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