

Grand Rapids Charter Township Newsletter

Spring 2007

◆ We are very close to authorizing the construction of the Crahen/Forest Hill Bike Trail project. The funding for the \$900,000 project breaks down as follows: \$331,500 from a State Transportation Department Enhancement Grant Application, \$343,500 from the Grand Rapids Township general fund and \$225,000 in private donations. Grand Rapids Township has authorized their funds and \$178,500 has been raised in private funds. Only \$46,500 of the \$225,000 private fund goal is yet to be raised, and your help is needed now to get the trail built this season. *Donations are tax deductible and should be made out to **Grand Rapids Charter Township**, or may be made out to **The Community Foundation of Grand Rapids Township** (a 501 C3 charitable organization). The township will mail you a receipt. Please help by mailing your donation to:*

Bike Trail c/o Grand Rapids Township 1836 East Beltline NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Trail Informational Open House April 10, 2007 4-6 pm Grand Rapids Township Hall
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◆ Starting in May, the Fire Department will be flushing fire hydrants as part of our annual maintenance schedule.

◆ The organizing is done, the planning is started and we are hopeful that implementation of the long awaited revitalization of the Plainfield Ave Corridor will happen. By investing new tax dollars generated in the corridor, for the benefit of the Corridor, we are confident that redevelopment will happen and again make Plainfield Avenue a vibrant asset to the greater community.

◆ There will be an election on May 8, 2007 with Forest Hills Public Schools looking to renew a Millage for building maintenance. East Grand Rapids, Northview, and Forest Hills will also have school board member elections. Grand Rapids Community College will request an addition to their operating Millage and the election of trustees. Please vote and maintain the Grand Rapids Township tradition of citizen involvement.

◆ The Forest Hill Neighborhood Association Garden Tour will be held on July 14, 2007 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for more information contact Pam Ruitter at 285-9228

◆ The 2007 property tax values are now online. Although property values in some areas of Michigan are declining, Grand Rapids Township state equalized residential values (sev) increased an average of 4%. That is good news.

◆ Please visit the Grand Rapids Township website for more information on your local government and thank you all for the positive response to our last newsletter

Michael J. DeVries, Supervisor