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NEWS BRIEF – WINTER 2013

UPDATED 5-YEAR PLANS

Grand Rapids Township is completing the adoption of new 5 year plans for Comprehensive Land Use strategies, Capital Improvement projects, and Parks & Recreation plans. The documents are on the home page of our website and collectively they continue with the vision of sustaining our residential character while providing for support services and recreational opportunities. Grand Rapids Township appreciates all of the input received from residents and the work of the Committees, Commissioners and staff who have prepared the road map for the next 5 years.

RECREATIONAL TRAILS EXPANSION

The recreational trail network in Grand Rapids Township is now connected to the Ada Trail network from Knapp Forest Elementary School to Grand River Drive. The \$500,000.00 project was 70% funded by a grant administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) using Federal Highway Funding for transportation enhancement projects. The finishing touches will be completed in the Spring, with Ada Township and Grand Rapids Township sharing the 30% match.

MDOT has just announced that another Grand Rapids Township project was considered worthy of Transportation Enhancement Funding along 3 Mile Road, from Orchard View Elementary School to the East Beltline and then continuing south along the east side of the East Beltline, from the new Spectrum Health facility to the Village of Knapp's Corner sidewalk in the City of Grand Rapids.

The grant will fund 60%, Spectrum Health will fund 10% and Grand Rapids Township will fund 30% of the \$735,000.00 project. Construction of the trail will begin next year.

Grand Rapids Township is appreciative to MDOT and Spectrum Health for their support of these projects that are connecting destinations and trail networks for the entire Forest Hills community.

For the latest recreational trail maps, visit page 19 of the Parks & Recreation Plan listed on the Grand Rapids Township website home page at: www.grandrapidstwp.org.

QUICK NOTES...

ROAD PROBLEMS – visit the home page of the **GRT** website www.grandrapidstwp.org for the link to make a report

STREET LIGHT PROBLEMS – visit the home page of the **GRT** website www.grandrapidstwp.org for the link to make a report

Have your CHIMNEY **CLEANED**

CHECK your **Smoke Detectors**

Be **active** in your **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Pay your WINTER PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX BILL by **12/31/2013** to qualify for *this year's federal deduction*

Drop off your **TOYS FOR TOTS** at the **Township Hall**

Enjoy the Holiday Season
with your family and friends!
Michael J. DeVries, Supervisor