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NEWS BRIEF

- WINTER 2014 -

WINTER TAX BILL

You may find that your winter tax bill has increased this year. The increase is due primarily to voter approved millage increases for the Kent District Library and Kent County Senior millage, in addition to the new Kent County Veterans millage. These changes equate to an annual millage rate increase of approximately 2.0%. Homestead millage rates are available on our website at; www.grandrapidstwp.org/services/treasurer/property_tax.php.

2015 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET

The Township Board has approved a balanced budget for 2015 that not only provides for necessary and essential services but also continues to set money aside in endowment funds that will provide for the long term maintenance needs of the public facilities.

Grand Rapids Township does not have any debt nor legacy costs (pension or retiree health care obligations) and the Board is careful to plan for future capital needs. For more financial information, visit our website at; www.grandrapidstwp.org/reference_desk/financial_information/index.php.

LAND USE

The City of Grand Rapids is currently considering the final changes to the D&W/PF Changs Knapp's Corner Development. The City has been keeping us informed of the progress. There is renewed interest in East Beltline property located in Grand Rapids Township, now that the Spectrum Health campus has opened. Support retail and housing are the preferred options for that area of the Township.

On the south side of the Township, at Cascade Road and I-96, the Metro Health Facility is continuing the build out of their facility. The adjacent office parks remain vibrant as occupancy rates improve.

Grand Rapids Township remains committed to our primary responsibilities: provide essential services of Police, Fire and EMS; perform our constitutional duties of election administration, assessment of property and property tax collection; ensure that we promote appropriate land use regulations; support regional economic development; and provide for parks, open space and recreational trails.

Should you ever have any questions, contact us. We are here to help.

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Best Regards,
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GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

QUICK NOTES...

STREET LIGHT NOT
WORKING?
POT HOLE IN THE
STREET?
Drainage Issues?
Report them online from
the
GRT website
www.grandrapidstwp.org