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NEWS BRIEF
- SUMMER 2017 -

PRECINCT CHANGES

Population growth in the north central portion of the Township has made it necessary to rebalance the voting districts. Voters affected by these changes will be notified by a Township mailing in early July 2017. These changes will continue to serve our residents with easy access to polling locations and minimize wait time at all of our precincts. In addition, the current voting equipment that has been in service for many years will be replaced for next year's elections. We believe these changes will better serve our residents and make elections more efficient.

Check your voting location at:
www.michigan.gov/vote

LOCAL PROJECTS

Grand Rapids Township continues to be a place that attracts reinvestment. The Forest Hills Avenue/Cascade Rd area is a great example of redevelopment. The former YMCA site will soon feature a project by Provision Living that will help serve our aging population that requires assisted living. NOCO Provisions, a new casual dining facility, will open in the extensively remodeled former Forest Hills Inn. These new projects follow the retail center at Forest Hill Ave and Ada Dr and the Villa Décor building on Cascade Rd and Orlando Ave that are successful recent redevelopment projects.

The Meijer Gardens has embarked on a multi-year, \$111 million dollar; "Welcoming the World: Honoring a Legacy of Love" site renovation project, and along the East Beltline to the north of Knapp St, the only Grand Rapids Township apartment project, 'Springs at Knapp's Corner', is progressing with the first buildings ready for residents in early 2018.

Further north, at East Beltline Ave and 4 Mile Rd, Sunshine Church has placed their property for sale. The future land use plan for "The Northeast Rural Area" states that development could be approved for; "potential mixed uses such as residential, health services, or institutional uses that would complement the surrounding use".

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, please feel free to contact us.

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