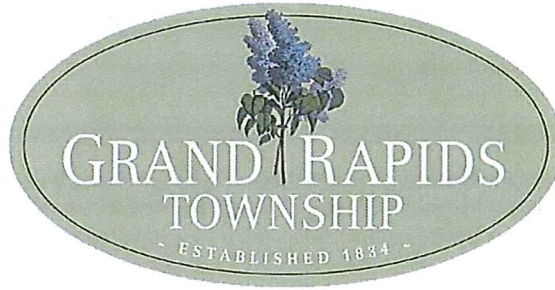


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## NEWS BRIEF – SUMMER 2013

### **GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP KEEPS PROPERTY TAX RATE LOW**

The Grand Rapids Township Board of Trustees will again maintain the 1.5995 mil property tax rate that will be included on your December tax statement. It is itemized on the tax bill in 2 parts; .75 mils for general operations of the Township and .8495 mils for Public Safety services of Police, Fire and EMS.

A \$200,000.00 home with a taxable value of \$100,000.00 would pay Grand Rapids Charter Township \$75.00 for government operation and \$84.95 for Public Safety services for an annual total of \$159.95.

Those rates have remained unchanged since 2001, when the levy was lowered from 1.657 mils. Grand Rapids Township residents expect a stable property tax rate and the Board worked to meet that expectation in both good and bad economic times.

### **GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP APPROVES LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

The public roads in Grand Rapids Township are under the jurisdiction of the Kent County Road Commission. The Road Commission does not receive any property tax funds; they operate on gas tax and vehicle registration fee allocations from the State of Michigan. Those funds pay for county road snow removal and routine maintenance with remaining funds made available to the Township on a matching basis for local road improvements. Grand Rapids Township has a five year plan for our local roads and we strive to meet and exceed our project list each year.

The following neighborhoods and streets are scheduled for this construction season:

- The Apple Valley plat (between Leffingwell Avenue, 3 Mile Road and East Beltline Avenue)
- The Bradford Hollow plat (north off Bradford Street)
- Edge Hill/Oak Hollow neighborhood (north off Cascade Road)
- Robinhood Drive & Robinhood Court (south off Fulton Street)
- Midland Drive (east off the East Beltline Avenue)
- Woodward Lane (north off Robinson Road)

### **WEBSITE**

Visit our updated website! If you have any difficulties accessing the new website, try clearing your history.

### **TRUST**

*“The complete assurance and attitude regarding the character, ability, strength or truth of someone or something.”*

This is what the personnel at Grand Rapids Township work to achieve every day. Trust must be earned, then nurtured to stand the test of time and once lost is difficult to regain.

Trust is a two way street and we here at Grand Rapids Township must also have trust in our residents for an efficient effective government to flourish.

Lately in the news we are hearing of troubling events that erode trust in government at the national level, so please recognize that we at Grand Rapids Township will continue to work to earn your trust by providing the finest of election administration, tax assessing and collections, fair enforcement of the zoning and regulatory ordinances and the provision of Public Safety services. Please let us know if we fall short.

Have a fun and safe Summer!  
Michael J. DeVries, Supervisor