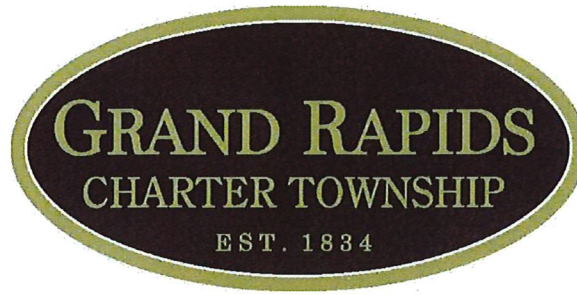


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News Brief
- FEBRUARY 2020 -

2020 Property Assessment Notice

Enclosed is your 2020 Assessment Notice which includes your State Equalized Value (SEV) and Taxable Value (TV). Taxable Values, the number your tax bill is based on, will increase by 1.9% (CPI) for 2020 unless there was a transfer of ownership or new construction. If you have questions regarding any information on this form please contact the Assessor's office.

2019 Year End

2019 was a very good year. GRT welcomed John Lovins as the new Fire Chief and Lindsey Thiel as the Administrative Assistant for Planning and Zoning. Bob Versluys, the retired Fire Chief has agreed to continue to work with GRT to manage our facilities. Remember that all of us at GRT are committed to helping you, so never hesitate to contact us.

The Whispering Pines Fire Station rebuild is on time and on budget and will be far enough along with construction to allow its use as the traditional election precinct for the March 10 Presidential Primary Election. The project is coming together nicely and will be a beautiful facility that will serve our community well for many years to come.

We are hopeful that record rain falls are behind us. Properties that have not had drainage issues before have soggy yards and wet basements. The Kent County Drain and the Road Commission have been helpful within areas that are serviced by County Drains; however most drainage routes are private and are the responsibility of private property owners. GRT has worked with a number of residents to offer suggestions for addressing storm water issues but the saturated ground and flooded natural low areas offer limited options.

A Look Ahead

There are 3 elections scheduled for 2020. Please locate your voting precinct before Election Day. Some locations may have changed since you last voted! Check our website for a map and list of polling places.

March 10 Presidential Primary. The Democrat and Republican parties present their candidates for President. The voter will choose one party ballot or the other.

August 4 Primary Election. The Parties present their candidates for offices from Federal to local. The top vote-getters advance to the General Election. There will be non-partisan offices and other proposals on this ballot.

November 3 General Election. All offices from Federal to local with candidates from all parties as well as independents. There will be non-partisan offices and other proposals on this ballot.

Absentee ballots are available to all registered voters. Please call or visit the website to request an application or be placed on the permanent list to receive an application for each election.

We all have many things to be grateful for so please take a moment to count your blessings.
It is an honor for all of us at GRT to help you.

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,
Michael J. DeVries
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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