



A Message From Our Supervisor...

SCOTT BENNETT

Good things in our Township...

There are so many things happening in Grand Blanc Township that I want to share with you. Here are a few noteworthy happenings:

Fire Station #2, located on Baldwin Road, has been expanded and upgraded to include sleeping quarters, as well as a separate room/ventilation for firefighting gear. The \$1.5 million that was used for the project came from federal ARPA funds that were distributed to local governments in the last two years.

Grand Blanc Enterprise Park, located on Baldwin Road at the former property of Trim Pines Tree Farm, has experienced tremendous growth, as seen by the number of large businesses that have chosen Grand Blanc Township for their operations. The light industrial business park will provide nearly 1,000 very well-paying jobs for our community. Businesses currently under construction are Fessler & Bowman Inc, DAG Industries and John P. O'Sullivan Distributing.

A **\$175 million investment** in Grand Blanc Township, also to be located in the Grand Blanc Enterprise Park, was announced by Plastic Omnium in August. Initial conversations have revealed that the light industrial facility will be a flagship for a "factory of the future" type design, utilizing many energy saving and carbon neutral features. The facility will be the **largest hydrogen fuel cell manufacturing operation in North America.**

MARA Technologies also opened its doors this past year on Holly Road. The \$28 million investment in Grand Blanc Township will bring up to 300 new well-paying jobs to the area.

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Carbon Monoxide Hazard Prevention

LT. KELLER, FIRE MARSHAL

As we transition into the winter months and start using our home's heating systems to combat the colder weather, there is a greater risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that is produced by incomplete combustion. Sources of CO are gas or kerosene space heaters, dryers with plugged vents, improperly working or vented furnaces or woodstoves, and exhaust fumes from automobiles or generators running in poorly ventilated areas.

If an individual is suffering from CO poisoning some signs and symptoms that they may have include headache, dizziness, nausea, confusion, and fatigue. Higher concentrations of CO can be fatal.

Steps you can take to avoid CO poisoning include:

- Avoid letting your car run in the garage
- If using a generator, place the generator outside of the building
- Keep debris, such as snow, clear of vents leading outside
- Ensure proper maintenance of your furnace or woodstoves
- Install CO detectors in your home

The best place to install CO detectors in your home is in central locations outside sleeping areas. Once installed, remember to test your CO detector at least once a month. If your CO detector sounds, immediately evacuate your home and call 911.

Mark your Calendar

Holiday Walking Nights

Sunday, December 17th
Tuesday, December 19th
Thursday, December 21st

Daddy Daughter Dance

Thursday, February 1st
Thursday, February 8th

Adult Egg Hunt

Friday, April 5th

Firefighter for a Day 5k

Saturday, May 4th

Golf Outing at Atlas Valley

Friday, May 10th

Fire Centennial Celebration

Sunday, October 13th



Rent a Pavilion at Creasey Bicentennial in 2024

Pavilions will be available to rent starting Tuesday, January 16th at 8:00 a.m. We will be taking reservations in person first, then phone calls in the order we receive them and finally online requests. To view photos of our pavilions, please visit parks.gbtgov.com.



Centennial Celebration

FIRE CHIEF BURDETTE

One hundred years ago, the community of Grand Blanc Township organized a Volunteer Fire Department to protect Grand Blanc, Mundy, and Atlas Townships, using one fire engine, a 1924 Ford Model T. Now, a century later, the Grand Blanc Township Fire Department serves the Township of Grand Blanc and assists 25 neighboring fire departments that protect all residents across Genesee County. Today, along with firefighting our department provides fire safety inspections to local businesses and year-round fire prevention & safety programs to local schools and residents. Join us in celebrating 100 years at our upcoming events (see left) and follow us on social media for updates and additional details.

Winter Safety

POLICE CHIEF RENYE

With winter comes the holidays, shopping, and traveling. The Grand Blanc Township Police Department would like to remind everyone to please lock your car doors and keep your holiday gifts out of sight. Park in a well-lit area of the parking lot if venturing out at night.

When traveling, please drive slow on snow and ice. Windshields should be clear of frost, snow, and ice prior to traveling; avoid playing "peek a boo." If you are going to drink, don't drive. Have a designated driver.

The Grand Blanc Township Police Department will be conducting several traffic initiatives over the holidays to ensure that everyone makes it to their destination to spend time with their loved ones.

Voting

LYNN HENRY, DEPUTY CLERK

We hope you got the opportunity to try early, in person voting during the November election. We will continue to offer 9 days of early voting for all 2024 elections. Additionally, if you're a snowbird please make sure you contact the Clerk's Office to ensure your Presidential Primary ballot is sent to the correct location.

Avoid the Second Shovel

GREGORY BOGGS, ASSISTANT DPW DIRECTOR

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in when your local snow plow comes through? Clearing an area to the right of your driveway (see right), gives the snow on the plow a place to go other than your driveway. This should keep you from having to do the same job twice!



GOOD NEWS CONTINUED...

Dort Highway between Grand Blanc Road and Hill Road will receive 39 additional streetlights in the next few months. The traffic along this major route continues to grow, and lighting is very much needed.

A new **Fitness Court** was built at Bicentennial Park and opened this Fall. The outdoor exercise facility will be a great addition to the park.

Pointe North Business District: For the past year, the Township has been meeting with business owners located along Saginaw Street north of the Grand Blanc City limits to Maple Road. The area now being named the Pointe North Business District is home to some of the longest standing businesses in the community. Several priorities have been identified and are being pursued, including making the area walkable with sidewalks/pathways and significant upgrades to street lighting.

Beautification efforts were undertaken by the Township with a number of volunteer groups and business sponsors. Many intersections and expressway exits were planted with a variety of perennials and annuals. A grant from the Grand Blanc Community Foundation provided large permanent planters with beautiful flowers in the Point North Business District. Several "clean-up days" were also held in May to pick up litter along some of our major roadways. Our hope is to expand upon the plantings and clean-up days this next summer. We will be looking for many more volunteers and sponsors to join our cause.

Exciting and positive things are happening in Grand Blanc Township and I'm looking forward to another great year. On behalf of the Grand Blanc Township Board, thank you for the opportunity to serve you!