

*A Community in Motion***GRAND BLANC
TOWNSHIP**

A Message From Our Supervisor...

SCOTT BENNETT

ON FUNDING ROADS, SUBDIVISION STREETS AND PATHWAYS

Townships throughout Michigan do not receive road funding. County Road Commissions own and have jurisdiction over all streets, rights-of-way, roads, bridges, signage, stop lights, ditching, and roundabouts. The County Road Commission is the recipient of all transportation-related funds from State and Federal sources. In many cases, the Genesee County Road Commission requires the Township to provide matching funds where roads/streets are being paved. Currently, the County allocates \$195,000 per year to Grand Blanc Township, which requires an equal match. The only funds that can be spent on roads/streets is from our General Fund. Note: Grand Blanc Township has not increased its General Fund Millage in decades.

Subdivision streets are also owned and under the authority of the County Road Commission. The County Road Commissions in Michigan do not have adequate funding to pay for the cost of repaving subdivision streets. Therefore, Special Assessment Districts (SAD's) are required to be set up that allow for the project to be financed and paid for by residents over a period of 10-15 years.

Our Non-Motorized Pathway Plan is making progress with over \$2.2 million dollars being spent this summer alone. The Embury Road-Cook Road-Dort Extension Pathway project has begun. Continue reading on back.

Parks and Recreation

Please join us at one of our upcoming community events! Sign up online at bit.ly/gbtparks or parks.gbtgov.com

LIGHT THE NIGHT

April 11th from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Bring your bike and your Easter basket for this family-friendly night of excitement! The evening kicks off with an unforgettable Easter Egg Drop from the top of the fire ladder, and ends with a group glow cycle on the scenic bike trails at Bicentennial Park. Every participant will go home with a special event t-shirt and a goodie bag filled with surprises.

ADULT EGG HUNT

April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Adults 21+ are invited to unleash their inner child and hunt for eggs hidden all over Bicentennial Park that contain tickets redeemable for incredible prizes. Don't worry, you don't have to be a track star to enjoy this event; walking is required.

HOUND HUNT

April 13th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring your dog out for a fun filled frolic through the trails of Creasey Bicentennial Park. Stations will be set up for your furry friend to show off their skills and hunt for eggs filled with treats and prizes!

Code Enforcement

JEREMY SMITH

Our Code Enforcement Department is dedicated to maintaining the appearance of our Township. It is your responsibility to keep your property up to code. Below you can find code requirements that are frequently asked by residents.

Yard:

- Grass should be no taller than 8 inches in length
- Residents should be diligent in making sure their yard is kept clean of junk and debris
- Residents cannot shovel or blow leaves into the roadway

Cars and RVs:

- Any vehicle stored on a property must be operable, have a current license plate and be parked in your driveway
- From April 1st until November 1st, you can park your boat or other recreational vehicle in your driveway

All Code Enforcement complaints must be in writing. If you know of a Code Enforcement issue or concern you can report it through the Complaint Referral Form on our website or by stopping by the Township's main office.



Police Department

CHIEF RENYE

One of our major focuses for the 2024 year was to reduce traffic crashes Township-wide to ensure the safety of commuters traveling on our roadways. To accomplish this, we focused on enforcement activities at intersections that were more prone to crashes to bring awareness and education to drivers who commit hazardous actions such as distracted driving, speed, following too close, and impaired driving. Due to our road patrol division efforts, we were able to decrease traffic crashes by three percent throughout Grand Blanc Township. For those community members who drive responsibly, we thank you for keeping our roadways safe. Together, we can make a difference!!!

2024 PATROL ACTIVITY

Calls for Service	20,502
Traffic Stops	7,879
Total Arrests	1,760
Impaired Driving Arrests	167
Felony Arrests	422

Fire Department

INTERIM CHIEF MARICLE

The Grand Blanc Township Fire Department, in partnership with MI Prevention, is offering free smoke alarms to residents across Grand Blanc Township. These alarms come with a 10-year battery and must be installed by the Fire Department; they cannot be handed out. This helps us ensure correct placement and that you have the correct number of alarms for your house to be alerted quickly in case of a fire. If you need hardwired alarms, we can assist in finding the right options for purchase. Sign up today by calling our office at 810-694-7211 to get your free smoke alarms installed and help keep your home safe!

Yard Waste Collection

Emterra will begin collecting yard waste on **Wednesday, April 2, 2025**. Yard waste is collected weekly from April-November and should be placed curbside before 7:00 a.m. on collection days.

To be collected, yard waste should be in brown yard waste bags or in a plastic container no larger than 30-gallons and clearly marked with either an "X" or a Compost sticker on both sides. Stickers can be picked up from the Township office. Containers must weigh less than 50 pounds. Bundled sticks must be tied with string and less than (4) four feet long. Dirt, mulch, rocks, trash, and animal waste are not accepted. If you have any questions, please call our office at 810-424-2600.



Community Clean Up

VOLUNTEER AT [BIT.LY/GBTCLEANUP](https://bit.ly/GBTCLEANUP)

Join us on Saturday, April 26th, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. for a day of community camaraderie and environmental stewardship at our Community Clean-Up Event! We will meet at Faith Lutheran Church (12534 Holly Rd) to distribute supplies and choose assignments. Thanks to community sponsors, transportation to various cleanup sites and all necessary gear will be provided. After the clean-up, volunteers are invited to join us for a complimentary lunch.



Citizen Problem Reporter

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

GCRC Citizen Problem Reporter can be used to submit non-emergency problems or requests for service in our community (new pothole, debris in road, etc.). The application presents one or more maps that can be used to report a problem or observation. Users can anonymously submit new reports, review existing reports, and comment on reports or observations submitted by other users.

To submit a new problem:

1. Visit gcr.com
2. Click on Report Issue
3. Click on Submit a Problem.
4. Select the Problem Type from the drop downs and fill out the rest of the form.
5. You can specify the address by entering it in manually, touching/clicking on the map, or using your device's GPS.
6. You can also attach a photo to the request. The more information we have, the better we can address the issue.
7. Click on Report it at the bottom of the form to send it!



A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR BENNETT CONT.

Cutting of trees and moving of dirt will soon begin on this great project. A sidewalk along Hill Road from Knollwood Apartments connecting with the trail to Bicentennial Park has also received grant funding. Pre-engineering for a pathway along a portion of Baldwin Road has also begun. The Perry Road Pathway is scheduled to be completed next summer. **Road funding is just that—funding for streets and roads—and is NOT eligible for the Township's discretionary spending on non-motorized plans.** Funding for the pathways is primarily from grants and the rest is from the Township General Fund. The complete Grand Blanc Township Non-Motorized Plan can be found on our Township website.

As always, I am honored to serve as your Township Supervisor. Call or email me anytime with your concerns, suggestions or to share information. Bennett@GBTgov.com or cell 248-408-0200.