



A Community in Motion
**GRAND BLANC
TOWNSHIP**

A Message From Our Supervisor...

SCOTT BENNETT

While nobody looks forward to receiving a property tax bill, I have some very good news to report regarding our Township!

FINANCES

In 2015, Grand Blanc Township retiree healthcare costs were only 13% funded with a total liability of \$41 million. When the current Township Board was seated in 2020, they made this issue a priority and took action to reduce unfunded liabilities. Through negotiations with our six employee unions and fiscally responsible budgeting, the fiscal year 2023 actuarial report from Foster & Foster showed the Township's retiree healthcare costs are 95.97% funded! Municipalities all over our country are struggling to catch up with legacy costs that keep growing. Unfunded retiree liabilities are the cause of townships and cities having to raise taxes just to pay the compounding annual interest. Grand Blanc Township's future will be much more secure by having these liabilities continue to be a priority.

RECREATION/ MULTI-USE PATHWAYS

Over the past three and half years, we have invested over \$4 million dollars in recreation. It was recently announced that we have been successful earning nearly \$1.5 million in grants for the continued funding of our Grand Blanc Township Non-Motorized Pathway Plan. The plan covers the entire Township and is being built primarily with State and local grants. Additionally, a new playground at Creasey Bicentennial Park was constructed at the beginning of the summer. This playground features new ADA accessible and sensory-friendly elements. Continue reading on page 2.

Save the Date!



Fill the Field

July 20th

National Night Out

August 6th

Halloween Hay Rides

October 5th

Fire Centennial Celebration

October 13th

Halloween Hay Rides

October 19th

Holiday Tree Lighting

December 6th

Holiday Walking Nights

December 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd



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STREETS / ROADS

In Michigan, all streets and roads in townships are under the ownership and jurisdiction of the county road commissions. All funding for streets also goes to them. Our Township meets regularly with the Road Commission, and subdivision streets are always a priority. The Township is planning a Townhall meeting this summer which will allow for all residents to discuss topics related to streets and roads. Watch for dates and times on our website and social media.

SURVEY

Watch your mail, social media and the Township website for a survey that we are asking residents to complete. The survey will be used to help the Township in prioritizing and shaping its Strategic Plan for the next several years.

If I can ever be of assistance, please call me or email me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Township Supervisor!

Sincerely,
Scott Bennett
Township Supervisor

Voting Dates 2024

LYNN HENRY, DEPUTY CLERK

Last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail
August 2

Last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail
November 1

Last day to spoil an Absentee Ballot
July 26

Last day to spoil an Absentee Ballot
October 25

Early Voting
July 27-August 4

Early Voting
October 26-November 3

Michigan State Primary
August 6

Michigan General Election
November 5

Summer Infrastructure Projects

GREG BOGGS, ASST. DPW DIRECTOR

We have a few major infrastructure projects that will be active in the second half of this year:

- The Fenton Road Sanitary Sewer Upgrade Project taking place on Fenton Road, between Sarah Street and Cook Road. Zito Construction will be doing the work and it will be a several month-long project.
- The CDMSI Water Service Verification Program will take place from June-September. We will be excavating 340 water service lines in random locations throughout the Township to verify their material composition in the road right-of-way and inspections will be taking place at the meter. This is mandated by the EPA and EGLE.
- Genesee County Road Commission (GCRC) resurfaced Saginaw St., from McCandlish to I-75 this summer. They will widen Grand Blanc Road from Porter to Fenton Road and rebuild Cook Road between Holly and Embury Roads. Wishing Well Estates S.A.D. Road Project is also planned for summer 2024.

Police

POLICE CHIEF RENYE

We hope you had a fabulous Winter and Spring. Just like many of you, we are happy that summer is upon us. Warmer weather means more outside activity, and an increase in traffic volume.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

If you are participating in outdoor activities such as walking, running, or bicycling, please wear reflective clothing so motorists can see you. When traveling in your vehicle, please share the roadway with others. Slow down, stay off your electronic devices, do not drive while impaired, and wear your seatbelt. You will see our officers enforcing traffic enforcement throughout the Township. We want to make sure that everyone gets to enjoy their time with friends and family this summer.

COMMUNITY EVENT

We would love to see you at our largest event of the year, National Night Out, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on the front lawn of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department. This is a family fun event with a lot of activities for the kids including bounce houses, slides, games, face paintings, and bicycle giveaways. Come enjoy some free music, free ice cream, and hot dogs, as our community comes together.

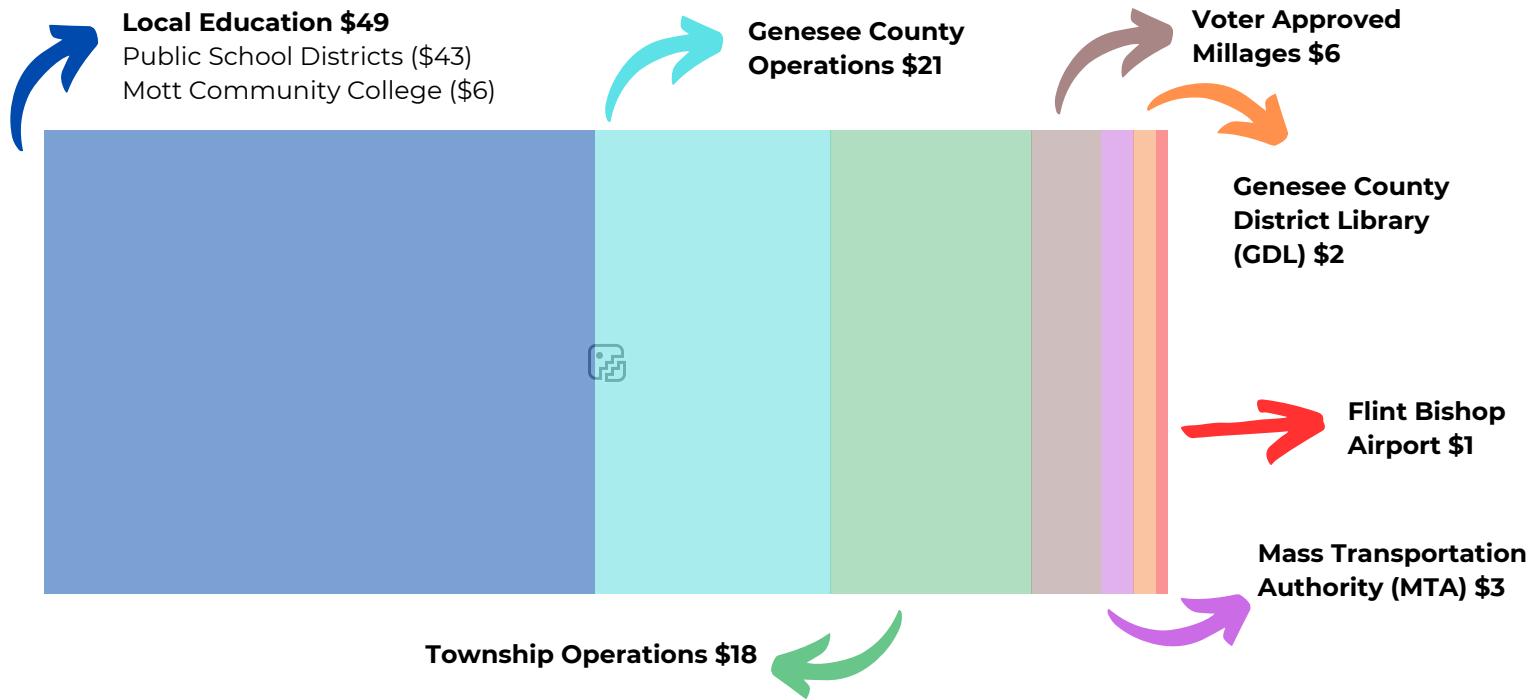
Fire

FIRE CHIEF BURDETTE

Happy Summer! If you choose to have a campfire, or recreational fire, please be responsible! Campfires consist of burning only seasoned firewood (no leaves or grass clippings) for pleasure, cooking, warmth, or similar purposes. They must not exceed 3 feet wide by 2 feet long and must be extinguished by 1:00 a.m. Additionally, campfires must not be left to smolder overnight. You must keep a fire extinguishing agent, such as a garden hose) present and readily available and keep fire at least 25 feet from a structure or combustible material. Township residents do not need a permit for campfires.

You can always find guidelines and rules for outdoor burning and campfires on the Township website. Have a safe summer!

DID YOU KNOW ONLY 18% OF PROPERTY TAXES GO TOWARD TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS?



Senior Center

MISTY MOENS, SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR

The Grand Blanc Senior Center is one of the busiest senior centers in Genesee County. We offer daily programs and opportunities that promote personal growth, health, friendship and independence for Genesee County residents age 50 and over. Review our monthly newsletters on the Township website or in-person to see everything we have to offer.

Upcoming Events:

- Join Zach Pelech from Legal Services of Eastern Michigan on Tuesday, July 16 at 10:00 a.m. for a free presentation on estate planning. Zach will cover Wills vs. Trusts, Power of Attorney, Lady Bird Deeds, Potential Elder Abuse and more. Please call to reserve your spot.
- Join us for a free interactive workshop on using effective communication and problem-solving techniques for mealtime and behavior changes in dementia presented by Jeannette Brunetti, Registered Dietician and Jennifer Joyner, Certified Dementia Practitioner from Valley Area Agency on Aging. This workshop will be offered on Thursday, July 25 from 1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Please call to reserve your spot before July 18.
- Head over to the Genesee County Fair on Wednesday, August 21st from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Senior Day. Enjoy free coffee and donuts, vendor fair, "Frank Sinatra" and "Elvis" performances
- Mobile Secretary of State will join us on Wednesday, September 25th. Appointments are available between 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and are open to the public.