



A Community in Motion
**GRAND BLANC
TOWNSHIP**

A Message From Our Supervisor...

SCOTT BENNETT

In the summer of 2024, Grand Blanc Township partnered with ETC Institute to conduct a comprehensive community survey. The aim was to gather resident feedback to help prioritize Township services and guide future improvements. Surveys were sent to a random sample of households, with options for mail or online responses. A total of 403 responses were collected, achieving a precision of $\pm 4.8\%$ at the 95% confidence level.

KEY FINDINGS:

Township Services: Residents expressed high satisfaction with Township services, notably with fire services (93%), police services (91%), and Township employee customer service (86%). The top priorities residents recommended for continued support over the next two years were police services, mosquito abatement, and solid waste management.

Quality of Life: The Township's quality of life scored very favorably, with high marks for being a great place to live (87%) and raise a family (86%). Residents identified downtown development, job creation, pathway improvements, and enhancing parks and recreation as their leading priorities for the Township's future.

Public Safety: Public safety also received very positive ratings, with residents particularly satisfied with the fire department's response time (84%) and the police department's visibility (86%). The focus areas for improvement included crime prevention and increased neighborhood police presence.

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Public Works and Transportation: Satisfaction was highest for sanitary sewer services (81%) and water quality (79%). In transportation, ease of commuting (71%) and residential parking availability (65%) were rated well by respondents.

Parks and Recreation: A large majority (74%) supported the renewal of a Parks and Recreation millage, with 57% favoring a millage increase to fund infrastructure improvements. Residents' top areas for development included walking/biking trails and enhanced programming at the Grand Blanc Senior Center.

Community Center: Seventy percent of respondents supported building or renovating a community center. Key desired amenities included specialized classes, a fitness center, a "one-stop" social services space, and indoor pool facilities.

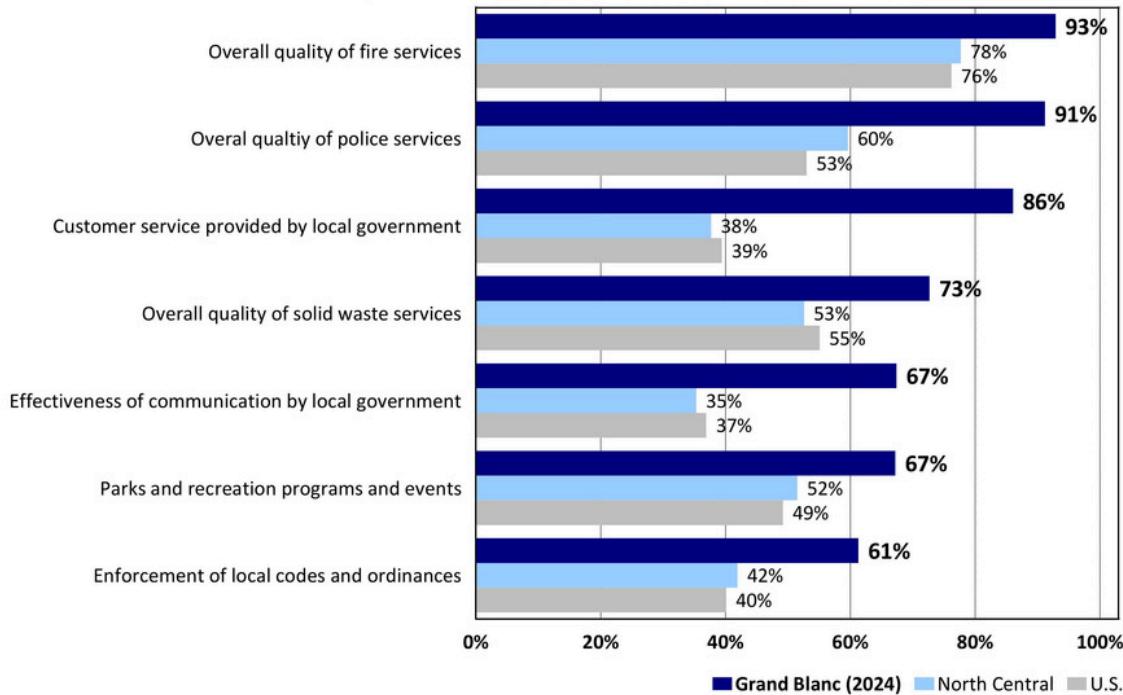
This survey provides essential feedback as the Township looks to align services with community expectations and ensure Grand Blanc Township continues to thrive as a great place to live and work.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Township Supervisor! Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Sincerely,
Scott Bennett
Township Supervisor

Overall Satisfaction with Township Services **Grand Blanc Township vs. North Central Region vs. the U.S.**

by percentage of respondents who rated the item 4 or 5 on a 5-point scale
where 5 was "very satisfied" and 1 was "very dissatisfied" (excluding don't knows)



Fire

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF MARICLE

As winter sets in, the Grand Blanc Township Fire Department is fully prepared to protect and serve our community through the colder months. Our top priority is ensuring the safety of our residents. Despite winter's challenges, such as icy roads, snowstorms, and freezing temperatures, we remain committed to maintaining quick response times and delivering the highest level of service throughout the season.

The Grand Blanc Township Fire Department is continuing our fire prevention efforts. This includes public education on fire safety during the colder months, focusing on smoke alarms and heating safety. It's essential to ensure your homes are equipped with working smoke alarms. If you have any concerns about fire safety this winter, please don't hesitate to contact our department. We are here to assist and ensure the safety of all residents.

Additionally, winter conditions often lead to hazardous roadways. We urge everyone to drive cautiously, especially during snow or icy conditions, and to give way to emergency vehicles when you see us responding to a call. Please also be mindful of ice hazards near ponds, rivers, and lakes. It's important to avoid walking on frozen bodies of water unless they've been declared safe for activities.

By following these safety measures, we can work together to keep our community safe throughout the winter.

- **Space Heaters and Heating Safety:** Always keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from flammable materials like curtains, furniture, or bedding. Never leave them unattended, and avoid using extension cords.
- **Chimney Maintenance:** If you use a fireplace, make sure your chimney is clean and properly vented. Creosote buildup can lead to chimney fires.
- **Carbon Monoxide Safety:** With heating systems running, make sure your carbon monoxide detectors are working. Replace batteries regularly, and don't leave vehicles running in enclosed spaces like garages.
- **Smoke Alarms:** Ensure that your smoke alarms are functioning properly. If you need assistance installing or testing smoke alarms, our department is here to help.
- **Snow-Covered Fire Hydrants:** If you live near a fire hydrant, please take a moment to clear snow from around it. This allows us to access water quickly in an emergency.

Stay safe, and together, let's keep our community prepared and protected throughout the winter season!



Rent a Pavilion

Pavilions will be available to rent starting Tuesday, January 21st, 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 bit.ly/gbtparks.

Police

POLICE CHIEF RENYE

- Winter brings shorter days, cold weather, and snow. This can cause depression for some people. We want to remind our citizens that we have a full-time co-response team on staff working Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This team is composed of a Crisis Intervention Trained officer and a social worker working together to provide resources if you are going through a mental crisis. Don't hesitate to reach out. We are here for you. Brighter days are ahead!
- When driving, allow yourself additional time due to cold, wet, snowy, and icy roadways. Ensure that your vehicle's windshield, hood, roof, and truck, are clear of snow before traveling the roadways. Leave plenty of distance between you and the vehicle in front of you; this allows for plenty of stopping distance if you encounter black ice.
- If you find yourself in a situation where your vehicle is disabled due to a mechanical failure or a traffic crash, please remain inside your vehicle instead of the side of the roadway outside of your vehicle. Keep your seatbelt on. You are more apt to survive a crash while in your vehicle equipped with airbags than standing outside the vehicle. We often see chain reaction crashes due to icy road conditions!

Senior Center

MISTY MOENS, SENIOR SERVICES COORDINATOR

Did you know the Grand Blanc Senior Center offers a wide variety of programs each month for Genesee County residents ages 50 and up? We have everything from pickleball and book club to painting and educational workshops, with new opportunities each month to learn new things, make friends, and stay active. We encourage you to read our newsletter to learn more about everything we have to offer: bit.ly/gbtseiornews

Public Works

AL COOLEY, DPW DIRECTOR

This October we broke ground on a new Fire Station and DPW Building. The new building will provide much-needed space for both the Department of Public Works (DPW) and Fire Department. Currently, Fire Station #1 is connected to the Township's main offices and the limited space poses several safety challenges. The new facility will address these challenges by creating ample space between gear carrying carcinogens and daily operations.

Additionally, the Department of Public Works, which provides critical Township services, including provisions for safe and reliable drinking water and sanitary sewer, has outgrown their space in the Township's main office. This expansion will allow for better organization and storage of equipment.

The new building will support the Township's commitment to deliver premier services to residents, including high-quality public safety, without raising taxes. Construction on the building is expected to be completed in 2026.