



A Community in Motion
**GRAND BLANC
TOWNSHIP**

A Message From Our Supervisor...

SCOTT BENNETT

Summer took a while to arrive and now let's enjoy it!

Your Grand Blanc Township Board and staff are working diligently to improve our existing parks and recreation facilities and to provide new amenities like pickleball courts. **Vibrant parks and non-motorized pathways** provide both immediate and lasting benefits to our community by attracting sporting events, individuals and families who support our local restaurants, shops, and service providers. Over the long term, our parks contribute to a healthier, more desirable community.

We are very pleased to announce that we received a **\$600,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation to assist us with expanding our trail network**. This funding will support Phase II of the Perry Road Trail (\$270,000) and the Embury Cook Road Trail (\$330,000), closing key gaps. These projects will help connect more of the Township and provide more outdoor recreation. On average, building a path costs \$1 million per mile. A huge thank you to the Mott Foundation for its continued support and investment in our region's quality of life.

The condition of your subdivision streets impacts home values and community appeal. In Michigan, the County Road Commissions own and maintain all streets and roads located in townships. Subdivision streets can only be repaved or rebuilt through a resident-initiated process known as a Special Assessment District (S.A.D.). Grand Blanc Township is home to some of the largest and oldest subdivision streets in the County, and the cost to replace or repair these roads has continued to rise each year. Continued on back...

Meet the Chief

FIRE CHIEF JENT

My name is Jamie Jent, and it is my honor to serve as the new Fire Chief for Grand Blanc Township. I bring over two decades of experience in fire service, training, and leadership, and I am proud to lead a department made up of dedicated, highly trained professionals who serve this community with pride.

Our department currently includes 7 full-time and 25 part-time firefighters who respond to a wide range of emergencies with professionalism, skill, and compassion. They are proud members of the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 4692 and the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) Local 1137.

As we continue to grow and evolve, one of my primary goals is to ensure our department is not only ready for today's emergencies, but prepared for tomorrow's challenges. That means investing in training, technology, and public outreach to keep Grand Blanc Township safe and resilient.

We are also expanding our community risk reduction efforts, offering programs like smoke alarm installations, safety inspections, and public education events to prevent emergencies before they happen.

I look forward to working with our residents, Township leadership, and our public safety partners to build on the strong foundation that already exists. I welcome your questions, feedback, and involvement as we move forward together.



Home Improvement Projects

Want to build a shed, fence, deck, or pool? Maybe you're looking to renovate your kitchen or bathroom. Whatever your home improvement project may be, be sure to obtain the necessary permits before you start your project. Most home improvement projects require a permit to ensure the safety of everyone in your household. Find information regarding permits or apply for a permit on our website at grandblancwpmi.gov/permit



Summer Infrastructure Projects

ALLEN COOLEY, DPW DIRECTOR

We are currently in the process of changing out water meters that are at the end of their life cycle. We have partnered with Blue-Water Solutions (formally SLC) to do these meter changes. The new meters will give residents more information on water usage and help find leaky faucets early to avoid large bills. If your water meter is part of this upgrade, you will receive a letter from Blue-Water Solutions notifying you to make an appointment for this change. We anticipate the project will be completed by December of 2026.

Our crews are busy doing routine cleaning and televising of the sanitary sewer system throughout the Township. This is a preventative maintenance (PM) item that keeps our systems flowing and detects any issues within the system for repairs. The crews will place signage at subdivision entrances before work starts in your area. We also have crews operating the water valves and trimming around hydrants as part of our PM schedule.

The new DPW/FD building is well underway, our contractors are making great progress on this new building. If you travel Dort Hwy you can see there are several trades working to complete this project.

Trash, Recycling & Compost

Trash, recycling, and compost will be collected every Wednesday throughout July and August. Emterra will start pickups at 7:00 a.m. and may work until 8:00 p.m. to ensure all items are retrieved. If your trash, recycling, or compost has not been collected by 8:00 p.m., please reach out to our office at 810-424-2600 ext. 2906 the following morning. We will coordinate with Emterra to investigate the reason for the missed pickup.

Our garbage collection calendar and information regarding accepted and unaccepted items can be found on our website at grandblancwpmi.gov/emterra.

Upcoming Events

Fill the Field

July 19th from 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Bicentennial Park

National Night Out

August 5th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Police Department

Harvest Festival

October 11th from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Bicentennial Park

Fire Station Open House

October 12th from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Fire Station #2

Frights & Lights

October 17th & 18th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Bicentennial Park

Holiday Tree Lighting

December 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Bicentennial Park

Holiday Walking Nights

December 13th, 19th, 21st, & 22nd
from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Bicentennial Park

Police Department

POLICE CHIEF RENYE

As summer gets underway, the Grand Blanc Township Police Department is committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable season for all residents. We encourage everyone to stay mindful of increased pedestrian and bicycle traffic, especially in parks and neighborhoods. Our officers will be visible throughout the township, engaging with the community and maintaining a strong presence to deter crime and promote safety.

We're also excited to invite you to one of our favorite events of the year—National Night Out—taking place on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on the grounds of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department (5405 S. Saginaw). This annual event is a fantastic opportunity for families and neighbors to come together and connect with the officers who serve our community. Enjoy food, games, public safety demonstrations, and a variety of activities for all ages. It's a great way to strengthen the bond between residents and law enforcement.

Whether you're attending community events, traveling, or simply enjoying the warm weather, your safety remains our top priority. Please remember to report suspicious activity, lock your vehicles and homes, and never hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to a safe and vibrant summer in Grand Blanc Township!



Youth Flag Football

Program One

Open to boys & girls ages 4-14

Games & practices held on Sundays in Bicentennial Park

Season starts: Sept. 7th | Registration Deadline: July 27th

Register: www.michiganyouthflagfootball.com

Program Two

Open to boys and girls grades K-6

Games held on Saturdays in Bicentennial Park

Practices 1-2 times per week (coach dependent)

Season starts: Sept. 6th | Registration Deadline: Aug. 1st

Register: bit.ly/gbtparks

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR BENNETT CONT.

Several subdivisions are in process or recently completed paving projects: Kings Point, Orchard Haven and Wishing Well. If you're interested in learning how your subdivision can start the S.A.D. process, contact the Township DPW Department at 810-424-2600 Ext. 2903 or email Allen.Cooley@grandblancwpmi.gov

It truly is an honor to serve as your Township Supervisor. If I can be of assistance or you have suggestions, please contact me anytime. Thank you.