

## **GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS AND COVID-19**

### **ASSESSING**

Although we are currently unable to move forward with the annual re-inspection of properties this year, be assured that the assessing department is working remotely and answering phone calls and emails during these extremely confusing and unorthodox times.

### **BUILDING/PLANNING/CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Grand Blanc Township's Planning & Building Department wants to thank the community for their patience and understanding during these very difficult and unforeseen times. Having to close our doors and slow down a steady stream of high quality development projects was not something we planned for. We are however, planning on getting right back to the same level of excellent customer service and support for future development in the Township as soon as we can. At this time, we are continuing to make progress on our Master Plan project and will soon be able to conduct our Steering Committee meetings remotely. As of March 30, 2020, we have approximately 90 days left to complete the project. Stay tuned for open house and future workshop notices. In the meantime, please visit the Township's Master Plan site at the link below:

[https://www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us/departments/planning\\_and\\_zoning/master\\_plan.php](https://www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us/departments/planning_and_zoning/master_plan.php)

### **CLERK**

The Clerk's Office is working on the Grand Blanc Schools Special Election for May 5th. The Secretary of State with the Bureau of Elections mailed out AV Applications to all 28,800 registered voters in the Grand Blanc School District on Monday, March 30th. The Absentee Voter Application is prepaid and the return ballot envelope is prepaid as well. Per Governor Whitmer's Order, this is now an all Absentee Voter Ballot Election which has never been held in the State of Michigan. Stay Safe!

### **DPW**

The Department of Public Works is still available to answer emergency customer service request during the COVID-19 shutdown. We have a limited number of Technicians on staff each day to fulfill the needs of our public. Customer service clerks are checking emails and voicemails daily, returning calls when needed. Water meter reading and utility bills will continue to be processed throughout the shutdown. Please be conscious of your water usage while your entire family is stuck in the house. You may be using a lot more water and not even notice!

### **FIRE**

Last week, the department began operating from our two fire stations, which provided the firefighters with the ability to practice social distancing as they work their assigned shift. Each of our primary apparatus carries the necessary personal protective equipment needed if exposure could occur. We are working with the police department in continuing our community relations by taking part in the weekly book reading on Facebook and posting videos on the fire department Facebook page about important fire safety information. The fire department remains prepared to answer calls for assistance whenever we are needed.

### **FINANCE**

Although the offices may be closed to the public, rest assured that the Finance staff is working remotely to ensure all payments are processed in a timely manner and the annual audit is progressing as scheduled.

### **GIS/IT**

With the Coronavirus altering the way we conduct our business, the GIS/IT continues to provide support for our staff that allows them to work remotely and provide quality services to our residents. While we don't have contact with the public, we will continue to post updates to provide residents with valuable information as we work through this

pandemic. We also have the ability to access our GIS information to provide GIS data and products for staff and residents. Some of this information and interactive maps such as Zoning Districts and Assessing information can be found on our website at <https://www.twp.grand-blanc.mi.us/departments/gis/maps.php>. If additional documents or information is needed, you can contact the GIS/IT Department at [beller@twp.grand-blanc.mi.us](mailto:beller@twp.grand-blanc.mi.us).

## **POLICE**

### WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU CALL OR NEED ASSISTANCE FROM THE GRAND BLANC TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

If you have any emergency and need immediate police assistance, please call 911 and the Grand Blanc Township Police Department will quickly respond. We will continue to respond to ALL emergency calls for service.

When calling for emergency assistance the dispatcher may ask additional questions in reference to COVID-19. The questions are intended to help them determine if there is a known added risk to our officers that are responding. If possible, when we arrive please meet us outside so we can reduce the chance of possible exposure. First Responders may be wearing protective equipment to help mitigate the spread of the virus, to protect themselves, and to keep you safe.

If you need an officer for a non-emergency or non-essential call, please contact our department at (810) 424-2611. During this time, we would prefer to take any call that does not need an immediate response over the phone. The lobby at the Grand Blanc Township Police Department will be closed during the State of Michigan Stay Home Stay Safe Executive Order. Residents who need to turn in Pistol Sales Records are asked to mail them to the police department. People in need of receiving seized, lost, found, or stolen property are asked to call the department and make an appointment. If you are in need of a police report please call our office and we'd be happy to assist you. Any other questions can be answered or directed to the appropriate person by calling (810) 424-2611.

We certainly appreciate your patience and understanding during these challenging weeks. The men and women of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department are dedicated to providing a superior level of service to everyone in our community. The best way to do that is to help ensure our staff and our residents are working together to minimize possible exposures. Please know that these measures are not intended to reduce the level of service that we provide our community but are intended to enhance the health and safety of our staff and residents.

Be safe, we will get through this together. Thanks for your support.

## **TREASURER**

The Treasury department is closed to the public. We have limited staff that is working to collect mail from the Post Office and the Township Drop Box. You can pay your water and sewer bills by mail, on line or by the TAN Drop Box next to the mail box in the Township Parking Lot.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Essential to your health and wellbeing, Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation continues to offer a safe and quality maintained recreation space and trail system for your use. Even with programming stopped, we continue to be a critical lifeline offering rides and meal services to our seniors.

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Overseeing essential operations is critical in these unprecedented times, and we want to assure the community we are committed to providing all essential services while working to safeguard our staff and residents. Please follow the directions from the CDC, practice social distancing, and STAY HOME AND STAY SAFE so our first responders can be there when you need them. We will get through this together!