



## A Message From Our Supervisor...

SCOTT BENNETT

### **Ever have questions about township government? Want to know more about it?**

Our first session of Grand Blanc Township University (GBTU) is underway here in Grand Blanc Township! We are testing out GBTU as a place where residents can learn the “how and why” behind township government operations and decision-making. Our participants will meet with each of our departments for a presentation of their work, go on a tour of the various work areas and have the opportunity to ask questions. We hope to offer this course again in the future!

### **A few of the more popular questions that we often get from residents:**

#### **Where do all of our property taxes go?**

Only 18% of your total property taxes stay with Grand Blanc Township. That relatively small percentage has to fund local police operations, fire protection, McFarland Library capital improvements, senior center operations and capital improvements, code enforcement, building department, elections, parks & recreation, matching funds for street paving projects, pathways, beautification, snow plowing of subdivisions, economic development, planning and zoning, information technology, street lighting and much more.

#### **Where do the remainder of my taxes go?**

The majority of your property taxes support other community services. These funds are distributed between Genesee County, local schools (Mott Community College, GISD, Grand Blanc Schools), the MTA, the Genesee District Library, Genesee County Parks, Bishop Airport, and county arts programs. Continued Inside

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Bishop Airport, and county arts programs. Some of these millages are countywide, while others apply specifically to Grand Blanc Township.

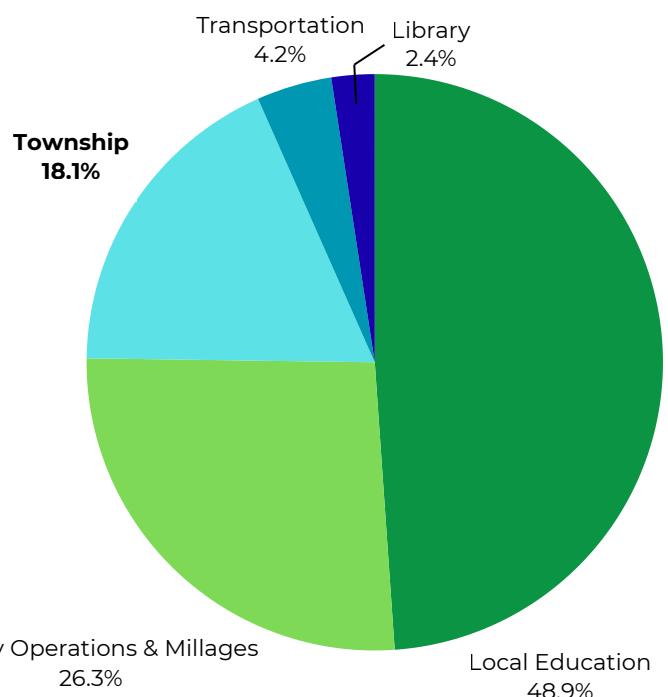
## Where does road funding come from?

In Michigan, township streets and roads are under the jurisdiction of the County Road Commissions. Genesee County Road Commission receives its funding from State and Federal sources, *not* from property taxes. However, the Road Commission *does* require townships to participate in most of the road projects with matching funds. So, a portion of your Township property taxes does go towards road projects.

As always, please call or email me with your questions or concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Township Supervisor.

Scott Bennett



## News from DPW AL COOLEY, DPS DIRECTOR

We are continuing 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 change outs. These meter change outs are mandatory and are smart meters just like the one you currently have, this is just a newer system that will give the Twp. and residents more information on water usage and help find leaky faucets etc. early to avoid large bills.

Our crews are working to flush and winterize fire hydrants throughout the Twp. This is a preventative maintenance (PM) item. They are also prepping trucks for winter use and preparing them for plow season.

The new DPW/FD building is moving along quickly, 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. We have an early spring anticipated move in date.

# Recreational Vehicles

In 2022, the Grand Blanc Township Board amended the Township Ordinance to allow for recreational vehicles, campers, trailers, boats, etc. to be stored in the driveway for any length of time between April 1 and November 1.

After November 1, recreational vehicles can be stored in your driveway for up to 48 hours. After 48 hours, they must be stored in your side or rear yard. For those on a corner lot, storage is allowed in the rear yard and side yard that is not visible from the road.

## Accepted Storage for Recreational Vehicles



Accepted yard storage area

Unaccepted yard storage area

# Upcoming Events

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Bicentennial Park**

Don't miss our FREE Harvest Festival with a trick-or-treat trail, inflatables, face painting, and more for the whole family!

## SUNDAY FUNDAY AT THE FIREHOUSE

**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-3:00 p.m.**

**Fire Station #2 (3313 E. Baldwin Road)**

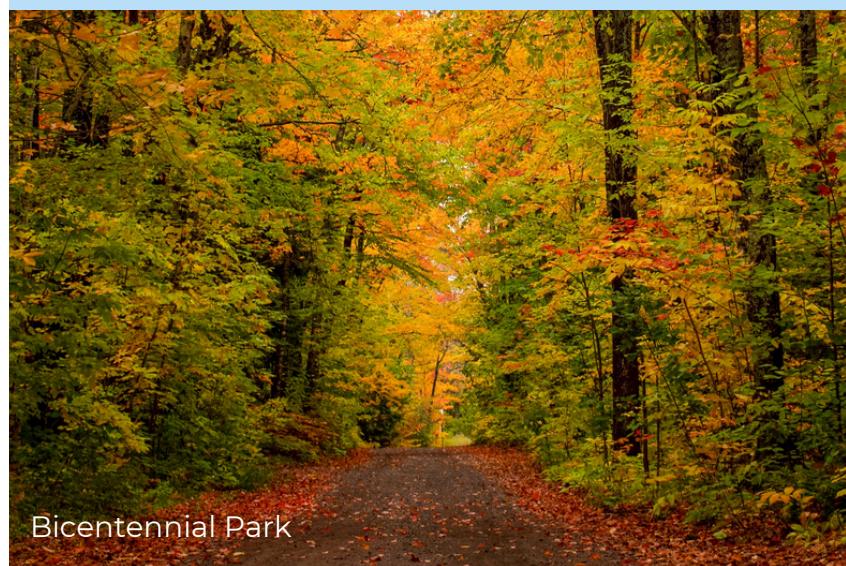
Celebrate Fire Prevention Week with us at our annual Open House! We'll have food, station and truck tours, and more.

## FRIGHTS & LIGHTS PRESENTED BY GENISYS CREDIT UNION

**October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

**Bicentennial Park**

When the sun sets, Creasey Bicentennial Park gets turned *Upside Down!* Our trails light up with scenes straight out of Hawkins—watch out for flickering lights, Demogorgon shadows, and maybe even a trip to Scoops Ahoy. NEW this year, an extra .25-mile loop brings all your favorite Halloween classics to life—just don't say "Beetlejuice" three times.



Bicentennial Park

# Fall Safety Reminders

## FIRE CHIEF JENT AND POLICE CHIEF RENYE

As the season changes and cooler weather arrives, the Grand Blanc Township Police and Fire Departments remain committed to protecting our community and keeping residents safe. Please keep the following information in mind this fall.

### **Seasonal Safety Tips:**

- **Smoke Alarms:** Test your smoke alarms and replace batteries as needed. Alarms should be installed on every level of your home, as well as inside bedrooms. If you need assistance installing or testing smoke alarms, our department is here to help.
- **Heating Safety:** As nights get colder, remember to keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything flammable and never leave them unattended. Please don't use extension cords with portable heaters.
- **Crime Prevention:** As days get shorter, keep outdoor lights on at night, consider motion sensors to deter unwanted activity, and lock all doors, including car doors.
- **Fireplace and Chimney Maintenance:** Before you light your first fire of the season, have your chimney inspected and cleaned. Creosote buildup can lead to hazardous chimney fires.
- **Carbon Monoxide Safety:** When furnaces and fireplaces are in use, ensure that carbon monoxide detectors are functioning correctly. Replace batteries regularly, and never run vehicles or generators inside enclosed spaces.
- **School Reminder:** Please slow down down in neighborhoods and crosswalk areas. Slow down and stop for all buses.
- **Outdoor Burning:** If you're clearing leaves or yard debris, follow Township ordinances on open burning. Keep fires small, attended at all times, and fully extinguished before leaving them.
- **Hydrant Visibility:** As leaves fall and yard projects continue, please keep fire hydrants clear of debris, landscaping, or obstructions. Quick access can save critical minutes in an emergency.
- **Roadway Safety:** Wet leaves can be as slippery as ice. Reduce speed and allow for extra stopping distance.

# Taxes Due

## SEPTEMBER 15

Taxes can be paid online, over the phone, by mail, or via the drop box in front of our office. We accept cash, credit or debit cards, and checks in person. If you choose to mail your payment, we recommend mailing it at least 10 days prior to when the bill is due. If your payment is received late, you will be charged a late fee, even if the postmark day is before the due date.

Starting September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1% interest will be added to the owed amount. Unpaid balances will incur an additional 1% at the beginning of every month.

Please reach out to our office at 810-424-2600 ext. 2905 or visit our website at [grandblanctwpmi.gov](http://grandblanctwpmi.gov) to find your current balance.

# Drop-In Fitness

To learn more or sign up, visit [parks.gbtgov.com](http://parks.gbtgov.com)

### **Zumba**

Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

### **Slow Flow Yoga**

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

### **Cardio Kickboxing**

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.