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A Community Committed to Excellence

The City of Grand Ledge

INSIDER

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Fall 2016

Together we create, *"A Community Committed to Excellence"*

On the Cover:

The 2016 Grand Ledge Varsity Baseball team captures their 3rd straight Diamond Classic win, Eaton County Sheriff Lieutenant Mark Wriggelsworth and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Roman show their Delta pride during the Delta Township Fire Station's Open House and the new Ledges Sculpture proudly displayed overlooking the GL Opera House and downtown Grand Ledge.

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Superintendent's Note

There is an excitement in the air as the start of a new school year draws closer. Everyone at Grand Ledge Public Schools is prepared for a great 2016-2017 school year!!

As of June 30, 2016, Grand Ledge Schools closed out our first three-year Strategic Plan; and thus we have created our next three-year Strategic Plan (GLPS²). In our new plan we continue to focus on three primary areas: Teaching and Learning, Human and Community Relations, and Operations of the district. All community members should have received our new Strategic Plan brochure. If not, you are welcome to contact my office and we will be happy to send one to you.

In addition to the new Strategic Plan there is more to look forward to. You can find information about some of the exciting things coming to Grand Ledge Public Schools inside this publication. Grand Ledge Public Schools continues to work to ensure that every student is prepared to collaborate, communicate and problem solve in a global, multicultural, and highly technologically advanced world.

So, we welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year and look forward to another successful year for the students, parents, staff and community of Grand Ledge Public Schools.

Brian L. Metcalf, Ph.D.
Superintendant

Grand Ledge Public Schools 2016 Board of Education

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION
It is the policy of the Grand Ledge Public Schools District that no person shall be discriminated against in matters of employment or enrollment on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender/sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, height, weight or marital status in its programs, services or activities.

Familiar Faces Fill District Administrative Vacancies

Dr. Michael Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Human Resources & Operations

Former Hayes Middle School Principal Michael Johnson is now serving as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations. Dr. Johnson has been with the district since 1990 and has served in many capacities throughout his tenure. Dr. Johnson holds a Bachelor and Master's from CMU and a PhD in K-12 Administration from MSU.

Sara Sutherland, Executive Director
Special Services

Former Grand Ledge High School Principal Sara Sutherland is now serving as the Executive Director for Special Services. Ms. Sutherland holds a Bachelor's Degree from MSU and a Master's Degree from CMU and has more than 20 years of successful experience in public education

Jill Mangrum, Principal • **Grand Ledge High School**

Former Willow Ridge Principal Jill Mangrum has been selected to serve as the new Principal for Grand Ledge High School. Out of the 28 year's Ms. Mangrum has been in public education, 27 of those years have been serving the students and families of Grand Ledge Public Schools. Jill holds both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from CMU.

Julie Taylor, Principal • **Hayes Middle School**

Former Hayes Middle School Assistant Principal Julie Taylor will now serve as the Principal of Hayes Middle School. Mrs. Taylor has been with Grand Ledge Public Schools for 17 years. Julie holds a Bachelor's Degree from Olivet College and a Master's Degree from MSU. She also holds an Administrator's Certification from GVSU.

Dave Kushman, Assistant Principal • **Hayes Middle School**

Mr. Kushman has been serving the students and families of Grand Ledge Public Schools since 2007 as a Special Education teacher at Grand Ledge High School. Dave holds a Bachelor's Degree from EMU and a Master's Degree from MSU.

Jim Gee, Principal • **Willow Ridge Elementary Schools**

Former Wacousta Elementary School teacher Jim Gee is now serving as the Principal of Willow Ridge Elementary School. Mr. Gee began his career in public education in 2007 when he joined Grand Ledge Public Schools. He has taught 4th and 5th grade at Wacousta throughout his career with the district. Jim holds a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree from CMU.

Employee Recognitions
Years of Service (through June 2016)

40 Years
Sharon Cusack

30 Years
Paula Dunn
Nancy Folkertsma
Lee Ann Garza
Doris Thompson
Mike Ward
Carrie Wheeler

25 Years
Mindy Dwyer
Roseanna Harper
Sam Ortiz
Sunny Tennant
April Welton

20 Years
Beth Boyd
Dan Brown
Juie Brunk
Marie Mead
Kelly Nevison
Kathy Stowers
Michele Vance

15 Years
Greg Almy
Monte Boutwell
Lori Bucholz
Marilyn Dembowski
Michalene Elder
Laurie Hoppe
Greg Lehman
Kim Manning
Ara Parseghian
John Piper
Alexis Quinn
Michael Richey
Diane Roskoskey
Louis Sanderson
Mary Schmedlen
Lisa Schroeder
Kelly Shaltry

10 Years
Linda Aleo
Tabatha Baker
Alison Bowen
Mindy Clark
Devon Detmers
Gina Edick
Erin Ellis
Kristen Hoard
Robin Lorencen
Trudy Keating
Laurie Kucher
Karin Mercieca
Stacy Nelson
Michelle Priest
Kurt Root
Lori Smith
Jennifer Soria

Welcome New Teachers

Grand Ledge Public Schools is pleased to welcome several new members to our teaching staff.*

Tiffany Organek	Special Education	Neff Kindergarten
Taylor Pacsai	Kindergarten	Neff Kindergarten
Elizabeth Smith	Kindergarten	Neff Kindergarten
Gouchong Vue	Kindergarten	Neff Kindergarten
Alexandra Briggs	3rd Grade	Beagle Elementary
Anokhi Dharia	2nd Grade	Beagle Elementary
Trevor Dunn	5th Grade	Beagle Elementary
Katie Goff	Counselor	Beagle Elementary
Meghan Justema	1st Grade	Beagle Elementary
Tammy Nyman	5th Grade	Beagle Elementary
Amber Schwennesen	Special Education	Beagle Elementary
Alisha Sheets	Special Education	Beagle Elementary
Nicole BellDean	Art	Delta Center Elementary
Barbara Zaremski	Special Education	Wacousta Elementary
Ashlynn Piecuch	Counselor	Willow Ridge Elementary
Kristen Nichols	Music	Hayes Middle School
Anna Bensel	Spanish	High School
Alex Bratschi	Math & Physics	High School
John Szczerowski	Band	High School

*As of August 11, 2016

Bell Times

Hayes MS	7:40 am - 2:25 pm
GLHS	7:55 am - 2:45 pm
Neff Kindergarten	8:35 am - 3:40 pm
Beagle	8:50 am - 3:55 pm
Delta Center	8:55 am - 4:00 pm
Wacousta	8:55 am - 4:00 pm
Willow Ridge	8:55 am - 4:00 pm
Little Comets (Full Day)	6:45 am – 6:00 pm
Little Comets (Part Time)	9:00 am -11:30 am & 12:30 pm -3:00 pm
Early Childhood	8:30 am -11:30 am & 12:25 pm -3:25 pm

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Notice for Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a federal law, requires that Grand Ledge Public Schools (GLPS), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. However, GLPS may disclose appropriately designated student directory information without written consent for yearbooks, honor rolls, sports activities, drama playbills and for publications and other media. You must notify GLPS in writing prior to 4 p.m. Friday, September 30 if you do not want us to disclose your child's directory information

Advisory to All Parents

GLPS has adopted an Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM). Inherent with this are the district's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advance notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school ground or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48-hours before the application by the following methods:

1. Posting at the primary entrances of the school, the entrances that will be posted are the main entrances and those that have a sidewalk leading directly to a parking lot.
2. Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified above.

You may review the district's IPM program and records of any pesticide application, upon request, by contacting the Operations Department at 517-925-5430.

Parents or guardians of children attending GLPS are entitled to receive advance notice of a pesticide application, other than bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3-days prior to the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department and provide your name, mailing address and what school(s) your child(ren) attend.

2016-2017 Student Calendar

August 31, 2016	Open Houses* Kdg (3:00-5:00 PM) 1-6 (4:00-6:00 PM) 7-8 (5:00-7:00 PM) 9-12 (6:00-8:00 PM)
September 6, 2016	Students Begin School
September 23, 2016	2-Hour Early Release for Students 2-Hours Professional Development for Teachers
September 30, 2016	HOMECOMING
October 5, 2016	STUDENT COUNT DAY
October 24, 2016	Elementary & Middle School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
October 25, 2016	High School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
October 26, 2016	Middle School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
October 27, 2016	Elementary & High School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
October 28, 2016	½ Day for Students Elementary & Middle School Afternoon Conferences
November 22, 2016	End First Trimester
November 23 - 25, 2016	No Students - Thanksgiving Recess
November 28, 2016	Classes resume
December 9, 2016	2-Hour Early Release for Students 2-Hours Professional Development for Teachers
December 21, 2016	Last Student Day before Holiday Recess - Full Day
December 22, 2016 - January 2, 2017	No Students - Holiday Recess
January 3, 2017	Classes resume
January 16, 2017	No Students - MLK Day
January 23, 2017	High School Conferences (4:30-7:30 PM)
January 25, 2017	High School Conferences (4:30-7:30 PM)
February 3, 2017	2-Hour Early Release for Students 2-Hours Professional Development for Teachers
February 8, 2017	STUDENT COUNT DAY
February 20, 2017	No Students - President's Day
March 10, 2017	1/2 Day for Students / End Second Trimester
March 31, 2017	No Students
April 3 - 7, 2017	No Students - Spring Recess
April 10, 2017	Classes Resume
April 11, 2017	High School Testing Day
April 12, 2017	High School Testing Day
April 14, 2017	No Students - Good Friday
April 24, 2017	Elementary & Middle School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
April 25, 2017	High School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
April 26, 2017	Middle School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
April 27, 2017	Elementary & High School Conferences (5:00-8:00 PM)
April 28, 2017	½ Day for Students Elementary & Middle School Afternoon Conferences
May 26, 2017	½ Day for Students
May 29, 2017	No Students - Memorial Day
June 2, 2017	GLHS Class of 2017 Graduation @ MSU Breslin Center
June 13, 2017	½ Day for Students/Last Student Day End of Third Trimester

PLEASE NOTE:

GLPS may begin classes next fall as early as August 21, 2017.

District Implements New Foreign Language Program

Foreign Language teachers from across the district enjoyed a full day of professional development on a newly enhanced foreign language program. Grand Ledge Public Schools partnered with EMC Publishing to update the curriculum materials used in French, German and Spanish classes.

In addition to new textbooks, students and teachers can access *Passport*, an online environment for teaching and learning world languages. *Passport* is designed to tap into the learning technologies that digital natives embrace and to increase students' fluency by allowing them to fully experience the language they are learning.

Passport is compatible with all mobile and desktop devices. This allows students to connect to EMC's curriculum, in and out of the classroom, via a platform that includes authentic cultural videos, news and songs, as well as video collaboration and assessment tools. The environment includes a video-based discussion platform that encourages students to record responses to questions posed by their teacher in the language they are learning. For example, students can test their skills via a karaoke competition in French, document their visit to the Louvre, re-enact a scene from a French-language movie or explore typical bistro cuisine. The material is updated regularly to incorporate the latest news and cultural developments. In addition, it shows students assignments, quick views, due dates and provides instructor feedback.

Built through a partnership between EMC Publishing and the University of Minnesota's Institute for Design Intervention (IDI), *Passport* combines IDI's research-based language-learning platforms with EMC Publishing's ACTFL-aligned instructional content. It integrates EMC Publishing's e-books and allows learners to create, share and perform their work.

For educators, *Passport* supports differentiated learning initiatives, such as allowing teachers to tailor information for various learning levels within one class and provide personalized feedback via video-based platforms. They can also create assignments based on EMC's media library or their own resources, and then conduct a 1-to-1 assessment of a student's performance via webcam recording.

High School French Teacher and Department Chair Susan Sowle is excited about the new materials. "*Passport* will allow us to interact with the language and culture in ways that we have not been able to in the past. This is great for our students".

Teachers will continue with professional development on this new curriculum throughout the school year.

Plans to Expand Early Childhood Programs

Research shows that providing students with a high quality care before they turn five, yields significant long-term benefits. The Grand Ledge Board of Education and Administration agree! As such, Grand Ledge Public Schools is happy to announce the expansion of our Little Comets Preschool offering.

In 1982 the district closed Delta Mills Elementary School due to declining enrollment. Now, more than 30 years later, the building once again belongs to Grand Ledge Public Schools. The present intent - - expand early childhood programming to the East side of our district.

While this purchase was just recently finalized, work has begun to bring the building back up to Grand Ledge Public Schools standards, as well as ensuring it meets all State and Federal requirements.

Grand Ledge Public Schools is Listening . . . Let's Talk!

We want Grand Ledge Public Schools to be an inclusive, positive environment, where all members of our community know they make a difference, and their voice is heard.

That's why we're launching **Let's Talk!®**. This innovative communications solution allows parents, students, employees and community members to be a part of critical school and district discussions. With Let's Talk!, you can ask questions, submit comments, share suggestions, or offer compliments whenever it's convenient — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If you have something to share about our district, click the Let's Talk! button on our district website, www.glcomets.net, and select the topic of your choice. We want to hear about whatever's on your mind.

You may remain anonymous, but if you leave your contact information you're guaranteed a personal response.

Let's Talk! Allows us to streamline our communication, identify opportunities for engagement, spot potential crises, and build stronger community relationships. It drives action by facilitating an open dialogue between district leaders and our community, and offers unique features that will help us track the quality of our service for continual improvement.

Let's make Grand Ledge Public Schools the best it can be — one conversation at a time!

Let's Talk!®

Grand Ledge City Council
Front row: Jamie Malecki, Mayor Kalmin Smith, Don Willems
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Airport 627-9557
Grand Air Aviation

Assessing 323-8520
Brian Thelen, Assessor

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Clerk Department / Cemetery 622-7920
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Adam Smith, City Administrator

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Martin Underhill, Chief

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Dave Gutchess Acting WWTP Supervisor 627-5744

Zoning 622-7928
Sue Stachowiak, Zoning Administrator

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cityhall@cityofgrandledge.com

Public Information: Comcast Channel 12

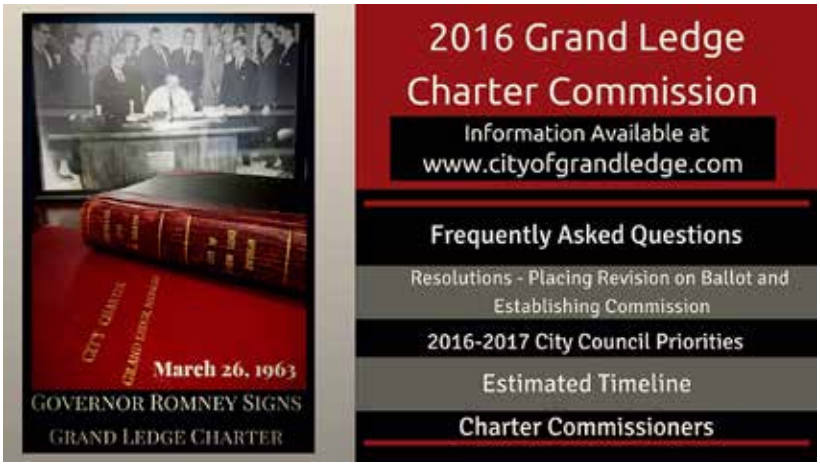
Naturally Grand . . . the City of Grand Ledge is making significant advancement on its 2016 & 2017 City Council Priorities and continues to enhance its 21st Century Community significance.

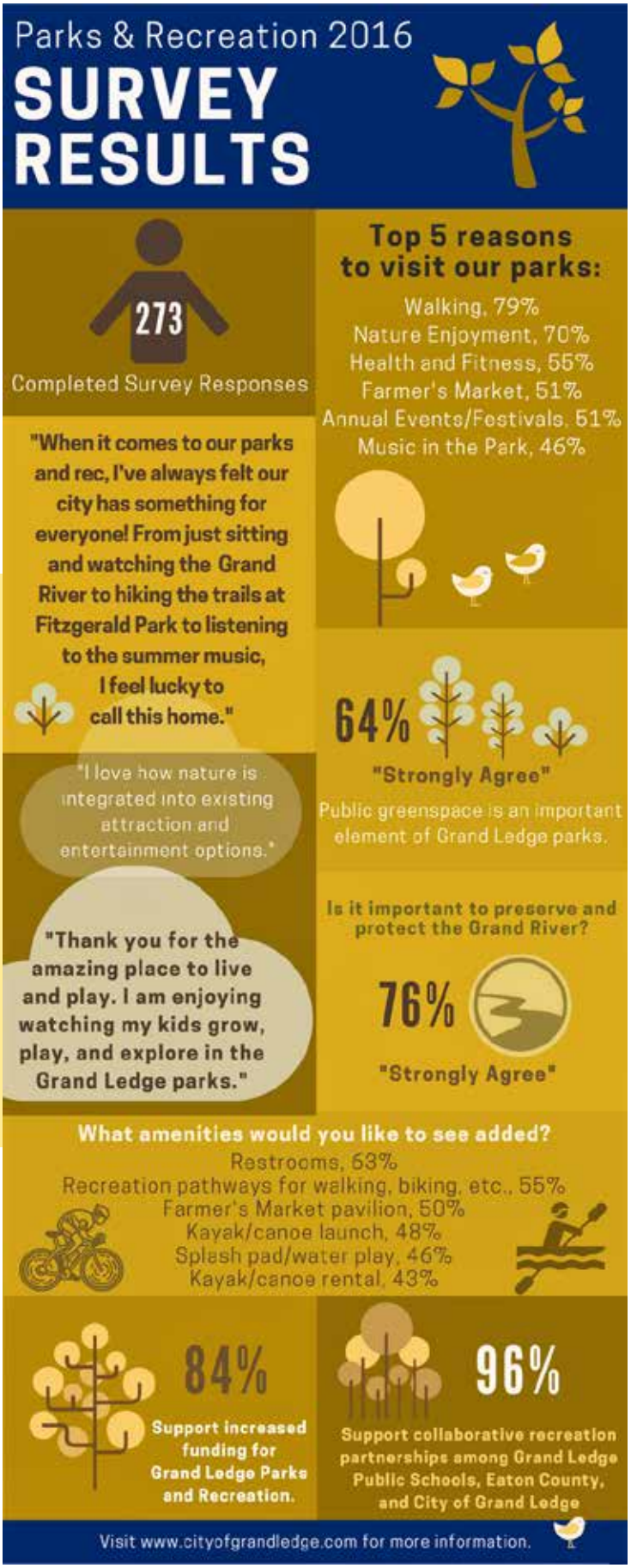
- Phase I of E River St. and Russell St. reconstruction is complete; Phase II of E River St. and Franklin St. reconstruction, as well as the improved Jaycee boat launch enhancement are underway
- Phase II of Jenne St. reconstruction is underway and will continue during fall school months – Edwards St. to S. Clinton will function as the detour route; Several miles of local streets are slated to be resurfaced by the end of November; Jones St. along Holbrook Early Childhood Center is being engineered for reconstruction in the spring
- Nearly 300 citizens participated in the 2016 parks and recreation survey with overwhelming support of the City's recent collaboration with Grand Ledge Public Schools and Eaton County
- Our GLPS Community Recreation partnership offered new programs this year and resulted in a significant increase in participation with nearly 1,400 kids playing already this year
- A professional utility rate study was completed and resulted in the increase of water/sewer rates accordingly; although rate increases are never popular, please note that a resident is provided 200 gallons of safe drinking water to their home in the City for $1.00
- Grand Ledge was ranked 8th in the 2016 Safest Cities in Michigan
- Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce's office was welcomed to Room B-103 in City Hall
- Voters supported on a City Charter Revision and the election of a Charter Commission August 2nd

I hope you find these highlights to be well representative of our continuous efforts to build a better community. Thank you for all that you do to make Grand Ledge great!
Enjoy your day.

Adam R. Smith, City Administrator

GrandAir Aviation, Inc. and the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 1060 have started a group for high school students in the greater Lansing area interested in the world of flying. The Aviation Explorers Post 1060 was created to expose students to aviation by learning about flying, maintenance, air traffic control, different types of aircraft, and various aviation jobs. Contact GrandAir Aviation for more information.





POLICE AND COMMUNITY BUILDING TOGETHER

Safe Routes to School

The 2016-2017 school year will see the addition of dedicated safe routes to school for children who walk and bike to Beagle Elementary, Neff Kindergarten, Grand Ledge High School, and St. Michael Parish School. The City of Grand Ledge strives to be a community where children and adults can safely walk and bicycle as a part of their daily routines. Providing safe routes for children who walk or bicycle to school is a strong priority.

With an opportunity to improve the pedestrian routes used to access various schools concentrated on the City's southwest side, the Grand Ledge Police Department began a study of the student pedestrian traffic patterns. Last spring, a team of officers observed students riding and walking to and from school to identify main routes and secondary roadways that served as feeders to those routes. From there, the main pedestrian routes were analyzed to note safety issues, such as vision obstructions and worn or missing crosswalks.

The City's Public Service Department used this information to plan for the installation of new signage, curb cuts, and pavement markings at 14 locations. This work is scheduled for completion at the end of August. In addition, the City will provide a map of commonly used routes to schools in this area with indicators of relevant crosswalks, signs, and curb cuts. The map will be distributed by the schools and will also be available on the City website (www.cityofgrandledge.com) as well as the school's website (glcomets.net).

Another consideration for all students and residents is the temporary closure of Jenne Street, from Edwards Street to M-43/Saginaw Hwy, for reconstruction. The construction on this project started on July 18 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. Pedestrians and drivers will have to make allowances for the increased traffic on Edwards and on Jenne during this time. Stay safe!

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2016 ELECTION

All City Precincts Vote at
Sawdon Administration Building
220 Lamson Street, Grand Ledge

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City Clerk, Gregory Newman
517-622-7920
gnewman@cityofgrandledge.com

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION

Voter Registration Deadline
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PRECINCT INSPECTORS NEEDED

APPLY TODAY!

REQUIRED
PRECINCT INSPECTOR TRAINING
October 2016

INSPECTORS EARN $9/HR.
Info @ www.cityofgrandledge.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the City Clerk or Visit

www.cityofgrandledge.com

Government/General Information/Elections

Will you be 18 years old by election day?

Student Voter Registration Drive

REGISTER AND VOTE!

September 21, 2016
10:00 a.m. - Noon

Main Lobby
Grand Ledge High School

www.cityofgrandledge.com General Information/Elections

East River and Russell St

PROJECT START
MAY 18, 2016
PROJECT COMPLETED
JUL 26, 2016

COST $544,000
FUNDS PROVIDED BY
CITY AND DDA TAX REVENUES
CITY WATER AND SEWER FUNDS

Total street reconstruction that included sanitary sewer and water main replacement with drainage improvements designed to resolve long-standing problems at the Opera House. A new curb and sidewalk, additional on-street parking, and reconstruction of the street was completed.

Jenne St

PROJECT START
JULY 18, 2016
EST. COMPLETION
SEP 30, 2016

COST $761,000
FUNDS PROVIDED BY
FEDERAL HWY FUNDS ($404,000)
CITY STREET, WATER/SEWER FUNDS

With Phase 1 completed in 2015, Phase 2 is the reconstruction of Jenne Street between Edwards Street and M-43. This will include replacement of the existing sanitary sewer, storm sewer, curb, driveway approaches, and sidewalk on both sides of the street. At the Jenne/M-43 intersection, a signaled pedestrian crossing and 500 feet of sidewalk along the south side of that intersection will be installed to ease the crossing of M-43 for students on their way to school.

East River and Franklin St

PROJECT START
AUG 8, 2016
EST. COMPLETION
OCT (END), 2016

COST $1,095,000
FUNDS PROVIDED BY
CITY STREET, WATER/SEWER FUNDS

Phase 2 of East River Street will start at the Russell Street intersection, where Phase 1 ended, continue the entire length of East River, including the 200 block of Franklin Street, up to the intersection with East Jefferson Street. Work will include replacement of water, sanitary, and storm lines, new curb, sidewalk, total reconstruction of the streets, and a large number of additional parking spaces.

Jaycee Park Boat Launch

PROJECT START
AUG (MID), 2016
EST. COMPLETION
NOV (BEG), 2016

COST $203,000
FUNDS PROVIDED BY
MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT ($148,800)
CITY AND DDA TAX REVENUES

Reconstruction of a boat launch facility at Jaycee Park to provide improved access to the Grand River for recreational boats, canoes, and kayaks. It will include a 96-foot long concrete ramp, 30-foot pier, and paved turnaround.

Various Street Resurfacing

PROJECT START
AUG 1, 2016
EST. COMPLETION
SEP (END), 2016

COST $515,000
FUNDS PROVIDED BY
CITY STREET, WATER/SEWER FUNDS

Repaving of approximately 3.75 miles on sections of 16 different streets that have been built in the last 20 years, require no underground improvements, are in sound structural condition, and where maintenance now will extend the life of the roadway.

It should be noted that a large amount of these improvements are made possible by funding the City receives from the Eaton County Road millage tax revenues, approved by Eaton County voters in November, 2014.

Something for Everyone - - Whenever & Wherever You Are!

THANK YOU! Our renovations are moving along and we are hopeful we will be celebrating the completion of the hard work of Laux Construction, the library board, staff and many volunteers in early fall. Your patience during this process has been greatly appreciated. To follow the renovations and keep apprised of our grand reopening celebration, find the Grand Ledge Area District Library on Facebook or visit the Renovations FAQ on the library website: **grandledge.lib.mi.us**.

Book Clubs for All Ages
Are you interested in reading something new and looking for folks who love to talk about books? Then take a moment to participate in our survey (grandledge.lib.mi.us/bookclubs) to let us know.

Online Resources
There are so many things to discover through the Library's online content. Enjoy eBooks, movies, learn a foreign language, view digital magazines, visit the Ancestry library edition and so much more. Some of our new online content includes:

hoopla Bring digital content to life through streaming and downloading. Instantly borrow movies, music, eBooks and more with your library card. To get started, set up an account by visiting the library website. Download the hoopla app from Google Play or the App Stores through Apple or Amazon.

SCOLA Brings international broadcasting and culture to you with access to over 200 languages from around the world! Watch TV, take an instant class, increase your vocabulary - all at your fingertips. Use our computers or your own device in the library or for access outside the library, log in with username: Grand Ledge and password: 48837grand.

Cities, States, Countries- where you can check out:

Includes topics on culture, travel, education, history, holidays, language, music, maps, national symbols and more.

Contains 202 world city travel guides.

A large-scale encyclopedia of US states and country information.

Upcoming Programming

All programs take place at the Grand Ledge Area District Library main location, unless otherwise noted.

Saturday Builder's Club has a goal of igniting curiosity and creativity in children. Ages 6 – 18.
September 10 (at The Fledge), October 8, November 12, December 10
4 – 6 pm

Teen Advisory Board is looking for young people over 12 years of age to provide input and help grow our Young Adult collections and programs.
Wednesday, September 28
6 – 7 pm

Saturday Movies in the Library lets you come and enjoy some great books made into movies.
October 8, November 12, December 10
11 am – 1 pm

Paws for Reading allows you to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a certified therapy dog.
Wednesday, October 12
6 – 7 pm

Color Cruise Story Time – Join us at the Island Park for stories with Mrs. T!
Friday, October 14

Flu Shot Clinic with Walgreens – Stay healthy this season with Walgreens.
Wednesday, October 19
2 – 3 pm

Tech 411 provides you with the opportunity of a 25-minute appointment to get personalized tech help.
October 20, November 17, December 15
11 am – 1 pm

Harry Potter Party – Watch a movie, trivia, scavenger hunt – which house do you belong to?
Saturday, October 22
1 – 4 pm

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) – Release your inner author by joining us for a series of events to get you writing.
Kick-Off Wednesday, October 27
3:30 – 5:30 pm

Barnes & Noble Mini Maker Faire – From low tech to high tech, come see what you can make!
November 5 & 6 (Lansing Mall)

Wreath Making Workshop for Adults – Join us to make something festive for your home!
$5 Materials Fee
Thursday, November 10
5:30 – 7 pm

International Games Day – Minecraft, board games, card games, Pokemon Go – Try something new. It's a great day to play a game.
Saturday, November 19
2:30 – 4:30 pm

Main Library
131E. Jefferson St., Grand Ledge
Monday–Thursday: 10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday: 10 am-5pm
Sunday: 1-5pm

Wacousta Library
13080 Wacousta Rd., Ste. D, Grand Ledge
Monday & Wednesday: 3-7pm
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 10am-2pm

For more information about the library and the most up-to-date list of our programs and services, visit http://grandledge.lib.mi.us.

Delta Township District Library

Delta Township District Library
5130 Davenport Drive
Lansing, MI

HOURS
Monday–Thursday: 10am–8pm
Friday: 10 am-6pm
Saturday: 10am-4pm

The Friends of the Library have a bookstore in the lower level.

HOURS
Monday-Thursday: 10:30am-7:30pm
Friday: 10:30am-5:30pm
Saturday: 10:30am-3:30pm

For more information about any of our programs and services, please call 517-321-4014 or visit http://dtdl.org

The Delta Township District Library offers classes and programs for all ages year-round. Here are a few highlights for the upcoming fall season. For a full listing of programs, check our website at dtdl.org.

Fall Storytimes
Storytimes run from September 6– November 18
Stories & Crafts (ages 3-5)
Tuesdays, 10:30 am
Baby Time (birth-24 months)
Wednesdays, 10:30 am
Toddler Storytime (ages 18-36 months)
-Thursdays, 10:30 am
Music & Movement Storytime (all ages)
-Fridays, 10:30 am
Family Storytime (all ages)
Monthly on Thursdays, 6 pm
(Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Nov. 17)

Minecraft Game Night
Friday, September 9
5:45–7:30 pm
Ages 7-15. Build, play and explore with fellow Minecrafters! This after-hours event is open to all skill levels. No account required. Space is limited; pre-registration is required by September 6 at the library's Youth Desk or call 517-321-4014 x3.

Paws for Reading
Dates & times vary
All ages. Practice your reading with a great listener - a certified therapy dog! This is a great opportunity for kids learning to read or struggling with reading (and those who love reading too!) to practice reading aloud. Kids can choose whatever they'd like to read and one of our friendly therapy dogs will sit and listen. For more information or to sign up for a ten-minute reading time slot, stop by or call the Youth Desk (517-321-4014 x3)

Creativity Club
Weekly, September 22–October 27
Thursdays, 3:30 – 5 pm
Ages 7-12. In this six-week program, join other kids to make and play with a variety of art materials, maker kits, and more. The library will provide materials and you bring your imagination. We'll explore modeling, painting, puppetry, Squishy Circuits, and other creative STEAM activities. Register at the Youth Desk or call 517-321-4014 x3 and come every week to create something that builds on all your skills.

Big Playdate: Ball Arcade
Saturday, September 17
10:30 – 11:30 am
All ages. Come to play with other kids in our amazing ball arcade! We'll have a variety of tubes, tunnels, mazes, and runs to send the balls rolling.

Save the date:

Harry Potter Party

Wednesday, November 16

6 – 7:30 pm

All ages

Delta Township Community Forum
Tuesday, September 20, 6 –7:30 pm
Ask questions and get community updates from the Delta Township Fire Chief, John Clark, Delta Patrol Section Commander, Lt. Wriggelsworth, and other Township and County officials at our annual community forum.

Volunteer Recruitment Fair
Tuesday, September 27, 6 –7:30 pm
Find out how you can get involved in your community. Organizations from the Greater Lansing Area will be on hand to share information about available volunteer opportunities. Stop in to find out which position would be the right fit for you.

Teen Anime Night
Friday, September 30
5:30 – 7:30 pm
Ages 13-18. Delve into the world of Japanese animation and join us as we enjoy some of the best anime around. Do some crafty projects while you watch, make candy sushi, and try out some authentic Japanese snacks - plus popcorn!

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The Delta Township Board

Back row (left to right): Jeffrey C. Hicks, Karen Mojica, Dennis R. Fedewa, Doug Kosinski
Front row (left to right): Supervisor Kenneth R. Fletcher, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Treasurer Howard Pizzo

Delta Township Creates New E-Commerce Exchange Zone

Delta Township added a new E-Commerce Exchange Zone in March to accommodate in-person exchanges that are the result of online transactions or purchases. The new exchange zone is located in the parking lot of the Eaton County Sheriff Department's substation at 7708 Administration Drive. This area provides 24-hour surveillance in a safe, well-lit environment.

E-commerce continues to evolve and our economy is changing. More people utilize online sites to buy, sell, or trade goods. After several national stories were aired involving incidents of theft and/or violence following online interactions and person-to-person meetings, the Township acted to enact a designated safe exchange zone. Delta Township is the first municipality in mid-Michigan to have a designated exchange zone available for residents and visitors alike. We encourage the use of this site for all in-person exchanges resulting from e-commerce and hope to create awareness of this resource for the public.

New Traffic Signals coming on Saginaw Highway

Two recent traffic studies have resulted in recommendations by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to add new traffic signals to two problematic intersections in Delta Township.

The first intersection, located at the corner of Saginaw Hwy. (M-43) and Delta Commerce Drive is set to have a traffic light installed sometime this summer to ease the flow of traffic from Delta Commerce Drive onto M-43.

The second location that was recommended to have a traffic signal added is at the corner of Saginaw Highway and Broadbent Road. This intersection is dangerous for anyone wanting to make a left turn from either side of Broadbent onto Saginaw Highway.

The north side of the Broadbent intersection will have to be widened to match the existing lanes on the south side of the intersection. A time frame for the addition of the new traffic signal will be identified once a design is complete and funding is available. These projects will help to improve traffic flow and safety in the Township.

Trick or Treat Trail

Come walk the trail at Sharp Park on October 11 (rain date October 12) and see it as you never have before. Children will be able to "trick or treat" at the displays set up by local businesses and groups while candy supplies last! You are invited to walk the trail from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A $1 fee per child will be collected at the park. We encourage everyone to wear costumes, bring flashlights, and your own trick or treat bag. If you are a business or civic group and would like to have a table, please call us at 323-8555.

Monster Mash

Come to our annual Monster Mash, a Halloween dance for the entire family. Show off your costumes, dance to your favorite tunes including Halloween favorites, enjoy refreshments, enter raffle drawings, and more. The cost is $5 per person. This fun event will be held on Sunday, October 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. Pre-registration is required. Call 323-8555 or visit www.deltami.gov/registration to register. No refunds after October 21.

Drop-in Pint-Sized Picassos – Parent Participation

Parents, bring your children to our drop-in art program. Let us provide the materials and clean-up while your child provides the creativity and you provide the supervision. There will be at least three different projects each week. We will use different types of paints, crayons, glue, collage materials, and more. The easels will also be available every week for the children to use. The cost is only $1 per child per week, adults are free. No need to register in advance. This program is held in the Delta Township Enrichment Center, on Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. from September 29-November 10.

Sweets & Treats with Santa

Santa Claus will be coming to Delta Township on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3. Come to the Community Center for a visit with Santa, a Christmas craft for each child, a special gift for each child along with some yummy Christmas treats. Parents, make sure you bring your cameras to capture all the special moments. There will be three separate sessions available. Please specify either the Friday evening session, 6-7:30 p.m., the Saturday 8:30-10 a.m. session or the Saturday 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. session when registering as space is limited. The fee is $5 per person Delta Township residents and $6 per person for non-residents. No refunds after November 28th. Call 323-8555 to register. Pre-registration required.

Delta Township Park Hop

Visit five of Delta Township's parks on Sunday, September 11 from 1-5 p.m. The parks included in the Park Hop are Delta Mills, Sharp, Hawk Meadow, Hunter's Orchard, and Grand Woods. There will be music, a scavenger hunt (suitable for all ages), a demonstration and the opportunity to try pickle ball, exercise and dance mini-classes, refreshments, and much more. Have your passport stamped at three of the five parks to be entered into a drawing for prizes. For more information on the event please visit www.deltami.gov or call 323-8555. Sponsored by the Delta Township Senior Council and the Parks and Recreation Department

Show & Tell Nature Walks

Join us for a series of participatory nature walks as we explore the plants and wildlife in Delta Township Parks. The walks will have a leader but we invite all walkers to be active participants and share their knowledge. Please wear good walking shoes and bring water. Walks will start promptly at the scheduled time and will last approximately an hour. Walks are suitable for the entire family and children will be given a nature log to record their findings.

Wednesday, September 21, 6 p.m. – Delta Center Cemetery, Cemetery Walk in cooperation with the Delta Township Historical Society

Sunday, October 9, 11 a.m. – Grand Woods Park, meet by the open air shelter

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To register please visit www.deltami.gov/registration or call 323-8555 for more information.

Adult Coed Halloween Kickball Tournament

Come play kickball under the lights. Halloween costume contest, bon fire, team photo, tournament t-shirt, and much more! Only full-team registration will be accepted.
Deadline: Friday, September 23, 2016
Date: Saturday, October 8, 2016
Ages: 16+
Fee: $20 per person, team registration only
Location: Erickson Park

Adult Coed Indoor Volleyball

Teams play six against six. Each team must have at least three males and three females, twelve players per team limit. Only full-team registrations will be accepted. There are no individual player fees.
Deadline: Friday, December 16, 2016
Dates: Tuesday, January 3-February 21, 2016
Times: 6 or 7 p.m.
Ages: 16+
Fee: $125 per team (8 matches)
Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

Youth Coed Basketball Camp

High-intensity multi-tasking drills will be used to increase mental and physical speed of play. Basketball University will supply the instructors and equipment. No refunds after 10/4.
Deadline: Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Dates: Wednesdays, October 5-26, 2016 (make-up date 11/2)
Grade/Time:
1st/2nd – 5:45 p.m.
3rd/4th – 6:45 p.m.
5th/6th – 7:45 p.m.
Fee: $30 Res/$35 Non-Res
Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

Youth Basketball

An eight-week instructional program which stresses the fun and fundamentals of the game. Practices and games are held on Saturdays within a one-hour time block. Referees/coaches are high school or college students.
Deadline: Friday, December 9, 2016
Dates: Saturdays, January 7-February 25, 2017 (make-up date 3/4)
Age:
5/6 coed
7/8 boys, 7/8 girls
9/10 boys, 9/10 girls
Fee: $40 Res/$45 Non-Res
$10 late fee after 12/9, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
$15 for athletic jersey, if needed
Location: Waverly East Intermediate School

Youth Coed Spring Soccer

Participants have the choice of playing traditional (10x10) or micro (4x4) soccer. Participants, coaches and parents will learn soccer skills, rules, and take photos at Super Soccer Saturday on Saturday, April 15, 2017.
Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2017
Practices: Begin the week of April 3, 2017 on a weekday chosen by the coach and last for 8 weeks
Games: Saturdays, April 22-June 3, 2017 (make-up date 6/10).
Age: 4-10 as of April 22, 2017
Fee: $40 Res/$45 Non-Res
$10 late fee after 3/3, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
$15 for athletic jersey, if needed
Locations: Our Savior Lutheran, Delta Mills, or Colt

Itty Bitty Kickers – 3 year-old Soccer

Practices and games are held on Saturdays within a 40-mintue time block. Micro soccer rules and size 3 soccer balls will be used.
Deadline: Friday, March 3, 2017
Dates: Saturdays, April 22-May 20, 2017 (make-up date 6/3).
Age: 3 as of April 22, 2017
Fee: $25 Res/$30 Non-Res
$10 late fee after 3/3, if space permits (late fees are not refundable)
$15 for athletic jersey, if needed
Locations: Our Savior Lutheran or Erickson Park

Daddy Daughter & Mother Son Dances

Delta Township Parks and Recreation proudly presents the special events of the year on Wednesday, February 8 (Daddy Daughter) and Tuesday, March 14 (Mother Son), from 7-9 p.m. Dance to your favorite tunes in the elegant surroundings of the Crowne Plaza Lansing West. You will also enjoy refreshments, photographs, and more, all in the splendor of the ballroom. The dance is open to all young ladies/men and the adult male/female escort of their choice. The cost is $10 per person for Delta Township residents and $12 per person for non-residents. Pre-registration required and space is limited. Register online by visiting www.deltami.gov/registration or call 323-8555.

Delta Township Aquatics Program

The Delta Township Enrichment Center is home to the Aquatics Office. The pool is located at Waverly East Intermediate School (3131 West Michigan Avenue). Programs offered are: Arthritis Foundation Aquacise; Arthritis Plus; Splash Aerobics; Deep Water Aerobics; Aqua Zumba; lap, adult, and family swims; and swim lessons for both adults and children. For more information, please visit www.deltami.gov or call 484-5600, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

2016 Delta Township Community Awards Reception

Thursday, October 27, 2016, 5:30-8 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Lansing West, 925 Creyts

The Delta Township Board is pleased to announce the 11th Annual Delta Township Community Awards Reception to celebrate the accomplishment of Delta Township businesses and citizens. Each year, Delta Township recognizes the nominees and honors the award recipients in each category. Nominations are being sought for the Community Organization of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Young Person of the Year awards. The Young Person of the Year award recipient will also receive a $2,000 academic scholarship. The deadline to submit nomination is October 3, 2016. Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you would like to be a sponsor for the event, please contact Linda Wells, Delta Township Manager's Office, at 323-8590. For additional information please visit our website at www.deltami.gov. Nomination and sponsorship forms are available at the Township Administration Building, 7710 West Saginaw Highway, in the offices of the Township Clerk, Parks and Recreation, or Township Manager. These forms are also available on the township's website.

Passport Drive

The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be offering one more passport drive in 2016. One official passport quality photo is required when submitting a passport application **(form DS-11 ONLY**) and can be obtained at the Clerk's Office for a $12 fee per applicant. The Delta Township Clerk's Office will be open on the following date for the acceptance of passport applications **(Form DS-11 ONLY): Thursday, September 22, 5-7 p.m.** Please visit the U.S. Department of State website for documentation requirements, fees and application at www.travel.state.gov. Two payments will be required: **(1) Payable to U.S. Department of State for processing of your passport, and must be personal check or money order as the payment is attached to the passport application** and (2) Payable to Delta Township for pictures and acceptance fee. The fee to Delta Township can be by cash, check, or credit/debit card. For questions or further information please call the Delta Township Clerk's Office at 323-8500.

Delta Township 39'ers – 50+ Programs

The 39'ers is an active, energetic program serving people ages 50+. They offer a wide array of programs including exercise classes, cards & games, luncheons, trips, classes, health services, and much more. Exercise classes for all levels include yoga, chair exercise, Tai Chi, Jazzercise Lite, and Zumba. Trips include Detroit Tigers games, casino trips, mystery trips, Mackinac Island, and new ones each year. The games and cards offered are euchre, scrabble, Mah Jong, bridge, pinochle, cribbage, and bingo. Health services include chair massage, foot care, blood pressure, and blood sugar checks. Lunches are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The 39'ers are located in the Delta Township Enrichment Center, 4538 Elizabeth Road, with office hours Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit the center and use the free treadmill, computers, and lending library. For more information or to receive the quarterly newsletter call 484-5600 or email ncombs@deltami.gov.

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From the School Board President

Let's make political season safe for kids

How great to see our school buildings and grounds buzzing with preparations for another season of learning. While families re-stock backpacks and closets, our teachers and support staff are hard at work planning lessons and creating safe and inviting learning spaces.

One kind of safety we commit to at Grand Ledge Public Schools is the freedom to share thoughts and ideas. Creating safe spaces can become challenging in the middle of a contentious campaign season. I know many Americans are already disappointed with the rude and bullying tone of this year's national election.

This time of year, we all have an opportunity to teach young people the art of civil discourse. How can we do that? Here are a few ideas based on what our student debate teams learn:

1. **Listen to learn –** This takes patience and a true curiosity about the other person's point of view as they put ideas into their own words. This invaluable life skill will promote empathy and understanding—even when people disagree.

2. **Be willing to be wrong** – This opens us to new ideas or information we might not have heard. It also helps us keep our facts accurate and our arguments valid.

3. **Respect differing views** – Children can learn how to challenge people's views without attacking the person. We can model ways to disagree with intelligence, humor, and thought for how our words and actions affect others.

Those are the values that guide Grand Ledge Public Schools' policies and protocols for everyone—from the smallest preschooler to the leaders in the board room.

This fall, let's all buck the political trend and model civil dialogue among engaged citizens. And of course, don't forget to vote on November 8!

Linda Wacyk, President
Grand Ledge Board of Education