



GVMC HOSTS LEGISLATIVE STREET SUMMIT

On Monday April 8th, GVMC in partnership with many of our members, Rep. Rob VerHeulen, the Kent and Ottawa County Road Commissions, and the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce held our first ever Street Summit. Attended by eight members of the Michigan House and Senate, local officials and business leaders, the Summit was an opportunity to highlight local roads and the need for consistent funding to fix and maintain our transportation system for not only our region, but for Michigan as well.

Participants took a 2 hour tour of our area focusing on “the good, the bad and the hardly passable”. Throughout the tour, speakers described projects that have been completed, are planned or are desperately in need of work. Business leaders from Lacks Industries and UPS also described for the legislators the economic importance of maintaining a high quality transportation system for their companies.



Special thanks to Rep. Rob VerHeulen for his leadership and the legislators and staff that attended. The Summit showcased our regional cooperation on this issue and was a demonstration of the needs of local road agencies throughout our region. It was a very informative and educational event and I appreciate everyone's participation.

Rich Houtteman Elected Chairman of REGIS

At the REGIS Board Meeting held on March 27, 2013, Rich Houtteman, Deputy Administrator of the City of Kentwood was elected Chairman. Rich replaces Bob Homan, Plainfield Township Manager who is retiring from his position on April 15th.

Rich commented, “I look forward to serving REGIS and working to continue the excellent service provided by REGIS as a part of the GVMC family. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead as we look to the future of GVMC/REGIS.”

GVMC/LGROW On The Radio

Brian Donovan, LGROW Chair and East Grand Rapids City Manager along with our GVSU Graduate Assistant Katherine Collen will be guests next Friday on the WGUV Morning Show with Shelley Irwin. The show will broadcast at **9:30 am on April 19th on WGUV, 88.5 FM**. This a great opportunity to inform the public about GVMC, LGROW and the upcoming Spring Forum. We truly appreciate Shelley's efforts to publicize LGROW and GVMC.

LGROW SPRING FORUM APRIL 25th

LGROW will be hosting it's 10th Annual Grand River Forum and Spring Meeting on **Thursday, April 25th, 2013** at the East Grand Rapids Community Center. After the morning sessions, participants will be invited for a tour of Founders Brewing Company and a discussion on why clean water is important to “Beer City”.

The event is **free** and open to anyone. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Katherine.Collen@gvmc.org or 616-776-7601.