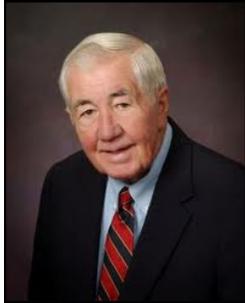




Mayor Jim Buck Announces Retirement



Grandville Mayor and GVMC Chairman Jim Buck recently announced that he would not seek re-election in November. Mayor Buck has served his community as Mayor for 29 years.

He was first elected to the Grandville City Council in 1971 and at the end of his term will have served as an elected official for 42 years.

Mayor Buck has been an active member of GVMC since the very beginning. His strong commitment to cooperation has made GVMC what it is today. We appreciate his service and look forward to his continued leadership in the coming months.

**Reminder:
Our April
Board of Directors
Meeting has been
cancelled.**

White House Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Holds Round Table Discussion at GVMC

The City of Grand Rapids and the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs held a round table discussion with local leaders on Thursday March 28th. The event was hosted by Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell and included participants from government, healthcare, education, business and the non-profit community. Over 30 leaders from our community met with Deputy Director Jay Williams from the White House. It was a very productive discussion!



Our Conference Room is available to our GVMC members to use for your meetings. The room will hold 25 people sitting in a round table format. It has full technical capabilities. If you would like to schedule the room, contact Gayle McCrath at 776-7613 or mccrathg@gvmc.org

10th Annual LGROW Spring Forum Update



Plans are coming along well for the 10th Annual LGROW Spring Forum. The event will be held on April 25th at the East Grand Rapids Community Center. **Rodney Stokes**, Special Advisor to the Governor will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Stokes is the former Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and spent many years in a variety of leadership positions within the DNR.

There will be several other presentations including an update on the "Restore the Rapids Project", "Changing water levels and what it means to the Grand River", and an discussion of "Improved water quality levels in the river". After the session, guests will be invited to have lunch at Founders Brewing Company followed by a tour of their facility. This event is FREE and open to anyone. For reservations, please RSVP to Katherine.Collen@gvmc.org or call 616-776-7601.