



Lt. Governor to Attend July Board of Directors Meeting

Our July Board of Directors meeting will be held at 10:30 on Monday July 9th at the Prince Center. Lt. Governor Calley will be joining us at 11:15 for a round-table discussion of issues along with an informal question and answer period. It is my goal whenever possible have our speakers available to meet directly with our Board to discuss the issues members feel are most important. The Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will also join us at that time.

We will have a busy agenda for the meeting. Prior to the arrival of the Lt. Governor, Brian Donovan, City Manager of East Grand Rapids and Chairman of LGROW will make a brief presentation about LGROW and the many activities they are working on. We will also have the three contracts that were tabled at the last meeting for reconsideration. Brian has explained these contracts in detail to the Executive Committee and your approval is requested.

We will also be presenting for your approval the Unified Planning Program for 2012-2013. The Program is the basis for the majority of our budget. This document has to be delivered to MDOT for their review in July and then to the Federal Highway Administration. The

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Unified Planning Work Program has been previously approved by the Transportation Policy Board and the GVMC Executive Committee. The good news is that for the second year we have frozen Transportation dues and will be able to accomplish our work program without an increase in cost to our members.

Reorganization Focused on Strategic Initiatives

In order to provide greater focus and staff resources on our Strategic Initiatives to Manage Emerging Issues, Encourage Collaborative Service Sharing and Nurture Regional Economic Development Partnerships, I along with the Executive Committee have begun the process of reorganizing some of the non-transportation functions of GVMC. As you know, Jay Hoekstra is retiring from GVMC on Friday. Andy Bowman will also be leaving GVMC on July 6th. Andy may be available to consult on specific planning projects or assist us when necessary. We all wish Andy the best in the future.



Fireworks Ordinances Available Online

We have posted on our website copies of sample ordinances regarding the new state fireworks law. You can find a Fireworks Ordinance Portal located at www.gvmc.org.

If your community has adopted a new fireworks ordinance we would like to add it to our website as well. Please email a copy to me at your earliest convenience.

Nominating Sub-Committee

Michael Young City Manager of Rockford and Al Vandenberg, Ottawa County Administrator are the Chair and Vice Chair of the Human Resources Committee. They along with a Nominating Sub-Committee will be making a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appointment of a new member of the Executive Committee to replace Mayor Richard Root.

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee or would like to nominate someone, please feel free to contact Michael or Al before July 9th. We will have the Nominating Sub-Committee recommendation on the July Board Agenda.

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