



August 29, 2012

Board Meeting Next Week

Our September Board meeting will be held on Thursday the 6th at 8:30. The meeting will be in the County Commission Chambers at the County Building.

Our agenda will include the public hearing and final adoption of our 2012-2013 Budget. This budget was presented at the August Board Meeting after review by the GVMC Finance and Executive Committees. It has also been reviewed by the Transportation Policy Committee, as well as, the REGIS Executive Committee and Board.

We will also have a presentation by Karen McCarthy of Consumers Energy. Karen will discuss the new smart metering project they are doing in our region and also some thoughts on the 25 by 25 ballot proposal.

Finally, we will hear the results of the Public/ Private Survey that was conducted regarding governmental cooperation and collaboration.

Tom Fehsenfeld Resigns from the Board of Directors

After many years of service, Member at Large, Tom Fehsenfeld has resigned from our Board. Tom is a long-time member of the Board who first became involved by serving on the Blueprint Committee.

Due to changes in his work schedule Tom has a conflict in attending future meetings. We will miss Tom as an active member of our Board.

GVMC Chairman, Mayor Jim Buck stated, "Tom brought to his participation at GVMC a sincere dedication to public service. He has been a long-time member of our Board and we will miss his thoughtful approach to the issues and his willingness to serve our community. He will be missed and we wish him all the best".

Governor's Grand Rapids Advisory Group

There have been three meetings thus far of the Governor's Grand Rapids Advisory Group. These meetings have focused on the advising the Governor on the issues that are most critical to the continued growth and development of our urban areas. Issues like education, finance, recreation, governance, energy, jobs, health and safety and infrastructure, social equity, the economy and many other topics have been discussed.

The group is working to develop a series of short and long-term goals to present to the Governor. These goals will help build Michigan's Urban Agenda.

There will also be a state-wide meeting of the Advisory Teams in October where representatives of Grand Rapids, Flint, Saginaw, Detroit, and Kalamazoo come together to discuss their work, findings., and opportunities to share ideas. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me or Erika Rosebrook in the Governor's Office.

Reserve Your

Quarterly Luncheon Tickets

for

Oct. 8th with

Attorney General Bill Schuette

Price: \$25.00 per person

RSVP to Gayle at mccrathg@gvmc.org

