



**Law Enforcement Officers
Invited to Attend October
Quarterly Luncheon**

Our October Quarterly Luncheon will feature Attorney General Bill Schuette. We would like to invite the law enforcement community to attend the luncheon and hear the Attorney General's comments regarding collaboration and cooperation. As we all know, these are especially important topics in keeping our community's safe. We welcome representatives of our police and sheriff's departments to join with our elected officials at this special Quarterly Luncheon. If you would like to bring your police chiefs, command officers or members of your department please feel free to do so.

Our next Quarterly Luncheon is in cooperation with the Grand Rapids Bar Association and we have received a special sponsorship from Consumers Energy who will be helping us with the cost of such a large event.

If you would like to make a reservation for yourself, members of your government's police agency or for other guests to join us, please contact Gayle. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

I suggest you make your reservations early since we are expecting a large attendance.

**Governor's Grand Rapids
Advisory Group**

On July 26th, I had the opportunity to join a group of Grand Rapids business and governmental leaders to meet with Governor Snyder to talk about the urban agenda for our area.

The Governor has appointed Advisory Groups in Flint, Saginaw, Detroit and Grand Rapids. The group will meet regularly to discuss issues that are specific to our region, advise the Governor, and help to develop a strategy to deal with the specific issues that are important to the future of our community. Topics at the first session included education, transportation, economic growth and development, infrastructure and quality of life issues.

Future meetings will further develop these topics and provide a strategy that can be a pivotal element of Michigan's urban agenda. We will also be meeting with representatives of other urban

areas to discuss common concerns.

After the meeting I was invited to participate make comments regarding the Grand Rapids Advisory Group and GVMC at the Governor's press conference. I am pleased that GVMC has a seat at the table for these very important discussions.

**Transportation Funding
Task Force**

A small group of GVMC member governments met last week as a Transportation Funding Task Force. This effort involves research and strategy development to create more detailed and targeted legislative priorities for transportation funding. They will be submitted later to our GVMC Legislative Committee chaired by Mike DeVries of GR Township.

Earlier this year, over 50 members of GVMC met with leaders of the Michigan Transportation Team to learn about proposals for long-term funding for Michigan's roads and bridges. This GVMC Transportation Funding Task Force is meeting to discuss our ideas for funding and also seeking input from others including the business community. Our goal is to develop a uniform funding program or assist with a new strategy that will serve both our local needs and those of our state as well.

**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**