



September 6, 2012

## **Metro Council Board Adopts Balanced Budget**

At our September Meeting the Board of Directors approved the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. Our fiscal year begins on October 1st.

The budget is a balanced budget that locks member dues at last year's levels. As in the past, there will be no dues increase for the coming year. The Board approved all budgets including REGIS, Transportation and LGROW.

Founded in 1990, GVMC is a regional organization dedicated to promoting cooperation and coordination among local governments in the metropolitan area. It now has 35 member governments and represents nearly 650,000 residents of our area. We work to advance the current and future well-being of our area by bringing together the public and private sectors to cooperatively advocate, plan for, and coordinate services in our region.

If you would like more information about GVMC, please do not hesitate to contact me personally or any member of our Board.

## **Spring Lake Joins LGROW**

Spring Lake in Ottawa County is the newest member of our Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW). They join with 19 other governmental units along the Grand River in our efforts to collaborate to meet the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit Requirements.

LGROW and GVMC serve as the coordinating agency in helping the communities work together to meet the state and federal regulations regarding discharge of storm water into the Grand River and Lake Michigan.

LGROW/GVMC coordinate with the communities to meet the legal requirements of the laws for such items as a Public Education Plan, Public Participation Plan, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiatives, the Lower Grand River Watershed Management Plan and all the requirements for filing documentation of our efforts to improve the water quality of the watershed.

LGROW is truly a cooperative and collaborative effort that has assisted our members in working together to meet the needs of the law while providing a much improved program at reduced costs for the individual members.

## **Michigan Transportation Commission to Meet in Grand Rapids**

As I printed in a previous Weekly Update, we have been working with the Michigan Transportation Commission to hold their October meeting in our area. The Meeting will be held on October 24, at the Grand Valley University Cook DeVos Health Professions Building. The Building is located on at 301 Michigan Street.

We hope to have representatives of Grand Valley Metro Council attend the meeting and invite you to mark your calendars for this important date.

## **GVMC At-Large Member Opening**

With the resignation of Tom Fehsenfeld, there is a at-large Member vacancy on our Board of Directors. According to our Articles of Incorporation, "The Council may select at-large Members who shall serve as Members of the Council" Each at-large Member shall be selected from the Council area and shall serve a term of two(2) years. If you know someone that might be interested, please have them contact me by email, phone or send their letter of interest to my attention at GVMC, Suite 200, 678 Front Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504. These will be collected and turned over to our Human Resources and Executive Committees for these review and recommendation.

**Reserve Your**

**Quarterly Luncheon Tickets**

**for**

**Oct. 8th with**

**Attorney General Bill Schuette**

**Price: \$25.00 per person**

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