

## **City of Grand Haven Offers Foreclosure Counseling**

The City of Grand Haven received funds in September 2008 to provide foreclosure counseling to residents living in the 49417/49424 & 49423 zip codes. The MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority), NFMC (National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling), GHACF (Grand Haven Area Community Foundation) and Chemical Bank have all contributed funds to respond to the crisis.

Counseling is available regardless of income or dependents. The City's goal is to counsel 37 households by year end. The City is one of two certified counselors in the County with the Community Action House being the other. Char Ocasio-Seise with the City of Grand Haven states, "The sooner someone contacts us, the more options are available to save their home."

Following are the foreclosure numbers for Grand Haven Township according to the Ottawa County website:

<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008 YTD</b>
12	13	27	42	36

For more information or to set up a confidential appointment, please contact Char at 616-935-3275 or the Community Action House at 616-738-1170. The City also offers pre-counseling to new home buyers.