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HARBOR TRANSIT

Bus Service Hours and Fares

Monday through Friday	6am to 5:30pm
Saturday	9am to 3:30pm
Sunday	on a pre-arranged basis

60 years and older	\$0.75
19-59 years old	\$1.50
18 years and under	\$0.75
Kids under 4 (limit 2 with adult)	Free
Disabled	\$0.75
Persons with Medicare Card	\$0.75

Simply pick-up the phone and call (616) 842-3200 and tell Harbor Transit where you need to go. The friendly drivers and clean buses will pick you up and drop you off at your destination.

If you are interested in learning more about the Tri-Cities Historical Museum millage renewal or services and programs provided by the Museum, please call (616) 842-0700.

A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

The Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity has begun to offer minor repairs to the exterior of homes for qualified, low-income homeowners. This housing repair program is call “A Brush with Kindness” and provides minor exterior repairs, painting, landscaping, wheelchair ramps, and exterior clean-up.

The homeowner must meet specific qualifications such as proof of ownership, not being delinquent in their mortgage, demonstrated need, a willingness to partner and the ability to re-pay a no interest loan. The income requirements fall into the range of less than 50% of the area’s medium income.

The work for the Brush with Kindness program is done by volunteers.

For more information on the program or to be a volunteer, please contact Ron DeYoung at (616) 846-1505 or visit the website at www.tricityshabitat.org.



economic impact of our region, it can be surmised that the museum does produce a significant return in both tourist dollars and quality of life in our community.

Millage monies from five municipalities represent 85% of the museum’s operational income.

To ensure that these dollars provide the maximum benefit, the museum collaborates with area libraries, local governments, public and private schools, and other area entities such as the Grand Haven Downtown Development Authority, the Grand Haven Chamber of Commerce, and the Grand Haven Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

In the early 1900’s, the Township Board of Supervisors had authority over the construction and maintenance of public roads.

This changed with the McNitt Act of 1931 and Public Act 51 of 1951, which together effectively removed Township authority over roads and transferred the responsibility to the County Road Commission for all public roads outside of cities or villages.

This arrangement works very well in Ottawa County with regard to the maintenance of the 106 miles of roadways in Township. *(There are another 21 miles of private roads in the Township.)*

Unfortunately, all of the road maintenance and construction monies for the Road Commission comes through fuel and vehicle weight taxes. And, this revenue stream does not produce enough monies for the Road Commission to properly maintain all of the public roads.

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In response, Grand Haven Charter Township has assumed the financial responsibility (*paying for road maintenance contracts*) for the following road maintenance activities:

1. Resurfacing of subdivision roads;
2. Dust control along all gravel roadways;

3. Re-graveling of gravel roads (*the cost of this activity is shared with the Road Commission*); and,
4. Crack sealing (*the cost of this activity is shared with the Road Commission*).

For Fiscal Year 2012, Grand Haven Charter Township has signed contracts for the following road maintenance activities:

ROAD RESURFACING - \$545,462 for the following streets and roads: *(listed in alphanumeric order)*

- a. **154th Avenue** from Curve Drive to Robbins Road;
- b. **163rd Avenue** from South end to Robbins Road;
- c. **177th Avenue** from Brucker Street to Lakeshore;
- d. **Curve Drive** from 154th to 155th Avenue;
- e. **David Street** from South end to Robbins Road;
- f. **Gary Street** from west end to 160th Avenue;
- g. **Great Oak Avenue** from Grand Oak Avenue to Green Oak Street;
- h. **Grand Oak Road** from Great Oak Avenue to 152nd Avenue;
- i. **Green Oak Street** from Great Oak Avenue to Oak Chapel Avenue;
- j. **Meadowbrook Court** from the cul-de-sac to Johnson Street;
- k. **Meadows Drive** from Forest Park Drive to 152nd;
- l. **Millhouse Court** from Oak Chapel Avenue east to the end;
- m. **Millhouse Court** from West end to 152nd avenue;
- n. **Oak Chapel Avenue** from Forest Park Drive to Green Oak Street;

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- o. **Oak Grove Road** from Lake Michigan Drive to Lakeshore Drive;
- p. **Pine Ridge Road** from West end to 148th Avenue;
- q. **Royal Oak Drive** from Hofma Drive to Forest Park Drive; and,
- r. **Willowwood Court** from 152nd Avenue to cul-de-sac.



CRACK SEALING - \$116,366 for the following streets and roads: *(listed in alphanumeric order)*

- 1. **152nd Avenue** from Lincoln to Groesbeck Street;
- 2. **160th Avenue** from Robins Road to Comstock;
- 3. **168th Avenue** from Buchanan Street to Lincoln;
- 4. **178th Avenue** from Brucker to Robbins Road;
- 5. **Angelus Circle** from Brucker Street South;
- 6. **Bittersweet Drive** from Johnson Street North;
- 7. **Brucker Street** from 160th Avenue East;
- 8. **Cherry Street** from Mercury Drive to Cedar;
- 9. **Chickory Drive** from Buchanan Street South;
- 10. **Churchhill Drive** from Lakeshore Drive East;
- 11. **Clovernook Drive** from Robbins to Mercury;
- 12. **Coleman Street** from Robbins Road to Mercury;
- 13. **Comstock Street** from Lakeshore to 178th;
- 14. **Dewberry Place** from 178th Avenue West;
- 15. **Duneside Drive** from Lakeshore Drive West;
- 16. **Fairmount Court** from Hillandale to Merrywood;
- 17. **Finch Lane** from Redbird to Fox Ridge;
- 18. **Forest Park Drive** from Ferris Street to 152nd;
- 19. **Forest Park East Subdivision**, all streets;
- 20. **Garnsey Avenue** from Lakeshore Drive West;

- 21. **Greenleaf Drive** from Ferris Street North;
- 22. **Hillandale Lane** from Fairmount to 178th;
- 23. **Indian Trails Drive** from Comstock Street North;
- 24. **Jasmin Court** from Mercury Drive Northeast;
- 25. **Juniper Hills Court** from Garnsey Street South;
- 26. **Lake Avenue** from Western to Mercury Drive;
- 27. **Lakesedge Drive** from Churchill North
- 28. **Lost Channel Trail** from Robbins to High Ridge;
- 29. **Maplewood Street** from 177th to Pepperridge;
- 30. **Merrywood Lane** from Fairmont to 178th;
- 31. **Parkwood Drive** from Brucker to Comstock;
- 32. **Pepperidge Avenue** from Brucker Street North;
- 33. **Reenders Court** from Lakeshore Drive East;
- 34. **Robrick Avenue** from 160th Avenue West;
- 35. **Ronny Road** from Mercury Drive Northeast;
- 36. **Sandywoods Drive** from Buchanan North;
- 37. **Shore Acres Road** from 178th Avenue West;
- 38. **Tamarack Lane** from Lakeshore Drive West;
- 39. **Timber Dunes Drive** from Lakeshore to 168th;
- 40. **Westray Street** from Robbins Road South;
- 41. **Whipporwill Drive** from Garnsey to Lakeshore; and,
- 42. **Widgeon Road** from Robbins Road North.

DUST CONTROL - \$30,640 for a dust palliative and stabilization program for all 19.27 miles of public gravel roads with a mineral brine solution being applied on or about the following three dates:

- A. The week of April 23rd;
- B. The week of June 25th; and,
- C. The week of September 2nd.

And finally, the Ottawa County Road Commission will be completing the following maintenance projects:

- i. Crack sealing Mercury Drive from Robbins Road to Groesbeck Street;
- ii. Crack sealing Hiawatha from Fillmore Street to Lakeshore Drive;
- iii. Seal coating Buchanan Street from Lakeshore Drive to US-31;
- iv. Seal coating Johnson Street from 168th Avenue east.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The North Ottawa County Council on Aging (NOCCOA) 0.25 millage is up for renewal during the August Primary elections on August 7th. *(This equates to about \$12.50 for a resident with a home that has a market value of \$100,000.)*

Since 1969, NOCCOA has provided essential programs and services for individuals 60 and older through the millage support of eight townships and cities – including Grand Haven Township. Last year the agency provided over 1,000 hours of social work support, 5,000 hours of personal assistance, 420 pieces of durable medical equipment loans, \$87,000 in prescriptions for low income elderly, and a record 17,000 calls for information and assistance came to the agency.



In addition, screened volunteer drivers logged over 11,700 miles providing over 1,000 rides to doctors' offices on behalf of our older adult clients. The Activity Center offered daily meals, balance and mobility classes, fitness programs and lifelong learning opportunities.

Grand Haven Township residents have chosen to make their Township a great place to stay in and grow old. If you are interested in learning more about the renewal millage or the services and programs provided by NOCCOA, please call (616) 842-9210.

TRI-CITIES MUSEUM

On August 7th, voters in the City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and the City of Ferrysburg will have the opportunity to renew their support for the work of the Tri-Cities Historical Museum. The results of these elections will ensure tax based funding for the museum and its many special services for another six years. Success in all three primaries will be essential to the continuation of the museum's ever increasing role as an institution of historical research, preservation and education in the Tri-Cities area.

TEAM 911 ACADEMY

The Grand Haven Township Fire/Rescue Department and the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department will be offering their fifth annual one week "Team 911 Academy" from June 18th through the 22nd starting at 9:00 a.m. and going to 4:00 p.m. daily.

The academy is designed for teens, ages 15 to 18, who may be interested in perusing a career in law enforcement, fire services, or EMS.

The teens will participate in a multitude of hands on activities that will offer a glimpse of the overall emergency duties while learning some lifesaving skills. Academy size will be limited to 20 participants. Applications can be obtained by emailing tgerencer@ght.org.

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Deputy Tim Smith or Chief Tom Gerencer at 616-604-6322.



Like the Council on Aging, the museum's renewal is for 0.25 mills.

The museum's first priority is to collect, preserve and share our cultural history. The museum does this so that we, and future generations, will better understand our special place in the world around us through public exhibitions, special programs, publications and events, curriculum enhancements in area schools, and much more.

Not all public facilities provide direct economic benefits, but the museum does. Last year about 57,000 visitors toured the museum. A recent report notes that for every dollar the state spends on arts and culture, an amazing \$51 goes back into the state economy. While this study did not specifically examine the museum's