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## *News Brief* - FEBRUARY 2018 -

### Land Updates

While it is only February, land use proposals are revving up for consideration by the Grand Rapids Township Planning Commission.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Public Hearing on a request to rezone 2 properties north of the Rainbow Daycare Center on the East Beltline, south of 3 Mile, for the construction of a 5,000 sq. ft. dental office. There are 7 remaining shallow, narrow lots in that area that will also be rezoned to office/residential zoning so that consistent development of small office uses will occur in that area across from the Spectrum Health campus.

Additional retail development will occur on the remaining 2 sites at the Pinnacle Property development that will complement the Goodwill Store. Properties north of that would include the current residential uses or be used for small scale office development. The current construction includes a Sherwin Williams store.

While no project has been submitted, there has been interest in the 7-10 acres located across from the Pinnacle Property, which has been master planned as the northerly limit of retail development on the eastside of the East Beltline. We will keep everyone updated on any submissions, so stay tuned.

Three single family housing developments on Michigan Street, west of Crahen Avenue are progressing now that water and sewer has been extended along Michigan Street. We expect that these will be some of the last new single family neighborhoods, as large developable area in Grand Rapids Township is about gone.

The 72 acre, Sunshine Church property, has been the topic of a Planning Commission work session. The Planning Commission expects to have more conversations with the developer because the development of the last large East Beltline property deserves thoughtful consideration.

Please remember that Meijer, Celebration Cinema and the Village at Knapp's Crossing are not part of Grand Rapids Township. Those developments are located within the City of Grand Rapids.

### Election News

Grand Rapids Township is growing! We made changes in precinct boundaries last year and have added two new polling locations. Voters that are affected were sent a new Voter ID card with all the details. Check the Voter Precinct map on our website to see the changes we have made. There will be a Primary Election in August and the General Election in November. Please go to [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote) to verify that your registration is correct and to see where your precinct is located. You must be registered 30 days before an election to vote in that election. You may also go to our website to request an Absentee Ballot of upcoming elections, or request to be added to the Permanent List to receive an application for all future elections.

Grand Rapids Township remains committed to our primary responsibilities: provide essential services of Police, Fire and EMS; perform our constitutional duties of election administration, assessment of property and property tax collection; ensure that we promote appropriate land use regulations; support regional economic development; and provide for parks, open space and recreational trails.

Should you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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Best Regards,  
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