



# It's summer in Grand Rapids!

## A NOTE FROM LISA

Friends and neighbors, it has been 6 months since assuming my role as Grand Rapids' Second Ward City Commissioner. I have attended more events and joined more meetings than I can count, with constituents, coworkers, and change-makers. One thing remains true through and through: **we all want a safe, healthy community to work, raise our families, and have fun.**

In this edition of my newsletter, I wanted to have a little fun and provide you a list of summer activities and events to enjoy, and to highlight more community resources for you to take advantage of, including our ever-important neighborhood associations, several of which are focused on increasing your quality of life and overall connection with your community.

If you would like to see something in the next newsletter, or if you have a Second Ward comment or concern, I urge you to attend my 1st & 3rd Tuesday and Wednesday "office hours" - **click here to schedule your appointment**. As always, thank you for trusting me as a community leader and representative of your needs; **I am here to serve YOU.**

# Connect with Lisa



**9AM-12PM**  
**1ST & 3RD TUESDAY AND**  
**WEDNESDAY OF EACH**  
**MONTH**

Call my office at **616-456-3864**  
to schedule a time to meet  
with me about a concern, or to  
simply just chat!

## FIND YOUR FUN.



IT'S SUMMERTIME! LET'S GET OUT THERE!  
**CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS**  
**HAPPENING IN GRAND RAPIDS!**




## FIND YOUR FUN.

IT'S SUMMER IN GRAND RAPIDS!

**MITTEN VINTAGE MARKET**  
JULY 8 | 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

**BOSTON SQUARE SUMMER CELEBRATION**  
JULY 8 | 12 - 7 P.M.

**UPBEAVAL MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
JULY 14 & 15 | 11 - 11 P.M.




## FIND YOUR FUN.

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**EXPLORE YOUR PARK SERIES**  
**ROBERTO CLEMENTE PARK**  
JULY 15 | 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

**EAST HILLS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
JULY 20 | 6 - 9 P.M.



## FIND YOUR FUN.

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**MIDWEST GROOVE & SMOOTH JAZZ CONCERT SERIES**  
JULY 21 & 22 | 1 - 9 P.M.

**WATERCOLORS 6: JAZZ EVENT**  
JULY 28 | 6 - 11 P.M.

**GLOBAL WATER FEST**  
JULY 29 & 30 | 8 A.M. - 6 P.M.





## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INTERACTIVE MAP

Northend Wellness  
Coalition (NEWC)



Do you know your neighborhood associations (NAs) and related organizations that exist to improve your sense of connection and quality of life? **See a list of ALL Grand Rapids NAs [here](#)**, and below are some Second Ward associations.



**Highland Park**  
Neighborhood Association



**NECAA**  
North East Citizen Action Association



**WEST GRAND**  
**NEIGHBORHOOD**  
ORGANIZATION

## UPCOMING CITY OF GR EVENTS

- [Breathe Deep on the Blue Bridge](#) (July 15)
- [Storytime GR](#) (July 18)
- [MLK Park Party](#) (July 20)
- [Midwest Groove/Jazz Concert](#) (July 21)
- [Tacos and Tequila](#) (July 22)
- [Tour de Food Trucks](#) (July 27)
- [Global Water Fest](#) (July 29)
- [Day of Play Celebration @ GRMC](#) (July 30)
- [All City of GR Fitness Classes](#)
- [Experience GR - July Events](#)
- [Grand Rapids Public Library - July Events](#)
- [Grand Rapids Public Museum - July Events](#)

## GRAND RAPIDS AREA COOLING CENTERS

### LOCATIONS & HOURS

**Alano Club of Kent County**  
1020 College Ave NE  
Mon-Fri, 7:30 am - 9pm  
Sat - Sun, 8:30 am - 9pm

**Matthew's House**  
766 7th St NW  
Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 4pm

**Degage**  
139 Sheldon SE  
When in Code Red:  
Cooling center open daily from 7am - 3pm. Suspensions and Curfew are lifted. Emergency shelter hours 3pm - 7am daily.

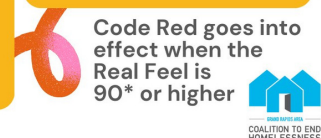
**Mel Trotter**  
225 Commerce Ave SW  
When in Code Red:  
Cooling center open daily from 7am - 3pm. No Services and Curfew remain in place. Emergency shelter hours 3pm - 7am daily. Curfew is 9pm unless documentation of reason.

**Exodus Place**  
322 Front Ave  
Daily, 9am - 9pm

**Grand Rapids Public Library**  
All locations available during regular hours - [grpl.org/locations](http://grpl.org/locations).

**Kent District Library**  
All locations available during regular hours - [kdl.org/locations](http://kdl.org/locations).

**West Grand Neighborhood Organization**  
754 Leonard St NW #2  
Mon-Thurs, 8am - 3:30pm  
Weekends will only be as staffing allows; call 616-451-0150 first.



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# What has Lisa been up to?



Lisa receives the 2023 George K Heartwell Champion for Children Award from ELO Network.



Lisa attends an event with fellow commissioners while supporting fellow business owners!



Lisa attends New City Kids' "Summer Jam!"

## Resource Corner

[Gov. Whitmer Press Release  
Regarding Affordable Housing](#)

[MI Lead Safe Services](#)

[GRPS "Theme School"  
Application](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)

[New "Hands Free Law"  
Guidance from State of MI](#)



[Current GR road projects](#)



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