



AutoKnow



General Motors Vision Statement: GM's vision is to be the world leader in transportation products and related services. We will earn our customers' enthusiasm through continuous improvement driven by the integrity, teamwork and innovation of GM people.

Update on Work Leaving Grand Rapids

The following is a list of part numbers and common stable part codes that Grand Rapids will be shipping, or has already shipped, over the next few weeks. We will keep you posted as more moves are announced.

GR Press Line	Part Code	Part Number	Part Name	Die Ship Date	Receiving Plant
BB	B0024	15101591	Rnf-RR Bhp Hge R	4/27/2009	MARION
CC	B0101	15284800	Pnl-L/Gate Otr	4/28/2009	INDY
CO1	B0101B	B5284800	Pnl-L/Gate Otr	4/28/2009	MARION
O4	A2194-5	10242366 10242367	Plt-Susp Strut MT RR R/L	4/28/2009	INDY
O4	A0151	15972717 15972718	Rnf-RR Door Hge L Rnf-RR Door Hge R	4/28/2009	INDY
CO7	B0042B	B5187867	Pnl-L/Gate Inr	4/29/2009	MARION
SS	A0136-7	15964973 15964974	Rnf-Frt Door Inr R Rnf-Frt Door Inr L	4/29/2009	MANSFIELD
CC	B0042	15187867	Pnl-L/Gate Inr	4/29/2009	INDY
CO6	A0144	15967159	Rnf-RR Door Inr	4/29/2009	INDY
CO2	A0010B	B0521211	Rnf-RR Door Step R	4/29/2009	INDY
P1	A6541-2	25771620 25771621	Pnl-Bhp Inr R Pnl-Bhp Inr L	4/29/2009	FLINT
CO5	A6541B	B5771620	Pnl-Bhp Inr R/L	4/29/2009	FLINT
Z2	A6624-5	25771726 25771725	Pnl-Bhp Inr R Pnl-Bhp Inr L	4/30/2009	FLINT

Shoe Store Hours

The GRMP Shoe Store will be open next on Friday, April 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cafeteria Closing

As our plant population continues to decrease with the eventual closing of our plant, so does American Food & Vending's cafeteria business. Because of this, the last day of cafeteria service/operation will be Thursday, April 30, 2009. The cafeteria space will remain open as an eating area, and plant vending machines will remain stocked for employee use after that date.

Chemical Amnesty/Earth Day April 22, 2009

This year to celebrate Earth Day, Grand Rapids is having a "What Earth Day Means to Me" art contest. Art can include, but is not limited to, drawings, colorings, collages, etc. All entries must be submitted on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper. Art submissions will be accepted at the WE CARE Earth Day booth located at the chemical collection area (W22) on April 22 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. and 2:00-4:00 p.m. Winners will be announced in the *AutoKnow* for each category.

Submissions must include:

- Name
- Age Group (5 and under, 6-10, and 11-15)
- Plant Host Name and Contact Information

Don't forget this is also the time to turn in hazardous chemicals that are in your work areas that are unlabeled, unapproved or outdated. No questions will be asked! There will be a drawing for a prize, but be sure and brush up on the EARTH Policy. Only correct answers will be eligible for the drawing.

Questions: contact Cara Ferrell, Resource Manager 3093 or Nextel 130*4271*8.

Earth Policy

EARTH shows our commitment to:

- obey **E**nvironmental Laws
- work to **A**void Pollution
- **R**educe, reuse, recycle
- use **T**eamwork for continuous improvement
- to provide a **H**ealthy environmental community

LifeSteps Chug-a-Lug Challenge

Do you feel tired or fatigued? Are you trying to lose a few pounds? Do you drink less than 8 glasses of water a day? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then the Chug-A-Jug Challenge is for you!



Visit the LifeSteps table outside the cafeteria during the times below to sign up:

When: April 27 – 29, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

12 GM Vehicles in Vehicle Dependability Study Top Three

In addition to Buick's double victory in the J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Vehicle Dependability Study (see story bottom left of this page), other GM models also placed well in the study. These GM vehicles ranked second in the Top three in their segments:

Entry Premium Car – Cadillac CTS

Midsize Sporty Car – Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Large Car – Buick Lucerne

Large Multi-Activity Vehicle – Chevrolet Tahoe

These vehicles ranked third in the Top 3 in their segments:

Sub-compact car – Chevrolet Aveo

Compact car – Pontiac Vibe

Large Premium Car – Cadillac DTS

Compact Sporty Car – Pontiac Solstice

Premium Sporty Car – Chevrolet Corvette

Midsize Multi-Activity Vehicle – Buick Rainier

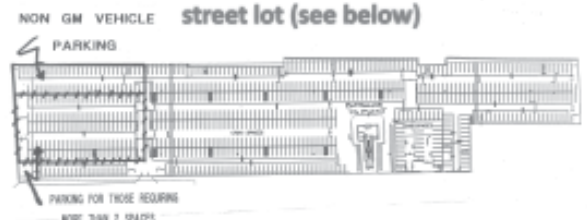
Large Pickup – GMC Sierra LD

In the car category GM had nine models in the top three. Toyota had eight and Ford six. In the truck category GM had three models in the top three, while Toyota had eight and Ford six.

Clay Ave. Parking Lot Closed

Effective Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Non-GM vehicles must park in designated spots in the Northwest corner of the 36th street lot (see below)



How “Michigan Works!” Helped Me start a New Career

In 1987 I was recently discharged from the Army, in school full-time, and looking for more than just a minimum wage job to support my family. I signed up for O.J.T. with “Michigan Works!” in suburban Detroit. (The VA paid for college using the G.I. Bill, but my Army skills -- mortar gunnery and nuclear, biological and chemical warfare defense -- were not in high demand in the civilian world.)

The “Michigan Works!” affiliate placed me in a steel warehouse, where I learned how to run a 1/4" shear, level line, and slitter. I was working on the night shift and going to school to finish my degree during the daytime. While I enjoyed the work, it was not my long-term career goal. The job did, however, offer lots of overtime, decent pay, and it paid the bills for 18 months. This was just long enough for us to save up and buy our first house.

I got in the door because of the “Michigan Works!” O.J.T. program. The employer was willing to train as long as the cost of my wages was shared until I was fully productive on the job. That six-month O.J.T. was a means to an end. The job paid enough to support us until I could look for work in the field I really wanted, which was teaching history.

As it turned out, history teachers were in short supply, but I eventually did get hired by the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth. My degree was the ticket to this job, and the O.J.T. program was the ticket to getting the degree. The “Michigan Works!” O.J.T. program provided me with decent job while I was in school.

The moral of the story is that “Michigan Works!” can put you into an O.J.T. program if you need it. Even if the job you get isn't your ultimate goal, it's a means to an end, and it beats unemployment or underemployment any day. Interested? See a Joint Adjustment Committee member, contact Michigan Works at (800) 285-WORKS/(269) 789-2409, or ask one of our peer-to-peer associates about O.J.T. for dislocated workers. You'll be impressed by the sheer number of possibilities that it can open up for your future.

--Lloyd Conway

*Michigan Dept. of Labor & Economic Growth
(Member of GRMP Joint Transition Team)*

What's New in the Grand Rapids Transitional Center

- **Job Fair for Grand Rapids Metal Center Employees:**

Where: National Guard Armory – 1200 44th St. SW, Wyoming

When: May 14, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Who: All employees (both salary and hourly).
Also open to veterans and general public.

Potentially 75 different employers will be in attendance! Call the information line (1-866-634-7432) or visit the Transitional Center for more information. Keep watching your *AutoKnow* for upcoming events.

- **Worker Orientation Meetings:**

Where: Local 730 union hall, 3852 Buchanan Avenue

When: April 29, 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Who: All GRMP employees (hourly, salaried, working, laid off)

- **Resume and Interview Skills workshops:**

Where: Grand Rapids Metal Plant

When: April 23 (noon-2:00 p.m.)

Who: All Grand Rapids Metal Plant employees
(hourly and salary)

Sign-up sheets are posted on the board outside the Transitional Self-Help Center. **The resume and interview skills workshops are events required if pursuing NWLB funds.**

- Visit the Transitional Self-Help Center website:
www.transitionselfhelpcenter.com

- Michigan Works will be in our plant on May 20 and 27 to hold a Labor Market Information Workshop. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Transitional Self-Help Center. The times of the workshop are 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seating is being reserved for 70 people per class and will be based on the sign-up sheets.

Changes to Career Exploration and Vocational Training Workshop, Orientation for No Worker Left Behind Program

Effective May 1, 2009, the Career Exploration and Vocational Training Workshop and orientation for the No Worker Left Behind Program will be by appointment only. No fill-ins or stand-bys allowed. Please see the front desk staff or call 336-4040 to schedule for the Career Exploration and Vocational Training Workshop or the orientation for the No Worker Left Behind Program.

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april 2009



Join the Grand Rapids March for Babies!

Help give all babies a healthy start by raising money and/or donating to March for Babies 2009! **YOUR** participation will help save babies!

You can help in two ways:

**1) Join Team UAW/GM GRMP
at the Grand Rapids March
for Babies on Saturday,
April 25, 2009**

Foremost Insurance Wellness Trails
5600 Beech Tree Lane, Caledonia, MI

9:00 am Registration begins
10:00 am March for Babies begins

Participants will enjoy an exclusive live performance by Lux Land (luxlandmusic.com), lunch by Kentucky Fried Chicken, fun activities for the whole family and more!



2) Donate: a) at www.marchforbabies.org/GRMP
b) at the union meetings on Tuesday, Apr. 21
c) at the gate collection on Friday, Apr. 24
d) in the Transition Center

Contact People: Angie VanArnam, 616-246-3151
Nick Kassanos, 616-246-3101

marchforbabies.org

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