

Fruitland Township

E-News

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Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fruitland Township continues to grow. In 2018, we issued 24 new house permits and since March of 2017 registered voters have increased by 452 persons.

2018 was a busy election year and in November, Fruitland Township residents voted in a brand new Parks & Recreation Commission. Currently, they meet the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

The 2019-20 meeting schedules for all of our boards and commissions will be set prior to yearend, March 31, 2019. Check our website for meeting details or feel free to inquire at the township hall.

I had a number of complaints throughout 2018 regarding property maintenance or ordinance violation issues, many of which are resolved. Other complaints, such as people speeding on our roads, concern about one of our roads, and complaints about a neighbor have also come in. Together with our ordinance enforcers, our PINS officer and the Muskegon County Road Commission, we have been able to resolve most of the issues but there will always be a few we continue to work on.

I hope you find the information below interesting facts about Muskegon County.



LIVE

Homes Sold

December 2017 = 190
December 2018 = 194

Average Sale Price

December 2017 = \$130,535
December 2018 = \$144,587



WORK

There were **80 known jobs filled** in Muskegon County in November of 2018.



LEARN

Up to 60 books will be delivered for FREE to Muskegon County children (ages 0-5) as part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Learn more: <https://www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/dpil>

Statistics provided by: Michigan Association of Realtors, Michigan DTMB Bureau of Labor Market Information, United Way of the Lakeshore



Top 10 COMPANIES POSTING JOBS ONLINE

Arconic-Whitehall -- Port City Corp -- Hemisphere Design Works -- Muskegon Community College -- Mercy Health -- Pizza Hut -- L3 Technologies -- Lowe's -- Moka -- Meijer



WINTER SPORTS COMPLEX FUND RAISER

The Winter Sports Complex is hosting a Watch Muskegon fundraiser January 29 from 4 pm to 10 pm! Bring the family out for special pricing on activity passes, with a portion of the proceeds going directly to the Watch Muskegon campaign.

Enjoy 2 acres of outdoor ice rink or the 1/4 mile ice skating trail through the woods. Learn to luge at one of only four luge tracks in the entire United States! Try cross country Skiing or snowshoe on the beginner trails through the state park!

The ice rink and trails will be lit until 10PM. Rental equipment is available for all activities in sizes toddlers to adult men. Spectators are welcome to enjoy the scenery, stay warm around the bonfire or grab a hot chocolate inside the heated lodge!

Watch Muskegon is a county-wide campaign comprised of local businesses, organizations and individuals. Research shows the campaign is making a difference! Watch Muskegon is solely funded by donations and in order to continue, we NEED your support. Join us at this fundraising event!

Ticket information: Go to WatchMuskegon.com or call the Winter Sports Complex at 1-877-879-5843.

MUSKEGON COUNTY 2018 PLAT BOOK

We now have 2018 Plat Books on sale at the Township Hall for \$30 each. Inquire at the front desk or contact Muskegon County Equalization at 231-724-8864.

GROUND HOG DAY TRAIL DISCOVERY EVENT



Friends of Fruitland Township's Trails Hosts:

Ground Hog Day Trail Discovery Event



Come outside and look for your **SHADOW** while enjoying one of the trails of Fruitland Township



- ❖ Saturday, Feb. 2, 2018
- ❖ 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- ❖ Location is at the bend of Riley-Thompson & Simonelli Roads



- ❖ Self-guided walk through the north side of the Duck Creek Natural Area
- ❖ Marked trails include views of Duck Creek & Todd Creek
- ❖ Discover remnants of two old bridges crossing Duck Creek and ...
- ❖ Free Hot Chocolate
- ❖ Treasure Hunt prizes



SUPPORT STATE EFFORTS TO INCREASE RECYCLING AND REDUCE WASTE

A new executive directive was signed by Governor Snyder in February 2018 to reduce waste and increase Michigan's recycling rate. These efforts can help protect the environment and stimulate the economy. December 4, 2018 - Author: [Terry Gibb, Michigan State University Extension](#)

Governor Snyder signed an Executive Directive on February 2, 2018, as part of his five tenet effort to increase recycling. This is the state's second initiative to increase recycling and cut down on waste at all levels. The first efforts to increase recycling came out in 2014.

Michigan's current recycling rate is 15 percent, which is half the national average and tremendously lower than some neighboring states who have 35 percent recycling rates. The state's goal with this



new statewide plan is to double its recycling rate to 30 percent by 2025.

One reason for the lack of emphasis on recycling and reuse is that Michigan has sufficient landfill space which means lower disposal rates. This leads to complacency on everyone's part, including governments, businesses and residents.

The state's plan focuses on five tenets to boost recycling:

1. State government will lead by example.
2. A campaign will emphasize education for both residents and businesses on the importance of recycling.
3. The state's market development will increase its efforts to turn recyclables into new products made in Michigan.
4. The state's solid waste laws will be updated to shift to a statutory and regulatory program that focuses on recycling and reusing over disposal as much as possible.
5. Long-term funding for these efforts will be secured.

These efforts make a clear statement that protecting Michigan's environment is good for Michigan's economy. It remains to be seen what efforts are carried over by the new governor. However, residents don't need a state directive to begin to look at their buying habits and disposal patterns to help increase their own recycling and reusing rates.



Marcia Jeske, Supervisor