



# Fruitland Township

## E-News

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**December 15, 2016**



### **Township Hall Holiday Hours**

The township hall will be closed:

- \* Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, 2016 in observance of Christmas
- \* Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of New Year's Day
- \* January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

### **Sustainability Center**

For the months of December 2016, January 2017, and February 2017 the Sustainability Center will be closed on Wednesdays and open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Holiday Hours: Closed Saturday, December 24, 2016**

### **Snow Removal**

As a precaution for the safety of the motoring public, please do not plow/blow snow from any home or business in or across the roadway. Sections of the Michigan Vehicle Code state in part:

Section 257.677a

(2) "A person shall not remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice or slush onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle other than off-road vehicles.

(4) "A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway."

Keep your family, our families and visitors safe this winter - follow the law.

## **Did you know?**

### **Terrestrial Forming Holiday Open House**

On December 18th from 2 – 5 p.m. An open house will be held featuring three local artists.  
5385 Lamos Road @ Michillinda  
Free to attend

### **Oak Wilt in Michigan**

Muskegon County has so many wonderful Oak Trees. Oak Wilt is on the rise and is preventable. The following excerpt is from Michigan State University's Forestry Extension Department:

*“Oak wilt is a major disease of oaks (Quercus spp.) in Michigan. The fungus, Ceratocystis fagacearum causes the disease by invading the vascular system of the tree. The pathogenic (disease) fungus causes the leaves on the tree to wilt. Wilting is followed by rapid death of trees in the red oak family. In the white oak family, death is usually limited to one or more branches of a tree. Oak wilt in Michigan may infect red, black, scarlet and pin oaks in the red oak family as well as white, swamp, and bur oaks in the white oak family. The leaves of oaks are useful in identifying the family (Figure 1). Less common ornamentals such as English and shingle oak also may become diseased. The pathogenic fungus may infect the trees when an insect carries the fungus to a recent wound. Alternatively the fungus may infect a healthy tree through the roots, if the roots are grafted onto roots of a nearby infected oak of the same species.*

*The red and white oak families can be differentiated by the characteristics of the leaves. In the red oak family, the leaves have sharply pointed tips. In the white oak family, the leaves have lobed margins without pointed tips.”*

You can read more about ways to contain and eradicate oak wilt at the following web address:<http://michigansaf.org/ForestInfo/Health/E2764-OakWilt.pdf>.

## **A Message from our Treasurer**

Tax collection hours are Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 4 pm and Friday, 8 a.m. – Noon.  
Additional hours for tax collection will be held on December 27, 2016 until 5:00 p.m.

*Happy Holidays and Warm Wishes.*

Respectfully,

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