



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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NEWS FROM MICHIGAN'S ADVENTURE

**Reopening Date: July 16, 2020 for Season Passholders Only; July 17 for All Guests
WildWater Adventure Water Park at Michigan's Adventure Only**

We want you to have an AMAZING day at WildWater Adventure and feel safe when visiting, so we developed an extensive coronavirus reopening plan – new processes and enhanced procedures throughout the park to help reduce the spread of germs. We're all in this together and by working together, you can safely and confidently enjoy the thrills, giggles, and endless smiles that only Michigan's Adventure can deliver.

Visit <https://www.miadventure.com/welcoming-you-back> to provide you with essential information for what to do before you arrive at the park, what you'll see and experience when you arrive, and how to make the most of your visit – safely – while you're here. Online reservations are required for all guests prior to their visit to enable capacity management.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

ABSENTEE BALLOTS – August 4, 2020 Primary Election

With three weeks to go before the August 4 Primary Election, we encourage all registered voters to obtain an absentee ballot to alleviate any exposure to COVID-19 at the polling locations. Those who have already received their ballots are encouraged to complete them, sign the back of the envelope, and return them by mail, drop in the night deposit box at the township hall or in person to assist staff in processing and preparing them for delivery to the Absentee Counting Board. Please return them as soon as you have voted. Absentee Ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election day. The polling locations will be open on August 4, 2020 from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM for same day voting.

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Tax bills were mailed on July 1, 2020. If you did not receive your tax bill, please call the Township Hall and request a copy. If you have any questions regarding your tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK NEWS

While work on the Veterans Memorial park was focused on environmental restoration of the park and reconnection to the Muskegon River, care was also taken to restore the park to its original 1934 design. One major concern was the safety and restoration of veterans' memorial trees and markers throughout the park. WMSRDC's GIS technician was responsible for recording the location of each memorial marker and inventorying all of the trees within the park. This will assist the Muskegon County Veteran's Office to keep track of which trees will be available for future markers and which trees have been claimed. Once a database of the markers and their locations was created, detailed maps were made to help collect and store the markers until the project was completed so that the markers could be placed back at their original trees or at a new tree.

A web map has been created and the public can go the GIS Mapping Page at www.wmsrdc.org/program/gis-mapping-services/ to see the names and locations of all veterans' tree markers. Included in the web map is an outline of the sidewalks that includes the numbers of memorial bricks placed along the paths. A list of the sidewalk memorial bricks can be accessed at the Muskegon County Veteran's webpage at <https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/1448/Veterans-Memorial-Park>.

FIREARMS ORDINANCE

The Township has received a number of complaints about guns going off at all times of the day and evenings. The complaints were brought before the Township Board, which discussed firearms use in the Township and requested that the Township Attorney draft a Firearms Ordinance.

The draft ordinance has been placed on Monday's Regular Township Board Agenda for further discussion and possible adoption. If you are interested or have an opinion about firearms use in the Township, this would be your opportunity to speak to the board. Please note that a public comment segment is held prior to action on agenda items. However, public comment is only to receive comments, the board does not respond though they are considered prior to the board taking action.

The Township Board meeting is Monday, July 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Governor issues 'no mask, no service' order mandating masks in public places, large outdoor events

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed [Executive Order 2020-147](#), which reiterates that individuals must wear a face covering whenever they are in an indoor public space. It also requires the use of face coverings in crowded outdoor spaces. Most significantly, the order requires any business that is open to the public to refuse entry or service to people who refuse to wear a face covering, with limited exceptions.

Stay Safe!

Marcia Jeske
Supervisor