



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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TOWNSHIP CLERK NOTICE

The Township Board has received the resignation of longtime Township Clerk Karolyn Rillema. Her name will still appear on the November ballot. Resumes will be accepted until September 2, 2020.

The statutory duties of the clerk are numerous, technical and legally essential to the proper operation of municipal government. To name a few all records are kept by the clerk; the clerk must prepare and maintain journals and ledgers necessary to reflect the assets, liabilities, fund equities, revenues and expenditures for each fund of the township; the clerk is required to take minutes at all board meetings; the clerk is in charge of elections.

If you are interested in the position, please send your resume to Supervisor@fruitlandtwp.org or by mail to Supervisor, 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall, MI 49445 by 4:00 p.m. September 2nd. If you have any questions about the vacancy, please feel free to call me.

ACTION NEEDED: 2020 CENSUS

As of Sept. 30, the U.S. Census Bureau is ending all counting efforts for the 2020 census—a month sooner than previously announced. The latest state population counts must then be reported by the Dec. 31, 2020, statutory deadline. The new counting deadline applies to all efforts to identify individuals by door-knocking, phone, mail and online.

PLEASE, if you have not completed your 2020 Census information, do so online, by mail or by phone. The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020. This information is used for our community to get the funding we need for things like health care, education, emergency services and more! Go to <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html> to find out how you can complete your household census information today.

ZONING & BUILDING REGULATIONS

Fruitland Township requires a **zoning permit** prior to commencing construction of any building or structure OR to make structural changes in any existing structure or use of a parcel of land. Applications are available at the Township Hall or by visiting our website, select departments-building-Zoning Compliance Application.

Fruitland Township requires a **building, mechanical, electrical or plumbing permit** for any person who wishes to erect, alter or change in any way any building or other structure; replace or repair of any electrical or plumbing; and replace or repair of any mechanical appliances, hot water heaters, furnaces or air conditioners, etc. Visit our website under departments-building, for more information.

SCENIC DRIVE BOAT LAUNCH

Once again, the dock was vandalized at the Scenic Drive Boat Launch. If you have any information about this incident or the damage to the port-a-jon located at this location, please contact the Supervisor. Subsequently, the dock will not be repaired and reinstalled this boating season. This was the second time it had been vandalized within a few days of its placement.

The White Lake Association maintains and repairs any damage to the dock even though it is owned by the Township. Please contact David Hays, President of the White Lake Association at davehays721@gmail.com for any questions or comments about the Scenic Drive Boat Launch.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK MARKERS

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 veteran's memorial trees and markers throughout the park. West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) GIS technician recorded the location of each memorial marker and inventoried every tree within the park.

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

SENIOR RESOURCES OF WEST MICHIGAN

Free resources for seniors, caregivers

info@seniorresourceswmi.org

While it is best to remove uneven thresholds, sometimes this is not possible. Instead, paint thresholds that are higher than a half of inch. This will make the threshold stand out visually so that you do not trip over it.

The above information is just one example of helpful hints you can get from Active Daily Living, a free resource for older adults and caregivers, available through the Senior Resources website. It is designed for seniors and/or family members concerned about the physical safety of a loved one. Interactive modules, videos, and weekly newsletters offer no-cost or low-cost tips developed by aging experts to help with activities of daily living.

Check it out! [Active Daily Living](#)

Community Resources for COVID-19

CALL 2-1-1 - dial 2-1-1 for health and human services help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
senior Resources - Call our Long-Term Care Options Counselors at 231-733-3585

Muskegon County:

- <https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/1611/Coronavirus>
- <https://www.unitedwaylakeshore.org/coronavirushelp>