



Fruitland Township  
White River Light Station Museum

# Fruitland Township E-News

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## April 6, 2015

### MUSKEGON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION DRAINAGE/BERM REMOVAL OPERATIONS

The Muskegon County Road Commission will begin a drainage/berm removal operation in mid-April. The operation should be completed in a few weeks depending on weather and/or any unforeseen conditions. The operation will be performed under normal traffic conditions, but residents may experience some delay while traveling through work zones.

Muskegon County Road Commission has the right of way of 33 feet from the centerline of the road on both sides. Objects that may be in MCRC right of way, such as sprinkler heads, fences, shrubs, or flowerbeds are the responsibility of the property owner and should be removed. The Road Commission does not reimburse for damages to objects in the road right of way.

Your cooperation and consideration is appreciated in arranging your traveling schedule accordingly. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Doug Davis at 231-788-2381 extension 7256. Listed below are the roads affected in Fruitland Township:

Worden Road (Tyler to McMillan)  
McMillan Road (Hyde Park to Scenic)  
Weber Road (River to Michillinda)  
Lorenson Road (River to Duck Lake)  
Simonelli Road (River to Duck Lake)  
Orshal Road (River to Duck Lake)  
Nestrom Road (McMillan to South Shore)

## **DUCK CREEK WATER SAMPLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Duck Creek Watershed is looking for volunteers on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. These are the dates that macro-invertebrate sampling will take place. Volunteers are needed to work with a trained volunteer to collect water samples from Duck Creek. Volunteers will walk along the creek with a bucket followed by an identification process.

To volunteer contact the Duck Creek Watershed at [email@dc-wa.com](mailto:email@dc-wa.com) or you may contact Glenn Hayden (Duck Lake Watershed Assembly Chair) at 231-766-3406 or [gah5706@yahoo.com](mailto:gah5706@yahoo.com).

## **ATTACHMENTS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES**

Attached below are flyers from various organizations with helpful information.

The first is from the Muskegon-Oceana Affordable Housing Initiatives with their 2015 Spring class schedule.

Muskegon County will be having a recycling event on April 18 and the flyer lists the various items that will be accepted at this event.

The Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program will have a medication and sharps collection event on April 18 and the flyer gives details.

Muskegon Lake Annual Watershed clean-up will take place on April 26, details are on the flyer.

The Multi-Township Scrap Tire collection event will take place on May 30, see details on the flyer.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has provided us with a FAQ sheet on recycling.



## MUSKEGON-OCEANA AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVES

*A subsidiary of Muskegon Oceana CAP*

1170 W. Southern Avenue

Muskegon, MI 49441

Phone: 231-725-9499, Fax: 231-225-0455

### 2015 Class Schedule April - June

#### THE SAVVY HOMEBUYER

A **two-part series** that discusses: assessing buyer readiness, selecting a home, working with real estate professionals, home inspections, purchase agreements, mortgages, closing documents, spending plans and credit, fair housing, predatory lending, foreclosure, and maintenance of your home and finances.

Daytime classes are on an as needed basis.

Day	Date	Time	Session	Location
Saturday	04/11/2015	9:00 – 4:00	Parts I & II	MOCAP
Thursday	04/16/2015	6:00 - 9:00	Part I	MOCAP
Thursday	04/23/2015	6:00 - 9:00	Part II	MOCAP
Tuesday	05/12/2015	6:00 - 9:00	Part I	MOCAP
Tuesday	05/19/2015	6:00 - 9:00	Part II	MOCAP
Tuesday	06/16/2015	6:00 - 9:00	Part I	MOCAP
Tuesday	06/23/2015	6:00 - 9:00	Part II	MOCAP

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Due to class planning & materials, registration will close at 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday prior to the Part I class date.

#### LOCATIONS

MOCAP is located at 1170 W. Southern, near Barclay & Southern, across from NIMS Elementary School

#### FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

A six week series designed to provide families with the financial tools it takes to utilize their resources to the fullest and make an informed home buying choice. You must complete Homebuyers' Education Parts I & II to register for this series. Sessions include: Money Management Skills, Developing a Spending Plan, Borrowing Basics, Consumer Protection & Rights, Banking Basics-Bank Services, Debt Reduction & Saving, Insurance & Long Term Planning, Healthy Homes & Homeownership.



# MUSKEGON COUNTY RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 18, 2015 • 9AM - 1PM



**RAIN OR SHINE**

**FREE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

BUSINESS WASTE AND HOUSEHOLD TRASH NOT ACCEPTED

## SCRAP TIRES

FUNDING PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

No larger than 34" and no more than 7 tires per household (with or without rims).

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

U.S. ECOLOGY, INC.

Including mercury, petroleum products, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, acids, bases, fluorescent light bulbs, and oil based paint products. Latex paint will NOT be accepted!

## ELECTRONICS

GOODWILL

Including computers, peripherals, TV's, and other devices.

Visit: [www.valleycityer.com/electronics/recycling-equipment-accepted](http://www.valleycityer.com/electronics/recycling-equipment-accepted) for a full listing of accepted items.

## SENSITIVE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

KENT RECORD MANAGEMENT

Up to 100 pounds, with or without staples or paper clips.



VISIT [WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/HHW](http://WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/HHW)

OR CALL 231-724-6001



The Muskegon County Recycling Event was made possible by a collaboration between Muskegon County and the City of Muskegon with financial support provided by Muskegon County Solid Waste (County Landfill) and the MDEQ 2015 Scrap Tire Grant.



Muskegon Area  
**Medication  
Disposal Program**

*In coordination with Muskegon County's  
Household Hazardous Waste Program*

## MEDICATION & SHARPS COLLECTION

**FREE**

Drop off your unused or expired medications for proper disposal. Properly disposing of your unused medications, both over-the-counter and prescription, reduces risk of accidental poisoning, environmental contamination, and misuse. Be sure to mark out patient information prior to drop off.

**Sharps will be accepted in appropriate containers.**

**Saturday, April 18, 2015  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Norton Shores Fire Department**

**1100 E. PONTALUNA ROAD  
NORTON SHORES, MI 49441**

To learn more, visit us at [www.mamdp.com](http://www.mamdp.com) or call Carrie Uthe at 231-672-3882 or Laura Fitzpatrick at 231-672-3201. A daily medication take-back program is also available, with locations listed on our website.

*Become a fan and join the conversation on Facebook.*

**COALITION MEMBERS:**

Affinis Health Network  
City of Muskegon Police  
Department  
Health Project  
Mercy Health and  
Mercy Health Pharmacy  
Muskegon County Public  
Works – HHW Program  
Muskegon County  
Sheriff's Office

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**

CALL 2-1-1  
City of Muskegon  
City of Norton Shores  
Coalition for a Drug Free  
Muskegon County  
MDCH – Lakeshore  
Regional Partners  
Muskegon County  
Muskegon Fire Department  
Norton Shores Fire  
Department  
Norton Shores Police  
Department  
Public Health –  
Muskegon County  
Senior Resources

**SHARPS SPONSOR:**

Hospitals Network  
Healthcare Services

# Muskegon Lake Annual Watershed Cleanup

**Sunday, April 26, 2015  
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

**Coffee and Juice at CIO Hall from 8:00-8:30 A.M.**

**Volunteers will Team Up Outdoors at 8:30 A.M.**

*at the Community Cleanup Trailer in the City Parking Lot across from CIO Hall  
490 W. Western Avenue, Muskegon*

Sign In, Team Up, Get Location Assignments, Tools & Supplies.

**The Muskegon Lake Watershed will be cleaned up at twelve different  
locations from the Lower Muskegon River to Lake Michigan**

Please Dress in Layers for Possible Weather Changes Along the Shoreline.

Plan to Get a Little Wet and Dirty!

Don't Disturb Nesting Wildlife!

Bring Your Own Rubber Gloves or Work Gloves if You Have Them.

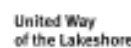
Wear Old Shoes or Rubber Boots.

Above All, Be Safe!

**Cleanup History:** The United Auto Workers Local 637 hosted their first annual Earth Day Cleanup in 1989. The Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership joined forces with the community service, labor volunteers in 1993.

Volunteering is a great way to be directly involved in the restoration of Muskegon Lake!

**Please sign up!** Contact the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership at [kathy@muskegonlake.org](mailto:kathy@muskegonlake.org) and "like" the Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership Facebook Page for more information



**Laketon Twp  
Fruitland Twp  
Dalton Twp  
Muskegon Twp  
Blue Lake Twp**

**MULTI -TOWNSHIP  
SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION EVENT**



Date: Saturday May 30, 2015

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Where: Mullally Park, 1850 Horton Rd (49445)

Who: RESIDENTS of Laketon, Fruitland, Dalton,  
Muskegon & Blue Lake Townships ONLY

HELP the environment & your community —  
recycle scrap passenger vehicle tires— FREE

**5 Townships collaborate  
to obtain MDEQ scrap  
tire disposal GRANT!**

Laketon, Fruitland, Dalton, Muskegon & Blue Lake Townships have teamed up to provide a scrap tire disposal event which is funded by a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Grant.

Scrap Tires can harbor mosquitoes that transmit diseases which are harmful to people, pets and wildlife. Scrap tires also blight our natural environment and neighborhoods. It's important to dispose of them properly, or even better...**RECYCLE** them!

The Grant limits the number of tires that can be accepted to a maximum total of 12,000 tires. Once the maximum number of tires is collected, the townships reserve the right to refuse any other tires.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Proof of Residency—a photo ID is REQUIRED
- Passenger vehicle tires—FREE
- Truck (oversized) tires are \$3.00 each [NOTHING larger than 4 feet tall or 12 inches wide, NO airplane, golf cart or OTR's, (loaders, earthmovers,) tires]
- **NO COMMERCIAL** businesses will be permitted to dispose of tires at this event.



\*Per DEQ policy, you must have a permit to transport more than 7 tires per vehicle load.



# RECYCLING FAQs



- **Why is recycling important?**

Each year, more than \$435 million in recyclable material goes to landfills around the state. That material – plastics, metals, glass, paper, and more – could be repurposed to save landfill space, help the environment, and create business opportunities

- **Is this about the Bottle Law?**

No. This plan is about all the residential recyclable materials that are not monetized like refundable bottles and cans.

- **Michigan's has a 10-cent refund on most bottles and cans. That means we recycle, right?**

The bottle deposit program was started in 1976 as an effort to reduce litter. While the program has been iconic as a litter-reducing effort, Michigan actually has very low participation in residential recycling.

- **What is Michigan's recycling rate?**

The residential recycling rate for Michigan is estimated around 15 percent. That means we trail the other Great Lakes States and most of the nation. However, one of the first priorities of the statewide recycling initiative will be to get stronger data about recycling in Michigan counties, cities and towns. The effort will focus on three pieces: amounts of material recycled, access to programs, and local participation in those programs.

- **Why is Michigan's recycling rate so low?**

It appears to be a combination of lack of public awareness, lack of convenient access to recycling, and a historic lack of leadership to solve the problem. The Snyder Administration has provided leadership by drawing 45 top stakeholders together to address the problem, creating an appointed advisory board of those leading stakeholders to guide the state recycling plan, and putting resources behind the effort to increase public awareness and access to recycling opportunities.

- **I've heard manufacturers boasting about their high recycling rates. How does this effort affect them?**

This plan addresses residential recycling, focusing on household-level waste – making more bins available in curbside programs and increasing access to community recycling centers. Michigan's manufacturing sector, as well as most business sectors, have a great recycling story to tell. Most businesses have recognized the social and financial incentives to minimizing energy use and maximizing their resource use.

- **Is \$1 million enough to make a difference?**

The funding will support development of a program to grow recycling in Michigan, including technical support for local community programs and a statewide public information campaign. These are first steps in a sustained effort.



## FAST FACTS: Michigan by the numbers

- **\$435 million:** The market value of all the recyclable metal, glass and plastic sent from Michigan households to Michigan landfills every year. (Michigan Recycling Coalition Report)
- **15%:** Michigan's estimated recycling rate. (estimate based on data from materials recovering facilities in 2012, courtesy Columbia University)
- **45:** Number of stakeholders involved in the formation of Michigan's recycling plan. The group included recyclers, grocers, bottlers, landfill operators, and more.
- **25:** Number of Michigan's 83 counties where residents presently have convenient access to recycling\*
- **More than 90%:** the return rate for refundable bottles and cans in Michigan.
- **Less than 2%:** Returnable bottles and cans as part of the broader waste stream.

\* "Convenient access" defined as

1. Each resident living in a residence of four households or less must have access to recycling through ordinance, public/private partnerships, private-hauler contracting, or a publicly managed program.
2. Each community with 10,000 or more people must provide each resident access to curbside recycling.
3. In a community without curbside recycling, there must be at least one drop-off location per 10,000 people.