



Fruitland Township E-News

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ANDERSON WOODS NATURE PRESERVE

Anderson Woods Nature Preserve is a 75 acre forested natural area in Fruitland Township. The property was donated to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan by Judith Anderson. Judy inherited the property after her parents passed away. As a legacy to her father who cherished the land, she donated it to the Land Conservancy in 2013 for the purpose of protecting it forever as a nature preserve. The property is located on Simonelli between Bard Road and Duck Lake Road.

During the spring and summer of 2015, the Land Conservancy will be installing a trail system to allow the public better access and enjoyment of this natural area. One of the trails will be built to optimize wheelchair and stroller accessibility. The Land Conservancy has worked closely with Disability Network/West Michigan to design an accessible trail so that more people have the opportunity to enjoy the tranquility and beauty of a forested natural area.

For more information on the property, please go to the Land Conservancy of West Michigan at www.naturenearby.org.

DUCK CREEK WATER SAMPLING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Duck Creek Watershed is looking for volunteers on Saturday, May 16th and Saturday, May 23rd. 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 or you may contact Glenn Hayden (Duck Lake Watershed Assembly Chair) at 231-766-3406 or gah5706@yahoo.com.

DUCK CREEK WATERSHED ASSEMBLY (DCWA)

The Duck Creek Watershed Assembly (DCWA) is offering two laminated depth maps of Duck Lake for sale. One is an aerial photo of Duck Lake, approximately 17"x11", with the depth listed as different points on the map.

The other map, approximately 18"x12", is a black and white drawing and depicts the depth as a series of contours. Each map is \$20.00 and comes with a free membership to the DCWA. To purchase a map or for more information, contact the watershed group at www.dc-wa.com.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP
DISCOUNT DUMP DAYS

\$5.00 FOR ONE TRIP - ANY SIZE LOAD

June 3, 2015 - June 27, 2015

Fruitland Township residents/property owners may pick up and pay for their \$5.00 discount dump card at the Fruitland Township Hall *beginning May 4, 2015*. Please bring photo identification.

Office hours are:
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and Friday 8:00 a.m. – Noon

The card entitles you to one trip to the Fruitland Township Sustainability Center with any size load for \$5.00 during the month of June 2015. You must bring the discount dump card with you to get the \$5.00 deal.

NOT ACCEPTED:
Appliances with Freon, stumps, paint, cement, aerosol cans,
propane tanks, hazardous waste, medicine bottles.
Charges will apply for tires.

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION EVENTS 2015

The White River Light Station is set to open on Friday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Hours are Tuesday-Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., closed on Monday. Prices to tour the museum and climb the tower are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. There are four events scheduled for the summer:

Saturday, June 6, 2015: Movie Night on the lawn at the White River Light Station. We will be showing “Finding Nemo” with a start time at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and some snacks and come and enjoy the movie.

Saturday, July 25, 2015: W.M.I. Dulcimer Friends will be playing at 2:00 p.m. at the White River Light Station. They are a group of acoustic musicians that between them have decades of experience playing folk music, the music of our ancestors handed down through time. This is the music played in grange halls for square dances. The musicians will be playing dulcimers, guitars and fiddles to mention a few. They play for the love of music. Bring the family, your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon of folk inspired music while visiting and exploring the White River Light Station. The museum and tower will also be open for the standard admission charge.

Thursday, August 6, 2015: “Ghosts of the American Road” at 7:00 p.m. “Ghosts of the American Road” is the latest brainchild from acclaimed songwriter Kevin Higgins and his talented musical partner, Barbara Malteze. Bring the family, your blankets or lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of music.

Friday, August 21, 2015: Yoga on the lawn provided by White River Yoga. Bring your yoga mats or large towels and water to drink and join SPLKA for yoga beginning at 9:30 a.m. In case a rain, we will have yoga on the lawn on August 28, 2015.

SMART 911

Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1 has added a new public safety service to help provide information quickly. Smart911, the national public safety service, allows citizens to create a private and secure Safety Profile online that includes any information about themselves or their household that they want 9-1-1 to have in an emergency. Muskegon County public safety officials encourage citizens to sign up for the free service that provides a way to plan ahead for an emergency. When that citizen makes a 9-1-1 call, their profile is immediately displayed to the 9-1-1 call-taker, resulting in an increasingly effective emergency response and saved lives.

Smart911 allows citizens to create a Safety Profile for their households that can include any information they want 9-1-1 response teams to have in the event of an emergency. When a citizen makes an emergency call, their Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right response teams to the right location with the right information. Responders can be aware of many details they would not have known previously, and now fire crews can arrive at a house fire knowing how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms; EMS can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions; and police can have the photo or a missing child in seconds rather than minutes or hours.

“We see a great benefit to those callers who may have a medical condition or disability. If the citizen has created a Safety Profile, we can pass those details on to the response teams while they are en route so that they arrive on scene with better overall awareness,” said Muskegon Central Dispatch Director Shawn Grabinski. “Those valuable seconds or even minutes we can save by dispatching the appropriate response teams immediately can be lifesaving.”

Each household has the ability to customize their Safety Profile, adding the details they feel are important for 9-1-1 to know. In addition, Smart911 is a national service, and a profile travels with the user. If a citizen dials 9-1-1 in any location across the US that utilizes Smart911, their Safety Profile will be available to the 9-1-1 dispatcher.

All citizens are encouraged to sign up at www.smart911.com to be prepared for any emergency. Smart911 is free, private and secure, and the only time a Safety Profile can be seen is when the citizen places a 9-1-1 call. For more information, see below.

Sign up for Smart911 for free

 **Smart911.com**

Sign up for Smart911 to give 9-1-1 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will be immediately available to 9-1-1 when you make an emergency call.

These details can save valuable seconds or even minutes during an emergency.

Seconds count when.....



A child goes missing.



You experience a medical emergency.



There's a fire.



There's an accident at home, or on the job.



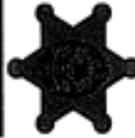
You are in a vehicle accident.

Seconds Save Lives. Sign Up Today



Providing the vital communication link between Citizens & Public Safety

DIAL



NON-EMERGENCY CALLS

for Police - Fire - Ambulance

(231) 722-3524

1-800-328-0911

Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1

Muskegon, MI 49440

Fax: (231) 728-1244

www.mcd911.net

www.facebook.com/mcd911 

Be Smart About Safety



Smart911 is a free 9-1-1 service available in your community.

No one plans to call 9-1-1, but now you can plan ahead.



Where is your Emergency?

What are your cross streets?



Will you be able to tell us?

Sign Up For Free



Smart911.com

How does Smart911 work?



1

Create a free and private Safety Profile at www.smart911.com



2

Your Safety Profile is stored in a secure national database



3

Your Safety Profile is displayed to 9-1-1 and first responders to improve emergency response to your 9-1-1 call

What can I include in my Smart911 Safety Profile?



People / Household

Include details and critical care information about each person who lives in your household.



Phones

Add all landlines, cell phones and VOIP lines used by the members of your household.



Addresses

Enter all addresses that you regularly frequent including home and work.



Vehicles

Provide descriptions on any vehicles you may have.



Emergency Contacts

Designate emergency contacts you want first responders to contact in the event of an emergency.



Animals

Describe any pets, trained service animals or livestock you may have.

"In a recent extreme emergency, I used Smart911. The EMT's and Rescue Squad responded promptly when I called. It saved my life, and I am so grateful for Smart911!"
- Linda B., North Augusta, SC

"I hope I never need to actually use your service, but I do keep my profile updated, just in case. I think everyone needs to sign up!"
- Jennifer R., Nashville, TN

"The greatest insurance policy you could ask for. If someone takes your child...how much time would you waste finding an up to date picture of her in your scared state? Now I don't have to worry about recalling information when I am scared to death!"
- Jill B., Brentwood, TN

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 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

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 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.

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*Affinia 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:

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Muskegon County
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