



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Fruitland Township Cemetery will be the location of the annual Memorial Day Service to honor all veterans. This year the program will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2015.

The program will include Pastor Gene Walter leading the invocation; Don Rea VFW Post #8846 giving a veteran salute and a rifle salute; White Lake Area Boy Scout Troop #1048 raising the flag; Supervisor Sam E. St. Amour honoring our vets; and Whitehall High School Students performing taps.

We welcome any and all to this solemn ceremony in honor of our veterans, please come.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

For your convenience, Fruitland Township is now able to process payments at the front counter with credit cards. There will be a convenience fee of 3% with a \$2.00 minimum. We can accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express along with debit cards that are backed by those same companies.

Also, when tax season rolls around, residents can do E-checks online. On-line payments will only be available to pay taxes. For E-checks there will be a flat fee of \$3.00, up to \$10,000 and a flat fee of \$10.00 for anything over \$10,000. Look for more information on E-check payments on your July tax bill.

LOCAL, LOCAL, LOCAL

Remember your local businesses when making purchases or contracting for services. Many Fruitland Township residents work at area businesses or own them. Please consider local contractors, dentists, insurance providers, drug stores, and auto sales, and most everything else when contemplating goods or services.

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

FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP CEMETARY
ORDINANCE CHANGES/REVISIONS

With Memorial Day approaching, the Township Board of Trustees would like to remind everyone of the changes/revisions made to the cemetery ordinance (Article R7) in August of 2014. The entire ordinance can be viewed on our website (www.fruitlandtwp.org) under the cemetery department.

A few of the highlighted changes include:

Section R 7.08 Ground Maintenance

- A. No flowers, decorations, shrubs, trees or vegetation of any type shall be planted or placed outside of a permitted urn. Any of the foregoing items planted or placed shall be immediately removed by the Township.
- C. The township reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and use of the cemetery.
- D. Mounds, bricks, blocks or any borders that hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited and shall be removed.
- H. All urns are to be placed in line with monuments.

- I. All fences, shepherds hooks, glass containers or glass items are prohibited and shall be removed.
- J. All free standing solar or other powered lights, markers, candles and oil lamps are prohibited and shall be removed.
- L. Children visiting the cemetery must be accompanied by an adult. All pets must be on a leash. Driveways shall be used for cemetery business only and not be used for bicycles, motorcycles, ATV's, skateboards, snowmobiles or other similar use.

LEAVE A PRINT IN THE SAND

“Leave a Print in the Sand” is a fundraising initiative started last July by the Sable Points Lighthouse Keepers Association (SPLKA) to raise money for the ongoing repairs that need to be done at our four lighthouses. SPLKA operates and maintains Big Sable Point Lighthouse, Little Sable Point Lighthouse, the Ludington North Breakwater Lighthouse and the White River Light Station. Our mission is to “preserve, promote, educate the public and to make our lighthouses accessible to all.

Built in 1867, Big Sable Lighthouse first fell into disrepair in the last 1970's. SPLKA came into being when a group of local businessmen and women donated their time, materials and money to save the structure from total destruction due to vandalism and high Lake Michigan water levels. Since that time, the association has grown to over 350 current members. SPLKA has been a responsible caretaker of this precious lighthouse and as we have grown, SPLKA has added three other magnificent lighthouses on the eastern shores of Lake Michigan to its care. Time and weather are once again taking a huge toll on all of our structures. “Leave a Print in the Sand” is a part of our newly launched Capital Campaign Fund to raise the \$250,000.00 needed for repairs that have been identified by our board and staff to help maintain our four lighthouses.

We invite you to help us preserve four of Western Michigan's “Castles on the Lakeshore” by purchasing a trex board. These boards will become the new walkway around Big Sable Point Lighthouse. The cost of the engraved boards is \$100.00 each. Each trex board can be engraved with up to 25 characters on one line, including commas and spaces with a two line maximum. Order forms can be found on line at www.splka.org or by calling the SPLKA office at 231-845-7417.

Many of you have fond memories of spectacular views from each of our lighthouses. What better way to remember your times spent visiting the lighthouses than to donate a board or two?

Join the 150 individuals and families who have already purchased a trex board and “Leave Your Print in the Sand.”

SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION

See the flyer below for information on the scrap tire collection event scheduled for May 30th.

**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.

