



Fruitland Township  
White River Light Station Museum

# Fruitland Township E-News

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**June 20, 2016**

## TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED

The Fruitland Township offices will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016 so our employees can celebrate Independence Day.

## NOISE ORDINANCE IN FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP

Just a reminder to everyone that Fruitland Township does have a noise ordinance. Please remember that from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., loud noises, loud music, fireworks, gunshots, and any loud or excessive noise is prohibited. Please be respectful of your neighbors.

## DOCK ROAD – HOLLISTER PROJECT

We have been informed by the Muskegon County Road Commission that this week a contractor working for Hollister's Water's Edge Lodge will be placing material temporarily at the end of Dock Road. This will obstruct several parking spaces and the turn around while this occurs. The disruption should take less than a week.

## FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

**Primary Election – Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

Visit the website on the next page to:

- View your **Sample Ballot**
- Track your **Absentee Ballot**
- Verify your **Voter Registration**
- Find your **Polling Place**
- Contact your **Local Election Official**
- Find answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Michigan.gov/vote

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** If you are in need of an absentee ballot, please call (231) 766-3208 or stop in to the Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall, MI 49461 and someone will assist you with obtaining an absentee ballot application and ballot.

All absentee Voters must meet one of the following criteria:

- 60 years of age or older,
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another,
- Appointed as an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside,
- Expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day,
- Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion,
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

**REMINDER:** The Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the sole purpose of issuing absentee ballots only.

Absentee ballots will still be available on Monday, August 1, 2016, however the ballot **MUST** be voted **in the office** at that time. By law, absentee ballots are not allowed to leave the office the day before the election.

## **DUCK CREEK WATERSHED NEWS**

The duck Creek Watershed Assembly is pleased to announce the award of a \$5,530 grant from the **Environmental Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County**.

The grant will support two student interns and the purchase of equipment.

Benancio Rodriguez and Gabe Cerchiori, both science majors at Muskegon Community College, will be working on the project under Dr. Thomas Tissue's supervision. While Mr. Cerchiori is just getting his college career underway, Mr. Rodriguez is heading off this fall to the University of Michigan, where he is the recipient of prestigious scholarships. The DCWA is very fortunate to have their participation in this summer's research work.

The immediate goal of the grant-supported project is to quantify the amounts of suspended sediment being transported by Duck Creek and its major tributary, Scholles Creek. Measurement stations are being established downstream from the Simonelli Road crossings of each stream. Twice-weekly measurements of flow volumes and suspended sediment concentrations will lead

to estimates of the extent to which erosion in the upper watershed is contributing to the concerns about sedimentation identified in the Watershed Management Plan.

Please check back on our website ([www.dc-wa.org](http://www.dc-wa.org)) for updates on the projects progress.

## **WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION**

The White River Light Station opened for the season on May 27<sup>th</sup> 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 many events scheduled for the summer of 2016:

***Friday, July 8, 2016:*** Yoga on the Lawn at the White River Light Station starting at 9:30 a.m. The session will be conducted by White River Yoga. Bring your yoga mats or large towels and water to drink and join SPLKA for Yoga. Rain date: Friday, July 15, 2016.

***Thursday, July 14, 2016:*** Bring your chairs for an evening concert featuring Sweet Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. Sweet Wednesday's songs spin tales that allow the listener to peek into the human soul in its most intimate and musical moments. Singer song writer Dave Falk and Lisa Housman met in 2001 and immediately knew there was a songwriting, performing chemistry at work. Since then, the duo has released three albums to critical acclaim, toured extensively and been featured on radio and television programs throughout the U.S. and abroad. The light station will be open additional hours July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Rain location: Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road.

***Saturday, July 23, 2016:*** Bring your chairs for an afternoon concert featuring W.M. I Dulcimer Friends beginning at 2:00 p.m. 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. Rain location: Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road.

***Thursday, July 28, 2016:*** The WRLS will hold an evening concert featuring Wyatt and Shari Knapp beginning at 7:00 p.m. Known for their sparkling vocals, lush harmonies, and tasteful blend that sets them apart, this personable and engaging husband-wife duo has warmed the hearts of audiences throughout Michigan and beyond. While remaining true to their traditional and Americana roots, their music reaches into genres as rich and diverse as bluesy folk, "high lonesome" bluegrass, and timeless classics of the 1940's. Shari's rhythm guitar provides a pleasing foundation for Wyatt's finger-style and flat-picking guitar leads, as the two serve up fresh arrangements of obscure covers, time-tested favorites and original tunes for audiences of all ages. Remember to bring your lawn chairs. The light station will be open

additional hours July 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Rain location: Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road.

***Friday, August 5, 2016:*** Yoga on the Lawn at the White River Light Station starting at 9:30 a.m. The session will be conducted by White River Yoga. Bring your yoga mats or large towels and water to drink and join SPLKA for Yoga. Rain date: Friday, August 12, 2016.

***Friday, August 5, 2016:*** Bring your chairs for an evening concert featuring Roadside Buskers beginning at 7:00 p.m. Roadside Buskers is an acoustic duo that speaks to the heart of Americana and folk music lovers. David Lytle and Ruthie Eilers deliver a high-energy musical experience that ranges from acoustic blues and ballads to songs of the heartland and the struggles of the human spirit. David's driving rhythm guitar and vocals combine with Ruthie's powerful voice and mandolin to bring a duo that is fiery and soulful. The light station will be open additional hours August 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Rain location: Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road.

***Saturday, August 6, 2016:*** The WRLS will hold an evening concert featuring Bob Hauslar beginning at 7:00 p.m. Bob has had a fantastic career with the opportunity to work with some of the finest musicians in the world. He puts his heart in every performance, from the smallest house concert to the largest stage. He knows it's all about being in the moment. Most of all he wants to please his audience and let them experience the music in their own unique way. Bob is always open to new and exciting ways to share the music. Remember to bring your lawn chairs. The light station will be open additional hours August 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Rain location: Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road.

# Sports N' Shorts



## **Returning to parks near you starting July 11th!**

A fun mix of learning and outdoor activities for ages 5-12. Certified staff will lead children in sports, arts and crafts, games, and special programs each day. This summer all sites qualify for free lunch! **Lunch will also be offered to children 17 and younger every day the program is in session. Visit the park closest to you when the program begins to find out when lunch is served.** This is a free program supported by your city, township or village!

Space is limited so please preregister starting June 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.wlace.com](http://www.wlace.com) or call 231-766-3001 or 231-893-0515

**7/11-8/18 Monday-Thursday 9 am-12 pm (6 weeks)**

Buel Avenue Park  
Montague Township Park  
Twin Lake County Park  
Fruitland Township Park  
Mullally Park (Laketon Township)  
White Lake Community Center (Whitehall)