



Fruitland Township E-News

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July 1, 2016

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED

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

JULY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

July 11, 10:00 am – Township Board Work Session
July 11, 7:00 pm – Parks & Recreation Commission
July 18, 5:00 pm – Township Board

2016 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

The 2016 Summer tax bills have been mailed.

All payments must include the bottom portion of the tax bill in order to appropriately post payments to the correct parcel. Payments received without parcel numbers could result in processing delays. Make all checks **PAYABLE TO: FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP.**

Methods of Payment:

- **Mail** a personal check, money order, or cashiers check to 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall MI 49461. We do **NOT** accept postdated checks.
- **Night Deposit Box** located at the Township Hall. Place your payment and the bottom portion of the tax bill in an envelope and drop in our deposit box. **No cash payments in the night deposit box!**
- **In person**, at the Fruitland Township Hall, Monday-Friday. See hours and holiday closing dates below.
- **Online**, at www.fruitlandtwp.org. There will be an additional fee for this option.
- **Partial payments**, will be accepted. Each payment amount will be spread equally to all levied taxes.

Note:

- ***NSF (non sufficient funds) checks*** will result in the reversal of the original payment until a cash payment can be made and the NSF check fee will be charged at that time.
- If you request a receipt for payment, a self addressed, stamped envelope **MUST** accompany payment.

Payment Dates:

- Payments due to Fruitland Township, July 1, 2016 until September 14, 2016 without penalty. **Postmarked payments and payments in the Night Deposit Box on September 14, 2016 will be accepted without penalty.**
- Normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fridays.
- ***Closed Holidays:*** Independence Day (celebrated July 4, 2016) and Labor Day (celebrated September 5, 2016).
- ***Payments made after September 14, 2016, will include a 1% penalty per month (as mandated by the State of Michigan) also an additional 3% if not paid by February 14, 2017.*** Call (231) 766-3208 for calculation before mailing.

Deferment of Summer Tax: Applications are available to qualifying individuals. All forms must be presented to Fruitland Township Treasurer NO LATER than September 14, 2016.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Primary Election – Tuesday, August 2, 2016

Visit the website 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.

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 1st at 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)