



Fruitland Township  
White River Light Station Museum

# Fruitland Township E-News

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**July 25, 2016**

## DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Last week at the regular Fruitland Township Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved Supervisor St. Amour's appointment of R. Sidney Shaw as Deputy Supervisor due to his absence. By law, the Deputy Supervisor is limited in his/her scope of responsibility. The Deputy Supervisor cannot vote on township business nor can he/she chair board meetings. However, the Deputy Supervisor can attend local, county and state meetings at the request of the board and bring back important information to review. Mr. Shaw will assist residents with their requests and issues. This will be of great assistance by reducing the current workload on the staff. Mr. Shaw's term as Deputy Supervisor will end with the November 8, 2016 election of a new supervisor.

Mr. Shaw currently serves on the Muskegon County Solid Waste Planning Commission and is involved with the county's efforts to manage solid waste and improve recycling throughout Muskegon County. He retired in 2015 from Sun Chemical as the Environmental, Health and Safety Manager. Mr. Shaw brings his experience of working with citizens as well as local, county, state and federal government agencies to Fruitland Township. Please welcome Mr. Shaw during this time.

## ROAD WORK WEEK OF JULY 25, 2016

The Muskegon Country Road Commission will be working on the following projects the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>:

**Mowing** in Fruitland Township, and **Dura Patching** on Tyler Road from Russell Road to Whitehall Road in Dalton Township.

## WHITE LAKE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The White Lake Area Historical Society will present the *History of Duck Lake* at the Fruitland Township Hall (4545 Nestrom Road) on Thursday, August 18, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend this interesting presentation.

## **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](http://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.

## **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:

***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.