



Fruitland Township

E-News

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“The government closest to you, governs best.”

2015 Summer Taxes

The 2015 Summer Tax season is upon us. Tax bills were sent out Tuesday, June 30, 2015.

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 Rd., Whitehall MI 49461. We do **NOT** accept postdated checks.
- **Night Deposit Box** located at the Township Hall. Place 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, 2015 until September 14, 2015 without penalty. **Postmarked payments and payments in the Night Deposit Box on September 14, 2015 will be accepted without penalty.**
- Normal business hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Fridays.
- **Closed Holidays:** Independence Day (celebrated July 3, 2015) and Labor Day (celebrated September 7, 2015)
- **Payments made after September 14, 2015, will include a 1% penalty per month (as mandated by the State of Michigan) also an additional 3% if not paid by February 15, 2016.** 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, 2015.

Melissa M. Beegle
Fruitland Township Treasurer

WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION EVENTS 2015

The White River Light Station is open for the summer. 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 is one final event scheduled for the summer:

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 of rain, we will have yoga on the lawn on August 28, 2015.

Anderson Woods Nature Preserve Dedication

Sunday, August 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

See information below



Join us for the celebration!

Dedication Event: Anderson Woods Nature Preserve

When:

Sunday, August 9, 2015
1:30 p.m.

Where:

Anderson Woods
Nature Preserve
*Located on Simonelli Road,
between Bard Road and Duck
Lake Road. A small parking
area as well as street parking
is available.*

RSVP:

Contact Keri Amlotte at
keri@naturenearby.org
or 616-451-9476.

Featuring:

- A brief dedication program.
- Ribbon cutting for the Sandy Hansen Birding Trail.
- Hikes along the new trail system.
- Local artists with our *Preserved!* program

Light refreshments will be provided.

Thank you:

Anderson Woods Nature Preserve was made possible through the generosity of our members and the community. Major donors include: Judith Anderson, Hansen Family Foundation, Alcoa Foundation, Carls Foundation, James Hanna and Mary H. Murphy Land Fund of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, Consumers Energy Foundation, and the J.A. Woollam Foundation.



Seen here, construction of the Sandy Hansen Birding Trail is now underway! Come see the completed trail at the dedication on August 9.

About Anderson Woods Nature Preserve:

With a towering oak and white pine forest, interspersed with glades lush with blueberry and wintergreen, this is a peaceful refuge for people and wildlife alike.

With its proximity to the lakeshore, this is an important stopover habitat for migratory birds and supports resident birds that require large tracts of unbroken forest.

The new two-mile Sandy Hansen Birding Trail guides visitors through the dappled shade of the forest. 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.

The southern loop is fully accessible to wheelchairs and strollers, while the northern rustic loop offers opportunities to explore more secluded areas of the preserve. Birds, deer, turkeys, and other wildlife are often seen along the trail.

Regards,

Sam St. Amour, Supervisor
Fruitland Township