



# Fruitland Township

## E-News

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**August 18, 2015**

**“The government closest to you, governs best.”**

**NOTE: The Fruitland Township Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2015 in recognition of Labor Day.**

Dear Fruitland Township Folks:

It is hard to believe that the summer of 2015 is winding down. The weather was great, hot, sunny, crummy, cold, rainy, beautiful and that was just during one week in June, July or August!

Several activities have been supported/initiated by your Board of Trustees.

First off, Fruitland Township, in conjunction with the Muskegon County Road Commission (MCRC) is doing a “major” project. The fixing of Riley Thompson Road from Nestrom to Orshal has already started. This project was determined through Asset Management, a program in conjunction with the MCRC. While working under this program we have been able to repave/fix/upgrade/maintain over 60 miles of roads in our Township. Most of our recent projects are funded by a 60/40 split using your general fund dollars matched with MCRC funds that come from several sources. Some other projects have been funded by other sources.

We continue to work with the county and their Sustainability Coordinator, Sara Damm, to enhance recycling in the “northern tier” of Muskegon County and to explore other avenues to increase our recycling. Stay tuned for updates, and please recycle when you can, either with your curbside vendor or at our Sustainability Center on Michillinda Road. The Sustainability Center’s hours of operation are Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A Fruitland Township resident, Tracy B., had an appliance that she wished to get rid of. We found two sources that will take this equipment with or without Freon. Padnos, a company located in Muskegon on Ottawa Street now takes these appliances if you bring them to their facilities. Their phone number is (231) 727-6081. Or from the aforementioned Sustainability Coordinator, comes the information that Consumers Energy will take/pick up old appliances. Both companies may even give possible rebates for your stuff.

We have asked for and hope to receive written updates from the Drain Commissioner on the status of all drain projects in Fruitland Township. The drains, Mason in the northwest area of the township along with Partridge in the Lamos Road area are the two that we as a township are required to pay for a portion of the engineering studies done. Residents in those drain districts are also to be charged by the Drain Commission.

We are seeking information from the Drain Commissioner on what the results from the engineering studies are, costs for the studies along with projected costs, if any, going forward for construction. These costs will affect people within the drain district and all Fruitland Township residents as some payments come from the general fund.

Stay tuned for an update here, including the Saxe drain for which we have received no information on cost, engineering reports or intended activities.

We continue to ask you to “buy local” as our area businesses need our support.

Matt Varnum of SPLKA continues to run tours of the White River Light Station. The Light Station will be open Labor Day, September 7, 2015, for visits. Take advantage of this local attraction. A nice summer ending activity in Fruitland Township.

Remember for safety, observe all traffic symbols when riding your bike on public roads. Riding with traffic is the correct procedure. If you are a pedestrian, walking against traffic is the correct procedure.

Summer taxes are due Monday, September 14, 2015. To avoid late fees, please pay on time. The Township Hall will be open on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The township employees are here to assist you in any way possible. Our hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. till noon. Feel free to stop in or call during these hours (231) 766-3208. If you need something at other times, feel free to call me, Sam St.Amour, your Supervisor at (231) 557-9959.

Your Board will continue to work hard to support activities in our township.

Regards,

As always, [supervisor@fruitlandtp.org](mailto:supervisor@fruitlandtp.org)  
Sam E. St.Amour  
Supervisor

See below for information about the Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program to be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and the Muskegon County Recycling Event on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.



Muskegon Area  
**Medication  
Disposal Program**

*In coordination with the  
National DEA Take Back Program*

# MEDICATION & SHARPS COLLECTION

//////////////////// **FREE** //////////////////////

Drop off your unused or expired medications for proper disposal. Properly disposing of your unused medications, both over-the-counter and prescription, reduces risk of accidental poisoning, environmental contamination, and misuse. Be sure to mark out patient information prior to drop off.

**Sharps will be accepted in appropriate containers.**

**Saturday, September 26, 2015  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Muskegon Fire Station  
(Central Station)**

**770 TERRACE STREET / MUSKEGON, MI 49440**

To learn more, visit us at [www.mamdp.com](http://www.mamdp.com) or call Carrie Uthe at 231-672-3882 or Laura Fitzpatrick at 231-672-3201. A daily medication take-back program is also available, with locations listed on our website.

*Become a fan and join the conversation on Facebook.*

**COALITION MEMBERS:**

*Affinia Health Network  
City of Muskegon Police  
Department  
Health Project  
Mercy Health and  
Mercy Health Pharmacy  
Muskegon County Public  
Works – HHW Program  
Muskegon County  
Sheriff's Office*

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**

*CALL 2-1-1  
City of Muskegon  
City of Norton Shores  
Coalition for a Drug Free  
Muskegon County  
MDCH – Lakeshore  
Regional Partners  
Muskegon County  
Muskegon Fire Department  
Norton Shores Fire  
Department  
Norton Shores Police  
Department  
Public Health –  
Muskegon County  
Senior Resources*

**SHARPS SPONSOR:**

*Hospital Network  
Healthcare Services*

# MUSKEGON COUNTY RECYCLING EVENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2015 • 9AM - 1PM



**RAIN OR SHINE**

**FREE TO COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY**

BUSINESS WASTE AND REGULAR TRASH NOT ACCEPTED

## SCRAP TIRES

### DEERPATH RECYCLERS

No larger than 34" and no more than 7 tires per household (with or without rims).

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

### THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMPANY

Including mercury, petroleum products, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, acids, bases, fluorescent light bulbs, and oil-based paint products.

Latex paint will not be accepted!

## ELECTRONICS

### GOODWILL

Including computers, peripherals, TV's, and other devices.

Visit: [www.valleycityer.com/electronics/recycling-equipment-accepted](http://www.valleycityer.com/electronics/recycling-equipment-accepted) for a full listing of accepted items.

## SENSITIVE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

### KENT RECORD MANAGEMENT



VISIT [WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/HHW](http://WWW.CO.MUSKEGON.MI.US/HHW)

OR CALL 231-724-6001



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