



Fruitland Township E-News

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FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

General Election – Tuesday, November 8, 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, November 5, 2016 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the sole purpose of issuing absentee ballots only.

Emergency absentee ballots will still be available on Monday, November 7, 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.

OCTOBER TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

October 3, 7:00 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Commission
October 6, 6:30 p.m. – Planning Commission
October 11, 10:00 a.m. – Township Board Work Session
October 17, 5:00 p.m. – Township Board

TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED

The Fruitland Township offices will be closed Monday, October 10, 2016, Columbus Day.

DCWA Newsletter – August 2016

The Duck Creek Watershed Assembly had a successful volunteer drive this summer. An appeal went out to lake residents adjacent to Duck Lake, for the purpose of asking for volunteers to donate their time (and lake access & boat) to help conduct water quality monitoring projects. We are very thankful to the four people who stepped up to the task! Frank & Sue Bednarek and Glenn & Meg Eaton have been extremely helpful over the summer!

Boat Captain Frank Bednarek navigates the luxe pontoon out to the proper GPS coordinates of Duck Lake; and Sue Bednarek, Glenn Eaton, & Meg Eaton assist in the various monitoring responsibilities. Thanks also to watershed members Tom Tissue, Glenn Hayden, and Lynn Knopf who continue to assist.



Water Quality monitoring is a lot easier with a nice, roomy boat, docked directly on the lake! Tom Tissue has wrestled his kayak from the public access point; and Glenn Hayden's little boat has often been filled to capacity to get the job done. So we are very grateful for the convenience and expertise provided by our new volunteers!

The Eaton's and Bednarek's have learned that there is more to water quality testing than scooping some water into a jar. But they are mastering the scientific methods.



The tests include: Chlorophyll-a sampling; Dissolved Oxygen & Total Phosphorus monitoring; Temperature measurement; Transparency testing; and Invasive Plants survey.



These monitoring activities follow protocols developed by the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) for use by volunteer groups statewide. These responsibilities are conducted in compliance with MiCorps and include quality assurance provisions that help ensure the reliability and comparability of the data produced. Go to micorps.net if you would like more information.

Article submitted by Chris Deur, Treasurer, DCWA