



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

Fruitland Township E-News

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“The government closest to you, governs best.”

ECOLOGY STATION WINTER HOURS

Please be advised, the Fruitland Township Ecology Station will be open the following hours for the winter months:

November, 2015	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December, 2015	Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
January, 2016	Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
February, 2016	Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
March, 2016	Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Township Holiday Closings

Fruitland Township offices will be closed on the following days in November and December:

November 26, 2015 – Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2015 – Day after Thanksgiving

December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve Day
December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day

December 31, 2015 – New Year’s Eve Day
January 1, 2016 – New Year’s Day

Parks & Recreation Commission

The Parks & Recreation Commission is looking for someone to fill a vacancy on the commission. This would be for a partial term serving until November of 2016. The commission meets the first Monday of every month and has jurisdiction over Nestrom Road Park, Marcus Park, and Duck Lake Road Park. If you have questions or want more information, please call Supervisor Sam St. Amour at 766-3208. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume to Supervisor St. Amour here at the township offices.

Township Meetings for December 2015

Thursday, December 3, 2015 – Planning Commission – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 7, 2015 – Parks & Recreation Commission – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 14, 2015 – Township Board Work Session – 10:00 a.m.
Monday, December 21, 2015 – Township Board – 5:00 p.m.

Cell Tower News

We have been in contact with Verizon regarding the cell tower, and have received word that the target date for the tower to go live is the end of the year.

Be advised that this tower uses VoLTE (Voice over LTE) technology and will enhance only those types of phones compatible with this technology. Contact your service provider to see if your phone benefits from this technology.

Rep. Hovey-Wright Coffee Hour – December 11, 2015

State Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright (D-92nd District) invites Muskegon County residents to join her to enjoy a cup of coffee and share ideas and concerns about state government. She will be discussing the status of road funding, current legislation in Lansing, and other topics. The coffee hour will take place at 10:00 a.m., Friday December 11, 2015 and will be held at the Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road.

Residents of Representative Hovey-Wright's district – which includes Muskegon, Muskegon Heights and North Muskegon as well as Fruitland, Laketon, Muskegon and Whitehall townships are encouraged to contact her at (517) 373-2646 or by email at MarciaHoveyWright@house.mi.gov. Those interested in keeping up to date on her work at the Capital are also encouraged to sign up for her e-newsletter by visiting www.092.housedems.com.

2015 Winter Taxes

The 2015 Winter Tax season is fast approaching. Tax bills will be mailed November 30th. *Per state law, we are unable to accept or process any 2015 winter tax payments prior to December 1, 2015.*

The Fruitland Township Hall will have extended hours on Tuesday, December 29, 2015. The hall will be open until 5:00 p.m. in order to process tax payments that residents would like processed before the year end.

All payments must include the bottom portion of the tax bill in order to appropriately post payments to the correct parcel.

Make checks payable to: **FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP.**

Methods of Payment

- **Mail** a personal check, money order, or cashier's check to 4545 Nestrom Rd., Whitehall, MI 49461.
- **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.
- **Partial payments** will be accepted. Each payment amount will be spread equally to all levied taxes.
- **Online** at www.fruitlandtwp.org. There will be an additional fee for this service.

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 your payment.

Payment Dates

- Payments are due to Fruitland Township from December 1, 2015 to February 16, 2016 without penalty. **ONLY postmarked payments for February 16, 2016 will be accepted without penalty.** Night drop deposits on February 16, 2016 will also be accepted without penalty. **Payments made after February 16, 2016 will include a 3% penalty.** Call (231) 766-3208 for calculation before mailing.
- Normal business hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- **Closed Holidays:** Christmas Holiday (December 24, 2015 and December 25, 2015), New Year's Holiday (December 31, 2015 and January 1, 2016), Martin Luther King Day (January 18, 2016), **President's Day (February 15, 2016).**
- Additional hours for tax collection are December 29, 2015 and February 29, 2016 both until 5:00 p.m.

- Summer taxes, if owing, are always paid first and the rest is applied to the winter tax.
- **TREASURER MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF TAX PAYMENT BY February 29, 2016 AT 5:00 P.M.** All night drop payments will be posted as February 29, 2016. **No February 29, 2016 postal mark** will be accepted.
- On March 1, 2016, the tax roll will be closed. All payments received in the mail on March 1st and after will be delivered to the Muskegon County Treasurer's Office and subject to delinquent penalties. Call (231) 724-6261. **Notice:** Tax Sale process begins on March 1, 2016 (Note: new property tax law, "Public Act 123").

As always, supervisor@fruitlandtp.org

Sam E. St. Amour

Supervisor