



Fruitland Township  
White River Light Station Museum

# Fruitland Township E-News

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**SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

## **ACTION NEEDED: 2020 CENSUS**

**Sept. 30, 2020 is the deadline to be included in the 2020 Census count.**

**PLEASE**, if you have not completed your 2020 Census information, do so online, by mail or by phone. The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020. This information is used for our community to get the funding we need for things like health care, education, emergency services and more! Go to <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html> to find out how you can complete your household census information today.

## **ZONING REMINDERS**

### **STORAGE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES**

The carrying out of repair, restoration and maintenance procedures or projects on vehicles in any Residential District, shall be conducted entirely within the interior of a building, in accordance with Dismantled Car Ordinance, 35-2-0, except as follows:

- A. Procedures or projects which require the vehicle immobile or inoperable fourteen (14) days or less within any six (6) month period may be carried out outside a building.
- B. Inoperable vehicles and vehicle parts shall be stored inside a building.

### **OUTDOOR STORAGE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

The outdoor storage or parking of recreational vehicles or equipment, in all Residential Districts shall be subject to the following minimum conditions:

- A. All such vehicles or equipment, if stored or parked outside, must be operable and must be licensed where applicable.
- B. All such vehicles or equipment, if stored or parked outside, shall be located in a rear yard or side yard, adhering to side yard setbacks of zoning district in which it is located.
- C. Recreational vehicles or equipment shall be parked or stored on a lot or parcel of land containing a dwelling or commercial building. The lease of space for storage or parking of recreational vehicles or equipment for compensation shall not be permitted in a Residential District.

**ELECTION SIGNAGE** Please see ARTICLE XVII – SIGNS at [www.fruitlandtwp.org](http://www.fruitlandtwp.org) to find out the rules for election signage. Not mentioned, but appreciated is to **NOT** place your signs more than 30 days prior to the election and remove them within 10 days after the election.

## **A MESSAGE FROM CONSUMERS ENERGY**

We are seeing a number of folks in our customers communities expressing themselves via installation of flags and signage. As most of you know, the use of utility poles is prohibited. Municipalities may submit for the use of this infrastructure through an application process but this is private property.

From my municipal days I also recall that most municipalities prohibit signage application to poles via local ordinances. This prohibition is implemented for multiple reasons:

- The safety of those choosing to install signage or flags sometimes very high on poles close to electric lines
- The integrity of the pole for proper functionality
- Clutter etc...

Please contact Rich, the Lakeshore Community Affairs Manager, Consumers Energy at 231-375-9379 for assistance with removals.

## **TAXES REMINDER**

Taxes are due on **Monday, September 14, 2020** and we will be open until 5:00 p.m. Postmarked payments and payments placed in the drop box on September 14<sup>th</sup> are considered on time without penalty.

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 cashier's check to 4545 Nestrom Rd., 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.
- Online, at [www.fruitlandtwp.org](http://www.fruitlandtwp.org). There will be an additional 3% fee for this option.

### **Please 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.

## **NESTROM PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

The Parks & Recreation Commission has removed the old playground from Nestrom Road Park and received delivery of new equipment to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Bring the family and enjoy!