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White River Light Station Museum

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

The Township board has been busy as our fiscal year comes to an end. We have reappointed Planning Commissioners, Zoning Board of Appeals members and Construction Board of Appeals members, updated contracts for roads, our PINS officer and numerous other services and will be adopting our budget for FY 2019/2020 on Friday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m.

Please note that we will be closed on Good Friday, April 19, 2019.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Special Election – Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Visit www.michigan.gov/vote 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**

Exercise your right to vote. Absent voter ballots are available to registered voters for all elections. They provide a convenient method for casting a ballot on election day without the need to go to the polls. Due to the passage of the statewide ballot proposal 18-3 in November, all eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. You may now vote your absent voter ballot in the comfort of your own home.

Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing by completing an absent voter application for each and every election and submitting such to your township clerk. You may request an absent voter ballot application by phone, mail, email or in person. Absent Voter Applications are also available on-line at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp_535884_7.pdf. To have an absent voter ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by the local clerk's office no later than 5 p.m. the Friday before the election.

After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. You may return your signed absent voter ballot early by mail or in person to your local clerk's office. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on election day, you may request an emergency absent voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absent voter ballot. Please contact your local clerk for more information about emergency absent voter ballots.

Polls will be open on Election day from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

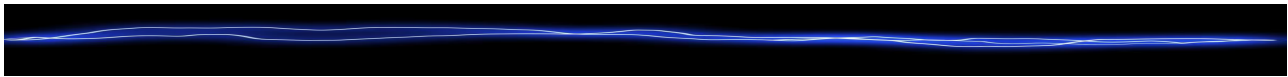
REMINDER: The Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5, 2019, from 8:00 am to Noon for issuing absent voter ballots.

Sunday, April 28th
1pm - 4pm
Chamber Depot
124 W. Hanson St. Whitehall, MI

Partnering with the cities of Montague & Whitehall, The White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is calling out for an army of **volunteers** to act as "trash-bashers" and clean up our bike trail, shoreline, and parks.

Dress accordingly (work gloves, sunscreen, layered clothing, etc.) and meet at the Chamber Depot, 124 W Hanson St., Whitehall, MI, on Sunday April 28th at 1pm where an action plan will be announced. Trash bags and refreshments will be available.

WaterDog Outfitters is donating the use of single and tandem kayaks, canoes, and bikes to aid in the event. All those volunteering will receive a free kayak rental for a later date. Groups are encouraged to join in! Contact the Chamber at 231-893-4585 to volunteer. A rain date is set for Sunday, May 5th.



An interesting tidbit from Nicole Stevens an intern meteorologist at Iteris' Weather Operations Center

Thunderstorms Thrive as Winter Weather Subsides

With winter coming to an end, temperatures start warming as summer approaches. Storm chasers might warn you to be careful what you wish for, however, as the atmosphere can become extremely restless as a result of this annual ritual of warming driving out the cold. This creates an open invitation for dangerous storms to bubble up frequently and with very little warning.

In reference to spring thunderstorms, Mark Twain once said: "In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours." We know how he felt. By far the most common restless weather we encounter during springtime is thunderstorms, which can be counted on to occur but remain somewhat unpredictable in terms of where they will hit.

With thunderstorm formation, the intensity varies depending on how stable the atmosphere is and the rate at which the warm pockets of air rise and condense. The intensity of these storms can range from brief, scattered single-cell thunderstorms to a large-scale, tornado-producing supercell. As the days get longer and the warmth from the sun heats up the ground, this warmth rises and cools in the atmosphere to form condensation, or clouds. This warm air eventually rises in an unstable atmosphere, pushing cold air out of the way.

If the atmosphere remains unstable, and these pockets of warm, condensing air rise rapidly, we have the recipe for a thunderstorm.

Respectfully,

Marcia Jeske, Supervisor