

# Fruitland Township E-News



Fruitland Township  
White River Light Station Museum

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## **Fruitland Township Discount Dump Days** ONE TRIP - ANY SIZE LOAD JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 2017

The discount dump day cards are available at the Fruitland Township Hall. The card entitles you to one trip to the Fruitland Township Sustainability Center with any size load for \$5.00.

### Fruitland Township Office Hours

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Ecology Station Hours

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Appliances with Freon, stumps, paint, cement, aerosol cans, propane tanks, hazardous waste, roofing shingles, medicine bottles or oil.

You must be a Fruitland Township resident and have valid identification.  
Any load under \$5.00 will be charged the normal rate.  
Charges will apply for tires.

## **FRUITLAND COVENANT CHURCH BLUEBERRY FUN FESTIVAL**

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (rain or shine)

- \* Pancake Breakfast – Adults \$7, Youth 6 – 12 \$3., Ages 5 & under Free
- \* 5k Trail Run – kids run free – register at: <https://runsignup.com/fruitland5k>
- \* Foam Penny Scramble; Free Inflatables & Petting Zoo; Live Entertainment; Baked Goods Sale; Craft & Vendor Booths

## **Duck Creek Natural Area**

### **Open House**

June 21, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 PM

All residents of Fruitland Township are invited to attend an informal public Open House at the Fruitland Township Hall, 4545 Nestrom Road, for input of design ideas for a proposed recreation plan of the Township's 308-acre Duck Creek property that could serve diverse trail users with well-designed trail routes, create an access and crossing point(s) for Duck Creek and its tributaries, that would allow for future connections to a township-wide trail system, and ensures that the recreational use is compatible with the protection of Duck Creek's water quality and natural habitats.

The Duck Creek Watershed Assembly is an instrumental partner with Fruitland Township to protect the importance of a healthy, vigorous and diverse natural ecology in the Duck Creek watershed. Visit [www.dc-wa.com](http://www.dc-wa.com) for more information.

Members of the strategic committee consist of Fruitland Township Board of Trustees and Parks & Recreation Commission, Duck Creek Watershed Assembly, Land Conservancy of West Michigan, Muskegon Conservation District, Friends of the Fruitland Township Multi-Use Trail, West Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, residents at large and the National Parks Service. Members will be in attendance at the Open House to answer questions. This Open House is designed to be interactive, as you will be able to place symbol icon stickers of items you may wish to see on the property on a large map of the area.

For more information, contact: Karolyn Rillema, Fruitland Township Clerk – (231) 766-3208 or email [clerk@fruitlandtwp.org](mailto:clerk@fruitlandtwp.org).

### **Ways to Keep Your Children “Tick Free”**

(For more information visit: [www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases](http://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases))

When children are in wooded and brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter, have them wear a light-colored long-sleeve shirt, light-colored long pants and closed-toe shoes.

- ✘ Use insect repellent that contains 20 – 30% DEET. Apply to your child's clothing and skin according to the label directions. Do not use repellents on children less than six months of age.
- ✘ Clear high grass, brush, and leaf litter around your home.
- ✘ Keep playground equipment away from yard edges and trees.
- ✘ After playing outside, check your child's skin, hair, scalp, neck, under the arms and behind the ears.

### **Children and Lyme disease**

Although anyone can get Lyme disease, children spend a lot of time outdoors and are at particular risk. Reasons to suspect that your child may have Lyme disease include:

1. Your family lives in or has visited a region where Lyme disease is commonly found.
2. You know or suspect that your child has been exposed to ticks.
3. Your child is experiencing symptoms such as rash, fever, chills, fatigue, joint or muscle pain, or facial paralysis.
4. If your child develops symptoms within 30 days of being bitten by a tick, be sure to tell your doctor about their tick bite. If your child has these symptoms and spent time outdoors where Lyme disease is common, it is important to get treatment right away.

➔ Feel for bumps and look for tiny brown spots, especially in these areas:

1. Scalp
2. Ears
3. Underarms
4. Belly Button
5. Waist & Back
6. Behind Knees
7. Pelvic Area
8. In Between Legs

➔ How to remove a tick

1. If a tick is attached to your child, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick at the surface of the skin.
2. Pull the tick straight up and out. Don't twist or jerk the tick—this can cause the mouth parts to break off and stay in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth parts with tweezers if you can. If not, leave them alone and let the skin heal.
3. Clean the bite and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.
4. Your child may get a small bump or redness that goes away in 1-2 days, like a mosquito bite. This is not a sign that your child has Lyme disease.

Removing ticks promptly (within 24 hours of attachment) can greatly reduce your risk for tick-borne disease.

Kind Regards,

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