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White River Light Station Museum

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FRED MEIJER BERRY JUNCTION TRAIL EVENTS

The Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail is nearly complete. This includes Phase I in Fruitland & Dalton Townships and Phase II in the City of North Muskegon and Muskegon Charter Township.

The Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail (FMBJT) Ribbon Cutting will be held “up the trail” near the Muskegon Lake Nature Preserve. Parking will be available at the Nature Preserve, 2429 Lake Avenue in the City of North Muskegon. The ribbon cutting is Friday, July 20th at 11:00 a.m.

FMBJT Family Fun Day & Rodeo

First Lutheran Church, 1206 Whitehall Road

July 21, 2018

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bike Rodeo

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hot dogs, snacks, beverages and ice cream

1:00 p.m. Family fun ride on the Berry Junction Rail Trail

For more information, go to the Facebook Page called “Friends of the Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail.”

COMMUNITY ELECTION INSPECTOR TRAINING

Monday, July 16, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (*must pre-register*)

There is free training at the Muskegon Innovation Hub at Grand Valley State University located at 200 Viridian Drive in Muskegon. The training deadline registration is July 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Call 724-6425 to register for the training.

Applications for becoming an Election Inspector must be completed and submitted to Muskegon County Clerk’s Office, 990 Terrace, Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice, 1st floor in Muskegon or at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/Elec_Inspecc-Appl_131809_7.pdf?20150422085944.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Primary Election - Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Visit the following website:

michigan.gov/vote

- To view your **Sample Ballot**
- To track your **Absentee Ballot**
- To verify your **Voter Registration**
- To find your **Polling Place**
- To contact your Local **Election Official**
- To find answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

If you are currently on my permanent list to receive an absentee ballot application, those were mailed June 21, 2018. The application is a dual application which will include an area to be marked for both the August Primary and November General Election.

If you are in need of an absentee ballot for the August Primary, 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 August 4, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of issuing absentee ballots only.

Absentee ballots will still be available on Monday August 6, 2018 for late requests, however the ballot **MUST** be voted **in the office** at that time. By law, absentee ballots are not allowed to leave the office after 2:00p.m. the Saturday prior unless it is for an emergency.

FROM THE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Another property tax season is upon us. 2018 Summer Tax bills will be sent out Friday, June 29, 2018 and can be paid after July 1, 2018. See additional details below.

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. See hours and holiday closing dates below.
- **Online**, at www.fruitlandtwp.org. There will be an additional fee for this option.
- **Partial payments** will be accepted. Each payment amount will be spread equally to all levied taxes.

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.

Payment Dates

- Payments are due to Fruitland Township, July 1, 2018 until September 14, 2018 without penalty. **Postmarked payments and payments in the Night Deposit Box on September 14, 2018 will be accepted without penalty.**
- Normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- **Closed Holidays:** Independence Day (celebrated July 4, 2018) and Labor Day (celebrated September 3, 2018)
- **Payments made after September 14, 2018, will include a 1% penalty per month (as mandated by the State of Michigan) also an additional 3% if not paid by February 14, 2019.** Call (231) 766-3208 for calculation before mailing.

Deferment of Summer Tax: Applications are available to qualifying individuals. All forms must be presented to Fruitland Township Treasurer NO LATER than September 14, 2018.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Township Hall will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day. The Ecology Station will also be closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. It will be open on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

“This Independence Day, take a step back and cherish your life and the country you live in while appreciating the sacrifices people made to give us independence today.”

Best,

Marcia Jeske
Supervisor