

Fruitland Township

E-News



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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UPDATE – DUCK CREEK NATURAL AREA

The Duck Creek Natural Area Steering Committee is meeting at the end of this month to formalize a strategic plan from all the public input from the survey and public meeting/charrette open house for the Township's 308-acre Duck Creek property. This property could serve diverse trail users with well-designed trail routes, create an access and crossing point(s) for Duck Creek and its tributaries, potentially allow for future connections to a township-wide trail system, and will ensure that the recreational use is compatible with the protection of Duck Creek's water quality and natural habitats. A land conservancy grant is being considered also that may be placed on part of the property to protect the wetlands.

The members of the strategic committee consisting 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 appreciate all the public comments and involvement it received.

The Duck Creek Natural Area Steering Committee will be presenting the strategic plan to the Parks & Recreation Commission and Board of Trustees sometime late fall 2017.

ELECTIONS

Anyone interested in becoming certified to become an election inspector? Muskegon County will be hosting a community training in the upcoming months – Stay tuned as the date is yet to be determined.

Karolyn Rillema, Clerk

2017 SUMMER TAXES

The 2017 Summer tax collection deadline is approaching! Summer taxes are due by **September 14, 2017**. 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 due to Fruitland Township, July 1, 2017 until September 14, 2017 without penalty. **Postmarked payments and payments in the Night Deposit Box on September 14, 2017 will be accepted without penalty.**
- Normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Fridays.
- **Closed Holidays:** Independence Day (celebrated July 4, 2017) and Labor Day (celebrated September 4, 2017)
- **Payments made after September 14, 2017, will include a 1% penalty per month (as mandated by the State of Michigan) also an additional 3% if not paid by February 14, 2018.** 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, 2017.

Melissa M. Beegle, Treasurer

WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION MUSEUM UPCOMING EVENTS

- ☀ *August 18, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. – Yoga (rain date 8/25/7)*
- ☀ *August 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Music featuring Oceania Drive*

RAGNAR RELAY MICHIGAN

Friday, September 29, 2017 the Ragnar Relay Michigan, a long distance running relay race will start at Pere Marquette Park in Muskegon and finish in Traverse City on Saturday, September 30, 2017. Runners will be in Fruitland Township from approximately 10 a.m. – 5:45 p.m. traveling Scenic Drive North to South Shore Drive and into Whitehall.

WATER QUALITY TOWN HALL

Monday, August 21st from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. State Representative Terry J. Sabo invites you to an educational evening related to three topics: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding/Defunding, the Nestle' permit application to expand water withdrawal and Enbridge Line 5. The event will take place at the Lake Michigan Center at GVSU Annis Water Resources Institute, 740 W. Shoreline Drive, Muskegon.

Kind Regards,

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