

# Fruitland Township

## E-News

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### FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

## Special Election – Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Remember, every vote counts! We urge everyone to exercise your right to vote!

Visit [Michigan.gov/vote](http://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**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** If you are in need of an absentee ballot, 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. Please remember if you will be requesting your ballot in person to bring a valid photo ID with you.

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, November 4, 2017 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for the sole purpose of issuing absentee ballots only.***

Emergency absentee ballots will still be available on Monday, November 6, 2017, however the ballot **MUST** be voted **in the office** at that time. By law, absentee ballots are not allowed to leave the office the day before the election.

### **FROM MUSKEGON CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Muskegon Conservation District is taking orders for dune grass. Dune grass will be sold at \$15.00 plus tax per bundle (100 plants). Dune grass will be available for pick up at the district office located at **4735 Holton Road, Twin Lake, MI 49457** beginning September 19<sup>th</sup>. Call to place your order for dune grass at (231) 828-5097.

### **FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION DEPARTMENTS OF HORTICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

#### **What's going on with fall color in Michigan?**

Early cold followed by warm, dry conditions make color forecasts challenging.

Many Michigan residents have likely noticed some earlier-than-usual fall color in their neighborhoods. Maples, honey locusts, sassafras and other tree species have shown early fall color around the Lansing, Michigan, area this year. Why the early color change?

A couple factors are at work. We had some rounds of cool, some might say cold, nights in late August and earlier in September. Clear days and cool nights combined with shorter days are the conditions that normally produce our most striking fall color. Some [fall color predictions sites](#) were forecasting peak color to occur at least a week earlier than normal in the upper Midwest. The wildcard each year is rainfall and associated soil moisture. Moisture stress can cause leaves to begin changing color early and, if the stress is severe enough, can cause leaves to drop prematurely, as can [foliar diseases](#), which is an issue in some locations this year.

**Cool nights in August and early September set fall color into motion for some trees in northern and Mid-Michigan. Source: [MSUEnviroweather](#).**

The extent to which drought stress impacts fall color in 2017 will likely depend on the part of the state you're in. In Mid-Michigan, leaf change has been affected by dry conditions. East Lansing, Michigan, has received 1.14 inches of rain since Aug. 16, while Kalkaska, Michigan, has had nearly 3 inches of rain during the same period.

The most recent [Midwest Drought Monitor](#) shows that the southern half of the Lower Peninsula has been abnormally dry and some portions are in moderate drought. These dry conditions, combined with temperatures in the upper 80s and even 90s, have already begun to result in some early leaf shed, particularly for trees in stressful landscapes such as parking lots and street medians.

**Dry conditions in Mid-Michigan may contribute to early color and early leaf drop. Source: [U.S. Drought Monitor](#).**

Posted on **September 22, 2017** by [Bert Cregg](#) and published by [Michigan State University Extension](#). For more information, visit <http://www.msue.msu.edu>

## **RIVER ROAD UPDATE**

The base course for River Road was placed this week with the top course expected next week. Shoulder work will begin shortly thereafter. It will probably be a couple of weeks before the road will be reopened.

## **DOCK SUGGESTION**

I received a suggestion this summer regarding docks in Duck Lake and White Lake that I felt had some merit: "If we see a problem at a dock on the lake that is in front of a cottage/house – how do we know who to notify?" This person suggested that docks should somehow be identified or labeled with contact information. What a great suggestion!

## **BERRY JUNCTION TRAIL**

The Berry Junction Trail is temporarily closed due to a sewer project at Michigan's Adventure. It will be closed beginning today through sometime next week.

Happy fall!

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*"A fallen leaf is no more than a summer's wave goodbye."*