



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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E-News

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MUSKEGON COUNTY SENIOR MILLAGE

The Township Board was notified that the Board of Commissioners approved Senior Resources Millage funds to coordinate and provide services, programs and activities for seniors (60 yrs.+). We have explored several good uses for the money and have had organizations attend our work sessions to explore cooperative funding. We will be discussing this further at future work sessions and we would love to hear from you if you have a favorite service/program that you would like for us to support or maybe a program/service that you would like us to bring in house at the Township Hall. The Board of Trustees welcome your input as we look for ways to serve our seniors best.

News from the Communications Director of Senior Resources of West Michigan:

Do you want to find out more about services for older adults, but you're not sure where to start? A senior service navigator may be just the answer you need! The Muskegon County senior millage has provided funding for a Senior Navigator to hold regular office hours throughout the county to meet with older adults and link them to services.

Questions about Medicare coverage, or need help with completing forms for food stamps, Medicaid, Social Security or insurance coverage? The navigator can help. If an older adult has questions on how to access transportation for medical appointments, or obtaining medication or durable medical equipment, the navigator can assist. The service navigator may be able to help connect with emergency relief, adult home health, classes, and many more services.

The senior navigator holds office hours in the community, and can also meet in someone's home, if transportation is an issue. To see where the service navigator will be: <https://seniorresourceswmi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/January-2019-Senior-Navigator-locations.pdf>. For more information on the service navigation, contact Judy Kell at 231-672-3304.

ELECTION INSPECTOR TRAINING

Muskegon County Clerk's office is again offering election inspector training on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 9 am-12 pm or 1 pm-4 pm at Muskegon Innovation Hub at Grand Valley State University, 200 Viridian Drive, Muskegon 49442. Seating is limited and you must pre-register @ www.co.muskegon.mi.us/clerk. You must complete and return to the Muskegon County Clerk's office an election inspector application by Monday, February 10, 2020 by 4 p.m. Applications are available at the County Clerk's Office and our Township Clerk's Office. When you visit the website above to pre-register you will see all the requirements for becoming an election inspector.

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Presidential Primary Election – Tuesday – March 10, 2020

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**

Check your voter registration at: www.michigan.gov/vote

Exercise your right to vote. All eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absent voter ballot without providing a reason. Cast your vote from the convenience of your own home. Contact the Clerk's office to obtain an absentee voter application and ballot.

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 the office is closed, please feel free to drop your signed and sealed ballots in the night drop box located just to the left of the main outside doors leading into the township hall.

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, March 7, 2020, from 7:00 am to 3:00 PM for issuing absent voter ballots only.

MICHIGAN DNR NEWS

Are you interested in the outdoors and the Great Lakes? Visit <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr> to view recent stories such as:

- K-12 students invited to enter 2020 Michigan Junior Stamp Contest
- Wildlife Weekend January 31 – February 2, 2020
- ICYMI: 10 cool things the DNR did in 2019
- New interactive map highlighting Great Lakes shipwrecks and their lore @ Michigan.gov/ExploreShipwrecks.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

What we as a community need to know about H₂O

Wednesday, January 29th, 2020 6-8 pm
White Lake Community Library
3900 White Lake Drive, Whitehall, MI

WATER QUALITY  INVASIVE SPECIES  CLIMATE CHANGE  FLOODING  WATER LEVELS
 WATERSHED ISSUES IN WEST MICHIGAN  HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS  GOV'T WATER POLICIES
& PROJECTS

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

4735 Holton Road
231-828-5097



Twin Lake, MI 49457

Wood Pellet Bags and Shredded Paper

Needed

The District is in need of empty pellet bags. We recycle these bags and use them for our Spring Tree Sale fruit tree packaging. If you burn wood pellets please consider recycling the bags by dropping them off at the District office. We ask for you to please cut the bags neatly on the top of the bag.

We are also looking for shredded paper to package our seedlings. Bags of shredded paper can also be dropped off at the District office.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Last day to pay 2019 winter taxes is fast approaching! February 14, 2020 is the last day to pay before a 3% penalty is added. After March 1, 2020, all taxes past due will be sent to the Muskegon County Treasurer.

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.
- **Partial payments** will be accepted. Each payment amount will be spread equally to all levied taxes.
- **Online** at www.fruitlandtp.org. There will be an additional fee for this service.

Make checks **PAYABLE TO: FRUITLAND TOWNSHIP**

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 your payment.

Payment Dates

- Payments are due to Fruitland Township from December 1, 2019 to February 14, 2020 without penalty. **ONLY postmarked payments for February 14, 2020 will be accepted without penalty.** Night drop deposits on February 14, 2020 will also be accepted without penalty. **Payments made after February 14, 2020 will include a 3% penalty.** Call (231) 766-3208 for calculation before mailing.
- Normal business hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Additional hours for tax collection are December 30, 2019 and February 28, 2020 until 5:00 p.m.
- Summer taxes, if owing, are always paid first and the rest is applied to the winter tax.
- **TREASURER MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF TAX PAYMENT BY February 28, 2020 AT 5:00 P.M.** All night drop payments will be posted as February 28, 2020. **No February 28, 2020 postal mark will be accepted.**
- On March 1, 2020 the tax roll will be closed. All payments received in the mail on March 1 and after will be delivered to the Muskegon County Treasurer's Office and subject to delinquent penalties. Call (231) 724-6261. **Notice:** Tax Sale process begins on March 1, 2020 (Note: new property tax law, "Public Act 123").

WHITE LAKE FIRE AUTHORITY

A graphic with a red border and four red dots in the corners. The text is centered and reads: "TOWN HALL MEETINGS", "Do you have questions about the upcoming millage for the White Lake Fire Authority? We've created a place for you to get more information, ask questions, and also hear what others are asking.", "WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29-6:00 PM Station One, 115 S Baldwin St.", "WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5-6:00 PM Station Two, 4206 Duck Lake Rd.", and "#yoursafetyisourpriority".

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OTHER NEWS

Starting March 1, residents will pay \$12 for Recreation Passport; first increase in seven years

Passport gives year-round access to state parks and other outdoor recreation opportunities, an easy way to help protect natural resources for the next generation.



WHITE LAKE Wanderland

LIVE · LOVE · EXPLORE

White Lake welcomes you!

We encourage you to wander the quaint towns of Montague and Whitehall at the inaugural Winter Wanderland, a weekend-long festival in the beautiful White Lake Area (February 7-9) that celebrates all things food and sports! Come on out and explore our community with a variety of events. There's a little bit of something to keep you busy in adventure and entertainment for all ages!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th:

- 11am-4pm Poker Darts with hotdogs and cocoa for sale @ The Rusted Chandelier
- 4-6pm Cookies & Cocoa @ Hanson St. Sledding Hill (Ealy Elementary Kindness Club hosts)
Hot Cocoa @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (Bone Ends)
Fire Snacks @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (Boardwell Mechanical)
- 4-8pm Corn Hole at Gary's Restaurant and North Grove Brewers
- 6-8pm Hot Toddy Tour @ Big Cat Daddy Walleye, The Book Nook & Java Shop, The Chamber Bar, Jimmy's Pub, Mylan's Waterfront Grille, North Grove Brewers, Pub One Eleven (hosted by Gotta Go Tours and individual locations.) Transportation between the stops is available at no charge by Gotta Go Tours.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th:

- 9am-12pm Kid's "Hooked" on fishing FREE CLINIC @ Lebanon Lutheran Church-Whitehall (WLASA)
- 10am-12pm Cycle Ride @ Fetch Brewing Co.-Whitehall
- 11am-4pm Spin to Win with hotdogs and cocoa for sale @ The Rusted Chandelier
- 11am-4pm Cardboard Sledding competition (first heat is at 12pm), @ Hanson St. Sledding Hill, hosted by Fetch Brewing. [Click here for rules.](#)
- 12-2pm Hot dogs @ Art Council of White Lake-Whitehall
Marshmallows @ Pekadill's-Whitehall
Hot dogs & Marshmallows @ Goodrich Park-Whitehall (White Lake Fire Authority)
Hot Cocoa @ N Mears Sledding Hill (Mylan's Waterfront Grill)
Warming Station with snacks and beverages @ 107 Colby St. (hosted by Harborlight Credit Union & Steven/Leslie Salter)
- 12-4pm Warming Station, Snacks and Games @ White Lake United Methodist Church (hosted by WLUMC)
- 1-5pm Food and Beverage Pairing, @ Big Cat Daddy Walleye, Bone Ends, The Chamber Bar, The Book Nook & Java Shop, Jimmy's Pub, Montague Foods, North Grove Brewers, Mylan's Waterfront Grille, Pekadills, Pub One Eleven, (hosted by Gotta Go Tours and individual locations.) Transportation between the stops is available at no charge by Gotta Go Tours.
- 2-4pm Cocoa @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (hosted by The Book Nook and Java Shop)
Snacks @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (hosted by Killer Blues Headstone Project)
- 2-8pm Corn Hole at Gary's Restaurant and North Grove Brewers
- 6-8pm Spoons & Tunes Chili Tasting @ Pub One Eleven (hosted by White Lake Chamber of Commerce, Pub One Eleven, and area restaurants)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th:

- 12-2pm Snowman Contest & Hot Cocoa @ Goodrich Park (hosted by West Lake Hardwood Flooring)
Bonfire, Hot Dogs & Marshmallows @ Goodrich Park (hosted by White Lake Fire Authority)
Bloody Mary Trail @ Big Cat Daddy Walleye, The Book Nook & Java Shop, The Chamber Bar, Jimmy's Pub, Mylan's Waterfront Grille, North Grove Brewers, Pub One Eleven ((hosted by Gotta Go Tours and individual locations.) Transportation between the stops is available at no charge by Gotta Go Tours.
Corn Hole Games @ North Grove Brewers
Hot Cocoa @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (hosted by North Grove Brewers)
Bonfire and Snacks @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (hosted by Jimmy's Pub)
- 2-4pm Bonfire and Snacks @ Buttermilk Creek Park Ice Skating Rink (The Book Nook and Java Shop)
Thrifty Shop Date Photo Scavenger Hunt and Chef prepared Meal (hosted by Art of Cookery). [Click link for details.](#) Photo Op at Gazebo and Goodrich Park by Carolyn Carmel Photography.

*Burn barrels donated by Montague Tree Farm

*Firewood for burn barrels donated by Great Lakes Logging and Firewood

Best,

Marcia Jeske
Supervisor