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White River Light Station Museum

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FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

General Election – Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Visit Michigan.gov/vote to:

- View your **Sample Ballot**
- Track your **Absentee Ballot**
- Verify your **Voter Registration**
- Find your **Polling Place**
- Find answers to **Frequently Asked Questions**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: With the removal of straight ticket voting, longer lines are expected at the polling locations this November. If you would like to request 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.

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 3, 2018 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 5, 2018, 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.

SCENIC ROAD DOCK

I just received word that the Scenic Road Dock will be removed this week. The White Lake Association handles the installation and removal of the dock and you may remember they also installed a life jacket loaner station at the Scenic Road boat launch this summer. They also maintain the weather station and video cam at the White River Light Station which I just found out because the weather station is currently not working properly but their working on it. I'd like to personally thank this group for all that they do for Fruitland Township and for the residents of the White Lake area and also for White Lake itself. Visit their website at www.whitelakeassociation.org to learn more.

ECOLOGY STATION

The Ecology Station will be closed on Wednesdays beginning the first week of November. Wednesday hours will resume in March 2019.



Tips for Preparing Trees and Shrubs for winter

Michigan winters can be hard on landscaped plants. Winter burn is one of the most common ways boxwood, holly, rhododendron, and most conifers are damaged. Symptoms often develop when temperatures warm up in late winter and early spring. While a tree is creating its food by photosynthesis, it is releasing large amounts of water through the process of transpiration. When the tree is unable to obtain the water it needs due to drought or frozen soil, this can result in dehydration, foliar damage, and possibly death.

Here are a few tips to help prepare your plants for the winter:

- One of the most important things to do is *maintain thorough watering in the fall*. When the growing season is coming to a close, continue to water all woody plants until the ground freezes - especially newly planted trees and shrubs, and all evergreens. This will help combat winter burn.
- Conifers that regularly suffer from winter burn will benefit from a barrier constructed of a double layer of burlap. This will help to block the prevailing winter winds and can also protect from deicing salt spray.
- Young trees can be protected by using plastic tree guards around the base of the trunk. This will prevent damage from gnawing critters such as rabbits and mice. Make sure the tree guards go high enough to be above the snow line. Always remove them in the spring to prevent the guard from trapping moisture against the bark in the summer. Moisture can attract insects and pathogens.

- Anti-desiccant spray can be applied to evergreens in the fall to help lock in the moisture that the plant has stored and will help reduce the effects of winter burn.
- The root systems of newly planted trees are susceptible to cold weather damage as well. Spread a 2-3 inch layer of mulch over their root zones to help insulate from the cold and also retain moisture.
- Snow and ice loading can damage branches on many types of ornamental conifers. Protection could be installed in the fall to prevent snow from piling up on them. Plants like arborvitae can be tied up with biodegradable twine to prevent them from splaying out and cracking off from the weight of snow and ice.

Remember that the dormant season (November through March) is the time for the lowest risk pruning of oaks. This is important to keep your oaks from getting oak wilt disease

HALLOWEEN

Trick or Treating in Fruitland Township will again be held on Halloween Day, Wednesday, October 31, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Marcia Jeske, Supervisor

