



Fruitland Township
White River Light Station Museum

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TOWNSHIP HALL OPENING

The Township will be opening its doors to the public on Monday, June 15th. To ensure the health and safety of our staff and other residents/visitors, we are encouraging all residents/visitors to call ahead prior to arrival to check to see if services requested will be able to be performed and also minimize heavy foot traffic in the building. There is a limit of one (1) resident/visitor at the walk-up counter to maintain appropriate social distancing. Additional residents/visitors will need to wait in the lobby area while maintaining social distancing in designated areas. No residents/visitors will be allowed back in the office area. Any meetings with staff will take place in the meeting room. We are encouraging that if you will be meeting with staff members that you wear a face mask or covering as our staff will be doing the same.

Please do not visit the township hall if you have or are experiencing any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed below which may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus:**

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

We look forward to seeing all of you again when you arrive.

PRIMARY ELECTION

FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

PRIMARY ELECTION – Tuesday – August 4, 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**

As a result of the proposal passage in November 2018, all Michigan registered voters are able to vote by absentee ballot for any reason now. The Michigan Secretary of State has mailed absentee ballot applications to all registered voters not on a local clerk's permanent list so they can take part in elections in August and November without the threat of risk from the spread of the COVID-19 potentially from in-person voting if they choose to do so using funds from the CARES Act. The Fruitland Township's Clerk's office has mailed out the permanent absentee ballot applications as of June 12. If you haven't received an application, please call or email the Clerk's office at the township hall. Absent Voter Applications are also available on-line at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/AVApp_535884_7.pdf. **You are encouraged to mail in or drop your application off in the night drop box and your ballot will be mailed to you.**

If you wish to be placed on the permanent absentee listing so you will automatically receive an application for any given election, please call (231) 766-3208 or email clerk@fruitlandtwp.org to gain further information on how to get put on the list!

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. If you are able, you may return your signed absent voter ballot early by mail or in person to your local clerk's office to be placed in the vault. 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. Please note that the cost to mail back the ballot is a **First-Class** stamp at \$.55. 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, August 1, 2020, from 7:00 am to 3:00 PM for issuing absent voter ballots only.

As always, should you have any additional questions or comments, please contact the Clerk's office.

WHITE RIVER LIGHT STATION

The White River Light Station is opening Monday, June 15, 2020 and they are resuming normal hours – 10 – 5, seven days a week. Face masks will be required and if you don't have one, they will have one for you.

Museum Curator Matt Varnum has created a You Tube video presentation about the keepers of the Light Station and about volunteering. You can view it at: <https://youtu.be/hLTjAsfLg7k>. Thank You Matt for this awesome presentation!

Have a great weekend!

Marcia Jeske, Supervisor