

Frankenlust Township News

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From The Supervisor...Hilda Dijak

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Tom Fallon, a gentle man and scholar, passed away this winter. He had served on our Planning Commission for over 15 years. Dave Marr has been appointed as his replacement. Tom's votes were always carefully thought through and were given with a sense of pride in his community. That same pride in our community is evident all around us. How nice it is to see flowers and neatly cut grass. Soon the crops will be growing so we can see fields of corn, beans, beets, and of course, some weeds. We have a great place to live. Let's keep it that way and cut the weeds.

Eric Kerkau has been appointed Weed Commissioner for the year. Remember we ask you to cut the weeds not only to make the area look nice but to keep the weeds out of our fields, gardens, and yards. Once those weed seeds start flying with the wind, weed sales and doctor bills go up. Help your neighbors. Cut your weeds before they reach the seed stage.

Our nature park is being used by a few. Some always try to drive to the water. That's a NO NO! The park is for walking, sitting, thinking, resting, and viewing. Vehicles belong in the parking area only – even ATVs. Donations for the park are being accepted by the treasurer and are tax deductible. We have gotten donations from nature groups and individuals. They sure help. The Board has designated the Headlee roll-back money, which is about \$2 of your tax money, for the park. The scouts are putting benches out so you can sit and watch the critters. It is peaceful and quiet. You don't know you are right next to a major highway.

Lastly, I get to give you the bad news. We have no choice but to raise the sewer rates. They have not been raised since 1997. Beginning with the third quarter bill there will be a \$2 per unit increase. That will be \$30 for the minimum user per quarter. Heavy users will pay even more. If you do much outside watering you should get a separate meter to avoid paying sewer charges on that water usage. Charges for those taps are very low. Call Debbie for information on what to do.

We are checking the cost of a street light at Amelith and M-84. Residents have petitioned for us to repair Eight Mile Rd. Some of you have asked for ditching to be done. Others are waiting for the new water line. We need to finish Evergreen Drive. Saginaw water rates continue to go up. By 2008 we need a

second voting precinct. Money is never as available as the requests on how to spend it.

The Annual Meeting will be held the last week of June. Come check out your Township's finances. See where the money is going or tell us where it should be going instead. Have a great summer. **Hilda**



From the Treasurer...Mary M. Revord

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Finally, spring is starting to arrive, flowers and plants are starting to bloom, and farmers are able to get their crops in. The weather in Michigan sure is unpredictable.



We will be using a new tax program this year so your tax bill may look a little different when you get it. Your tax bills should arrive again in early July. **Remember** to review your bill as soon as you receive it. If you have any corrections or changes, please contact me within ten (10) days of receipt of your bill. Deferments will also go out around the middle of July for those who are eligible.

Your summer bill will again be a little higher this year than last year because of the County Operating, which is all on your summer tax bill this year. The only good thing is that it makes your winter bill lower.

Remember, you can pay your taxes by (1) mail, (2) drop box-located outside office entrance, or (3) in person (Tuesdays or Fridays 9am-4pm). If you pay by mail or drop box and would like a receipt, you must enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Another fiscal year will end June 30, 2007. We will be working on our next year's budget on June 14th and then have our Annual Meeting on June 26th. You are welcome to attend these meetings.

Best wishes to the Fathers on Father's Day, to all the graduates of our Township and finally to all the service men and women who serve our country.

