

Frankenlust Township Times

May 2011

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From The Supervisor ☐ Ronald Campbell

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Spring is here? I see the farmers have finally been able to get in the fields. Hopefully that's a good sign. On behalf of the Township Board, we would like to thank *Al Appold* for his 18 years of service to Frankenlust Township as Clerk. Al retired in March. The Township Board appointed Donna Reichard, Deputy Clerk, to the position of Clerk until the elections in 2012. You may know or have seen Donna on Election Day, as she was the election chairperson. She was the one to remove your tab from your ballot before you put it into the ballot counter. Donna has appointed Debbie Gibbon as Deputy Clerk. You may also know her as our Administrative Assistant at the front desk. On May 3rd, we had a recognition ceremony for Al Appold and would like to thank all those that came, including: Vaughn Begick-County Commissioner; Cindy Luzak-County Clerk; Jim Mcloskey-representing Senator Mike Green; Jacob Bennett-representing U.S. Representative Dale Kildee; and Charles Brunner-State Representative.



A sure sign of spring is the orange barrels popping up. This is a list of roads that will be worked on this year in our Township: Kloha Road west to Dead End - Chip and Seal; Frankenlust Road - Maintenance Seal; Delta Road - Maintenance Seal; Zeigler Road M-84 to bridge - Asphalt; Zeigler Road bridge to 2 Mile Road - Maintenance Seal; Amelith Road - replace culvert west of Fraser Road. Last month during all the rain and flooding, we had an issue at Delta and Fraser Roads as water was washing away the bank on Delta Road and was inches from collapsing the road. I would like to thank Cory Wale, Bay County Road Commission, for their quick action in resolving this issue. Although it cost the Township \$7,500, it would have cost the Township far more if the road needed to be repaired. As for the cost of roads to be worked on this year, the estimates are just under \$200,000.



I hope everyone has a great summer!

From The Treasurer ☐ Mary M. Revord

Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am-4pm ☐ treasurer@frankenlust.com

It is good to see the crops being planted and the flowers coming out.

We will be working on our next year's budget, which starts July 1st. We are hoping to fix a few roads this year since we have not done so in the last couple of years.



Your tax bills should arrive again in early July. Letters for deferments will be sent around the middle of July for those who are eligible. Remember you can pay your taxes (1) by mail, (2) in the drop box located outside the 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**.

Have you sold your home or property this year? Please be sure to check with the new owner to see if they received the tax bill, or if you received it, be sure they get a copy. If you are a new owner and are not sure if the taxes have been paid, please kindly call the office to check with us.

If you are looking for a nice outdoor spot to picnic, don't forget our Township Park which has benches, picnic tables, a playground, and a small pavilion. There is also an outside bathroom during the summer months. I know with the prices of gas, we will have to have more picnics closer to home.



Have a safe, healthy, and happy summer.

The Treasurer's Office only will be open on Wednesday, September 14th, from 9am - 4pm ... the last day to pay Summer Taxes without penalty.

From The Clerk ☐ Donna L. Reichard

Office Hours: Monday and Friday 9am-4pm ☐ dlr_clerk@frankenlust.com

On March 8th, Alvin Appold resigned as Township Clerk. My name is Donna Reichard, and on March 24th I was appointed Township Clerk to fill the vacancy through November 20, 2012. I have been Deputy Clerk for AI for the past ten years and have been an election inspector for many years. Therefore I am very familiar with the Qualified Voter Files, Payroll, and the Accounting. If you get by the Hall, please stop in and say "Hi".

These are some of the happenings in the Township.

- The school elections will now be in November. At the present time, the only election we will have this year is the annual school election on November 8th. 
- Weed Ordinance 4A was adopted in February.
- Some scheduled road work for this year is Kloha Road (first year only), Frankenlust Road, Delta Road (Mackinaw to 7 Mile), Ziegler to 2 Mile, Ziegler bridge to 2 Mile.
- Jim Begick was appointed to the Planning Commission for a 1 year term beginning January 1, 2011.
- Mary Revord and Norbert Begick were appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 1 year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2011.
- Jim Begick was appointed as Weed Commissioner.
- A bid was accepted from Leon Leszczynski to again do the road cutting for the Township. 
- Money was donated to St. Paul Lutheran and St. John Lutheran Schools for sports equipment with the intent that any Township children be allowed to participate in their programs.

Have a great spring.

From The Township Assessor ☐ Paul Arnold ☐ pwa_assessor@frankenlust.com

We will be initiating a five year revaluation program during 2011. This is in adherence to the State of Michigan mandate for uniform assessments. I will be making on-site visits for 20% of the parcels each year. I'll be comparing the information that is currently listed as being on each parcel with what I observe. New additions will be added to the assessment roll for the 2012 Tax Year, while anything that has been removed will be deducted from next year's roll.



Be aware that your taxable value is not increased for repairing or replacing items that already exist on your property. Let's say your home is 35 years old and you have recently replaced windows, siding, soffits, or remodeled your kitchen or bath. As long as you have replaced or remodeled what you already have, your taxable value need not be increased. There is a State Tax Commission form, 865, titled, "Request for nonconsideration of true cash value of normal repair, replacement and maintenance expenditures". Completion of this form is not mandatory, but it does afford you the protection from unnecessary increases in taxable value. The form, along with instructions, is available at the Township Office. I'll be happy to answer any questions you have about its completion.

The first year I'll be updating agricultural parcels. I'll be updating soil types, tile, outbuildings, and structures, along with residential buildings and land improvements. If no one is home, I may leave a form letter for you to complete and return, or request a time when it is convenient for you to meet with me. 

From The Township Zoning Administrator ☐ Andrew Janetzki ☐ aj_zoning@frankenlust.com

Want to Rent Out Your House or a Room in Your House?

If you own a residential home in Frankenlust Township, only one domestic family (and not more than one additional unrelated person) may live in each residence. Article 3.00 of the Zoning Ordinance defines "Dwelling, Single Family" and "Family" for a more detailed explanation of these terms. You can find our Zoning Ordinances at the Township Office, or



online at www.frankenlust.com. So, what if you want to rent your house out to multiple unrelated persons (e.g. college students)? This is not allowed. But, you can rent out your house to a single domestic family (assuming you are not also living at the residence). Owners who are living in their home do have the opportunity to apply for a Special Use Permit through the Planning Commission for the ability to have an Accessory Apartment. The accessory apartment can be used by a maximum of 2 persons, including singles, couples, married children, or other relatives. The 1-room accessory apartment must be a clearly isolated and subordinate part within a single family dwelling (garage space may not be connected); provide basic living, cooking, and sanitary facilities; and have 1 parking space. For more information, please review Article 3.00's definition of "Dwelling, Accessory" and the accessory apartment regulations set forth in Section 16.05 of our Ordinances.

From The Fire Chief ☐ Karl Verity ☐ fire_dept@frankenlust.com

Looks like spring is finally here! Remember that if you are cleaning up your yard from the winter storms and you plan on burning, you need to call in and register a burn permit with the Township Office. We need your name, address, and dates you will be burning.

We have responded to 123 calls so far this year and everything is going well. Your two new firefighters are done with training; they are just waiting to take their written and practical exams. When they pass (and they will all pass!) on the 21st of May, they will be fully certified to perform the duties required of all the firefighters.



The Explorers program is going very well. We have four Explorers so far, and we are pleased with their dedication and willingness to learn and to help. Remember, if anyone 14-18 years old is interested in the fire service, they are welcome to come down to the station on the 1st Thursday of any month and check us out. They will be able to train with us, go on calls, and be able to hang around a great group of people. This is all sponsored thru the Boy Scouts of America.

Our Annual Open House will be on October 1st this year. This will coincide with the National Fire Prevention Week in October. More details will be available as we get closer to the date.

I would like, in ending, to thank everyone that attended or donated to our Annual Firefighters' Ball. It again was a great success and we are using the money to buy new equipment and gear to keep the department in compliance with state and federal regulations.

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW FIREFIGHTERS ~ PLEASE CALL 989-686-5300 OR 734-564-0283

From The Planning Commission ☐ David Marr, Chairman

The Planning Commission is diligently working on revising the Sign Ordinance for the Township. We hope to have a version ready for the Board to review next month. We are also teaming up with Michigan State University for a project to create an ordinance to allow for the creation of natural/sustainable areas and rain gardens which are both a part of the green movement the country is moving toward. The language for the ordinance will be drafted by MSU professors and grad students and our Township will be the trial location for Michigan. We have set up a subcommittee, If you are interested to learn more about this topic, or want to contribute to the discussions, please call the Township Office to get the time and date of our next meeting.



From The Nature Park Committee



With spring finally here, there is clean up at the park after the long winter. As always, we are looking for volunteers, call the township, leave your name and number and we will be in touch with you. If you have not been to the Nature Park, please come over and enjoy a stroll around. There is a new path and plans to add more paths. The Park Committee has received a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation to help with our on going plans.

A Hero's Hero

So Many Soldiers
Living On The Street
Their Spirits Broken,
With Defeat.

What Must They Think
When We Turn Around
Eyes Passing By,
Staring At The Ground?

Does Anger Fill Them
When We Turn Way,
From The Debts We Owe
That Should Be Repaid?

What If At The Moment,
Just Once, Instead
We Saluted In Honor,
Right Hand To Head?

To Let Them Know
They Are Not Ghosts,
Thanking Them For Being
Braver Than Most.

If Everyone Would
Show Them Grace
We Just Might Find
Their Pain Erased.

For All The Heroes
Still Fighting To Live
And For Heroes Like You,
Who Continue To Give.

If You See Someone
Who Is Really Lost
Please Stop And Remember
What Our Freedom Cost.



Frankenlust Township Calendar
May ~ September 2011

May 30 & 31	CLOSED - Memorial Day
June 4.....	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
June 9.....	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
June 14.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
June 15.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
June 16....	Twp Board Preliminary Budget Meeting – 1pm
June 21.....	Township Board Budget Hearing – 7pm
June 23.....	Twp Board Annual Township Meeting – 7pm
July 1	Summer Tax Bills & Deferments Mailed Out
July 4-5.....	CLOSED - Independence Day
July 9.....	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
July 12.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
July 14.....	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
July 20.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
August 9	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
August 11	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
August 17	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
September 5-6.....	CLOSED - Labor Day
September 8.....	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
September 10.....	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 day)</i>
September 13.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
September 14.....	Summer Tax Bills Due
September 21.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm



Township Office Information

Office Hours: Monday..... 8:30am – 4:00pm
 Tuesday..... 8:30am – 4:00pm
 WednesdayCLOSED
 Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm
 Friday 8:30am-4:00pm

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