

Frankenlust Township Times

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From The Township Supervisor ☐ Ronald Campbell

Office Hours: Tuesday 12-4pm & Thursday 9am-4pm ☐ rwc_supervisor@frankenlust.com

I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays. As the New Year begins, we will once again be looking at our local roads. We should be receiving a roads-rating from the Bay County Road Commission in the near future and then in the spring we will decide which roads will be worked on.



In December of 2011 the new owners of Bay Valley Resort came to the Township to introduce themselves and to discuss their intentions. One of the topics discussed was the possible renovation of the tennis building - they would like ideas as to what it could be used for. Their intentions are to keep the entire complex open as it is currently is, but would like to renovate one wing of the hotel to house students. Also, it was stated that they would not be tax exempt. However, as of this Newsletter, they have not officially come to the Township with any of their plans.

To the residents who receive water from Bay City ~ which would be anyone east of I-75, along the east side of 3-Mile Road between Hotchkiss and M-84, and along M-84 between I-75 and the Squaconning Creek ~ you will be receiving a letter or brochure from the Bay City Water Treatment Plant in regards to water treatments that they are required to do. This is very important, so please be sure to read the letter.

In December 2011 I was honored to be chosen as President of the BCTOA (Bay County Townships Officers Association). This Association's members are all of the Township officials from the 14 Townships in Bay County. I am humbled by the thought of being appointed by such a great group of people and organization, and am proud to represent the BCTOA.



Talks are continuing over the possibilities of building a new water treatment plant. It is good to see that Bay City, Bay County, and the Townships are all working together on this project.

From The Township Treasurer ☐ Mary M. Revord

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

You can continue to pay your 2011 summer and winter taxes here at the Hall until February 29th. Remember, summer taxes have interest added monthly. My Office hours for February will be as follows:

February 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28	9:00am – 4:00pm
February 29 (Wednesday)	9:00am – 5:00pm

February 14: TAX PAYMENTS NEED TO BE IN THE TWP OFFICE BY MAIL OR IN PERSON BY 4 PM

Any payments received after FEBRUARY 14 will be charged the 3% penalty for Summer and Winter until February 29 (that includes deferments)



February 29: LAST DAY TO PAY AT TOWNSHIP OFFICE

If paying in cash, be sure to have the exact change.

If you have any questions at any time, please be sure to contact me by phone (989) 686-5300, or visit at the Hall during my office hours, or email: treasurer@frankenlust.com .
Enjoy the rest of the winter season.

From The Township Clerk ☐ Donna L. Reichard

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

2012 Election Dates

February 28, 2012 - Presidential Election
August 7, 2012 - Primary Election
November 9, 2012 - General Election

Close of Registration Dates

January 30, 2012 – Last day to register for the Presidential Primary
July 9, 2012 – Last day to register for the August Primary Election
October 9, 2012 – Last day to register for the November General Election



Applications for an absentee ballot are mailed out to voters on the permanent absentee list approximately two months prior to an upcoming election.

Please also remember when completing the application for a Presidential Primary ballot to check which type of ballot you are requesting. **Voters for this election must specify if you are requesting a Republican or Democratic ballot.**

Please remember that while applications for a AV ballot can be forwarded by the US Postal system, ballots must be mailed to the mailing address the voter provided on the application.



Here is a Synopsis of the past few months Board Meetings:

- In September Gary Carvey and Terri Scheuerlein were appointed to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2011; Brenda Bow and Dan Alstott were appointed for a term ending December 31, 2012; Dave Marr and Dave Helmreich were appointed for a term ending December 31, 2013.
- A letter of support for the Kawkawlin River Watershed was sent to Joseph Rivet, Bay County Drain Commissioner.
- A resolution was adopted to support and endorse the September 21, 2011 resolution supporting a New Membrane Water Filtration Plant adopted by the Board of Bay County Road Commissioners, with no obligation to us in any way.
- Waste Management began trash & recycling collection on the west side of M-84 on Thursday and continuing collection on the east side of M-84 on Friday.
- **Unapproved Minutes of the meetings will be placed on our web-site a few days after the meeting.**
- In December, Terri Scheuerlein was re-appointed to the Planning Commission for a 3 year term beginning January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014.



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

Consumers Price Index: Taxable values are increased by additions to the property or by the increase of the Consumers Price Index as computed by using the Federal Government monthly rendering of the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. The CPI for the 2012 Tax Year has been computed to be 2.7%.

Agricultural Revaluation: I have been visiting all agricultural parcels that have a residence on them. These visits are being made to assure assessments are as uniform as possible and to conform with the goal to revisit 20% of our parcels each for the next five years. In late December, I mailed valuation statements to each owner of the visited agricultural parcels so that owners can have the opportunity to check the information that is being used to set values.



From The Nature Park Committee

Last summer the Park received a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation for some new trees. The trees and bushes were planted late Fall and should fill in nicely in the years to come. They will provide habitat and food for the wildlife at the Park. We hope everyone will get a chance to enjoy a walk around the Park. The Park is a work in progress, and if you have any input, please let the Township know. We do have monthly meetings if anyone would like to join us. [They are *tentatively* scheduled for the second Thursdays of the month, but be sure to call the Township Office to find out for sure before you come over.] Thank you again to the Bay Area Community Foundation!



From The Township Planning Commission ☐ Dave Helmreich

The Planning Commission has been working on the Zoning Ordinance book for the last six months. We recently sent changes, corrections and updates to the Township Board for their approval. The Board approved those changes and they are now in effect.



From the Frankenlust Fire Department, I would like to start off and wish you and your family a great New Year!

We responded to 304 calls in 2011. This is a record for the Department! The calls were as follows: 7 fires, which range from grass fires to 2 structure fires; 195 medical/rescue calls, which include car accidents; 16 hazardous condition calls, which include power lines or poles down or on fire; 6 service calls, which deal with water problems or leaks; 65 good intent calls in which we are cancelled in route or there is a smell of smoke; 4 false alarms; 1 call that is undetermined and didn't fall into any category.

I am very proud of the Department and its personnel, and I would like to thank them for all the efforts they put forward to serve the Township. Your Department now has seven paramedic/EMT level personnel and eight MFR level personnel out of the 18 current members. This is a testament to the dedication that your Department has to training and to providing the best service possible.



Your new Rescue Truck is here in the area and is currently having the finishing touches put on it. Hopefully by the time the Newsletter comes out we will have it in service.

On **February 25th** we will be hosting our annual **Fundraiser Banquet at the LFA Hall** starting at **6pm**. **Tickets are \$18.00 per person and includes a buffet dinner, beverages, and music.** We will have raffles and door prizes. A great time is always had by all who attend. This is our only fundraiser of the year and helps to pay for some of the small items we have to purchase throughout the year.



We are always looking for new Firefighters! If you always wanted to help the community and be a part of a progressive organization, please call the Township Office at 686-5300, or myself at 734-564-0283. We pay for all training and equipment required. Only limitations are that you need to be 18 and live in the Township.

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

Additional Tax Information

Taxes are based on Taxable Value. 1 mill equals \$1.00 per \$1000 of Taxable Value. Amounts with no millage are either Special Assessments or other charges added to the bill.

Partial tax payments are accepted! If you prefer to pay your tax bill in payments, rather than in one single payment, partial payments are accepted any time there is a balance due.

Credit and Debit Cards are **not accepted** for payment.



Pre-payments are **not accepted**. There must be a tax bill issued before payment can be accepted.

Delinquent Tax Payments ... beginning March 1, 2012, taxes are payable to the Bay County Treasurer, with additional fees and interest. Please call 989-895-4285 for your total tax amounts owed.

IMPORTANT Trash & Recycling Pick-Up Announcement for all Frankenlust Township Residents

Beginning January 1, 2012, our Township trash, recycling, and yard waste pick-up was split into two areas to more evenly distribute driver workloads.

Everyone on the **WEST** side of M-84 (Westside Saginaw Road) has their trash pick-up on **THURSDAYS**.

Everyone on the **EAST** side of M-84 (Westside Saginaw Road) still has their trash pick-up on **FRIDAYS**.



Printed schedules can be picked up at the Township Office during Office Hours.



The Waste Management phone number is 1-800-796-9696.



BAY Alerts Emergency Messaging Notification System is designed to instantly reach cell phones, other mobile devices and land-lines when urgent information needs to be communicated. If interested, you can register at www.baycounty-mi.gov. You will receive emergency notifications such as tornado warnings, shelter-in-place and evacuation requests. You may also choose to receive weather advisories, road closures, and other general information. If you have more questions you may call Bay County Emergency Management at 989-895-4112.



Frankenlust Township Calendar

February 1012 ~ May 2012

February 9	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
February 14	2011 TAXES DUE
February 15	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
February 16 (Thurs)	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
February 20	CLOSED – Presidents’ Day
February 28	Election Primary
February 29 (Wed)	Last Day to PAY 2011 TAXES at Twp
March 8	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
March 13	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
March 21	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
April 4 (Wed)	OFFICE OPEN 9:00am-1:00pm
April 5 & 6	CLOSED – Good Friday
April 10	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
April 12	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
April 18	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
May 8.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
May 10.....	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
May 16.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
May 28 & 29	CLOSED – Memorial Day
May 30 (Wed).....	OFFICE OPEN 8:30am-4:00pm



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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