

Frankenlust Township Times

MAY 2012



☐ Phone: (989) 686-5300 ☐ Fax: (989)686-5370 ☐ Web Site: www.frankenlust.com ☐


 The Township Website is currently under reconstruction! 


From The Township Supervisor ☐ Ronald Campbell

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

I hope everyone had safe and happy holidays.

As summer approaches the orange barrels start to pop up as road construction begins.  The Township is currently working with Bay City Light and Power to have street lights installed at the intersection of M-84, 3-Mile and Delta Roads. We also have inquired to the Michigan Department of Transportation in regards to installing reflectors in the lane markings along M-84, as we have received numerous complaints that lane markings are not visible at dark when it is raining. 


The Township will be working on a number of roads this year: Kloha Road will receive a double seal coat this year; Amelith Road from Kraenzlein to Mackinaw will receive a single seal with a fog seal; Bay Valley Road off Hotchkiss Road will receive a single seal with a fog seal; Hupfer Road south of Amelith Road will receive a single seal with a fog seal; Schwab Road off 2-Mile Road, Delta Road off 2-Mile Road, Engelhardt Road and Delta Road east of M-84 will receive a full chip and seal. For roads that receive the full chip and seal, roads will be crushed and shaped and aggregate added in the Fall and a double seal will be put down the following summer with a third seal the following year. 


The Township is also looking into extending some water lines. These lines would be an extension of the water line on Mackinaw Road to Freeland Road and possibly Freeland Road from, Seven Mile to Eight Mile Roads. Residents along these roads will be receiving a letter from the Township as to their interest in the water line. 

I hope everyone has a great summer!


From The Township Treasurer ☐ Mary M. Revord

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

 I think summer is on its way. I enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables that come with the summer season. It is good to have the different Farmer's Markets in our area. There are a couple in downtown Bay City, and Auburn now has one that will be open on Fridays in the morning at their City Park. If you have never been to one, I suggest going to one. There is nothing better than home grown food.

With summer also comes your new tax bill. You should receive your tax bill by July 1st or shortly after. Be sure to check it to make sure you have received the principal residence exemption if the home you currently live in is your primary residence. Your tax bill should say 100% if exempt. If you have sold your property, be sure to forward your tax bill on to the new owner if they are responsible to pay that bill. Also, see if there are any errors (name, address, etc.) and contact us for the correction. Taxes can be paid by check, money order, or cash and either paid at the Township Office, mailed, or put in our drop box located near the main doors at the Hall. If using our drop box, please **do not pay with cash**. If you cannot pay your taxes in full, I do accept partial payments. 

For those who defer your taxes, you should receive your form in July. A new form needs to be completed each year.

We will soon be working on the budget for our next year. Our hope is to be able to budget enough money to do several different roads that would be started this year and be finished over the next 3 years as the Road Commission requires for chip and seal. We have been fortunate to be able to continue to receive State Revenue Sharing which has helped us to be able to work on our roads. 

If you have any questions, you can always contact me at the Hall. I am there on Tuesdays and Fridays.


From The Township Clerk ☐ Donna L. Reichard

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




There will be two more elections this year. The Primary Election is August 7th and the General Election is November 6th. Voting will be done at the LFA Hall on Amelith Road from 7am-8pm. The last day to register for the August election is July 9th. The last day to register for the November election is October 9th. These are important elections, so if you are not registered, do so soon.

Synopses of Board Meetings:

- ❖ January – Paul Arnold presented his annual Assessor's Report; Bob Markel was appointed to the Planning Commission; Because of work and school, Dave Marr resigned from the Planning Commission; Ed Zuraw and Dan Meyer were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year terms; Dave Helmreich was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term; Norbert Begick and Mary Revord were reappointed to the ZBA for a 1 year term.
- ❖ February – Sam Britton was appointed to the Planning Commission replacing Dave Marr for a term expiring December 2012; The Fire Department had a control burn at 192 Hotchkiss.
- ❖ March – St. John Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran Schools were each given up to \$500/each for recreation equipment; The Fire Department will have WiFi (wireless internet service) in designed areas of the building. 
- ❖ April – A new Firefighter, Russell Deming, was approved; Road construction for this year includes Amelith Road (Kraenzlein Road to Mackinaw Road), Bay Valley Road (to Hotchkiss Road), Hupfer Road (to Amelith Road), and Kloha Road; Jim Begick was appointed to the Planning Commission for a 1 year term.

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


Subdivision/Land Restrictions:

Over the past several months I have received several calls from property owners relating to their concerns that neighbors or other residents are not following subdivision restrictions or other land restrictions. Subdivision/land restrictions are private covenants (contracts) between each landowner and the surrounding landowners and they generally can be found recorded at the Bay County Register of Deeds (please contact that office for finding out how to receive a copy of any restrictions). The Township cannot enforce subdivision/land restrictions.  However, your subdivision association and individual property owners (even without a subdivision association or if your association does not want to act) can generally enforce any subdivision/land restrictions. Please review any restrictions you wish to enforce to find out who has the authority to take action. If you would have a concern about a property owner not following your subdivision/land restrictions, I would suggest that you contact your subdivision association or an attorney to determine your rights.


Thank you for keeping our Township a beautiful and safe place to live.

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

On-going Re-evaluation Process Continues

We are starting the second year of a five program where each parcel is visited and re-evaluated. While this process is not mandated by the State of Michigan at this time, it is strongly suggested. This year older subdivisions and condominiums will be the subjects of this visitation. I will be interviewing owners if they are home. If no one is home, I'll be leaving a questionnaire for them to complete and return to the Township Office. If you have a question, contact me at the Township (686-5300) or at my home office (662-6232). 

Buying a property?

When buying a property make sure that you take pictures of the interior and exterior at the time of purchase. You can use these to establish the condition of the property at time of sale. Also invite the assessor to see the property before improvements have been made, so he can verify the condition and value of the property to assist in establishing the assessed value of the property. 

From The Nature Park Committee

The Nature Park has started coming alive for the summer, so come over for a visit. A new sign, showing support for the park from the Bay Area Community Foundation has arrived and will be installed soon. We will soon be planting flowers around the sign. If everything goes well, we are planning on extending the path around the park this year. If anyone would like to get involved, please contact the Township Office with your name and number ... we can always use the help.



From The Township Planning Commission ☐ Dave Helmreich

The Planning Commission is working on the clarification of the definition of "Family" in our Zoning Ordinance. Also, on our long range plans, we are working on redefining and upgrading agricultural uses in the Township.



Our newest member on the Planning Commission is Ed Pardel. We also have 2 other new members, Dr. Bob Markle and Sam Britton. Dr. Markle has been with us for 5 months and Sam has been with us for 3 months. We would like to welcome them and thank them for their participation with the Township.

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 (up to three days) you will be burning.

Our new Rescue Truck is in service and working out very well. Please come to our Open House in the Fall and we will be glad to show it to you.

I would like to welcome Russell Deming to our Department. He joined in May and will be starting medical and fire training in the Fall.



On May 20, 2012, the Dow Weekend of Races will culminate in a marathon and a half marathon (Delta College) and the courses will be coming through our Township. Please be aware that Hotchkiss, Delta, Fraser and Mackinaw Roads will be affected by this and some lane closures will be possible.



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 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 first Thursday of every 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.



Remember our annual softball game against the Kochville Fire Department will be in July during the St. John Amelith Softball Tournament. Come out and support us as we look to regain the golden SCBA bottle.

I would like to end in thanking everyone that attended or donated to our annual Fireman's Ball. It again was a great success. 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

THANK YOU to all those who have fought for our freedom!



Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Frankenlust Township Calendar

May 2012 ~ September 2012

May 28 & 29	CLOSED – Memorial Day
May 30 (Wed)	OFFICE OPEN 8:30am-4:00pm
June 2	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
June 12	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
June 14	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
June 14	Twp Bd Preliminary Budget Review – 1pm
June 20	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
June 21	Township Board Budget Hearing – 7pm
July 2	Summer Tax Bills & Deferments Mailed Out
July 7	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
July 10	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
July 12	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
July 18	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
August 7	Election Primary at LFA Hall – 7am-8pm
August 9	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
August 14	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
August 15	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
September 3	CLOSED – Labor Day
September 8	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
September 11	Township Board Meeting – 7pm

September 13.....	Nature Park Committee Meeting – 7pm
September 14.....	Summer Taxes DUE
September 19.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm



Township Office Information

Office Hours: Monday 8:30am – 4:00pm
 Tuesday 8:30am – 4:00pm
 Wednesday CLOSED
 Thursday 8:30am – 4:00pm
 Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

Office Phone (989)686-5300
 Office Fax (989)686-5370
 Township Website www.frankenlust.com
 Township E-Mail Addresses:
 Supervisor rwc_supervisor@frankenlust.com
 Treasurer treasurer@frankenlust.com

Clerk dlr_clerk@frankenlust.com
Fire Department..... fire_dept@frankenlust.com
Assessor pwa_assessor@frankenlust.com
Zoning Administrator..... aj_zoning@frankenlust.com
Administrative Assistant..... dag_contact@frankenlust.com
Assistant Secretary lsa_contact@frankenlust.com