

Frankenlust Township Times

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From The Township Supervisor ☐ Ronald Campbell

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

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. As Fall approaches, farmers will be harvesting their crops. Please be patient and drive with care. As road construction continues, a reminder that Hupfer Road from Amelith to Delta Roads, Fraser Road from Amelith to Delta Roads, and Schwab Road from 3 Mile Road to I-75, are still scheduled to be crushed, shaped, and replacement of any cross tubes that are needed. Once this process is complete, these roads will remain in this state until June of 2014 when they will receive a chip and seal. There is one drawback to the crush and shape: these roads can become dusty and the only control is to water them. So, again, I ask for patience and understanding.

From The Township Treasurer ☐ Mary M. Revord

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

The collection of summer taxes should mostly be completed by now. Any taxes paid beginning September 17th should include a 1% interest per month until February 2014.

Winter taxes will be mailed out beginning December 1st. If you have a correction, change of address, etc., please contact me by December 20th.

You can contact me if you have questions regarding the billing and collection of property taxes. If you have specific questions regarding your assessment or value or your property, you need to contact our Assessor.

Be sure to check our website www.frankenlust.com for my office hours for the end of December. I do plan on being in on **Friday, December 27th from 9am-5pm** for sure. You can pay your taxes in person, by mail, in the drop box, or online through our website.

I will also have dog and cat licenses available to sell from December through February.

Hopeful you have a joyful and fun holiday season. Be careful of the goblins, don't eat too much turkey, and have a Merry Christmas and a New Year. I can't wait to see all those beautiful decorations and lights that will be showing up in Frankenlust.

Free copies of 'Eat Safe Fish in the Saginaw Bay Area' and 'Eat Safe Wild Game' are available for free in our Township Office.

Each brochure helps people make good choices when eating fish and game from the Saginaw Bay area. Residents can fish and hunt with confidence by following the guidelines in these advisories.

If you would like more information on the Saginaw Bay fish and/or game advisories, call 1-800-648-6942, or visit www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish.

Veteran Health Care Appreciation Day FREE TO ALL VETERANS October 15th, 2013

[Frankenlust Township Hall from 09:00am to 3:00pm]

We encourage you to inquire about your Health Care Benefits. We will be utilizing the VA's 10-10EZ Form to determine your health care benefit eligibility within the Veteran Health Administration.

Please be sure to bring a copy of your DD-214 (discharge papers). Visit www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records to obtain a new copy.



Dial 989-776-0548 or e-mail us at: vetoutreach@unitedwaysaginaw.org to speak with a Veteran Benefit Liaison for additional information. Thank you.



From The Township Clerk ☐ Donna L. Reichard

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

November 5th there will be a special election of the electors of the Freeland School District. This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance. This election includes only the residents in Frankenlust Township that are in the Freeland School District.

Available at the Hall are pamphlets for your reading. One is 'Eat Safe Wild Game' - Important information for people who eat wild game from Bay, Midland, and Saginaw Counties. The other one is 'Eat Safe Fish' in the Saginaw Bay Area. These are from the Michigan Department of Community Health.

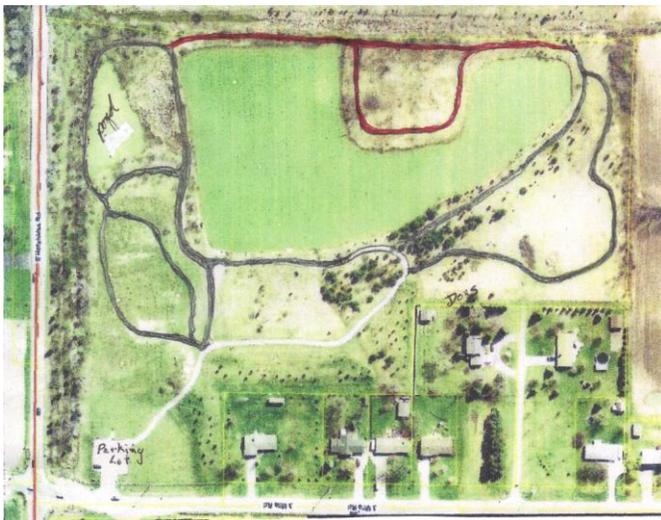
Synopsis of meetings:

- ❖ May - This year Rich's Lawn Service is doing the township lawn mowing; Supervisor volunteered to serve on the Advisory Committee for the new Water Plant.
- ❖ June - Jim Begick, Trustee, volunteered to be an alternate on the Advisory Committee for the new Water Plant; Meeting dates for the next fiscal year were approved and posted at the Township Hall; Budget Preparation meeting was held June 13th and the Budget Hearing was June 18th; No annual meeting this year because of low turnout; Residents were encouraged to come to the Budget Hearing.
- ❖ July - Chandler Cogan, a boy scout, outlined the goal, materials, supplies, and tools needed to do his Eagle Scout Project in the Township Park(2401 Delta) and was approved to proceed with his project; Scott Miller and Henry Pfundt were approved to join the Fire Department; Reappoint for the term July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 were Andrew Janetzke - Zoning Administrator, Dell Bedford - Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector, Frank Bryden - Electrical Inspector, Richard Sabias - Building Inspector.
- ❖ August - Veteran's Health Care Appreciation Day for veterans to come in and sign up for benefits will be October 15, 2013, from 9am-3pm. at the Township Hall; Robert Howard and Donald Aldrich were accepted as new Fire Fighters.

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

Residential units (e.g. homes, condominiums, and apartments) in Frankenlust Township are limited to a single family, either a "domestic family" or the "functional equivalent of the domestic family" as defined in Section 3.01 of Frankenlust's Zoning Ordinances (which can be found online on www.frankenlust.com or at the Township offices). In October 2012, several additions went into effect in the Township Zoning Ordinance clarifying the definition of a "functional equivalent of the domestic family." The October 2012 changes also modified the definitions of Rooming Houses and Boarding Houses. Boarding houses (up to four individuals) are permitted in most residential districts with approval from the Zoning Administrator and Rooming Houses and Boarding Houses (with more than four individuals) are permitted only through a Special Use Permit obtained from the Planning Commission. Should you desire to allow more than a single family to reside at your residential unit, you are required to obtain township approval for both Boarding Houses and Rooming Houses pursuant to Section 16.01. Please contact the Zoning Administrator with any questions concerning the process for obtaining the appropriate approval for a Boarding or Rooming house or if you should you have any questions.

From The Nature Park Committee



We hope you will continue to enjoy nature walks around Dodge Pond and the smaller Michael's Turtle Pond as Fall changes the foliage.

We are working on long range plans in cooperation with the DEQ. Ideas and Laborers are always needed. If you'd like to participate, please join us at our monthly meetings held at the Township Hall. Dates & Times can be found on the Website, or by calling the Township Office.



From The Township Planning Commission ☐ Samuel Britton

Well, it has been just over a year and your Planning Commission is the final stretch of completing a **huge** project.

The PC was well aware of the fact that the current Zoning Ordinance was in need of many revisions and other necessary changes and modifications.

As a result, in August of 2012, a partnership was established between Frankenlust Township and Rodney Nanney of Building Place Consultants. Mr. Nanney is a Certified Planner and a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. As such, he is highly qualified to assist the Township with finding solutions to community problems and then using his skills and experience to guide us toward our desired long-range goals.

The Planning Commission's goal was to prepare an updated Frankenlust Township Zoning Ordinance. Complete with enhanced text, appropriate illustrations, and tables for the purpose of:

1. Improving readability, organization, and enforceability consistent with planning and zoning best practices.
2. Ensuring that the regulations are consistent with current Frankenlust Township policy priorities and reflect the desired character of our community.
3. Incorporating a comprehensive list of text updates identified by the Planning Commission.

As of our August 21st PC meeting, we have completed the above three steps. Now, there are three more steps that are necessary before our work is fully completed and the new Zoning Ordinance is finalized.

1. At our September 18th meeting the PC will begin one final review of all updated Zoning Ordinance text, illustrations, and tables.
2. A composite draft zoning ordinance will then be submitted to the Township Board for their review and approval at the October 8th Board meeting.
3. The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing to hear and receive public input on the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Following these three actions, the next appropriate steps will be taken to implement and publish a new Frankenlust Township Zoning Ordinance.

I would like to thank the members of the Planning Commission and Mr. Nanney for all of the diligent work everyone has invested on this project over the last year. I would also like to thank the Township Board for the vision they showed in allowing us to tackle this important task. And I would like to thank – in advance – my fellow Frankenlust Township residents for their cooperation and insight as, together, we move forward to an adopted Zoning Ordinance.

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

Hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to the cooler temperatures! What a great time of year fall is: Football returns, the Autumn colors, and above all else the kids are back in school!

We have 4 new firefighters to introduce: Scott Miller, Henry Pfundt, Don Aldrich, and Rob Howard. They will be starting the Michigan First Responder class in the Fall and Firefighter training will follow in the Winter. If you see them, please thank them for their willingness to serve the community.

If anyone has children 14 years to 18 years and they are interested in the fire service, they are welcome to join our Explorer group. We have the only Explorer group, to my knowledge, in the county that pertains to the Fire service. They will learn about the fire service and train with us. It is sponsored thru the Boy Scouts and they are fully insured thru them. If anyone is interested, please call the Township Hall and they will give you the information to get in contact with us.

Don't forget to mark down September 28th on your calendars! This is our annual Open House from 11am-3pm. We will have hot dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, and beverages for all. We will also have a lot of activities for the children, including inflatable toys, as well as police, ambulance, and hopefully a helicopter for all to see. Please stop by, see the new truck, and say Hi!

Well that is all for now. Please remember to call in for a Burning Permit when you are doing that Fall yard work! Remember that you can burn twigs and leaves, but no building materials or grass. Please be patient with us if you do call in for a permit and we still come out to your location. We only respond if someone calls in to 911 and we have to respond. We will stop, make sure you called in a permit, check to make sure all the requirements are met to burn (proper materials, water supply, properly manned), and then we will clear.

Frankenlust Township Calendar
September 2013 ~ January 2014

September 28.....	Firefighters' Open House – 11am-3pm
October 8.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
October 10.....	Nature Park Meeting – 7pm
October 14.....	CLOSED – Columbus Day
October 16.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
November 11.....	CLOSED – Veterans' Day
November 12.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
November 20.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
November 28 & 29	CLOSED – Thanksgiving
November 29 & 30	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
December 1.....	Winter Tax Bills Mailed
December 10.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
December 18.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
December 24-26	CLOSED – Christmas
December 27.....	Treasurer Hours: 9am-5pm
December 27 & 28	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
December 31 & January 2	CLOSED – New Years
January 3 & 4	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
January 14	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
January 15.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
January 20.....	CLOSED – MLK Jr. Day



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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