

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

As summer approaches, road construction will begin. This year the Township will be working on eight roads. With costs estimated at \$ 250,000, this is a list of roads to be worked on: Final Chip & Seal with Fog SEAL - Schwab Road (2 Mile to end), Delta Road (2 Mile to end), Engelhardt Road (2 Mile to end), and Delta Road (M-84 to end); Double Chip & Seal - Hupfer Road (Amelith to Delta), Schwab Road (3 Mile to end), Fraser Road (Amelith to Delta); Asphalt Resurface - Old Bridge Road (3 Mile to Muirhead Drive, approximately).

The Township received a Grant from the D.E.Q. to complete an Asset Management Plan, which is required for all Municipalities, Cities and Villages, and all Water and Sewer Departments. The amount of the Grant is for \$ 471,000. With this grant, a company will come in and use a camera to inspect all the sewer and storm lines. They will document all this on software, which we will purchase from the Grant. This will save the Township a tremendous amount of money, as this is a requirement and will have to be done sooner or later.

From The Township Treasurer ☐ Mary M. Revord

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

Here it is cold, wet and rainy and in California it is hot, dry and fires. Sometimes I wonder which state I would rather be in. Of course Michigan always wins and our Township has a lot to offer also.

Your tax bills should arrive again in early July. Letters and deferrals will also go out around the middle of July for those who are eligible.

Remember you can pay your taxes by (1) mail, (2) drop box – located outside office entrance, (3) in person during normal office hours, OR (4) with a credit card online through our website. If you pay by mail or drop box and would like a receipt, you must enclose a **stamped, self-addressed envelope**.

I am starting to work on our budget for the next fiscal year. We had a lot more expenses as everyone else did during the winter months with heating, snow removal, etc. than we had expected. Now they say we may have a cool summer. We continue to try to use our extra funds on our roads as those have also been hit by the winter weather.

As we come to an end of another fiscal year, I would like to **THANK** the different residents who serve in our Township, whether it is on our Planning, Zoning, Fire Dept., Elections, or Staff. It helps to make our job easier when we have dependable people.

Our Township Park, next to the Township Hall, is open with benches, picnic tables, a playground, and a small pavilion. There is also an outside bathroom during the summer months to use.

Have a safe, healthy and happy summer. Congratulations to those who graduate from grade school, high school, or college. Be proud of your achievement, for you are our future. Also **thanks** to those who serve in our military to keep us safe.

From The Township Clerk ☐ Donna L. Reichard

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

It was a long cold winter, but spring has finally arrived. Let's hope warm weather will soon be here.

Synopsis of meetings:

- ✧ January: Annual report was presented by the Assessor, Paul Arnold; Motion made and approved to have a street light installed at E. Delta & M-84; Karl Verity was elected President of the Chief's Association.
- ✧ February: The Firefighters had a Pancake Breakfast at Berger's Restaurant on February 2nd and their annual banquet at the LFA Hall on February 26th; Karl Verity was reappointed Township Fire Chief for a 2 year term; The Township, through Spicer Group, will apply for a Grant for surfacing a portion of the Rail Trail in Frankenlust Township; The Bay County and Frankenlust Township Recreation Plan was adopted; The Township will continue with Road Patrol.
- ✧ March: Kaleb Ortner was accepted as a new Firefighter; Todd Schafer was reappointed 1st Assistant Fire Chief and Bryan Kukla was reappointed 2nd Assistant Fire Chief; A bid was accepted from Rescue Resource for a new Jaws of Life; The Township will supply up to \$500 to each St. John Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran for recreation equipment, with the understanding that any child in the Township may participate in either Church's programs.
- ✧ April: Road work for this year as described in the Supervisor's article.

Our 2014 Election Dates are: August 5th – Primary Election and November 4th - General Election. If you would like to be an Election Inspector, please stop in at the Hall for an application.

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

The Township has received several complaints of trash being blown into adjoining yards. Thank you for remembering that boxes you are recycling should be collapsed (an un-collapsed box is caught by the wind easily) and all paper products you are recycling should be securely placed in a paper bag (the grocery paper bags you receive at Meijer, etc, are adequate) when placing in the recycling bin. Trash, yard waste, and recycling may be placed out for collection only after noon the day before pickup. Thank you for your help in keeping our Township looking great.

Also, Summer is coming, so please remember that a Zoning Permit and possibly a Building Permit is necessary for all improvements to your property including sheds (exceeding 100 square feet), decks, pools, or any other accessory structure or addition to your property. You can find a copy of the Zoning Permit Application and Building Permit Application at www.frankenlust.com or pick one up at the Township office. Thank you.

From The Township Planning Commission ☐ Samuel Britton

Since our last newsletter, the Planning Commission has been busy taking a look at the Township Master Plan. We are required by law to "review the Master Plan" – with an eye toward amendments, etc. – every five years. The current Plan was adopted in 2005 and last reviewed by the Planning Commission in 2010, with no changes recommended *at that time*.

However, since then, we determined that amendments to the plan were needed to clarify the planned dwelling unit densities for the various residential land use designations identified in the Plan. As a result, we have created an amendment to the "**Future Land Use**" section of the Plan. Additionally, we designed a new "**Zoning Plan**" section to better tie the Master Plan policies to the Zoning Ordinance regulations. Also added was a new "**Transportation Plan**" element.

At their April meeting, the Township Board approved our proposed Master Plan amendments, and authorized the distribution of these documents to surrounding jurisdictions and other appropriate parties for their review and comment. These folks have 63 days to do so.

Once we have received their comments and completed our final analysis, the PC will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Master Plan amendments sometime in June or July. The actual final approval and project completion won't occur until August or September.

In the meantime, if you're interested in downloading a copy of the amendments, you can do so by visiting the following website: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/23813611/2014-03-28MPAmendment.pdf>.

My thanks, once again, for the dedication of my fellow Planning Commission members. I, like you, appreciate their commitment to making certain that any long-range planning is in the best interests of every single resident in Frankenlust Township.

My best wishes are that you will have a safe and enjoyable summer.



A Forgotten Flag

I saw a flag the wind had tattered
No one to care or think it mattered!
Wind torn and faded stripes were flapping
Pale stars upon dim blue were napping!
I wondered if a bugle blowing,
Would rouse our country to bestowing...
Upon our flag more true devotion;
And stir our hearts with real emotion!
Forgotten there, so bravely flying
A symbol worn, but never dying!
A challenge! To a nation sleeping
A loyal sentry, Watch is keeping!

- Edna R. Zunino -

A REMINDER FROM THE BAY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

People walking a dog **MUST** have the dog on a LEASH!

A dog in its owner's yard, does not have to be on a leash, but the owner must have the dog under control!!!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: 2-1-1

The 2-1-1 service is a free, easy to remember phone number that connects people in need with people who can help. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Through this service, community members can gain access to the following types of services:

- ❖ Basic Human Needs
- ❖ Physical and Mental Health
- ❖ Employment Support
- ❖ Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities
- ❖ Support for Children, Youth, and Families
- ❖ Crisis Calls

This is not for emergency purposes. 2-1-1 is for health and human services in their community. More information is available on their website: www.211nemichigan.org .

TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY IN HOT WEATHER

Senior citizens especially may be at risk of becoming dehydrated or a victim of heat exhaustion or heat stroke if they do not take proper steps toward prevention. The following is good advice for all our readers:

- ✚ Drink plenty of water and non-alcoholic beverages to stay cool and hydrated. Drink even if you do not feel thirsty. Persons who (1) have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease, (2) are on fluid restrictive diets, or (3) have a problem with fluid retention, should consult a physician before increasing their consumption of fluids.
- ✚ Wear lightweight, light colored clothing which reflects heat & sunlight, helping your body maintain normal temperatures.
- ✚ Eat light – Heavier, fatty foods are harder to digest in hot weather.
- ✚ Slow Down – Strenuous activities should be reduced or rescheduled to the coolest time of the day.
- ✚ Do not drink alcoholic beverages.
- ✚ Be aware of the effect medications can have on you.
- ✚ Spend time in air-conditioned places if you can – Air conditioning greatly reduces the danger from heat. If you do not have A/C, spending time each day in a public place with A/C will afford some protection.
- ✚ Stay out of the sun – Sunburn makes the job of heat dissipation that much more difficult. Wear sunscreen or protective clothing if you must be outside in the sun.

Please pass these tips along to anyone you know who may be at risk of heat complications during the summer months.

Frankenlust Township Calendar May ~ Sept. 2014	
May 21.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
May 26 & 27	CLOSED – Memorial Day
June 10.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
June 12	Budget Meeting – 2pm
June 12.....	Nature Park Meeting – 7pm
June 18.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
June 19	Budget Hearing – 7pm
NO ANNUAL TOWNSHIP MEETING	
July 1	Summer Tax Bills Mailed
July 3 & 4.....	CLOSED – Independence Day
July 5.....	<i>Friday Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
July 8.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
July 10.....	Nature Park Meeting – 7pm
July 16.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
August 5	Primary Election – 7am-8pm – LFA Hall
August 12	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
August 14	Nature Park Meeting – 7pm
August 20	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm
September 1 & 2	CLOSED – Labor Day
September 5 & 6	<i>Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)</i>
September 9.....	Township Board Meeting – 7pm
September 11.....	Nature Park Meeting – 7pm
September 15.....	Summer Taxes DUE
September 17.....	Planning Commission Meeting – 7pm



Township Office Information

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