

JANUARY 2015 FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP TIMES

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For more information about Frankenlust Township activities, please look on our website, which is updated weekly! This is the last mailing of this sort for our Newsletter! From now on it will come twice a year and will be mailed out with the Summer taxes July 1st and the Winter taxes December 1st. It is still available on our Website under 'About Us'!

☐ **Supervisor** ☐ **Ronald Campbell** ☐ **Office Hours: Tuesday 9am-12pm & Thursday 9am-4pm** ☐

- ◆ I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. As winter is here, please drive with caution and patience.
- ◆ In the next few months you may notice Dependable Sewer trucks in the Township. This company is contracted to televise our sewer system as part of the S.A.W. Grant Asset Management Plan which we received last year.
- ◆ This year our trash and recycling contract will expire and we will be looking for a new contract. There has been some communication from some residents that they would like to see the big totes implemented. As this is possible, there would be additional costs to the residents. We would appreciate your comments in regards to this matter.

☐ **Treasurer** ☐ **Mary M. Revord** ☐ **Office Hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am-4pm** ☐

- ❖ Another year has come and gone. I hope you had a great holiday. I know one thing I will not miss is the cold weather. I always wonder how the homeless live in this kind of weather. I am so thankful for a warm home and shelter.
 - ❖ Well, taxes have been coming in pretty steady. For those of you who still need to pay, please note the last day before adding the 3% penalty is February 17th because the 14th is on a Saturday and the 16th is a holiday. That gives you a few extra days to pay. Also, you have until March 2nd before it goes delinquent to the County.
- My hours of collection for February will be:

February 3, 6, 10, 13 – 9am–4 pm; Tuesday, February 17 – 9am–5pm [last day before 3% penalty is added]
February 20, 24, 27 – 9am–4pm; Monday, March 2 – 9am–5 pm. [last day before going to the County]

You may pay your taxes any day the Office is open, but these are the days I will be in the office.

Please remember to have the exact amount when paying in cash.

- ❖ I would like to thank all our little helpers in the Township: the Firefighters, Planning Commission members, Election workers, Board of Review members, and the list could go on and on. These people are very dedicated to their positions and it helps make my job go a lot smoother.
- ❖ Wishing you a *Happy 2015 Year*.

☐ **Clerk** ☐ **Donna L. Reichard** ☐ **Office Hours: Monday and Friday 9am-4pm** ☐

- ✧ The Amended Master Plan was adopted in August. Copies are available at the office for \$35, or the complete Amended Master Plan is available online. There is no charge for downloading the online Plan.
- ✧ In September, Andrew Janetzke vacated his position as Zoning Administrator to pursue other opportunities. The Township Board accepted a contract from Rodney Nanney as the new Zoning Administrator.
- ✧ In November, the Board adopted Sign Ordinance 79A, amending sign regulations and exceptions. In December, Ordinance 79B was adopted to amend the Zoning Map by rezoning a number of parcels of land in the Township which are used for public purposes to PR (Public Recreation).
- ✧ Larry Knoerr, Jim Reichard, and Roger Clauss were appointed to the Construction Board of Appeals for the term beginning 1/1/2015 and ending 12/31/2016.
- ✧ The Township Officials and Office Staff will participate in the Critical Incident Management Training in January 2015.
- ✧ A proposed state election to increase state sales tax is tentatively set for May 5, 2015. As of now, the only election in 2015 will be this one on May 5th. If you are not a registered voter, please stop in at the Township and register. Also, if you are interested in becoming an Election Inspector, call or stop in for a registration form.
- ✧ Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

▣ **Zoning Administrator** ▣ **Rodney Nanney** ▣

- ✚ Michigan cities and townships are authorized to enact ordinances for the promotion and protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. Frankenlust Township has done just that with its Zoning Ordinance and other local ordinances. In particular, the standards included in the Township's recently updated Zoning Ordinance No. 79 are designed in part to help prevent the overcrowding of land, promote healthful surroundings for family life in residential and rural areas, and preserve the unique character and orderly development of the Township.
- ✚ Are you contemplating plans this year for a new shed, fence, addition, or some other building project? The Township requires zoning and building permits for many of these types of improvements to verify that state construction code and local ordinance requirements have been met. A zoning permit is required for any new sheds over 100 square feet in floor area, and for decks, swimming pools, fences, garages, pole barns, and any other accessory structure or addition. Be sure to check out the Township's Zoning Ordinance online at www.frankenlust.com for the rules that apply to your project. Zoning and building permit application forms are also available on the Township's website or at the Township offices during business hours.
- ✚ Thank you for helping to keep Frankenlust Township safe and looking great!

▣ **Assessor** ▣ **Paul Arnold** ▣

- **New Legislation:** When ownership of a property transfers the Taxable Value is uncapped to reflect the True Cash Value. Last year legislation was passed to exempt the uncapping of value when transfers occur from parent to child. This year legislation extended that exemption to include transfers from grandparent to grandchild. This exemption applies as long as the property is not used for any commercial purpose.
- **AMAR:** An audit of minimum assessing requirements is being done by Tax Management Associates on all taxing units of Bay County for the 2013 Tax Year. They are under contract by the state to review the assessing practices of each county in Michigan along with the taxing units within the county. Tax Management Associates will be doing on-site visits on a sample of properties within the township. Those who will be visited will first receive a letter of notification. They will be working in teams of two & will be equipped with State of Michigan Contractor ID badges, which will be displayed at all times.
- **So You Have Purchased A Home!** Congratulations, now the fun begins. If you are in a scenario in which the home you purchased is somewhat or substantially less than twice the assessed value contact me. For example if you paid \$100,000 and the assessment is \$60,000; that means you will be taxed as if the home is worth \$120,000. One thing that could cause such a discrepancy is the condition of the home. If the home is in poor condition or has had unreported damage consideration could be given to lowering the assessed value. I would need to verify its condition. Take pictures so that the "as purchased" condition can be verified and call me to make an on-site visit as soon as possible.

▣ **Fire Department** ▣ **Chief, Karl Verity** ▣

- ✚ I would like to start off and wish you and your family a great New Year!
- ✚ We responded to 338 calls in 2014. I am very proud of the department and its personnel, and I would like to thank them for all their efforts they put forward to serve the Township last year.
- ✚ Your department now has 5 paramedic/EMT level personnel and 13 MFR level personnel out of the 20 current members. This is a testament to the dedication that your department has to training and to providing the best service possible.
- ✚ Remember to call in a Burn Permit when burning yard waste. Just because there is snow, you still need to call for one.
- ✚ On February 1st we will be having our second annual Pancake Breakfast at Berger's Restaurant. It will be from 9am-2pm. We will have pancakes, eggs, and sausages. Coffee, milk, and juice will be included. \$6.00 for Adults; \$4.00 for Children ages 6-13; Children 5 and under are free. Please come out and support you fire department, as all proceeds will go to the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera.
- ✚ On February 28th we will be hosting our annual Fundraiser Banquet at the LFA Hall, starting at 4:30pm with Social Hour and Dinner at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20.00 per person, (\$25 at the door), 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 main fundraiser of the year and helps to pay for some of the small items we have to purchase throughout the year. Tickets may be purchased from any Firefighter or at the Township Office.
- ✚ 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.

▣ **Nature Park Committee** ▣

- Come visit the Nature Park. It can be enjoyed year around.
- We held a work day on September 26th, with an agenda of invasive species removal, mainly Autumn Olive. Our thanks to the Land Conservancy and SVSU students who helped with the work!
- During October, Wild Ones Mid-Mitten Chapter held a plant exchange of native plants at the Park. They toured the Park and planted some native species to help the Park. Thank you for all help!
- The Park is located at the southeast corner of 3 Mile and Hotchkiss Roads. Come on over for a look-see at what is there. The Park is open from sunrise to sunset.

Frankenlust Township Calendar January ~ July 2015	
January 21.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
February 1.....	FF Association Pancake Breakfast - 9am-2pm
February 10.....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
February 16.....	CLOSED - Presidents' Day
February 17.....	WINTER TAXES DUE
February 17.....	Treasurer's Hours: 9am-5pm
February 18.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
February 28.....	Firefighters Association Banquet - 4:30pm
March 2.....	Last Day to PAY 2014 TAXES at Township Office
March 2.....	Treasurer's Hours: 9am-5pm
March 8.....	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 10.....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
March 12.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
March 18.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
April 2 & 3.....	CLOSED - Good Friday
April 9.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
April 14.....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
April 15.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
May 12.....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
May 14.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
May 20.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
May 25 & 26.....	CLOSED - Memorial Day
May 29 & 30.....	Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)
June 9.....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
June 11.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
June 17.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
June Budget Meeting & Budget Hearing dates to be determined at the June Twp Bd Mtg	
July 1.....	Summer Tax Bills & Newsletter Mailed
July 3 & 6.....	CLOSED - Independence Day
July 9.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
July 14.....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
July 15.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm



Street Light Out?

Call Consumers Energy @ 1-800-477-5050 or go to ConsumersEnergy.com. Be ready to give cross streets or an address nearest the outage. If it is not Consumers, you can call Bay City Light and Power @ 894-8350.

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

FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP 2015

TOWNSHIP BOARD: Ronald Campbell, Supervisor
 Donna Reichard, Clerk
 Mary Revord, Treasurer
 Jim Begick, Trustee
 Linda Klimmek, Trustee

PLANNING COMMISSION: Sam Britton, Chairman
 David Helmreich, Vice-Chairman
 Terri Scheuerlein, Secretary
 Jim Begick, Twp Bd Rep
 Alice Eschenbacher, Member
 Bob Markle, Member
 Ed Pardel, Member

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Rodney Nanney

WEED COMMISSIONER: Jim Begick

BOARD of REVIEW: Steve Estes, Member
 Howard Helmreich, Member
 Frank Linzner, Member

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS: Randy Appold, Member
 Dave Helmreich, Member
 Daniel Meyer, Member
 Mary Revord, Twp Bd Rep
 Edward Zuraw, Member

CONSTRUCTION BOARD of APPEALS: Roger Clauss, Member
 Larry Knoerr, Member
 Jim Reichard, Member

ASSESSOR: Paul Arnold

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Dick Sabias

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR: Frank Bryden Jr.

PLUMBING/MECHANICAL INSPECTOR: Dell Bedford

LIQUOR INSPECTORS: Craig Appold, Rollie Berger

ATTORNEY: Darbee, Bosco, and Hammond

FIRE CHIEF: Karl Verity

FIRE DEPARTMENT LIAISON: Linda Klimmek, Twp Bd Rep

CONSTABLES: Craig Appold, Rollie Berger

BAY COUNTY INFORMATION 2015

BAY COUNTY FREQUENTLY CALLED DEPTS.			
www.co.bay.mi.us - www.baycounty-mi.gov			
Animal Control	894-0679	Immunization Clinic	895-4009
Assigned Counsel	895-4127	Lab	895-4013
Bankruptcy Court - Federal	894-8840	Medicaid Screening	895-4008
Bay County Library System	893-8566	Nursing	895-4005
Bay-Arenac Mental Health	894-3911	Prenatal	895-4004
Bay County Medical Care Facility	892-3591	Risk Manager	895-4111
Board of Commissioners	895-4120	STD Clinic	895-4003
Buildings & Grounds	895-4097	Vision and Hearing	895-2045
Chamber of Commerce	893-4567	WIC	895-4002
Circuit Court		Housing Commission	895-8191
Court Administrator	895-4266	Housing/Senior Citizens	895-8191
Clerk of the Court	895-4265	Housing/Rehabilitation	895-4138
Judge Schmidt	895-4270	Information Systems	895-4085
Judge Gill	895-4267	Insurance	895-4032
Judge Sheeran	895-4224	Jail-Intake/Booking	895-4067
Jury Clerk	895-4272	Jail Division	895-4066
Jury Commission	895-4265	Juvenile Home	895-4519
Probation	895-4259	Juvenile Probation	895-4206
Friend of the Court	895-4295	Library-Bay Co.	894-2837
Circuit Court Fax Line	895-4099	Law Library	895-4265
Consumer Protection	See Criminal Defense	MBS International Airport	895-6513
Cooperative Extension	895-4026	Magistrate	895-4203
Corporation Counsel	895-4131	Mail Room	895-4197
County Clerk	895-4280	Maintenance	895-4097
County Executive	895-4130	Michigan Veterans Trust	895-4189
County Juvenile Officer	895-4206	Mosquito Control	894-4555
Criminal Defense	895-4170	MSU Extension	895-4026
Data Processing	See Information Systems	Museum	893-5733
Dept. of Human Services (formerly FIA)	895-2100	Payroll	895-4044
District Court		Personnel	895-4098
Assignment Clerk	895-4202	Planning	895-4064
Civil Department	895-4203	Probate Judge	895-4205
Small Claims	895-4203	Prosecutor	895-4185
Landlord Tenant	895-4203	Public Defender	895-4020
Court Administrator	895-4266	Public Works	894-6316
Criminal Department	895-4226	Public Resources	895-4110
Jury Service-Call-In	895-4244	Recreation	894-0671
Traffic Tickets	895-4232	Register of Deeds	895-4228
Judge Kitka	895-4237	Retirement System	895-4032
Judge Kelly	895-4241	Road Commission	
Judge Janer	895-4238	Office	898-4610
Probation	895-4275	Main Garage	894-1010
Division on Aging	895-4100	Secretary of State	898-767-6424
Drain Commissioner	895-4290	Sheriff Department	
Equalization	895-4075	Administration	895-4050
Family Independence Agency	See Dept. of Human Services	Administration Fax	895-4058
Federal Bankruptcy	894-8840	Emergency Services	895-4050
Federal District Court	894-8800	Emergency Services Alt	894-1159
Finance	895-4030	Jail Division	895-4066
Friend of the Court	895-4295	Detective Bureau	895-4066
Growth Alliance	893-5596	Records	895-4050
Golf Course	892-2161	Intake/Booking	895-4067
Health Department		Small Claims	895-4203
Administration	895-4006	Social Security	892-1578
Child Health Screening	895-4003	Soil Conservation	684-1040
Crippled Children	895-4005	State Police	684-2235
Environmental Health	895-4006	Treasurer	895-4285
Family Planning	895-4015	Tri City Airport	See MBS International Airport
		Veterans Job Coordinator	895-4189
		Zoning	895-4110