


SUMMER 2015 Frankenlust Township Times


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

- ◆ As summer approaches, road construction will begin. This year the Township will be working on 10 roads, with costs estimated at \$321,000. Here is a list of roads to be worked on: 4 Mile (Hotchkiss to Delta), Fraser (Delta to Hotchkiss), Old Road (3 Mile to the End), Hotchkiss (Euclid to the End), Stark, Julia, Brooks, Andre, Hupfer (Amelith to the South End), South Euclid (Stone Island south to the gravel), Weiss (Mackinaw to Fraser), Amelith (Fraser to 8 Mile), Delta (7 Mile to 8 Mile). 
- ◆ The City of Saginaw has a Capital Improvement Plan for repair and replacement of both raw water transmission mains and finished water mains for both in and outside of the city, which includes our Township. Frankenlust's cost of treated water, as customers of the Saginaw-Midland Water Supply Corporation, will rise 10% beginning August 1, 2015, another 10% on July 1, 2016, and a final rise of 5% on July 1, 2017.
- ◆ Thank you for giving us your comments about implementing the big totes for trash collection. We received 3 'yes' comments and 40 'no' comments.

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

- ❖ You will now be receiving the *Township Newsletter* with your tax bill; therefore we will only be printing it twice a year. You can always keep up by visiting our website for monthly meetings, calendar schedules, etc.
- ❖ We are in the process of working on the next *fiscal year budget*. We are trying to put any extra funds into the roads since they took quite a beating this past Winter.
- ❖ Our *trash contract* expires this year so we will be working on a new contract within the next several months. I cannot tell you at this time whether there will be an increase or decrease on your trash.
- ❖ *Deferments* will again go out the first part of July. Please be sure to return them before the September deadline. Also, everyone should be sure to look over your *tax bill* and let me know if there are any errors or corrections that need to be made so they can be done at our July Board of Review.
- ❖ Remember, taxes can be paid by mail, at the Township Office, via the drop box, or even online. 
- ❖ Have a *Safe and Happy Summer*. I wish all of our Graduates continued success as they pursue a new career or education. I continue to thank all those who serve our country to keep us safe.
- ❖ I would like to recognize our *Nature Park Committee* who received the Conservation Volunteers of the Year Award from the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy. Thanks to Barb and Matt Crews, Marty Arford, Don Dodge, Pat Samolewski, and all others on the committee who *volunteer* to help restore our Nature Park. Also, our Park next to the Township Office is open to use with picnic tables, grills, a playground, and an outside toilet. Please '*no pets*' in this Park!

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

- ✧ In January, the Planning Commission's updated bylaws and rules of procedure were approved.
- ✧ The DNR Trust Fund Grant was approved. This will complete the Great Lakes Bay Region Trail in Frankenlust Township up to Hotchkiss Road.
- ✧ Terri Scheuerlein and Bob Markle were reappointed to the Planning Commission for the term 1/1/2015-12/31/2017. Dave Helmreich, Edward Zuraw, and Daniel Meyer were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 1/1/2015-12/31/2017. Steve Estes, Howard Helmreich, and Frank Linzner were reappointed to the Board of Review for the term 1/1/2015-12/31/2016. 
- ✧ In February, the Road Patrol Agreement was approved for the year beginning April 1, 2015.
- ✧ The Board approved the five Firefighter Fitness Membership renewals at Delta College.
- ✧ In March, the Firefighters reported the pancake breakfast at Berger's and annual banquet at the LFA Hall were successful.
- ✧ The Board reviewed the annual REU from Bay County Department of Water and Sewer.
- ✧ In April, it was decided that the road mowing will be done by Jay's Lawn Care.
- ✧ A Special Election was held May 5th and voted down statewide. At this time, no other elections are scheduled for 2015.

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

- ✚ Are you contemplating plans for a new shed, fence, addition, or some other building project? The Township requires Zoning and Building Permits for these 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 <http://frankenlust.com> for rules that apply to your project. Zoning and Building Permit application forms are available on the Township's website or at the Township Office during business hours.
- ✚ We have received a number of complaints regarding "junk" and improperly parked vehicles. Please be aware that Township ordinances limit parking of vehicles and trailers associated with a residence to the driveway, garage or similar designated parking area. Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles must be stored inside a garage or pole barn. Vehicle and trailer parking elsewhere on a residential lot is prohibited.
- ✚ Also, please be aware that the Township's Fireworks Ordinance limits the discharge of "consumer fireworks" (generally those that leave the ground) to the day before, the day of, and the day after a national holiday. Low-impact and novelty fireworks are not subject to this restriction.
- ✚ Thank you for helping to keep Frankenlust Township safe and looking great!



▣ **Assessor** ▣ **Paul Arnold** ▣

- **ASSESSOR AT YOUR DOOR?** Frankenlust Township is in the process of updating the information on our property record cards in an attempt to comply with the State of Michigan recommendation that all parcels are reviewed every five years. Either myself, or an assistant will visit your home. No one will ask to enter your home. You will be asked a few questions and a few reference pictures will be taken from the outside of your home. If no one is home we will leave a form for you to complete and return. The only people that may visit your home are myself, Paul Arnold; Dorothy Martin, Neil Hammerbacher, or Eric Hammerbacher. We all have name tags with picture ID's. If you have any questions, please address them to me (989-662-6232) or the Township Office (989-686-5300). If you haven't yet been visited, you may have that experience during the summer. Please check the Township website for updates.



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

- ✚ Looks like Spring/Summer is finally here! Remember that if you are cleaning up your yard from the Winter and Spring 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, phone number, and the dates you will be burning. Reminder: You are NOT allowed to burn any building materials!
- ✚ 142 calls have been run by the department so far this year. This is slightly up from last year.
- ✚ The Bay County Fire Academy will have finished by the time you receive this newsletter. The practical tests were held at our station, and hopefully by the time you read this, Kaleb Ortner and Nicholas Verity have passed their exams and are qualified as Firefighters. They are young guys that will definitely be a positive for your Fire Department.
- ✚ We welcome new Firefighter Errin Mehl and Explorer Zach Aldrich to the Department.
- ✚ The Explorers program is going very well. We have three Explorers so far, and we are pleased with their dedication and willingness to learn and to 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 1st 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 Kochville Fire Department will be in July during the St. John Amelith Softball Tournament. Come out and support us as we look to win back the golden SCBA bottle.
- ✚ Our Open House will be in September. Please plan on stopping by. We have food and fun again for children of all ages! We will have more details as we get closer to the event, so look for that information on the Township's website.
- ✚ I would like to thank everyone that attended or donated to our annual Firefighters' Ball in February. It again was a great success! We are using the money to buy new equipment and gear to keep your Fire Department in compliance with state and federal regulations.
- ✚ *WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW FIREFIGHTERS...PLEASE CALL 989-686-5300 or 734-564-0283.*



▣ **Nature Park Committee** ▣

- It's Spring with the rain, the budding trees, and the flowers popping up. The Nature Park is located at 3 Mile and Hotchkiss. It is open from sun-up to sun-down, 7 days a week. A tree planting day was held at the Park with the help of some students from SVSU, and there are still more trees and flowers to be planted. There are picnic tables for your use. Benches have been placed throughout the park for a rest during your stroll around the Park. Questions/Comments - contact the Township Office. Enjoy your time at the Park.
- 'Thank-You!' to Frank Zielinski for all the volunteer work!

▣ **Planning Commission** ▣ **Chairman, Sam Britton** ▣

◇ **What's Under our Feet?**

Bay County was at one time part of an inland sea bottom, resulting in the formation of layers of limestone, sandstone and shale. Later, glacial drift deposited gravel, clay and sand over the bedrock of the Bay County area. The receding glaciers formed the present Great Lakes and resulted in the formation of the Saginaw River; eventually a flood plain was built up through the river valley. Because the southern part of the county where Frankenlust Township is located was once a lake bottom and is now a river valley, the surface is particularly low and very flat with swamps near the river. Elevations in the township range only about 30 feet from 590 feet to 620 feet above sea level. ♦ Fine clay is found over the river flood plains in southern Bay County and in the former lake bottom areas. Sandy soil is found along abandoned shorelines. There are many places in the County where muck soil has been formed in the former swamps and beds of muck are found near the bay shore and along the river. A layer of black soil from decaying vegetation mixed with these soils creating clay-loam and sandy-loam. These rich soils produce an unusually wide variety of farm products in Bay County. ♦ Local mineral deposits have played a key role in defining land uses in Frankenlust Township. Large coal deposits were actively mined in the first half of the 20th century. Mining created a maze of shafts and tunnels under the surface of the Township. Many tunnels were abandoned, leaving unstable surface conditions. Additionally, after groundwater penetrated the tunnels, subsurface sulfur deposits mixed with the water to produce a malodorous and unusable source of (well) water in many areas of the Township. ♦ Because of the flat topography and heavy soils, natural drainage in Frankenlust Township is poor. However, with the addition of several large drains, such as the Kochville Frankenlust drain, much of the land in the township has been very productive for agricultural use. All waterways in Frankenlust Township flow towards the Saginaw River. ♦ There are no officially designated inland lakes within the township, (but) over 2,800 acres of land within Frankenlust Township are classified as wetlands. [excerpts from the "Natural features section of the Township Master Plan]

A reminder from the Township about the Bay County Ordinance concerning dogs:

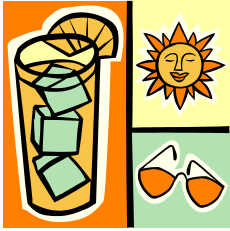
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50.801 - Violations pertaining to owners.

Sec. 1. It shall be unlawful for an owner to let or allow his animal to do any of the following:

- (a) By loud, frequent and persistent barking, howling, yelping, crying or any other disturbing sounds or behaviors to create a nuisance in the neighborhood in which said animal is kept, possessed or harbored;
- (b) For dogs to run at large; provided, however, that working dogs such as leader dogs, farm dogs, hunting dogs, and other trained dogs actively engaged in their trained activities accompanied by their owners need not be leashed when under the reasonable control of their owners;
- (c) To let or allow any female dog or cat to go beyond the premises of such owner when she is in heat, unless the female is held properly in leash;
- (d) To be within the confines of any public park when such park, by appropriate signs or notices, prohibits all animals, pets or a specific animal, except a dog assisting its owner who is an individual with a disability;
- (e) To destroy property, real or personal, or to trespass in a manner that causes actual damage to the property of persons other than the owner including, but not limited to, the repetitive depositing of feces or urine on said property;
- (f) To menace, chase, display threatening or aggressive behavior or otherwise threaten or endanger the safety of any domestic animal;
- (g) To attack or bite a domestic animal;
- (h) To show vicious tendencies or molest passers-by or neighbors when such persons are lawfully on the public highways or rights-of-way or on their own property; or
- (i) To attack or bite a person.

(Amended: Ord. of 10-14-92; Ord. No. 2011-125, adopt. 7-12-11)



Happy July 4th

LABOR DAY



Frankenlust Township Calendar July ~ Dec. 2015	
July 1	Summer Tax Bills & Newsletter Mailed
July 3 & 6	CLOSED - Independence Day
July	Deferments Mailed
July 9	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
July 14	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
July 15	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
August 11	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
August 13	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
August 19	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
September 7 & 8	CLOSED - Labor Day
TBD (check website).....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
September 10.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
September 11 & 12	Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)
September 14.....	SUMMER TAXES DUE
September 14.....	Treasurer's Hours: 9am-5pm
September 14.....	DEFERMENTS DUE
September 16.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
TBD (check website).....	Fire Department Open House
October 8.....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
October 12.....	CLOSED - Columbus Day
October 13	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
October 21.....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 10	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
November 12	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
November 18	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
November 26 & 27	CLOSED - Thanksgiving
December 1	Winter Tax Bills & Newsletter Mailed
December 8	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
December 16	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
Always refer to the website for up-to-date scheduling of these Meetings and the Township schedule!	



Happy Thanksgiving

Township Office Information

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