

# SUMMER 2016 FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP TIMES

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

- ◆ Hopefully Spring is here to stay, which means road construction is beginning.
- ◆ This year, Frankenlust Township is allocating almost \$340,000 towards road maintenance. Roads that will be worked on this year include:
  - 4 Mile Road (Delta to Hotchkiss) and Fraser Road (Delta to Hotchkiss) ~ These two roads will receive a double chip and seal sometime in June, usually after school is out.
  - 8-Mile Road (Freeland to Delta) ~ This road will receive some ditching, and be crushed and shaped with additional gravel sometime in the Fall, and receive a double chip and seal next Spring. This is a joint effort between Tittabawassee Township, Saginaw Road Commission, Frankenlust Township, and Bay County Road Commission. This is a three-year project, at a cost of \$800,000.
  - Michigan Road (Amelith to Freeland) ~ This road will receive a 2" asphalt-paving sometime this year.
  - 3 Mile Road (M-84 to Amelith) ~ Residents living on this road may have seen Spicer Engineering vehicles up and down the road. Spicer has the design contract for the reconstruction of 3 Mile Road slated for 2017.
  - 2 Mile Road (south of Amelith) ~ The bridge here over the Goetz Drain is closed for reconstruction, to the end of 2016.
- ◆ We ask that you please be patient with the construction of these roads and the crews working on them!



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

- ❖ When you are looking over your Summer Tax bill, be sure to review the information carefully. If any corrections are needed, contact us immediately. Please be aware that the mail can take 2-4 days to be delivered, so keep this in mind when you pay close to the last day in order to avoid late charges. Also, your tax bill includes your receipt. If you pay by mail, tear off only the bottom portion and mail with your payment. Keep the top portion as your receipt. Remember that we have a drop box for after-office-hours convenience, and if you want a paid receipt, be sure to include a stamped self-addressed envelope with your payment.
- ❖ For those who defer their taxes, you should have also received your application in the mail. Remember, a new form needs to be completed each and every year. If you have any questions, kindly give me a call.
- ❖ We are currently working on our next year budget. If it weren't for the revenue sharing we receive from the state, we would be unable to do many of the larger projects, such as roads, here in the Township.
- ❖ Remember this is an election year, so be sure to get out and vote in August and November.
- ❖ To all the graduates of Frankenlust Township, grade school, high school, or college, be proud of your accomplishments and good luck in your new endeavors. I was lucky when I got out of high school - I started work at a local law firm, and many of the jobs I did there helped me when I became Treasurer here at Frankenlust Township.
- ❖ Have a safe and great Summer and Fall.



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

- ✧ This is, as everyone knows, a very big election year. Our State Primary Election will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the General Election will be November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will again be voting at the LFA Hall, 2323 Amelith Road. I think there probably will be long lines. If you are 60 or older, you may vote by Absentee Ballot. To do this, stop in at the Township Hall, or call me and sign up for permanent absentee ballots. Then, thereafter, you will automatically receive an application to vote in absentee and in return your ballot will be mailed to you.
- ✧ If you are not registered to vote, you must do so by June 28<sup>th</sup>, to vote on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Michigan Election Law requires that first time registered voters in the state of Michigan, that registered by mail, to vote in person their first time.
- ✧ Those running for Office in our Township are Ronald Campbell, Supervisor; Mary Revord, Treasurer; Debbie Fisher, Clerk; Sam Britton and Jim Begick Trustees. They are all running unopposed in the Primary Election.
- ✧ Two LED lights were installed on M-84 in front of St. Paul Lutheran Church.
- ✧ Enjoy the Summer and don't forget to get out and vote in August and November.



▣ **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. Check out the Township's Zoning Ordinance online at [www.frankenlust.com](http://www.frankenlust.com) for the 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** ▣

- The Assessor onsite visits have been completed. Thank you for your cooperation as my team made their rounds throughout the Township the past few years! The Township-wide revaluation will be completed in 2016.

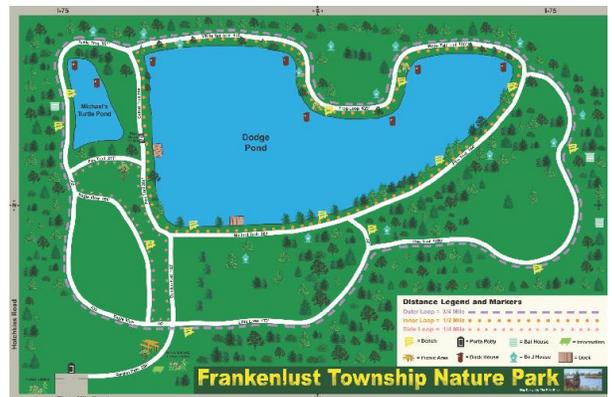
▣ **Nature Park Committee** ▣

- ✦ The Nature Park, located at 3 Mile & Hotchkiss Roads, is open from sun-up to sun-down, 7 days a week.
- ✦ We have a new map in place at the Park, and it is also on the Township Website. This map gives the lengths of the trails and where you can rest on benches during your walk. The picnic area is in the works and hopefully should be done soon.
- ✦ *We are in need of volunteers ... there is always work to be done. If you are interested, please call the Township Office at 989-686-5300 - leave your name and number and we will be in touch.*



A Bald Eagle Siting  
in the Nature Park!

The new map up at the Park!



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

- ✦ Your Planning Commission has been busy since last we spoke in this Newsletter. As Chairman, I want to thank all the members of the Commission for their dedication to duty and willingness to serve the needs of the Township and all of its residents.
- ✦ Welcome New PC Member: Upon the retirement of Ed Pardel earlier this year, we are happy to welcome our newest member to the Planning Commission: **Michael Kaczan**. Michael brings a strong background of personal and professional skills to this position and we are very pleased to have him on the Commission. Like all members, he is dedicated to the needs of **all** members of our community.
- ✦ Forward Corporation Returning to Frankenlust: Hopefully, by the time this Newsletter is in our mail, the new Shell Gas Station, Convenience Store, and Subway Restaurant will be near completion (or perhaps fully completed) on M-84 at the I-75 interchange. The Planning Commission and other Township Officials have appreciated working with the folks at Forward Corporation on this new project. We welcome them back to Frankenlust Township and are confident that residents and travelers alike are going to enjoy this exciting new facility.

- ✚ PC Basic Training: Recently your Planning Commission took a refresher course in Planning Commission responsibilities, procedures, and other important factors designed to assist us in being accountable and committed to you and our community. Topics included, but were not limited to the following:
  - Being an Effective Planning Commissioner
  - Conflicts of Interest
  - Why a Master Plan is Important
  - Site Plans – Why they're important – The Approval Process
  - Good Listening Habits
  - Making Informed Decisions . . . plus more . . .
- ✚ I'm confident my fellow Commissioners will agree; the time we invested was well worth the effort. We all came away with a renewed commitment to: *follow the Township Master Plan, enforce the Township Zoning Ordinance, and look out for the welfare of all the citizens of the entire community of Frankenlust Township.*
- ✚ Well, that's it for now. Enjoy the beautiful weather and have a great rest of the year.



▣ Fire Department ▣ Chief, Karl Verity ▣

- ✚ 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, phone number, and dates you will be burning (for up to 3 days). Reminder: You are NOT allowed to burn any building materials!
- ✚ 138 calls have been run by the Department so far this year. This is slightly down from last year. Last year we ended up with 345 calls which unfortunately is another record for the Department. Here is a list of the calls: 14 Fires - building, grass fires, etc.; 247 Medicals/Accidents - medicals, vehicle accidents with injuries, etc.; 8 Hazardous Conditions - lines down, spills, leaks, etc.; 24 Service Calls - cover assignments, unauthorized burning, etc.; 47 Good Intent – cancelled in route, investigations, no incident found upon arrival, etc.; 5 False calls - smoke detector and Co2 activation unintentional, fire alarm accidental, etc.
- ✚ 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm 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 the first week of October. 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 end by thanking everyone that attended or donated to our annual Firefighters' Ball in February. It again was a great success and 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<sub>office</sub> or 734-564-0283<sub>cell</sub>.**



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**Do you feel your water bill is higher than usual?** Here are a few suggestions to detect a possible leak inside your home:

Pick a time when you know that there will not be any water usage in the home (afternoon, overnight, or on a weekend when you will be away). Take a reading from the meter before you leave. This is the meter inside your home, not the meter on the outside. Take another reading immediately upon returning. If the meter has any usage (numbers have changed), you have a leak.



Your toilet is the first to consider for the leak. In 24 hours, a toilet can leak up to 2500 gallons of water. There are times when you can hear your toilet 'running', however, the worst leaks are when you cannot hear it. Here are two ways to detect a leak.

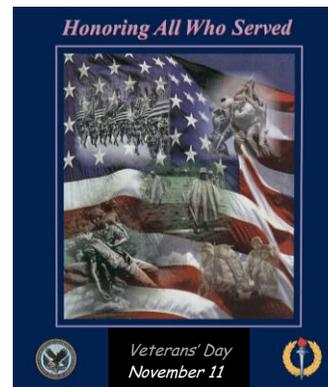
- 1) *To check for a leak caused by a ballcock that needs adjusting:* Remove the tank top. Sprinkle powder on top of the water and look to see if the powder drifts to the overflow tube. If it does, your ballcock needs to be adjusted.
- 2) *To check for a leak caused by a faulty tank/bowl seal or a flapper seal:* Pour a dark liquid (i.e. kool-aid, iced tea, food coloring) into the tank. Wait a few minutes. If you can see the water seeping into the bowl, this indicates that your seal needs to be serviced. Seals can get sand or dirt under them, which can cause water loss through a faulty seal.

Check for dripping faucets and/or tubs. Outside faucets should be checked to make sure they are not running. Finally, read your meter on a weekly basis to track your own water usage.





<b>Frankenlust Township Calendar July ~ Dec. 2016</b>	
June 28 ....	Last Day to Register for August Primary Election
July 1 .....	Summer Tax Bills & Newsletter Mailed
July 1 .....	Deferments Mailed
July 4 & 5 .....	<b>CLOSED - Independence Day</b>
July 8 & 9 .....	Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)
July 12 .....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
July 14 .....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
July 20 .....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
August 2 ....	State Primary Election - VOTE at LFA Hall - 7am-8pm
August 9 .....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
August 11 .....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
August 17 .....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
September 5 & 6 .....	<b>CLOSED - Labor Day</b>
September 8 .....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
September 9 & 10 .....	Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)
September 13 .....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
September 14 .....	<b>SUMMER TAXES DUE</b>
September 14 .....	Treasurer's Hours: 9am-5pm
September 14 .....	<b>ONLY Treasurer's Office is open!</b>
September 14 .....	<b>DEFERMENTS DUE</b>
September 21 .....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
October TBD (check website) .....	Fire Department Open House
October 10 .....	<b>CLOSED - Columbus Day Observed</b>
October 11 ....	Last Day to Register for Nov General Election
October 11 .....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
October 13 .....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
October 19 .....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
November 6 .....	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 8 ...	General Election - VOTE at LFA Hall - 7am-8pm
November 10 (Thursday) .....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
November 10 .....	Nature Park Meeting - 7pm
November 11 .....	<b>CLOSED - Veterans' Day</b>
November 16 .....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
November 24 & 25 .....	<b>CLOSED - Thanksgiving</b>
November 25 & 26 .....	Trash Pick Up (Delayed 1 Day)
December 1 .....	Winter Tax Bills & Newsletter Mailed
December 13 .....	Township Board Meeting - 7pm
December 21 .....	Planning Commission Meeting - 7pm
Always refer to the website for up-to-date scheduling of these Meetings and the Township schedule!	



**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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