

# Fraser Township News

November 2014

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## From The Supervisor's Desk...Mark Galus

### FRASER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

Many are not aware that we have a cemetery in our Township. Yes we do and we had a lot of work done on it this fall. The Township board felt that a paint job and new fencing as well as all around clean up would help restore our Township cemetery.

The cemetery is located on Old State Road between Coggins and Newberg Roads. Old State Road starts at Erickson Road near Camp Fish Tales, heads north and ends at Townline 16 Road.

The work that was done is as follows:

- There was a white heavy fence across the front with a bent gate. Our sexton and his crew straightened the gate and painted the front fence dark green.
- The crew cleared and installed a new wire fence on the south and west sides of the cemetery.

Please take a ride to check it out and let us know what you think of the work that was done.

Our big project for 2015 will be to put a new roof on the Township Hall.



*Happy*

*Holidays*

## From The Desk of...

**George Augustyniak**

### Rail Trail Update

The 4.5 miles of rail trail was cut and cleared of fallen trees in August, making it available to those wishing to walk or ride trail bikes. As a reminder, no motorized vehicles are allowed on the trail. We continue to have discussions with the DNR and the Michigan Department of Transportation personnel as to the status of having the rail trail constructed of a limestone aggregate. We have been told this October that it is scheduled to be constructed and completed by the fall of 2015. Hopefully next year I will be able to tell you that we have finally achieved the goal.

### New Bay Area Water Treatment Plant

As of this writing, the construction of new water transmission lines that will supply raw water from Saginaw Midland Municipal Water Supply Corporation (SMMWSC) to the new water plant are 90% complete.

The new water treatment plant is approximately 45% complete and is being constructed on the southeast side of the existing plant. It is approximately one third the size of the existing plant and will have a floor space area of 40,893 square feet. The smaller size is a result of Membrane Micro Filtrations process and significantly cleaner water. The plant is scheduled to be on line by June 2015.

As you may have noticed we did not have a water rate increase this year which is good news.

### Road Improvements

We continue to work closely with the Road Commission to achieve the best results for the dollars that are spent. The one mill for construction, maintenance and improvement that was approved in November 2012 has significantly helped in the overall improvement of our roads. I know that everyone wants their road in the best condition possible and we will strive to make that happen. Since Fraser Township approved the one mill for roads, Monitor Township approved 1.95 mills in August and Kawkawlin Township is asking its residents to approve one mill in the November election. If Kawkawlin approves the one mill, seven out of 14 townships in Bay County will have a road millage.

In 2014 Fraser Township invested over \$300,600 in road construction and improvement.

I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

## From Area Code Enforcement...

**Al Thompson**

### Waterline Installment Procedures

1. Contact Fraser Township and Bay County Water & Sewer (DWS) to determine debt fees and associated connection costs. A debt fee receipt from the township must be provided to DWS when paying for the connection. Installation instructions and a meter bar will be provided at that time. (Note: Current DWS standards only permit use of Type "K" copper tubing between the meter and the water mainline.)
2. A permit must be obtained from Area Code Enforcement (ACE) before starting work.
3. Install water service line from the road right of way to the building. Contact ACE for an inspection before

- covering the line so it can be inspected. ACE will immediately notify DWS when service is approved.
4. DWS will schedule water service connection to the water mainline.
  5. When ready for final connection and meter installation, contact both ACE and DWS to minimize time without water. Provide minimum 2 days advance notice. Water well must be disconnected at time of ACE inspection.
  6. DWS will not turn on water unless a plumbing sticker from ACE is present near the meter bar.
  7. ACE will immediately notify DWS when final inspection is approved.

**Notice:**

**It is the responsibility of the property owner to make sure that these steps are followed. The only responsibility of the inspector is to make sure that the code requirements are met. He will leave a green sticker when approved, but does not contact DWS to schedule the meter set.**

**Contact numbers:**

- Area Code Enforcement – 4816 N. M-13, Pinconning MI 48650 – Phone: 989-313-2168
- Bay County Water & Sewer  
3933 Patterson Road – Bay City, MI 48706  
Phone: 989-684-3883

*Have some  
Winter Fun*



**From the Zoning Administrator...**

**Thomas Fouchea**

Well almost another year has come and gone, but a lot of progress has been made at stopping the blight situation in Fraser Township. We appreciate the cooperation of the residents on this matter.

I need to let everyone know that before doing maintenance on your home – replacing windows, doors, reroofing and siding – the township requires you to fill out an Awareness Permit at no cost to you. This information not only helps you to remember when the last repair was done, because it will be in your file here at the Township, but also would help if someone is purchasing your home.

Please note that a Building Permit must be obtained prior to putting up any structure larger than 195 sq. ft. Township Ordinance requires each homestead to have an address number place on a resident's home. Under the Anti-Blight Ordinance it is required that all vehicles parked at township residences be licensed and insured, and be road worthy. This continues to be a problem that can be resolved with everyone's assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Keep warm!*



**From the Assessor...**

**Christopher Coucke**

As stated in last year's newsletter, a reassessment of the whole township was being conducted. That reassessment will be completed by December 31, 2014.

The process was required by the State of Michigan to update records of each property to make sure everyone is being taxed accurately and equitably.

We want to thank the people of Fraser Township for their patience and support as we went door to door to update all the assessment records.

If you have questions about the reassessment, please feel free to call the Township office.

**Land Division Act**

This is a brief review of the Land Division Act, Public Act 591 which went into effect in 1996. The act has required local officials to review certain proposed land divisions. Section 109 of the act requires that a township must approve or disapprove the proposed division within 45 days after the filing of a complete application. To comply with the law, anyone planning to do a land division shall file a Land Division Form which is available from the township, and return the completed form to the township with all the required documentation prior to the split taking place. The Land Division Form is also required if the division is a boundary line move. This is when an individual purchases an adjacent parcel and enlarges the primary parcel. If you have questions please call the township office. My hours will be from 9am to 5pm on Tuesdays. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Build a handsome*

*snow family!*

**From the Treasurer...**

**Shelly Hadd**

The winter tax bills will arrive around December 1, 2014. Please check them out to make sure that you are not being overcharged. On the top right hand side of the bill, there is a spot that says Principle Residence Exemption. If you own and live in the house, it should read 100%, or if it is a rental or a business it will read 0%. If you think there is a problem with your tax bill, please feel free to call me at 989-697-3820 on Wednesday or Friday and I will be happy to check it out for you. Please do this as soon as possible so if need be, we can change it at the Board of Review which is usually held the first part of December.

As the collection deadline of summer taxes has



passed, any taxes paid beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> should include a 1% interest per month until February 17, 2015. For the time period February 18, 2015 to March 2, 2015 an additional 3% penalty will be added. Please call for a payoff amount before sending in your payment. March 2, 2015 is the last day to pay taxes before they are returned as delinquent to the Bay County Treasurer's Office

If you defer your taxes, please remember that payment is due by February 17, 2015. As a courtesy, we have mailed a new application to all who deferred the previous year. Applications were accepted from July 1 through September 15, 2014. A new form must be completed each year.

As always, cat and dog licenses are available at the treasurer's window. If purchased here, you must present your rabies certificate.

Best wishes to all for a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

### **From the Fire Chief...Dave Ramsey**

You are requested to have a house number on your mailbox or a post in front of the house so first responders can see it from the roadway. The department has the sign order forms available at the Township office. The fee is \$15.00. If you have a problem with changing batteries in your smoke alarm or installing the sign, the Firefighters will happy to come and help you. Call 989-233-8898.

The department has a great need for people to volunteer to be firefighters. The training is long, but the return is great; feeling good for helping someone. The requirements are 18 years of age, a high school diploma and completing the state required training.

In closing, I would like to thank the community for their support of the department and the firefighters who give a tremendous amount of time and energy to making it a safe community. Also the Township Board for their support and for the maintenance at Station 16. I would like to wish everyone a Happy & Safe Holiday.

### **HALL & PAVILLION RENTAL**

Anyone wishing to rent the Township Hall or the pavilion, please contact Theresa Andrejewski at the hall on Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Some specific items of interest about the Pavilion are:

- Pavilion is open to the general public from 7 am to 10 pm
- Rental of the Pavilion for specific events requires completing a form 30 days prior to your event
- Fee Schedule: \$50 total, of which \$25 will cover damages to pavilion and bathrooms and \$25 will be returned if there is no damage

### **Flood Insurance**

Fraser Township has been in the Federal Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1976. This allows residents in Fraser Twp. to purchase Flood Insurance. The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance

available for all buildings, whether they are in a flood plain or not. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including a river overflowing its banks, a lake or ocean storm, and local drainage problems.

Mandatory Purchase Requirement applies to all forms of federally related financial assistance for buildings located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). This requirement affects loans and grants for the purchase, construction, repair, or improvement of any publicly or privately owned building in the SFHA, including machinery, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings contained in such a building. If you wish to have a determination made to see if your property is in SFHA, you can contact the Township Code Enforcement Office (989-313-2168). For a fee of \$30 a determination can be made. You can also view the Flood Maps at the Township office.

### **DEQ Wetlands**

A county wetland inventory has been completed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) pursuant to Part 303, Wetland Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The inventory map is on file at the County Extension Office, Register of Deeds, County Clerk or may be viewed online at [www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands](http://www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands).

The map provides potential and approximate locations of wetlands but cannot be used to identify wetlands for regulatory purposes. Property containing wetlands may be subject to regulation under Part 303. For more information, including how to obtain a wetland permit or a determination of whether property contains regulated wetland, visit the MDEQ web site above

*Merry Christmas!*

*Enjoy the season with*



*family, friends & neighbors!*

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**Holiday Office Closures**

**2014**

November 27- 28 Thanksgiving  
December 24 - 26 Christmas  
December 31 New Year's Eve

**2015**

January 1 New Year's Day  
January 19 Martin Luther King  
January 28 - 30 Partial Hours due to  
MI Twp. EDU Conference  
February 16 Presidents Day  
April 3 Good Friday  
May 25 Memorial Day  
July 4 Independence Day  
September 7 Labor Day  
November 11 Veterans Day  
November 26 - 27 Thanksgiving Day  
December 24 & 25 Christmas Day  
December 31 New Year's Eve

**Township Hall Hours**

9am to 4pm Monday through Friday

**Supervisor:** Mon & Tues - 9am to 4pm

**Treasurer:** Wed & Fri - 9am to 4pm

**Clerk:** Mon & Thurs - 9am to 4pm

**Assessor:** Tuesday 9am - 4pm

**Zoning:** Tues & Thurs 7:30am to 11am

**Hall/Pavilion Rental:** Friday 9am to 12 noon

**Burn Permits call 1-866-922-2876**

**Permits for Building, Mechanical, Electrical or Plumbing** are available at:

Area Code Enforcement

4816 N. M-13

Pinconning, MI 48650

Phone: 989-313-2168

Hours: 7:30am to 9:00am Monday through Friday  
or by appointment. Get permits online at:

[www.areacodeenforcement.com](http://www.areacodeenforcement.com)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**