

Frankenlust Township News

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From The Supervisor...Hilda Dijak

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A few weeks ago we received a phone call from a very irate individual. She was upset about the rate increase on her sewer bill. Because she called after hours the message was on a machine. Debbie properly forwarded it to all of the Board members. (We share the wealth and the hellth.) The lady ended her tirade by saying we should all be fired.

This is an election year and your chance to change the people in these offices. Remember you are the bosses of elected officials. I am retiring from the Township at the end of this term and rumor has it that a trustee or two may also not run for their spot. Someone needs to step up and fill those chairs. It could be you! Stop in, talk to the Clerk and pick up the petition you need to get started. It is rewarding, even though there are occasional bad days. The good days definitely make up for the not so good ones.

A few months ago you okayed a millage request for public safety. We want to thank all of you for that yes vote. We would like to set up a committee of residents to make guidelines on how to split the millage. By law we have to use the money **ONLY** for police and fire protection. We need to set up how much will go for equipment, police patrol, fire personnel, savings, etc. We can do that as a Board, but it would be good to have direction from independent people. The committee would meet only two or three times and send their decisions on to the board for adoption. If you have the time and are good with figures it would be a way you could help. Please call the Township Office if you are interested.

Housing has slowed down in our area, but we will be in for a long road project when the state fixes the bridge by McDonald's. That will present some interesting detours. The water line on S. Euclid and Stone Island Roads is finally done. We'll see what spring brings for this year's projects. **Hilda**

**Dear Mr. Ground Hog: When
will Spring arrive?**



From the Treasurer...Mary M. Revord

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Another year has come and gone. When I was younger my parents used to say where has the year gone. Guess what, now I ask that question. I can't imagine what my grandparents would think if they were alive today. All the changes that they would have seen. I just returned from a Michigan Township Conference. In one of the classes I attended they said that in the future all accounts (checking, savings, statements, etc.) would be replaced with bar codes instead of numbers. I guess that would be a good thing except I am sure someone will figure out a way to break into that information to commit fraud too.

We are halfway through another fiscal year. With interest rates declining and the anticipation that the Federal Government will again lower interest rates, I have been trying to invest for a little longer term, hoping to keep the better rates, but it is always a gamble to know what to do.

You can continue to pay your summer and winter taxes here at the hall until March 1. Remember, summer taxes have interest added monthly. From February 15-29 both summer and winter have a 3% penalty added on. My hours for the month of February will be as follows:

February 1, 5, 8, 12 9 am-4 pm

February 14 9 am-5 pm

(last day before adding penalty)

February 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 9 am-4pm

Tax payments need to be in my office by mail or in person by 5 pm February 14. Any payments received after that date will be charged the 3% penalty for summer and winter.

If you have questions at any time, please be sure to contact me by phone (989) 686-5300, or visit at the hall during my office hours or email me at: treasurer@frankenlust.com

Enjoy the rest of the winter season.
Mary Revord, Treasurer

From the Clerk....Alvin Appold

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The Presidential Primary election was held January 15th. If you missed that election you can vote again in the August 5th 2008 Primary, the November 4th 2008 General Election. There is also a School Board election in the spring.

- Registration Deadlines: Last day to register for August Primary is July 7th 2008. The last day to register for General Election is October 6th, 2008. Absent voter applications are available on the internet and at the Township Office for voters that qualify.
- Request for street lights on M-84 were approved by the State and installed by Consumers Power at M-84 and Amelith Rd and on M-84 at Berger's Tavern driveway.
- Water line is installed and tested at S. Euclid and E. Stone Island Rd.
- City of Saginaw: A letter was received allowing water connection on its transmission main on Freeland Road for a period of one year commencing September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008.

Road Patrol update: The County has undertaken an additional deputy position. The Township shall assume 40% of the cost. The agreement made to be effective 2007/2008 fiscal year. The monthly allocation is \$657.58.

- The Township Board thanks the Public for the approval of the Safety and Fire Department millage approved in the November election.
- Our annual Audit Report was accepted by Berthiaume & Company.
- Election Request Endorsements: A motion was made and supported to reaffirm to the public that the Township Board policy on record **does not endorse or approve** any election request as was stated in the Bay City Times prior to the last November 6th Election.
- The road work on I-75 from Birch Run to Bay City Interchange 10 will continue this coming summer. An additional lane will be added in each direction.
- A summary of votes cast at the Primary Election in Frankenlust Township on January 15th (750 voted).

Democrats-
Hillary Clinton-112
Chris Dodd-1
Uncommitted-56
Write-ins-12

Republicans
Rudy Giuliani-18
Mike Huckabee-60
Duncan Hunter-1
John McCain 111
Ron Paul-19 Mitt
Romney-262 Fred
Thompson-9
Uncommitted-14

Who will move on yet to be determined.

Alvin Appold, Clerk

From the Assessor...Paul Arnold

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Taxable Value: The Consumer Price Index applied to the 2007 taxable values to create 2008 taxable values is 102.3%.

State Equalized Value: The tentative residential factor for the upcoming year hasn't been finalized. Last year it did not increase. This year it may well be a negative number, albeit a small one, around 1%. We are using a one year sales study (from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007) rather than the usual two year study as per State Tax Commission guidelines.

Assessment change notices will be sent to property owners in mid February. If there are no changes in either Assessed or Taxable Value no notices will be sent. **Paul Arnold**

Happy New Year from the Frankenlust Fire Department!!!

We ended up with 267 runs, up from 232 the year before. The Department ended the year with 14 members and of those members we have 2 RN's, 1 Paramedic, and 9 Medical First Responders.

2008 promises to be a very busy year on the Fire Department. Our 32nd Annual Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 5:00 pm to midnight. This banquet is held to raise money for firefighter equipment and miscellaneous items used during the course of the year. Tickets are only \$18.00 a person and includes a Buffet Dinner and beer. Mixers are provided if you bring your own liquor. For ticket information contact Rollie Berger at 684-5944 or the Township Hall.



We will also be holding an Open House & Membership Drive, hopefully in the first half of the year. The public will be welcome and we will have snacks, drinks and a couple of demonstrations so the residents can meet the firefighters and see our equipment close. More details will follow.

I would like to take time to thank all the Township residents for the passing of the Safety Millage. We are very grateful and the money will be put toward equipment and also a new vehicle as the pumper is over 30 years old and is very expensive to maintain.

Last, but not least, **WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!** If you have ever thought about or had interest in possibly joining a Fire Department stop in and talk to us or call. My phone number is 989-615-0245 and we meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Stop in and check us out.

Karl Verity, Fire Chief



Angel Food Ministries

One of our local churches is offering a food program at their location. Please read the following information and tell anyone that might need a little help about it. Everyone qualifies.

Angel Food Ministries now has a second location at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6100 Westside Saginaw Rd., Bay City, MI 48706 (just east off I-75 at the M-84 exit 160). Please contact St. Paul Lutheran Church at 686-7140 or Nancy Sinn, Host Director at 686-671-3708 or email nancysinn@sbcglobal.net. You may also go online at www.angelfoodministries.com for more information at www.angelfoodministries.com.

For February, orders can be placed Thursday, 2/14/08 from 3:00pm to 6:30pm or on Saturday, 2/16 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm in St. Paul's School auditorium. Food can be picked up on March 1st from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in Monroe, GA in 1944 and has grown to serve thousands of families every month.

Angel's groceries are sold in a quality that can fit into a medium sized box at \$30.00 per unit.

Each month's menu is different (you can go online to www.angelfoodministries.com to see what the menu is for each month) from the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$63.00. The food is the same quality one would purchase at a grocery store. There is no out-dated goods, etc. They also have specialty boxes available. There is no income requirement, everyone qualifies.

Interesting Historical Facts About Frankenlust Township

There were 206 registered voters in 1882 in Frankenlust Township.

The first officers elected in April of 1882 were: John A. Leinberger, Supervisor John Reigel, Clerk John Neumeyer, Treasurer

A total of 21 Township Officers were elected: 1 Supervisor 1 Clerk 1 Treasurer 1 Highway Commissioner
1 Drain Commissioner
2 School Inspectors
4 Justices of the Peace
4 Constables
6 Road Overseers

Twenty-five cents per \$100 tax valuation was raised for Highway work.

Important notices were posted at the six most popular places in the Township:

- Door of John Reigel's Hotel
- Wood shed near Amelith Church
- Corner of Section #3
- Door of Mrs. Strum's Saloon
- John L. Arnold's stable on Stone Island Rd.
- Door of George Leichert's store



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Wednesday.....Closed
Thursday.....8:30am-4:00pm
Friday.....8:30am-4:00pm
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Frankenlust Township Calendar 2008

January 15 Primary Election
January 21 **CLOSED-Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
February 6 Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm
February 12 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00pm
February 18 **CLOSED-President's Day**
March 5 Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm
March 11 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00pm
March 20-21 **CLOSED-Good Friday**
April 2 Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm
April 5 **Yard Waste Pick-up Begins**
April 8 Twp. Board Mtg. - 7:00pm
May 7 Planning Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm
May 13 Twp. Board Mtg. 7:00pm
May 26-27 CLOSED - Memorial Day

