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POINTS OF CONTACT

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TWP.
(734) 242-3282

Water (Billing).....Press 1
Treasurer ..... Press 2
Supervisor .....Press 3
Clerk.....Press 4
Building ..... Press 5
Assessing.....Press 6

Water Plant / Emergency
(734) 289-1015
Fire (Non-Emergency)
(734) 241-8853
FIRE (Emergency) 911
Recreation (734) 243-1732
Resort District Authority
(734) 289-2537
Senior Citizens Center
(734) 243-6210

OR VISIT US AT:

2744 Vivian Road
Monroe, Michigan 48162
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
frenchtowntownship.org

from the supervisor's desk

by Alan (Al) VanWashenova, Supervisor

Cooler temperatures and colorful foliage signal the beginning of the Fall Season. For farmers, it is a time of harvest, as the hard work of summer comes to an end. Parents sigh as school begins, and teachers welcome a new class of curious minds. Football season unfolds, while apple orchards and pumpkin patches provide a welcome weekend adventure before winter surrounds us. As our routines change, remember to drive safely as falling temperatures can cause road hazards. And please always watch for children as school buses become a common site on our roadways once again and try to be patient and courteous as bus drivers establish their routines. So, as you go about your daily routine try to take a moment to enjoy this refreshing weather and the colorful palette mother nature has provided.

trash service

Frenchtown Charter Township has contracted Stevens Disposal to provide the garbage service for our residents. The trash carts with the Steven's Logo are the property of Stevens Disposal. These carts are assigned serial numbers that reflect the property address at which they were distributed, and it is unlawful to remove them from those premises. No missing carts will be replaced without a police report.

- **Please set trash carts out the night before your scheduled pick-up day.**
- Stevens will service only brown carts. ALL BLUE CARTS are for yard waste only. Any blue cart used for trash WILL NOT be emptied. If you have the old Republic carts that you do not want to use, please call my office at (734) 242-3282 x132, and we will come out and pick up the old Republic carts.
- Remember to place the trash carts three (3) feet off the road and not on the paved shoulder. Where there is a white pavement marking, carts need to be placed three (3) feet in from the end of the driveway.
- Place the carts at least four feet from a mailbox, fence post or vehicle.

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- To avoid having paper and other debris coming from the trash trucks, please remember to bag your loose trash item in trash bags before placing them in the trash carts. Any trash that does not fit inside your can will not be fit inside your can will not be picked up. These items are considered a bulk pick up and must follow those guidelines.
- **Prohibited items:** Liquid filled containers of any kind, building/construction material i.e. wood, brick, concrete, asphalt, rocks, automotive parts & tires, hazardous waste materials. Refrigeration units must have Freon removed and tagged by a licensed techni cian.
- Please remove carts from the road's edge once they are emptied. This will help avoid possible theft, damage to the carts and it will give the streets a clean appearance.
- There are occasional questions regarding multiple trash bins for each household. In view of overall costs for this service, it is necessary to continue to control the number of trash bins issued to each household to two. The Township understands there are residents who need to request multiple bins. The trash bins that are furnished are the property of Ste phens Disposal. However, ultimately costs for extra bins are incorporated in the Township's service fees. If you wish for additional bins you may purchase them directly from Stevens Disposal: 1-800-779-0344

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:
Thanksgiving Day — November 24
only Thrusday and Friday routes
run one day behind.
Christmas & New York's will run as scheduled.

railroad issues

There have been numerous concerns regarding trains blocking off roads within the township. The township is working on placing electronic devices to inform residents of a train blockage so an alternate route can be used. Residents can also report blocked crossings by looking for a blue-and-white emergency notification sign at a railroad crossing. The ENS sign should be posted near the crossing and clearly visible. It includes the name of the railroad, the railroad's emergency contact number, and the USDOT National Crossing Inventory Number. Use the information on the ENS sign to notify the railroad. Be prepared to provide the USDOT number listed on the sign for crossing location identification. Blocked crossings can also be reported online to the Federal Railroad Administration's Blocked Crossing Incident Reporter.

road information & projects

- This year's focus will be on maintenance of local roads and drainage.
- A private road is defined as a road that has not been certified and maintained by the County or the State.
- All signage, pavement marking and maintenance on private roads are the responsibility of the adjacent Property Owners or a Property Owners Association.
- The Township cannot lawfully expend public sums on improvements to private roads.

street light outages

Please call (734) 242-3282, x132 to report a streetlight out. Once reported, it takes 7–10 business days for DTE to service the light. Information needed to report outage is as follows:

- Pole number
- Type of pole (metal or wood)
- Location (address or corner streets)
- Is pole of light broken?
- Are multiple lights out?
- Is the light next to school/playground?
- Is light in parking lot? Or on a corner?

historical society feedback

Frenchtown Charter Township was established in 1805. The township is rich in history, but sadly lacks a historical society to preserve and share that knowledge. As the Supervisor of Frenchtown, as well as a longtime resident, this is something that I hope can be remedied. So, if history is something you are passionate about and would be interested in volunteering either your time, information, or pictures, please visit our website or return the below questionnaire to the Township Hall. We appreciate all feedback.

Are you interested in seeing a historical society established in Frenchtown? YES NO

Do you have any documents or pictures you would like to donate? YES NO

Would you be interested in volunteering? If so please send us your contact information below.

NAME:

PHONE:

treasurer's office update

by Julie Ellison, Treasurer

Hello from the Treasurer's Office!

Hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and safe! We are all doing well in the Treasurer's Office.

The acceptance of credit card payments for water and tax bills has been well received. Please remember that there are fees attached to using this service and the card holder must be present with their photo ID for all credit/debit card transactions. If you should have any questions, please feel free to call the office.

As promised, online bill payment is up and running. Please note there are fees associated with online bill payments. Please follow the instructions below when making a payment on a personal computer:

- Visit our website: www.frenchtownchartertwp.org.
- Scroll down and click on the BS&A Online website link.
- On the left-hand side of the page under Services click Current Tax Payments or Utility Billing Payments.
- Search for your bill by name, address, or parcel number. Please note when searching by address only enter the street number as street names may appear differently in the program.
- Choose your property and click Make a Payment.
- Enter payment information and click Continue.
- Check the box to Agree to Terms and Conditions.
- Click Submit Payment.

If you're using your smart phone to make a payment, please use these instructions:

- Click on the BS&A Online website link on our home page at www.frenchtownchartertwp.org.
- Click on the Services tab at the top of the BSA online website.
- Click Online Payments and choose Current Tax Payments or Utility Billing Payments.
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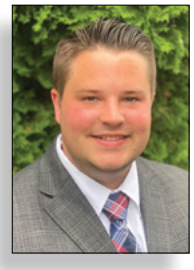

clerk's office update

by Kyle Bryant, Clerk

Greetings from your local Clerk's office. We pride ourselves on a strong core belief: WE WORK FOR YOU. I was elected to serve you and I would love to hear your thoughts, concerns, and ideas. I encourage residents to reach out at our office line: (734) 242-5800 or email at: **kyle@frenchtownchartertwp.org**.

Recycling: The Frenchtown Recycling center in the Mall of Monroe parking lot on the Phoenix Theaters side is operational every Wednesday from 7am–3pm. A Frenchtown employee will be on site to ensure proper recycling procedures are followed. Materials are to be separated into three different (labeled) bins, one for cardboard and the other two for plastic, paper, and tin. We currently have around 120-150 residents visiting the center every Wednesday, but we would love to see that number grow. We are actively looking into improvements to the site including ideas like expanding operational hours, but we need your feedback. For those interested in Curbside recycling services, we are currently working on a subscription-based service. For more information about curbside call or email the Clerk's office.

We are pleased to announce the hiring of our new Building Official **Gary Dahl** and our Economic Development/Public Safety Director **Dave Uhl**. I personally heard from our residents were lack of recycling options, and a desire to see revamped Building department policies for homeowners and business owners alike. Mr. Dahl and Mr. Uhl bring a customer service-oriented approach and pride themselves on changing our ordinances and procedures to make interactions with the building department more efficient and cost-effective. This will inevitably result in putting your hard-earned money where it belongs, in your pocket. They're already finding ways to cut down on red tape and understand our Board's core philosophy that we exist to serve your needs. They've brought a breath of fresh air and I encourage any homeowner, business owner, or contractor that may have had a poor experience with Frenchtown Township in the past to stop by Township Hall and see the difference yourself.

Shred-Fest: We have our Shredding Company coming

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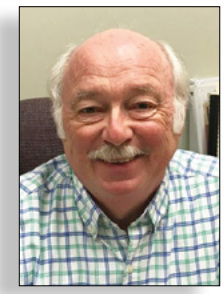
differently in the program.

- Choose your property and click Make a Payment.
- Enter payment information and click Continue.
- Check the box to Agree to Terms and Conditions.
- Click Submit Payment.

Winter tax bills will reach your mailbox by December 1st, 2022. Your bill is payable at the Treasurer's office or online until February 14th, 2023 without penalty and interest. Payments made after this date will incur a 3% interest charge and 1% penalty fee. Winter tax payments will be accepted in the Treasurer's office until the end of business on February 28th, 2023. Real property taxes not paid by this date will be sent delinquent to the Monroe County Treasurer.



notes from the resort district authority

by Larry Smith, Director

The Pavement Asset Management Program which the RDA embarked upon is complete. This program (seven projects over 10 years) has improved the road base where needed and micro-surfaced approximately 37.5 miles of district roads at a cost of $1.6M with the stated purpose of improving drivability and extending the useful life of the road. Both of these objectives have been achieved with completion of the program, however, the RDA and Engineering plan a formal evaluation of all the roads in the district, assessing the effectiveness of the program in achieving the desired result and identifying a plan going forward to ensure the roads in the district remain in good condition.

Lake Erie water levels continue its seasonal behavior and while essentially at the same level as it was last year is slowly retreating from the record highs of 2019/2020 and approaching the long term average. Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are currently lower (7-8 inches) then last year which will significantly reduce the water supply to Lake Erie allowing the water level to continue its return to the long term average.

Design work for the next RDA Seawall Project Zone 2B & 2C, Stony Pointe Peninsula approved by the RDA board is progressing. Preliminary meetings with the regulatory

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to Township Hall on Oct. 21st, 9am–12pm to conduct the annual shredding of expired Township material. We've decided to open this service to our residents and welcome you to bring by any paper material you need shredded. You'll have the opportunity to dump your material directly into a bin and watch it get put through the shredder.

Speed Signs: We have heard your complaints regarding excessive speeding and have purchased fixed and portable speed signs to help combat that problem. The signs are managed by the Public Safety Director and for suggestions about placement, please reach out to him at: **duhl@frenchtownmi.gov** or call the Clerk's office at (734) 242-5800.

Election Update: The November 8th General Election is coming up fast and we are excited for another opportunity to ensure the integrity and security of another Frenchtown Election. We've recruited an all-star team of election inspectors comprised of members of both major political parties. If you'd like to serve as an inspector, applications are available at the Clerk's office. For those interested in voting absentee, applications are available online or at the Clerk's office during business hours. If you're unsure of where to vote or would like to see your sample ballot, check out the Michigan Voter Information Center at https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/ or call us for assistance. We are here to serve you!

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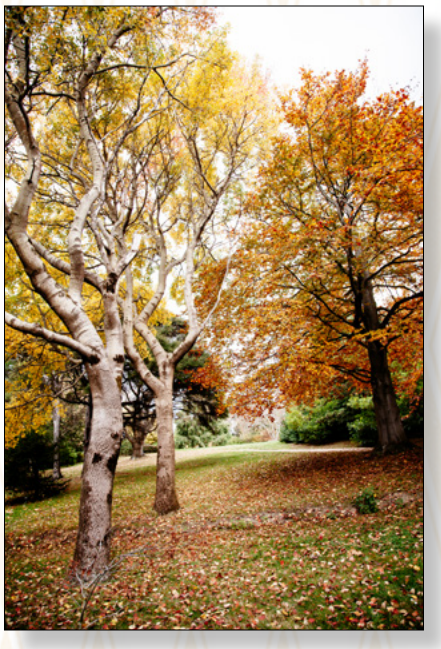
agencies (EGLE & USACE) have been successfully completed. A proposed design is planned to be submitted to the RDA board for approval by the end of 2022 and meetings with the public and property owners commencing soon afterward. It is the hope that the project will be available for bidding by early to mid-2023 and construction to begin in the late summer/fall of 2023.

The Frenchtown Township Board adopted a resolution pursuant to Section 257.657a of the Michigan Vehicle Code allowing operation of golf carts on certain township streets effective August 11th, 2022 at 7:30am. Operation of ATV and other unlicensed off road vehicles are still prohibited.

from the building department

Gary Dahl, Building Official

Report by Carmen Froehlich



The Building Department has gone thru some recent staffing changes. We welcome Gary Dahl, our new Building Official and Dave Uhl, the Economic Development/ Public Safety Director, which is a newly created position for us here. Both gentlemen were previously employed in Dundee and come with a great deal of knowledge and experience. You can expect some changes soon as we are always looking for ways to improve service and streamline the process for development in the best interest of the Township. Both gentlemen are very approachable and accessible and welcome interaction with the public. Please say "hello" if you stop by the Building Department!

Another recent change would be the Township Blight/ Zoning Enforcement Officer, Howard Storey. Howard has now been given a full-time position, which has previously been a part-time only position. With his experience and extensive background in Ordinance, Code and Animal Enforcement, we consider him to be an asset to the community and are happy to have him on staff. With the extended hours granted by the Township he is more accessible to the public as this seemed to be an area of frustration for residence in the past. Tall Grass or other Blight complaints may still be submitted by either phone call or written complaint. Additionally, the Township has added a new link under the Building Department website for your convenience if you prefer to submit a complaint electronically.

To our homeowners and contractors that may have been busy with summer projects, just a friendly reminder to call our offices to schedule any required inspections on the permits that were pulled so that we can inspect for any safety, zoning, or code requirements. If you are planning any future projects, please feel free to reach out to our clerical staff as you may need a Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical or Zoning Permit.

Some changes to your property may not be permitted due to stipulations cited within Township Zoning Ordinances and this may help alleviate any potential problems. Remember we are here to help so please feel free to call our office and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have. It's important that we address things early so as not to run into any complications or unnecessary costs to homeowner and we'd like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

For your convenience, permit applications and the Township Zoning Ordinance are available on our website at frenchtowntownship.org. For your safety and convenience, permit submissions may be filed in person, by mail or through our drop box located on the outside of the Township entrance. We are currently enforcing the 2015 Michigan Building Codes. Code books are available for purchase at:

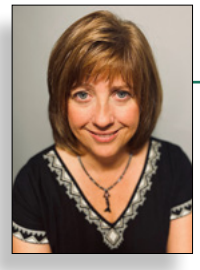
shop.iccsafe.org/michigan-discounts?ref=MI

Please remember to call at least 24 hours before all inspections because our inspectors are extremely busy, and their schedules are usually full the day prior.

Frenchtown Township has shown continued growth in the Commercial businesses that have moved into our community. If you are curious about new projects or developments, please check out our links on the website for Planning Commission Agenda's or Meeting Minutes. These meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and are open to Public. Frenchtown has recently contracted with a local Planner in order to provide for a more involved presence to Applicants for their development needs and the needs of our growing community. Remember as always, the Building Department is here to help both residents and commercial businesses with any projects and to ensure public safety, health and welfare, insofar as they are affected by building construction, repair and maintenance.

If you have any questions concerning Zoning, Building, Property Maintenance or Occupancy, please feel free to contact the Frenchtown Charter Township Building Department at (734) 242-5900 and we will make every effort to help you with your concerns.

library news



If you have ever been inside the Blue Bush Branch Library, chances are that you have met Liz Pifer, or Miss Liz as our patrons would say. Miss Liz has worked for the Monroe County Library System since June of 2003 and has been the Blue Bush Branch Technician since December of 2014. When Miss Liz first started working for the Monroe County Library System, she was the Youth Service Technician for the three Frenchtown Area Libraries. When she was asked about her favorite memory while working for the library system, she said there were too many to list. These memories range from story time antics, children who say the darndest things to heartwarming moments she will cherish all her life. Let us not forget the many laughs from programming mishaps and on-the-spot improvising that she will never live down.

Each summer, Miss Liz encourages and challenges the kids attending the Summer Reading Program to read more books. When the kids had met the book reading goal for the branch, the reward was an opportunity for the kids to have some fun, which was usually at Miss Liz's expense. There was dragon slime, Miss Liz in a dunk tank, bugs eaten, a pie in the face, mud poured on her, water balloon fights, water slides and much more.

You will never hear the words "that can't be done" come from her mouth. When she plans events such as Teen Video Gaming, The Pumpkin Parade, The Turkey Trot, Reading with Honors, Pancakes with Mom, a Visit from Santa, Scarecrows, and other programs, Miss Liz always has a way of making grandiose things happen so all can enjoy their library experience. She likes to see patrons smile and enjoys knowing that great memories have been made.

Since Miss Liz has moved to the Blue Bush Branch Library, she has continued to bring programs, services, and community outreach to her patrons. Miss Liz and her staff pride themselves on the friendly & personable atmosphere at the Blue Bush branch library. During the pandemic, Miss Liz created a story time program, which is shown on the MCLS Facebook page that is called Paws & Pages. Her daughter, granddaughter and the dogs and grand dogs from her family are now all involved with this program.

If you would like more information about the programs at the Blue Bush Branch or any of the Frenchtown area branches, please go to the library website at mymcls.com. We hope to see you soon!

frenchtown center for active adults

by Paul Iacoangeli, Executive Director

While everything has been going well and things have trended towards normalcy, I want to shift my focus. I usually use the space to discuss everything happening at your Center for Active Adults located in the Recreation Center. But first, I want to remind you, that activities, events, lunch menu, and travel opportunities can be found on our website at www.frenchtownsenior.com so, check it out!

I want to take this opportunity to tell you what someone new referred to as our "best keep secret," our Dementia Adult Day Care Program. The program is under the direction of Jean Siemik, and has been funded primarily by the Area Agency on Aging 1-B and the Monroe County Commission on Aging for over 24 years. In 2019, after modifying their service definitions Area Agency on Aging 1-B, our program satisfied the requirements of the new category to provide care for an older person with dementia.

We offer a compassionate service for older adults with dementia through a structured program of social and rehabilitative and/or maintenance services in a supportive or group setting other than the participant's home. We provide services to older adults with Alzheimer's or dementia, including personal care, specialized transportation within a fifteen-mile radius, and dementia-specific participant-centered programming. The program structure provides daytime care for any part of the day or extended hours of care five days a week with advance notice. We can arrange for physical and occupational therapy services while participants are at our facility or a beautician to care for their hair needs.

As a non-profit organization, people living in Monroe County can take advantage of our program as an alternative to a long-term care facility. The program allows older adults to age in place, keeping them more active and mentally stimulated. We can say this with a certain level of confidence due to providing a ratio

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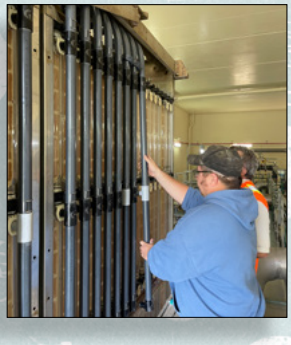
frenchtown water department

Hello everyone, we wanted to take a minute and highlight some of major projects going at Water Treatment Plant and in the Distribution system. You might have noticed a little different water pressure the last few weeks. That was the result of our District #2 Water Tower getting a repainting of the outside. We went with a completely new paint scheme and logo this time. We are very impressed with how it turned out. Above is a sample of tower during the repainting.



As for the Treatment Plant, we are in the process right now of replacing the Elements on the Membrane Plant. The elements inside the membranes need to be replaced every 7-10 years.

The Membrane Plant makes up 6.0 MGD for our 10.0 Million Gallon Per Day (MGD) capacity for the whole plant. This is a large project that we have partnered with Suez North America again to supply and assist our crew with the change out.

Just as a reminder,
we have our online
payments system set up at
www.frenchtowntownship.org.

Please make sure you
ONLY go to that website to make
your payments!
We have had customers make
payments at other websites,
but we never received
the payments.
Please only use our website.

If you should have any
questions for the
Water Department,
please feel free
to call us at (734) 289-1015.

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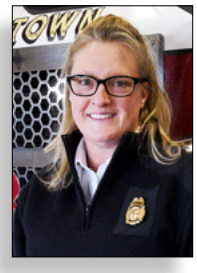
of one staff to every three participants. With scheduled activities throughout the day, the program has transformed the caregiver and the participants' lives. It provides the much-needed balance of respite for the caregiver and a different form of stimulation and challenge for the participant. The program hours offer the flexibility the caregiver requires, whether for a simple appointment or leave for work for the day. Our program enjoys a good reputation from those we have served for over 24 years.

Studies have shown that caregivers prefer their loved ones to live at home instead of placing them in a long-term care facility. The program improves the quality of life for the caregiver and participant by providing a secure, comfortable, and safe environment that allows the caregiver to work, run errands, go to appointments, or get a much-needed break from 24-hour caregiving.

As I close, remember to look us up on Facebook and visit our website to see our offerings because they change frequently. For instance, we are in the planning stage of a possible Sock Hop, or a Chili Cook-Off, or possibly another Bingo event. Fall or early winter is a great time to visit and socialize with a group of friendly, welcoming people.



frenchtown fire department

by Wendy Stevens, Fire Chief

Hello, Frenchtown Residents, THANK YOU, for your recent vote to renew our Capital Improvement Millage. The continuing support of your Fire Department reaffirms your trust in us to meet your needs. We are always humbled at your generosity to sustain our fire department. Our continued promise to meet your needs is always our primary mission. However, your support reminds us of your appreciation as we strive to accomplish this goal.

Today, as I type this our children are back in school, and we are now sharing the roads with school buses. Be prepared to stop for loading and unloading. Did you know fire trucks and ambulances responding to emergencies, are also required to stop for flashing school bus lights? Always remember, these buses contain our most precious commodity. Among them are our future firefighters, police officers, doctors, business owners, leaders, etc. Be patient and NEVER pass a school bus while it is unloading or loading. Also, please remember to thank a school bus driver for what they do.

I trust each of you enjoyed the hot temps and beautiful sunshine we experienced this summer. Your Frenchtown Fire Department took full advantage of the season while getting outside to train our newly hired firefighters along with enhancing the skills of our seasoned members as well. Controlled vehicle fires, mock accidents with required extrication using our "Jaws of Life," water rescues and marine operations with our watercraft, just to name a few.

Our Open House is scheduled for October 8, 2022, at our Fire Station #3, 2210 Blue Bush Road, from 11am-2pm. Mark your calendars and drop in to say "hello." We have missed seeing you and spending time promoting fire safety. Come see our new fire engines and one of our new ambulances. We will have activities for all ages. The theme of Fire Prevention week this year is "Fire Won't Wait, Plan Your Escape" remember every home needs a fire escape plan. This plan needs to be practiced, why not take advantage of the opportunity to practice your home escape, as you test your smoke detector following the annual battery change.

We welcomed FF Chase Baldwin, FF Ryan Kernyo, and FF Bob Wright to our Full-Time ranks. Our fire department family is growing, but we still have room for more members. We have vacancies for both Full-Time and Paid-on-Call firefighters, spread the word. Our applications are available on the Frenchtown Township website https://FrenchtownTownship.org/fire. We also celebrated the retirements of two Paid-on-Call firefighters. FF Gerald Windels retired following 40 years of service to the residents of our Township. FF Jeremy Farkas also retired this spring, however, he will remain serving as the Chairman of our Frenchtown Firefighters Association. Thank you very much for your service, you will both be missed.

Training our newly hired firefighters is a top priority, some of our new hires have previous experience some have absolutely none, but all need to be taught the Frenchtown methods and expectations. Firefighter Kelly Poupard has stepped up and taken the lead on providing specialized training and a means for testing firefighter development. The Fire Department uses a mentoring system to give our new personnel one-on-one training, a point of contact for Q&A, and individualized attention to assist in their progress. By definition a Mentor is an experienced and trusted advisor, someone who trains. This is a true definition of FF Poupard. His dedication to advancing our fire department by creating a culture of training and support is second to none. We are very grateful for the time and effort he has devoted to developing our new hire training program. Thank you, Firefighter Kelly Poupard!

Its hydrant maintenance time! Be alert! Our fire crews are out on the roads, flushing, greasing and providing maintenance to our Township fire hydrants. Please drive by

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slowly, be aware for puddles of water near hydrants, and give them a wave or a "hello." Their hard work in the hot sun and cold wind and rain, provides all residents and businesses with the comfort of knowing that the hydrants providing fire protection, have been dutifully cared for by the men who count on them to operate in a time of need.

Autumn is open burning season and runs from October 20 through November 30. If you have questions regarding the need for a Burn Permit, what can and cannot be burned, or other related concerns, give our Fire Inspector, Josh Maddox, a call at (734) 289-1095 and follow the prompts. Remember to be aware of the weather conditions and wind direction, and please be courteous to your neighbors with your burning.

Again, let me reiterate our sincere appreciation of your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our Open House. Stay safe and healthy.

frenchtown assessing department

Greetings from Christina and Lisa, Assessing staff here at Frenchtown! Here are some important dates and facts to remember as the seasons change…

November 1st is the deadline for filing **Principal Residence Exemption Affidavit (Form 2368)** for exemption from the 18-mill school operating tax for the winter tax levy.

The December Board of Review will meet in December to correct Qualified Errors, and to consider Appeals related to the Qualified Agricultural Exemption, Disabled Veterans Exemption, and the Poverty Exemption.

Tax Day is the 31st of December! The status of a property on "Tax Day" determines the upcoming year's Assessed value.

Disabled Veterans Exemptions must be filed annually. We will send out a courtesy reminder to all our veterans on file in January. Please submit your exemption before the March Board of Review if possible.

Assessors are required to mail **Personal Property Statements (Form 632)** by January 10th each year. All owners or possessors of assessable personal property are required to return the **Personal Property Statement (Form 632)** or a **Small Business Property Tax Exemption (Form 5076)** by February 20th.

Taxpayers who timely file **Form 5076** are not required to file **Form 632**. If the exemption was granted in the previous year, you will receive the exemption until you no longer qualify, at that point you must file a **Rescission (Form 5618)** no later than February 20th to avoid steep penalties.

Assessment notices will be sent out to all property owners a minimum of **14 days** before the March Board of Review. This is not a tax bill. If you disagree with the Assessed Valuation, first contact the assessor to ensure there isn't an error on your assessment and to discuss how the assessment was developed. Be sure look over this notice to ensure accuracy. This document lists your property Classification, Taxable Value, Assessed Value, State Equalized Value, and Exemption status. Taxable values in conjunction with the millage rates are used by the Township Treasurer to produce property tax bills for property within the Township.

Every property owner has the right to appeal their assessment. The opportunity to appeal only comes once per year during the March Board of Review. If you miss it, there is not another opportunity until the following year. Your Assessment Change Notice will provide you with instructions and dates for the March Board of Review.

If you have any questions related to Property Assessments, Exemptions, or Property Transfers, we would be happy to assist you **(734) 242-8588**. You can also make an appointment with the Deputy Assessor of V&V Assessing, Kathryn Wright, available in office on Thursdays and throughout the week via phone **(907) 750-2012**. Edward K VanderVries, CEO of V&V Assessing, LLC, is available via phone and scheduled appointments **(269) 720-1928**.

come visit us at trunk-or-treat!

Sunday, October 23rd at Township Hall

frenchtown recreation department

by Phil Coyle, Parks and Recreation Director

As the cooler months approach and summer comes to a close, so do our projects and improvements to our parks and programs. Throughout the summer, we focused on getting fresh mulch to the playscapes at the Township Hall and Kiwanis Park. Also at Kiwanis Park, we installed a set of concrete cornhole boards. Over on Stewart Road, the tennis court is being resurfaced and painted for both tennis and pickle ball.

On top of the improvements to the parks, we also offered various programs for residents of all ages and interests. Among those programs were golf lessons, tennis lessons, self-defense class, youth baseball and softball, men's and co-ed adult softball. A new program this year, Day Camp, allowed kids in the community to have a safe and fun time using the parks, visiting the library, doing crafts and projects, and even getting a visit from the Frenchtown Fire Department.

For the first time in over 20 years, the Frenchtown 12U boys all all-star team won the Monroe County Fair Baseball Tournament! The players and coaches worked hard throughout the season, demonstrating great sportsmanship and hard work to win the championship. Leading the team to success was Coach Barton, Coach Boggs, Coach Burkmier, and Coach Hopper. Winning the championship game for Frenchtown was Hunter Barton, Zeke Boggs, Brayden Burkmier, Jaydin Hopper, Jett Jones, Caleb Henry, Cameron Cousino, Nick Miller, Grant Pheiffer, Christian Craanen, Brady Cannatella, and Francis Gerlach.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 23rd: Annual Trunk-or-Treat, Township Hall
Starting in December: Cardio Drumming Class
December 18th: Annual Christmas Party

As always, we are always looking for connections within the community and small local businesses to participatein our holiday events and parties. If you own or know any local business or groups that would like to donate or participate in our holiday events, please contact us at (734) 243-1732 or (734) 430-2827 or email: phil@frenchtownmi.gov.

I would like to finish by thanking all of the volunteers, directors, parents, and board members for making our programs and renovations possible. I would also like to give a special thank you to our grounds crew for always having the parks looking fantastic and the fields ready for games.

To stay up to date on future events, follow us on Facebook page at **Frenchtown Township Parks & Recreation** or on the township website.

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2022 township meetings schedule

All meetings will be held at the Frenchtown Charter Township Hall, 2744 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan; except the Recreation Commission which will meet at the Frenchtown Recreation Center at 2786 Vivian Road, Monroe, Michigan.

township board

2nd Tuesday .....3:00 p.m.
3rd Tuesday .....2:00 p.m.
4th Tuesday .....7:00 p.m.

planning commission

1st Thursday (as needed) .....7:00 p.m.
3rd Thursday .....7:00 p.m.

zoning board of appeals

2nd Wednesday (as needed).....7:00 p.m.

recreation commission

1st Tuesday (as needed).....7:00 p.m.

resort district authority

2nd Wednesday.....3:00 p.m.