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(734) 289-2537

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Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

frenchtowntownship.org

from the supervisor's desk

by Lisa Hammar

Alan (Al) VanWashenova, Supervisor



WELCOME FALL! As beautiful fall colors begin to decorate the landscape and the crisper temperatures offer a welcome change to the summer heat, it's time to turn our attention to the fall season. Bales of straw decorate the landscape and pumpkin patches prepare to intrigue us with their corn mazes. Soon our routine will be filled with school buses stopping for children and farm tractors harvesting crops. While your weekends are full of football games and get-togethers don't forget to enjoy your family and take the time to make memories

as you enjoy all the unique things fall has to offer.

trash service

Stevens Disposal is the company Frenchtown Charter Township has contracted with to provide rubbish and yard waste collection services. Each Stevens trash cart has a serial number linked with the parcel address and is the property of Stevens Disposal. These carts are meant to stay with the property to which they were distributed and are not to be removed from the premises. Missing carts are the financial responsibility of the homeowner and will not be replaced without a police report. Each address is allotted one cart. Additional carts may be rented annually through Stevens Disposal 1 (800) 779-0344.

- ▶ Please set trash carts out the night before your scheduled pick-up day.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ The **BROWN** former Republic carts are to be used for garbage only and the **BLUE** former Republic carts can be used for yard waste and **will not be emptied if filled with trash.**

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bulk items

If you have large items that do not fit in your container, we need a minimum of 24 hours' notice to schedule a bulk pick up. Please be mindful of township holidays that fall before a bulk pickup day as this may affect the schedule. You may contact **Lisa** at **(734) 242-3282, ext.3** to arrange for the collection of bulk items.

- ▶ Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning units and dehumidifiers must have freon removed and certified tagged by HVAC company.
- ▶ Prohibited items:
Yard waste, concrete, brick, blocks, asphalt, dirt and stone, tires, wheels, brake rotors and drums, metal, or steel automotive parts (including seats), oils, stain, and solvents (considered hazardous waste), and no propane or helium tanks/cylinders.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION WILL END November 30, 2023.

- ▶ Yard waste should be placed curbside, apart from your household trash, the night before your scheduled trash service day.
- ▶ **Blue Carts** with Yard Waste Only stickers, smaller old style garbage cans with Yard Waste Only stickers and leaf bags are all able to be used for Yard Waste pick-up when it starts in the spring.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

Trash pickup for the remainder of 2023 will run one day late following: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day

road information & projects

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Information on road and bridge closures in Monroe County can be found on the MDOT website:

<https://mdotjboss.state.me.us/MiDrive?construction>

street light outages

Please call **(734) 242-3282, option 3** to report a street-light out with the following information:

- ▶ Location (address or corner streets): an address is needed to report. Pole # if available.
- ▶ Once reported, it may take 7 to 10 business days for DTE to service.

in closing

We try very hard to follow up on any concerns or grievances that are reported to the Township offices. The entire Frenchtown team always has your best interests in mind and will work continuously to resolve issues and address any questions.

On behalf of the Supervisor's Department and all of us at Frenchtown Charter Township, I wish you and your family a magnificent end to the year.



A big thank you to Hampton Inn for taking in our displaced residents during recent weather crisis.

My grandson just loves the perch dinner at Angelos.

Jersey Mikes has some amazing subs!

Sal's Farmers Skillet is one of my favorite breakfast meals.

We have a multitude local tire shops along Telegraph Road —
Make sure your vehicles are ready for winter.

Frenchtown is bustling and your elected officials are always available for any question or concerns — just call or stop in!



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. There are fees attached to using this service. 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 homepage: www.frenchtownchartertp.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.frenchtownchartertp.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**.
- ▶ Search for your bill by **name, address, or parcel number**. Please note when searching by address only

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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. It is my utmost priority to make sure I am reflecting your interests and priorities. I encourage residents to reach out at our office line: (734) 242-5800 or email at kyle@frenchtownmi.gov.

Recycling: The Frenchtown Recycling center in the Mall of Monroe parking lot on the Phoenix Theaters side is operational every Wednesday from 7:00 am.-3:00 pm. 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 in the other. A detailed image of acceptable material can be found on the Frenchtown Charter Township website under the Recycling tab. We are actively looking into improvements to the site including ideas like expanding operational hours, but we need your feedback to make that happen. For those interested in Curbside recycling services, we are currently working on a subscription-based service. For more information about curbside, please call or email the Clerk's office.

Elections: The November 7th Special 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 and look forward to seeing you at the polls. 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 encourage anyone



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from the editor

by Chris Collins, Editor

Hello Frenchtown! Now that summer has given way to autumn it's only a matter of time until those icy cold winds of winter make their return. Truth be told, I am a big fan of the winter. Sure, the skies are sometimes cloudy and



gloomy. Yes, the snow can make traveling the roads a bit tricky. Okay, the cold can be downright unbearable. Wait...what...I know I was going somewhere with this...oh yeah, I love hot chocolate and cookies and there is no better time to enjoy them both than

wintertime in Michigan. Luckily, before the winter arrives we still have plenty of time remaining in this fall season. So



notes from the resort district authority

by Larry Smith, Director

The year 2023, so far, has been a very eventful time for the RDA and its residents, driven by an unexpected source; not from lake flooding but from the sky.

The district experienced an ice storm in February and an EF1 tornado in June causing significant tree damage. The RDA contractor, Davey Tree Service, was engaged and work prioritized to first remove all trees from blocking roads, then removing hanging limbs posing safety hazards and finally removal of tree debris pulled by residents to the edge of the street.

As if this was not enough, Monroe County received a severe rainstorm, and estimated 5-8 inches in less than 12 hours, the night and morning of August 23-24, causing flooding and power outages in the area. The Director inspected the district in the morning and found all the storm water

get outside and enjoy those brisk mornings that eventually turn into warm sunny days and don't forget to take a little time to relax around a small campfire in the cool evenings with friends and family.



Breaking ground on the new Municipale Community Center!

As the remaining quarter of 2023 approaches I wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone who has made this one of the best years ever at Frenchtown. **An up-to-date list of new and/or expanding businesses that have chosen Frenchtown for their home in 2023 can be found here frenchtowntownship.org.**

To learn more or to find out the latest information don't forget to check out the Frenchtown website at frenchtownmi.gov or perhaps you're wondering what new and fun ideas are happening soon, visit the Frenchtown Township Parks and Recreation page. You can find us on Facebook at:

www.frenchtownmi.gov/recreation/public-parks

pumping station auxiliary diesel generators running and no storm water back up anywhere, including Grand Beach, except for the Dewey Station, while sanitary sewers were overflowing, bubbling up through the manholes in Stony Point and State Park subdivisions. The problem with the Dewey Pumping Station was the system tried to start all four pumps simultaneously requiring too much amperage from the generator.

The Drain Commissioner reset the pumps with time delay to stagger pump start up, rectifying the problem and the backed-up water was quickly pumped out. This 500-year storm event demonstrated that the RDA storm water system is functioning at a very high level of efficiency.



A big **THANK YOU** to all the residents who helped during these trying times and the township board in helping to defray the cost of cleanup which greatly exceeded the budget. Hopefully the remainder of 2023 is less eventful.

Stay safe and healthy!

As summer moves into autumn, the leaves will begin to explode with bold, beautiful colors while furry and feathered creatures alike are preparing to migrate, store food or just create a cozy place to hibernate. Of course we humans have our own rituals to prepare for the colder months, so as the sweaters and boots emerge from our closets and drawers the Building Department would like to encourage homeowners to make a few safety checks. For example, how's the battery life on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors? Do you have a chimney in need of cleaning before it's utilized for those cozy, crackling fires, or maybe that furnace could benefit from a yearly check-up? If so, now is a great time to get them scheduled. Remember, permits and inspections are required should it becomes necessary for you to remove and/or replace your existing furnace. Additionally, a contractor must be licensed with the State and registered with the Township to perform the work.

Feel free to call us if you want to verify that your contractor is registered, has pulled a permit, or scheduled the required inspection. Our Inspector will make sure everything is correct and in working order. Once all elements are satisfied and that green approval sticker is placed on the job by one of our licensed inspectors you can complete your payment to the company you have hired. 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 the direct number to reach us is (734) 242-5900 we are happy to help! For your convenience, fillable printable permit applications are available on our website: <https://www.frenchtownmi.gov> and you may print them to drop off in person or send them in the mail. There is also a drop box by the front door for after hours but remember, **please do not place cash in the drop box** and as always, most permits can be issued immediately at the counter. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I'm sure you must have noticed all the exciting changes and new businesses here in our Township? Our Building Official, **Gary Dahl** along with our Economic Development / Public Safety Director, **Dave Uhl** has been actively pursuing developers to invest in our community. There are many additional projects in the works that we are not at liberty to discuss just yet, at least not until the final details are worked out so stay tuned for more. In case

from the building department

by Carmen Froehlich

you were unaware, the Frenchtown Municipal Building groundbreaking ceremony occurred on September 12th. The construction of this site will allow for many events, activities, and other conveniences to our Residents. If



you have questions or ideas for improvement, we welcome your feedback so please feel free to stop by any time Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm to let us know how we are doing or how we can help. **Attention property owners:** the Zoning Ordinance were revised as of June and there have been changes to the procedures, so we are more than happy to assist with your ideas for growth, expansion, and development.

If you are interested in developing land and have questions or ideas, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help make things happen! Check out the Revised Zoning Ordinance on the Building Department page at the following link:

[frenchtownmi.gov/building/zoning-ordinances/](https://www.frenchtownmi.gov/building/zoning-ordinances/)

The newly streamlined Ordinance went from 597 pages down to 271 pages! It is our hope that the changes will foster positive changes for the community.

For any blight concerns feel free to call the Building Department directly and ask for Mr. Howard Storey or you may utilize the website link to file a complaint: [frenchtownmi.gov/building/](https://www.frenchtownmi.gov/building/). Howard is here to assist with compliance and to encourage neighbors to work towards keeping our Township safe and beautiful. Grass season is finishing up for the year and as we say goodbye to the patio furniture and do a little fall cleanup be mindful that any bulk items that you would like to dispose of need to be placed by the road and you will need to contact the Supervisor's office clerical staff to arrange for pick up at (734) 242-3282, ext# 3.

Remember as always, the Building Department is here to help. 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

by Paula Sandefur

Did you know that the little white building next to the current Frenchtown Township Hall once served as the Township Hall? This building later became the Robert A. Vivian Branch Library in 1975. It has also served as a meeting hall for township residents and a voting precinct. The original building was built in 1910 and the back room, known now as the Children's Room, was added in 1957. There have been several people in charge of the branch over the years. Mrs. Edythe Anne Philippart was the first librarian at the branch. Dawn Shock was the next to run



Diana Martel

the branch. Librarian Jane Steed took charge of the three Frenchtown Area libraries in 1999 and Patt Boitnott became the branch technician around that same time. Patt continued running the R.A. Vivian Branch Library until she retired in December 2018. Diana Martel became the Branch Technician in February of 2019 and after Jane retired in 2021, Ashley Lifford became the Community Librarian of the three Frenchtown Area Libraries.

Diana Martel was born and raised in Wayne, Michigan. She moved to Monroe County in 1988 and started a family of her own. She and her husband, Al, have two sons, Chad, and Matt. She started working as a Circulation Clerk at the Frenchtown-Dixie Library in 2006. Prior to that, she had worked for Monroe Public Schools. She has worked in mul-

iple library branches in Monroe County over the years, but her home branch for the first 12 years of her library career was the Frenchtown-Dixie Branch.

Diana loves to create things and is always trying to figure out how to recycle and reuse different objects to make new things. One of her favorite programs was creating American flags out of old barn wood. She has also, along with co-worker Becky and her husband Dayton, done several programs where patrons take apart various electronic devices and create new objects with the parts.



One of the things that she is most proud of is the Children's Room of the R.A. Vivian Branch. Frenchtown Township did some repairs and upgrades to the room and now it is very patron friendly. She wants patrons to feel at home and encourages everyone to stop in and see what a lovely branch it truly is! Another thing she is proud of is making the side yard of the branch more accessible and usable for all.

There are multiple programs held at the R.A. Vivian Branch Library. There is an adult crafting program called the Third Thursday Special, Puzzle in a Day, a monthly book club, called an Afternoon Read, Exploring with Paint, Crafternoons, a Disney Movie Night, a Bonsai Club, Storytime and more. Holiday programming will soon be here. For more information on any of these programs, please check the events calendar at mymcls.com for dates and times. Do not forget to stop by and say "hi" to Diana.

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. It is also the deadline for the initial request for the first year of a Conditional Rescission of Principal Residence.

The December Board of Review will meet in December to correct Qualified Errors, and to consider Appeals re-

lated to the Qualified Agricultural Exemption, Disabled Veterans Exemption, and the Poverty Exemption.

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 the office on Wednesdays 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**.

frenchtown center for active adults

by Paul Iacoangeli, Executive Director

What a fantastic summer! We offered Pickleball lessons and had people playing Bocchi ball. It was nice to see people outside using the amenities. Our summer kickoff potluck was a huge success. With an abundance of different foods and assorted desserts, it would have been a sin if someone left hungry. Whether it was the hot weather or people just looking to have a good time, we stayed busy all summer. Those new automatic sliding doors your Township Board installed had a workout.

With the start of school and the arrival of fall, we are quickly approaching the end of the year and the coming of colder weather.

But don't despair; it only means it will give you an excuse to get out of those pajamas, turn the TV off, and plan on doing some new and exciting things at your Activity Center. The way Michigan weather has been trending, it could still be 60 degrees outside for Christmas. If not, that only means we have plenty to do inside if it is too cold to play Pickle or Bocchi ball.

Here are a few of the different monthly activities. The 1st Monday is Movie Monday and the 3rd Tuesday is our Travel Meeting to learn about the upcoming offerings. The 1st and 3rd Wednesday are Dominoes Mexican Train days. We also have the Wacky Wednesday Wonder Women, a group of hand-sewing enthusiasts meeting on the 3rd Wednesday. A Caregivers Support Group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. The Monroe County Quilters Guild meets on the 2nd Thursday and a card-making class on the 3rd. Mahjong will be starting up on the 1st and 3rd Friday, along with our book club, sponsored by the Monroe County Library system that meets on the 3rd Friday. Remember, this is a listing of our regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Our daily list of activities can be found at: frenchtownsenior.com/activities-calendar.html.

Our fitness programs have turned out to be very popular, and they are free of charge once you become a member

or purchase a scan card. For the small fee of \$20.00, you have access to two evidence-based exercise programs, enhanced exercise sponsored by the YMCA and our Geri-Fit program. We also have Cardio-Drumming, Chair Yoga, and Tai Chi.

We are a smoke-free, fragrance-free environment. We have a diverse group of very friendly and welcoming folks with various ethnicities, upbringings, and cultural, political, and religious beliefs. While no one is expected to know everyone's principles, we only ask that you consider changing the subject when something offensive is brought to your attention.



In my next writing, I hope to have some exciting news about projects that have been in the works but haven't been started yet. All I can say for now is that your Township Board will have played a significant role with their support and generosity.

Let me leave you with this: ditch those pajamas at least for a day and check us out. You will undoubtedly be surprised. What better place to stay active this winter than the Frenchtown Center for Active Adults?



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frenchtown fire department



by Wendy Stevens, Fire Chief

Greetings Frenchtown! Autumn is upon us again, cider, donuts, pumpkin spice and all that is nice. With the turn of the season some of us sadly say good bye to summer, others have anxiously awaited the cooler temps and changing of the leaves. I am hopeful you all shared in my excitement watching the Lions win their first game; and high school football players hitting the grid as well. Fall always proves to have an abundance of events to enjoy.



Your fire department is anxiously awaiting delivery of our new ambulances. They are expected to be received this month. Here is a sneak peek from when they were being painted to match our rescue engines.



The summer was enjoyable; we spent many hours with members of our community. The firefighters participated in the Frenchtown Recreation Department's Summer Camp teaching fire safety tips, providing engine and ambulance demonstrations, while giving away lots of fire helmets to our honorary firefighters for the day! We participated in the Monroe County Fair

parade and spent a full day providing medical and fire service to the visitors to the fair. I hope you stopped by one of the fair's fire buildings to say "hello," or watched our own FF Ryan Kernyo win the goat milking contest against a sheriff deputy and a member of MCA. We assisted Triumph Academy with their student's annual egg drop using our 100' platform truck, provided water for the Sterling State Park Walleye tournament, and we were a part of Frenchtown Twp's free permit week festivities, just to name a few.

Congratulations are in order for Lieutenant Brent Armstrong, after dedicating 35 years to the residents of Frenchtown, he hung up his helmet and retired on September 8, 2023. Lt. Armstrong began his service to the residents in 1989

as a paid-on-call firefighter and was hired in 1995 as a full-time firefighter working side by side with his father Firefighter Dick Armstrong until his retirement nearly 10 years later. Lt. Armstrong provided invaluable and selfless service to the residents and visitors of Frenchtown and our neighboring communities. His legacy will always be that of determination, a positive can-do attitude, and a contagious smile. He spent countless hours training new and old firefighters alike, he showed up each day determined to make a positive difference, no matter what its size. We are excited for Retired Lieutenant Armstrong to commence his next chapter of life, but we will sadly miss his presence.



Your firefighters responded to assist many residents this summer due to severe storms. We assisted with countless electrical wires knocked down by fallen trees until DTE could arrive. In addition to falling trees and downed electrical wires, there were some homes that had their roofs ripped off or collapsed entirely, due to high wind shears while others experienced overturned homes due to a tornado. There was also widespread flooding, and several vehicle crashes due to limbs and debris. We send our sincere condolences to those who suffered through those dreadful storms with so much property loss.

In conclusion, please be mindful that open burning is only allowed from October 20 to November 30. Be courteous of your neighbors, follow the Township Ordinance #175 and be aware of the weather conditions and wind direction.



Do your part to promote fire safety: change those smoke detector batteries when you turn your clocks back, teach your family two ways out of every room, practice home fire drills complete with your family's meeting place, and prepare for the unexpected. Prevention and preparation are always your best defense.



frenchtown water department

by Rich Weirich

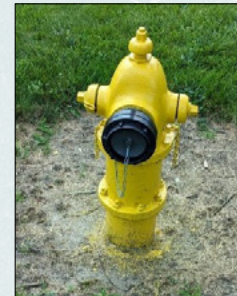


As we move into the cold winter days, we wanted to remind you to take a couple of minutes to make sure that your water lines are protected from freezing. Close up those crawl space doors and turn on heat tapes if you have them. A little work now can save a big headache later.

The Water Treatment Plant had some masonry tuck joints redone and the outside of the building repainted. We are extremely happy with how the work was completed. You might have noticed our crews around this summer working on clearing, painting, and adding Storz fittings to the hydrants in the Township. We have made a large effort to help assist the Fire Department in making the hydrants easier to locate and quicker to access.

Just as a reminder, we have our online payments system set up at frenchtown-township.org. Please make sure you only go to that website to make your payments! We have had customers make payments at other website, but we never received the payments. **Again, 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**.



PUT MORE IN THE BIN!



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WWW.STEVENS DISPOSAL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECYCLING!

PLEASE RINSE/CLEAN CONTAINERS BEFORE
PUTTING INTO RECYCLING BIN/TOTER CAN.

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- ▶ 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, 2023. Your bill is payable at the Treasurer's office or online until February 14th, 2024 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, 2024. Real property taxes not paid by this date will be sent delinquent to the Monroe County Treasurer.



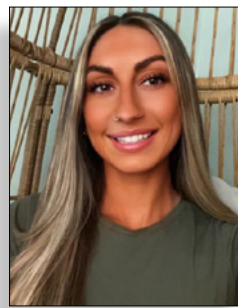
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with questions or concerns about the Election process to come down to the Clerk's office and we will happily provide information about how Elections are conducted in Frenchtown.

Retirement: Mary Kittle has served as the Voter Registration Specialist in the Clerk's office for the past six years and before joining our team, she also served the State of Michigan for 32 years and Dr. Barbour's office for five years. Her time at Frenchtown Charter Township is highlighted by her "One of One" work ethic. Managing elections for a municipality requires integrity, diligence, and attention to detail and Mary sets the standard for those qualities. Any organization would be lucky to have a Mary and we wish we had



Mary Kittle



Makenna Duvall

30 of her. Mary is also an advocate for public health and serves on the Township's Recreation Commission. We wish her all the happiness in the world in her well-deserved retirement and are very fortunate that despite retiring, her dedication to the Township hasn't wavered and she'll be assisting in a Part-time capacity with elections helping her successor, Makenna Duvall get up to speed. Makenna has big shoes to fill but is already thriving in the position. We are excited to welcome Makenna to the Township and look forward to her helping us continue to guarantee secure, efficient elections in Frenchtown Charter Township for decades to come.

municipal complex news

Frenchtown Charter Township has broken ground on a 25 Acre Municipal Complex on Dixie Hwy adjacent to Detroit Beach. This development project includes a Community Center, a Municipal Building and a new Sheriff's substation to replace the existing 100-year-old building located near the corner of Nadeau/Dixie.

This new substation will include state-of-the-art equipment and facilities to dramatically improve the overall working conditions for our Frenchtown contracted and County Deputies. Furthermore, Sheriff Troy Goodnough has committed to designating this facility as the new, District 1 Headquarters and will be relocating an additional 8 County funded Deputies from Monroe Township to Frenchtown Township. Given the outdated and poor condition of the current facility coupled with the Township having the highest call to service volume in Monroe County, the Township Board felt this project was a necessary infrastructure improvement. Additionally, this new location allows increased visibility and accessibility to not only Frenchtown residents but our neighbors north and south that are serviced by the County funded deputies. The Community Center is a 20,000 Square foot event location venue and will seat up to 580

people. It contains a commercial kitchen that will provide catering opportunities to Frenchtown businesses or businesses owned by Frenchtown residents. In addition, there are several glass roll up garage doors along the perimeter of the building allowing for mixed indoor and outdoor events. The planned uses of the community center include but are not limited to: farmers markets, concerts, festivals, car shows, conventions and will also be available on select dates for private events. The Township feels this project will be an invaluable tool to encourage more economic development to the area while also supporting our existing local businesses.

The primary goal is to host community-oriented events that not only keep people in Frenchtown, but will attract guests from outside of our Township to come patronize our local hotels, restaurants, and other businesses. The funding for the project is 100% General Fund sourced, allowing the Township to complete the project without any additional costs to our Tax-payers. The remainder of the property outside of the two facilities will be developed into a Park and conceptual plans for that component are currently in the works with continuing participation of Frenchtown residents. The project is scheduled for completion in July of next year. If you have any concerns, ideas, or questions you are encouraged to contact Township Clerk, Kyle Bryant at (734) 242-5800 or kyle@frenchtownmi.gov.

FRENCHTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
NORTH DIXIE HIGHWAY MUNICIPAL CENTER & COMMUNITY CENTER





frenchtown recreation department

by Phil Coyle, Parks and Recreation Director

Summer came and left in a blink of an eye and once again, our summer programs had a fantastic participation turn out. Starting with our youth baseball and softball leagues, we had over 400 participants from players to coaches to volunteers. This year our leagues for 12U – 10U baseball and softball teams participated with other communities throughout Monroe County, local Recreation Travel Leagues. The kids had a fantastic opportunity to play against other teams throughout the county. The T-ball and 8U leagues packed Kiwanis Park, four nights a week giving spectators some awesome baseball to watch. Our Day Camp exploded with the number of kids attending, doubling from last year which was our inaugural year. The kids enjoyed their days playing



on the playscape, playing pick-up soccer and kickball games, making a variety of crafts, having water balloon fights to cool off on the hot summer days, etc. The kids also had visits from special guests throughout the summer, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department along with their dive team, the Frenchtown Fire Department, Rick's Bicycle shop, and Monroe County Mobile Library. Our other programs which focused mainly on introducing new sports to individuals or groups of friends included golf, pickleball and tennis also had great participation. Our directors are looking forward to further expanding these lessons for next spring and summer.



Meanwhile, the Recreation Department was busy making improvements to the parks and running some fun programs. At Kiwanis Park a much-needed patch and reseal was completed as well as a total resurfacing of the tennis court at Park 3 in which two pickle ball courts were added. Before the cold weather sets in, we are looking to add some fresh paint and a new sign to the outside of the Hall at Kiwanis Park.

As always, we are looking to connect with the community and local businesses to participate in our holiday events and parties. If you own or know someone who would like to participate or donate, please reach out to the contact information listed below.

I would like to conclude 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 our Facebook page at Frenchtown Township Parks & Recreation, the Township's website Feel free to call or email as well: (734) 243-1732 or (734) 430-2827, phil@frenchtownmi.gov.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 29th — 4th Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the Township Hall from 1-2:30 pm.

DECEMBER

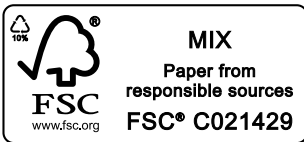
December 16th — Annual Christmas Party at Kiwanis Park, time to be determined.

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2023 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 8:00 a.m.
- 3rd Tuesday 3:00 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.