

## ❄️ Frankenlust Township ❄️

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##### HOURS:

##### Monday:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

##### Tuesday:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

##### Wednesday:

CLOSED

##### Thursday:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

##### Friday:

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

#### Township Website:

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## ❄️ 2023-2024 WINTER NEWSLETTER ❄️

### § SUPERVISOR – Ron Campbell §

**Office Hours: Tuesday 9 am - 12 pm and Thursday 9 am – 4 pm**

Season's greetings everyone. The Township is officially getting new trash and recycling carts. Governor Whitmer has signed state legislation to begin improving recycling across the state of Michigan between 2026-2028. We are the last township in the surrounding area to make this change. Estimated delivery is between May and April of 2024. Michigan's average recycling rate is 19% while the Nation's average is 34%. The Township has received two grants, one from Recycling Partnership and the other from EGLE. The grant covers the cost of the 96-gallon recycling cart. Once new carts are delivered recycling will move to biweekly instead of every week. Yard waste and one bulk item a week per resident will remain the same. Our website, [www.frankenlust.org](http://www.frankenlust.org), will have all updates regarding the new carts. In addition to the website, informational mailings will be sent out early 2024. Please be sure to have a fun and safe holiday season.

Ron Campbell, Supervisor

### 💰 TREASURER – Gayle Ortner 💰

**Office Hours: Tuesday 9 am – 4 pm**

I would like to remind everyone that we do not accept post marks as taxes being paid on time. Your payment must be received in the office or drop boxes before 5:00 p.m. on February 14, 2024 in order to be considered paid on time. The mail slot to the left of the door is checked multiple times a day. You can also pay your taxes online at [www.frankenlust.org](http://www.frankenlust.org) on the Public Notice tab. Please remember if you choose to pay your taxes in cash bring the exact amount as we do not keep change on hand. We have been asked about the determination of tax amounts. The value of your property as of 12-31-2022 is the basis for your taxes that are due 9-14-2023 & 2-14-2024. This is a delayed billing based on the value 12-31-2022. This is the response I got from the Bay County Treasurer's office. When a property is sold the buyer and the seller with the help of your title company agree on who is paying how much of the total tax bill. If you have any questions, please call the office. I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gayle Ortner, Treasurer

### 🏠 Building Officials 🏠

We would like to give a large thank you and appreciation to Dell Bedford, our recently retired Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector. Dell provided us with 20 years of service and he will be missed here in the Township. Tom Verellen has stepped into Dell's position as both Plumbing Inspector and Mechanical Inspector. For any questions or finals please contact him at (989) 246-4817. Another new addition to the Township is Dave DeGrow as our Zoning Administrator. He can be reached at (989) 450-0191. Tom and Dave can also be reached via email at [adminasst@frankenlust.com](mailto:adminasst@frankenlust.com). Our Building Inspector, Dick Sabias, would like to remind those with permits that it is the duty of the permit holder or agent to notify the building official that such work is ready for inspection as well as, required by code, to provide access to and means for inspection of such work.

### Clerk – Deborah Fisher

With the passing of Proposal 22-2 last year, voters now have the option to vote in person nine days before the actual election. All Bay County Townships are merging together to have one site that will be run by the Bay County Clerk. The location is set to be in the Veteran's Park Senior Center. Follow the local news and township website or call our office for updates and more information. We are always looking for Election Inspectors (workers). If you are interested in helping out and working the election sites call me for details. Once you are set up for an election inspector, you need to attend a half day training session and can work any precinct in Bay County. Remember that you are always able to register to vote and become a permanent absentee voter at any time which indicates that you want an application to receive an absentee ballot. We send the applications out for each election automatically. You are not obligated to ask for an AV ballot. You have the option to complete the application requesting a ballot and return it or disregard it and go to the polling site. If you find at the last minute you change your mind, you can still get an AV Ballot until 8 pm the day of the election at Michigan.gov or contact our office to register. The drop box in the back of our parking lot is dedicated to absentee ballots once election season begins. I do not plan to run for a third term so my position as clerk will be open. If you are interested in running for a position in the Township, please contact me or the Bay County Clerk for information and forms. Wishing all a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year. May you stay healthy and safe.  
Debbie Fisher, Frankenlust Township Clerk

### Nature Park Information

Winter is coming soon and the park is open from sun up to sun down. We are continuing work with Chippewa Nature Center on invasive plant species removal as guided by US Fish & Wildlife Service recommendations. The latest work is being done along Hotchkiss Rd. at the north end of the park. A spring cleanup day at the park is being planned. For date and time of the spring cleanup please check out our page, Frankenlust Nature Park, on the township website.

### Fire Department – Bryan Kukla, Chief

The Frankenlust Township Fire Department would like to thank everyone that supported our Firefighter's Association of Frankenlust gun raffle fundraiser. Congratulations to all of the winners! The Association supports the Fire Department with funding for non-budgeted equipment such as our thermal image camera project to equip each firefighter with an individual thermal image camera to provide extra protection and life-saving tools for our members during major incidents. With winter and snow around the corner, please remember fire safety! Try to clear fire hydrants from snow and ice. Use metal or heat-tempered glass screens on fireplaces & keep wood stove doors closed. 50% of all house fire deaths occur between 11pm and 7am. Closing all bedroom doors protects your family from heat and smoke should a fire occur. Remember to #CloseBeforeYouDoze! Cold weather means thermostats are being turned up. Protect your family from the risk of carbon monoxide (CO), a color and odor-less poisonous gas, with a CO detector. Test your CO and smoke detectors monthly, change batteries at least yearly and replace any detectors over ten years old. We have partnered with the American Red Cross and MI Prevention to provide free smoke alarms for homes without working smoke alarms or outdated alarms. If interested, contact the fire department at [fire\\_dept@frankenlust.com](mailto:fire_dept@frankenlust.com) for more information. Stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook (@FrankenlustFDP) for community notifications, department information and fire safety tips! WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW FIREFIGHTERS! No experience necessary; training provided. Information and applications are available on our website at <https://frankenlust.org/fire-department> or call Chief Kukla at 989-686-5301.

### Assessor – Anissa Zaucha

Township Assessors are required by the State Tax Commission to verify sales, update new construction, yearly inspect 20% of the township properties and update our database with current pictures. In November and December, I will be conducting my physical inspection of various properties and attempting to obtain updated photos. December Board of Review will be held Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 9 a.m. at the Township Office. Any outstanding Veteran Exemptions will be acted upon at this meeting. Please provide a completed Affidavit and copy of your current Veteran Administration Summary if you have not done so already. Please contact me with any questions at (989)686-5300 Ext 203 or [ftwp\\_assessing@frankenlust.com](mailto:ftwp_assessing@frankenlust.com). I am in the office Thursday's 9am – 1 pm and will return messages within 5 business days.  
Anissa Zaucha, Assessor