

2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER

**FRANKENLUST
TOWNSHIP**
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Office Hours: Tuesday 9 AM - 12 PM and Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM

Frankenlust Township and the Bay County Road Commission will begin rubber chip seal road work on select roads throughout the community. The work will begin sometime this summer, an official start date has not yet been determined. A map of the planned road work areas is available on our website: www.frankenlust.org. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to improve our roads.

Frankenlust Township Funding:

Ziegler Road
2 Mile Road
Freeland Road
Amelith Road

Bay County Road Commission Funding:

3 Mile Road
Freeland Road
2 Mile Road
Stone Island Road
Delta and Hotchkiss Roads

Reminder: As farm activity increases, please watch for slow-moving equipment on our roads. Your caution helps keep everyone safe—thank you for sharing the road.

TREASURER - Amy Stothard

Office Hours: Wednesday 9 AM - 4 PM and Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM

Hoping you're enjoying the start of summer and all the sunshine it brings. As we move into the summer tax season, please remember to check the back of your tax bill for important payment information.

- **Here are a few key reminders:**
 - **Summer tax collection:** begins *July 1st*. The final day to pay taxes without interest is **5:00 PM Monday, September 14th. Postmarks are not accepted.**
 - **Payment Options:** Cash, check, debit, or credit card (note: a 2.8% fee + \$0.50 per transaction applies to debit and credit card payments). Payments can be made online, by mail, in person, or dropped off using the drop box or mail slot.
 - **Deferred Summer Taxes:** If you qualify, please ensure your deferment form is submitted by *Monday, September 14th*.
 - **Contact Info:** To help us contact you in case there's an issue with your payment, please include your phone number and email on the back of your tax bill

CLERK - Dee Ann LaPan

Office Hours: Monday 9 AM - 4 PM and Tuesday 9 AM - 4 PM

We have two elections coming up this fall. The Primary Election on August 4, 2026 and the General Election on November 3, 2026.

- Early voting in-person will be available from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Bay County Community Center 800 JFK Dr. Bay City, MI 48706. Early in-person voting will start the second Saturday prior to Election Day and end the Sunday before the election.
- The day of Election we have two locations you may vote at St. Johns Ev. Lutheran Church of Amelith at 1664 Amelith Road, Bay City and Bay County Community Center located at 800 JFK Dr. Bay City, MI 48706.
- Just a friendly reminder for college students or vacationers if you will be out of town during the election season to send an email to clerk@frankenlust.com and let us know where your temporary address to send your absentee ballot.
- We are looking for Elections Inspectors for the upcoming elections. Interested parties please contact us on 989-686-5300 and ask for the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.

Thank you for making me your clerk! It's been a pleasure serving you. I hope you enjoy your summer!

ASSESSOR - Elijah Burkhardt

Office Hours: Wednesday 9:00 am - 4 pm, or by appointment

- When purchasing a new property, a Property Transfer Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the township Assessor. The PTA provides essential information including whether the Taxable Value should “uncap.”
 - According to MCL 211.27a if there has been a transfer of ownership the taxable value will “uncap” in the year following the transfer. This means that the taxable value for that year will be set to equal the state equalized value.
 - "Transfer of ownership" means the conveyance of title to or a present interest in property, including the beneficial use of the property.
 - For residential property, a common exemption is family transfer. If the seller is related to the buyer (mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, adopted son, adopted daughter, grandson, or granddaughter) and the residential real property is not used for any commercial purpose following the transfer then the taxable value will not uncap. The taxable value will be subject to an increase in the Consumer Price Index. The State Tax commission calculates the CPI yearly and increases to taxable value are limited to 5%.
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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

- Inspectors do **NOT** hold office hours. They need to be contacted personally to schedule inspections.
 - **Zoning Administrator** - *Patrick Miller* - zoning@frankenlust.com
 - **Building Inspector** - *Les Luptowski* - (989) 239-0360
 - **Electrical Inspector** - *Ken Kaczmarek* - (989) 239-6583
 - **Mechanical & Plumbing Inspector** - *Tom Verellen* - (989) 246-4817
 - REMINDER: ALL ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS MUST BE APPROVED PRIOR TO WORK BEGINNING. If work starts prior, your permit cost will be DOUBLED.
 - We would also like to remind all permit holders and their agents that it is their responsibility to notify the Building Official or Inspector when work is ready for inspection. As required by code, permit holders must also provide access to and a means for inspection of the work.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT - Bryan Kukla, Chief

On May 5, 2026, Frankenlust residents successfully renewed the Township’s Police and Fire Millage, ensuring continued funding for current public safety operations. Thank you for your support. This millage serves as basically the sole source of Frankenlust Fire Department funding, providing approximately 80% of the department’s annual revenue for *existing* services. However, it leaves no additional funding for critical staffing *improvements* within the Fire Department. Unfortunately, like most volunteer and paid-on-call fire departments across the country, we continue to face increasing challenges with staffing shortages, as well as recruitment and retention of qualified personnel.

To maintain and *improve* community safety, the Fire Department is asking voters to approve a .5 millage (1/2 mil) proposal on August 4th, 2026. This millage will be solely used to fund increased **staffing for the fire department**. The long-term goal of this millage is to increase firefighter coverage and move toward providing station staffing around the clock, resulting in more consistent and timely emergency response for our residents.

NATURE PARK

- The Nature Park Committee recently received a \$16,000 grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation to help fund an additional 367 feet of boardwalk to connect the two existing boardwalks and extend the north boardwalk 166 feet. Installation is scheduled for summer 2026. Many thanks to the Foundation for their support.
- Chippewa Nature Center (CNC) planted 50 native trees & shrubs in the NE corner of the park and is developing a wildflower field in the southern part of the park. The cages & tubes in the park are protecting the new plantings from wildlife.
- The park is a wonderful place for dog walking, but please be courteous of others by keeping your dog on a leash to enhance the safety of your dog, other dogs & other people.
- To provide feedback on the Nature Park please click on the scrolling survey link on the township website: <https://frankenlust.org/frankenlust-nature-park>. We are interested in your thoughts and stories regarding how the boardwalks may have impacted your usage of the park.
- We welcome volunteers, if interested contact the township office at 989-686-5300.