

2023 Village of Fruitport Progress Report

General information

Were any new municipal facilities added to your jurisdiction in 2023 that have stormwater infrastructure? **No**

Did you identify or construct any new outfalls or points of discharge?

A culvert was replaced at the intersection of 7th and Peach Streets in the Village.

Enforcement Actions

The enforcement response procedure and form to be filled out in case of an unauthorized discharge can be found in your Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). SWMPs are saved under your community name [on LGROW's website](#).

Were there any enforcement actions taken in 2023? This includes fines, citations, stop work orders.

No

If yes, please explain:

Illicit Discharges

How many illicit discharges were detected in 2023? **None**

Explain each illicit discharge and action taken to investigate/clean up each discharge:

Were all illicit discharges detected eliminated?

How many illicit discharges led to enforcement action?

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (Part 91)

Were there any changes made to your SESC program in 2023? (ex. change in Part 91 status as an APA or MEA): **No**

Were there any issues identified in 2023 under the SESC program on construction sites under your jurisdiction? If so, please explain: **No**

Facilities

Were any new facilities that the municipality is responsible for added in the past few years? You can view your facility inventory under your community name [on LGROW's website](#) (Appendix 6 Facility Inventory). **None**

Table 16. Structural Stormwater Controls Inspection and Maintenance Schedule					
Structural BMP	Inspection Frequency	Maintenance Frequency	Disposal	TSS Removal	2023 Inspection and Maintenance
Underground Storage Vault or Tanks	Annual	When vault in garage is 50% full	Licensed Hauler	Low	Inspected on 02/23/24 Emptied on 02/23/24
Vegetated Buffer Strips	Annual	50% full	Mowed with a mulching mower or bagged and hauled to a licensed compost facility	Medium/Low	Trimmed every month in 2023 summer
Infiltration Basins or Trenches	Annual	When there is evidence of clogging or sump is 50% full	Licensed Hauler	High	Inspected 02/23/24 Emptied 02/23/24
Oil/Water or Grit Separator	Every 2 years or as needed	As needed per inspection, and when it is 50% full	Licensed Hauler	High	Inspected on 02/23/24 Emptied on 02/23/24

Street Sweeping

Did you perform street sweeping?

Yes No

Please see attached invoice.

Catch Basin Cleaning

Please submit a log of catch basin inspections, cleaning, or invoices if you contracted this work out.

Did you inspect catch basins?

Yes No

How many?

Please submit a log of catch basin inspections or invoices if you contracted this work out.

Road Work

During road, parking lot, sidewalk and right-of-way maintenance were BMPs implemented to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff during maintenance? **YES**

Is the municipality responsible for any bridge maintenance? If so, were BMPs implemented to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff during maintenance?

YES

Is the municipality responsible for any unpaved roads? If so, were BMPs implemented to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff for unpaved roads?

NO

Is the municipality responsible for any plowing and salting? If so, were BMPs implemented to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff during winter operations? Please explain.

YES. Salt is stored undercover.

Is the municipality responsible for washing vehicles (ex: trucks, police cars, school buses)? If so, were BMPs implemented to prevent or reduce pollutant runoff during washing? Please explain.

YES. Equipment is washed in the garage.

Training

Was any training completed that you would like to report on behalf of your staff to EGLE? (Conferences, seminars, or PDH's you wish to report for you or your staff.)

Clerk attended on 06/09/2023: MS4 Meeting at LGROW Spring Forum

DPW Staff attended on 10/18/2023: Winter Maintenance Training- ROADS & Winter Maintenance Training- PARKING LOTS/SIDEWALKS

Clerk attended LGROW Public Education Committee Meetings on 11/15/23

Clerk attended LGROW Public Education Plan Meeting on 7/12/23

Fruitport Stormwater Facility Inspection Report

General Information			
Location	DPW Garage		
Date of Inspection <i>4/17/23</i>		Start Time	<i>10am</i>
Inspector's Name(s)	<i>Justin Clish</i>		
Inspector's Title(s)	<i>DPW Supervisor</i>		
Weather Information			
Weather at time of this inspection?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Sleet <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Snowing <input type="checkbox"/> High Winds <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Temperature:			
Have any illicit discharges occurred since the last inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, describe:			
Are there any illicit discharges at the time of this inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, describe:			

BMP/activity		Maintenance Required?	Corrective Action Taken
Catch Basins			
Are storm drains clean and clear of debris?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Are sumps less than 50% full of sediment?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Are catch basins in good structural shape?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Dumpsters			
Are dumpsters free from leaks?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<i>New dumpster</i>
Are dumpsters covered?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Raw Materials			
Are raw materials stored under cover, or in a place where they will not be released into the storm system?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

BMP/activity		Maintenance Required?	Corrective Action Taken
Is the drive free from trackout of raw material (sand/salt)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Garage			
Are non-stormwater discharges (e.g., wash water) properly controlled?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the Grit Separator/Oil Water Separator functioning properly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sucked out
Are the vault and trench drains functioning properly?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	clean sand out
Are hazardous materials properly stored?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is the garage free of spills, leaks, or any other deleterious material?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Is Spill Kit present and stocked with spill materials?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Parking Lot			
Free of trash and spilled automotive fluids	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Are vehicles parked outside free of spills and/or leaks?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Overall General Housekeeping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Other Areas for Consideration:			

Non-Compliance

Describe any incidents of non-compliance not described above:

MS4 Community Annual PEP Checklist

This document outlines your community's required activities for the 2023 Reporting Period. Check the box for each action as you complete it and provide supporting documentation where indicated.

LGROW Dropbox: [Link](#)

Community Name:

Village of Fruitport

1. Publish at least 1 [article](#) on PEP topics in Community newsletter or news outlet (recommended quarterly)

Date	Article	PEP Topic
November 2024 in the Fruitport Area News	Helping to Beautify the Village	Personal Actions
		Choose an item.
November 2024 on Facebook	Greenspace Project	Stormwater Discharge Location/Impacts
November 2024 in the Fruitport Area News	Village of Fruitport Working for You	General Watershed Awareness

2. Community presence or Stormwater Display at 1 event or location

Event Date: May 29, 2023

Event Location: Memorial Day Parade in the Village of Fruitport. DPW staff drove truck. Volunteers passed out LGROW materials alongside the truck.

***Attach a photo of event/display; List additional/multiple events at the end of this form**

3. Distribute pollution prevention [information](#) to at least 2 **targeted businesses/groups** listed in PEP

Names of Businesses	Title(s) of Material(s) Distributed
Village Inn	Greenspace project implemented
Norm's Ice Cream	Greenspace project implemented

4. Share household hazardous waste reduction information with residents via Community's social media, newsletter, or website

Date shared: April and October 2023

Location shared: Postcards mailed to all Village residents re spring and fall cleanups. Information on website (www.fruitportvillage.com)

Social Media Post Reach:

Social Media Post Engagement:

***Attach a screenshot of a representative social media post, copy of newsletter, or link to community website:**

5. Distribute giveaway items for selected PEP categories

Item	# Distributed	Item	# Distributed
Troutie Coloring Book	<u>50</u>	LGROW Brochure Spanish	
LGROW Colored Pencils	<u>50</u>	AAD Tip Cards	<u>50</u>
Pet Waste Bag Dispenser	<u>50</u>	Septic Smart Brochures	<u>50</u>
LGROW Foldable Bags	<u>50</u>	Septic Smart Brochures Spanish	
LGROW Brochure English	<u>50</u>	Make your home the solution to stormwater pollution English	
Make your home the solution to stormwater pollution Spanish		EPA Stormwater Smart Construction in your Neighborhood	

EPA Stormwater Smart Restaurants		EPA Stormwater Smart Parking Lots	
EPA Stormwater Smart Lawn Care	50	EPA Stormwater Smart Auto Shops	
EPA Stormwater Smart Construction Sites		Salt Tip Card	
LGROW Tip Cards			

Other Activities

6. Host, participate in, or support a stream cleanup effort

Cleanup Date:

Cleanup Location:

of Volunteers:

***Attach a copy of volunteer sign-in sheets or photos**

7. Join or Promote Adopt a Drain Program

Date(s) of program promotion: December 6, 2023 more of a clear around drain post

Method of program promotion: Facebook

Social Media Metrics (Post Reach, Post Engagement): Impressions 455, reach 435, engagement 8

***LGROW will create a report of the number of drains adopted in your Community**

8. Provide presentation on PEP topics to a school in your Community

Please add teacher contact information if you are interested in having LGROW work with your local school:

Teacher Name & Contact Information	School District

9. Implement EPA SepticSmart Social Media Guide during SepticSmart Week: **September 18-22, 2023**

Provide Social Media Metrics (Post Reach, Post Engagement):

10. Share social media posts provided by LGROW

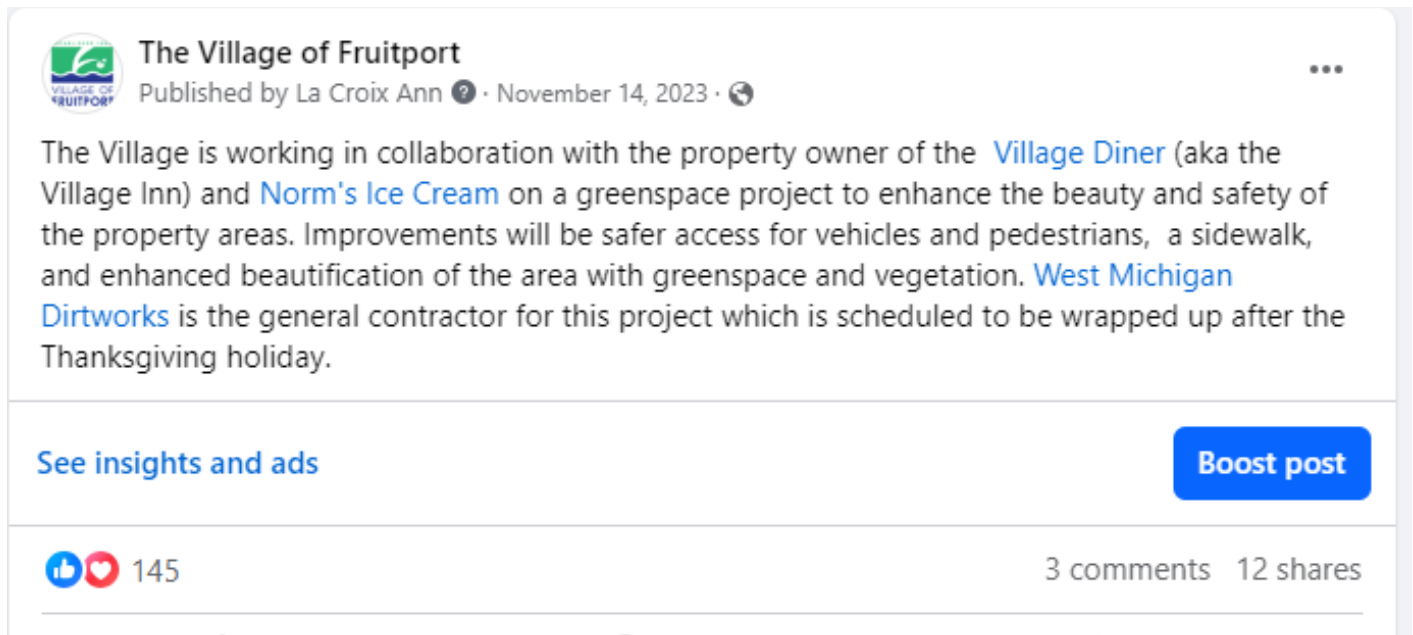
Date	Post Title/ PEP Topic	Social Media Type
June 7	LGROW Summer Tips	Facebook
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.
		Choose an item.

Other Public Engagement Activities Completed

Use this space to provide additional detail on Public Engagement Activities described above or to describe other Public Engagement Activities completed in your Community during the reporting period.

The Village of Fruitport launched a new website in 2023. This is a page dedicated to household waste which includes information on household hazardous waste. There is also a page dedicated to the watershed which includes information on storm sewers, the Spring Lake- Lake Board, and LGROW.

Village of Fruitport Facebook Posts:

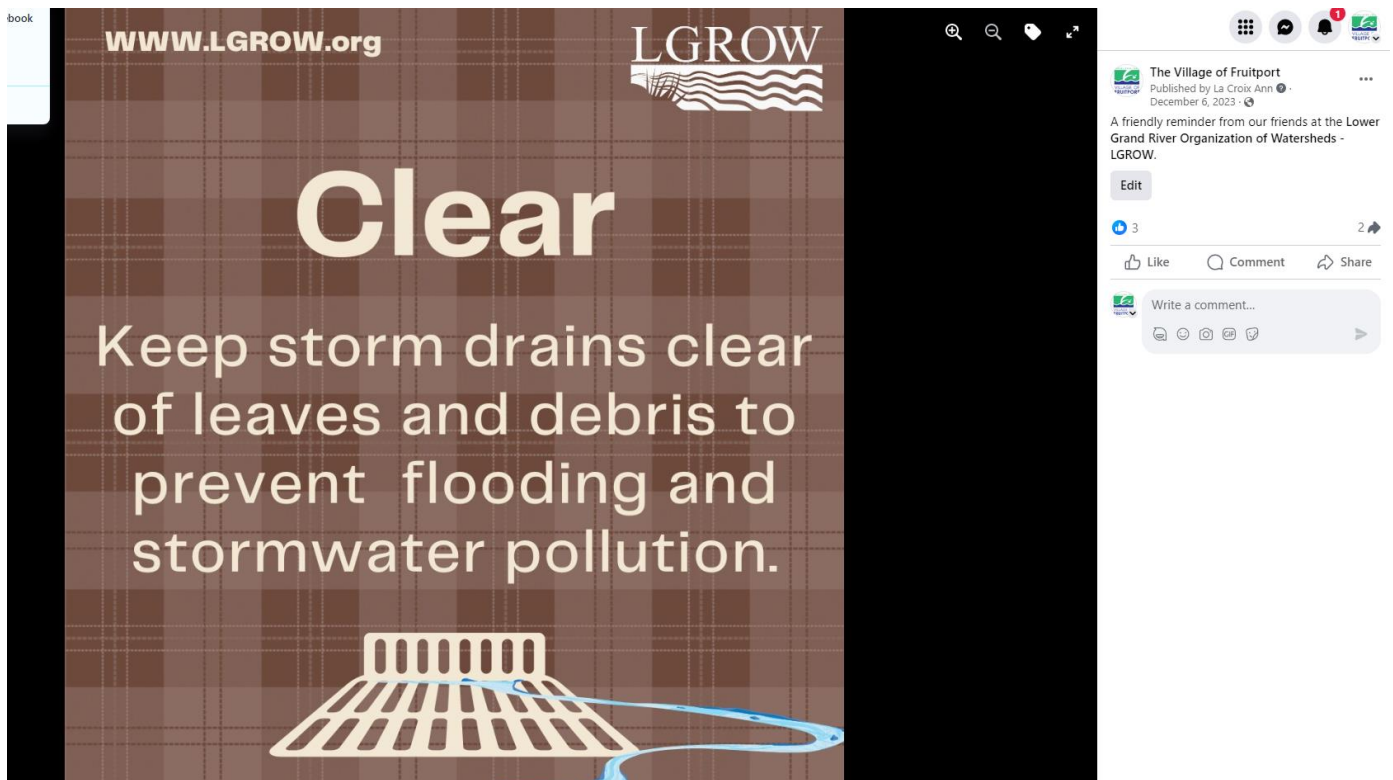


The Village of Fruitport
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The Village is working in collaboration with the property owner of the [Village Diner](#) (aka the Village Inn) and [Norm's Ice Cream](#) on a greenspace project to enhance the beauty and safety of the property areas. Improvements will be safer access for vehicles and pedestrians, a sidewalk, and enhanced beautification of the area with greenspace and vegetation. [West Michigan Dirtworks](#) is the general contractor for this project which is scheduled to be wrapped up after the Thanksgiving holiday.

[See insights and ads](#) [Boost post](#)

145 likes 3 comments 12 shares



WWW.LGROW.org **LGROW**

Clear

Keep storm drains clear of leaves and debris to prevent flooding and stormwater pollution.

3 likes 2 shares

Write a comment...



Shared on behalf of the [Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds - LGROW](#). Please help protect our watershed.

LGROW'S
Summer Tips
PROTECT OUR WATERSHED!

Measure
Use fertilizers, herbicides, and other chemicals cautiously and only as directed.

Replace
Replace grass seed with wildflowers, clover, moss, or other native plants to prevent runoff, naturally.

Dispose
Dispose of your household hazardous waste (HHW) properly at local disposal events.

Scoop
Pick up your pet's waste to ensure no pollutants get washed into the storm drains.

Wash
Wash cars at commercial car washes where there are sanitary sewers and the water is treated, unlike residential sewers.

Conserve
Only water lawns when necessary. Lawns need only about 1" of water a week, so be sure to take advantage of the rain.

LGROW

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💬 Comment

🔗 Share

Jake Griffis in OFD Parade:



Fruitport Community Postcard for Fall Clean Up Days:



FALL CLEAN UP DAYS

**HOUSEHOLD REFUSE – ON FRIDAYS
OCTOBER 13 & OCTOBER 27:** NO TIRES, CAR
PARTS, STUMPS, HAZARDOUS WASTE, OR
BUILDING MATERIALS.

**YARD WASTE – ON FRIDAYS NOVEMBER 3,
10, 17, AND DECEMBER 1:** LEAVES, GRASS
CLIPPINGS, AND BRANCHES MUST BE IN
PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS. BRANCHES MUST
BE 4FT OR LESS IN LENGTH AND 4 INCHES
OR LESS IN DIAMETER. BAGS MUST NOT
EXCEED 35LBS.

Advisory: COUPLE OVERCOME BY GENERATOR EXHAUST

from the Fruitport Township Police Department

On November 1, 2023, at approximately 12:30p.m. Police Officers and Fire personnel from Fruitport Twp. Public Safety responded to the 3000 block of Herron Lane in Fruitport Township for the report of a man who had passed out in his garage.

Upon arrival, emergency personnel found no response at the door, and subsequently made emergency entry into the garage area where they found a sixty-two year old male subject unresponsive and his sixty-four year wife unconscious on the garage floor. Upon entry into the garage, emergency personnel were immediately aware of a generator that was running inside with an overwhelming smell of exhaust fumes. Both subjects were immediately removed by fire and EMS personnel. The male subject died at the scene. The female subject is alive but remains in serious condition.

Muskegon Emergency 911 Dispatch was made aware of this situation by the daughter of the two subjects. Initial investigation indicates that the wife/victim was on the phone with her daughter and told her that they were both leaving for the hospital because they did not feel well. As the couple entered their attached garage, the husband/victim passed out. The wife then told the daughter to call 911. There was no further phone contact after this, as the wife did not answer her phone after this conversation.

Our initial investigation did not uncover any evidence of foul play at this time. Further, that the running generator in the garage appeared to be the cause of the noxious air both inside the garage and residence. This investigation remains open at this time pending further investigation by Fruitport Twp. and the medical examiner's office.

The Fruitport Department of Public Safety recommends the following regarding the safe use of generators around your home:

The garage may seem like a go-to place for running a portable generator, but it's not a safe place to set one up.

Place the generator on a flat, level surface at least 15 to 20 feet from any windows, doors, vents, or crawlspace entries. Aim the exhaust away from the building.

Allow at least five feet of clearance on all sides of the generator while in operation.

Headlines from Judicial Watch:

Drug Cartels "Seize Unprecedented Control" of Southwest Border

DHS Loses Track of Illegal Immigrants it Releases in U.S., Many Give Fake Address

Pfizer Records Reveal Only 23-Person Study of COVID Vaccine Booster Safety and Effectiveness before Approval

Helping to Beautify the Village One Walk at a Time

by Amy Haack, Village of Fruitport Clerk

I telephoned Bobbie House on a beautiful fall afternoon to interview her for this story. Of course, I had to leave a voicemail as I learned later when she returned my call that she was out and about being productive and busy with the things she enjoys doing like church activities, etc.

Bobbie (Roberta more formally) is the wonderful lady who walks in the Village of Fruitport and picks up litter daily. "I started by walking around my block and began picking up

cigarette butts because they bothered me," she said and went on to admit with a laugh that she's a bit obsessive compulsive and is doing her best to channel that in a positive way.

Her daily walking route begins at her home in the southwest side of the Village and takes her to Pomona Park and back which is about a one-and-a-half-mile roundtrip. Bobbie has been doing this one-woman litter brigade all summer "in service to the lord," she said. The 76-year-old retiree also added that walking and doing her part to beautify her community provides her exercise and gives her purpose. "I started doing it and quickly loved it," she said.

Bobbie is a widow who lost her husband four years ago and sadly several other loved ones over the past five years. But instead of wallowing in her losses, Bobbie said she brings her emotions on walks in the outdoors where her spirit is always uplifted. She feels consoled and content while outdoors which she explained comes from her father, a self-proclaimed nature lover. She reminisced about how he inspired and nurtured her love of the environment beginning as a young child, especially her fascination for rocks, minerals, and fossils.

Bobbie is a retired social worker who for many years worked with the developmentally disabled. She also spent much of her career as a field advisor for the Girl Scouts. Bobbie said she has strived to be a good role model her entire life. She wasn't trying to make that connection with this litter abatement activity, but it just kind of turned out that way, she said with a shy giggle.

The Fruitport District Library is Growing!

submitted by Ruth Woodward

Did you know that when we first received our designation as a District Library, we began with close to 14,000 books in our collection? Now...we have almost 22,000! That poses a problem, though. We NEED more space! We also NEED more parking! We NEED to be handicap accessible! We NEED a building that doesn't flood or have a leaky roof! We would like to have a building with adequate space for our director and staff to perform their duties! We would like to have a space that would be available to you - the public - for programs and events.

In order to make all that happen, YOUR Fruitport District Library Board of Directors has been working hard to find a solution. But, we NEED YOUR HELP! We have toured a few other locations in the area that we found lacking in one way or another. We have looked at vacant property on which to build, but cost is a huge factor. We have two different architectural firms providing ideas on how to make all of the above possible at our current location. Again, cost is a factor. So, we are asking YOU, the citizens of both the Village of Fruitport and Fruitport Township to help us. Do you know of a location/building that might be for sale? Do you have or know of property that might be for sale? Do you think

we should remain in the Village? Do you think we should move elsewhere in the township? We are putting together a survey for all Village and Township residents to complete using the QR code at the end of this article. We want to hear what you think will best serve ALL residents.

If you are unfamiliar with using a QR code, you may visit our library to complete a survey. As always, you are welcome to attend and share your input at our meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Fruitport Township Hall.



PINCREST BAR & LANES CORNER UPDATE

Meeting new friends is our specialty here at Pincrest, and this spring we were thrilled when Joe and Ginny Roberts, former owners of Pincrest Lanes, stopped in. Taking a chance, Joe and Ginny purchased Braun's Lanes in 1972. This was a turning point for their family, and a big leap of faith. Joe had been a State Trooper and had little experience with the bar business, and his coworkers were divided as to whether he would be able to make a good "go" of things. They promptly renamed the business to Pincrest Lanes and made a few other changes including adding a pool table where the dance floor had been, a juke box, and a pinball machine. They also reconfigured the bowling area, removing the lane side viewing benches and adding tables so they could seat more people. They increased traffic and hosted 13 leagues, held bowling tournaments, and had frequent visits from Fruitport students as part of gym class. Joe and Ginny opened Burger Crest in 1977, and later went on to own several other local businesses, including JW's Tavern in Grand Haven. Needless to say, their business adventures have been a success. When asked what they enjoyed most about their time at Pincrest they both replied, "it was all about the people". We're happy to say that we share the same sentiment, thank you to Joe and Ginny for paying us a special visit and sharing your memories with us!



Joe and Ginny Roberts visiting Pincrest

Turns out that we have a few things in common with Joe and Ginny, and we're excited to announce that we have also expanded our business footprint right here in our corner of town. Recently we purchased the Storage Group facility located next door at 3580 E. Pontaluna Rd, which previously was known as the Fruitport Auditorium. We love the history of this building and always enjoy hearing stories about the weddings, famous Halloween parties, and various fundraisers and events that have been held there over the years. A BIG thank you to the Lundberg family for this opportunity and for their generous support.

On a business note, we hope you will join us this winter. We have a variety of events lined up including a Holiday craft show, comedy nights, an 80's night, and a few euchre tournaments. We may even try to pull off something grand this February, so stay tuned. You can check out our full schedule of events on facebook @pincrestbarandlanes.

As always, we hope to see you at the corner!

Aimee & Tom Johnson



Pincrest Self Storage, formerly The Storgae Group



GREAT DANE LOOKING FOR GIRLFRIEND

FAN received a request from a Fruitport Area resident for an announcement to help search for a female Great Dane to breed his black & white male Great Dane with. His dog has papers and lives in the Fruitport Area. Unfortunately, we have lost the information that was written down. If you have a dog that is interested, you can call our number 231-865-3134 or email at mail@fruitportareanews.com. If you are the owner of the black and white Great Dane, please contact FAN and we will make an effort to be a matchmaker.



COME SEE ALL THAT CALVARY HAS TO OFFER!

☎ 231-865-2141

Calvary
CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

First Congregational Church

3212 Pontaluna Road ~ Fruitport

(just across from Edgewood Elementary School)

Questions?? Directions?? Please call (231) 288-9873

- **Bazaar & Bake Sale November 11, 9am-5pm!**
- **THE LADIES** are meeting on **WEDNESDAYS** from 11:30-2:00 for crafts and fellowship. No experience necessary. Call Lorene (231.773.8369) or Julie (231.329.1477) with questions or if you need a ride. Ladies from other churches welcome—we are part of the same family!
- **WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING** —at 7:00pm, LIGHT supper at 6:00pm. This is an enthusiastic group! You are invited!
- **THURSDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY** — 11:30am-12:30pm. (All are welcome) Bible Survey.
- **SUNDAY SERVICE & SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:30am
- **NEED PRAYER? CALL ANYTIME TO:** 616-633-3902. Gene Holland is willing to answer his phone 24/7 and pray over the phone with people with a need! Thank you, Gene, for providing this service!

Pray for Peace in Our Country & in Israel

~ Compare what you hear on CNN, MSNBC, ABC, etc. with what you hear from the Christian stations.

Fill your heart and mind with truth/goodness!
(Christian radio)

American Family Talk Radio at 91.7 FM

- "Jenna In The Morning" 8-9:00am weekdays (gives overview of current issues)
- Bishop E.W. Jackson (The Awakening) 1:00pm weekdays
- Walker Wildmon (AFA @ the CORE) 2:00-3:00pm
- Family Research Council 5:00-6:00pm

Village of Fruitport Working for You

Small Village. Big Park.

submitted by Amy Haack, Clerk

Have you checked out the new Village of Fruitport website yet? It can be found at fruitportvillage.com. It's as pleasant to look at as it is informational. The new website is chock full of pictures of the Village as well as useful information. The website launched in October and will be a work in progress with continuous updating of new information, etc. *FruitportVillage.com* contains information on projects, events, meetings, ordinances, park amenities such as the boat launch and kayak launch, watershed, household waste, etc. Village staff worked in partnership with TRALE, a small marketing and website development company, on design and other technical details. Beginning in March of 2024, park facilities, such as the renting of the picnic shelter and bandshell, will have the option of being reserved through the website. Check it out soon!

The Harbor Transit Trolley made its way through the Village again this summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Pomona Park trolley stop, sponsored by the Village of Fruitport, continued to be one of the most highly used stops on the trolley route. Some of the reasons could be the continued popularity of the new playground, another summer of strong attendance at Dancing into the Sunset, and/or the quiet beauty of visiting Pomona Park, etc. The boat launch and the first full season of the kayak launch also continued to see strong usage this summer.

A new steel roof was put on the bandshell in Pomona Park, and the park basketball court was resurfaced and enlarged. The Village placed beautiful banners near the park along 3rd Street highlighting the new Village logo and motto, "Small Village. Big Park." The flowerpots on 3rd Street were out again this year and they looked good all season thanks to a certain DPW team member's green thumb. Also, Fruitport Village has an EarthCam. It is located at Pomona Park and allows for beautiful views of the park and the waterfront. It can be easily reached through an internet search or through the new Village website at fruitportvillage.com.

Circle Drive was resurfaced with new asphalt and the Village of Fruitport replaced a portion of the sidewalk on 3rd Street. Stormwater infrastructure upgrades were completed by the Village through a contractor at the intersection of 7th Street and Peach Street. The Bridge Street bridge received preventive maintenance through a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation applied for by the Village, and several other infrastructure improvements were made throughout the Village.

Last but not least, a temporary all-way-stop to ease traffic congestion at the intersection of 3rd Street/Apple Drive/148th Avenue was implemented in early October and will be made permanent in late October/November through a partnership with the Ottawa County Road Commission.

The Village of Fruitport Board and staff will continue to work hard all year and wish everyone a safe winter, a joyous holiday season, and a happy new year.