



# JULIAN VAIL, LLC NEWS & NOTES



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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



## 2009 MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE SCHEDULE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Tuesday, December 1 - 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 2 - 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 3 - 12:00 p.m.

### SENATE

- Tuesday, December 1 - 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 2 - 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, December 3 - 10:00 a.m.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Michigan Natural Resources Commission Meeting

December 3, 2009  
9:15 a.m.  
Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health  
4125 Beaumont Rd., Lansing

### MIFMAT Annual Conference

December 8, 2009  
DeVos Place - Grand Rapids

### MCSA Board Meeting

December 16, 2009  
11:00 a.m.  
Julian Vail Office

### Lansing AG Club

December 16, 2009  
Radisson Hotel  
7:00 a.m.

### MCPI Quarterly Meeting

January 5, 2010  
5:00 p.m.  
Doubletree Hotel, Novi

### MABA Winter Conference & Trade Show

January 11-13, 2010  
Lansing Center

## FRESH CHRISTMAS TREE SEASON IS UPON US

Thanksgiving weekend marks the unofficial beginning of the holiday season, and the grand opening of many Christmas tree farms in Michigan. Selecting a farm-grown Michigan Christmas tree, not only adds fragrant beauty and tradition to holiday festivities, but also benefits the environment, supports local farmers, and helps grow Michigan's economy. After the holidays, there are several uses for recycled Christmas trees. They can be chipped and used for mulch, hiking trails, playground areas, animal stalls, or landscaping. Whole trees are recycled for an even greater variety of uses: river shoreline stabilization, sand dune erosion prevention, marshland sedimentation, fish habitat, winter garden decorations, wild bird feeders, even hazardous chemical clean-ups.

Consider these tips when purchasing a pre-cut tree or cutting your own:

- Look for a well-shaped tree with few bare spots;
- The tree should be fragrant, not musty;
- The needles should be green and have good retention; shake the tree to allow brown interior needles to fall out, green needles should not fall off a healthy tree;
- Store the tree in a cool, sheltered area to protect it from the elements until it is brought inside and decorated.

To find a Christmas tree farm in your area, visit MDA's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda) or contact the Michigan Christmas Tree Association at 800-589-TREE or at [www.mcta.org](http://www.mcta.org).

## GREAT LAKES EXPO 2009



The 2009 Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable & Farm Market EXPO and the Michigan Greenhouse Growers EXPO will be held at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, December 8 - 10. This is an outstanding EXPO for anyone interested in this industry. For more information call: 810-234-4126 or visit [www.glexpo.com](http://www.glexpo.com)



## MICHIGAN LIVE HORSE RACING 2010 SCHEDULE UNVEILED

Michigan's Acting Racing Commissioner, Patricia Lockwood, announced she has signed orders authorizing the 2010 live and simulcast horse racing calendar for Michigan's five pari-mutuel horse race tracks. Hazel Park Harness Raceway, Northville Downs and Sports Creek Raceway (Swartz Creek) offer harness racing. Mt Pleasant Meadows conducts mixed breed racing and Pinnacle Race Course (New Boston) offers thoroughbred racing. Full schedules with exception days are posted on the Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) website at [www.michigan.gov/horseracing](http://www.michigan.gov/horseracing).

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.*  
~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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