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Tom Coon
Address Change Reminder
<u>Calendar of Events</u>
<b>MFGC Board Meeting June 16, 2014</b> Wenke Greenhouses 2525 North 30th St. Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Dear Member,

I want to invite you to attend our membership meeting on June 16, 2014. This meeting will be held at Wenke's Greenhouse in Kalamazoo and will begin with a tour of the facility. After the tour, we will have our invited guests speak on various aspects of energy and entertain your questions and comments. We have invited several members of the legislature, Consumers Energy, USDA Rural Development and Midwest Energy Group to attend the meeting.

We will plan the next membership meeting for southeast Michigan and ask for your input on topics you would like to discuss.

Please plan to attend on Monday, June 16.

Sincerely,

Dominic Marvaso  
President

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<b>MEMBER MEETING</b>	
9:15 am	Meet & Greet (Coffee & Donuts)
9:30 am	Tour
	Energy Policy (Legislative Discussion - Nofs/Schuitmaker/Nesbitt/Others invited)
	Consumers Energy - 3rd party discussion/payments
	USDA Rural Development - Energy Grants
	Midwest Energy Group - Jake Stasiak
11:45 am	Conclude
12:00 pm	MFGC Board Meeting (offsite)
<p>Please plan to attend this <b>free</b> members meeting. RSVP to MFGC office by Thursday, June 12.</p>	

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### Consumers Energy - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contracts

In a continuing effort to assist in the high natural gas bills from this past winter, I spoke with Consumers Energy about the 3<sup>rd</sup> party contracts. Consumers Energy has offered to 1. Review any usage that is with Consumers or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party using Consumers Energy. If this is your case and you feel the usage is incorrect, please forward your account number and I will have them review your account or you can contact Consumers Energy, at the number below, and ask them to review your account usage. 2. If you have an extremely high balance with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider through Consumers Energy and need assistance, they will work out a payment plan with you.

Representatives from Consumers Energy will attend the Membership Meeting on June 16 at Wenke's Greenhouse. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. RSVP to the MFGC office at 517-367-2033.

Val Vail-Shirey, Executive Director

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## Tom Coon, Director of MSU Extension, accepts position at Oklahoma State University

Tom Coon, Director of MSU Extension has accepted the position of Vice President, Dean and Director of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Oklahoma State University. He will begin this new role at OSU on July 7, 2014.

Tom served as Director of MSU Extension for the past nine years. We wish Tom, Rhonda and their family the best of luck as they begin new adventures in Oklahoma.

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## Announcing a New Member Benefit for Members of Michigan Floriculture Growers Council!

As a member of Michigan Floriculture Growers Council, you now have access to use the Pure Michigan Agriculture logo on your materials, etc. As you know, Pure Michigan is a very successful national campaign and your MFGC Board of Directors have worked for the past year to gain this access for your use. Access to the Pure Michigan logos are part of the Pure Michigan advertising campaign, and MFGC and its members have access through membership of the Michigan Ag Council. Of course, there are guidelines that must be followed.

Please read through the guidelines, and **if you are interested in using the logo, contact Val** at the MFGC office. Val will assist you in your application. If you have any questions call 517-367-2300 or email [val@julianvail.com](mailto:val@julianvail.com)

Logo request form:<http://www.michiganbusiness.org/logo-request/>

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We should see Michigan Floriculture as a hot spot at this site.

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### **Reminder**

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When sending communication, it is important to use the new address. The PO Box has been closed.