



# City of Luna Pier November 2018 NEWSLETTER



## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR DAVISON:

Citizens,

This will be the last article I will be posting in the newsletter as your mayor. It has been an honor and privilege to server you these past six years as mayor and councilman. We all know what changes and struggle the city and its residents have gone through with the closing of the Consumers Whiting Plant and loss of sixty-five present of our tax base. Tough decisions had to be made by myself and city council to keep the city afloat and running. Some of these decisions were not popular with everyone, but had to be made.

The number one thing, that I have been blessed with these past six years has been working with the Luna Pier City employees. I am so proud of them. They have taken reductions in benefits, no pay raises; however continue to come to work each day to serve the residents. I would not have been able to my job without them. I also want to thank the members of City Council who were there and also had to make difficult decisions these past several years and assisted me in many of the endeavors that we have been through.

I also want to thank the residents who take the time out of the lives to work on the different committees that help make the city what it is. The DDA, Planning Commission, Parks & Rec, Luna Pier Freedom Festival, EDC, Luna Pier Business Asso. Flood Erosion Protection, and Guardians of the Luna Pier Waterways.

It has not been all gloom and doom however. In the past six years, we were able to accomplish several major projects; some of the projects included the repaving of Lakewood Ave with new sidewalks, Reconstruction of Luna Pier Rd with new sidewalks and lights. With a grant from ITC (International Tower Corp), and donations from residents and the Luna Pier Business Asso., we were able to install the new beautiful City of Luna Pier entrance sign. We also received two grants from Consumers Energy one grant for Twenty-five thousand dollars to complete repairs to the fishing and walking pier

and a second grant in the amount of two hundred and ten thousand dollars to complete the construction of the Lighthouse. This will include a second floor meeting and conference room, kitchenette, elevator and observation deck overlooking the lake. The city also received a grant in the amount of Three Hundred and Twenty Three Thousand dollars, to offset the cost of mandated upgrades to our Waste Water Treatment Plant from the DEQ.

I'm sure this great little city will survive and continue to be a great place to call home.  
Mayor Dave Davison.



*From all of us  
to all of you and your families,  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
From The City of Luna Pier*

**Mark your calendar for the Annual  
Christmas Tree Lighting Event  
(At the City Sign)**

**December 1, 2018 at 5:30 PM**

Hosted by the City of Luna Pier and  
Sponsored by the Luna Pier  
Volunteer Fire Department and the  
Parks and Recreation Committee.  
Please bring your family and join us!



After Santa "lights" the Christmas Tree and those gathered sing some Christmas Carols everyone is invited to go to the Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department. Once back at the Fire Hall, guests will be able to enjoy refreshments and Christmas cookies. Santa will spend time with the children, hear their Christmas Wishes and passes out the Christmas Goodie Bags that the Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department has prepared for the children.



**Make this a family tradition  
Mark your calendar so you don't miss the fun!**

## Helping dispose of unused prescription drugs



We continue to see the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic in our state and our local communities. At the heart of this crisis is the easy access to highly addictive drugs. The Michigan Senate has approved my legislation to help combat opioid abuse by allowing hospices to help patient families safely dispose of excess prescription drugs. Controlled substances prescribed to a hospice patient are the property of the patient or the patient's family in the case of the patient's death. Under current law, a hospice employee may not assist in disposal of the drugs. Senate Bill 842 would require the state Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to implement rules for the disposal of controlled substances in the homes of hospice patients when drugs are not needed by the patient or the patient has died.

There is a Red-Box disposal container located in the lobby of the Erie Township Hall for your convenience.

## A Word From The DPW :

Winter weather is well upon us. To make our job easier and more efficient we would appreciate residents cooperation in not parking on side streets when there is any measurable snow fall. In addition, there is no parking of vehicles or trailers of any kind at the end of streets with no outlets.



**Burn Pile** - The pile is for tree and yard trimmings (no grass) and is located by the boat ramp parking lot. It is for city residents only. Please do not place wood with nails or other trash on this pile.



**Compost Pile** - There is a compost pile located on the northwest corner of the parking lot at the boat ramp. This pile is for grass and leaves ONLY. Please remove the grass and leaves from the plastic bags or containers. Thank you!



The Luna Pier Farmer's Market had a fantastic first season. Thank you, Luna Pier, for your awesome support of the new market, with a special thank you to our great vendors who set up faithfully each week regardless of wind, rain, heat, or cold.



The summer outdoor market offered fresh, locally grown produce and a variety of cottage foods each week throughout the summer and fall. Numerous Luna Pier residents expressed great enthusiasm for the new market. We also received several comments from people who wandered down from the gas station, and from those who happened to be at the beach on market day letting us know how much they like our beautiful lakeside town.

The Luna Pier Farmer's Market committee is excited to announce the launch of our first indoor market located at the former Andrew's Place (next to Aunt Linda's Pet Grooming). The winter market will be open the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 9 am - 12 pm, beginning Saturday, November 10 and running through Saturday, March 23. The market will offer home baked breads, pies, and cookies, along with a variety of cottage foods such as local honey, maple syrup, goat milk products, fresh local eggs, delicious jams, sugared pecans, and Grampy's Best in the World pancake mix. We will also have a variety of artisan vendors. It's the perfect place to pick up locally made Christmas gifts! Stop by and check out the great products.

Interested in becoming a vendor with the Luna Pier Farmer's Market? Email us at [lunapierfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:lunapierfarmersmarket@gmail.com). Like us on our Facebook page at Luna Pier Farmers Market to receive up-to-date LPFM news and information.  
- The LPFM Committee

## TORNADO SIREN

With Spring quickly approaching, this is a reminder of the Tornado Siren. The Tornado Siren is one solid blast for 3 minutes. When this siren is sounded, there has been a tornado spotted in the area. For safety, please take cover in a safe place in your home and stay away from windows. If you do not have a safe place in your home, please feel free to come down to the fire station.



**BUILDING DEPARTMENT NEWS -  
WINTER SAFETY TIPS - FIRE SAFETY & CANDLES**

There's a special beauty and tranquility to candles, but a lighted candle is also an open flame, and a potential fire hazard if not carefully monitored. In fact, accidental candle fires account for approximately four percent of all U.S. residential fires.



A study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission suggests that 85 percent of candle fires could be avoided if consumers followed three basic safety rules:

- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Never burn a candle on or near anything that might catch fire.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.

The National Candle Association urges consumers to always follow the basic rules of fire safety when burning candles.

**Christmas Lights**



- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up.
- Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.
- Do not overload electrical outlets.
- Connect only three light strands together, unless the directions indicate it is safe.
- Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.
- Unplug holiday lights when you go to bed or are not home.
- Children are fascinated with Christmas trees. Keep a watchful eye on them when around the tree and do not let them play with the wiring or lights

**Smoke Alarms/Detectors & Home Escape Plans**

- Working smoke alarms/detectors more than double your chances of surviving a fire.
- Install a smoke alarm on every level of you house, test them monthly, keep them clean and change the batteries when you change your clocks.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out fast and stay out!



- Plan your escape. Know two ways out of every room.
- Practice your escape plan with your whole family at least twice a year.
- If your clothes catch on fire, STOP, DROP, (Cover Your Face) and ROLL!

**Wood Stoves & Fireplaces**

- Have a certified chimney sweep clean and inspect your chimney.
- Place ashes outdoors in a covered metal container at least three feet away from anything that burns.
- Burn dry, well-seasoned wood.
- Always use a fireplace screen made of sturdy metal or heat-tempered glass to prevent sparks from escaping. If you have children, use a special child-guard screen as a barrier.
- Never burn wrapping paper.



**Space Heaters**

- Give heaters space - at least 36 inches between the heater and everything else.
- Turn off portable heaters when family members leave the house or are sleeping.
- An adult should always be present when a space heater is used around children.
- Make sure your heater is UL approved and has a tip-over shut off function.



**Know what to do in case of fire**

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, in every bed and outside of each sleeping areas. Make sure to change batteries at least once a year.
- Make and practice a home escape plan with your family. Be sure to have two ways out of every room. Decide on a designated meeting place outside. Hold a fire drill and practice your plan annually. Once outside the home, go directly to your planned meeting place and stay there.
- Crawl Low in Smoke. If you are trapped in smoke, get down on your hands and knees and crawl to the nearest safe way out. Smoke and toxic fumes rise, so cleaner air is near the floor.
- Stop, Drop and Roll -- If your clothes catch on fire, do not run, stop where you are, drop to the ground, and roll over and over to smother the flames.



## RENTAL HOUSING INSPECTION

The City of Luna Pier has adopted a comprehensive rental housing inspection program that requires all non-owner occupied residential properties to be inspected on a regular basis.

The City of Luna Pier began inspecting non-owner occupied properties to protect the public health, safety and welfare of city residents and to improve housing conditions within the City. Ordinance 219 governs the registration and inspections along with the adopted International Property Maintenance Code.

### **BENEFITS of the program**

#### **To the Owner:**

- Serves as a report on the condition of the rental property.
- Controls maintenance costs through early identification of defects.
- Improve property value as well as tenant satisfaction and retention.
- Neighborhood stabilization.

#### **To the Tenant:**

- Identifies available rental housing by type and location.
- Provides access to owners and/or agents of rental properties.
- Ensures rental housing is safe and acceptable for occupancy.
- Reduces the inconvenience of deferred maintenance.
- Minimizes the need for seeking help in effectuating repairs.
- Enhances health and safety of occupants.

If you are the owner of rental housing you must register your rental or non-owner occupied property along with submitting the required fees. You will be contacted by the inspector to schedule the date and time of your inspection. An inspector will meet you or your representative at the property and record any violations of the Property Maintenance code. If no violations are found or once corrections are made and verified by the Inspector, you will be issued a Certificate of Compliance, which is good for a period of 2-years provided that the unit is rented by the same tenant during that period.

To get more information please visit [www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com) and look for the Rental Inspection tab on the left side of the page.

## Parks & Recreation Commission

How important are our parks? When looking at various studies on what parks do for a city you start to see some common



findings. Parks provide open spaces for people in a neighborhood to interact, building a sense of community. Active parks reduce the crime rate in a city. Studies show ten minutes in a park reduces stress and increases happiness. Parks provide a space to get active, improving health for people of all income levels. Parks are a perfect opportunity for parents to bond with children and make new friends in a neighborhood. Parks are vital to healthy development of a city and are a key component of every award-winning master plan.

This has been a great year for Luna Pier parks, thanks to our leaders and volunteers at the Parks & Recreation Commission. From the growing pickle ball group, to the basketball ball courts, to the wildlife viewing at the pier, our parks make Luna Pier a great place to live and play. We added five ADA accessible picnic tables to Memorial Park thanks to a generous grant from the Monroe Community Foundation and our Parks & Recreation team. We were very pleased to host the Luna Pier Farmer's Market thanks to the hard work of our Farmer's Market Committee.

All of these things are the direct result of people in our community who saw a vision, wanted to make a difference and got involved with a team to make it happen. It has taken some hard work but it has been great fun and it is very rewarding to see things happen. We have much more that we would like to do and would love to have you join our team. Say you don't like getting stuck in meetings? You would rather do things than just talk about doing things? Perfect! You will fit right in. Sure, we do have meetings but we keep them brief as our goal is to meet less and do more. If you would rather help with a project without joining a committee, we are good with that also. Contact us through City Hall, leave a message on our Luna Pier Parks & Recreation Facebook page or stop by the farmer's market and we can talk. Let's build on the momentum of the great things happening in our city.



## Luna Pier Business Association

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...That because the Luna Pier Business Association (LPBA) does all of our events for the good of the entire community of Luna Pier, **membership is now open to individuals as well as businesses.**

Here is a list of our normal events:

- 1) Scholarship: Every year we award a \$500 scholarship to one of our Luna Pier residents.
- 2) Veteran's Day Parade and Memorial Tribute: When it was brought to our attention that there was no parade in Monroe County to honor the veterans ON veterans day, we established our own parade here in Luna Pier. It is followed by a memorial tribute with speakers and special guests, and placement of a memorial wreath in the park. The Parade Committee is made up of LPBA members and non-members who want to be part of it.  
  
We receive donations every year and sell the small U.S. Flags along the parade route. This money is then donated to a veteran's help organization shortly after Veteran's Day.
- 3) Empty Bowls: Everyone who lives in Luna Pier and surrounding areas should be familiar with Empty Bowls. This is held in November. For \$10 you receive a handcrafted bowl (by local artisan Carl Kamulski and artisan friends) and all the soup and bread you can eat. All soups, breads, supplies, help and auction items are donated. Every penny made is then donated to 10 food banks in Monroe County, many of which support families right here in Luna Pier.
- 4) Christmas Families: Each year the LPBA adopts a family or two from here in Luna Pier who may need some help during the Christmas season. Gifts are purchased and wrapped by the LPBA members. We also supply them with whatever is needed for a nice Christmas dinner for their family.
- 5) Rasey Library: The LPBA and members have helped the library with various programs including donating meals for the families who were attending the recent Prime Time Program.
- 6) New City Sign: The LPBA did various fundraisers and started a special fund for the new city sign. A donation was made for its purchase

and money left in the fund will be used to help with park benches and landscaping.

7) Various Donations: Other donations are made when the LPBA is asked to help. For example: door prize for the LPFD feather party, blankets for the Oaks of Righteousness Village last winter and many more.

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday each month at 6:30 pm at the Rasey Library and are usually an hour to an hour and a half long. We do not meet during June, July and August - and our December "meeting" is a Christmas party at a restaurant of our choice. Quite often in May, our meeting is combined with a Cinco de Mayo party and new membership drive.

**We would love to have you as a new member! If you would like any further information, please contact:**

[lpbamembers@gmail.com](mailto:lpbamembers@gmail.com)

Thank you!

The Luna Pier Business Association Officers and Members

## FLOOD EROSION PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Flood and Erosion Committee 2018 has been a rough year for damage to the main wall. There are a number of areas where the front edge has broken off. We have contracted with Mid-American to repair approximately 300 lineal feet along with some of the tie-back plates that have risen. Weather permitting this will be completed this fall.

Lake Erie water level continues to be high, it's about 3" higher than in 2017 and long term projections to remain above long term average. Sand bags and sand are still available at no cost. If you're interested, there is a supply of sand and bags on the south end of town located at the DPW. (You need to fill the bags yourself) Check with city hall to make arrangements.

Again, we remind everyone to PLEASE KEEP DRAINS CLEAN! If you see grass, leaves or any other debris please, pick it up. This helps the pumps to operate efficiently and keeps them from burning out.

If you have any suggestions or would like to attend our meetings, we meet at Water Tower Park @ 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.





### MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

With this busy election year coming to a close I hope everyone exercised their right to vote and made it to the polls both in August and November. If anyone would like to be on the permanent absentee voter list please give City Hall a call at 734-848-6495 ext. 205, and we can add you to the list and you will receive the absentee voter application in the mail for every election.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jolene Upchurch and I took Crystal Manley's position as Deputy Clerk. I have big shoes to fill because I know Crystal worked very hard for the City for many years and did a great job. We will miss her but wish her luck in her next adventure in life. I am a Certified Municipal Clerk and received my certification through the Michigan Municipal Clerks Institute in Mount Pleasant and Central Michigan University.

If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 734-848-6495 ext. 205 and I will do what I can to help you.

I look forward to meeting all the great people of Luna Pier!!

Jolene Upchurch, CMC. CMMC  
Deputy Clerk

### Winter Taxes

Winter Taxes will be payable December 1, 2018 thru February 14, 2019 and will have a new look. All of the same information is on the bill, it maybe just in a different place.

You can now pay your taxes on line on the City of Luna Pier's web site at [www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com).

1. Go to: City Government
2. Click on Treasurer
3. Pay your taxes online

When paying with a credit card, there is a 2.6% service fee that will be added.

If you have any questions or need help with this service, please contact me at 734-848-8120 x203 during our regular business hours.

Dee Parran, Treasurer



### RASEY MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY

Did you know Santa does magic? Well he does, and he is going to be at the Rasey/ Luna Pier Branch Library on **Saturday, December 15th** at 2:00 p.m. for "Subs with Santa". Santa will perform some amazing magic tricks followed by pictures and sub sandwiches. Please register early for space is limited. You can register online or by calling the library at 734-848-4572.



Cold is coming soon, so drop in and pick out some good books, movies, CDs, or magazines to cuddle up with at home.

Everyone is welcome to our next Luna Pier Book Club on Tuesday, November 20th at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff. Stop by and pick up a copy. Book Club is held the third Tuesday of the month, January through June and September through November.



Preschool Storytimes are held on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Story times increase crucial language skills, promotes listening skills, and allows children to practice their social skills using fun and engaging literature and activities. Please have children wear play clothes for we may engage in messy fun!



Starting in January 2019, Parks and Rec are sponsoring Family Movies at the library the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Bring your family and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, popcorn and juice.



Hope We See You Soon!  
Shannen, Becky, and Connie

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