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# City of Luna Pier Summer 2009 NEWSLETTER



## From Mayor Liske's Desk.....

Luna Pier has many assets as we have explored while creating our current Master Plan. One of the really good things Luna Pier has going for it is our Luna Pier Business Association (LPBA). I do not say that just because I am the current President of the LPBA, but because the business people who have assembled this group are dedicated citizens of this community, even though many of them live else where. The group gave a scholarship of \$500.00 to, Luna Pier resident, Randy Main II towards his college costs. They donate time and money each year to put on a fabulous Christmas party for our local children. They donate to the efforts of the Fire Department's Easter Egg Hunt. Currently they are raising money to build a new entrance sign into the City. This is the second year for the raffle, of a fishing charter for 4, donated by Lucky Lady Charters and Councilman Rich Russell. By the way you can purchase a ticket for this "fishing charter" or "moon light cruise" from any LPBA members; stop by the Lighthouse Factory in Pier Plaza, Pyramid Transport, and the Luna Pier Harbour Club or find me around town or at City Hall. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the Freedom Celebration. Tickets will be on sale all day on the 4<sup>th</sup> here in town. You may remember the Car Show/Art Fair a few years back that was sponsored by the LPBA, well the group is organizing a come back for the summer of 2010. We are looking for any resident artists who would be willing to serve on the steering committee. We want to make this event one of the premiere Art Shows for Monroe County. Please contact Murph at 734-848-2222 to get information about the event.



Luna Pier Kids Day  
August 29, 2009  
Volunteers NEEDED  
Call Mayor Liske at  
734-848-6495 (201)

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,  
We borrow it from our children.

~Native American Proverb~

This program runs from June through October. If you would like to be on this committee or have a yard you would like to nominate, please contact Cindy Zohn at 848-8174. Get started on your yard and who knows the next "Yard of The Month" may be yours! Cindy is also looking for volunteers to help plant the city flower boxes.



Cindy Zohn, Chairperson  
Luna Pier Beautification Committee

## Citizen of the Year Nominations



Every year during our Freedom Celebration a Luna Pier resident is chosen as the citizen of the year. This year's celebration will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2009. The committee responsible for choosing the citizen of the year is made up of Luna Pier residents: Chuck Liedel, Cindy Hall, Jean Nusbaum, Richard Russell and Mary Larrow.

The nominee should be someone who "stands out" in the community whether they be a fire fighter, someone serving on a commission or board or just a neighbor who helps out a senior citizen or a person in need. If you would like to nominate a person for the 2009 Citizen of The Year award please submit a letter in a sealed envelope to Mary Larrow at City Hall. The deadline for nominees is Monday, June 8, 2009 at 5 pm.

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Community News

**There's a whole lot of planning going on.**



We will have a new recreation plan this summer. We have had three public input meetings on our Master Plan that is due to be completed this fall. Many have seen the plans for the new Downtown Development Authority that has been supported by a resolution and will be forming this summer.

But what does it all mean?

A plan is the road map to where the city wants to be in five to ten years. It is a tool to communicate with our citizens, and with the county, state and the federal government to show a consensus view of the people's needs and priorities. A plan is used like a business plan to ask for funding assistance or grants. It is the basis for many of the updates in zoning and in ordinances that can shape the future uses of properties and to assure controlled growth in the future.

Let us look at each plan separately:

The recreation plan is needed to be a part of the overall county grant proposals for such things as park equipment and funding for trails and walking routes in the city. There are also funds from the DEQ that require an up to date recreation plan.

A Master Plan is required by the state. A Master Plan is used to defend laws and zoning regulations. A good plan will be used to write for assistance from the state and federal government.

The Downtown Development Authority is a legal entity that is comprised of a board of directors who either reside or own property in the DDA designated area. Once a DDA is legally set up they benchmark the property taxes paid to the county, state and other entities. The DDA then has the authority to capture any additional revenue that may occur through property appreciation and new development within the borders of the DDA. There is no new taxes imposed by the DDA and all the revenue to the DDA is dollars that would have been paid to outside entities. The DDA will have certain "projects" itemized and prioritized. These projects are approved by the board and they can use the funding from the DDA, can leverage the money for loans or they can use the dollars for match of grants that they can receive through state and federal programs.

Yes there is a lot of planning, but it only shows it's value when we begin to accomplish those plans.

Your input is valuable; please go to: [www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com) and fill out our master plan survey. Also, keep an eye on future meetings for these and other programs that need your involvement.

Greg Stewart  
City Administrator  
848-6495 (Ext. 204)



**Get Ready for the Fourth!**

Once again it is time to be getting ready for our Fourth of July, city wide garage sale and celebration.

If you have never experienced the biggest community celebration of the year, here is the rundown.

The garage sales start fresh and early and go throughout the day. The city is vibrant with visitors enjoying a pleasant walk throughout the city.

Then it gets even better!

With many activities in the downtown area provided by the Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department it is all capped off with a great fireworks show.

My advice is don't miss it this year and be prepared!



**Coming Soon!!!**



**Junior High Girls Basketball Camp**

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls watch for more information concerning a 3 day basketball camp later this summer, right here in Luna Pier.



**FIRE DEPT. NEWS**  
From the Fire Chief, Kenneth Kruzel

Make plans for the fireworks on the pier Saturday, July 4, 2009 at dusk. Weather permitting the fireworks show will be set off from the Clyde R. Evans Municipal Pier. Please note that the pier will be blocked off for safety reasons and we ask that you do not enter the pier beyond that point.



The pier parking lot will be closed. No parking will be permitted. Garage and yard sales will be happening starting early that morning and the city streets will be very busy. With keeping all of this activity in mind, please be careful and have a wonderful day.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the fireworks please send it to:

Luna Pier Fire Dept.  
P. O. Box 396  
Luna Pier, MI 48157

On your check in the memo area write **"fireworks"** or jot a note and place it in the envelope. We can only keep the fireworks show going with a commitment from the community and donations. Thank you for your continued support of the Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department!!!



**Wanted:** kids interested in running, and parents interested in volunteering for a new running club in Luna Pier. Kids Get Fit! Kids don't have to be track stars, just interested in having fun and getting fit.

Call Mary Ansel at (734) 322-3374 or email Mary at [mndansel@charter.net](mailto:mndansel@charter.net)

**Go to:** [www.signmeup.com/lunapier](http://www.signmeup.com/lunapier) for more details.

**D.P.W. Superintendent – Randy Whipple**



In years past we have had problems with residents mowing their grass into the streets. According to Ordinance #15, Section 5.13, this is illegal. Please refrain from doing this. Not only will it make the streets look better, but it will also keep the storm drains open. Also, if you have a storm drain near your residence, please keep it free from debris so the water drains quickly.

**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.

**Dumpster available** - Year around the city has a dumpster located behind the wastewater treatment plant. State law prohibits the disposal of tree trimmings, leaves, grass or any other vegetation to be buried in landfills. Therefore, disposal of these materials are not allowed in dumpsters. PLEASE DO NOT LITTER! PLACE ALL MATERIALS INSIDE DUMPSTERS! The gates are open 7 am until 3:15 pm during the week. Holiday and weekend hours vary between 6 am and 1 pm. Call 848-4581 to make sure the gates are open. The dumpster is emptied on Tuesday and Friday. If the dumpster is full before empty day, the rear gate will be locked until it is emptied. These dumpsters are NOT intended for non-resident, commercial or contractor use. DO NOT LEAVE PAINT CANS, CHEMICALS OR LP TANKS IN THIS AREA. THE CITY HAS NO WAY OF DISPOSING OF THESE ITEMS.

**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!

**Used Motor Oil** – Used motor oil may be disposed of at the city's maintenance garage. Please call Randy Whipple at 848-8481 for further information.



## **Building Department**

Obtaining a building permit is a critical step to insure a safe and sanitary structure for many years. The Building permit process need not be a stressful experience. The key to quick permit issuance is to be well informed as to what information is required and to provide that information at the time of initial application. The following questions and answers should help to explain the process.

Q: When is a building permit required?

A: Most projects will require the owner of the property to obtain a building permit. There are exceptions for ordinary maintenance and repairs. However, it is wise to contact the building department to determine if a specific project requires a permit.

Q: Can only the property owner apply for the permit?

A: No. The owner may delegate anyone, including a contractor, to act as his or her agent. It should, however, be understood that the ultimate responsibility is the owners.

Q: Is a Builders License required?

A: The owner is not required to hold a license for work on the home in which they live but most individuals hired to work on a project must be licensed by the state.

Q: What are some projects that require permits and what steps are required?

A: Some common projects that require approval from the Building Department include roofing, siding, interior renovations, kitchen remodels, etc. These projects require a completed application, payment of the applicable fee, insurance information and sometimes a simple plan.

Q: What is the cost of a permit?

A: The cost is based on the value of the work, including materials and labor. The cost for jobs valued up to \$1,000 is \$50. The permit fee increases with the value of construction.

Q: What projects require additional information or steps prior to permit issuance?

A: New homes, additions, decks, garages, pools, sheds, etc. are some examples. In addition to the information listed previously, zoning approval may be required for these projects. Zoning approval is also handled by the Building Department.

Q: How long is a permit valid after being issued?

A: One year but, work must commence within 6 months of permit issuance and the project must not be abandoned for any period greater than 6 months or the permit will become void.

Q: Is a separate permit required for the various mechanical aspects of a job?

A: Yes. The same rules apply to obtain these permits. However, the fee may be paid with the initial application. The other applicable permits are electrical, plumbing and mechanical (HVAC).

Q: What are the required inspections? A: The required inspections vary with each project. The usual inspections are as follows:

**Excavation, Footings or Piers,  
Foundation, Rough Framing, Rough  
Plumbing, Rough Electrical, Rough  
Heating/Cooling, Insulation/Energy,  
Snow and ice/Weather barrier,  
Chimneys/Fireplace,  
Finals for all permits**

Q: How much notice is required to schedule an inspection?

A: We required a 24 hours notice minimum. There are some exceptions, our schedules permitting.

Q: Must someone be present for the inspection?

A: Yes. The owner or another responsible person over the age of 18 must be present for an inspection on the interior of any occupied structure.

Q: What is the purpose of the inspection?

A: The inspector's job is to determine that the work performed complies with the approved construction documents and all applicable codes.

Q: What happens if violations are observed?

A: The inspector will inform the responsible party of any violations. Upon request, a written report stating which code and section have been violated will be issued. It is the responsibility of the owner or contractor to determine how to obtain code compliance.

This is a brief overview of the permit process. Please do not hesitate to contact our office with any additional questions

### **Department Hours:**

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

### **A Closing Thought**

The permit process may at times seem to be quite burdensome. However, it should be understood that most code provisions are in place as a direct result of an event, that due to the lack of regulation, has led to loss of property, serious injury or death!

## **2009 CITY BOAT LAUNCHING PERMITS**

The **2009** city boat launching ramp permits may be purchased at City Hall during normal business hours or at the DPW building anytime:

Residents of Luna Pier	\$10.00
Non-Residents	\$20.00
Daily	\$5.00

## **RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT**

Just a reminder to Luna Pier residents that you are allowed to park in the beach and pier areas at no charge provided you secure and display a resident parking permit on the front of the inside rear view mirror of your vehicle. Resident parking permit stickers are available at Luna Pier City Hall at no charge. However, your vehicle's registration is required to receive your permit.

### ***Concealed Pistol Classes***

- Classes will be held in Luna Pier at the Luna Pier Fire Hall.
- Cost of entire class is \$100.00 with a \$20.00 deposit due at time of registering for class.
- You must have previous experience with firearms and own a firearm (preferably firearm you will be carrying).

#### **Call For Info:**

Wayne Blank @241-9131  
Tom Steele @734-652-4848  
Rick Bryant @419-350-8577  
Gary Blackman @419-304-8117

**You must qualify on Range Shooting 150 RDS.**

#### **Class Schedule**

June 27-28  
July 18 - 19  
Aug 15-16  
September 19 - 20  
Oct, 17-18  
Nov 21-22 ( women only)  
Dec 12-13

## **LUNA PIER FOOD CLOSET**

The Luna Pier Baptist Church, 4265 Luna Pier Road, distributes food on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am. The next distribution will be Wednesday, **June 10, 2009**. This is not the MCOP food distribution. That program is done on a quarterly basis and will continue as in the past. For further information contact Rev. Kenneth Steffes, Luna Pier Baptist Church, at 848-4611.

## **LUNA PIER BAPTIST CHURCH 24-7 TEEN CENTER**

On the first and third Tuesday of every month the Luna Pier Baptist Church, 24-7 Teen Center meets from 7 - 9 pm. The church is located at 4265 Luna Pier Road. There are games, refreshments and plenty of fun. All food and drinks are \$ .50 each. For more information call 848-4611.

## **ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR VETERANS**

The Erie VFW Post 3925 is collecting the following items for our veterans. If you would like to donate, please place your items in the box at City Hall.

Baby powder, chap stick, dental floss, deodorant, lotion, mouth wash, nail clippers, playing cards, pill dispenser (7-day), shampoo, razors (disposable), tooth brushes, toothpaste, soap (liquid only), crossword puzzle books, lap blankets, etc.

***Many thanks to all those who have already donated to this worthy cause!!***

## **2009 Summer Taxes**

Summer taxes will be payable July 1 thru July 31, 2009 without a penalty. Office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm and Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm.

DeAnn Parran, City Treasurer  
848-6495 Ext. 203



### **Library Corner:**

This summer, many families will be searching for fun and educational activities that are budget-friendly and close to home. They need to look no further than the summer reading programs at the library.

This year's theme "Get Creative @ Your Library" has generated a broad range of activities for families with school-aged children. Programs throughout Monroe County include: art, music, language, dance and more at no cost. School-aged children will be bringing home a colorful flyer full of details about these programs.

This year the Monroe County Library System is implementing a new registration system to better accommodate families. Call the Rasey Memorial Branch Library to reserve your spot for each program you wish to attend.



We also have the Museum Adventure Pass Program...

Free passes to 25 Detroit metro area museums will be available for check-out at all branches of the Monroe County Library System. **Patrons will be able to use their library**

**cards to check-out a free admission pass, good for 7 days, and admitting either 2 or 4 people depending on the museum.**

### **Participating Museums Include:**

- [Detroit Institute of Arts](#)
- [Detroit Historical Museum](#)
- [Ford Rouge Factory Tour](#)
- [The Henry Ford Estate](#)
- [Cranbrook Museums for Science and for Art](#)
- [University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History](#)
- [The Howell Nature Center](#)

And many more....

Visit [www.detroitadventurepass.org](http://www.detroitadventurepass.org) for more information.

The Rasey Memorial Branch Library has a coupon exchange program, too. Clip your coupons, bring them in, place them in the coupon box and take some that you can use.

And don't forget those tax forms! If you need a Federal or State form just stop in and we'll get you the forms you need.

### **Rasey Memorial Branch Library Summer Program**

**Date 18-Jun-2009**

**Time 11:00**

**Location Rasey Memorial Branch Library**

**4349 Oak St., Luna Pier 48157-0416**

**Phone: (734) 848-4572**

**Kickoff summer with Deb Mattes and her assistance dog.**

**Registration is required.**

**Date 25-Jun-2009**

**Time 11:00**

**Location Rasey Memorial Branch Library 4349 Oak St., Luna Pier 48157-0416**

**Phone: (734) 848-4572**

**Creative Music with Katie Bourbina, music therapist.**

**Registration is required.**

**Date 2-Jul-2009**

**Time 11:00**

**Location Rasey Memorial Branch Library 4349 Oak St., Luna Pier 48157-0416**

**Phone: (734) 848-4572**

**Egyptian Art with Peggy Couturier**

**Registration is required.**

**Date 9-Jul-2009**

**Time 11:00**

**Location Rasey Memorial Branch Library 4349 Oak St., Luna Pier 48157-0416**

**Phone: (734) 848-4572**

**Creative Drama: Dawn Shock presents Reader's Theatre.**

**Registration is required**

**Date 16-Jul-2009**

**Time 11:00**

**Location Rasey Memorial Branch Library 4349 Oak St., Luna Pier 48157-0416**

**Phone: (734) 848-4572**

**Puppet Fun: Create your own puppets.**

**Registration is required.**

**Date 23-Jul-2009**

**Time 11:00**

**Location Rasey Memorial Branch Library 4349 Oak St., Luna Pier 48157-0416**

**Phone: (734) 848-4572**

**Join your friends for a creative finish to our summer fun!**

**Registration is required.**