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# City of Luna Pier Spring 2009 NEWSLETTER



## From The Mayor's Desk

### Volunteerism

Wikipedia states, "**Volunteerism** is the willingness of people to work on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain." I have found that the rewards of volunteering exceed my expectations and even though not measured in money are very satisfying. The average volunteer is reported to be a female between the ages of 30-40. My observation is that it varies across age, sex, economic and educational status, but is almost always the same small group of people serving others. If every citizen of Luna Pier volunteered **ONE** hour a "**year**" it would amount to over 6 months (8 hour days) of activity. Our local business owners volunteer also to improve this community as well. Pyramid Transport recently delivered the cement blocks used for groins in Allen Cove for no compensation. Imagine what we could accomplish if everyone gave a little instead of a few giving a lot? I urge everyone to find an opportunity that suits your interests and availability! Contact the Mayor at 734-848-6495 (201) or [mliske@cityoflunapier.com](mailto:mliske@cityoflunapier.com) if you are interested in volunteering! Here are some of the opportunities available in our City:

- Beautification Committee
- Kids Day
- Labor Day Walk
- Kids running group
- Park Clean up
- City Street clean up
- Lead an organized recreational activity for youth
- Memorial Day Program
- Lead a nature program
- Participate in a city garden
- Luna Pier Historical Society
- Sit on a city commission or board
- Attend Council, commission or board meetings
- Food closet
- Fire Department
- Luna Pier Business Association
- Gun Safety Classes for Kids
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Christmas Tree Lighting / Party
- Freedom Celebration
- Senior Center
- Create your own opportunity

Spring is coming and it will be time to spend time outdoors. As you tour the city in your travels I hope you will look for some of the changes that are being made.

Look at the Water Tower pond and the new perimeter that has been put in place through a county grant using recycled sill caps from our lake project. See the new shuffle board court (thanks Harry) and the dead ash trees that are being removed.

Downtown has seen some changes lately also. The newly refaced store on Luna Pier Road and the renovations being done to the apartment building are both projects by local residents that have invested in the future of our city.

You will also be seeing many projects this spring getting started. The Lakeside Drain work will begin shortly. The public launch should be seeing some floating docks and we are working to clean up the public accesses to the lake.

Yes, it is springtime and I want to invite the entire community to investigate what is happening. I also hope that you will be a part of crafting our future by participating in our Master Planning process. Take ownership in crafting the vision for the future of Luna Pier, help create a plan that embraces our past and builds a bright future.

Greg Stewart, City Administrator



Inside for more Community News

## Luna Pier Master Plan



The City of Luna Pier is in the process of developing a new Master Plan. This Master Plan is intended to help create a long-term vision for development and redevelopment of our community. Our residents are optimistic about the future and care deeply about the place we call home. Residents also know that, while the City has many things going for it, Luna Pier can become even more desirable and livable with thoughtful, deliberate and inclusive community planning. Our belief in our community, and confidence in the future, is the reason this community is undertaking this Master Plan.

Checking the municipal web site and reading the City of Luna Pier's newsletter are two important ways to stay current and informed as the planning process moves forward. Residents are also welcome to contact Greg Stewart, City Administrator, with specific questions. Most importantly, it is critical that residents attend the events planned in the coming year. Effective and meaningful Community Master Plans always include substantial levels of consensus-building and extensive conversations about key community issues.

### Process

The planning process is anticipated to be completed at the end of 2009. Specific work phases include the following steps.

**Baseline Information Update:** This work element is underway and is expected to be complete in April 2009. Considerable information needs to be assembled to serve as a foundation for the community planning to follow. Key subjects to address as part of this work element include; land use, transportation, and public facility characteristics of the City.

**Visioning Sessions:** Three public visioning sessions are planned to take place in Luna Pier. These public meetings will be designed to encourage open community dialog about key issues facing the City. Residents and community stakeholders are encouraged to join with their neighbors and attend these events ready to share thoughts about how Luna Pier should look and feel in the future.

Dates for these meetings are shown below. Also, as more information becomes available, it will be posted on the web site.

April 7, 2009, 7:00 PM	City Hall
April 28, 2009 7:00 PM	City Hall
May 5, 2009 7:00 PM	City Hall

**Community Survey:** Along with the Visioning Sessions, a community survey is being made available for residents. This survey is being conducted online. This survey is intended to obtain input from residents and stakeholders who are not able to attend the Visioning Sessions, or wish to participate at an even higher level. To take the survey online go to [www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com) and click on Master Plan survey. Copies will also be available at City Hall and the library.



### Kids' Day Planning Meeting

Looking for volunteers to make this the **best Kids Day ever!**

#### **First meeting:**

April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 8:00 pm  
City Hall Council Chambers

We will organize a volunteer list, brain storm activities and decide on a theme.

#### **Event Date**

August 29, 2009

Please come and support our kids on April 15<sup>th</sup>!



### **FRIDAY FISH FRY**



Friday fish fry's continue at the American Legion, James E. Yenor Post 193 until Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. It is located at 11045 Harold Drive and will be serving dinners from 4 pm until 8 pm. The dinners include fish, a side of shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, roll and dessert. The price is \$10.00, senior citizens \$9.50. Carryout orders are available. For more information call 848-2162.



**A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE:**

The next Election Day will be here before we know it!

**May School Election:**

If you wish to cast your vote in the May 5<sup>th</sup> Election for Mason School Board Members, and you are not already a registered voter, you must register by Monday, April 6, 2009. You may register at City Hall during regular business hours or at your local Secretary of State branch office. We also have registration forms on our website that may be printed out at home along with a registration link to the State of Michigan to check your registration status. [www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com) (under Clerk's tab).

There are three school board candidates running for two seats in this upcoming election. The candidates are; Mike Ginther (incumbent), Dr. Larry Guinn (incumbent) and Jacki Clark.

If you need an Absent Voter Ballot Application, please stop at City Hall during regular business hours or call me at 734-848-6495 ext. 200. I can mail you an Absent Voter Ballot Application.

**AUGUST PRIMARY and NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION:**

The City's General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> this year, with a possible August Primary held on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be electing a Mayor for a two-year term and three Council seats (four-year terms). The deadline to turn in nominating petitions for Mayor and Council is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested in running for any of these seats, please contact City Hall for additional information.

If you are asked to sign a nominating petition by one of our candidates for office, please list all the information requested on the form so that your signature can be counted. You must be a registered voter of the City of Luna Pier in order for your signature to count on a petition.

You may sign one petition for Mayor and up to three different petitions for City Council. If you sign more than this, only your first signatures, by date, respective to these positions will be counted.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Think Spring!.....P. Michelle Cureton, Clerk

**From the Office of the Police Chief**



To contact the Luna Pier Police  
Emergency: 911  
Non Emergency: 734-243-7070  
If you wish to leave a message: 734-848-4310

If you wish to report yard blight please contact the Chief or Patrolman Davison.

We have already started working on the blight issues this spring. The Police Department is mostly concerned with trash, the items that could be placed in a garbage can and picked up weekly by Allied Waste. The City also provides a dumpster behind the Waste Water Treatment Plant to dump larger items. The common blight items that I have noticed are pop cans, used tires, car parts, propane tanks, and just plain trash. The city has made it very easy to dispose of the junk.

All vehicles, trailers, and boats must have a valid registration and be drivable/useable, tires inflated and in working condition.

The city also has zoning and blight ordinances which in summary advise that you must keep your yard clean from leaves, tree limbs and trash.

I would like to thank the property owners that have already cleaned up

All dog owners must be in actual physical control of the dog on their property or on public property. The dog cannot be free to roam. All dog waste must be cleaned up on private and public property.

All city ordinances can be viewed on the web site [www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com)

Chief Jerald Winkelman



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

## Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department



Springtime is here at last. This also means stormy weather again is here. Remember one solid long siren blast for three minutes will mean a TORNADO WARNING. That means a tornado has been spotted. You need to take cover immediately in a safe place in your home and stay away from windows.

Siren testing will be taking place the first Monday of every month at approximately 7:00 pm. They will be as follows: flood, tornado, and finally emergency. All three will be tested that night for less than a minute each. The flood siren is a fast high then low sound. The tornado siren is a solid blast. Lastly, the emergency siren (used for Rescue and Fire Emergency and most commonly heard) is the slow high then low sound. All three are being tested so that the community will know what the siren sounds mean.

The Luna Pier Fire Department will once again be arranging the Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will be on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 12:00 pm. The location of the Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Luna Pier Fire Department. Any one wanting to make a donation or help with the event, please contact Chief Ken Kruzel.

Summer is right around the corner. When making your plans, remember that the Freedom Celebration Fireworks will take place on Saturday, July 4, 2009.

Just a reminder, we still have reflective address signs available. There are many houses that are very difficult to find at night and houses are missing their addresses. We are having a hard time finding you, help us help you. Thank you to those who have purchased these signs already, we truly appreciate it.

- We are still looking for members to join the fire department. There are 20 members serving our community. May is EMS recognition month.
  - Any student that needs volunteer hours for their Government Class can get those hours through the fire department. Contact Assistant Chief David Gardner at (734) 848-3955 and leave contact information.

If you need information or interested in joining, please contact Chief Ken Kruzel at 848-6495 ext. 255 or any Monday night from 7-9 pm at the fire hall.

## Children Gun Safety Classes in Luna Pier



We are writing a grant to the NRA to bring gun safety classes to our city. **We NEED adults trained to teach these classes.** If you are trained or are willing to fund your own training please contact: **Wayne Blank at 734-241-9131 or Mary Liske, Mayor, 734-848-6495 (201).** We are hoping to start the program in 2010 and want to get our instructors squared away.

### 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

April 18-19  
May 16-17  
June 20-21  
July 25-26  
Aug 15-16  
September 19 - 20  
Oct, 17-18  
Nov 21-22 (women only)  
Dec 12-13



## 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.



### **Library Corner:**

Rasey Branch Library  
4349 Oak St., Luna Pier,  
MI 848-4572

The library has several wonderful programs planned for the upcoming months.

#### **Moon Jar Savings Bank**

Date April 04 2009  
Time Noon  
Location Rasey Branch Library

Learn to save, spend and share with the Moon Jar Savings Bank. Grades Pre-k to 3rd is invited to attend this award winning program which is the first step in teaching children about money. The class will be taught by Dona Graves, Director of Education at the Community Credit Counseling Specialists. Space is limited, registration is required. Please call the Rasey Branch at 848-4572 to register.

#### **Fairy Lights**

Date May 02 2009  
Time 11:00 AM  
Location Rasey

The library will be transformed into a Fairyland where your "Fairy Grandmother"(D. Shock) will enthrall you with tales of fairies both famous and not so famous. We'll enjoy a "wee" snack and make some fairy lights to take home. Registration is required. Please call the branch for more information and to register.

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.

### **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.



### **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, **April 8, 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.





## Building Department

Property maintenance remains a big concern to area residents. Prior to the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC), the Building Department would receive complaints from tenants and adjacent property owners regarding unsafe conditions; however, the city did not have the enforcement power to take any action. There was a gap between new construction code requirements and what could be defined and enforced as blight. Typically after the original certificate of occupancy there wouldn't be any legal avenue for inspections on existing properties thus opening the door to unsafe conditions. As properties age and more vacancies occur, this can create problems. The City has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code and the Building Department has been enforcing it on a complaint basis.

When structures are not properly maintained it affects the public health, safety and general welfare, as well as, the aesthetic value of community at large and can have a direct effect on property values. It is our duty to ensure that all residents, including our tenants, are living in safe conditions. Further, many furnaces, water heaters, changes to electric service, etc. are being installed improperly, without permits, creating unsafe and hazardous conditions. The IPMC was adopted to correct unsuitable conditions and to establish mechanisms for continued maintenance of structures thereby promoting health, safety, and welfare of the community and the residents.

For questions or more information on the International Property Maintenance Code you may visit the Building Department page of the web site or contact the Building Official by email or phone.



## ATTENTION ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Once again the City of Luna Pier would like to recognize our residents who have served in the Armed Services. Please notify us with your names and they will be read at the Memorial Day service on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please email Councilwoman Dawn Gramza at [nursevna@aol.com](mailto:nursevna@aol.com) or call City Hall at 848-6495 with your information.



## Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs



Private swimming pools, spas and hot tubs are regulated by code and local zoning ordinance, requiring specific installation standards, permits and inspections. The definition of a swimming pool is any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains (or may contain) water over 24 inches deep. This includes hot tubs, spas, in-ground and above-ground pools. Soon warm weather will be approaching and pool season will be in full swing. The Building Department shall be enforcing code and ordinance requirements for all swimming pools, spas and hot tubs including new and existing installations. Pools require setbacks, barriers/enclosures, limited access, proper electrical and bonding to provide safety to the users and area residents. One of the more recent safety concerns is the increase of "inflatable" pools. Their low cost makes them appealing, but all code requirements still apply and they may require an enclosure to safely restrict access. Please plan ahead and visit the Building Department page of our web site or contact the Building Official by email or phone when planning for the installation of a pool or to make your current installation code compliant and safe.

Visit our web site at:  
[www.cityoflunapier.com](http://www.cityoflunapier.com)



## 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!!**