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# City of Luna Pier February 2010 NEWSLETTER



## **From the Desk of Mayor Mary Liske**

Dear Citizens, Businesses, and Council of Luna Pier:

It has been my honor to serve this City for the past two years and I am pleased that the citizens of Luna Pier have chosen to trust me to continue to look out for their interests. Just two years ago I had said, "Change is both exciting and unsettling. To create change takes a lot of courage and considerable effort. We now find ourselves with an opportunity to recreate ourselves and move in a positive direction for the improvement of the community." That statement continues to hold true with more urgency than before.

As we face the likelihood of Consumer's termination we must be of one mind more than ever in order to move forward together as a community. I am grateful for having Greg Stewart and this new Council as partners in this adventure. Each of these individuals brings a unique set of skills in developing a prosperous future for our city. I envision members serving on committees that they can put their heart and soul into. It will be imperative for all of us to make monthly progress evidenced in our Council reports, as even small steps lead to progress.

I am as hopeful today as ever, and have a clear view of what will be necessary to secure our future. Many of the steps essential to accomplishing this task have already been initiated over the past two years. In December, after spending over a year connecting with citizens to assure wide spread consensus, the Council approved a new Master Plan. This document is indispensable in attaining the respect and attention mandatory for gaining the necessary assistance in developing the goals laid out within this document. No longer will the Master Plan be words on a page, but a map for our future. To support the goals expressed in the Master Plan, Council has approved the formation of a Downtown Development Association. As community and business members are appointed to serve in this union, it will take shape as a key piece of the puzzle in supporting the goals of the Master Plan. These steps, along with strengthening our business Association, forming community groups who take interest in shaping policy for certain City projects, increasing volunteerism, and improving communication, we are clearly on the path to assuring our future as a unique community.

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## **2010 CITY BOAT**

### **LAUNCHING PERMITS**

The **2010** 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



## **2009 Winter Property Taxes**

The 2009 winter property taxes are due on Monday, February 15, 2010. City Hall is open from 8 am until 5 pm Monday thru Thursday and from 7:30 am until 4:30 pm on Friday. If you have any questions please call DeAnn Parran, City Treasurer, at 848-6495 Ext. 203.

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Over the next two years I expect to pursue certain areas of focus. We must continue to define our intentions in our zoning laws, so we are able to direct the change in an orderly fashion. We need to establish a formal system of policing blight in a fair and deliberate manner. We must attract new businesses that will remove our dependency on Consumer's as well as provides employment relief for our citizens. We have to educate our State and Federal leaders to our unique concerns and elicit their support. And most certainly, we must make wise use of all of our resources and available opportunities.

Again I want to thank the citizens and leaders of this community for having the courage to take the steps towards change as circumstances demand.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mary Liske



## **2010 Council Committees**

City Services/Employee Relations/Roads  
(Utilities/Waste Removal/Health Care/Working Agreement)

Chairman: Mayor Liske, Ric Murray, Dawn Gramza

Budget and Finance

Chairman: Mayor Liske, David Hutchinson

Emergency and Public Safety

Chairman: Ken Kruzel, Jerry Winkelman

Building and Land

(Park & Recreation/Drains/Bath House/Library/City Hall)

Chairman: Dawn Gramza, Ric Murray

Shoreline Protection

Council Representatives: Chris Heid, Rich Russell

Co-Chairmen: Jeff Bodie & Tony Zalucki

Downtown/Historical

Chairmen: Mike Lucarelli, Rich Russell

## **Fellow Luna Pier citizens**

Thank you for electing me to our city council. We all have a lot to do over the next four years. At the first meeting of the new council on January 14<sup>th</sup>, I was nominated along with Councilman Russell to chair the committee for "Downtown / Historical". We are looking for those citizens who are interested to become involved in this area. We are looking for those with resources, business or personal connections and / or good ideas with personal time to devote to those ideas. Those interested can send me your contact information to: [malglp@yahoo.com](mailto:malglp@yahoo.com) or drop off the contact info at City Hall to my attention. Stay tuned for future community meetings with dates to be announced.

In addition, those people, who grew up in our city and can recall the old original pier and ballroom, the original cottage neighborhoods or trolley car tracks, the floods, and other memories, are invited to get those memories recorded for future use in our historical museum. Nominations of potential candidates can be sent to: [malglp@yahoo.com](mailto:malglp@yahoo.com) or can be dropped off at City Hall to my attention.

Thank you again,

Councilperson

Michael Lucarelli



## **Annual Wild Game Dinner**

The American Legion, James E. Yenor, Post 193, 11045 Harold Drive, will be having a Wild Game Dinner on March 6, 2010. Doors open a 5:00 p.m. The price is \$25.00 per ticket and must be 21 to attend. There will be raffles and all proceeds are for the Veterans Affairs. For more information call 848-2162.





## Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department

4268 Luna Pier Road, P.O. Box 396

Luna Pier, MI 48157

734-848-3955

[lpfirechief@charterinternet.com](mailto:lpfirechief@charterinternet.com)

### HELP US HELP YOU!!!!

We are having trouble finding your home. Some houses don't have any house numbers on them. Others you can hardly see. Please take a good look at your house address at night to see if you can clearly see it. If you need new house numbers we still have some of the reflective green address signs left.

The Luna Pier Fire Department will once again be arranging the Easter Egg Hunt. This year it will be on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at 12:00pm at the fire hall. If any one would like to make a donation toward the event or help out, please contact Chief Ken Kruzel.

Any one needing Community Service hours for school, please contact Chief Ken Kruzel so that arrangements can be made. Please keep in mind that service hours can also be accrued throughout the summer.

The Luna Pier Fire Department has 21 members at this time. We have 1 Paramedic, 4 EMT's and 14 Medical First Responders. Currently there are 4 members going through fire school and 2 going for their EMT. I am very proud of the talent that we have, and we continue to get better. There is a lot of time that is put into our jobs on the fire department to keep you safe.

Contact number for Chief Ken Kruzel (734) 848-6495 ext. 255.



### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE CHIEF

If you need to contact the police for an emergency dial 911. If you have a situation you don't feel is an emergency or have a question and you would like to talk to an officer as soon as possible, call 734-243-7070. If you would like to leave a message for the police department please call 734-848-4310.

Chief Jerald Winkelman

## Friday Fish Fry's



Beginning Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> the American Legion, James E. Yenor, Post 193, 11045 Harold Drive, will be serving fish dinners. The dinners include fish, a side of shrimp, French fries, cole slaw, roll and dessert. The price is \$10.00, senior citizens \$9.50. Dinners are served from 4 pm until 8 pm. Carryout orders are available. For more information call 848-2162.



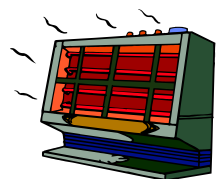
## Heaters and Cold Weather Safety Tips

As the cold weather is well upon us, heating related safety is of utmost concern. The majority of fire deaths occur during these cold months and they are often related to inadequate heating systems or the improper use of heating systems. As heating costs rise and temperatures dip, energy costs are on everybody's mind. Portable heaters can be an efficient way to add extra warmth to your room or supplement central heating; however, if not used properly, they can be a fire or electric shock hazard. According to a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) study, there are about 3,000 portable heater fires annually. Of those fires, most were caused by improper use.

The following general safety guidelines can help keep your home and family safe.

### TIPS FOR ALL HEATERS

- Keep any heater at least three feet away from anything that might burn. This means curtains, walls, furniture, papers, etc.
- To avoid injury and other mishaps, keep children and pets away from heaters.
- ALWAYS REMEMBER, don't try to get a small device to do a big job. For best results, direct the heat from a portable heater where you want it. It won't heat an entire room.
- Working smoke alarms should be a priority at any time of year. This is a great time to test your alarms to make sure they are working.



From: Michael Demski, Building/Zoning Official

Please cut out and keep the follow  
contact information for future reference.

***Police/Fire Contact Numbers  
City of Luna Pier***

***Police or Fire Emergency  
911***

***Urgent, Non-Emergency request for contact by an officer  
734-243-7070 (Central Dispatch)***

***Non-urgent message request for Police officer to contact you  
734-848-4310 (Luna Pier Police Office)***

***Non-Emergency message for Fire Department  
734-848-6495 Extension 255***