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City of Luna Pier Spring/Summer 2012 NEWSLETTER



From the Mayor's Desk

I am proud to announce that on Monday, May 28, 2012 at noon there will be a Memorial Day service at Memorial Park here in Luna Pier. We created a list several years ago of Luna Pier residents that served in the US military. We continue to collect this information and the names will be respected during the service. I will serve as the keynote speaker; I currently have 3 sons in active duty and will discuss what it means to be a blue star mother. Flags for blue star mothers will be available during the service. Miss Monroe County 2011-Tara Ann Althaus will sing the national anthem for us, and the Luna Pier Legion Post will contribute as well. Although for many people Memorial Day is the commercial beginning of summer we will instead pause for a moment to give honor to those who have given so much for us, who have chosen to put themselves in harm's way to protect the American values we are privileged to enjoy. Please take 45 minutes out of your day and wander down to the gazebo to celebrate together as a community. If you have names to add to the list call City Hall at 734-848-6495 and leave a message for the Mayor with the soldier's name, rank and branch of the military that they served under. You may also send this information by e-mail to mliske@cityoflunapier.com or drop it off at City Hall during business hours. Finally names can be added on the City of Luna Pier's Facebook page.

The 2nd Annual Bootleggers and Blues Festival will be Saturday July 21 & Sunday July 22, 2012 here in Luna Pier. Now if you came to last year's festival you know the entertainers were exceptional and we will not disappoint you this year either. Some artists to expect; Hoozier Daddy, Keith Scott, Jack & the Bear, Kelly Richey, Soul Kitchen, David Coelho Trio, David Gerald, and several more. There will be limited tent seating for the general public, in case the heat is as brutal as it was last year. Another welcomed change will be front row viewing for the patrons of the beer tent. We will have several new food vendors this year as well. Although the event is still taking shape I guarantee it will be worth waiting for. As last year we will need dozens of volunteers and if you are interested in set up before the festival or working during the festival please contact me as listed above.

YARD OF THE MONTH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



This program runs from June through October. The program is in the planning stages for the 2012 year and they need a few volunteers! If you would like to get started with this committee please contact Cindy Zohn-Conyers at 848-8174. Cindy is also looking for volunteers to help plant the city flower boxes this spring.



Freedom Day Celebration July 7th, 2012

- City Wide Garage Sales
- Vendors at 1st St Park
- Fireworks

All donations to benefit:
The Luna Pier Fire Department



2012 CITY BOAT LAUNCHING PERMITS

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



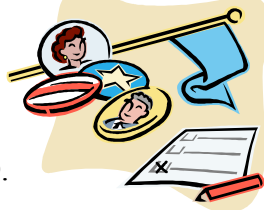
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RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT

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.



A Message from the Clerk's Office



Coming Soon: New Voter I.D. Cards

In 2011, the Governor signed redistricting legislation into law that established new State House of Representatives, State Senate, and U.S. Congressional Districts. Following the official release of census information, counties created new County Commissioner Districts. This affected the City of Luna Pier in the following ways: our U.S. Congressional district is now the 7th instead of the 15th and our State House is now 56 instead of 55. Because these changes were implemented, state law requires that all affected voters receive new Voter I.D. cards reflecting these changes. Hence, in the coming weeks, you will be receiving a new Voter I.D. card in the mail. Your polling precinct location has not changed. Voter I.D. cards are issued for informational purposes only; they are not required to be presented at the polls in order to vote. However, at this time we are also updating our voter registration records. If you received a voter registration card addressed to an individual that no longer lives at your address, please return the voter registration to the Clerk's office at 4357 Buckeye Street, Luna Pier, Mi. 48157. If you have any questions, call Crystal Manley, City Clerk at (734)848-6495 ext. 205.



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 7, 2012. The committee responsible for choosing the citizen of the year is made up of Luna Pier residents.

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 2012 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 18, 2012 at 5 pm.



RASEY MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY

4349 Oak St. Box 416, Luna Pier 48157-0416
Phone: (734) 848-4572

Contact Person: carol.laurie@monroe.lib.mi.us

Join your friends at the library this summer!

Saturday, June 16 at 11:00 AM – Bats of the World presented by O.B.C.

Saturday, June 23 at 11:00 AM – Animals of the Night

Saturday, June 30 at 11:00 AM – Dream Big with Miss Monroe and company

Saturday, July 7 at 11:00 AM – Lighthouse Dance Company and the citywide garage sale

Saturday, July 14 at 11:00 AM – Reach for the Stars (and the Planets, too!)

Saturday, July 21 at 11:00 AM – Night Shivers and PJ Party

City Hall Hours

In a continuing effort to make the City Hall more efficient and responsive to you, we have conducted a study to look for the hours that can serve and yet save. We will be testing these new hours starting May 8th and continue until Labor Day.

Mondays will continue to be from 8am till 5pm. Our changes are from Tuesday through Friday from 7:30am to 4:00pm. This means we will be here earlier each morning, we will continue to stay open through the entire day by going to shorter lunch times, and we will be closing at 4pm to better reflect the cities other departments and to save on utilities.

We have seen the need for expanded morning hours, but as always we want to hear your feedback. Give it a try, and let us know.

Construction to Start

Weather permitting; you will be seeing construction starting on our Beach Access project. We will do our best to minimize the inconvenience to our citizens and our guests throughout the process.

American Legion Post 193 S.A.L.

Mother's Day Steak & Chicken- May 13th
Father's Day Steak & Chicken- June 17th

American Legion Post 193

Ribs & Chicken- July 7th
American Legion Pig
Roast- Sept 15th



Spring Clean-up



May 11 thru May 21, 2012 has been designated "cleanup weeks" in the City of Luna Pier. A large dumpster will be located by City Hall. The dumpster will be available every day from 7 am until 7 pm during spring cleanup weeks.

Third Annual Plant Exchange

The City of Luna Pier will have the 3rd annual plant exchange on Saturday, June 16 at 10:00 AM. All you have to do is get out your wagon or stroller, dig up some plants or bulbs, put them in separate paper or plastic bags and bring them to the pier to trade with others! Lots of fun, and a great way to get new beautiful plants that you don't have.



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 goes 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!

Updating your mailing address with City Hall:

We need to make sure that your mail is being delivered to you properly, so if you have a Post Office Box number, please contact City Hall at 734-848-6495 or 734-848-8120 to make sure we have the correct number.



Reminder that burning in the City of Luna Pier is not permitted due to the close proximity of the homes in the area and health hazards to residents due to the smoke.

DPW News

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. We could lose the burn pile if it is abused. Help us police and maintain what we have.



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 once a week. 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, TIRES 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!

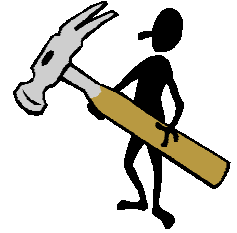
Used Motor Oil – Used motor oil may be disposed of at the city's maintenance garage. Please call Randy or Bryan at 848-8481 for further information.



Residents of Luna Pier have unlimited curbside trash pick-up!

When Do You Need A Permit?

The best way to find out is to call the building department before starting your project. Permits are usually required for all projects including building, electrical, plumbing, and heating/AC work. Most of these types of work require specific items for code compliance and therefore a permit and inspections are required for code compliance. Some projects such as sheds and fences do not require a building permit, but it still may be necessary to obtain a permit for zoning compliance. Please contact the Building Department before beginning your project.



Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs

All Private swimming pools, spas and hot tubs are regulated by codes requiring specific installation standards, permits and inspections. A pool is any structure for swimming that may contain water over 24 inches deep. This includes hot tubs, spas, in-ground or above-ground pools, and temporary or inflatable pools. As warm weather approaches we will be enforcing code requirements for all pools, spas and hot tubs, new and existing installations. Pools require setbacks, barriers/enclosures, limited access, and proper electrical and bonding to provide safety to the users and area residents. Please plan ahead and visit the Building Department page of our web site or contact the Building Official before installation of a pool, or to make your current installation code compliant and safe.



City's Website !!!

The City continues to update the website. Our citizens can get loads of information from the website such as: Building Permit applications, recent Council minutes, City Ordinance information and contact information for various City Officials, just to name a few. Please log on to www.cityoflunapier.com and visit us soon!



**Luna Pier Volunteer
Fire Department**
4268 Luna Pier Road
P.O. Box 396
Luna Pier, MI 48157
734-848-3955

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. During a tornado warning, if you feel you do not have a safe place in your home, please feel free to come down to the fire station.

Please remember to check smoke detectors in your home. Smoke detectors save lives. People on a daily basis are losing their lives because there are either no smoke detectors or the smoke detectors are not working.

Summer is right around the corner. When making your plans, remember that the Freedom Celebration Fireworks will take place on Saturday, July 7, 2012.

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.

If you need any additional information, please contact Chief Ken Kruzel at (734) 848-6495 ext. 255.

Luna Pier Parks & Recreation

2012 Officers & Members

Chairman: Mary Ansel Secretary: Linda Emptage

Council Representative: Jim Gardner

Members: Patti Grimes, Betty Roper, Ric Murray

Alt. Member: Corey Sipert

The City authorized the creation of the Parks and Recreation in late 2010. The commission has explored several project goals. One project suggested by Betty Roper was to provide free ice skating at the Water Tower Park Pond. Betty has worked hours on this project. She has collected over 60 pairs of donated skates. Betty also negotiated a super deal on a 10' X 10' storage shed worth \$2,200 from Menards for \$300. The shed was set in place at WTP in October 2011 for the storage of skates and supplies. A ramp was needed in order to get the skaters from the rock embankment to the pond. In January the ramp was built and installed by volunteers: Chris Heid, Cory Sipert, and Ric Murray. Councilman Rich Russell provided a portable generator for electricity needed for power tools. Shelves and rods were added by Rick Liecty and Ric Murray for supplies and skate storage. The skating program is ready for the 2012-2013 seasons when the ice is safe.

The commission participated in the Monroe County Child Advocacy Center's Blue Ribbon Trees Program during the month of April for Child Awareness Month. Linda Emptage donated the ribbon for the project and made 25 small bows. Kathy Derbeck also donated her time making 7 large bows for the project. Linda and Ric attached the ribbons to several trees, on a very windy Monday, in Memorial Park on Luna Pier road. The Commission plans to start making the bow in Feb next year in order to expand the number of trees adorned.

The Parks and Recreation Commission welcome all ideas and help. The Commissions meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Water Tower Park Building. Anyone interested in getting involved is welcome to attend the meetings.

**Visit our web site at:
www.cityoflunapier.com**

Flood and Erosion Protection (FEP) Committee

Ric Murray, Chair
Jim Gardner, Council Representative
Stacy Grimes, Vice-Chair
Charles Gardner, Member
Sue Lopes, Secretary

Robin Walton, Member
Chris Heid, Treasurer & Alternate
Cheryl Krakow, Alternate

You may have seen some of our members walking the shoreline over the past few months. We have identified a number of cylinders in need of repair. In addition, Mid American Company was brought in to examine the damage; they will be providing estimates for repairing these cylinders through a hydraulic injection process that uses a special epoxy. Mid American has done work for the City in the past and their previous repairs are still in excellent condition. We hope that this work can begin as soon as possible, as there are a number of cylinders in jeopardy.

The City's 2001 Erosion Study suggested that the concrete dike system's outer sills, contrary to protecting the wall, may be causing erosion in some locations. Some members of the Committee also examined the sill system on the peninsula east of Allen Cove (Toledo Beach Marina), which does not have secondary sills. The Committee has proposed a test project to remove some of the outer sills, in order to study the effect of their removal. The Committee has also requested the City Administrator approve a land survey to determine the ordinary high water mark, necessary information to move forward on this project. The results of this test project could help determine if the filling and capping of outer sills throughout the system would be counterproductive, in addition to being an unnecessary expenditure of the City's limited funds.

Due to the Lake's current high water level, the project is delayed until Fall 2012, when the water typically recedes due to strong West winds. If you would like more information on this project, please attend an

FEP meeting, held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the City chambers.

Committee members have drafted a "Flood Protection System Ownership and Responsibility" Ordinance, that defines property owner and city responsibilities for maintenance of the concrete and earthen dikes. The draft has been sent to the City Administrator and City Attorney for review.

FEP has recommended that the City pursue a ½ mill renewal on the August election ballot, given the current economic climate. Members did recognize, however, that this levy would basically cover USDA loan repayments. It would not cover on-going maintenance of the flood system (concrete and earthen dikes, pumps, Venice canal gate).

Community Involvement



The City of Luna Pier is a great community. This community has been shaped by thousands of decisions made by our residents and our elected officials. As we continue to grow and move towards our long term vision, we need residents to take more active roles. If you have a desire to participate in the development of Luna Pier, currently the City has many opportunities for residents to serve. Below is a quick list of Commissions and Boards who currently have vacancies that are opened:

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) – 3 openings

Flood & Erosion- 1 Opening

Planning Commission/EDC - 3 openings

Tax Board of Review -1 Alternate

Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) – 1 opening, 2 Alternates

If you are interested in serving on any one of these boards or commission, please submit a letter of interest/ application to the City Clerk or call (734)848-6495 for more information.

