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# City of Luna Pier April 2014 NEWSLETTER



## From the Mayor's Desk

Update on Consumers Energy Closing:

A Consumers Energy Steering Committee was formed for the purpose of assisting the City of Luna Pier and other stakeholders, whom will be affected by the closing of the Consumers Energy Whiting Plant. Members of this Committee included representatives from the City of Luna Pier, Erie Township, County of Monroe, Monroe Bank & Trust, Monroe County Business Development Corporation and Monroe Chamber of Commerce. Assisting the Committee are the offices of Congressman Tim Walberg of the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Michigan, State Representative Dale Zorn and Consumers Energy.

The Committee has met several times over the past months to formulate plans in the repurposing of the plant site once it is decommissioned and demolition is complete. This is not going to happen overnight; however, we need to take action now to find a replacement for the plant, which would be both a good fit for the region and replenish the tax base lost by the plant closing.

With this in mind, the City Administrator, Mayor and Council are working on balancing the 2014-2015 budget. It is going to be a struggle, make no bones about it. We are looking at ways to continue to provide the services the residents have been accustomed; however, with the situation the City is in at this time monetarily some of these services will have to be reduced, not eliminated.

We will continue to search for grant money, to continue projects started in the city and future projects we would like to see come into fruition such as road repairs, completion of light house revitalization of the downtown area, demolition of abandon houses and looking what possibly could be accomplished with the Venice Canal system.

The City owns land within the City that we will be advertising for sale soon. We hope with the sale of these lots, it will add additional revenue to the general fund that are needed at this time while increasing the future tax base. If anyone has thoughts, ideas or concepts to assist us, please contact us. I can be reached at (734)848-6495 ext. 201.

-Mayor Dave Davison.

## Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City would like to extend an invitation to an open house at the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 10415 South Harold Dr. on Saturday, May 17th at 11:00 AM. We encourage all residents and rate payers to attend and see all the changes made at the plant with the recent project. We would also like the opportunity to answer any questions regarding the project, recent sewer rate changes, permit changes or any other questions that anyone may have regarding our Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hope to see you there.

Jason Dobson  
Director of Municipal Services

## Invitation to State of City Address

The Mayor invites you to attend a State of the City Address on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Water Tower Park Building located at 11345 Harold Drive. The purpose of the meeting is to inform residents of the status of the closing of Consumers Energy and receive input regarding the upcoming budget. Any questions, call City Hall at (734)848-6495.

## Get Ready for the Fourth Celebration! July 5, 2014

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 sponsored by the Luna Pier Freedom Festival Committee.



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S.S. Lapointe Drain Watershed Management Plan Project  
Kick Off Meeting on April 22, 2014 at 11 am  
Monroe County Office Building Addition, Board of Commissioners Room  
125 East Second Street, Monroe

The River Raisin Institute is undertaking the development of a watershed management plan for the S.S. Lapointe Drain watershed, a project funded by a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) 319 non-point source grant. The MDEQ has identified impaired water quality in S.S. Lapointe Drain and Luna Pier due to excess levels of E. coli, phosphorus and sediment. The goal of the planning project is to engage a broad and diverse group of stakeholders over a two-year period to systematically identify problems and create a watershed management plan that includes implementation activities to address these water quality impairment issues. Our project scope also includes Sulphur and Muddy Creeks.

I am writing to invite you to a S.S. Lapointe Drain watershed management planning project kick-off meeting on April 22, 2014 at 11:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Board of Commissioners Room at the Monroe County Office Building Addition, 125 East Second Street, Monroe. One of the outcomes of this meeting will be the establishment of a Steering Advisory Group to provide overall direction for the watershed project.

In addition to the local impairment issues, the S.S. Lapointe Drain is one of the many “orphan” watersheds in Monroe County that feeds directly into western Lake Erie and contributes to the phosphorus and algae problems that plague the western Lake Erie basin. The S.S. Lapointe Drain has been plagued with several water quality problems for years. We want to engage a broad and diverse group of stakeholders throughout this planning effort. Please forward this invitation to anyone you know who would be interested in learning about the S.S. Lapointe Drain watershed management project or serving on the Steering Advisory Group. Feel free to contact me with questions or more information.

I look forward to working together on this critical project.

Sincerely,

Danielle Conroyd  
Executive Director



## American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Lunch

The Monroe County American Legion Auxiliaries would like to honor all the Gold and Blue Star Parents and Spouses at a luncheon on May 4, 2014. The luncheon will take place at the Lynn C. Weeman Post 514, 11601 Lewis Ave., Ida, MI 48140 at 2:00 PM. All Parents and Spouses of active duty from Monroe County are invited. We would also love to honor all Gold Star Parents and Spouses. To make your reservation or if you have any questions contact Dawn Gramza at (419)509-5054 or email at [nursevna@aol.com](mailto:nursevna@aol.com). We will need your name and address with your reservation.

## 2014 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	\$15.00
Non-Residents	\$30.00
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.

## 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.

## Memorial Day Service



The City will be having its annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 26, 2014 12 p.m. in Memorial Park.

## DPW NEWS

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.

**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 848-8481 for further information.



**Burger Night**  
Sponsored by American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 193  
Every Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00

## **Charter upgrades access for Monroe, Luna Pier buyers**

(Excerpt from the Monroe Evening News on April 9, 2014)

Charter Communications is upgrading access to more than 200 high definition (HD) channels, improving picture quality and doubling Internet speeds for customers in Monroe and Luna Pier.

The process was scheduled to take place Sunday, and is part of Charter's move to 100 percent all digital networks throughout the first half of 2014.

"By removing outdated analog signals, we regain bandwidth in our network, enabling us to provide more HD channels and open the door to faster Internet speeds and future innovation," said Charter President and Chief Executive Officer Tom Rutledge in a news release.

The all-digital upgrade requires customers to acquire Charter-issued digital set-top boxes for each of their televisions, which will allow for Video on Demand access in addition to faster speed.

These boxes are available at no cost for one, two or five years depending on the customer's programming package and other qualifying factors.

A self-installation kit can be delivered by calling (800) 438-2427, or customers can pick up equipment at the Charter store, located at 1145 S. Telegraph Rd.

The store is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. These changes have been communicated to customers through direct mail, bill messages, outbound calls and messages that appear on the television.

Charter already has completed all-digital upgrades in several Michigan areas, including Bay City, Saginaw, Midland, Mount Pleasant, Manistee and Traverse City.

The company plans to complete the upgrade across its 29-state footprint by the end of 2014.

## ***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 5, 2014.



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 2014 Citizen of The Year award please submit a letter in a sealed envelope to Mary Larrow at City Hall. The deadline for nominees is Friday, June 6, 2014 at 4 pm.

## **Luna Pier Business Association News**

The Luna Pier Business Association (LPBA) will be holding its' annual membership drive on Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. As is our tradition, the membership drive will celebrate "Cinco de Mayo" and will be a festive, Mexican-themed party. The party will be held from 6PM to 8PM at Carl Kamulski's and Cheryl Krakow's home. For additional information regarding LPBA membership and membership party details, please contact Secretary, Dione Oerther via e-mail at: [info@pyramidtransportinc.com](mailto:info@pyramidtransportinc.com) or via phone at: (734)-848-4250.

The LPBA is progressing on their projects for 2014. The 2nd Annual Luna Pier Veterans' Parade will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Noon. If you are interested in participating in the Parade or being a Parade sponsor, please contact Veterans' Parade Chairman, Wayne Blank, at [blankws3@att.net](mailto:blankws3@att.net). We are also working on plans for The Empty Bowls Project. This is an international grassroots organization that works to stamp out global hunger. The fundraiser is slated to be held in November or early December 2014. If you are interested in participating or being a sponsor, please contact Chairman, Carl Kamulski. He can be reached at, [artarea51@aol.com](mailto:artarea51@aol.com).

The LPBA will be meeting as follows for the coming months: Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>-7PM at the Rasey Memorial Library; Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>-"Cinco de Mayo" Annual Membership Drive-6PM to 8PM at Carl Kamulski's and Cheryl Krakow's home; Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>-7PM at the Rasey Memorial Library and Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> 7PM at the Rasey Memorial Library.

## ***YARD OF THE MONTH / BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE***

This program runs from June through October. The program is in the planning stages for the 2014 year and they need a few volunteers! If you would like to get started with this committee please contact City Hall at 848-6495. We are also looking for volunteers to help plant the city flower boxes this spring.

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

## 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.

## Yoga on the Beach at Luna Pier 2014

It's going to be another great summer, so why not come to the beach and get your chill on and improve your overall health?

Kimberli (Kimmy) Homier, RN, PYT/RYT 500, owner of Heaven on Earth Yoga/Wellness, L.L.C. will again offer all level classes on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, starting 6/4/2014 on the beach, (weather permitting). Bring a mat, water, a towel and get ready to work on strength, flexibility, balance, focus and relaxation. No previous experience necessary. This class will meet you where you are and gently help you progress from there. Classes are \$8.00 for past students and \$7.00 for first time to the class. Please contact instructor by email before your first class with any questions. New students welcome throughout the summer/fall. Additional classes will be added as the summer progresses. See us on Facebook at Heaven on Earth Yoga/Wellness, L.L.C. for weekly updates. All students required to sign a waiver prior to first class and be sure to check with your doctor if this is a new activity for you. No pregnant women please. Email address is [Yahweh\\_yogini@yahoo.com](mailto:Yahweh_yogini@yahoo.com)  
See you on the beach!



## RASEY MEMORIAL BRANCH LIBRARY

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Join your friends at the Rasey Memorial Library for "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Our programs will be on Saturdays, June 28 – July 26 at 11:00 AM. Watch for Grandma Science on as well as our other fabulous events.

Beginning May 24, library users with a valid library card from any one of Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries can print a pass, either from home or at the library, to one of the 70+ participating cultural institutions at the <http://michiganactivitypass.info> website. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only. Each Michigan Activity Pass expires one week from the date it is printed.

## Parks & Recreation

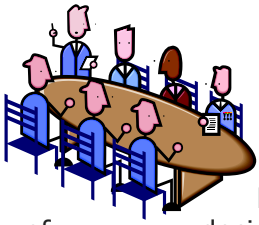
The Parks & Recreation commission is pleased to announce, thanks to the proceeds from last year's City wide garage sale and donations in memory of Betty Roper, a new basketball backboard system has been ordered and will be installed in May by the Department of Municipal Services. The current backboard at the North end of the court was broken last summer.

Elizabeth "Betty" Roper, a supporter of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the City of Luna Pier, passed away on January 28, 2014 with her daughter by her side. Betty was the catalyst of the Mural on the Luna Pier Market, ice skating at the park, and basketball at the Water Tower Park. Her last wish was to have the Parks and Recreation purchase a quality backboard system this spring. Betty's daughter Rebecca and other friends of Betty's sent donations in her memory. The Commission was able to order the system.

Members of the Parks & Recreation Commission are grateful for all the donations that we received in Betty's honor. The Commission recommended to City Council to name the pond at Water Tower "Roper Pond" in memory of Elizabeth and Joe Roper. On March 27<sup>th</sup> Resolution No. 871 was passed.

The Parks & Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Rasey Library is continuing the free Friday night movies at the Library at 6:30 PM, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

The Parks & Recreation Commission invites all citizens to attend our meetings to help in providing activities for residents of all ages. The Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Water Tower Park Building.



### 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:

- Parks & Recreation-** 1 opening
- Planning Commission/EDC** - 2 openings
- Salary Commission-** 2 openings
- Zoning Board of Appeals** -2 Alternate opening
- Flood & Erosion Protection Committee-** 1 opening, 1 alternative

*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.*

### 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.



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