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Mackinaw City Newsletter

FALL, 2011

With the arrival of the chill winds came the return of the "Fall People", the colorful, smile-provoking citizens of the downtown flower boxes. I want to thank everyone who makes our town look special, at all times of the year.



I also want to thank our former Village Manager Jeff Lawson for 17 years of thoughtful, stimulating management. Under his guidance, Mackinaw City has been able to expand and improve, yet remain financially solid when so many communities in the state are faltering. We look forward to working with Jeff as Cheboygan County Administrator.

Village Manager

Village Council is working on hiring a new village manager. Jeff Lawson stayed on part-time for two months but that period has ended. In the meanwhile, the village council appointed me to serve as interim manager. I pledge to give this job my best effort and will serve as long as needed. The village manager search is on schedule and the Council is convinced that we will have a new manager by mid-November.

Transportation

The DNR Trailhead is now completed. The Village, with a grant from the state, will complete the landscaping. Village Council is considering a franchise fee ordinance and is working on language that is suitable for Mackinaw City. If you are interested in this topic, watch for upcoming meetings posted at the post office and on our web site.

Grants

A new bathroom building at Conkling Heritage Park is being paid for in part by a grant. Work on these bathrooms is expected to begin in the spring. The bathrooms should be ready next summer.

Mackinaw City has partnered with Honeywell to reduce the electric usage of downtown street lighting. By switching

from incandescent to LED lights an annual savings of \$24,376 is expected. The upgrade should be paid off in 10 years. Look for the work to begin this winter and be completed by June.

Year 2012

The upcoming year promises to be one of challenges. We will all have to be patient as a new village manager learns the job. Financially we survived last year because of employee attrition and holding the line on wages. Again declining tax revenues will make this year financially challenging. The township tax assessors are being kept busy with tax tribunal cases. This is a township process because Mackinaw City is a village not a city. Your Village Council continues to monitor the situation.

Enjoy this Fall season. The trails are beautiful, the hockey rink will soon have ice, the Headlands' ski trails will be groomed, and the dark sky is fantastic all seasons of the year. Get out and enjoy the beauty that is Mackinaw; get out and reconnect with your neighbors and friends and enjoy the charm of our small village life. - Jeff Hingston

Citizens' Guide and Dashboard

Mackinaw City's revenues and expenses, and much more, are now loaded on the Village website at www.mackinawcity.org in compliance with State P.A. 63 of 2011. Click to the left side of the main web page on this logo:



FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

- On: Tuesday
- When: October 25, 2011
- Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Where: St. Anthony's Church Parish Life Center
Also available: Pneumonia and Tetanus
- Cost: \$25.
- Please bring your BCBS, Medicare, and/or Medicaid Insurance cards. To avoid lines, appointments can be made at (800) 432-4121. Walk Ins welcome.

The British are Coming!

A 250th Anniversary Celebration of the British arrival to the Straits of Mackinac will take place at McGulpin Point Lighthouse on Saturday, Oct. 15, from noon to 3 p.m. The program is taking place in partnership with the Emmet County Historical Commission and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Events will include Native craft demonstrations, speakers discussing key events in the Michilimackinac region's evolution, food tasting and more. Additional details will be posted on the County Web site, www.emmetcounty.org, or call (231) 348-1704.



Recreation Exercise and Walking Hours

The Exercise Room at the Recreation Center is open: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from noon to 7:00 p.m.

These times may be expanded during the hockey season. Passes are for the calendar year and can be purchased at Village Hall. The senior pass costs \$6 and the regular pass costs \$30.

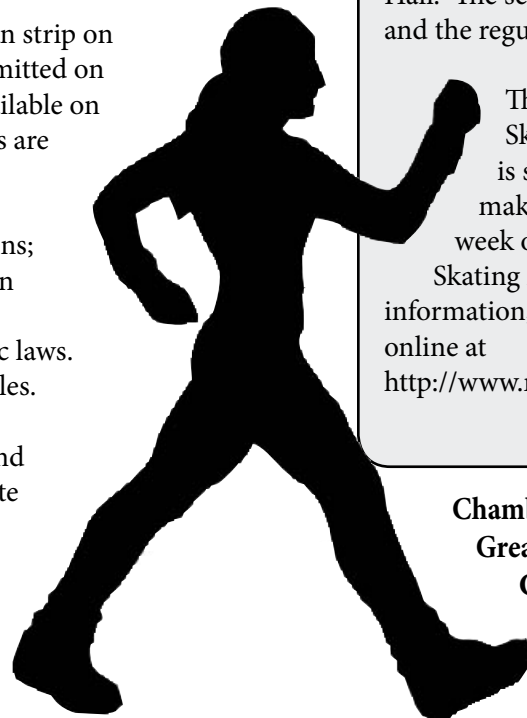
The Mackinaw City Skating Association is scheduled for ice making the second week of October. For Skating Association information, please check online at <http://www.mcskating.org/>

SNOWMOBILE RULES

No snowmobiles are permitted on any sidewalks or the median strip on Central Ave. Parking and access to the downtown area is permitted on the unplowed median area on Central Ave. Parking is also available on the Marina lawn across from the village hall. No snowmobiles are permitted on the village hall grounds.

Snowmobiles shall be operated at a safe speed for the conditions; however, in no case shall the speed exceed 10 miles per hour in residential, business, or school areas, unless otherwise posted. Snowmobiles shall observe and obey all village and state traffic laws. All cross streets shall be considered stop streets for snowmobiles.

Snowmobiles shall yield and give right of way to all vehicles and pedestrians including snowplows, and shall come to a complete stop for pedestrians crossing any travel way. All snowmobiles must operate on the right hand side of any street, road, alley, or other thoroughfare. Not more than 2 persons shall be permitted on a snowmobile. No one shall operate a snowmobile between the hours of 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m. within the village.

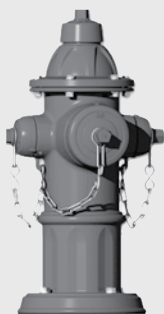


**Chamber of Commerce
Great Pumpkin Hunt
October 7-9th**
A new part of
Fall Shopper's
Fest

HYDRANT FLUSHING DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

OCTOBER 17TH TO OCTOBER 28TH
EAST SIDE flushed from October 17th thru October 21st
WEST SIDE from October 24th thru October 28th

Flushing will take place between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. The water may become discolored at any time. If water becomes discolored, run it until it clears and avoid using the washing machine. The water is safe to consume during flushing. Hydrant flushing is conducted to remove iron deposits from water lines to maintain water quality.



Library News



The library has a new website. <http://www.mackinawareapl.michlibrary.org>
We also have a Facebook presence where you can check for more information.

The library has been allowed to borrow some artifacts from the Chief Wawatam railroad/car ferry. We are setting up a year-long exhibit that will commemorate the launching of the ship from St. Ignace 100 years ago, October. 10th We will have recording equipment available so anyone with memories of working on or riding the ferries can preserve them for future generations. There will also be activities for kids to try tying knots and other activities. -by Jolene Michaels



POLICE WARN OF SCAMS

The police department would like to remind all citizens that there is a growing trend of fraudulent scams out there. These can come from the telephone, FAX, or email. Some are very enticing and some can be somewhat hostile. Please remember the adage, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." Do not give out any personal information over the telephone or email. If you feel uncomfortable in dealing with someone, feel free to refer them to the police department and we can help you.

Also as a reminder, please contact 911 whenever anyone from the police department is needed for any reason. That is how Central Dispatch would like it as they then can ask the proper questions and they will know what we are working on. This saves us time and also is an officer safety issue.

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN UP LEAVES AND BRUSH ONLY

October 3 thru October 31
**** weather permitting ****

Leaves must be placed at the curb in piles. Twigs and branches must be separated from leaf piles and tied up for removal.

Veteran's Affairs Clinic Seeking Patients

Cheboygan County Veterans Clinic
 14540 Mackinaw Highway
 Mackinaw City, MI 49701
 (800) 838-3520



The VA Clinic is currently seeing patients. Please call for an appointment. The grand opening is planned for November 10, 2011

WAWATAM SENIOR CENTER DINNER HOURS

October 3rd the Senior Center returns to winter hours. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 5p.m., salad and conversation at 4:30 p.m. Sunday 1p.m.

Mackinaw City Medical Clinic Hours

580 S. Nicolet Street
 (231) 436-9900

Current Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to Noon – Thursday
 Hours are subject to change. Call first for an appointment.

Mackinaw Area Historical Society
 Annual Meeting, October 17, 2011, at
 7:30 p.m.

Multi-purpose room at the Mackinaw
 City School
Public Invited

We will be treated to an introduction to an exciting exhibit at the library; S.S. CHIEF WAWATAM: LAST OF THE GREAT LAKES FERRIES. There will be plenty of time for questions and to discuss our many projects with those who are making them happen. We need volunteers in many areas. PLEASE HELP!



ELECTION RESULTS

There were 54 ballots cast. All candidates ran unopposed and there were no write-in candidates. The vote count was:

Village President Jeff Hingston	45
Clerk Lana Jaggi	49
Treasurer Patricia Peppler	45
Trustee Paul Michalak	44
Trustee Belinda Mollen	48
Trustee Matthew S. Yoder	48
Trustee Richard R. Perlick	41

Book Discussion Group

A winter book discussion group is being organized by the library. The group will meet once a month from January thru April and there will be an evening as well as a daytime meeting. Anyone who is out of town will be able to participate via the library's facebook page. January's book is "The Leisure Seeker" by Michael Zadoorian and February's book will be "These is My Words" by Nancy Turner. Men and women are invited to join in the discussion. Details will be completed by the end of November. Anyone interested in participating or lending a hand, please call the library at 231-436-5451 and talk to Jolene.

Recreational Softball News...

The 28th Annual Donald Thompson Coed Softball Tournament was held on September 10 and 11, 2011 with 16 teams participating. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great time. First Place winner was Buck's Roofing of Mancelona.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

**The Lion's Club
Halloween Party
Monday, October 31
Audie's Restaurant 6:30
p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**



**Mackinaw City
Trick-or-Treating
Monday, October 31
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Fort Fright
October 7-8
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
(last admission at 8:30 p.m.)**

**Headlands Dark Sky Halloween Challenge
October 28, 2011
8:00p.m. to 10:00 p.m.**

The Headlands Challenge dares visitors to walk a pumpkin lighted path from the Headlands' entrance to the Beach House where Destiny awaits with fortunes from the stars. A free event with refreshments served.

Be wary of werewolves as you walk the lantern-lit path along the shore of Lake Michigan to Colonial Michilimackinac for Fort Fright. On Friday and Saturday, eighteenth-century French-Canadian folklore comes to life.



**McGulpin Point Lighthouse
Trick-or-Treating
Friday - Monday October 28, 29, 30 and 31.
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

Admission is \$6 adult, \$3 children, or \$18 family and free for children 4 and under and for Mackinac Associates members Friend Level and above.

Shipwrecked Pirates will meet Trick-or-Treaters at McGulpin Point Lighthouse. A free event and kids are encouraged to come in costume.

McGulpin Lighthouse closes for the season on October 16 and will reopen in May 2012. For more information on Headlands Dark Sky Events and the McGulpin Point Lighthouse hours, you can call (231) 348-1704 or visit the website at www.emmetcounty.org

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