

Greater Port Austin Area Chamber of Commerce

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008



SATURDAY EVENTS at the Harbor and at Waterfront Park

10 am - 3 pm: Free Kayak Trials - If you have never tried kayaking but would like to learn more and try it out - come by for these free demonstrations and trials

11 am - Free Puppet Show - at the Civic Center "Mermaids, Pirates & Storms: A History of the Port Austin Lighthouse" by S&D Puppetry, sponsored by PACP

11:30 am - Trained dog presentation

12:30 pm - Fishing Clinic - learn the basics of fishing, reading the water, equipment, techniques, knot tying, cleaning, etc. Special give-aways. Led by Dave Dybowski

2:30 pm - Scuba diving demonstration, Chris Roth

3 pm - Kayak safety

3 pm - Trained dog presentation

4 pm - Shipwreck Presentation - Chris Roth - at Civic Center

Sunday at 3 pm - Kayak Demonstrations

Harbor Festival June 7

Water Trail Festival June 6, 7, 8

Join in on the fun!

DOG GONE LABS

A special program at the Harbor Festival is "Dog Gone Labs!" with Mark Romanack.

Mark Romanack is an award winning outdoor writer, book author and television host who calls Northern Michigan home. He is Host of Fishing 411 "information" Television and Pro Staffer, Jay's Outdoor Magazine Television.

Featured in the program is Mason, a three-year-old black lab with extensive waterfowl and upland game hunting credits across America and Canada. Together Mark and Mason make up an educational and entertaining hunting team.

The program will be a hit for all ages. Two shows are scheduled: 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. They will take place in the area just north of the Harbormaster's building at the Port Austin State Harbor.

Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse "See the Light!"

Take advantage of a great opportunity to see the Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse up close - climb the stairs - see the light! OPEN from 10 am to 3 pm both Saturday, June 7 & Sunday, June 8 - Lighthouse Park.

Huron City Museums plan special events



The 1880s Victorian home of Langdon Hubbard at Huron at Huron City Museums

The Huron City Museums are now open for the season and welcome area residents, cottage owners and tourists to visit this unique historic village.

Huron City Museums features the beautiful 1880's Victorian home of Langdon Hubbard and 11 other furnished buildings, including an 1830's log cabin, the Huron City Church and the Pointe Aux Barques US Lifesaving Station.

They are open July 1 through Labor Day, Thursday through Monday, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In June and September they are open on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment.

Some of the major events planned for this year include their annual "Pioneer Day" on June 21, and "Sawmill Day" on August 16. On July 19-20 they will host a Civic War Encampment. A special Poetry Reading, featuring the Bards of Bird Creek, is slated to take place at the Huron City Church on September 28.

A new event this year is the "Attic Treasures Showing" June 15-22. The museums will display dresses that have been packed away in attic trunks for many years! Get a glimpse into times past, with dresses ranging from the Civil War era through the 1930's. Join them for the kick off event on Sunday, June 15, from 3:00 until 6:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person and includes an ice cream social on the grounds of the House of Seven Gables. Stroll through the house, viewing the dresses at your own pace. Please make reservations if you plan to attend.

If you cannot make it on Sunday, you can call to schedule a private viewing during the week of June 16 through June 20. The cost is \$15 per person and includes a guided tour of the house with the dresses on display. Get a group of friends together and take advantage of this rare opportunity to see what life was like back then.

Huron City Museums will again be sponsoring a series of "Wednesday Workshops" in June and September.

The Workshops include:

June 4 – Rigid Heddle Weaving

June 11 – Watercolors

June 18 – Basket Weaving

June 23-25 – Chair Seat Weaving

September 10 – Writing Family History

September 17 – Writing Poetry

September 24 – Stained Glass

For more information, contact Patty Finan at 989-428-4123 or visit online at www.HuronCityMuseums.org

1860s Base Ball set for July 5

A special 1860s Base Ball Game is scheduled for Saturday, July 5, at Gallup Park.

Sponsored by Thumb Arts Guild, the event will feature an old-time team from the Detroit metro area competing against a team made up of players from the Port Austin area. They will be playing by the "1860s rules" (no gloves, etc.)

There is a small admission charge to enter the park. Concessions will be available at the park.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and find a good spot on "the hill" to enjoy this fun event!

Proceeds go to the Thumb Arts Guild.

For more information contact Ev Hellebuyck.

TIDBITS

- * **Harbor Festival & Kayak Festival June 6-8**
 - Display a "Welcome Kayakers" sign at your business
 - * **July 4th Parade**
 - Registration - due June 13 - contact Rene at 989-738-8650 for a form or information.
 - * **Bocce on the Bay Festival of Lights**
 - Tour di Lago Bike Tour registration forms
 - Light Boat Parade registration forms
 - Spaghetti Sauce Cook-off registration forms
- Contact Paulette 989-738-8412 for more information.

“Bocce on the Bay - Festival of Lights” Italian-themed Festival set for June 27 - 29

VARIETY OF EVENTS PLANNED FOR NEW FESTIVAL

Friday, June 27

4 pm - Open Bocce Ball at Garfield Inn lawn
6 pm - Port Austin Stompers perform at the Garfield;
Italian food & drinks on the Garfield Gardens
7 pm - Venetian night at the Harbor: stroll down Lake
Street, enjoy Italian music, desserts and coffees at area
restaurants, view the lighted boats at the harbor

Saturday, June 28

9 am - Kids' Day at Farmers Market - face painting by
TAG members
noon - Scavenger hunt for 8-12 yr. olds - starts at Joe's
Pizzeria booth at Farmers Market & ends at Joe's Pizzeria
1 pm - Puppet Show, S&D Puppetry - at Civic Center.
Also - crafts - learn to make a chef's hat
2 pm - Port Austin's "Running Relay Wait Staff Rally
Race"
3 pm - Spaghetti sauce cook-off - held at United
Protestant Church - judging followed by spaghetti dinner
4 pm - Bocce Ball Tournament at Garfield Inn
7 pm - Port Austin Stompers perform at Garfield;
Venetian Night at Harbor- Italian music, enjoy desserts &
coffee, view the lighted boats
9 pm - Judging of the boats at Harbor
10-midnight - "Speakeasy" held at the Bank of 1884,
sponsored by Historical Society - 1920s Flapper-style
attire encouraged

Sunday, June 29

8 am - Tour diLago bike tour starts at Veterans
Waterfront Park
10 am - Soccer Clinic - at Veterans Waterfront Park
noon - Italian Pranzo at Joe's Pizzeria

The “Tour di Lago” - New Event offers bike tour along the shoreline

The “Tour di Lago” Bike Tour is a new event this year, set
for Sunday, June 29.

The Tour begins and ends at Veterans Waterfront Park in
downtown Port Austin. Bikers can begin their tour any
time between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The 12.5 mile
course runs east from Port Austin to the turnaround point
at Grindstone Marina and back. The 25 mile course con-
tinues from Grindstone Marina to Pointe Aux Barques
Lighthouse County Park, then back to Port Austin.

Comfort stations will be located at Grindstone Marina (6
mile mark) and Lighthouse County Park (12.5 mile mark)
with water, snacks and facilities.

A registration tent will be set up at the park, but pre-reg-
istration is suggested. The cost before May 31 is \$20 per
individual – or \$40 for a family (2 adults and 2 children
under 18). After May 31 the cost is \$25 and \$50.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Chamber
office and at area businesses.

Bikers can also register online by going to:
www.sportsbaseonline.com/Item.aspx?item_id=2376

Participants may register any time until 10:00 a.m. the
morning of the Tour, when registration closes.

Helmets are required. Also, participants under 18 must
have a parent or guardian signature on their registration
forms.

The Tour di Lago committee is selling visors for \$10.

For more information or questions, please contact the
tour director, Mary Barnes, at 989-738-1338 or email her
at tourdilago@comcast.net

Mark Your Calendar - May 2008

May

- 4** H.City Museums "Wednesday Workshops" begin
6-8 Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trails Festival at Veterans Waterfront Park
7 Harbor Festival
15-22 Attic Treasures Showing at Huron City
16 Afternoon Tea at the Garfield Inn
17-18 Annual Chamber Bocce Ball Tournament at Gallup Park
20-21 Attic Treasures sale at UP Church
20-22 Thumb Area Off Shore Challenge Fishing Tournament
21 Pioneer Day at Huron City Museums
21-22 Artist Studio Tour
27-29 Bocce on the Bay Festival of Lights (Italian themed festival)
28 Bards of Bird Creek, Poetry Reading at Bird Creek Park 7 pm
28 Priscilla Club Book Sale

COMING SOON:

- * July 4 - "Big Bang Event" – Fourth of July parade, fireworks, beer tent, music and more!
* July 5 - "1860s Base Ball" – at Gallup Park
* July 12 - Saturday Program at Huron County Nature Center: Randy Baker presents "Wild Animals of Michigan, 1:00 pm

2008 Chamber Board Members

President:	Dave Dybowski - 553-4535
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Treasurer:	LaNette Wiese - 874-4500
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Annual Chamber Election in September

At the May 5 Chamber meeting it was noted that there will be three openings up for election at the annual meeting in September: President, Secretary and one Trustee. Those currently serving in those positions (Dave Dybowski, Lori Babcock and Laura Mayes) do not plan to seek re-election, so please consider running.

"Fun & Fitness Fair"

As part of the Kids' Day at Farmers Market on June 28, there will be a special "Fun & Fitness Fair" geared toward children to encourage activity and healthy snacks.

The Fair is being coordinated by the Port Austin Community Players along with fair partners and sponsors: Huron Medical Center, North Huron Elementary School, Girl Scout Troop 759, and the Port Austin Stompers. All of the Fair activity centers are free.

Children can pick up a special "Passport" at the PACP tent that they can have "stamped" (or "stickered") at the various stations throughout the Fair.

The Port Austin Stompers will be headquartered in the gym to teach kids (and their parents) the "Burger Dance" and the "Cha Cha Slide."

Girl Scout Troop 759 will have stations for Jump Rope, Hula Hoops, Ball Toss and the Parachute.

Huron Medical Center's large tent will house a variety of activities, including "Safe Fun in the Sun," where kids can decorate a sun visor. For small children, another station will give a brief instruction in "How do you call 9-1-1?" A third station will be to get measured for height and weight. "Healthy Snacks" is the fourth station - where parents can pick up bookmarks listing 101 healthy snack suggestions - and kids can pick up a water or juice box.

Other popular activity stations include Inflatable Moon Walks, Slides and Obstacle Course.

Knoblock Riding Stable will have free horse and wagon rides, Maplewood Farms will have animals to pet, and clowns will make balloon animals - among other fun things for kids and their families.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JUNE 28!

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