

Lakeview Area News

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TOWN TOPICS

July 23 is Parent's Day. Do something nice for mom and dad.

The next Music in the Park in Lakeview is on Wednesday, July 26. "Honest and the Liars" will be performing. Bring your lawn chairs.

Blanchard will be hosting a Maker's Fair on July 29.

Also on July 29, McBride will hold its second annual Tractor Show and Festival.

This is the season for class reunions. Check the Upcoming Events section on page 3 for announcements.

Miss Lakeview and her court will be in the parades in Stanton on August 12 and Edmore on August 19.

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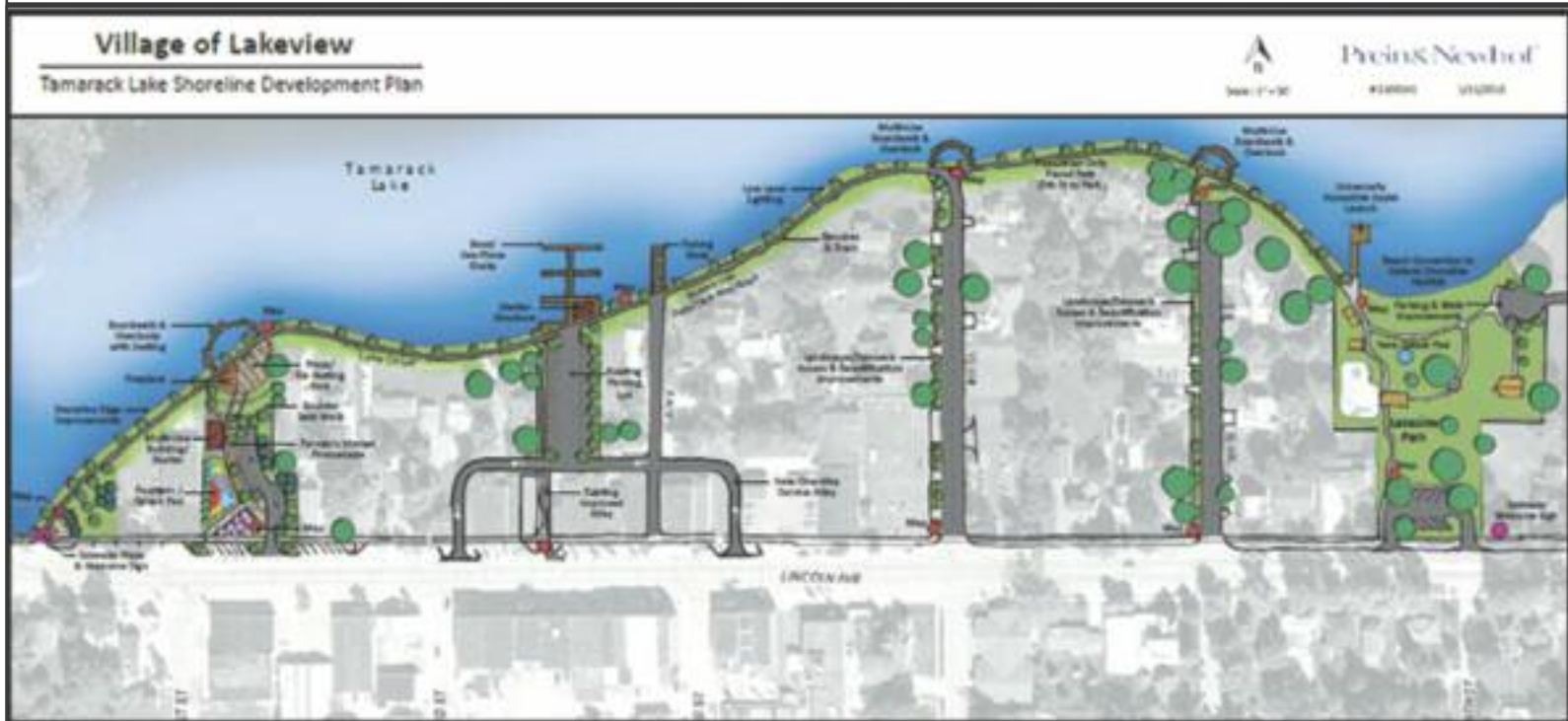


Summer Forecast

There is a 40% chance for thunderstorms for Thu. (H: 87; L: 70). Partly sunny skies for Fri. (H: 85; L: 70). Then there is a 30% chance for rain showers for Sat. (H: 86; L: 69) and a 50% chance for Sun. (H: 84; L: 70). Partly sunny to mostly sunny skies for the rest of the week, Mon. - Wed. (H: 81; L: 65).



Lakeview Plans Moving Forward



By Joe Tilton

While Lakeview has never used Tamarack Lake as an attraction, other than a past industrial facility such as the pickle docks and logging, Prein and Newhof, an engineering firm in Grand Rapids, implemented a plan that will change that. The title of the plan is "Embrace the Lake, a Shoreline Development Plan."

With original submission on January 11th, and recreational plans updated by Spring of 2018, the plan

will then be "grant ready", meaning up to \$2.3-million over five-years may be invested to make the lake a major attraction for the village.

In years past, Michigan's Main Street Program has asked village officials, "Why do you have no view of the lake when your name is 'Lakeview'?" The question is being addressed by this new plan, and will feature property near the water and use of the lake and shoreline for economic and entertainment benefit.

The planning issue

was a major discussion at the last village council meeting and will likely be on the agenda for the August gathering. This new plan is one reason for discussion of solutions to the crumbling pavement in the beer-tent area downtown.

"We've never used the lake as an asset," Village Manager Shay Gallagher said. "There have been activities like ice skating in the winter, dirt-bike races, and seaplanes have docked there, yet a lake is a major benefit beyond these activities and we

need to focus on that."

Gallagher observed that Lakeview is not a community most people pass through on the way to somewhere else, nor is the majority of the business community on M-46. "We need attractions to bring more commerce here. Our population has varied by a hundred or so over the past 20-years. In the meantime, other smaller projects are ideal as a beginning to improvements. A 'welcome gateway' improvement has been designed, and that is not an expensive thing to

do," Gallagher continued. "Other things I'd like to see added is signage on street-light poles."

The airport is another area for planned improvements. The 3500-foot runway is adequate for business aircraft, but not small business jets that require 4,000 to 5,000 feet. Without runway-length enhancements, the airport is still scheduled for a five-year improvement plan that will cost \$239,680 in State funding.

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Welcome Back Mulebone



Mulebone: John Ragusa and Hugh Pool

By Shirley Pool

The New York duo of Mulebone returned to the Lakeside Park for their ninth season. This year Hugh Pool brought his 17-year-old son Beau along with him. Beau was enjoying the park while practicing his soccer moves, taking photos and selling concert items for Mulebone. Hugh told me with pride that his son is really a good kid and never causes him worry. What a blessing! John Ragusa, Hugh Pool and Beau Pool had traveled the entire day

coming from Marquette, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula for the Wednesday, July 12, 2017 performance. I'm not sure how many miles that pertains to, but I know it is a lengthy distance. The band did not even take time to eat all day, so someone ran to McDonalds for hamburgers, so they would have something prior to the concert. They were a little late getting the concert started, but they did not disappoint anyone with their show. Lou Lincoln presented Ed and Chris Winter with a plaque for

the years of financial support for Mulebone from their Four Seasons Exterminating Company. By the way, last week I failed to recognize the support by the Lakeview Terrace for the Guinness Bros Band. All support of Music in the Park (MIP) is highly appreciated.

I am sure the bands thoroughly appreciate McKenna's Village Restaurant for their hospitality and a nice meal after the performances. Often times being a musician is thought of as a glory job. (continued on page 10)

Where the LAN Has Been



Joe and Connie took the Lakeview Area News on board the Badger

Traveling from Ludington to Wisconsin on the Badger

By Joe Tilton

"She's the last ship in the world that is coal fired and steam powered," the mechanic said. He was talking about the famous ship built in 1953 that was between Michigan and Wisconsin.

Seagull cries and walking on the metal surface of the ship, plus the squeaks coming from the steel bridge as cars, trucks, Harleys and bikes being loaded added to the excitement of boarding the grand 'ole steamer ready to carry us to a Michael McDonald/Kenny Loggins concert in Mequon, Wisconsin. (continued on page 11)

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