

## Mackinac Island

# Council Approves 39 Construction Vehicle Permit Requests

By Ryan Schlehuber

With opening day for many hotels and businesses on Mackinac Island already past or fast approaching, construction crews are laboring to complete projects, and City Council is facing an onslaught of motor vehicle permit requests to get the jobs done. While acknowl-

edging that projects on the Island are relying more and more heavily on the use of motor vehicles than in years past, and the city needs to set a firm deadline for turning down requests in the spring, Council approved 39 permits for construction vehicles Wednesday, April 23. Construction season usually is

between the end of October through the spring. Each spring, Council must determine when to cease issuing permits, taking into consideration the frost laws on roads and the priority of each work project that comes before Council.

"We've tried many times to set a deadline date but because the frost laws play into this, it's hard to pick that date," said Building Inspector Dennis Dombroski. "In some years, the frost laws weren't lifted until May," well after the bulk of Island businesses have already opened.

Council wants construction projects, especially those in the downtown area, to be finished in an orderly fashion, however, it also would like to reduce the number of motor vehicles used.

"Every time we grant a variance for vehicles, our ordinance gets weaker and weaker, so we have to be careful about this," said Councilman Jason St. Onge Friday, April 25.

"I'd like to see no motor vehicles anywhere," added Councilman Michael Hart. "I clearly recall when nobody bothered to ask for permits because they knew they would not get them. Now, it's almost automatic."

With the construction season shrinking as the tourist season expands, Mr. Hart believes manpower is being replaced by motorized shovels and loaders.

"We are seeing different building practices, and we never used to have factory-built houses and the

ditch digging equipment we see today," said Mr. Hart. The demand for use of motor vehicles is growing and the ability to maintain city policy is diminished, he said.

Debra Orr, who is building a new home on Cadotte Avenue, was denied four vehicle permits to haul excavated material because the project's start date would not be until May 21.

Issuing permits will end between May 2 and May 10, said Mayor Margaret Doud, although Council would take a case-by-case review of requests during and after that time.

Rob Fraser, owner of Maverick Construction, suggested Council lean on builders a little more during the beginning and middle stages of the construction season to ease the mad rush of requests in the spring.

Mr. Hart said Council will work on getting a deadline date for temporary motor vehicle permits soon.

"We have to bite down and do it," he said.

The city, he noted, has enforced other vehicle regulations, such as speeding and unauthorized use.

## DEAL ME IN

### Come Play The Tightest Loose Machine In The West

Dear Mark: How do you determine what is considered loose and tight in slot machines? Is there a way of identifying them? Do they place them where we can't find them?

Karen K.

All casinos, Karen, have "loose" and "tight" machines commingled on the casino floor. "Loose" machines are defined as those machines returning more of the player's money; the "tight" machines return less.

Likewise, loose and tight are relative terms. One casino's "loose" machines could be the equivalent of another casino's "tight" machines with all casinos having a mix of both.

If such-and-such casino describes their machines as loose, it can mean one of two things, "more payouts" or higher paybacks, and a slot machine's payback is not necessarily related to the number of payouts. Confused, I thought so.

As for finding those loose ones, well, that's no easy task. Slot managers place their machines strategically to maximize customer appeal and potential casino earnings. Unfortunately, Karen, I can't give you a tried-and-true reply as to where slot managers place their loose machines, besides, no two casinos do it exactly alike.

Nor is it possible to distinguish loose and tight machines by look or type. Unless specifically advertised, such as, "98% return on these machines, two similar machines sitting side-by-side could produce radically different results.

Yet, if happenstance and Irish luck place you in front of the loosest machine in the house, a "loose" machine over the long run is seldom a winning proposition.

Dear Mark: Is there any difference between a Pass Line bet and a Come bet? Can you explain how they work?

Larry S.

Come bets can be confusing to newbies, but they are easy to play -- and profitable!

A Come bet acts like a Pass line bet, but they are made after a pass line point has been established, with the next point that the shooter rolls becoming your personal point.



Mark Pilarski

When you make a Come bet one of the following three things will occur:

a.) The next roll will be a 7 or 11, in which case you immediately win even money (1 for 1), or b.) The next roll will be a 2, 3, or 12, in which case you immediately lose money, or... c.) The 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 10 will roll, becoming YOUR and the roller's point. If the shooter repeats that point on an ensuing roll, you win and are paid even money (1 for 1).

Look at a Come bet and Pass line bet as analogous, both as a couple of the best bets in the casino, with each having a house advantage of less than 1.5%.

Dear Mark: Suppose you are playing Three Card Poker and you make a bet on "Pairs Plus". You're dealt a pair of fives, but the dealer has a pair of aces. What happens to your bet? Does it lose? I lost a bet this weekend with my example above.

Jerry C.

You shouldn't have. Dealer error! He or she, possibly seven hours into their shift, probably had you on ante/play spots and inadvertently scooped up your winner.

With a pair plus wager, it does not matter if the player's hand cannot beat the dealer's. This is a stand-alone wager with the payout based solely on the rank of the 3-card hand. If less than a pair, the player loses. With a pair or higher, you win, and the higher the rank, the greater the payout.

Your typical pair plus payout schedule, no matter what the dealer has, is as follows:

A pair: 1 to 1  
A flush: 4 to 1  
A Straight: 6 to 1  
Three of a kind: 30 to 1  
A Straight flush: 40 to 1

**Gambling Wisdom of the Week:** "It makes sense to do the job well instead of depending on luck." --H. W. Lewis

Got a question about gambling? Write to: Deal Me In, P.O. Box 1234, Traverse City, Michigan 49685 e-mail: pilarski@markpilarski.com ¥ To order Mark Pilarski's Hooked on Winning audio cassettes-laminated win cards package (\$12.95 plus \$2 S&H) call 1-800-WINNERS.

## Time To Get Out the Change



Chuck McCall of the St. Ignace Department of Public Works installs one of the city's State Street seasonal parking meters Thursday, April 24. The meters were taken down in the winter to accommodate snow removal. The city collects about \$7,000 annually from those using downtown parking spots. City police have now begun issuing tickets to violators. A citation is \$2 if paid within 72 hours, and after that it jumps to \$5 if paid within 10 days.

## NOTICE CITY OF ST. IGNACE Water Main/Hydrant Flushing Program

Semi-annually, in October and April, the Water Department flushes, drains and visually inspects all 262 hydrants in the system. Starting May 5th thru the 15th the City's flushing program will be run. The City is divided into ten sections and each section is to be flushed separately, starting at the Water Plant. The last section to be flushed will be in St. Ignace Township. The hours flushing will be done are 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The procedure will involve two to three personnel, using two vehicles. The first vehicle will be flushing the system, with the second vehicle pumping out each hydrant individually to keep them from freezing. You may notice some cloudy water for a short time, if you have problems you can call 643-7451 (billing) or 643-9670 (plant) with questions.

Les Therrian  
Director of Public Works

## BIDS WANTED Moran Township

SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Moran Township Board of Trustees until 6:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, MI 49781 for the following:

### CUTTING AND TRIMMING OF GRASS IN MORAN TOWNSHIP

**Bid One:** Gros Cap Cemetery, Gros Cap Church and Moran Township Hall

**Bid Two:** Western Cemetery and Community Building in Brevort, MI

**Conditions:** Mowing and Trimming of grass around headstones, ground markers and fences. Spring Clean-Up and first mowing is to be at least seven (7) days prior to Memorial Day followed by weekly mowings during June, July, August and as needed in September.

The Moran Township Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Bids will be publicly opened and read during the township meeting.

Envelopes must be sealed and marked "Bid Enclosed".

Submit Bids to: Moran Township Clerk  
W1362 US-2  
P.O. Box 364  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
Fax: (906) 643-7208

## MORAN TOWNSHIP Special Education Teaching Position

Position: Special Education Elementary Teaching Position  
Starting Date: Beginning of school for the 2008-09 school year (1/2 time position)

Minimum Qualifications: Meet all Michigan health and legal requirements

Possess a valid Michigan Elementary Special Education Teaching Certificate

Meet or exceed the definition of "Highly Qualified" as defined in federal law, "No Child Left Behind".

Preferred Qualifications: Learning Disabled Endorsement  
Other Special Education Endorsements Considered  
Understand State of Michigan Content Expectations for Elementary Students and "Education Yes!" requirements

Pay/Benefits: As stated in Master Agreement between Moran Township School District and Professional Teaching Staff - MEA

Application Procedure: All interested parties should supply the following:  
1. Letter of Interest  
2. Resume  
3. Fingerprinting record  
4. Transcripts and other relevant placement credentials  
5. Copy of Michigan Teaching Certificate  
6. References with addresses and phone numbers

Applications will be received in the superintendent's office, William Peltier, Superintendent; W1828 Gros Cap Road; St. Ignace, MI, 49781; by May 19, 2008 or until position is filled.

Prospective employees will receive consideration without discrimination because of race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, handicap or veteran status.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Brevort Township

Sealed bids for the grass cutting and trimming of the Brevort Township Cemetery located on Brevort Lake Road and the Brevort Township Community Center located on Church Street and the Brevort Township Sign located on M-123, will be received at the Brevort Township Clerk's office until 5:00 p.m. on May 7, 2008. Bids should be sealed and clearly marked "Grass Cutting Bids". Bids will be opened and read at a special meeting to be held on May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Brevort Township reserves the right to reject or accept any bids that are in the best interest of the Township.

Susan R. Stelzer, Clerk  
2148W Charles Moran Road  
Moran, MI 49760



WASTE MANAGEMENT

The transfer station on  
Cheeseman Road  
in St. Ignace

## ATTENTION

NEW Transfer Station Summer Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wed. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

CLOSED 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department will be accepting "Sealed Bids" on behalf of the Sault Tribe Housing Authority, for the purchase of (21) Natural Gas Fired Condensing Boilers and (25) Natural Gas Furnaces. Both items must meet the required specifications listed below.

### Boilers-

Manufacturer: Weil-McLain  
Model: Ultra 80

Specifications: Trim; High limit temp control (190 deg.) ASME pressure relief valve (30 PSIG), low water protection, built in freeze protection, Taco 007 circulator, sidewall vent/air termination kit, condensate trap w/drain tee assembly, wall mounting kit, Ultra interface kit.

### Furnaces-

Manufacture: Carrier  
Model: 58MXA-60

Specifications: Communication port (KGAFP0201APM), service connection, EAC terminals (for future heat recovery ventilators), concentric adapter kit.

This equipment is considered base bid,  
no alternates will be allowed.

Interested supplier's may bid both items together or bid each separate.

Sealed Bids will be due at 2:00 p.m. on May 2, 2008

\*\*\*NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE & TIME\*\*\*  
Faxed or E-mailed bids are unacceptable

Sealed Bids must be sent to:

Sault Tribe Purchasing  
Attn: Tamara Leask/  
Boilers or Furnaces  
2186 Shunk Road  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Any questions please contact Tamara Leask at (906) 635-7035.

Sault Tribe Housing Authority has the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

## INVITATION TO BID Moran Township School District

Using Sinking Funds will accept bids from qualified contractors for renovation of:

Gros Cap School  
W1828 Gros Cap Road  
Saint Ignace, MI 49781

According to specifications prepared by the engineering firm of:

G.D. Nitz Associates, Inc.  
W1353 Pointe LaBarbe Road  
Saint Ignace, MI 49781  
Ph: 906-643-7060  
Fax: 231-368-6444  
Email: GDNginer@charter.net

The following project will be bid on a lump sum basis:

"Site Work"

Consisting of site re-grading, storm drainage structures, retaining walls, concrete walks, fencing, steps, gravel, seed and mulch.

Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familiar relationship that exist between the owner and employees of the bidder and any member of the board of directors of the school or intermediate district, superintendent of the school or intermediate district, or chief executive officer of the district.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the site on Monday, May 19, 2008, 3:30 p.m. Sealed bids will be received by William Peltier, Superintendent, Moran Township School District, W1828 Gros Cap Road, Saint Ignace, MI 49781 until 3:30 p.m. EDT, May 23, 2008, after which NO BIDS will be considered or accepted. Bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid Documents are available by contacting the Engineer at the above address upon payment of \$20 per set.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in the bidding process and to accept bids in the Owner's best interest.