

# Park-greenways Plan Adopted, Blight Discussed by Mackinaw City Village Council

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Eighteen months in the making, Mackinaw City's park and greenways plan was explained to the Village Council Thursday, November 6, then adopted unanimously and made a part of the

community's land use master plan now under development.

Village Manager Jeff Lawson took about 30 minutes to review the 56-page plan, covering use of the village's 132.2 acres of parkland and how they will be devel-

oped during the next decade.

The principal importance of the plan, Mr. Lawson explained, is its role in getting grants from the state and federal governments to achieve the plan's goals.

"You're not even eligible to

apply to the state for parks and recreation funds unless you have an approved plan," Mr. Lawson explained. "That's the primary reason we have a plan."

Chief among the plan's 18 goals is promoting recreation facilities in the village and guaranteeing access to all parks, existing and in the future.

He cautioned that money, from whatever source, will play a major role in the plan's execution, with cheaper parts being done now and more expensive ones, such as linking trails to parts of Emmet County and Petoskey coming along later.

In other matters, Ronald Wallin, village president, threw open the floor to a discussion of the village's downtown blight, which he identified as houses, service stations, and other structures in need of maintenance and repair.

"It's growing increasingly around town," Mr. Wallin said. "To me, this is unacceptable."

He proposed that blight be dis-

cussed at a coming joint session of the council and the planning commission, probably in January.

He noted that officials do tour the village and list blighted structures every spring, "but just making note of them isn't enough. We have to be more proactive."

The council also named John Riemer, an area teacher who specializes in private music lessons,

to the nine-member Mackinaw City Planning Commission. Dawn Edwards and the Reverend David Wallis were named to the Economic Development Corporation, which assists in downtown planning. Mrs. Edwards is executive director of the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce. Rev. Wallis is pastor of Church of the Straits.

## Unemployment Seminar Will Be Friday

A seminar will take place for employers Friday, November 14, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Ignace Public Library to answer questions about the state's unemployment program.

Presenters will be from the unemployment agency. The meeting was organized by Michigan Works!

There is no fee for this seminar and registration is not needed.

## Girl Scouts To Host Food Drive Nov. 21

The Girl Scouts will be hosting a food drive Friday, November 21, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Glen's Market in St. Ignace. Five troops will be participating, with girls from kindergarten through 12th grades. They

are collecting nonperishable foods, paper products, personal care items, as well as frozen turkeys or other items for Thanksgiving baskets. Everything collected will go to the St. Ignace Food Pantry.

## Principals Report to School Board at St. Ignace

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Bowling will be coached by Teri Allen. Janet Warren will coach varsity cheerleading and Marilee Barthlemy will coach junior varsity cheerleading.

### Elementary School Report

The school improvement team is focusing on updating language arts and mathematics plans, said Principal Kari Visnaw. The group is scheduled to meet again this week.

Grades for kindergarten through second grade students are now available on the school's Web site and parents have been given passwords to access their child's records.

The fourth grade is conducting a food drive for the St. Ignace Food Pantry. They will deliver the food November 20.

Teacher Holly Brown will join 30 other teachers from the region who will participate in a two-year program that focuses on greater proficiency in science, including teaching the use of technology and increasing the use of literature in science.

### Middle School Report

Principal Gregg Fettig said Autumn Orm and Michaela North have been working with music teacher Stephanie Terpening. The two girls were chosen to join 200 other students from across the county as members of the OAKE National Children's Choir. The choir will meet in Washington D.C. in March.

Parent/teacher conferences were held in early November, said Mr. Fettig, who presented the board with attendance statistics. Parents who attended the conferences by

grade included 100% of fifth grade, 59% of sixth grade, 63.5% of seventh grade, and 43.5% of eighth grade. The total percentage of parents attending conferences was 66.5%.

Parents accessing their child's accounts on the school Web site include 44.4% of elementary school parents, 78% of middle school parents, and 97.1% of high school parents, said Mr. Fettig. Parents and students have separate log-in and passwords.

Doug Ingalls and Mrs. Visnaw will introduce Michigan State Lottery winning numbers on television, but the school doesn't yet know whether it will be later this month or in May, according to Mr. Fettig.

### LaSalle High School

Principal Don Gustafson said that Consolidated Community School Services would not be sponsoring the Winter Olympic Games this year.

Bill Sutter, CCSS director, told

## Christmas Donation Program Underway

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The suggested gift value is \$20 to \$25, for items like toys, games, books, and sporting goods. Clothing is not suggested because sizing children is difficult. Program volunteers fill clothing requests when necessary.

Santa's Elves is a year-around program which has provided Christmas meals and gifts for the less fortunate in the community for more than 15 years. The program helps people in need by fulfilling emergency requests for clothing,

food, and toiletries, such as for people who have lost items in a fire. Organizations like the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Cedarville High School Student Council, and the Department of Human Services in St. Ignace have assisted the program.

For more information about the program, call coordinators Pat O'Brien at (906) 484-3520 or Mrs. Ter Haar at (906) 484-3610. Cash donations can be made all year to Santa's Elves, in care of Kate Ter Haar, 803 Islington Road, Cedarville, Michigan 49719.

The annual music department Christmas program will be Monday, December 1. The band and choir will perform in the gymnasium at 6 p.m.

The school board next meets Monday, December 8, at 7 p.m. in the middle school library.

## Community Calendar

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•Wednesday, November 19: **Free Community Meal**, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Engadine United Methodist Church. A nurse practitioner from Naubinway Family Health Clinic will present a demonstration at 5:30 p.m.

•Saturdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., for children ages three to five, Engadine Library.

### Curtis, Gould City

•Friday, November 28: **Curtis A Glow**, 6 p.m., Curtis Park. Includes lighting the town, Santa Parade, and Hot Cider.

•Saturday, November 29: **Christmas Bazaar**, 10 a.m., Portage Township Community Building and the Curtis Elementary School.

•Mondays: **Curtis Play Group**, noon, Curtis Public Library. Sponsored by Intermediate School District Great Start.

### Sault Ste. Marie

•Wednesday, November 12: **Auditions for "Nonsense,"** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., The Guild Theater. Five female roles are available.

•Sunday, November 16 and Monday, November 17: **Auditions for "Educating Rita,"** 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., The Guild Theater. One male role and one female role are available.

•Wednesday, November 26: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

•Wednesday, November 26: **Caregivers Support Group**, 2 p.m., 2nd floor conference room at Avery Square Center.

•Sundays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Shewadin Group Meetings**, noon, Shewadin Building, 2154 Shunk Road.

•Mondays and Tuesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Central Group**

**Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., Community of Christ Church, Room 101.

•Tuesdays: **Sault Parent Group**, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Algonquin Methodist Church.

•Wednesdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., for children ages three to five, Bayliss Public Library.

•Thursdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 1 p.m., for children ages three to five, Bayliss Public Library.

•Saturdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Lock City Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Church, 555 Bingham Avenue.

### Cheboygan

•Friday, November 14: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, noon to 5:45 p.m., St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

•Wednesday, November 19: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 1 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., East Elementary School.

## Kewadin's Snowmobile

### Giveaway - All Sites

Earn Entries NOW!

Grand Prize draw dates:

St. Ignace & Christmas - Nov. 22

6-10 pm Cash Draws

10:15 pm GRAND PRIZE DRAW!

Sault & Manistique - Nov. 23

2-6 pm Cash Draws

6:15 pm GRAND PRIZE DRAW!

### Upcoming Events

#### Manistique

#### Team Spirits Bar

Come Watch Football on

Sundays and enter

FOOTBALL FINAL TV

GIVEAWAY!

#### 12 Days of Christmas

#### St. Ignace

#### Northern Pines Lounge

Earn Entries Dec. 1st-12th by purchasing a beverage for various gifts given away on the 12th

#### Native American Pool Tour Tournament - St. Ignace

Dec. 12th-14th.

Sign up at: [www.drpool.net](http://www.drpool.net)

#### New Year's Eve Celebration!

All Sites - Plan on spending the night at Kewadin, Dec. 31, 08

### Tournaments

#### Christmas

\$8,000 Blackjack

Nov. 14-16, 2008

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Thunder from Down Under  
Sunday, November 16th  
St. Ignace, Michigan

Loverboy  
Thursday, November 13th  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan



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## Hessel's Snowblower Giveaway

Earn one entry per day

NOW until Nov. 26th.

Four Grand Prize Draws!

Random Cash Draws on

Wednesdays!

### Weekly Events

Rapids Lounge Entertainment  
Sault Ste. Marie

Comedy starts at 8pm - Thurs.

Nov. 13th Wes Zaharuk & Tim Costello

Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.

Nov. 14 & 15 BDR

Northern Pines Entertainment  
St. Ignace

Wednesday Comedy Shows start at 9pm

Nov. 12th Wes Zaharuk & Tim Costello

Live Music starts at 9pm Fri. & Sat.

Nov. 14 & 15 Touch of Class

Team Spirits Bar Entertainment  
Manistique

Karaoke - Nov. 21st & 22nd

Nudge - Nov. 14 & 15