



Town Crier Calendar of Events

June

- 3 Inn at Stonecliffe Wedding Show
 3 Wawashkamo Spring Scramble
 9 - 18 Mackinac Island Lilac Festival: Activities every day; see schedule.
 14 Military Medicine at Fort Mackinac: Exhibit Grand Opening Ceremony at 6 p.m.
 17 - 18 Grand Hotel Wine Appreciation Weekend
 18 Fort Mackinac's Lilac Festival Kid's Day
 24 G. Mennen Williams Celebration: Tour and cocktail reception at the Mackinac Island cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Musser III followed by dinner at Grand Hotel. 6 p.m. Visit www.mackinacparks.com for prices.
 29 Elizabeth Pollie Reception: West Wind Atelier
 30 Summer Author Series: Reverend Dr. Vincent Carroll speaks about his book "Biblical Characters with an Attitude." 4 p.m. at the Mackinac Island Public Library.
 30 Mackinac Conservancy with Tom Bailey from Little Traverse Conservancy as guest speaker. 2 p.m. at Mackinac Yacht Club.

July

- 1 Fourth of July Around the Island Yacht Race: Sponsored by Mackinac Island Yacht Club.
 2 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 4 Mackinac Associates Red, White and Blue Celebration: Annual Independence Day reception for members of Mackinac Associates held at Fort Mackinac. Free for Mackinac Associates members above Heritage level.
 4 A Star-Spangled Fourth: Fort Mackinac presents an 1880s Independence Day, with gun salutes, music and children's programs. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.
 4 An America Picnic: Fort Mackinac hosts an all-you-can-eat picnic catered by Grand Hotel, followed by fireworks. 6:30 p.m. Visit website for prices.
 4 Mackinac Island Stone-skipping Tournament
 4 - 10 Grand Hotel's 119 Birthday Celebration
 9 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 15 2006 Bacardi Bay View Mackinac Race: From Port Huron to Mackinac Island.
 16 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 22 Vintage Baseball Classic: Fort Mackinac presents a vintage baseball game on Scout Barracks ball field. The Fort Mackinac Never Sweats play the Grangers of Rochester. Call Fort for prices. 7 p.m.
 22 98th Annual Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac
 23 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 26 Mackinac Manitoulin Yacht Race
 27 Great Turtle Trivia Bowl Fundraiser: Teams compete to answer questions on topics from maritime history to historic Mackinac homes. Free with donations accepted. 7:30 p.m. at Mission Point Resort Theater.
 28 Summer Author Series: Susan Firer speaks about her book "Lilacs in Poetry, Poetry in Lilacs." 4 p.m. at the Mackinac Island Public Library.
 28 - 29 Mackinac Island Poetry Festival
 30 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.

August

- 5 Wawashkamo Battle Day Tournament
 5 Benjamin Blacksmith Convention: Downtown will play host to regional blacksmith displays of traditional tools and techniques. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 6 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 6 Mackinac Horseman's Association's 5th Annual Fun and Games Horseshow: At Great Turtle Park Horse Ring
 7 Wawashkamo Junior Golf Tournament
 9 Tombstone Tales: 8 p.m. at Post Cemetery
 11 Arnold Ferry Line Excursion: To Les Cheneaux Island for Antique Wooden Boat Show
 13 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 18 Wawashkamo Hickory Stick Shootout: 4 p.m. with cook-out to follow
 19 Wawashkamo Hickory Stick Tournament: 9:30 a.m. shotgun start
 19 - 20 Snag and Brag Straits of Mackinac Fishing Contest at Chippewa Hotel
 20 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.
 22 Golf History dinner, chipping contest and presentation at Fort Mackinac
 23 - 28 3rd Annual Mackinac Island Fudge Festival
 23 - 24 Mackinac Music Festival
 25 Summer Author Series: Elizabeth George speaks about her book "With No One as Witness." 4 p.m. Mackinac Island Public Library.
 26 - 27 Wawashkamo Club Championship: Men and Women
 27 Grand Hotel's Games and Gardens Weekend
 27 Summer Concert Series 2 p.m.

Straits Hospital May See Some Federal Funding

Construction of the Mackinac Straits Hospital health care facility has been tagged for favorable federal consideration and this year's budgets were increased to control emerald ash borer and gray wolf populations by the U.S. House of Representatives in May.

These actions were taken when the annual Agriculture

Appropriations bill was passed by the House, announced Congressman Bart Stupak Wednesday, May 24.

In addition to funding programs for wildlife control, Mr. Stupak said that the bill contained several "soft earmarks" that could benefit northern Michigan, including the proposed construction of a new

health care facility at St. Ignace. Soft earmarks are instructions from the House Appropriations Committee to a federal agency to give favorable consideration to specific projects.

The bill includes \$20 million, \$12 million more than last year, to combat the emerald ash borer, a beetle indigenous to Asia that has destroyed nearly 15 million ash trees in Michigan.

The bill contains \$1.24 million for funding to control wolf population growth, an increase over last year's \$1.05 million appropriation. The allocation includes \$300,000 in funding to control the double-crested cor-

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Parents Interested in Forming Preschool for Mackinac Island

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Bunker, Sam Kamphuis, Christina McLean, Miranda McMahon, Jason Pettit, and Emily St. Onge each received \$500 from both the Stella King Scholarship Fund and the Boys of Mackinac Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Dehring announced that owing to the expiration of hand-held computer funding through the Freedom to Learn program, the school will instead be receiving \$10,000 to buy 10 laptops. The school originally bought Palm Pilots for every student to have. The laptops will be used in addition to the Palm Pilots.

Mr. Dehring also informed the board that House Bill 4755 would require school boards to hold their elections in November on either even or odd years. This change would affect the way the Headley Amendment affects tax revenue and could potentially change the terms of board members. The Mackinac Island Board of Education usually holds its elections in June. The bill has yet to be voted on in the Senate.

Mr. Dehring reported that none of the employees at Mackinac Island Public School have criminal records, as reported by the Michigan Department of Education.

School Board Secretary Trish Martin informed the board that more than 30 applications have been received for the position of superintendent.

"We have a lot of sorting to do," she said. The board will be

meeting this week to go through the applications, and, following interviews and hometown visits, hopes to have a new superintendent in place by July 1.

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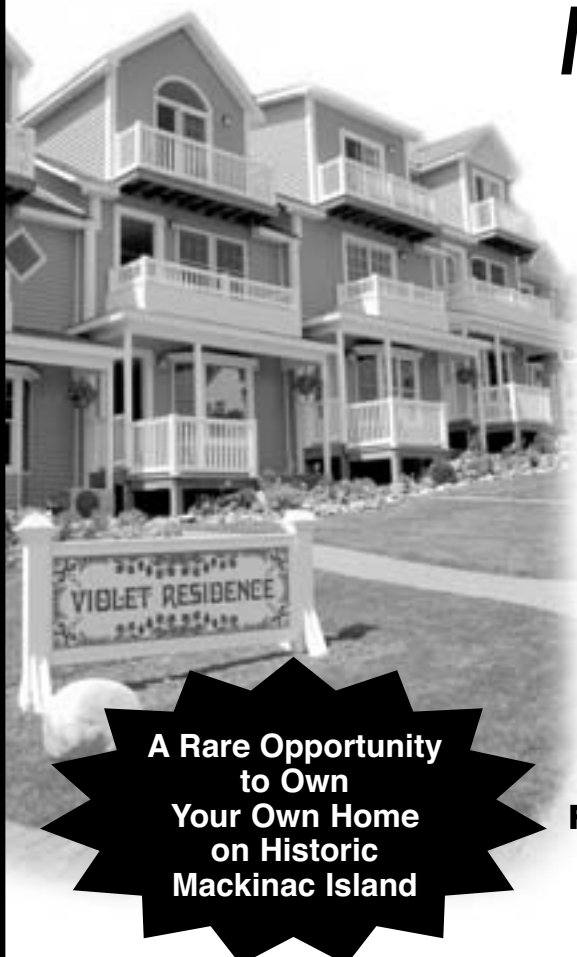
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