

MSHP Sets Speed Limits



Three women play a game of cards in a quiet corner of the Tea Room in 1936. (Mackinac State Historic Parks photograph)

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two inches to two feet in diameter. There is an area that runs north of the Mackinac Island Airport to the water's edge is free of the trees. The men also worked south along Harrison Road and Annex Road on state park land.

"This is really significant because if they were allowed to grow free in that area, we would have gone past where we could control them," said Mr. Porter.

"There is much more work that can be done," he added.

A \$2,389.43 grant from the Mackinac Island Community Foundation provided the funds for the project.

In another project, asbestos ceiling tiles and floor tiles were

replaced at the Fort Mackinac Tea Room and the Scout Barracks, said Mr. Porter. Work was completed and both areas are ready for the 2007 season.

Commissioners approved a 20-year lease renewal for East Bluff cottage owners Thomas and Kathleen Lewand of Birmingham. The lease was renewed for \$2,882 a year with annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index or five percent, whichever is lower.

The park commission next meets Wednesday, March 28, in Lansing. The meeting will take place in the fifth floor boardroom of the Michigan Historical Center and Library, at 702 West Kalamazoo Street.

Bunker Family Gathers



Pictured at a Bunker family gathering at the home of Gregg and Sara (nee Bunker) Sutherland in Orlando, Florida, are (front row, from left) Irene Bunker Rickley of Mackinac Island, Rudy Bunker of Orlando, Cheryl Bunker of Clayton, Georgia; (back) Carl Bunker of St. Cloud and Orlando, Larry Rickley of Mackinac Island, Tucker Bunker of Clayton, and Delbert Bunker of Geneva and Orlando. The photograph was taken December 27, 2006.

Island Airport Work Continues

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winter. The structure is being lengthened by 12 feet to accommodate a larger waiting room. Restrooms are being updated to provide access to people with disabilities and a covered carriage entrance, or porte-cochere, will be added.

The project is expected to be completed this year.

In a related matter, commissioners approved an agreement with the Bureau of Aeronautics

Winter Blast Hits

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January 29.

While areas of open water remain, the ice bridge between St. Ignace and Mackinac Island has not formed. Travel on and off the Island is available by Great Lakes Air at the Mackinac County Airport. Islanders, mindful of the thickening ice on the lakes, began moving their cars from the Arnold parking lot to the airport several weeks ago, anticipating the end of the boat season.

Doud Vows To 'Reach Out to Customers'

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of Mackinac Island and Harbor Springs. Andrew Doud, who is owner of Doud's Market, is leasing the building from Ms. Lundgren.

"Without Susan, there wouldn't be a grocery store," said Mr. Doud, who managed Grand Hotel's Gatehouse restaurant last summer.

"I believe it is critical that the Island have a viable grocery store," said Ms. Lundgren. "I'm very excited to see Doud's reopen. I'm looking forward to shopping there this summer."

She said Andrew Doud is a "perfect fit" for the job, as he has the family background, management skills, and enthusiasm to make Doud's Market a successful business.

Mr. Doud, whose first job as a young boy was sorting returnable cans at Doud Mercantile, under the supervision of his father, Stephen, has put much thought into carrying on his family legacy.

"On the business side of it, I really did a lot of research on this, and I believe I can establish this place as a solid grocery store," he said. "It is a vital part of the Island. It's so expensive for Islanders to leave the Island and it's an all-day event to shop off-island."

Mr. Doud wants to reestablish Doud's Market as the Island's main grocery store, giving Islanders an assurance their needs will be met at a reasonable price.

As for the personal side of managing his family's legacy, "I had to do it because it means more to me than just a business," he said. "It's a sense of family pride. It's where practically every Doud started working."

His strategy for success, he said, will be "really reaching out to the people."

He hopes to establish a grocery delivery service with Mackinac Island Service Company, similar to what Doud Mercantile did in the 1900s, when young employees would visit cottagers on the bluffs to take grocery orders and then deliver the goods on a buckboard wagon.

Customers will be able to fax or e-mail their orders to the store and have them delivered by dray, explained Mr. Doud.

"Islanders can also stop in and drop off their list of groceries and do whatever else they have to do downtown," he said. "We can then deliver it to their home."

He has redesigned the interior of the store with the help of Michigan Grocery Association

and Great North Foods.

"I want to maximize the limited space we have in the grocery store," said Mr. Doud, who plans to keep the store's meat deli and salad and soup bar. "They were able to tell me how small community stores like this compete against the Wal-Marts of the world. They said we have to be more service-oriented if we are going to survive, and that's what I plan on doing, making this a solid, reliable grocery store."

Design plans include installing new floor tile, rearranging shelves, and possibly moving the entrance of the store from the corner of the building to the center, which is what it used to be years ago, according to Mr. Doud. It would allow for more window space, he said.

He also is in the process of transferring the store's liquor and state lottery licenses to his name.

"I'm looking forward to opening," Mr. Doud said. "This store has been a huge part of Mackinac for so long. The people of the Island deserve the best effort, and I really believe they have faith in this store and will support this."

Hotel Moves Forward, Marina Consideration Request on Hold

By Karen Gould

Ira Green has asked the Mackinac Island Planning Commission to wait until February to consider a variance for a marina near the Island's east breakwall, while he secures permission from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The 16-slip marina is part of his Bayfront Hotel project in the Mission area.

Mr. Green is seeking a zoning variance for the dock and asked commissioners to table his request while he waits for the DEQ to chart the riparian rights to his property. Marina site plans will then be prepared by Ryba Marine Construction of Cheboygan.

The hotel and marina will be built on property that is zoned commercial in a residential district.

The Planning Commission

tabled the matter at its Tuesday, January 9, meeting.

Mr. Green had presented preliminary drawings of the marina in December, but commissioners said they needed more information about how his plans will conform to the city's zoning requirements for marinas before issuing a permit.

The 47-room hotel was approved in January. Since

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