

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18 through July 4

MAY

- May 18-19
Three Men and a Tenor, acapella group performing popular music infused with comedy, 8 p.m., Mission Point Resort Theatre, \$15/person.
- May 19
18th Annual Zoo de Mack Bike Ride, starts at Boyne Highlands then travels to Leggs Inn at Cross Village to the Arnold Line ferry docks in Mackinaw City.
- May 20
Sunday Night Sushi at the Epicurean, every Sunday, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m, Mission Point Resort (until October 21).
- May 22
Afternoon Tea at the Epicurean, Tuesday – Saturday, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., Mission Point Resort, Wine Tastings, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. (until October 21).
- May 24
Hiking & Biking Tours with naturalist Doc Crain.
- May 25
Wine Makers' Dinners in the Colonial Room, Mission Point Resort, 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
- May 25
Epicurean Garden Experience, Mission Point Resort, 24-hour advanced reservations required (until September 2).
- May 27
Christophorus-Kantorei Choir, a cappella youth choir of Altensteig, Germany in concert on Mackinac Island, 6 p.m., Mission Point Resort Theatre, free to public.
- May 28
Mackinac Island's American Legion service at Veterans Memorial Park, 11:30 a.m.
- May 28
Fort Mackinac, tribute to past soldiers, 8:30 a.m.
- May 28
Memorial Day Dog Walk; Marathon Race.

June

- June 4
Beer Tasting Dinner at the Round Island Bar & Grill, Mission Point Resort.
- June 6-August 29
Governor's Summer Residence Tours, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- June 8-17
58th Annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival.
- June 9
Mackinac State Historic Parks Downtown historic buildings open for season, daily 11 a.m - 6 p.m., except for Mission Church, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
- June 10
Stable Orientation and 4-H Riding Lessons Sign-up.
- June 12
Mackinac Horseman's Associations 4-H Summer Lessons Start.
- June 14
Lilac Festival Gala Fundraiser, The Green's at Mission Point Resort, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- June 14
A Taste of Mackinac, Harbour View Inn, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- June 15
Lilac Festival 4H Barn Tour and Feast of Epona Blessing of the Animals, Mission Hill Stables just past Ste Anne's Church, 4 p.m.
- June 16
Epona & Barkus Parade, Mackinac Island Public School, Victorian Fairy Tales, free, 1 p.m.
- June 16
Mackinac Island Lilac Festival Dog & Pony Show, Windermere Point. 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., free.
- June 16 - 17
Wawashkamo Junior Club Sign-Up, registration downtown.
- June 17
Lilac Festival Grand Parade.
- June 17
Grand Hotel Arts and Wine Appreciation Weekend.
- June 17
Mackinac Associates G. Mennen Williams Celebration, 6 p.m.
- June 21
Wawashkamo Junior Club starts.
- June 22
Grand Hotel Arts Weekend presents the finest music, art and theatre from the College of Arts and Letters at Michigan State University.
- June 25
Sunset Cruise, \$15 adults, \$7 children, departs Mackinac Island 8:30 p.m., Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry (Mondays).
- June 28 - July 1
The Wheelmen Association 18th Mackinac Island Meet.

July

- July 2
Michigan Beer & Wine Festival, Mission Point Resort, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- July 4
Star Spangled Fourth of July, Fort Mackinac has 1880s Independence Day celebration, American Picnic, 6:30 p.m.
- July 4
Around the Island Yacht Race, Mackinac Island Yacht Club.
- July 4
Stone Skipping Tournament, 10 a.m., children's games & contests 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
- July 4
Fireworks at dusk, Windermere Point.

Historic Lenox Hotel To Get New Roof, Dormers



The 120-year-old Lenox Hotel will have a new roof and dormers in three weeks, says Mike Gamble (left) owner of M.P. Gamble Construction of Mackinac Island. Mike and Dennis Gamble began removing old shingles Monday, May 7. The Lenox was one of the historic buildings used when Mackinac was granted National Historic Landmark status. The structure is owned by Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, which uses it for offices and lodging for some of its employees.

Hospital: Goal To Have New Building 'in Ground' by Fall

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The county owns the property the current hospital sits on, and the hospital owns the building. A \$1.3 million bond is left on the old building. County commissioners and hospital officials said they will have to discuss the site once the hospital receives final approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the new facility loans. A decision on the loans could come as early as the end of May or as late as August, said Mr. Nelson.

"The goal is to have the infrastructure in the ground this summer and fall," said Mr. Nelson.

In another matter, Mackinac County Prosecutor Fred Feleppa told commissioners they could consider changing Sue Dionne's job title to bookkeeper to resolve any incompatibility issues between her position as chief deputy treasurer and Moran Township treasurer. The board then would need to revise her job description, he said. Cheboygan County is facing a similar situation, said Mr. Feleppa.

At issue is a lack of checks and balances. With Ms. Dionne as a township treasurer, she is paying the county tax money on behalf of the township, and collecting that same money at the county level as a deputy treasurer.

"Calling her something else within the office would avoid the conflict that way," said Mr. Feleppa. "I need to fully explore that before I can recommend it."

Commissioners asked Mr. Feleppa to get further details on how Cheboygan County is handling the matter, including if the any job duties had changed.

Commissioners became aware of a new attorney general's opinion on incompatibility of the two positions in March, and asked Mr. Feleppa to look into the legalities of the matter.

The board voiced concerns

that simply changing the title would not address the issue, because it would not change the responsibilities of the job.

Two years ago when the issue was first addressed by commissioners, the county treasurer's department assured them that measures were taken to avoid conflicts in accounting procedures. Last month, commissioners noted that the potential for impropriety exists with Ms. Dionne holding the two positions.

At Thursday's meeting, Commission Chair Dawn Nelson said simply changing Ms. Dionne's title could result in a lawsuit charging commissioners with circumventing the law. The conflict is in the job duties, she said, not the title.

"It would not sit too well with the people [county residents] that we agreed, fully knowing, to the title change, but there was no job change," said Mrs. Nelson.

To change the responsibilities of her job would include bringing the matter to the Wage and Classification Committee because a change in title and duties could impact her wages.

"If we're changing job titles, we're getting involved in reclassification," said Commissioner Carl Frazier. "We want to make sure we do it right."

A letter in support of Ms. Dionne signed by Moran Township Supervisor James Durm prompted the discussion.

Commissioners signed a one-year contract with Inmate Healthcare of Peoria, Illinois, to manage health care at the county jail for \$52,000. The new medical care program will reduce costs and stabilize monthly payments. It does not cover dental expenses. The contract had been reviewed by Mr. Feleppa.

The county has paid between \$65,000 and \$69,000 a year over the last two years and had been using Vital Care of Cheboygan.