

# Mackinac Island Welcomes Four Police Officers to Seasonal Staff

By Eric Fish

Mackinac Island welcomed four seasonal police officers to assist Chief William Lenaghan, Lieutenant Pete Komblevitz, and other full-time officers with daily police duties. Each will foster Chief Lenaghan's community policing goals, which he defines as the resolution of problems before they become problems.

"It's a different approach because we're here to help the people, and if it means we have to go outside the law enforcement arena to do it, then we will," he said.

The seasonal officers will work until October.

"I believe the four that we have hired are going to be excellent officers, and are going to work well into the community," said the chief.

enrolled in the Schoolcraft College Police Academy and was graduated last November.

His first day on the job was Monday, May 7.

"I've always liked it up here," he said. "It's a relaxing atmosphere."

Officer Gagnon will be patrolling downtown on foot this summer in addition to responding to calls that come into the station.

"My biggest goal, being that it's seasonal, is just [to get] good experience," he said. "This is a nice place to go and just get some experience."

Mr. Gagnon will seek a full-time job after he leaves Mackinac Island this fall, but said he would like to come back

next summer, if the situation allows it.

## Officer Kirk Parker

Kirk Parker started April 30

and will be patrolling the downtown area and responding to calls on foot and bicycle.

After a stint in the Army, Mr. Parker went through the academy at Northwestern Michigan Community College in his hometown of Traverse City.



Kirk Parker

"I used to want to be a pilot, and once I started college, that's when I started getting interested in law enforcement," he said.

So far he has seen limited action, but expects that all to change when the peak tourist season heats up.

"I don't anticipate anything big, but you have to be prepared for it," he said.

He's already learned a lot from Chief Lenaghan and the other senior officers and hopes to come out of this summer with a wealth of new experience to help him in the full-time job search.

"My goal is just to try to learn as much as I can, because this is a field that you learn something new every day and, if you don't, something's wrong," he said.

## Officer Chris Zuellig

Chris Zuellig came to Mackinac Island because he wants to get back into police work.

"I missed it," he said, "and I have a lot of years left to give."

Officer Zuellig retired from the Detroit Police Department in 2004 and now hopes to get back in law enforcement full time. This summer, he'll be patrolling the downtown area and responding to calls whenever needed. He started May 7.

"I've always liked the area," he said. "I've been coming up here all my life, and the opportunity presented itself. I want to get back into law enforcement and continue another career with another agency."

Mr. Zuellig is originally from the metro Detroit area. After a four-year stint in the Coast Guard, he went into law enforcement and enrolled in the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy.

He'll be moving to the Cheboygan area soon and said he will take any opportunity that presents itself after he's done on Mackinac Island.



Chris Zuellig

## Officer Randy Gagnon

Randy Gagnon is originally from Redford, a suburb of Detroit, but his love for Mackinac Island stems from his childhood summer visits to a family-owned home on French Lane.

After spending four years in the Marines, Mr. Gagnon



Randy Gagnon

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS – June 1 through July 28

### JUNE

#### June 4

• Beer Tasting Dinner, 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 buildings daily 11 a.m - 6 p.m., Mission Church, noon - 4 p.m.

#### June 10

• Stable Orientation and 4-H Riding Lessons Sign-up.

#### June 12

• Mackinac Horsemen's Association's 4-H Lessons.

#### June 14

• Lilac Festival Gala Fundraiser, The Green's at Mission Point Resort, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

• A Taste of Mackinac, Harbour View Inn, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### June 15

• Lilac Festival 4-H Barn Tour, Feast of Epona Blessing of the Animals, Mission Hill Stables, 4 p.m.

#### June 16

• Epona & Barkus Parade, Mackinac Island Public

School, Victorian Fairy Tales, free, 1 p.m.

• Lilac Festival Dog & Pony Show, Windermere Point. 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

#### June 16 - 17

• Wawashkamo Junior Club Sign-up.

#### June 17

• Lilac Festival Grand Parade.

• Grand Hotel Arts & 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 music, art, and theatre from Michigan State University's College of Arts and Letters.

#### June 24

• Pancake Breakfast, Ste. Anne's Church, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### June 25

• Sunset Cruise, \$15 adults, \$7 children, departs Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry 8:30 p.m. (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 day events and American Picnic, 6:30 p.m., Fort Mackinac.

• Around the Island Yacht Race, Yacht Club.

• Stone Skipping Tournament, 10 a.m., children's activities 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

• Fireworks at dusk, Windermere Point.

#### July 6

• Mackinac Horsemen's Association Carriage Rally.

#### July 13

• Mackinac Associates Commanding Officer's Ball, Fort Mackinac.

#### July 14 - 17

• Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.

#### July 21

• Vintage Base Ball Game, Fort Mackinac Never Sweats vs. Grangers of Rochester. Fort Mackinac Scout Bar-racks.

#### July 21 - 24

• Port Huron Bay View Mackinac Yacht Race.

#### July 22

• Pancake Breakfast, Ste. Anne's Church 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

#### July 28

• Mackinac Bridge 50th anniversary celebration.



## Church Schedules

### Ste. Anne's Catholic Church

#### Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 9 and 11 a.m.

### Mackinac Island Bible Church

A church in the word for all people

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Mid-week Service 8 p.m.

all services at Mission Point Resort Theatre Watch for our Summer Concerts & Special Events

Coffee House Friday 9 p.m. to Midnight

### Little Stone Church Union Congregational

Summer Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Thursday Bible Study 1 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall All Are Welcome

### Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.

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