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## Mackinac Island's Favorite Food To Highlight Festival Next Week



Cameron Belyeu makes a batch of peanut butter fudge at Joann's Fudge early Monday morning, August 13, as Joann's and the rest of the fudge shops prepare for a busy day on the Island. This is his second summer making fudge.

## Jim Marks To Serve as Interim Police Chief

By Eric Fish

At a brief Wednesday, August 15, meeting of the Mackinac Island City Council, Officer Jim Marks was designated to be the interim chief of police in mid-September when Chief William Lenaghan leaves the Island, with a plan to appoint him full time to the post if he passes probation.

Mr. Marks has been involved in police work for more than 30 years, and will be the interim chief until January 15 while the city evaluates him.

"We will reevaluate both him liking us and us liking him," Mayor Margaret Doud said. "It's a sixth-month appointment."

Mr. Marks attended the meeting and shook hands with each council member following their approval.

"Thank you very much for your vote of confidence," he said.

The details of Mr. Mark's

appointment were discussed in a meeting of the Finance Committee immediately prior to Wednesday's council meeting. He is to be paid \$44,000 per year, or \$22,000 for the six-month appointment, approximately 10 percent more salary than the department's highest paid patrol officer. His contract will be renegotiated if he is named police chief after January 15, and he will retain his seniority as an officer if he is not named chief.

In other Council business, a rezoning request submitted by David Cutsinger was tabled until the next council meeting, in part because city building inspector Dennis Dombroski was unable to attend the meeting to answer questions.

"I'd like to table this for more study at least for two weeks," Alderman Smi Horn said.

Mr. Cutsinger wants to

rezone his property at 1358 French Lane from the R-3 high density residential zone to the adjacent historic zone. The zoning change would allow him to rent his home on a weekly basis. Property to the south of Mr. Cutsinger's home is zoned hotelboardinghouse and to the north is zoned historic.

His request was denied by the Planning Commission in a 5-4 vote Tuesday, July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutsinger attended the council meeting, arguing that changing the zone will bring more income to the Island.

Ron Dufina and Victor Callewaert submitted letters on the matter in support of the rezoning proposal. Candi Smith and Jennifer Griffin wrote letters against it.

"I'm not interested in the money," wrote French Lane

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Mackinac Island fudge is known worldwide and it is featured in tours, contests, and special drinks and foods during the 3rd Annual Fudge Festival Friday, August 24, to Sunday, August 26. Mackinac's fudge has been a special tradition since Harry Murdick opened Murdick's Candy Kitchen in the late 1880s. There are more than 15 fudge shops operating on Mackinac Island, making dozens of flavors.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can experience the hobby of letterboxing, Mackinac Island style. It is a pastime that brings navigational skills and rubber stamp artistry together in an outdoor expedition. There are four boxes to search for, and contestants use a notebook and Island map to record their search. Information can be picked up at the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau.

Other events and times are

listed below.

### Friday, August 24

Doc Crain will hosting a bicycle tour at 10 a.m. starting at Mackinac Wheels, and a hiking tour at 2 p.m. beginning at Marquette Park.

From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Island bartenders will create "fudge-ilicious" concoctions during "Fudge on the Rocks."

Detroit Music Award winner John D. Lamb will perform from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Mission Point Resort's Bistro on the Greens.

A Mackinac Island hayride departs from the Tourism Bureau at 8 p.m. Adult tickets are \$20, child tickets are \$10.

"A Little Night Music" begins at 10 p.m., with Myk Rise at the Pink Pony, D. J. Sevin on the Pink Pony Patio, Frontmen Band at Horn's Gaslight Bar, the Chris McCall Trio at Patrick Sinclair's Irish

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