

# Sounds From the Shores

Spring - Summer 2020

The Newsletter for the Town of Michiana Shores, Indiana

This newsletter will be published as needed to update the residents of Michiana Shores with current information. It is designed to be informative with regards to ordinances, services, events and happenings.

The information will come from the Town Council, the Park Board, the Park Booster Club and the Office of the Clerk/Treasurer.



**MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE *TOWN CODES AND ORDINANCES* PAGE OF THE TOWN WEBSITE, INCLUDING A QUICK 8 STEP GUIDE TO THE PROCESS:**  
[www.townofmichianashoes.org](http://www.townofmichianashoes.org)

## **UPDATE ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

Please be advised that on April 14, 2020, the Town Council, together with the Planning Commission has enacted:

**ORDINANCE 2020 – 02. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SPECIAL USE PROVISIONS OF THE ZONING CODE OF THE TOWN OF MICHIANA SHORES, INDIANA, AND CREATING A SHORT-TERM RENTAL PERMIT SAFETY & SECURITY PROGRAM**

**(This ordinance is in effect and enforceable as of April 14, 2020.)**

**\*\*\*\*\* ONCE YOU APPLY TO THE BZA FOR THE VARIANCE, AND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR A PERMIT, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO LEGALLY RENT OUT YOUR SECONDARY RESIDENCE SHORT-TERM\*\*\*\*\***

**Renting without a permit nets a \$2500 fine per occurrence.**

**Any permitted short-term rental will have a green window placard visible from the road.**

## **MICHIANA SHORES NATURE NEWS!**

The Town applied for two grants which are for “The Wetland Delineation.” The first was a study and an inventory of the area alongside of White Ditch from the southwest edge of town, from Meadow to Birchwood and then to Oakdale, was done. It inventoried the native plants and invasive species. The plan will be to plant more native plants, remove invasive species and dead trees. This is on hold, as it wasn’t approved at this time. We will reapply!

However, the second, a bank Restoration Grant, was awarded for the purpose of extending the trail and stabilizing the bank. A contract has been approved by both the Town and the DNR and work is to be completed by June 30, 2020.

## TOWN WEBSITE:

[www.townofmichianashores.org](http://www.townofmichianashores.org)

There you will find the most current information about the Town: contact information, calendar, public notices, Town Code and Ordinance updates, Comprehensive Plan, Meeting Agendas, Meeting Minutes and more.

## **Spring and Summer Topics**

### **DOG RULES!!**

All dogs must be controlled by a leash.

The existence of dogs and cats running at large without restraint within the Town and the barking, yelping, howling or other noises will be determined as a public nuisance and a menace to health, safety and welfare of the Townspeople, and owners will be fined.

Owner or person in control of any domestic animal must remove all animal waste or feces.

### **FIREWORKS RULES!!**

•It is YOUR responsibility to become aware of what fireworks (IC 22-11-14-1) are permitted. All times listed here are Central Time. The approved fireworks are permitted ONLY from June 29 to July 3 between 5 pm and (2) hours after sunset.

•The approved fireworks are permitted in the Town of Michiana Shores ONLY on July 4 from 10 am 'til midnight.

•The approved fireworks are permitted ONLY from July 5 to July 9 between 5 pm and (2) hours after sunset. •ANY VIOLATION of this ordinance shall be subject to a \$100 fine. A second occurrence will be fined \$250. A fine of \$2500 will be imposed for a third occurrence.

All fines to be paid to the Town Clerk as an Ordinance Violation.

## MICHIANA, MICHIGAN

**PLEASE RESPECT MICHIANA, MICHIGAN RULES!** They are different from the Michiana Shores, IN rules to an extent. Please contact the Town of Michiana Michigan to obtain their rules.

**BEACH STOP 37** (is Michigan) Residents of Michiana Shores may use Stop 37 (which is actually in Michigan). There is no area for parking vehicles, however there is a bicycle /wagon area next to the stop. Drop off area only across the street.

**CURRENTLY THERE ARE NO STARIS TO THE BEACH AT THIS LOCATION.** We are speaking with the Village of Michiana about what can be done this season. In the meanwhile please use the beach Stop 41½.

### **DOGS on the BEACH (in Michigan)!!**

No domestic animal whether under restraint or not, are permitted on any public beach in Michiana, Michigan between the hours of 11:00am to 6:00pm (EST) from May 1st thru October 1st.

All dogs must be controlled by a leash

**BEACH BON FIRE PERMITS-** Michiana, MI Any campfire / bonfire on the beach requires a permit from the Village of Michiana MI. Office hours: Mon-Fri - 9:00am - 4:00pm (EST)

If you need a permit after hours or weekends, please leave a message for the Michiana Police at [269-469-1884](tel:269-469-1884) They will call you back!

## **CLIP AND SAVE**

Cncl Pres – Daina Dumbrys 210-3625

Cncl VP – Michael Martinez 533-6035

Council – Pam Dubie 874-9993

Council – Mike Lancioni 362-1162

Council- Rich Young 879-4891

Clerk / Treasurer- Joan Lewis 874-3193

Building Commissioner- Steve Thomas 898-0393

BZA- Matt Bowen- 405-9028

Roads- Bob Sulkowski- 874-4243

Park Board- Dolly Millick- 872-5143

Police – Non-emergency 874-4243

**WATER NEWS...** As you all know, Michiana Shores now obtains its water from Michigan City. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the Department of Water Works, Michigan City at 219-874-3228

**SAFETY AND TRAFFIC NEWS...** There is **NO PARKING** allowed on any roadway in Michiana Shores (MS). Because of the narrow streets, cars must be parked completely off of roadways for safety purposes. Fire trucks and other emergency vehicles have difficulty navigating the narrow roads. Again, you must not park with even 2 wheels on the roadway. This is an enforced ordinance. Also, please note that the **STOP SIGNS** and **SPEED LIMITS** (25 mph) are **STRICTLY ENFORCED** in MS.

**IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT!** And make it a habit to keep your cars locked at all times.

**BUILDING PERMIT NEWS:** Before picking up a hammer or a nail, you **MUST** contact the Building Inspector, Steve Thomas at 898-0393. New building permits are available at the town office. This includes any type of building: new home,

remodeling, sheds, fences, roofing, decks, plumbing, electrical, windows, fences, pools, playhouses. **ANYTHING!**

Applications are also available through the Clerk/Treasurer.

**GARBAGE PICK UP** (have at curb by 7:30 am): Every Monday.

**RECYCLE PICK UP** (have at curb by 6 am): Every Other Tuesday. June 2, 16, 30; July 14, 28; Aug 11, 25, Sept 15 and 29

(Please bring your containers back to your house from the roadside)

## **2020 MICHIANA SHORES BOOSTER CLUB**

**NEWS:** Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Booster Club has had to suspend meetings and plans. There may still be a membership drive as usual, and they will meet as soon as possible to continue plans for park improvements and beautification and recreation.

## **SPRING CLEANING YOUR PROPERTY...**

Residents have been witnessing much dumping on properties in Michiana Shores that are uninhabited. As you beautify **YOUR** property this spring, do **NOT** even consider on dumping the waste on any of these properties. As a responsible homeowner and citizen of Michiana Shores, **DO NOT DUMP!** (There is a fine of \$100 for each violation and you will be caught.) The Town does **NOT** provide leaf pick up nor are they picked up by the Monday Refuse Contractor.

There is **NO BURNING** in Michiana Shores. You are responsible for removing any debris and **NOT** onto another property!

**HAIRCUT NEWS!** (what an attention grabber)!!! Homeowners may want to trim their bushes, evergreens, plants and anything that is infringing on the paved roadways. If not, the local barber may be by your home with a free trim of your bushes...!