



City Waves

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Kinexus Announces South Haven Partnership

A new partnership between Kinexus and the City of South Haven aims to increase economic vitality by offering services to assist in starting, retaining, and growing businesses.

Kinexus will hold regular office hours at South Haven City Hall, conference room A, in addition to visiting businesses, offering business classes, and providing one-on-one counseling for new and seasoned entrepreneurs. Kinexus and the City's economic development team will address commonly held business challenges by hosting several listening forums and setting shared goals. Businesses will have access to Kinexus' talent recruitment and training services including incumbent worker training, CNC machinist pre-apprenticeship training, and other short term, customized trainings to meet employers' talent needs.

"We are pleased to have partners, like the City of South Haven, who share our vision for thriving Southwest Michigan communities with strong businesses and good jobs," said Todd Gustafson, executive director of Kinexus. "It's this kind of collaboration that really moves the region forward."

"The South Haven community is seeing growth in the commercial and industrial job market. I believe that having Kinexus in South Haven will help local companies continue to grow, and encourage new development. I am thrilled to see this partnership come to fruition and look forward to seeing Kinexus actively working in this great community," stated Mayor Robert Burr.

A Kinexus Small Business Development Center (SBDC) consultant will be at City Hall the first Wednesday of the month to provide one-on-one counseling to help new companies develop business plans. Existing businesses will also benefit from one-on-one counseling whether they need help keeping the doors open, or are looking to expand. Additionally, Kinexus SBDC business consultants will provide market research assistance, new market development, product or service diversification, and access to capital.

Under an agreement with the County, Kinexus is responsible for promoting and implementing Van Buren's revolving loan fund. Through this fund, Kinexus will assist qualifying South Haven area businesses in gaining access to gap financing. Residents interested in learning more about this opportunity should call Dan Peat at 269.927.1064 x1184 or visit the Kinexus staff during office hours.

On Thursdays, Kinexus business development team members will be at City Hall working with employers to post job descriptions, screen job applicants, hold hiring events, and connect businesses with training solutions.

Professional jobseekers interested in applying for jobs will be able to access resume and interviewing assistance on Thursdays by appointment by calling Page Eisbrenner at 269.927.1064 x1197. Jobs will be posted regularly at City Hall and on the Michigan Works website, miworks.org.

Kinexus is a nonprofit organization that connects people, investments, and organizations with strategies and services that make southwest Michigan region a great place to live, work, and play. We are dedicated to creating solutions for business, workforce, and community challenges that promote economic vitality in the southwest Michigan region. For more information, go to www.Kinexus.org and follow us on Twitter @KinexusGroup and Facebook at facebook.com/KinexusGroup.

Coming next month:



June:

Meetings

2	City Council	7:00 pm
4	DDA	12:00 pm
5	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
9	LDFA and Brownfield	4:00 pm
10	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
16	City Council	7:00 pm
17	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
23	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm

***Please confirm dates, times & location before attending.*

Other

15 Father's Day



As City of South Haven employment opportunities arise, the City posts job listings on our website at www.south-haven.com, at City Hall, and publishes in the South Haven Tribune. The City of South Haven is an equal opportunity employer and will not unlawfully discriminate in its personnel matters with regard to religion, race, color, national origin, age, sex, height, weight, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.



City Website...



The City of South Haven constantly strives to improve communication through the daily updating of our website: www.south-haven.com

Just a few reminders...

- The City of South Haven Code of Ordinance states that trash containers may be placed on the curb no more than 24 hours prior to trash pick-up, and removed no more than 24 hours after trash pick-up.
- Please note the following excerpts from the City's Zoning Ordinance regarding signs:
 - * Signs not exceeding six (6) square feet advocating for or against a particular political cause or candidate for political office, within sixty (60) days prior to an election. Such signs shall be removed within fourteen (14) days after an election and may not be placed in any public right-of-way.
 - * Signs not greater than four (4) square feet in area advertising a temporary condition such as a garage sale and erected for not more than seven (7) days in a four (4) month period.
- Every person who owns, occupies or leases any land within the city must cut, destroy, and remove all noxious and poisonous weeds growing on the property, as well as dead grass and brush. The resident must also prevent grass from growing in excess of six inches in height.
- You may notice that all bills from the City now contain a barcode. Please make sure to bring your bill with you when you make a payment to ensure proper posting of your payment and to expedite your service.



Riverfront Concert Series

Each Thursday during the summer, starting May 22rd and continuing through August, the City of South Haven holds a Riverfront Concert free to the public. The concerts are held adjacent to the Southside Marina overlooking the Black River.

The Riverfront Concert Series is funded completely by local donations. If you are interested in sponsoring the series, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (269) 637-0772.

Performing in the 2014 season:

- May 22: South Haven H.S.
- May 29: Susan Harrison
- June 5: Eddie & Mark
- June 12: Waterfront Film Festival
- June 19: Harborfest
- June 26: Blue Water Ramblers
- July 3: Fireworks!
- July 10: The Snyders
- July 17: Casco Band
- July 24: Kevin McDaniel & House Band
- July 31: Lake Effect Jazz Big Band
- Aug 7: Blueberry Festival
- Aug 14: Star & Charlie
- Aug 21: Girls Night Out
- Aug 28: The Adams Family



For more information on the concert series visit the City of South Haven website at www.south-haven.com.

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