



City Waves

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Grant Awarded For Offshore Weather Buoy

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The National Office of Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has announced a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to place an offshore weather buoy in Lake Michigan near South Haven. The City of South Haven and LimnoTech, an Ann Arbor research firm, collaborated with local fishing and boating organizations to request the grant funding.

The City's application for "Developing a Sustainable Nearshore Buoy Network through Stakeholder Engagement and Outreach" will fund purchase of a weather buoy, and a public outreach and education program to promote beach and boating safety on Lake Michigan. The buoy will be located several miles offshore, and will be retrieved every fall to avoid ice damage.

South Haven Steelheaders started the initiative to apply for a grant for a buoy, and were joined by a number of community groups that have supported the grant application.

The buoy will hold a weather station, provide real-time wave height information and display water temperature data at various depths. Data will be available to users on a website.

Mayor Bob Burr stated, "The weather buoy will improve beach safety and boating safety by providing up-to-date wave and weather information from Lake Michigan. The water temperature data is useful to fishermen who are trying to locate perch and salmon."

A number of local governments, organizations and businesses have pledged funds toward annual maintenance of the buoy. The annual maintenance cost is estimated to be about \$25,000 per year.

Additional partners are being sought to donate funds for annual maintenance of the buoy.



Coming next month:



July:

Meetings

2	DDA	12:00 pm
3	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
7	City Council	7:00 pm
8	Parks Commission	6:00 pm
14	LDFA and Brownfield	4:00 pm
15	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
21	City Council	7:00 pm
28	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm

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

Other

- 3 4th of July Fireworks
- 4 Independence Day (City Hall Closed)



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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 22nd 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:

Concerts start at 7:00 pm.

- 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.