

Marine City Chamber News

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Organized for the purpose of actively developing, promoting, focusing on and ensuring the economic growth and development of our business members and the community at large.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Sep 15

Networking Mixer,
Anita's Riverside Grill

Friday, Aug 12-Sun, Aug 14
Maritime Days Festival

Friday, Aug 19

Voo-Doo Doctors' Dance
and Silent Auction,
Washington Life Center,
6 p.m.

Saturday, Sep 24, 7 p.m. and
Sunday, Sep 25, 2 p.m.

Off Our Rockers Variety
Show, **Washington Life
Center**

Tuesdays

Farmer's Market, High
and Parker Streets, 10
a.m.

*For more events, see
Community News, page 4

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Chamber Events

Thank you to **AJ's Salt Docks**, our host, and **Captive Visual Marketing (CVM)**, our sponsor, for our super July 19 Networking Mixer. There was great food, great fun, and we got to see Art Bryson dive off AJ's dock and float home— some kids never grow up! Contact **CVM** for info on their advertising programs, including "Discover the Blue" regional cross-promotion television ads.

We are hoping to hosts two Mixers in September. One will be on the 15th in Marine City at **Anita's Riverside Grill** with **Fifth Third Bank** as sponsor and, hopefully, the other will be on the 22nd in Sombra, Ontario. Watch your email for full details!

Make sure to visit both **Verellen Farms** and **Good Natured Gardens** at our Farmers Market each Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through October 11!



Colorful flowers join produce, jams, baked goods and more at our Farmers Market on Tuesdays.

President's Report

Georgia Phelan

A great big welcome to Holly Weaver, our new Chamber Administrative Assistant! Holly started with us at the end of July. She's learning her way around the office and is becoming familiar with our Member products and services, activities, the Board of Directors, and Marketing Committee. Holly will be handling a lot of our Member activities, so you'll be hearing from her on a regular basis. This month, she will also assist with our annual Board of Directors nomination and election process. Holly's current hours in the office will be on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Fridays from noon to 2 p.m.

This new position is expected to expand as we progress as an organization. Most importantly, this position will assume much of the office work that has been handled in recent

years by our volunteer Presidents. This will transform the Presidency into the less-demanding role it should be by the time our next President steps in on October 1.

As that last sentence indicates, when my two-year term on the Board ends on September 30, I will be stepping aside as President. I do hope, though, to be nominated to run for a Board seat again for 2011-13 and perhaps hold a different office. I feel I've positioned the Chamber to make these necessary Board transitions smoothly, and it's important we be able to do so.

So in the coming weeks, watch for your Board of Directors nomination form and then election form in the mail (USPS, not email) and be sure to participate. We're making great progress in the Marine City area; let's keep the ball rolling with a great Board of Directors!

Welcome New Members!



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Yearly community festival, second weekend of August

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Member News

See Community Events on page 4 for Member upcoming events

Attached to this newsletter is info from the Blue Water Area Chamber on Blue Cross Blue Shield/ Michigan insurance plans available as a benefit of membership to Marine City Chamber Members. Ask our Member insurers for details: (**Steinmentz-Vandenbossche Agency & Great Lakes Insurance**).

AJ's Salt Docks has done a little redecorating. New carpeting was recently installed. Go check it out—if

you can tear yourself away from their great river view on the patio!

Verellen Farms has purchased new “high tunnel” field protection. This covering allows tractors through and will create earlier produce—including tomatoes, cucumbers, and zucchini—which will be available next year in late June to early July, about a month ahead of the traditional season.

From Our Marketing Committee

Bus tours to Marine City?! The Marketing Committee is pleased to welcome new Chamber member Cheryl Gilsbach to our committee. Cheryl, an Individual Member, joined to spearhead bus tours to Marine City. We’ve been looking for several years for a volunteer to help work on this and Cheryl was looking for a way to make tours happen; it’s a perfect match! Georgia Phelan is working with Cheryl to develop the support materials needed to put these tours together. We expect Administrative Assistant Holly Weaver will also have a role in the tours. Our Marketing Committee has already identified and developed activities, such as shopping and recreation, architectural & other tours, and many of our Members are able to provide amenities such as museums, stores, and restaurants. We see tours as a natural expansion of our outreach to bring visitors and their dollars to the area. Our first small tour group is expected in town on August 30.

tival Civic Fair: Georgia Phelan, **Thompson-Phelan Group**; Chris & Katie Phelan, **Talmer Bank**; Heather Bokram, **The Heather House B&B**; Chris Kadey, **KD Bookkeeping Services**; and Scott Anderson, **Anderson Consulting**.

Since Marine City is an important location on the new US Bike Route 20, and since we also have the Bridge to Bay Trail winding across town, here’s a good article to read, courtesy of Scott Anderson: [5 Easy Ways To Be a Bike-Friendly Business](#).

This will be of special interest to businesses which rely on visitors for some or all of their business. A great site for both wet and dry recreational routes in our county is www.bluewaysofstclair.org. You’ll find US Bike Route 20, an interactive map, and much more on the site.



Chris & Katie Phelan, **Talmer Bank & Trust**, staff our Civic Fair booth on Sunday at the Marine City Music festival.



Steve Saph, **Nickle & Saph**, swings one of his Austrian houseguests across the festival dance floor.

Member Products & Services

MEMBER PRODUCTS

- Free member business listings on:
 - www.marinecitychamber.net
 - www.visitmarinecity.net
- Free Regional Chamber Directory listing
- Member Discounts on Products & Services
- Newsletter advertising
- B-to-B advertising
- Marine City Visitor's Brochure
- Chamber Events
- Member-to-Member mailing labels
- Area business mailing labels

- Blue Cross Blue Shield products

MEMBER SERVICES

- Networking Mixers at no cost
- Business Education programs
- Red Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies
- Participation in "Discover the Blue" tourism
- Community & business marketing
- Free Business Concierge assistance
- S.C.O.R.E. Business Counseling

Member List

AB Computer Solutions

AJ's Salt Docks

Anchor Inn Motel

Anderson Consulting

Anita's Riverside Grill

ARR Party Rental

Back Porch Antiques

Beauchamp, Gauss, Gschwind, PLLC

Bill MacDonald Ford

Bill MacDonald Ford Collision Center

BLB Engraving

Blue Water Ferry

Bob Lepley

Bower-Rose Funeral Home

Butler Plastics

Captive Visual Marketing, LLC

Cheryl Gilsbach

City of Marine City

Comm. Pride & Heritage Museum

Comfort Keepers

Corner Grocery

Cottrellville Township

Cynthia Lane, Attorney at Law

D. Bruce Beaton, Attorney

East China Charter Township

Edson, Melissa

Edward D. Jones, Patrick Dorcey

Edward Jones, Alice Jehle

FB Package & Shipping Center

Fifth Third Bank

Frank Real Estate

Friends of City Hall

General Printing, LLC

Good Natured Gardens

Great Lakes Insurance Agency

GT Graphics

Harbor Health Home Care

Harvest Time Christian Chapel

Henderson Glass

Historical Society of Marine City

Holy Cross Catholic Elem. School

JGM Property Group, Inc.

KD Bookkeeping Services

Kenneth McCormick, DDS

Kern Chiropractic Center

Kloeffler Industries

Lester-Brown Foundation

Living Faith Lutheran Church

Maid in the USA

Maple Lawn & Landscaping

Marine City Civic Women's Club

Marine City Dental, PC

Marine City Gunsmith

Marine City K of C Banquet Center

Marine City Maritime Days

Marine City Music & Art Festival

Marine City Rotary

McBride, Manley, & Miiller, PC

McDonald's Restaurant

MediLodge of St. Clair

Michael West, Attorney at Law

Michigan Notary Service

Muffler Doctor Auto Repair-Sales

Nickel & Saph, Inc.

North Bay Building Co.

Picture This Art Shop

Real Estate One Westrick

RehabCare

River's Edge Wash & Lube

Riviera Restaurant

Rockford Carving Company

Safe Haven 4 Kids of Michigan

Saph & Saph, PC

Save-A-Lot

Schantz, Randolph T.

Seaway Community Bank

SEMCO Energy Gas Company

Shangri-La Mobile Home Park

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St. Clair Chrysler, Jeep, Ram

St. Clair County Community College

St. John River District Hospital

Steffy Builders

Steinmetz-Vandenbossche Insurance

Sunrise Convenience Store

Sunset West Tanning

Talmer Bank & Trust

Terhune Sales and Service

The Apple Core

The Arc of St. Clair County

The Heather House Bed & Breakfast

The Little Bar

The Sweet Tooth

The Voice Newspaper

Thompson-Phelan Group

Thorpe Printing Services, Inc.

Thumb Print News

Vera Grace Emporium

Verellen Farms

Verus Financial

VG's Food Center

Washington Life Center

Waterford Financial Management

Zimmer Chiropractic

Zimmerman's Meat Market

*We make a living
by what we get.
We make a life
by what we give.*

—Winston Churchill



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Community Events

Please visit www.visitmarinecity.com

It's **Maritime Days Festival** time! The fun lasts three days, from August 12-14. There are new events, a new parade route, water ball tourney, beverage tent and much more. For more details, visit www.marinecitymaritimedays.org or contact maritimedays@gmail.com.

The Voo-Doo Doctors, Dance and Silent Auction scheduled for Friday, August 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. has been cancelled. Anyone with tickets for this event will receive a full refund. Please call 810-765-3523 for more information.

Washington Life Center's 22nd Off Our Rockers Variety Show will be Saturday, September 24, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, September 25, at 2 p.m. Performances will be held at Algonquin Middle School on 9185 Marsh Road in Algonac. Tickets are only \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under, and they can be purchased at the Washington Life Center. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door before each performance. Singers, dancers, musicians, and the Cherry Beach Players will provide fun for all ages! For more information, call 810-765-3523.



Jonathan Phelan, **Waterford Financial**, and his girlfriend, Krysandra Grewe, pose riverside with the two Austrian musicians they hosted for the Music Festival.

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Chamber Board of Directors & Committees

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Georgia Phelan <i>Thompson-Phelan Group</i>
Vice President	Christine Kadey <i>KD Bookkeeping</i>
Secretary	James LaLonde <i>Steinmetz-Vandenbossche Agency</i>
Treasurer	Amy Hart <i>Individual Member</i>
Directors	Art Bryson <i>AB Computer Solutions</i> Jeff Arpan <i>Fifth Third Bank</i> Gary Forst <i>Muffler Doctor</i> Jesse White <i>Marine City Gunsmith</i> Todd May <i>The Sweet Tooth</i>

COMMITTEES

Marketing:	Chair Georgia Phelan <i>Thompson-Phelan Group</i> Chris Phelan <i>Talmer Bank & Trust</i> Scott Anderson <i>Anderson Consulting</i> Sue Jenken <i>North Bay Builders</i> Craig Vermette <i>VG's Food Center</i>
Membership:	Gary Forst <i>Muffler Doctor</i>
Newsletter:	Amy Maddox

To volunteer for Chamber activities, place an ad, or be an event sponsor, please contact us at chamberoffice@marinecitychamber.net or 810-765-4501.