

## Message from the Mayor

### Winding up for the winter

With the fall season upon us you might think of things winding down after a very busy summer in Luna Pier. Sure, it was a great summer at the beach as once again we welcomed guests from all over the globe, many seeing a Great Lake for their first time ever. We have hosted some remarkable community events like the Easter Egg Hunt, Night Market, the ever-popular Luna Pier Freedom Festival and many more. These are the things that build community in our public spaces. We are not winding down at all as we still have big plans for this fall and winter and we are preparing for future events coming in the spring, summer and beyond. Hard working and dedicated volunteers are bringing these things to life right now. It takes a vision for what we can be as a community and boots on the ground to make that vision a reality. Lifetime memories are built as neighbors come together and enjoy a space with real interaction as we get to know each other. The more we learn about each other, the more we realize how amazing this community really is. Sometimes it's easy to forget that not everybody walks out their door and sees a pair of bald eagles flying overhead or the sight of an osprey bringing freshly caught fish back to a nest of hungry chicks. Breathtaking sunrises are something some people rarely see and we have them right outside our door or perhaps right out our front window.

Still, what makes this place truly marvelous are the people. You, your neighbors and friends all of us together in our similarities and differences. It is easy to lose sight of that especially when we only see each other through a keyboard and a screen. Our real jewel, our precious gem that is the City of Luna Pier is the gift of meeting our neighbors in safe community settings. Meeting to relax, for recreation or meeting to solve problems, plan events and enjoy our time together. As you read through this newsletter, take note that the exciting things happening in our community today are the direct result of neighbors getting involved, solving problems, making things happen, working hard and having fun along the way. We hope that you will join us in our celebrations and community events, appreciate the foresight and hard work that goes into them and perhaps lend your talents, leading our community into a vibrant future with great people in a great place we call Luna Pier.

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Mayor Jim Gardner

