

Message from the Mayor

It seems the worst of this cold, hard winter is behind us as temperatures start to rise and the days start to get longer. There is much to celebrate this year with the 250th birthday of our nation and the 100th anniversary of the opening of our original pier. The grand opening was celebrated over the July 4th holiday in 1926 as the Toledo, Ottawa Beach and Northern Railway carried passengers to Luna Pier to dance the night away under the stars and moon as live music played into the night. Lower lake levels and strong southwest winds have recently provided the opportunity to see remnants of the original pier still in place to this day. Luna Pier is one of the few remaining places where bridge beams from the original Inter-Urban rail system are still in place. Though relatively short lived, the original pier put us on the map and gave us our name while the trolley car line made it all accessible to people from Toledo, Monroe and beyond.

Now I-75 has long since replaced the trolley cars and our new pier is nearly twice as old as the original pier was when it met its demise, crushed by ice driven by a Lake Erie storm in the 1940s. An additional benefit of our new pier as confirmed by experts from the Michigan DNR is our beautiful public beach formed as sand is carried by waves and deposited on our shoreline. All these years later, one thing remains the same. People love this jewel we have here. While fishing, swimming and sunbathing have replaced the big bands, the live music has moved inland to our great restaurants and residents like you and me live here year around instead of moving to the city in the winter. When you have a great thing like this, why not come home to it every day?

When I read our history and remember back to the first few years of a brand new city in the early 1960s, I am at awe at the vision and hard work of our city founders. Nobody thought this band of trouble makers would amount to anything in our flooded cottages and swamp land but they knew better. Ordinary citizens made city water, sanitary and storm sewers, a dike system, paved and lighted streets, parks and general city services a reality. They built the city we know today.

When I meet people and they learn I am from Luna Pier, overwhelmingly I see a smile as they tell me what a jewel we have here. Trust me, that was not the case in the early days. We still have our challenges. Our cash cow that funded our rapid progress is gone but I believe the vision for what we can be is alive and well. Our greatest wealth is in ordinary citizens getting involved and making the vision a reality. The future is bright as local businesses who care about our city are constantly improving. Our boards and commissions have great plans for an exciting year ahead of us and in years to come.

One final thought is we can't do it without you. I know we have tremendously talented people in our city. You have the skills to make things happen. All of our meetings are public meetings and you are welcome to attend without pressure to join. Share your thoughts, help where you can and become part of this great legacy we call Luna Pier.

Building Department

The Building Department has a web page at <https://www.cityoflunapier.com/building-zoning/>. Here, you can discover useful information to assist you with questions regarding projects and permits. You can access forms and certain types of permit applications online. Most applications and supporting documents can be submitted by email, with the exception of projects requiring full-sized building plans. Thank you for visiting the Building Department web page, and if you need any additional assistance, please email at: mdemski@cityoflunapier.com or call us at (734) 848-6495 (Ext 202 Building)

Mission

The Building Department is committed to protect, maintain and improve the health, safety, welfare and quality of life for residents and businesses located in our city through the enforcement of the State of Michigan construction Codes and local ordinances established for those purposes.

Responsibilities

The department oversees and approves all residential, commercial, and industrial construction and improvements within the city. Permit applications, plan review, and inspections are processed routinely. Staff members assist with the tasks of providing permit information and procedures along with enforcing code compliance.

Code

The City of Luna Pier has adopted the following: 2015 Michigan Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Michigan Building Code, 2021 Michigan Rehabilitation Code, 2021 Michigan Plumbing Code, 2021 Michigan Mechanical Code, 2021 Michigan Energy Code, 2023 National Electric code (NEC), as well as related standards and local Zoning Codes.

Requirements for Building Permit Plan Review

A Building Permit Application that requires a plan review must be submitted to the Building Department with 2-sets of plan drawings. Typically plans are not required for maintenance type work, but are required for all new construction.

Does My Application Need Plan Review?

Residential, Commercial, and Industrial permit applications that typically require plan review are not limited to: Accessory Structures, Additions/Alterations/Dormers, Repairs/Relocations, New Construction, sheds, garages and decks, Communication Towers, signs, and similar type projects.

What is the Fee for Plan Review?

Most review fees are based on the time required to review your construction plans for code compliance. The better and more detailed your plans are, can expedite your review and limit the fees.

Zoning Review Fees

All building/zoning permit applications received through the Building Department are subject to a Zoning Review Fee (ZRF). A zoning review is performed to determine if the project you are proposing meets the requirements of the City of Luna Pier Zoning Ordinance.

Typically, this fee is required for most new projects that do not require a building permit, but do require a review for Zoning Ordinance compliance. The ZRF does not include plan review fees and/or permit fees. Permits exempt from a Zoning Review: removal and replacement of existing roofing, siding, windows, concrete or similar work.

Right-Of- Way Permits

For any work to be performed within the Road Right-Of-Way, a review and permit are required. This includes all work, even though a building permit may not be required. This most often would be driveways for residential projects. A Right-Of-Way permit can be obtained from the office staff at City Hall.

Project Planning

The Building Department is here to help. When you begin planning your project or improvement, please reach out to us with any questions or help with required documents, and to ensure the permitting process will go smoothly, when you are ready to begin your project. The Building Department can be contacted by email: mdemski@cityoflunapier.com or by phone: 734-848-6495 ext. 202.

Water Tower Park Senior Nutrition Site is Open

If you are 60 years or older, come join us for lunch at noon, the more the merrier! The center will be open from 10: 00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enjoy nutritious food and make new friends.

Located at: 11345 Harold Drive in Luna Pier

RSVP by calling for Reservations the day before at: 734-242-6800



MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It's going to be a busy year for elections, with elections occurring in May, August and November. Here's the breakdown:



- **Tuesday, May 5th** – Special Election – Monroe County Intermediate School District Regional Enhancement Millage Renewal Proposal .9866 Mill for 5 Years. There will be no early voting for this election.
- **Tuesday, August 4th** – Primary Election for local and state candidates. This election will have early voting at Erie TWP City Hall for the 10 days prior to election.
- **Tuesday, November 3rd** – General Elections for local and state candidates and school board. This election will have early voting at Erie TWP City Hall for the 10 days prior to election.

For all Election Days: The Election will take place at Luna Pier Fire Hall, 4268 Luna Pier Road. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stop by City Hall if you want to register to vote, or if you need an Absentee Ballot application.
City Hall, 4357 Buckeye Street, Luna Pier

Candidates for Mayor and City Council

Elections for the positions of Mayor and 3 Council Members will take place in 2026, with these positions taking office on January 1, 2027.

All interested, and eligible, residents can pick up a candidate packet at City Hall, 4357 Buckeye Street, Luna Pier, MI 48157.

DEADLINE – Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 4:00 PM – Candidates nominating petitions (or \$100.00 fee) and Affidavits of Identity are due.

Petitions are to be signed by no less than twenty-five (25) and not more than fifty (50) Registered Electors of the City of Luna Pier.



Charlie Boyce, City Clerk
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FACTUAL INFORMATION FOR VOTERS REGARDING THE MAY 5, 2026 ELECTION



WHO IS CONDUCTING THE MILLAGE RENEWAL ELECTION?

As required by state law, the Boards of Education for nine public school districts, the Monroe County ISD, and two charter schools in Monroe County have requested that the Monroe County Intermediate School District Board of Education conduct an election to seek renewal of the county-wide millage for educational technology supporting K-12 curriculum goals.

HOW WILL THE MILLAGE MONEY BE USED IN OUR SCHOOLS?

Millage funds may only be used to support educational technology, including related staffing, services, and cybersecurity. These funds cannot be spent on other school expenses.

Technology investments are selected to support specific instructional goals and enhance teaching and learning across all grade levels. Millage funding helps provide an instructional support system that includes student devices, digital learning resources, network infrastructure, cybersecurity measures, and ongoing technology services.



IS THIS A NEW TAX? WHAT IS THE AMOUNT?

This is not a new tax; it is a renewal request, so local property taxes will not increase. The proposal renews a .9866 mill levy for five years, equal to .9866 cents per \$1,000 of taxable home value. For example, a home with a taxable value of \$100,000 would contribute \$98.66 per year. The requested amount is slightly less than 1 mill.



CALCULATE YOUR TAX
Scan or click the code below to estimate your annual Educational Technology tax using your property's taxable value.

WHY IS THIS A COUNTY-WIDE ELECTION?

State law permits only intermediate school districts to place regional enhancement millages on the ballot. Since 1997, local school districts have not been permitted to seek these millages at the district level; therefore, this proposal must be presented as a county-wide election.



**TUESDAY
MAY 5
2026**

2026 MONROE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY RENEWAL



The official proposition language that will appear on the ballot on Tuesday, May 5, 2026

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the intermediate school district to continue to levy regional enhancement millage that will expire with the 2026 levy. Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed millage will be collected by the intermediate school district and distributed to the constituent districts of the intermediate school district based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Monroe County Intermediate School District, Michigan, be renewed by .9866 mill (\$.9866 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2027 to 2031, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for constituent district technology purposes and related expenses; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2027 is approximately \$7,636,841, which funds are expected to be disbursed as required by statute to Airport Community Schools, Bedford Public Schools, Dundee Community Schools, Ida Public Schools, Jefferson Schools, Mason Consolidated Schools, Monroe Public Schools, Summerfield Schools, Whiteford Agricultural School District, Horizon Science Academy New Bedford, Triumph Academy, and Monroe County Intermediate School District (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2026 levy)?

HOW ARE THE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED?

If approved, millage revenue will be distributed to local school districts based on each district's K-12 student population. Participating districts include Airport Community Schools, Bedford Public Schools, Dundee Community Schools, Ida Public Schools, Jefferson Schools, Mason Consolidated Schools, Monroe Public Schools, Summerfield Schools, Whiteford Agricultural School District, Horizon Science Academy New Bedford, Triumph Academy, and the Monroe County Intermediate School District.

WHEN IS THE ELECTION? WHO CAN VOTE?

The election is Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registered voters age 18+ in residing in Monroe County school districts may vote. Absentee ballots begin 40 days before Election Day; early in-person voting may be available by municipality.



**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS INFORMATION?
CALL STEVE MCNEW, MCISD SUPERINTENDENT | 734-322-2610**

PRODUCED BY THE MCISD COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE.



Rasey Memorial Library / Luna Pier Branch

Need something to entertain the kids this spring? Bring them to the Luna Pier Library; we have activities for kids of all ages!

Lil' Bookworm Storytime - Mondays at 10:30

Stories, songs and a fun activity followed by play time. A chance for the children to play together.

Dinner and Delight – Tuesdays at 4:00

Kids up to 18 years old can have dinner followed by a different activity every week. Stop in the library to see the activity schedule.

Brains and Games – Wednesdays at 3:30

We start with homework and hot chocolate at 3:30. Kids can bring their homework to the library and Miss Jill will help them. At 4:00 we serve dinner and play a game of some sort afterwards.

Tween/Teen Craft

We do a monthly craft night for kids ages 11 – 18 featuring a different project each month. Join us April 8, and May 6 at 5:30 for crafting, snacks and fun.

Stranded on Mars Escape Room – March 23, 2026

Calling all kids in 3rd grade and up, the mission is to solve puzzles, crack codes, and escape the Red Planet before time runs out. Sessions start at 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00.



Sign up online at: bit.ly/erlpescape

BOOK CLUB



Book Club

For our adults we have Rasey/ Luna Pier Book Club, the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. This book club offers lively and fun book discussions with a great bunch of book lovers! All adults are welcome but let us know a month ahead so we can order you the next book. Stop in and pick up a flier listing the dates and titles of this year's books.

Crafty Crafters

The last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m., we have the Crafty Crafters adult craft club. Making the crafts, learning new craft techniques, and catching up with each other makes for a fun and creative evening. This program is free and open to all adults. We do need to know if you will be attending so there will be enough materials available.

All of our programs are free, but we ask you to register for both children's and adult programs on-line through the library calendar, in person, or by calling us at 734-848-4572.

Municipal Services News

It's that time of year that many start working in their yards cleaning out flower beds, trimming trees and mowing grass. Please help the city crew keep Luna Pier clean by **NOT blowing grass clippings into the streets.**

The clippings tend to get into the storm drains and plug them up. If you have any storm drains in your yard please clean any debris from the grate to help with flooding when it rains. If you have any trees or bushes that are growing into the street, please trim them back. The more people helping with this the nicer the city will look.



Brush and Compost – At the south end of Harold Drive on the Boat Ramp property there is a place to put brush and compost. **Please do not dump trash or concrete of any kind on this property.** This has been happening quite often and when it does it is an added cost to the city.

Brush - The pile for brush is on the southwest corner of the property. PLEASE, NO WOOD, CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, CARDBOARD, FURNITURE OR ANY OTHER TRASH.

Compost – The pile for compost is on the northwest corner of the property. Grass and leaves only (NO TRASH) and please remove from plastic bags.

Wastewater Treatment Plant – Please check to see if your sump pump or downspouts are connected to the sanitary sewer. If they are, please reroute them to drain into your yard or a storm drain. The load to the WWTP that these illegal connections are adding sometimes triples the flow at the plant. This is much higher than what the plant is designed for and adds to the cost of treating the wastewater.



Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Progress

Spring 2026 Update



Overview

The DDA (Downtown Development Authority) receives funding based on increases in property tax values within the downtown district (which also includes properties along Harold Drive south of Luna Pier Rd). Funds received are to be utilized within the downtown district to create a more attractive district for businesses, visitors, and residents. The DDA was established in 2013 but did not begin generating incremental tax funds until 2021.

Recap July 2024 to January 2026

- Recap of July 2024 – June 2025 Year – We began 2024 fiscal year with prior year balance of \$63.7k and received Tax Incremental Fund Revenue of \$43.7k (\$24.9 from City of Luna Pier; \$18.8k from county) due to taxable value of properties in DDA district exceeding 2013 (base year) by \$1,973k. Property value increases were primarily driven by new businesses (Green Labs & Harborside Senior Living Center), building / property improvements (Dynamic Trucking & other businesses), and resale of residential homes within the DDA district. Expenses of \$(.7)k for Michigan Downtown Association (MDA) conference / membership were partially offset by interest of \$.2k. Ending balance of \$107k (June 2025).
- Activity July 2025 – YTD 2026 – Beginning balance of \$107k. Expenses have included: the treatment of invasive vegetation within harbor area of \$(1)k (total cost of \$2k was split with city); Sidewalk improvements / additions near beach / Lighthouse completed for cost of \$(31.4)k; MDA training / membership cost of \$(.5)k. Fund balance is currently \$75k. Tax Incremental Fund revenue has not yet been paid into DDA fund for 2025 tax year but is expected to be approximately \$49k based on taxable value of properties exceeding 2013 (base value) by \$2,191k.

In Process:

- Decorative Street Light Replacements – DDA is planning replacement of the decorative streetlights installed over 20 years ago. DDA is currently collaborating with Consumers Energy to obtain cost and determine placement of streetlights. Project is likely to be handled in two phases. DDA currently plans to initiate first phase summer of 2026 focused on replacement of lights in the area between I-75 and Harold Dr. Second phase will focus on replacement/additional lighting in 1st Street Park area (east of Harold).
- Giant Adirondack Chair – Many of you have seen the chair that was built and funded by local citizens. We hope to have the chair moved this spring to the cement pad added last fall and also have a Luna Pier logo added for picture taking opportunities.
- Business support – The DDA continues to work with local businesses to assist in proposed projects. Keep your eye out for proposed plans that will need to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.
- Social Media – DDA continues to share updates from local businesses & groups on the Luna Pier Downtown Development Authority Facebook group and are gaining more followers.
- Harbor area – The DDA will continue to monitor and assist in funding to maintain / limit vegetative growth along and within the harbor and pier area.

- Night Market – DDA plans to continue our partnership with Parks & Recreation on our 3rd Annual Fall Market planned for September 12th. Prior year funds raised are expected to be used to upgrade the Pavillion (roof/structure/area) at Memorial Park.
 - The DDA committee still has openings. If you have a connection with or ownership of a downtown business in the DDA district we would appreciate your application to join the DDA. Meetings are held at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of each month on the 2nd level of the Lighthouse.
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The City of Luna Pier – Department of Municipal Services is currently accepting applications for a part time DPW employee.

This position has hours that vary depending on season and is perfect for a retiree. A valid driver's license is required (CDL preferred) as well as knowledge and ability to operate City owned vehicles and equipment, such as - dump truck, backhoe, snow plows, salt spreader, power tools, chain saws, mowers, etc. the ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions and work independently is required.

The candidate will be required to perform heavy manual labor, including lifting heavy objects and working in all type of weather conditions. Safety procedures and practices are required, as well as wearing safety equipment. A good working relationship with co-workers and the general public is a necessity.

The candidate must be able to be called out for emergencies such as snowfall, floods, downed trees, etc. and must be knowledgeable in a variety of semi-skilled and skilled maintenance tasks such as plumbing, electrical and mechanical.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Qualified applicants can obtain an application at City Hall, 4357 Buckeye Street, Luna Pier, or online at www.cityoflunapier.com.

The Luna Pier Fire Department proudly congratulates **Rick Liechty** on an extraordinary milestone—**47 years of dedicated volunteer service** to our community. Rick's commitment, leadership, and steady presence have shaped the department for nearly five decades, and we are deeply grateful for his service.



We also celebrate **Chris Burchett**, who has served as the LPVFD Association Secretary for the past five years and has now officially joined the department as a responder. Chris recently earned her **National and State Medical First Responder licenses**, and we are excited to welcome her into this new role.

Volunteers Needed

LPVFD is actively seeking **Luna Pier residents** willing to volunteer a few hours each week to help protect and support our community. **All training and gear are provided.**

Stop by the fire hall any **Monday at 7 PM** or contact **Chief Dinius** for more information.

Community Safety Resources

The department has **free smoke and CO₂ detectors** available for Luna Pier residents. To request installation, please complete the form on the **City of Luna Pier website**, and our team will schedule a visit.

Recent Training

On February 1, LPVFD conducted a joint training with the **LaSalle Fire Department**, spending the day on the ice learning best practices for ice-rescue operations. The training allowed our crews to test new ice-water rescue gear and even assist a snowmobiler involved in an accident on the ice. It was a productive day that strengthened both skills and regional collaboration.

We look forward to continuing and expanding joint training exercises.

Upcoming Events

- **March 22 – Heroes on the Hardwood**
Mason Consolidated High School, 12–4 PM
Join us for a fun community event supporting Bobbie's staff and our local support agencies.
- **March 28 – Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Visit**
Luna Pier Fire Hall, starting at **noon**
- **Bring your baskets and enjoy a family-friendly afternoon with the Easter Bunny.**

Looking forward to beautiful sunrises and long summer days.

Finally, as the days grow longer and the temperatures begin to rise, the Luna Pier Police Department is looking forward to another wonderful summer season in our community.

Summer in Luna Pier means families enjoying the beach, neighbors gathering along the waterfront, and visitors discovering the charm of our city.



Our beautiful public beach is one of the highlights of the season. We encourage residents and guests alike to take advantage of the sunshine, Lake Erie breezes, and everything our shoreline has to offer. While you're enjoying the sand and water, please remember to keep safety in mind. Watch children closely near the water, be mindful of posted rules, and help us keep the beach clean by disposing of trash properly. A safe and welcoming beach is something we can all help maintain.

The summer season also brings one of our community's most anticipated events—the Freedom Festival. This annual celebration brings residents, families, and visitors together for that Saturday filled with garage sales, activities, entertainment, and community pride. Closing the celebrations is a great fireworks display. Events like the Freedom Festival are a great reminder of what makes Luna Pier such a special place to live and visit.



During busy summer weekends and festival events, you'll see additional police presence throughout the city and along the waterfront. Our officers will be there to help ensure that everyone can enjoy the festivities safely. We appreciate your cooperation with parking rules, traffic directions, and event guidelines as we work together to keep things running smoothly.

Summer is also a great time to get out, meet your neighbors, and enjoy everything Luna Pier has to offer. If you see one of our officers while you're out at the beach or attending an event, feel free to say hello. We are proud to serve this community and look forward to another safe and enjoyable summer season.

On behalf of the Luna Pier Police Department, we wish everyone a safe, fun, and memorable summer.

Stay safe

Jim VanDeraa
Chief of Police
City of Luna Pier

Working Together to Address Blight in Our Community

The Luna Pier Police Department continues to work closely with residents and property owners to maintain the safety, appearance, and quality of life in our community. One of the ways we do this is by addressing property blight and encouraging responsible property maintenance throughout the city.

Blight can take many forms, including overgrown grass and weeds, accumulation of junk or debris, abandoned or inoperable vehicles, deteriorating structures, and general neglect of property. These conditions can affect neighborhood appearance, property values, and overall community pride.

Our goal is not to punish property owners, but to work with them to resolve issues and keep Luna Pier looking its best. When possible, the Police Department contacts property owners directly to make them aware of concerns and provide time for them to correct the issue. In many cases, a simple conversation and cooperation from the property owner quickly resolves the problem.

We understand that sometimes circumstances such as illness, financial hardship, or other challenges can make property upkeep difficult. When that happens, we try to work with residents to find reasonable solutions and timelines to bring the property back into compliance.

Maintaining properties benefits everyone in the community. Clean and well-maintained neighborhoods help protect property values, reduce safety hazards, and create a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

If you receive a notice regarding a property concern, we encourage you to contact the Police Department. Open communication helps us work together to resolve issues quickly and fairly.

We also ask residents to take pride in their properties and report concerns when necessary. By working together, we can ensure that Luna Pier remains a clean, safe, and enjoyable place to live.

Thank you for helping keep our community strong.

Jim VanDeraa
Chief of Police
City of Luna Pier



Luna Pier Parks & Recreation Community Update

2025 brought meaningful improvements across our parks. The tennis and pickleball courts received updated surfacing and fresh paint, setting the stage for even more enhancements ahead. In spring 2026, we will be installing **permanent pickleball nets**, a project dedicated in loving memory of **Patti Grimes**—a longtime resident, former Parks & Rec member, community advocate, and lifelong tennis lover. Her passion continues to guide our work.

Volunteer Highlights

7th Street Park enjoyed a true glow-up in 2025 thanks to the dedication of neighborhood volunteers. From painting the tennis courts to rebuilding benches, cleaning the grounds, planting trees, and tackling countless small tasks, your efforts have made the park more welcoming for everyone. Your work is deeply appreciated.

Looking Ahead to 2026

This year will bring continued bench repairs, new plantings, and ongoing maintenance to keep our parks vibrant and accessible. We are also beginning work on our **five-year Parks & Recreation Plan**, which will help shape the future of our public spaces and support future grant applications.

2026 Community Events

- **March 28 – Easter Egg Hunt:** Luna Pier Volunteer Fire Department • **Noon**
Bring your baskets and enjoy a fun afternoon with the Easter Bunny.
- **April 25 – Earth Day Crafts & Kids’ Activities:** First Street Park • **Noon**
Family-friendly crafts and hands-on activities celebrating Earth Day.
- **May 16 – City Dumpster Day:** Water Tower Park • **9 AM–12 PM (or until full)**
Two dumpsters will be available for community use.
Michael Mossing will also be on-site collecting scrap metal; proceeds will support park beautification projects and community events.
- **June 27 – Freedom Fest Fireworks:** Luna Pier Pier • **10 PM**
City-wide garage sales will take place throughout the day, leading into the evening fireworks show.
- **September 12 – Third Annual Market:** First Street Park • **Time TBD**
Stay tuned for vendor details and activities as the date approaches.

Get Involved

Community members are always welcome to participate in planning, volunteering, or sharing ideas. Parks & Recreation meets on the **second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM** at the **Rasey Memorial Library**. Your voice helps shape the future of our parks.

Happy Spring from Assessing!!

Here are some important terms to understand your assessment:



What is Assessed Value (AV)?

Assessed Value is approximately 50% of your property's true cash value, as determined by the assessor as of Tax Day. For 2026, Tax Day is December 31, 2025.

What is State Equalized Value (SEV)?

The Assessment roll, after certification by the Assessor and then the Board of Review is further subject to review by the County Equalization and State. Following those reviews, State Equalized Value (SEV) is set. SEV is then considered to be 50% of Market Value or True Cash Value as determined as of Tax Day.

Capped Value: Limiting Increase for Existing Owners

Michigan's Proposal A limits how quickly a property's taxable value can increase. For existing homeowners, the annual growth of taxable value is capped at 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. This "capped value" ensures that long-term property owners don't experience sudden large jumps in property taxes simply because the market value of homes in their area is rising rapidly.

What is the formula for Capped Value (CV)?

The Capped Value formula uses the Inflation Rate Multiplier (IRM), the previous year's taxable value, and any losses or additions to determine the new Taxable Value (TV). The 2026 IRM is 1.027. The 2025 Capped Value formula is: $(2025\ TV - Losses) \times IRM + Additions = 2026\ Taxable\ Value$.

What is Taxable Value?

Taxable Value (TV) is the lesser of Assessed Value (AV) and Capped Value

How does a Property Transfer affect my TAXABLE value?

If a property has a Transfer of Ownership this year, then next year the Taxable Value is uncapped and made to match the Assessed Value. In many cases, this results in an increase in the property taxes, oftentimes by a substantial amount. How much the taxes increase will depend upon how long it has been since the previous transfer of ownership occurred and how much the market has changed during those years?

Here are some important dates and reminders:

- May 31st is the deadline for commercial and industrial properties to make their appeals to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
- March board of review decision notices will arrive in April.
- June 1st is the deadline for the Principal Residence Exemption for the summer taxes levied.

Be sure to say hello as you see us active as the weather warms. We inspect and reinspect properties annually to ensure the most up-to-date records are available and assessments are accurate and uniform.

If you have any questions related to Property Assessments, Exemptions, Property Transfers, or general Assessing questions, we would be happy to assist! Call 734-848-6495 ext. 204 or email us at assessor@cityoflunapier.com we check voicemails and emails throughout the week!

Stevens Disposal's Holiday Schedule Pick up

- ❖ For Memorial and Labor Day all routes run one day behind for the entire week.
- ❖ For Thanksgiving only Thursday and Friday routes run one day behind.
- ❖ For Christmas, New Year's Day and 4th of July, it depends on what day of the week they fall.
 - If one of these holidays is on a Monday all routes run one day behind.
 - If the holiday is on Tuesday, then Tuesday through Friday run one day behind.
 - If the holiday is on Wednesday, then Wednesday through Friday run one day behind.
 - If the holiday is on Thursday, then Thursday and Friday run one day behind.
 - If the holiday is on Friday, then only Friday runs a day behind.
 - If any of these holidays fall on a Saturday or Sunday, we do not run a day behind.
- ❖ If there is ever change from the above schedule, a letter or phone call will be made.
- ❖ When Friday routes are picked up on a Saturday, you should put your trash out the night before as those routes start between 2a.m. and 3a.m. because the landfills close earlier on Saturday.

Luna Pier Freedom Festival: *Light Up the Night*

Saturday, June 27 • 10 PM • Downtown Luna Pier

Join us for an unforgettable evening as the **Luna Pier Freedom Festival** proudly presents **Light Up the Night**, our annual fireworks celebration. After a full day of exploring the **city-wide garage sales**, head downtown for food, entertainment, and a spectacular show over the pier.

🌟 What to Expect

- **Fireworks at 10 PM**
- **Food trucks and evening entertainment** in the pier area
- A fun, family-friendly atmosphere to kick off summer
- More details will be shared soon as the schedule is finalized

👏 Get Involved

If you'd like to volunteer or share ideas, please message us on Facebook or contact **Chris Burchett**. Community involvement is what makes this event shine.

❤️ Thank You

A heartfelt thank-you to last year's committee for your dedication to fundraising and planning. Your hard work made this year's celebration possible.





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Calendar of events



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| March to October | City Council, Water Tower Park - 2 nd & 4 th Thursdays 7:00 PM |
| March to October | DDA, Luna Pier Lighthouse - 4 th Tuesday 7:00 PM |
| March to October | Parks & Recreation, Luna Pier Library - 2 nd Tuesday 7:00 PM |
| March to October | Flood & Erosion Committee, Water Tower Park 3 rd Tuesday 7:00 PM |
| March to October | Planning Commission, Water Tower Park -4 th Tuesday 6:00 PM |
| March 28 | Easter Egg Hunt, Luna Pier Fire Hall, 12 Noon |
| April 25 | Inaugural Kid's Earth Day Event, First Street Park, 1:30 PM |
| May 5 | Special Election, Fire Hall, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM |
| May 16 | Dumpster Day, Water Tower Park, 9:00 AM |
| June 27 | Freedom Festival & Neighborhood Wide Yard Sales |
| August 4 | Primary Election, Fire Hall, 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM |
| City Hall Closed | Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day |