

Subject: TGIF! Your weekly Bay View update.

Dear Members,

The weather is finally starting to turn warmer in Northern Michigan, and as we work through the myriad of challenging decisions in preparation for the summer, I am reminded of a quote from singer Jimmy Dean that seems appropriate. He said, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." We are all having to adjust our sails, but we know the destination will remain our beloved Bay View.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you. The outpouring of support, kind gestures, positive words of encouragement, ideas on programming alternatives, and offers to help have been constant and are appreciated. Many of our committees continue to work on Bay View initiatives remotely, we are still receiving donations, we have new membership applications coming in, our grounds are looking better every day, cottages are being maintained and improved, members are still supporting local businesses and non-profits, the waterfront project is progressing, and there has been overwhelming support for the difficult decisions we have had to make on programming. Thank you for the ongoing support.

Please remember our [COVID-19 Information and Updates](#) page on the Bay View website is the best place for up-to-date information for members, guests and supporters.

Programming:

Our next programming update will be published on Friday, May 25th. Our Program Directors continue to monitor how other organizations are responding to the pandemic, and are researching alternative programming options that could be safely offered to members and guests. We are also working with the Directors to adjust our 2020 budgets in lieu of the pandemic. Thank you to the Program Directors, support staff, committees and volunteers.

Board Meetings:

Our next board meeting is Friday, May 25th at 10:30AM and will be conducted using Zoom. We will continue to share the board packets and instructions on how to participate in Board meetings by Zoom.

Bay View Offices:

Under the current Executive Order, the administrative offices in the Wade Administration Building and Russell Hall will remain closed until May 28th, and possibly later depending on new executive orders or other mandates. Our staff remain committed to helping you and are checking voicemails several times a day. To review the staff directory with emails please click [here](#). As a reminder, if you need to drop off paperwork there is a wood box on the left side of the doors entering the administrative offices. The box is emptied by staff on a daily basis.

Reminder on the Special Assessment and Fees.

As a friendly reminder, the invoice for the assessment, capital and ready to serve fees will be mailed to the primary leaseholder on Monday, May 18th. Payment is due by June 26.

Library, Archives, Gathering Post and Shirt Shop

I have been in contact with the staff and volunteers who run these various operations and we are looking at safe and secure methods to offer these services, or products, this summer. At this point we know that that members will still be able to check out books, receive information from archives, and purchase items from the shirt shop and Gathering Post. In person browsing may not be available, or it may be limited, but we still would like to offer these goods and services in a safe and secure manner. Between now and mid-June we will be publishing information on the new procedures for each of these entities. Stay tuned and thank you to those staff and volunteers who are working together to offer these services and products.

Thank you for your time, stay safe, stay positive, and God bless.

Sincerely,

Mike Spencer, Executive Director