

Big Bay Events Newsletter (6/20/24)

Parks and Recreation Millage - August

The Parks and Recreation Committee kindly asks for your YES vote in the August election. The millage funds are to **maintain and continue** the existing park/recreation facilities and community events, which are currently run by volunteers. The goal of the millage is to ensure that Big Bay continues to be a healthy and vibrant place to live for years to come with beautiful public spaces and community events bringing people together.

List of current parks/recreation facilities and community events:

Powell Trails, Draver Park, Burns Landing, Thomas Rock, Big Bay Ski Pathway, Pocket Parks, and Community Garden. (trail maintenance, snow removal, landscaping and bathrooms) Community events: organizing the Fire on the Bay Fireworks and Games, Concerts in the Park, Fourth of July Parade, Easter/Christmas holiday events.

Big Bay 4th of July Parade

July 4 at 10:00am

Field of Dreams - Big Bay Softball Reunion

July 4 at Draver Park

Potluck BBQ picnic and music at 1:00pm, Singing of America the Beautiful at 2:00pm
Pickup softball game immediately following. All ages welcome, family friendly

Presbyterian Church Hot Dog Sale

July 4th

10:00 – 1:00

Fire on the Bay Kids Games

Saturday, July 13, 4:00 - 6:00pm

Games include: Duck matching, human ring toss, sawdust pile, foam machine mayhem
All kids are welcome.

Seeking Volunteers for Fire on the Bay, July 13th.

Help needed for children's games, selling 50/50 tickets, music set up, picking up garbage?

Click on the link below to sign up. Super easy!! Thank you in advance.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094EADA628A5FD0-50126540-fire>

Questions, contact Lauri Shaw at skidauup@yahoo.com.

Fire on the Bay Fireworks launch location CHANGE

This year the fireworks will be launched from Burns Harbor Beach on July 13. Due to this change in location the public is unable to watch fireworks at the Burns Landing beach due to keeping a safe radius from the fireworks launch site. Instead, we kindly ask that you view the fireworks from the Big Bay Harbor or other areas away from the launch location to view the fireworks. Thank you for your cooperation.

Concert Series Dates

All concerts are 7-9pm and free for everyone to attend in Draver Park

Food and beverages will be provided for purchase.

July 13 – The Organ Grinders playing the blues

August 10 – Band TBA

Burns Landing/LeClair Cabin is Opening

Fire on the Bay Weekend

July 12-14. (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

12:00 – 2:00pm Stop on in and say hello.

If you are interested in volunteering at the cabin, contact Lauri

Shaw, skidaup@yahoo.com

906 Technologies Fiber Optic Internet is Expanding to Big Bay

Article: <https://906technologies.com/portfolio-item/big-bay-fiber-run/>

If you would like to have this internet service available on your road. Contact 906

Technologies at 906-226-2906 or email them at info@906technologies.com

Big Bay Information Kiosks

Did you see them? The Big Bay Stewardship Council has made three kiosks, they are located at Crams, Thunder Bay Inn, and the boat launch at Lake Independence. Each kiosk is site specific with Big Bay history, fishing information and unique facts about Big Bay. See attached pictures.

Native Garden Work Sessions:

Garden Location: Entrance of the Big Bay Pathway trailhead. All are welcome.

-June 23 4:00 – 6:00pm

-July 13 10:00 – 12:00pm

Big Bay Stewardship Council Community Meeting

Thursday, June 27

Perkins Park Pavilion

6:30pm. Dessert Potluck. All are welcome.

Seeking Donations for Fire on the Bay Fireworks

Join us in raising funds to support the Annual Fire on the Bay event and fireworks show!

Our goal is \$15,000, every dollar helps. Online

donations: <https://givebutter.com/Ol2fue>

Drop of a check/cash to the Township Office, make checks out to Powell Township with Fire on the Bay in the memo.

Blues Festival

Saturday, August 24th

Thunder Bay Inn

BBSC Fall Festival 2024

September 21
11:00am – 4:00pm

Marquette County Recreation Plan

Marquette County Planning Division is beginning the process of updating the County Recreation Plan; these plans are updated every five years.

Complete a short online survey [link https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2PX9TSN](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2PX9TSN)

The survey will close on June 30, 2024.

2023 Water Quality Report for Powell Township

Available to the public at the Township Hall waterdept@powelltownship.org

Powell Township Food Bank

Open Wednesday's - 5:00 – 7:00pm

The Bill Dionne Fire Hall at the Halfway.

January 3, 17, 31; February 14, 28; March 13, 27

Food, hygiene and cleaning supplies are available to anyone in need

Donations to the Powell Township Food Bank

You can make a monetary donation to the township office, make checks out to Powell Township and "food bank donation" in the memo line. Food/supply donations can be dropped off to the Powell Township office during regular office hours (Mon & Th 9-12) or dropped off directly to the food bank during operating hours. Questions, call Kim Bourgeois at 906-362-7275

ASAHI Exercise Class

ASAHI is a form of exercise from Finland, accessible to everyone, of all ages.

Tuesdays 9:30am - Powell Township Hall

Fridays at 9:30am - Lobby of the Thunder Bay Inn **note time change**

Led by Jill Bevins, certified trainer

Senior Get Together

Presbyterian Church

Wednesdays from 10:00 - 12:00pm.

Snacks, cards, puzzles, knitting, chatting and fun.

Knitting Club

St. Mary's Church Basement

Mondays 10:00 - 12:00pm

The group is through the RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program)

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