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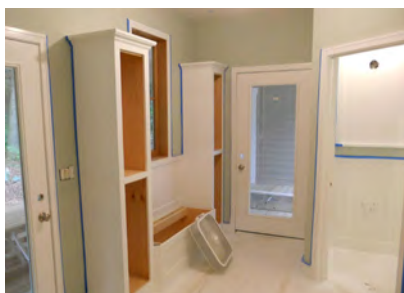
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We are excited to announce that construction on our two new Summer's Gate cottages is nearly finished, ahead of schedule. To celebrate their completion, we'd like to invite you to join the Cottage Home team as we host open houses at the cottages, Wednesday July 20 from 6-9 p.m., Saturday July 23 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday July 24 from 1-4 p.m. We hope you'll plan to stop by and check out the latest fully furnished and accessorized Cottage Homes! These two homes are outstanding opportunities to own a new cottage with private Lake Michigan access in an established Cottage Home community for around \$500,000.

The new Summers Gate cottages feature some of Cottage Home's most fun and trademark design elements.

Summer's Gate Four features 1,818 square feet of well-appointed and furnished living with 3 bedrooms, a bunkroom and 2 1/2 baths. The screened in porch adds to your summer experience with pass through windows to the kitchen, for an open feel. This comfortable home also has 377 square feet of decks and porches and an upper level loft.

Summer's Gate Eight offers 1,736 square feet of finished living space, which comes move in ready - fully furnished and outfitted. The home features 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths with an upper level bunk loft that includes Murphy beds. A large screened in porch/breezeway has open windows to the kitchen and mudroom, opening the home to the lakeshore breezes. There's even a finished private garage loft that features a look out balcony.



Designers & Builders of Well-Appointed Beach Houses & Cottages

A NOTE FROM BRIAN



Brian Bosgraaf

Summer is here in full beauty and opportunity.

Sun, big blue water, and full green natural areas await.

We all are so excited about this time of year...West Michigan at its best.

I have committed to not letting the season pass by without experiencing it anew. I plan to get out on the water a number of different ways - sailing with friends, stand up paddle boarding with my boys, and heading up the river on the Maritime Museum's new "Lindy Lou." I plan to get into the green by hiking at WauKeNa and North Point, and riding the bike trail to Bangor.

I hope to see all of you getting out as well, and enjoying all that is good about the shoreline. Have a great summer.

Cheers,

BB

South Haven Improvement Projects Planned

The City of South Haven has a number of construction projects slated to begin after Labor Day, to help make it an even better place to live and vacation! Here are a few highlights of the planned improvements:

- A new trail to connect the Kal-Haven Trail to downtown South Haven – this new non-motorized 1.2 mile trail will be 10' wide and connect users all the way from Kalamazoo to downtown South Haven...at the corner of Huron and Kalamazoo streets, to be exact.
- North Side Marina construction – the existing restroom and office building at the North Side Marina will be demolished, and a completely new facility built in its place.
- South Beach improvements – these will include universally accessible features, such as improved sidewalk access, accessible parking aisles, playground improvements, and an

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WATERFRONT ON WHEELS: LEED HOME BUS TOUR DELIVERS SUCCESS!

What a day, what a tour. Thanks to all who joined us for what just might have been the first annual Cottage Home LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) home bus tour. The early May weather cooperated, and we enjoyed a beautiful spring day on the lakeshore, visiting a number of outstanding LEED certified Cottage Homes. A special note of appreciation as well, to our welcoming clients who were so graciously willing to open their homes up to us for the afternoon. This spring's LEED tour was Cottage Home's first, but most certainly will not be our last!



GROUP COMES ACROSS SHIPWRECK IN LAKE MICHIGAN

(ASSOCIATED PRESS)

HOLLAND, Mich. – An organization that documents shipwrecks said it has found the wreck of a 60-foot, single-masted sloop in Lake Michigan that may date back to the 1830s while looking for remnants of a plane that crashed into the lake more than 60 years ago.

The wreck was found off southwestern Michigan in water about 250 feet deep between Saugatuck and South Haven, Michigan, Shipwreck Research Associates announced. The discovery was made while working with author Clive Cussler and his sonar operator Ralph Wilbanks of the National Underwater & Marine Agency.

The group was searching for the remnants of Northwest Airlines Flight 2501, which crashed into the lake in 1950.

"Sometimes, when you're looking for one thing, you come across another," shipwreck researcher Craig Rich told *The Grand Rapids Press* of the discovery.

The vessel sits upright and is in relatively good condition, Holland-based Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates said. The sloop's construction and design are consistent with ships built in the 1820s and 1830s.

"It's fascinating stuff," Cussler, who has worked with Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates to locate other wrecks, told the newspaper. "It's not the Titanic or anything like that. But it is rather historic just for the era in which it sank."

The ship likely was moving goods across the lake when it went down, Rich said, and it could be the oldest shipwreck discovered by Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates. Rich said the group hopes to identify the ship by [later this] summer and begin researching its story. And the group plans to explore the wreck this year.

"If we can put a name to it, we'll figure out what the story is, and if not, it'll be a mystery wreck," he said.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We at Cottage Home are passionate about lakefront living, and the year-round fun opportunities it offers. We hope you find some of these suggestions helpful as you decide how to spend your treasured time on the beautiful lakeshore. For more information about community events, please visit www.southhaven.org and www.saugatuck.com.

AUGUST

ART IN THE PARK

6 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Centennial Park in Holland – juried fine arts and crafts fair featuring over 300 artists and artisans from eight states to display and sell their work. www.hollandfriendsofart.com

48TH NATIONAL BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

11-14 | Downtown South Haven – featuring a kid's carnival, 5K run/walk, pie eating contest, arts and crafts fair, riverfront concerts, parade and many other activities. www.blueberryfestival.com

SAUGATUCK & DOUGLAS SIDEWALK SALES

18 | Downtown Saugatuck and Douglas – lots of fun, great bargains on merchandise, giveaways, and entertainment.

SEPTEMBER

35TH ANNUAL ALL CRAFTS FAIR

3-4 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m. – Stanley Johnston Park in South Haven – hosting over 250 exhibitors of fine arts and crafts, including food booths with gourmet selections.

MOUNT BALDHEAD CHALLENGE

10 | Annual 5K and 15K event drawing approximately 700 participants, and over 100 volunteers from both local and distant communities. Free 1K event offered for kids the evening beforehand. www.mtbaldheadchallenge.com

OCTOBER

BLUE COAST ARTISTS 22ND ANNUAL FALL STUDIO TOUR

1-2 | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. – the artist's member studios will open their doors to offer pottery, sculpting and painting demonstrations. www.bluecoastartists.com

34TH ANNUAL GALLERY STROLL WEEKEND

8-9 | Noon-5 p.m. – art extravaganza featuring the studios and galleries of Saugatuck, Douglas and the surrounding area, with many artists working on site for the weekend.

SAUGATUCK CHILI COOK OFF

9 | 1 p.m.-5 p.m. – Wicks Park in Saugatuck – enjoy chili from your favorite area restaurants while listening to many of your favorite local performers.

FALL FUNFEST DAY

15 | 11-4 p.m. – Coghlin Park on Culver Street in Saugatuck – pumpkin carving, pumpkin launch, pie eating, food vendors, bands, tug of war and other family fun.

Cottage Home hosted SUMMER'S GATE OPEN HOUSES:

Wed, July 20 6-9 p.m. Sat, July 23 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sun, July 24 1-4 p.m.

ONGOING EVENTS

Allegan Antiques Market

Last Sunday of each month, through September, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. www.alleganantiques.com

The Children's Museum

Open Tuesday to Saturday, through September 10 a.m.-3 p.m. – Fennville. www.fennvillechildren.org

Crane Orchards

An autumn family must – features u-pick fruit, hay rides, a corn maize, restaurant, bakery and cider mill – Fennville. www.craneorchards.com

DeGrandchamp Farms

Featuring a plant nursery and u-pick blueberries – South Haven. www.degrandchamps.com

Kal-Haven Trail

Offers over 30 miles of picturesque hiking and biking trails – the trail begins in South Haven on North Bailey Avenue, and ends in Kalamazoo on 10th Street. www.vbco.org/government364491.asp

Michigan Maritime Museum

Open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. thru October 10th – tall ship sailing on the Friends Good Will and river launch cruises on the new Lindy Lou offered various days and times – Dyckman Avenue in South Haven. www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org

Running Rivers Kayak Rentals

Open daily thru Labor Day, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. – Wade's Bayou Memorial Park-Douglas. www.running-rivers.info

Saugatuck Center For The Arts

Arts and cultural performances, concerts, classes and workshops offered year round. www.sc4a.org

Saugatuck Green Market

Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays through October 7th, and 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Mondays thru August 29th – outside at the Saugatuck Center For The Arts – fresh produce, floral and artisan food products from local farmers and vendors. www.sc4a.org

South Haven Farmer's Market

Wednesdays and Saturdays thru October, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. – Huron Street Pavilion. www.southhavenfarmmarket.com

South Haven Riverfront Concert Series

Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. thru August – Riverfront Park on Water Street – BYO lawn chairs or blankets. www.southhaven.com

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

Visit and walk any one of their numerous beautiful nature preserves. www.swmlc.org

Holland Street Performer Series

Every Thursday night through August, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. – artists from all backgrounds around the world perform free for the public – downtown Holland. www.downtownholland.com

Star of Saugatuck

Runs various times per day thru October – Water Street in Saugatuck – daytime and sunset cruises. www.saugatuckboatcruises.com

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extension to the existing HarborWalk. Coinciding with this project is the demolition of the former water treatment facility.



MAKE HISTORY. NOT CARBON.

COTTAGE HOME TO PIONEER ZEN (ZERO ENERGY NET) LAKEFRONT HOME

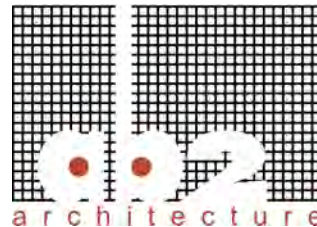
Have a passion for the environment, sustainability. . . and lakefront living? Be the first to help design and own a new ZEN (Zero Energy Net) Cottage Home. This exciting new concept will feature state-of-the-art energy technologies, and high performance envelope, to literally produce more energy than it consumes. Roomy and open in the summer, the home's interior will convert to cozy and warm, allowing you to reduce your living space to a minimum during the off season.

Choose from three sites within the gated Suequehanna community and be a part of the design process from the beginning. Interested in making history, not carbon? Contact Cottage Home today!

- Pristine lakefront with private beach
- Solar, wind, geothermal technology
- Convertible living space
- Designed for your lifestyle and needs
- LEED construction techniques and materials
- Off-grid energy storage and use
- First of its kind on the lakeshore — anywhere!

AB2 ARCHITECTURE + COTTAGE HOME A TEAM EFFORT

While Cottage Home offers a complete — and enjoyable design/build experience — we are also committed to collaborating with a client's architect. Lakefront living presents a unique set of challenges. We recently teamed with Arnie Bunkley of ab2 architecture, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to create an outstanding new lake home in South Haven. A tip of our beach hat to Arnie, whose great home design laid the foundation for Cottage Home to build upon, and make this stunning home a reality for our new clients. The Cottage Home team truly enjoyed working with you and hope to do so again soon — thanks Arnie!



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