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Wanted: Your ideas, thoughts, stories, experiences, comments, concerns, etc. The BISI Review is a monthly newsletter for the Island by the Island. We value your voice and input. A monthly column is available. Have an idea for an article? Send us those too!

Island History: Looking for island history? This column will reappear in our September issue. Stay tuned and stay BISI.

Recycling Survey: In an effort to generate data for her thesis, Jessica Kidder will be conducting questionnaires regarding resident and non-resident recycling practices. If you would like to participate, please contact her (517)896-1843.

August Roadside Cleanup has been deemed "pickup litter at your leisure." (Please see page 4).

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Our Master Plan

The BBI Planning Commission is currently working on revising our Master Plan. They have begun by updating the language, will continue with focus groups, and conclude with updating the land use maps. A master plan is an official document that serves as a guide for decisions on development and public capital improvements. The intent of the plan is to ensure that the cumulative and long-term impacts on the entire community are considered during each decision-making process. The Master Plan is a guide for the future and is flexible to accommodate changing conditions and new information. This document is authorized by Michigan law and adopted by our Planning Commission (see calendar for dates). The overall intent is to express the community's vision of our future and provide a guide to accomplish that vision.

"The BBI Planning Commission welcomes your involvement..."

to help formulate our vision for the future. At this stage, the Planning Commission is utilizing focus groups to stimulate public involvement. The role of focus groups is entirely advisory, recommending actions to the Planning Commission. Interactive discussions between the public and group facilitator on assigned topics related to the Master Plan will occur. Topics include: roadway and shoreline greenbelts, present and future Commercial I and II Zoning, as well as topics generated by the public.

Focus Groups will be held August 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hoover Community Building and the home of Susie Fisher-Phillips. On August 26 focus groups will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the Hoover Community Building and the home of Tom and Sandra Wybranowski. Focus groups are being held at two locations on August 19 and 26 to accommodate Islanders. We hope you are able to attend as your input is extremely important. Reminders will be posted as the dates near.

An essential component of our Master Plan is public involvement. The BBI Planning Commission welcomes your involvement

Gibson Park Clean-Up Project Report

On Saturday, July 15, The Pines School partnered with BISI for the first Gibson Park Cleanup Project. Despite the warm weather, over 40 volunteers of all ages transformed Gibson Park from a neglected forest into an attractive nature area.

Everyone worked hard removing dead trees and trash from the park. Combined with hard work and time, volunteers also donated lemonade, water, cups, gloves, rakes, clippers, chainsaws, trailers, dump trucks, personal vehicles and an excavator to get the job done. Without this equipment and labor the transfor-

mation of Gibson Park could not have taken place.

Dedicated volunteers allowed The Pines School to surpass its goal of keeping Gibson Park as wooded as possible while creating phase one of the park's design. Phase two of Gibson Park will entail constructing a single-rail fence around the 2.25 acres. Due to the success of the Gibson Park Cleanup Project the Pines School will not need to bring large equipment into the park to remove dead sticks and trees. In four hours, volunteers removed an excess of 96 yards of brush and debris.



Over 40 volunteers made the first Gibson Park Cleanup a success!



August 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	V 8	TB9 SK	SD10 MC	11	12
13	14	15	5W16	MC17	18	PR19 FG
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27	28	29	5W30	MC31		

5W: Five Wishes at the Insel Haus, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

BR: Articles due for next BISI Review

FG: Focus Group, 1:00 p.m. (see cover page for details)

MC: Medical Clinic open, located in the BBI Fire Hall, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

PC: Planning Commission meeting at the Township Hall, 10:00 a.m.

PR: Park Cleanup Day at Gibson Park 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

SD: Square Dance at the Hoover Community Building, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

SK: Split and Knit at the Insel Haus, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

TB: Township Board Meeting at the BBI Township Hall, 4:00 p.m.

V: Primary election

THANK YOU

The Pine School and BISI would like to thank the following volunteers and community members:

Mike and Carol Betz
Phyllis Brown
Jason Bryan
Carol Church

Gary and Suanne Clarke
Kelsey Cole

Jeff, Joanna, Lilia, Willow and Fiona Duncan
Chris and Andrew Elsie
Anna Feeley

Eric Gibbons of Gibbons Excavating Inc.
George and Marie Griffin
Susie Hopkins
Zac Kidder
Kathy Lamb
Lee Maynard

Rick and Susan McCoy
Jim and Char McLaren
Bob Miller

Jeff and Christi Myron

Larry and Missy Phillips of Hawk's Landing General Store

Curt Plaunt of Plaunt Transportation

Russ and Stuart Riker of North Woods Timber Products

Brent and Katie Rosengran

Elizabeth Sperry

Ted, Wendy, George and Grant Spray

Cathy Teter

Jessi Kidder and Nancy Hole of BISI



Park Cleanup August 19th

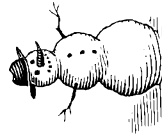
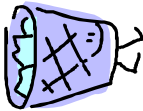


An additional park cleanup is needed before the single-rail fence can be constructed. Volunteers can meet at Gibson Park at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 19.



550 Gallons of Garbage

BISI Barrels are located at all Island campsites. Staff monitors the barrels once a week and are very pleased with the responsible use. The Barrels have been out since July 1, and collected 550 gallons of garbage. Please remember your waste is your responsibility and BISI Barrels are a privilege.



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Check It Out!

The BBI Library has a nature corner with lots of information to help you and your family enjoy the island. Check out a field guide to wildflowers or birds. Pick up a fact sheet about frogs, toads, or snakes. Children's books include several from The DK Series. Colorful and interesting photos and graphics about pond and river animals, eagles, bugs, and trees are just a few of the available nature study books. The Nature Corner also includes a set of photos of island wildflowers and protected wildflowers that are found here. The Library's hours are 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday during July and August. Any Islander is welcome to borrow books.



- Carol Church, Secretary, BBI Historical Society

Fun Facts: The Massasauga Rattlesnake

These snakes are protected by the State and are a candidate for the federal endangered list. Typically, the Massasauga are slow, sluggish moving snakes but may strike if threatened. More facts about this snake can be found at the BBI Library.



August Roadside Cleanup

We appreciate your hard work and would like to extend our gratitude by declaring August "pick up litter at your leisure" month. The hectic end-of-summer season has made scheduling the August roadside cleanup difficult. All collected refuse can be dropped off at the BISI cottage (2 miles east of township dock, look for the sign). A drop off area will be designated if staff are unable to assist you.

BISI Donations

Thanks to the unwavering support from our Island community, BISI continues to accomplish necessary projects. Your donations ensure our campsites are refuse free and our roads clean and natural. Paper and ink for printing of the BISI Review also come from your generosity. Subscription donations are used for postage and packaging. Your support keeps us all BISI. Thank You!

"We must be the change we wish to see in the world."



BISI Kids: Back To School Tips

- Sort through your old materials. Many of last year's supplies can be reused.
- Reuse old folders and binders. Paper that had only one side written on can be reused.
- Buy smart by choosing products made from recycled materials and products with minimal packaging.
- If you bring a lunch, pack it in reusable containers instead of disposable ones.
- If you buy lunch, take and use only what you need: one napkin, one fork, one ketchup packet, and be sure to recycle.

