

December 2025

Around the Shores Newsletter



CELEBRATION

Sheila McCarthy Celebration of Life

Please join me in a pre-Happy Hour Happier Hour at 4:00pm on Friday January 9th for a con-celebration of Sheila's life, the beginning of Michigan Shores' 35th year and an event that happened 111 years ago on that date.

Sheila loved Michigan Shores! When she was healthy, she was a very active member of the community. She served on virtually every committee at one time or another. She was a mentor and a monthly contributor to the newsletter. She LOVED everything about the planning, execution and clean-up of the holiday teas. It is altogether right and fitting to celebrate Sheila and Michigan Shores concurrently.

Limited adult refreshments will be available as well as a bag of potato chips. Please bring with you what meant most to Sheila. An enduring smile!

Dan McCarthy

Michigan Shores book Group

We will be meeting (as usual) on the third Monday, December 15th, at 3:00 pm in the Gertie Bell Room on the 3rd floor.

Our special book for this Christmas Season is THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER by Barbara Robinson. This is a wonderful portrayal of misfit children in a Sunday School pageant who bring the meaning of Christmas alive. Please join us as we share this humorous and timely story.

Our future book choices are:

January - The Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts

February - The Widows War by Sally Gunning

March - The Frozen River by Ariel Lawton

April - ????

May - Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Happy Reading!!!

Birthdays in December

10 – Janet C. (201)
11 – Marty L. (310)
11 – Mary P. (214)
12 – Karen W. (317)
21 – Ginny D. (218)
21 – Gene N. (209)
21 – Christie R. (316)
25 – Janice F. (107)
31 – Emily L. (212)

Happy birthday from all of us at MSC! If we missed your birthday, we are so sorry, please let the office know.

Special dates and events in December 2025

05 – Shirley off
08 – Shirley off
10, 11 & 12 – Bayview Flooring installing new carpet in units affected by leak
12 – Shred Day in Great Room, 1-3 p.m.
13 – Soups On at 6 p.m. followed by Carols
17 – MSC Annual Christmas Tea at 2 p.m.
18 – Annual Christmas songs by the Mennonites at 7:00 p.m.
21 – First Day of Winter
24 – Half day for staff – Christmas Eve
25 – Christmas Day – no staff
26 – No staff
31 – New Years Eve – half day for staff
01 – New Years Day, no staff

Members, we have two fun events scheduled for December that we need your help with.

The annual Christmas tea is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17th, at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 18th is the Mennonite Family Christmas singing concert at 7:00 p.m.

The Annual Christmas Tea Party: volunteers needed for -

- Homemade or store-bought cookies, bars, or small pastries
- Finger sandwiches (egg salad, cucumber & cream cheese, chicken salad, etc.)
- Cheese and cracker trays
- Fruit platter or mini fruit cups
- Festive candies or chocolates
- Piano players for some background music, or other musicians if available.

The cooperative will supply the following:

- Tea bags
- Sugar
- Lemon slices
- Cream
- Table decorations, tablecloths and napkins
- Teacups & saucers
- Plates for snacks

Clean up and set up crew:

We could use maybe 2 people to assist with set up and clean up.

For the Christmas Caroling: Volunteers needed for -

- Hosts to meet and greet the Mennonite families as they arrive, direct them to hang up coats on the bellman's cart, Dave will set it up ahead of time.
- Mixed hot cocoa and marshmallows
- Individually wrapped cookies or brownies (we can use some leftovers from the Annual Christmas tea the day before)
- Mini water bottles or juice boxes for the children
- Soda for the adults
- Snack packs (pretzels, trail mix, or popcorn)

The Cooperative will supply the following:

- Paper cups
- Napkins
- Plates
- Coffee

Clean up and set up crew:

We could use a couple of volunteers to help set up and clean up.

You all do such a wonderful job of coming together to pull off fantastic parties, and I am positive we can count on you for our December activities.

Please let me know what you can help with. To those who have already signed up, thank you.

Shirley R. Office

December Greetings: Reflecting on a Wonderful Year Together

As the calendar turns to December and we welcome the winter season, we pause to reflect on another successful and vibrant year here at Michigan Shores Cooperative. It has been a year marked by friendship, community spirit, and the comfort of your wonderful homes.

2025: A Year of Connection and Success

We are so proud of everything our cooperative accomplished this year. From spring clean-up to summer gatherings and autumn festivals, the heart of our community truly shone through.

- The successful completion of the parking lot resurfacing project, new decks and the shade garden on the east side of the building.
- Our daily 'Coffee & Conversation' and "Happy Hour" gatherings have become a cherished tradition. The new "pop up" events throughout the year were well attended, and we are so grateful to those of you who initiated those events.

- Thank you to Mary Peters and Linda Johnson for all the meals prepared for events this year.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers and Staff

Our cooperative thrives because of the dedication of its members and staff.

To our incredible Board Members and Committee Volunteers: Thank you for the countless hours you dedicated to managing our operations, planning events, and maintaining the financial health of our community. Your commitment ensures Michigan Shores Cooperative remains a fantastic place to live.

To David Baker and Dan McCarthy - Thank you for your daily commitment to service. Whether it is a quick fix, a friendly greeting, or keeping the co-op running smoothly, your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Looking Ahead to the Holidays and the New Year



As we enter this beautiful Christmas season, we want to take a moment to wish each of you peace, joy, and comfort. December is a time filled with tradition, togetherness, and reflection, and our Michigan Shores community is made even more special by the kindness and warmth each of you brings.

May your apartments be filled with the glow of Christmas lights, the laughter of friends and family, and the simple moments that make this season meaningful. Whether you celebrate with long-held traditions or quiet moments of gratitude, we hope your days are peaceful and your hearts are light.

- Upcoming Event Reminder: Do not forget our annual Christmas Tea on 17th at 2:00 p.m. Mennonite Christmas songs on the 18th at 7:00 p.m. Check our calendar for added events during the month.

- Winter Safety Note: As the weather changes, please remember to keep walkways around your unit clear of personal items to assist our maintenance team with snow removal. If you require assistance, please contact Dave at 231-651-9493. Decks also need to be kept free of snow, if you need help with shoveling, let Dave know.

On behalf of myself, and our Board of Directors, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed holiday season. Thank you for being the heart of this community—your presence, spirit, and neighborly care make this a truly wonderful place.

Happy Holidays!

~ Shirley Robert (office)

December Smilers

I am currently reading about two ants who fall in love in an Italian city. It is a Rome ants novel.

Dad texts his son before his wedding: "To my dear son, today is the day you will cherish for all the days of your life. My best love and wishes, Dad." His son texts back: "Thanks, Dad, but the wedding isn't until tomorrow." His dad replies, "I know."

Biologists have crossed a watermelon with a cauliflower. People who eat the new variety get a sense of sadness known as meloncauli.

The most important cooking instruction for Christmas is to remember to add wine to the cook.

Also, an important Christmas reminder: if your birth year starts with 19, wrap your presents on the table. Not the floor.

Dodie B. #310

Help Us Plan Our 35th Anniversary Celebration!

In June 2026, our cooperative will celebrate a very special milestone — 35 years of community, cooperation, and pride!

We would love to mark this wonderful occasion with a celebration that brings together nostalgia, fun, and neighborly connection — and we need your ideas to make it happen!

At this early stage, we are looking for members interested in joining an ad hoc planning committee to help brainstorm ideas for our anniversary festivities. Whether you enjoy event planning, decorating, music, history, or simply want to share suggestions, your input will help shape this meaningful community event. We know many of you also have some fantastic connections like musicians.

We already have a few ideas in mind, but we would love to hear yours! Together, we can create a memorable celebration that honors our past and looks forward to our future.

If you are interested in joining the brainstorming group or want to share your ideas, please contact me by the end of December 2025. I would like to have a committee in place starting January 2026.

Let us make our 35th Anniversary in June 2026 a true reflection of the spirit and pride of our cooperative!

Shirley R. Office



SNOW VILLAGE

We began our collection over 65 years ago. Bob and I were Christmas shopping at Marshall Fields in Chicago. While visiting Toy Land we saw the display of the then current village and noticed a house that was nearly identical to the home we were in..well, that was our first piece. Since then we have added over 30 additional pieces.

Many of the pieces are replicas of where we lived, or as remembrances of childhood. Anyone who observes the village is surely reminded of a memory.

Our most recent additions have been pieces that reminded us of Frankfort: Point Betsie Lighthouse, the Garden Theatre, and A&W Drive-In. In town the Victorian houses along Leelanau and Forest as well as the First Congregational Church are replicated.

Nine years ago we decided to gift the entire collection

to Michigan Shores for all the residents to enjoy. One of the joys is to observe the Mennonite children, with arms folded behind their backs, looking at the village after singing their hearts out with their families for us.

We will begin setting up the village on December 2, over the years helpers such as Dave have improved the lighting. Janey, Lyn, Emily unpack the houses and accessories from storage.

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GINNY ISTNICK

Shorebirds Regular Meeting

November 10, 2025

Call to Order

President Mary Peters called to order the meeting of the Shorebirds on November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Quorum was met.

Secretary Report Minutes were published in September 2025 Newsletter. Mary called for any corrections to report; no corrections. Doug McFarlen motion to accept report without corrections. Ginny Istnick seconded motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report Treasurer Emily Luxford read her report. Starting balance \$2,566.06. Receipts received of \$260.00 for Halloween Dinner. Two interest monies were received, September 2025 of \$.06 and October 2025 of \$.06 each. Total Receipts were \$260.12. Disbursements were: Lin Johnson \$84.78 for table cloths, Mary Peters \$930.66 for Smart TV, Mary Peters \$155.68 for Halloween dinner, September bank paper fee \$2.00, October bank paper fee, \$2.00. Total Disbursements \$1,175.12. Balance is \$1,651.06. Pop can account is \$377.40.

Old Business

Kitchen Committee Report: Carol Edmonds said that she had been cleaning out the buffet and found numerous cloth napkins. It seems the napkins hardly get used, and Carole asked if we were alright with giving the napkins away to members. Louise Bodie moved to ok giving napkins away to members and Doug McFarlen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trips Committee Report: Mary Jane Hall said that she will post a flyer detailing a trip by Benzie Seniors to Washington, D.C., in 2026.

Nominations Committee for Shorebirds Board. Mary Scholl Chair, gave a brief report stating that Carole Reznich has graciously agreed to serve as Treasurer of the Shorebirds. Carol Edmonds will not be returning as Vice-President but will help with getting speakers for the lecture program (Crossroads Committee). Carol Edmonds has done a wonderful job at securing speakers. There will be no speakers for December but will resume in the new year.

The nominating committee Mary Scholl, Louise Brodie, Dodie Bedell, Bob Scholl and Sarah Thompson thanked the current board for their service and presented gift certificates to each board member and to Lin Johnson for her wonderful help with dinners.

Doug McFarlen motioned to confirm Carole Reznich as Treasurer for Shorebirds and Bev Popp seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

Dodie Bodell offered to sell her "Big Red" Popcorn maker to the Shorebirds. She detailed the popcorn kits, cart and machine and suggested a price of \$180.00. Dodie will train interested individuals on how to use the machine. Bev Popp motioned to allow \$200.00 for the purchase of "Big Red," and Mary Jane Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Food Drive: Dodie Bodell emphasized the need for food stuffs for some Benzie county residents. Donation boxes are on the second and third floor. Monetary donations also welcomed. Please make checks out to the specific charity. Dodi Bodell and Marty Litherland will deliver all donations to Bacon and Food Partners.

Shorebirds Regular Meeting

November 10, 2025

Future of the Shoresbirds: Louise Brodie

The P&P group results suggested that residents want more activities from Shorebirds. However, only Carol Reznich, offered to serve on the Shorebirds board. Without a full board, there are questions we need to address. Her Questions:

1. Should we refigure Shorebirds? Should we break-up Shorebirds?
2. Any ideas for getting Shorebirds back on track?
3. Would splitting up responsibilities into two 6-month terms be a solution? (sharing activities with part-timers). Smaller commitments and smaller jobs?
4. Do we rely solely on Pop-up activities? For example: someone wants to have a particular event and handles all the details of the event?

Some Responses:

Bob Scholl: Bob stated that the same people end up shouldering the responsibilities. Some people have physical problems that stop them from serving (eyesight, hearing, etc.)..

A number of people suggested preparing food is getting in the way of securing a board. Too much work for one or two people. Solutions - cater larger events or have the main dish catered and individuals bring sides?

Doug McFarlen: Shoresbirds doesn't need all the bureaucracy...by laws were written later on after corporate by laws were established. Maybe corporate board could give monies to carry out activities? Or, maybe just have a committee without officers?

Louise Brodie: Ultimately, some person would need to serve as a point for activities. (the Treasurer handle money from corporate board.)

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2025, social hour 5:15 p.m. dinner 6:00 p.m. Traditional Menu, \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests.

Brunch - December 6, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Potluck - December 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Soup dinner. Salads/desserts welcomed. Nominating Committee sponsoring this event.

Christmas Tea, December 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Mennonite Christmas Concert, December 18, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

Shorebirds Regular Meeting

November 10, 2025

Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, December 25, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Traditional Menu, \$12.00 for members and \$15.00 for guests. If you sign up and then decide not to attend, you must remove your name from the sign-up sheet by December 20, 2025 or you will be charged for the dinner.

Bob Scholl motioned to adjourn; Mary Peters seconded Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Submitted November 22, 2025, Johanna Moline, Secretary, Shorebirds

Word Search

Thanksgiving

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MASHED POTATOES
NOVEMBER
FEAST
CORN
GREEN PEAS
THANKSGIVING
FALL
AUTUMN
PLYMOUTH

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/193/>

LIBRARY NOTES by Janey

FYI - I have been putting the larger paperbacks, (called publisher paperbacks), in with the hardcover books. We have seen a big increase in these last couple years. With so many great donations now I have tried to update where the traditional paperbacks have been to increase space on book shelves by working in what fits! So remember you have three places to look for a book in our MS collection - shelves, stand, and desk top.

FICTION:

North Woods by Daniel Mason

The Hunter by Tana French

The King of Torts by John Grisham

The Life Impossible by Matt Haig

Night Work by Nora Roberts

MYSTERY:

The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Turton

James Patterson:

Alex Cross Must Die

Holmes Is Missing

Holmes Is Marple & Poe

Alex Cross Run

The Last Mile by David Baldacci

John Grisham:

The Racketeer

Rogue Lawyer

The Rooster Bar

The Confession

Sara Paretsky (V.I. Warshawski series)

Backlist

Hardtime

Windy City Blues

Killing Orders

CJ Box:

Battle Mountain

Stone Cold

The Killing At Kingfisher Hill - Agatha Christie (Sophie Hannah)

PAPERBACKS:

Afraid by Lisa Jackson

Lee Child: (Jack Reacher)

Killing Floor

Running Blind

Echo Burning

Tripwire

Without Fail

Night School

Past Tense

John Grisholm:

Camino Island

The Reckoning

Camino Winds

Lisa Gardner:

The Perfect Husband

Alone

ENJOY, it's Mystery weather!

SOUP'S ON!

December 13, 2025

*Join us for a soup supper
and a Christmas singalong*

Self-service soup starts at 6:00 pm

We will gather round the piano at 7:15 ish

Carols and festive songs shortly thereafter!

*There will be some songsheets so bring your
readers!*

Sign up in the Great Room

Sign up to bring breads or desserts

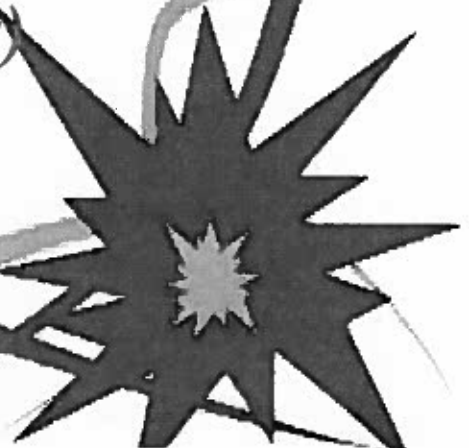
Soup is provided.

BYOS (Bring your own service!)

BYOB (or eggnog)

Carol Reznich piano

Louise Brodie violin



The Shorebirds Annual Holiday Staff Collection
A Gift of Gratitude for Our Valued Staff

We are once again reaching out to our members to contribute to our annual tradition: a collective holiday gift to express our deep gratitude to Dave, Dan and Shirley, our MSC Staff.

This collection is our way of saying "thank you" for the countless small acts of kindness that make our organization a welcoming and smoothly running place throughout the year.

Your generous donation will be pooled together and distributed to all the staff at the Annual Christmas Tea on December 17th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in The Great Room.

Deadline for Contributions is DECEMBER 14th, 2025.

Please make all checks payable to: THE SHOREBIRDS.

Easy Ways to Contribute

1. Drop-Off (In-Person), during Office Hours: Please deliver your check in an envelope to the Office Door. After Hours: Please drop your check in the Brass Mail Drop in the Office Door.

2. Mail Your Contribution

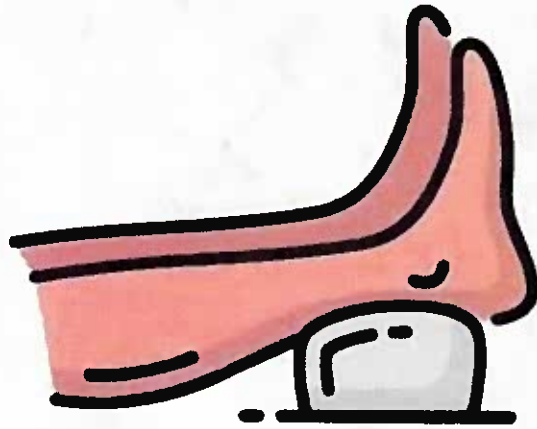
If you prefer to mail your donation, please send it to our Treasurer:

Emily Luxford, Shorebirds Treasurer
641 Michigan Ave., Apt. 212
Frankfort, MI 49635

Thank you for your generous spirit in making this a special holiday for those who serve us year-round!

Sincerely,

Mary Peters, Shorebirds President



Your feet Warns you about your Health

- **Swollen feet:** Liver disease, heart disease, low hemoglobin, low kidney function
- **Ankle Pain:** Low vitamin D, high uric acid
- **Tingling and numbness of feet:** Vitamin B12 deficiency, insufficient vitamin E
- **Spider veins:** Estrogen dominance, poor liver function, prolonged standing
- **Cracked heels:** Vitamin A deficiency, low iron level, deficiency of Omega 3, thyroid disorder
- **Cold feet:** Low iodine, Anaemia
- **Leg cramps:** Sodium deficiency, low potassium, vitamin B12 deficiency
- **Burning sensation in feet:** Diabetes, Vitamin B12 deficiency
- **Frequent foot cramp:** Magnesium and potassium deficiency, dehydration

Power outages

As most of you should know power outages at Michigan Shores/in Frankfort/in Benzie County are a fairly common occurrence, and are caused by a plethora of reasons...not the least of which is that Benzie County has a terrible and inefficient power grid.

When the power goes out, here at the shores, we have a generator which automatically turns on and supplies power to the common/public areas of Michigan Shores.

These public areas include the office, kitchen, hallways, stairwells, elevator, garages, public bathrooms and guest rooms.

The elevator is fully functional during a power outage provided the generator is operational. Your unit will have water & heat.

The generator also notifies Dave Baker and Consumer's Energy that there is a problem.

Michigan Shores has two power grids/zones. Part of that may be affected by a power outage, causing a "brown out" - A brownout is a drop in the magnitude of voltage in an electrical power system. Unintentional brownouts can be caused by excessive electricity demand, severe weather events, or a malfunction or error affecting electrical grid control or monitoring systems.

This will be restored by CONSUMERS ENERGY. There is no need to report this to David/Maintenance.

Shirley Robert, Cooperative Manager

BE PREPARED FOR A POWER OUTAGE



FEMA

FEMA V-1008/December 2023

Power outages are more likely to occur during severe weather events, such as strong thunderstorms, hurricanes and winter storms, or other natural disasters, such as wildfires.

A power outage is when the electrical power is lost unexpectedly.

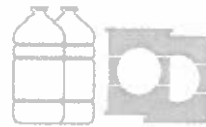
Power outages . . .



may disrupt communications, water utilities, and transportation for a long time.



may cause businesses, stores, gas stations, ATMs, banks, schools and other services to close.



may cause food spoilage and water contamination.



may cause injuries, disease or death, or prevent use of medical devices.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM A POWER OUTAGE

Keep freezers and refrigerators closed.



Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges.

Use generators outdoors and at least 20 feet away from building openings.



Make a plan for refrigerating medicines and powering medical devices.

Stay fire safe. Do not use a gas stove to heat your home.



If safe, go to an alternate location for heat or cooling.



Keep mobile phones and electronic equipment charged before a power outage.

HOW TO STAY SAFE FROM A POWER OUTAGE



Create a communications plan and keep a paper copy.

Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms with battery backup (if hardwired) on every level of your home and near sleeping areas. Learn the signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, which include flu-like symptoms.

Talk to your doctor to make a plan for how you will use your medical devices that need electricity, store your medications and stay safe during a power outage.

Gather supplies to last for several days. Check your supplies regularly and before predicted extreme weather events. If you aren't able to build a separate emergency supply kit, make sure you know where items that you already have are located.

Keep mobile phones and other electronic equipment charged before a power outage. Plan for alternative power sources that you can use to charge devices.

Determine whether your phone will work in a power outage and how long your battery backup (if applicable) will last. Remember that landline phones will not work if the lines are damaged.

Make sure your vehicle's gas tank has plenty of fuel before predicted extreme weather events in case there's a power outage.

Install and use your generator safely. Store fuel safely. Plan to prioritize the things you will need to plug in. You may not be able to power all appliances at one time.

Prepare to keep the refrigerator and freezer cold with ice. Keep a thermometer in the refrigerator and freezer so that you can make sure food stays at a safe temperature. Be prepared to throw away food that's no longer at a safe temperature.



Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Use generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills outdoors, at least 20 feet away from any building openings like windows, doors or garages. Never use a gas stovetop, oven, grill or dryer to heat your home.

Stay fire safe. Use flashlights, lanterns and other battery-powered lights. Don't use gas stoves or candles to heat your home. Always use fireplaces, portable heaters and wood-burning stoves safely.

Don't leave a vehicle running inside a garage, even if the garage door is left open. If you use your vehicle as a source of power or warmth, make sure to run it in a well-ventilated place outside.

Keep freezers and refrigerators closed. A refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will stay a safe temperature for about 48 hours. Do not store food in the outside or in the snow during cold weather.

Unplug appliances, equipment and electronics to avoid damage from electrical surges. Use surge protection devices.

Pay attention to water advisories. Boil water or use bottled water from your emergency supply kit, if needed.



When in doubt, throw it out! Throw away any refrigerated food that has been exposed to temperatures 40 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for more than 4 hours. Throw away refrigerated food that has an unusual odor, color or texture.

Replace refrigerated medications if the power is out for a day or more, unless the drug's label says otherwise. Call your doctor or pharmacist if you depend on refrigerated medications that have been at room temperature. Only use the medicine until you have a new supply.

Be Prepared. Multiple Disasters May Happen at the Same Time.

Know how to stay cool in extreme heat, even when the power is out. Find places with air conditioning that you can go to. Find shade, wet your skin with water, avoid high-energy activities and wear lightweight, light-colored clothing.

Make a plan to stay warm if a power outage happens in the winter. Evaluate your safety before leaving your home. Consider spending the coldest parts of the day in a location with heat. Check on family members and neighbors if it is safe to do so.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov/power-outages**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a power outage.





BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER STORM

Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion.



FEMA

FEMA V-1014/June 2018

Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds.



Greater risk



Can last a few hours or several days



Can knock out heat, power, and communication services

IF YOU ARE UNDER A WINTER STORM WARNING, FIND SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

Stay off roads.



Use generators outside only.



Stay indoors and dress warmly.



Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.



Prepare for power outages.



Look for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.



Check on neighbors.



HOW TO STAY SAFE WHEN A WINTER STORM THREATENS



Know your area's risk for winter storms. Extreme winter weather can leave communities without utilities or other services for long periods of time.

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not forget the needs of pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.

Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep the gas tank full.

Learn to identify the signs of and basic treatments for frostbite and hypothermia. For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/staysafe/index.html.



Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, stay inside.

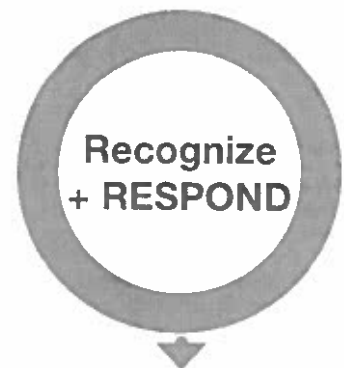
Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.

Reduce the risk of a heart attack. Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.

Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia and begin treatment right away.

Check on neighbors. Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold.



Frostbite causes loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers, and toes.

- **Signs:** Numbness, white or grayish-yellow skin, and firm or waxy skin
- **Actions:** Go to a warm room. Soak in warm water. Use body heat to warm. Do not massage or use a heating pad.

Hypothermia is an unusually low body temperature. A temperature below 95 degrees is an emergency.

- **Signs:** Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, fumbling hands, memory loss, slurred speech, and drowsiness.
- **Actions:** Go to a warm room. Warm the center of the body first—chest, neck, head, and groin. Keep dry and wrapped up in warm blankets, including the head and neck.

Take an Active Role in Your Safety

Go to **Ready.gov/winter-weather**. Download the **FEMA app** to get more information about preparing for a **winter storm**.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

As the holiday season approaches, we want to inform you of our upcoming early closures and full day closures, to allow our Michigan Shores team to spend time with loved ones.



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Thursday, November 27

Friday, November 28



CHRISTMAS EVE

Early closure at noon

Wednesday, December 24, 2025



CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25, 2025

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Early closure at noon

Wednesday, December 31, 2025



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2026



Thank you for your understanding and support throughout the year, we wish you a joyful and prosperous holiday season.

FROM ALL OF US AT MICHIGAN SHORES COOPERATIVE

2025 DECEMBER

CALENDAR YEAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1:00 Lin and Linda's knitting group Mondays	Exercise at 1pm Tues & Thurs 2:00 bridge Tues		Mahjongg 2pm third floor Thursday		
	1	2	3	4	5	6 10:00 Brunch
7	8	9	10	11	12 1-3 Shred Day	13 6:00 Soup and Christmas carols
14	15	16	17	18 7:00 Mennonites Christmas singing	19	20
	3:00 Book Club		2:00 Christmas Tea			
21	22	23 10:00 Board Meeting	24	25 Christmas Day (no staff)	26	27
First day of Winter			Christmas Eve (no staff ½ day)			
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve (no staff ½ day)			29

Birthdays: 10-Janet C(201) 11 Marty L(310) 11 Mary P(214) 12 Karen W(317)

21 Ginny D(218) 21 Gene N(209) 21 Christie R(316) 25 Janice F(107)

31 Emily L(212)

Coffee Hour 9-10 am Great Room
Happy Hour 5-6pm in Great Room