



AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER



**AROUND THE
SHORES**

Dear Friends,

Hello from the third floor...

I don't have many updates this month, but here we go...

Dates to put in your calendar:

1. **Bylaw Rollout...August 11, 10:00, Great Room...** The proposed bylaws will be distributed at this meeting. Members will receive a packet at the meeting with a copy of the current bylaws, a copy of the proposed bylaws, and a guide to facilitate comparing the two.
 - a. Because trying to determine what is deleted, what is added, and what is changed can be frustrating, we put together a process we think will be helpful for all of us to use. So, we will use this first meeting to explain the process.
 - b. The actual discussion of the proposed changes will come at our subsequent "listening sessions". These will allow members to get clarification and/or raise questions related to the proposed bylaws. We will have two of these sessions before the vote in October.
 - c. In addition, we will send out the packet electronically for those who might be away from Michigan Shores during this time period.
 - d. If members need assistance in reading through the bylaw changes, please let me know. We can provide assistance. Email me at litherlm@gvsu.edu.
2. **Time to Talk...August 4, 4:00, Great Room...** This is our monthly informal gathering of the members. It is a time to for members to share their concerns, ideas, etc. with board members.
3. **MSC Board Meeting...August 18, 10:00, viewing via Zoom available in the Great Room.**

I have just a few announcements.

1. You may have seen the paint on the grass outside the Great Room. A subcommittee of the Building and Grounds Committee met with a contractor recently to get a bid on expanding the patio there. Mary Peters is facilitating that group. There will be more to come from them as they get further along in the process. As is our practice, the recommendation from the subcommittee will go to the full committee. The full committee's recommendation will go to the board.
2. Vink is stepping down from his position as chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. We thank him for the years he has devoted his efforts to keep our facility operational as well as attractive. Dennis Ryan (#114) has agreed to chair that committee

going forward. He plans to have a B&G committee meeting sometime in August. The exact date will be posted.

Be kind to each other this month. We are all in this together.

Marty

The Power of 59: Why Our Healthy Waitlist Matters

Our cooperative community continues to be a highly sought-after place to call home.

We are thrilled to share that our official waitlist currently boasts 59 eager applicants. This impressive number is much more than just a list of names; it is a vital asset that strengthens our entire cooperative in two distinct ways.

Financial Peace of Mind

First, a robust waitlist provides immense financial stability and comfort for all current member-owners. It guarantees a steady, reliable pool of pre-qualified buyers ready to step in when memberships become available. This consistent demand ensures seamless transitions, protects our collective property values, and keeps our operating budget secure for the future.

Fairness and Integrity

Second, the waitlist upholds our core cooperative value of fairness. Operating strictly on a first-come, first-served basis removes any bias or favoritism from the application process. Every applicant knows exactly where they stand, ensuring an equal, transparent opportunity for everyone who wishes to join our community.

Thank you to our marketing team aka members (YOU!) for helping in making our community such a desirable place to live! Our members truly are our best ambassadors.

~ Shirley R. Office

AUGUST SMILERS

I went grocery shopping with my granddaughter the other day. When I picked up a bottle of Paul Newman salad dressing she asked me who Paul Newman was.

I told her that he was an actor, basically the Brad Pitt of her mom's generation .

Then she hit me with, "Who's Brad Pitt?"

If anyone needs me, I'll be at the senior center eating applesauce.

Yesterday I witnessed a woman throwing away the center of a cinnamon roll. The center. That sweet, cinnamony, buttery goodness. The best part of a cinnamon roll.

My friends, there are monsters,
Monsters in this world.

Everyone seems to think we should have pronouns these days. Well then, I identify as over 70. My pronouns are try/me.

It has been said that tomatoes are in fact, a fruit. Therefore, one can only conclude that ketchup is a smoothie.

One more thing: Do not piss off old people.

The older we get, the less

"Life in prison" is a deterrent.

Dodie #310

Birthdays In August 2026

08/03/2026 – Barb G. (301)

08/04/2026 – John V. (314)

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08/26/2026 – Linda J. (316)

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08/28/2026 – Bill P. (109)

08/28/2026 – Dave A. (115)
08/31/2026 – Janet R. (102)
08/31/2026 – Janey W. (210)

Happy Birthday from all of us at Michigan Shores. If we missed your birthday, we're sorry and please let the office know.

Special Dates & Events in August 2026

August 3 – 7 David Baker on vacation.

August 4th – Time to Talk in the Great Room at 4 p.m.

August 14th – Shred Day in the Great Room from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

August 20 & 21 – Shirley Robert on vacation

August 29th – Bill Pearson Birthday Party in the Great Room from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. – Chair Exercises in the Great Room
Mondays at 1 p.m. Lakeshore Stitches Group, Lounge area in the Great Room

Weekdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Room, coffee Chatter

Weekdays at 5 p.m. in the Great Room, Happy Hour

LIBRARY NOTES by Janey

Thank you to Linda Juras for the pretty and clever fabric bookmarks she made for us. They are on the Library table for you to pick one up.

Regarding the monthly books from the Benzie Shores Library please note we are trying to pick up more large print books as so many of us find that is very helpful for our reading enjoyment.

NEW DONATIONS:

Fiction:

I Cheerfully Refuse by Leif Enger
James by Percival Everett
Happiness by Danielle Steel
Far From The Tree by Robin Benway
Life's Too Short by Abby Jimenez
When Life Gives You Lululemons
Handle With Care by Jodi Picoult
Flying Solo by Linda Holmes

Mystery:

You're Invited Amanda Jayatissa
Swimsuit by James Patterson
Paper Towns by John Green

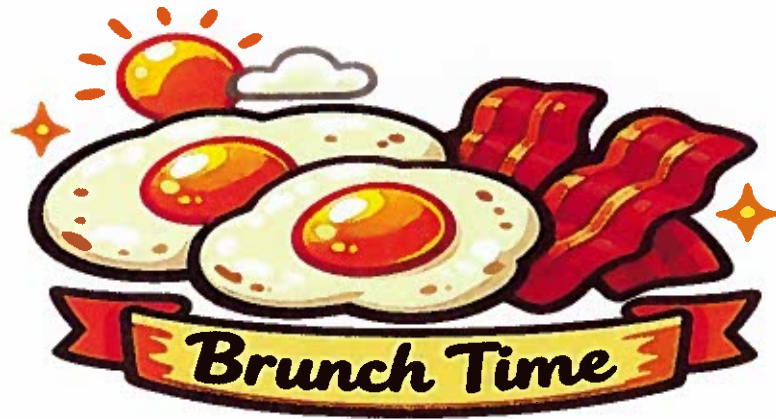
Nonfiction:

Manistee County Historic Sites
Talking As Fast As I Can by L. Graham
Ernest Hemingway Fished Here by Wakefield
A Woman I Know by Mary Haverstick
Everything I Learned In A Chinese Restaurant
by Curtis Chin.

Brunch Potluck

Saturday, August 1 10 a.m.

Sign up in the Great Room.



Everyone is welcome. If you don't want to cook, sign up to bring sweet rolls, orange juice or fruit. We'll be glad to have you and your visiting family and friends. (Remember to bring your table service. Napkins provided.) I hope there's bacon!

Understanding Parking Spaces and Storage Rooms at Michigan Shores

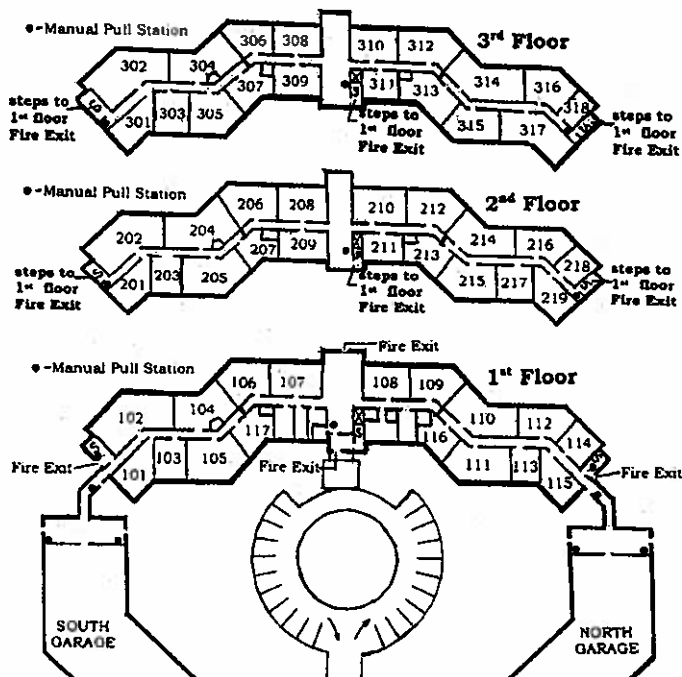
To help explain why some members have a parking space or storage room on the opposite side of the building, it is helpful to understand how Michigan Shores was originally designed.

Building Layout

The building contains **54 apartments**, divided between the two wings:

- **North Side:** 28 apartments
- **South Side:** 26 apartments

As shown in the building layout below, the **right side of each floor is the North Side**, and the **left side of each floor is the South Side**.



- **Level 1 = First Floor**
- **Level 2 = Second Floor**
- **Level 3 = Third Floor**

Parking Spaces

Michigan Shores has **two garages**:

- North Garage – 27 parking spaces
- South Garage – 27 parking spaces

Together, they provide a total of **54 parking spaces**, exactly one space for each apartment.

However, because there are **28 apartments on the North Side** but only **27 parking spaces in the North Garage**, it isn't possible for every North Side apartment to have a parking space in the North Garage.

As a result:

- **27 North Side apartments** have parking in the North Garage.
- **1 North Side apartment** has its assigned parking space in the South Garage.

The South Side has only **26 apartments**, so having one North Side apartment assigned to the South Garage still results in **27 occupied spaces** in that garage.

Storage Rooms

The storage rooms follow the exact same design.

There are:

- **27 storage rooms on the North Side**
- **27 storage rooms on the South Side**

Again, because there are **28 apartments on the North Side**, one North Side apartment must be assigned a storage room on the South Side.

This is simply the result of the building's original design and the available number of storage rooms.

Why This Arrangement Exists

This is not an error or a recent change. It has been part of the building's layout since Michigan Shores was constructed.

The numbers work out like this:

Building Feature	North Side	South Side	Total
Apartments	28	26	54
Garage Spaces	27	27	54
Storage Rooms	27	27	

Because the North Side has **one more apartment** than the number of available parking spaces and storage rooms on that side, **one North Side apartment is assigned both its parking space and storage room on the South Side.**

In Summary

Every apartment at Michigan Shores is assigned:

- **One parking space**
- **One storage room**

The only exception to being located on the same side of the building is that **one North Side apartment has its assigned parking space and storage room on the South Side.** This assignment is necessary because of the building's original design, which includes 28 apartments on the North Side but only 27 parking spaces and 27 storage rooms on that side.

We hope this explanation helps members better understand how the parking and storage assignments were established and why they have remained this way since the building was built.



Shirley Robert, RCM
Cooperative Manager

Questions & Answers from the Cooperative Manager

What Makes a Housing Cooperative So Special?

As we enjoy the beautiful month of August, it's a wonderful time to reflect on what makes Michigan Shores more than just a place to live—it's a community.

Unlike an apartment complex, where residents are tenants, or a condominium, where each unit is individually owned, a housing cooperative is built on a unique concept. Each member owns a share in the cooperative corporation, which gives them the exclusive right to occupy their apartment. More importantly, every member has a voice in the future of our community.

Living in a cooperative means we all share in the responsibility of maintaining our home. Through an elected Board of Directors, members work together to make decisions that help preserve our property, maintain our financial strength, and ensure Michigan Shores remains an attractive and welcoming place to live for years to come.

One of the greatest strengths of cooperative living is the sense of community it creates. Neighbors look out for one another, friendships are formed, and members often volunteer their time and talents to serve on committees, assist with events, or simply lend a helping hand. Those everyday acts of kindness are what transform a building into a home.

Our cooperative also benefits from long-term planning. Whether it's replacing air-conditioning units, investing in building improvements, or maintaining our beautiful grounds, each project is completed with the goal of protecting the value of our community while enhancing the comfort and safety of our members.

As your Cooperative Manager, I want to thank each of you for the role you play in making Michigan Shores such a special place. Whether you attend meetings, volunteer, welcome a new neighbor, or simply greet someone with a smile in the hallway, you are helping build the caring spirit that defines cooperative living.

Thank you for being an important part of our community. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and relaxing August!

~ Shirley Robert, Cooperative Manager

Michigan Shores Cooperative

Air Conditioning Replacement Program Update

The Board of Directors approved this program in 2023 to gradually replace the original air-conditioning units throughout the building and improve efficiency and comfort.

Program Progress

- June 2023 – 5 apartment air-conditioning units replaced
- June 2024 – 10 apartment air-conditioning units replaced
- June 2025 – 6 units replaced, including the office air conditioner
- June 2026 – 5 apartment units replaced plus the North and South Guest Rooms
- Total replaced to date: 28 air-conditioning units

Cost Sharing Program

For members with a working unit who would like to upgrade, the Cooperative pays the first \$1,000 toward the replacement and the member pays the remaining balance, which has typically been a little under \$1,000 for a new installed unit.

Important Reminder

If your air conditioner stops working entirely, replacement remains the responsibility of the Cooperative and is not part of the cost-sharing program.

Maintain Your Existing Unit

If you still have one of the original units, regular filter cleaning can improve performance and extend its life. David is happy to clean filters—simply submit a work order.

2027 Waiting List

Only THREE openings remain for 2027 replacements!

If you would like to reserve a spot, please contact the office.

 Shorebirds Minutes for July 13, 2026

Snapshot of the item below:

Shorebirds Minutes for July 13, 2026, 10:00 am in the Great Room

Mary P moved that the minutes from May be approved

Dennis 2nd

Unanimous approval.

Mary S moves that the treasurer's report be approved

John D 2nd

Unanimous approval

Old Business

The August potluck (8/15) will be hosted by Barb & Joe G and Mary S

The August brunch (8/1) will be hosted by Sarah T and Louise B

September potluck (9/19) will be hosted by Louise

No brunch in September

The Ryans are doing the cans and bottles to recycling this month

A Wednesday popcorn and cocktails at 5:00 will be organized by Sarah T

New Business

A special project by Janice F and Louise B cleared invasives in the new shade garden

Jay P and Louise B have cleared some invasives in the woods. New tools have been ordered to facilitate this....the PulleyBear.

Dodie B cleared invasive garlic mustard on our property

If you have a special project, please bring it to the next meeting or contact Louise

A conversation ensued about how best to support our neighbors who are experiencing surgeries, or health issues or other life changing events. Shall we have the person in need contact a designated person on Shorebirds to discuss the need for rides, meals, cards, visits, etc.? We will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Barbara G moved to adjourn

Fred E 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

Chief Cederholm spoke at 10:45 reminding people to DRINK WATER!

Signs of dehydration or heat exhaustion are

Feeling light headed

Feeling dizzy

Headache

Blurry vision

Chief Cederholm notes that drinking plenty of water preserves brain health and clears kidneys.

Chief Cederholm is planning a training for us on how to use fire extinguishers. Stay tuned for more information.

Submitted by Louise Brodie

Delivery Notice: Please Let Our Carriers Complete Their Work

We love how helpful and eager our community is, but we need to address an ongoing issue in the lobby regarding mail and package deliveries.

Lately, residents have been retrieving mail from their cubbies while the US Postal Service (USPS) carrier is still sorting, and some have even reached into the carrier's postal bins for packages.

Additionally, during UPS and FedEx drop-offs, residents have been taking packages to deliver to neighbors before the drivers can finish sorting and scanning them.

While we know you are just trying to be helpful, this is causing serious disruptions.

Please keep the following rules in mind:

- **USPS Mail is Protected:** It is a federal offense to touch mail or reach into the mailbox system while the carrier has the entire 54-slot unit open.
- **Scans are Required:** UPS and FedEx drivers must scan every single package upon delivery. Taking items early breaks their tracking system.
- **Liability Risks:** Interrupting the delivery process puts carriers at risk for missing or lost packages, which threatens their jobs and our building's delivery security.

Please allow all delivery personnel the time and space to completely finish their jobs before retrieving your mail or packages. Thank you for your cooperation and for keeping our building running smoothly!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Knitting group 1pm second floor	Exercise at 12:45 Tues & Thurs 2:00 bridge Tues		Mahjongg 2pm third floor		10:00 Brunch
2	3 David Baker on vacation all week	4 <u>Time to Talk Great</u> <u>Room 4:00</u>	5	6	7	8
9	10 10:00 Shorebirds	11 10:00 Bylaws revision roll-out	12	13	14 Shred Day	15 6:00 Potluck
16	17 3:00 Book Club	18 10:00 Board Meeting	19	20 Shirley on vacation	21	22
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Coffee Hour 9-10 am M-F Great Room

Happy Hour 5-6pm in Great Room