

**Packet Addition for August
10, 2021, Regular Township
Board Meeting**



It has been an incredibly busy summer. Summer Reading Club participation was up three times over last year. Business people are using the Wi-Fi all day, children and grandchildren play and many out of town visitors stop in.

PCL was the site of a no cost COVID-19 vaccination popup in August held by Northwest Michigan Health Services in our parking lot. I have let them know that they are welcome back in September.

Old Mission Associates installed our two new flower xylophones in the Children's Garden free of charge. They also repaired a break in the irrigation system in one of the raised beds. The xylophones were donated by a patron who wishes to remain anonymous. Another anonymous donation has been received for permanent StoryWalk© signs. They will allow us to interchange stories but do away with the floppy yard signs we use now. They could be used for rotating interpretive walks as well. The willow tunnel is not to be. The kits are no longer available and Old Mission Associates has had no luck growing them after three tries. We would like to put in a "reading tunnel" in that same curved space consisting of two tunnels with flowers along the edges. Since they must meet public playground standards, they are quite expensive – almost \$10,000 for the two I will look for a donor, at least for the structure. It will add to our kids' enjoyment of the space. Adults and children alike LOVE the Garden!

Since our new strict enforcement of meeting room rules, we have had no issues. The small Neahtawanta Room is in frequent use in spite of requiring people to fill out the room use form even for short last-minute use of the room. We have scheduled our first ever "paid" uses of the Community Room by HOAs on Old Mission – three of them. Cost for private Old Mission entities such as Homeowner's Associations is \$75 per event, but I would like to look at increasing that to \$100. I will have that on the Board agenda for September.

A Volunteer Evening will be held August 31 in the Children's Garden. It is the first we have been able to schedule since we moved in. Volunteers make our great service here at PCL possible. They include our beloved Friends members, shelvers, gardeners, flag raisers, book haulers, reading dog facilitators, craft preparers, writers who share news of PCL, musicians who play for programs, Christmas décor designers, fundraiser planners and so many more, and of course, our great Board Trustees who work with out pay!

I have posted a sign requiring all children under 12 and unvaccinated adults to wear masks again. Children mostly have been throughout the summer as have their parents. This is per CDC guidelines. We will remain alert for any changes in this fluid pandemic and its safety precautions.

Happy patron notes from a child: "To the PCL. I love my library. Thanks for bringing back the toys. I missed them!" Included a hand drawn picture of a big heart with books in it!

***Circulation July 2020: 1934, July 2021: 3448 system checkouts + 95 manual checkouts
July Volunteers: 14 people, 41 hours of time to PCL. Curbside pickups: 2. New library cards: 41
Hold Transit Counts June 2021: 486 to other libraries from PCL, 564 from other libraries to PCL
Programs July 2021: 21. Program Participation July 2021: 514 Reference Questions: 372
Website Hits: 1865***

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Preserving Our Past, Building Our Future

August 4, 2021

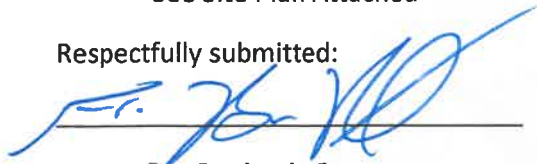
Name of Event: St Joseph's Catholic Church Fall Festival

St Joseph's, 12675 Center Road, Traverse City MI 49686

Phone: 231-421-7310

- Event to be held entirely on the property
- Date of Event: October 2, 2021
- Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm
- Description: A Parish Festival at St Joseph's Church In cooperation with Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, the Hispanic parish who use to meet at St. Joseph's and who will be responsible for the food tent. This is part of our ongoing effort to become a larger part of the Old Mission Community. We intend to highlight our unique location and legacy, which is why, along with a typical tent for children's games and a tent for food, we will also offer wine tasting in our parish hall (instead of the more typical beer tent).
- Expected Number of People throughout the day: no more at any given time than our onsite parking can accommodate, definitely less than our Christmas Liturgies.
- Wine tasting: In Parish Hall only one entrance. Other doors locked. Supervision at all exits
 - Represented in the "tasting" are those Vineyards of the Peninsula who choose to participate (only a few have been contacted until approval is received).
- The signs we be attached to our St Joseph's road sign which is permanent signage
The sign will just say "St. Joseph Fall Festival October 2nd 11-4pm"
- A medical station will be set up with a Registered Nurse from the Parish attending it.
- Food and water supplies will be in the "Food Tent" See Site Plan Attached
- Health and sanitation facilities are in the Church, which accommodates similar crowds on weekends and major feast days.
- Vehicle access and parking facilities are attached See Site Plan Attached
- The tent set up - See Site Plan Attached
- Clean up and Waste Disposal has been assigned to Parish committees and we have Garbage pick up on Fridays.
- No road closures are necessary
- Insurance and Bonding arrangements are through our insurance carrier, Michigan Catholic Conference and has been submitted as of this writing.
- See Site Plan Attached

Respectfully submitted:



Pastor, Rev Benjamin Rexroat
St Joseph Catholic Church Old Mission Peninsula



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TENTS FOR CHILDREN & FOOD

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PARKING

Rebecca Chown

From: Joel Gaff Jr. <joel@enduranceevolution.co>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Becky Chown; Rob Manigold
Cc: Ryan Griessmeyer
Subject: Traverse City Triathlon 2021

Hi Rob and Becky,

I just wanted to send a quick note about this year's Traverse City Triathlon, set to happen next weekend.

As you may recall I'm the founder of the Traverse City Triathlon, and served as race director of the event for over a decade, from it's inception 2009 through 2020. Earlier this year, I decided to make a small career shift, and passed the event off to Ryan Griessmeyer and his company, Race Day Events.

I've had the good fortune of knowing and working with Ryan for the past 5 years or so, and I couldn't be more confident that the event is in good hands. Race Day Events is a company that has lots of experience and resources, and I know first hand that they do very good work.

I know there were some hiccups in some of the planning for this year's race, however, if there's anyone that has the ability to make an event happen, I know it's Ryan and his team.

I'd be happy to speak more toward my support of Ryan and Race Day Events if you'd like - you can call me at my cell at 231.360.3522, or email as well.

Also, I'll likely be on-site to help in the production of this year's race as well, as I help Race Day Events through this transition of management from me to them.

All my best,
Joel

Joel Gaff, Jr.
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Endurance Evolution

Rebecca Chown

From: Jason Clark <clark2jw2929@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:51 PM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Traverse City Triathlon

Good evening,

I'm writing in response to the Traverse City Triathlon permit approval. I'm a local resident of Traverse City and right on the base of the peninsula. I personally have been training for 1.75 years and want to see this event happen not just for me but for all of the athletes, families, and supporters. If COVID and 2020 has shown us anything it's that nothing is certain. Please consider the time and effort the event company has put into this and even more so the athletes.

We all want to race and get back out there. I'd ask that you kindly consider approving the permit and allow the race to happen. Whatever mistake was, now more than ever people need events.

Please read into record for the meeting concerning the TC Triathlon.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Clark

Sent from my iPhone=

Rebecca Chown

From: Coleen Rocker <rockerco54@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 8:05 PM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: TC Triathlon

As a registered participant, I would strongly encourage you to grant the necessary permits to make this event possible; please put it on your agenda for tomorrow am. It is one of the best triathlons in our area and it brings in a lot of visitors in addition to the athletes. Thank you!!!!

Sent from my iPhone=

Rebecca Chown

From: Douglas Endicott <douglas_endicott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:24 PM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: TC Triathlon

Hi Becky,

I'm emailing to express my support for the TC Triathlon and encourage the Township to allow this event to take place this year. As a township resident of 22 years, I have participated in the TC Tri for at least 5 or 6 years and hope to again this year. I understand there is an issue regarding the permit for this event, but I think this was due to the change in management of the event. I would encourage the Township to support diverse events that can enrich our lives, as triathlon has done for my family and myself. I would ask to have my message read into the record for the next Township meeting.

Sincerely,

Douglas Endicott
1058 Bayside Drive

Sent from my iPhone

Rebecca Chown

From: C Tibbits <cnt91@bc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:58 PM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: TC Triathlon

Greetings Becky,

May I please ask that this email be read into the record for the next township meeting/planning meeting/zoning meeting?

I am writing in support of the upcoming TC Triathlon on Aug 15th. This healthy, family-oriented, event is a wonderful attraction to our community. This event does not involve the consumption of alcohol or the risk of drunk driving like many of the other winery events. In fact, portions of this race may be over before many local residents get out of bed on Sunday morning!

Triathletes have money to spend in our community, they don't think twice about purchasing a \$1000-10,000 bike and an \$800 watch, just to use for the sport!

I myself was planning to spend money for lunch with my family and friends after the race on the Peninsula. We were planning to support the local restaurants after the event. Because we live locally, we planned to invite our local friends to also join in the cheering and celebration after the race. All of this money would help boost our local economy.

This race is a preparation race for the upcoming Ironman Michigan race. There are out-of-towners who would participate in the TC triathlon and spend money locally during their visit.

I support the need for first responders, police, etc. during this event. I would be happy to contribute money towards whatever funding is needed for this support. This help would be graciously appreciated.

Thank you,

Christine Tibbits
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231-715-1228
cnt91@bc.edu

Rebecca Chown

From: Kathleen Spillane <kmspilla@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:27 AM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Traverse City Triathlon Permit

Hi Ms. Chown I am writing to express my support for allowing the triathlon to take place on Sunday August 15 in the township.

I have participated in this event many times over the 10+ years it has been held. You're talking about a max of 200 cyclists on roads that are completely open to traffic early on a Sunday morning that are off the road by 11 am. I have not encountered any issues with traffic impeded in any way by the athletes. It's simply too early and quiet to cause issues.

It is so unfortunate to consider canceling at this late date. I understand that the race organization is responsible for not keeping up with the permit requirements. I would ask that the parties work together to see if this event can go forward. Athletes have paid the entry, made travel and lodging arrangements for this race and are now left in limbo through no fault of their own. As with everything else, this race was cancelled in 2020 due to Covid and we're just wanting to get back to enjoying the beauty of the peninsula.

Could you please read my comments into the record for your meeting on this matter?

Regards,
Kathleen Spillane

Rebecca Chown

From: Mark Ware <waremh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 8:07 AM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Aug 15th Triathlon

Good Morning,

Please include this email into the record for the Aug 5th special meeting regarding the Traverse City Triathlon.

Dear Peninsula Township Commissioners,

I live on Sundown Lane off of Island view and support having the triathlon this year on Aug 15th on Old Mission Peninsula. After a year of minimal public interaction, this race has been something we have been looking forward to for months. It supports the community and is a great use of our streets and parks. Please vote to allow the race to continue.

Thank you,

Mark Ware and Philip Hustedde
12660 Sundown Lane
Traverse City, MI

Rebecca Chown

From: Jonna Brown <jbrown@northwested.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 8:12 AM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: TC Tri

While it's incredibly unfortunate and frustrating that the organizers of the event failed to secure the permit, those of us who have trained all summer to participate hope that you consider allowing the triathlon to proceed on the 15th.

Thanks for considering,

Jonna Brown

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Jonna Brown

Teacher Consultant for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Infant-Toddler Program & Preschool Assessment Team

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Rebecca Chown

From: Douglas Yingst <drywit1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 10:01 AM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Please Support the Bowers Harbor Triathlon

Dear Becky Chown and the township board,

I am a 74 year old resident of Empire, Mi who has been training all summer and looking forward to my first Triathlon. I have informally run and biked the Bowers Harbor course and have fallen in love with the area. I believe the race showcases our area and provides us with the opportunities for a healthy lifestyle.

For these reasons I hope the organizers of the race and the township board can work out any remaining issues and grant the necessary permits so that the race can proceed.

If possible, please orally read my note at any upcoming meeting to consider the issues surrounding this event.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely yours,
Douglas Yingst
2746 W. Armstrong Lake Trail
Empire, MI 49630

Rebecca Chown

From: Donna Olendorf <dolendor@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 10:44 AM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: Vote yes for TC Triathlon

Dear Becky Chown,

I understand that the TC Triathlon is in danger of being cancelled because the new owners failed to follow protocol. It would be a shame to cancel the event when people have trained all summer to compete. The event only lasts 4 hours and the roads will not be closed. I am writing to show support for the upcoming TC Triathlon on Old Mission Peninsula, Sunday morning, Aug 15th.

Please read this letter into the record.

Thank you!

Donna Olendorf
2399 Carroll Road
Traverse City, MI 49686

Rebecca Chown

From: Kurt Strasser <kurtstrasser@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 12:08 PM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Subject: TC Triathlon 2021 Support

Dear Clerk,

Please allow the TC Tri to be read into record at the next meeting.

My email here is an effort in support of allowing the 2021 TC Triathlon event at Bowers Harbor.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support this event.

Best,
Kurt Strasser=

Rebecca Chown

From: Rachel Plum <rachelhplum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 5, 2021 2:58 PM
To: clerk@peninsulatownship.com
Cc: curtpete@gmail.com
Subject: TC Tri

Hello Ms Chown-

I am writing as a resident of Peninsula Township in support of the upcoming TC Triathlon. I have been made aware that due to a change in organizational/leadership there is a township approval issue.

I am aware there are many logistic and organization issues that I am not aware of or knowledgeable about.

However, I signed up to do this event with my 14 year-old daughter. I completed the Sprint Distance 2 years ago, and this year I am very much looking forward to doing this event with my daughter. She is a competitive swimmer and is undoubtedly going to do well in the event. It is her first triathlon. I am picking her up tomorrow from 2 weeks at camp and will be sad to tell her the event may not be going.

Additionally, many Traverse City residents sign up for this event in preparation for the upcoming Ironman in September. The Bayshore Marathon goes right by my home and it has not happened for 2 years, which has been sad for our family as we love cheering our community on. Please consider holding this event and of course doing so as safely as possible.

Thank you,
Rachel H Plum, MD
Peninsula Township Resident
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