



The Life and Times

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Mobile Homes for Sale

5317 Jordan- Reduced to \$128,000
5876 Moriah Place—\$55,000

RVs for Sale

5323 Hebron—\$10,500
5242 Zion— Reduced to \$19,500

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for information. Photos on website.



News from the Park Administrator

Dear Light and Life Park Family,

This past month has been one of the more difficult seasons we have walked through together as a community. We have experienced **deep loss**, and with that comes a weight that is felt across the Park—in our conversations, in our work, and in our hearts.

Yet even in the midst of grief, I have been reminded daily of the strength of this community and the faith that anchors us. We do not walk through these moments alone. We lean on one another, and more importantly, we lean on the Lord—trusting in His love, His grace, and His sustaining power.

The scripture that has been on my heart during this time is:

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” — Psalm 46:1 (NIV)

This truth has carried us forward—reminding us that even when we feel weary, God provides the strength we need for each step ahead.

Walking Forward Together

As we continue through this season, we remain mindful of those who are hurting. Please continue to keep **Lori and her family in your prayers**, as we honor the life and legacy of Doug. His impact on this Park is lasting, and we are grateful for those who have stepped in to help carry forward his work with the same spirit of dedication and care.

It has been encouraging to see the team come together—supporting one another, stepping into new roles, and continuing the mission of the Park with faithfulness.

Park Projects & Summer Activity

Even during this time, the work of the Park continues to move forward. As we shared in May, we are now firmly in the **execution phase of several major initiatives**—and the coming weeks will be especially active.

News from Park Administrator cont.

Hood Hall Roof Replacement

The **Hood Hall roof project** is scheduled to begin **Monday, June 22nd**, with a tentative completion date of **Friday, June 26th**. This is an important step in maintaining one of our key facilities, and we appreciate your support as this work is completed.

Road Paving Project

Immediately following that effort, we will begin a significant **road paving project covering over 70,000 square feet**, starting **Monday, June 29th**.

This work will bring long-term improvements to our Park infrastructure, but it will also cause **temporary disruptions to access on several main roads**. We kindly ask for your **patience, flexibility, and understanding** during this time as crews work diligently to complete the project safely and efficiently.

IT Infrastructure Improvements

We have also officially launched our **IT infrastructure initiative**, partnering with **Spectrum Direct Fiber** and **ACTS360 end user services**. This investment will strengthen connectivity, reliability, and long-term support for both the office and key park operations.

Steady Progress in a Challenging Season

As I reflect on the past several weeks, I see a clear picture:

- A community grieving, yet still showing up for one another
- A team stepping forward to carry responsibility with excellence

A Park continuing to improve and prepare for the future. This is not by coincidence—it is by God's grace.

Much like we shared in May, we continue to **move forward together, carrying one another's burdens and remaining committed to the work set before us**. Even in sorrow, the Lord is at work—strengthening, refining, and guiding us.

A Word of Gratitude

Thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and kindness toward one another. Thank you for your patience as we navigate a busy and sometimes disruptive summer. And thank you for the many ways you quietly and faithfully serve this community each day.

It is an honor to walk through this season with you—both the challenges and the progress—and to witness God's faithfulness in it all.

With gratitude and steadfast hope,
Lyndon Babcock
 Executive Director (Park Administrator)

NEWS FROM OUR BOARD

This month we continue to mourn the loss of our friend and colleague Doug Jones. This past year I had several occasions to work with Doug, which provided me with the opportunity to get to know him better. You didn't have to spend much time with him to realize how much he cared about the Park. Please join the Board in our continued prayers for Lori and her family as they work through this loss.

The Board is still very involved in overseeing all of the projects underway in the Park. I am very pleased with the progress of some much needed infrastructure improvements being accomplished by the leadership of Lyndon, our Executive Director (Park Administrator). Please refer to Lyndon's article for a detailed update on the current on-going projects.

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Over the next few weeks Lyndon and his wife, Terri Ann, will be moving from Calgary to the park. I am sure this will be a very emotional, tiring and stressful time for him and his family. Driving thousands of miles over several days in a U-Haul is not on my personal "want to do" list. While he is in this transition, he will be working remotely and be accessible to staff and the board as needed. In addition, Greg Thomas will be in the park to assist with on-site management. In Lyndon's absence, I am also available if an urgent issue arises.

I also want to encourage all of us to continue to pray for Tim Smith's full recovery. The Lord has answered the many prayers with miraculous progress. Keep Becky and his family in your prayers as they walk alongside Tim through his rehabilitation.

Pray for all of us on the board and for Lyndon for wisdom as we work through filling the void in our operations and main-tenance group. It is such a privilege to be part of such a caring, spiritual and prayerful community.

Ron Foster, Acting President and Board Vice President 607-765-7541

Library Notes

We, at Light & Life Park are deeply saddened by Doug Jones passing. He has left a great legacy since he took over as head of maintenance. He had a special place in his heart for our goats and took care of them very lovingly and well. In honor of Doug, two books have been placed in the library about goat care. They are for your convenience. We just ask that you take them out through the check out system in the library. They are:

A Comprehensive Guide to Raising Goats: Essential Information for Beginners by Brenda Rees

Hobby Farmer's Handbook to Raising Goats: Expert Tips for Choosing, Caring for, and Managing Your First Goat Herd
By Karen Harris

You can find these books in the new section of our library.

Book Review

When on a short vacation to Ohio this summer, we stopped to enjoy the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY. Our first response when looking at it was, "No wonder it took Noah and his family 100 years to complete. It is huge and very impressive.

While looking around I saw a trilogy of books, The Remnant Trilogy about Noah written by Tim Chaffey & K. Marie Adams. It surrounds the life of Noah and the evil that was evident during his lifetime. The research into the novels is noteworthy. Of course, we weren't there when history was made, so there are "artistic interpretations" for what wasn't mentioned in the bible.

Noah: Man of Destiny Discover the rich background of Noah and his family members as portrayed at the Ark Encounter. Witness the struggle of a righteous man's battle against a culture that thought of evil continually. Explore what it may have been like for a righteous man to relate to God before the Bible was written.

Noah: Man of Resolve Packed with action, adventure, and heartbreak, the second installment of the Remnant Trilogy continues the imaginative and respectful look at the life of this hero of the faith as God shapes him into the man who eventually saves humanity's future.

Noah: Man of God Adventure, wonder, and biblical history await readers on this riveting journey through the pre-Flood world, leading to an epic confrontation between the Creator's faithful preacher of righteousness and the serpent's priestess and her legions of darkness. Noah: Man of God weaves together the storylines from the first two books and delivers an unforgettable conclusion to The Remnant Trilogy. (Master Books).

These books are in the Biblical Genre section of the Fiction area.



LIGHT AND LIFE FRIENDS AT SBC 2025

Last summer's Light & Life picnic at Somerset Beach Camp was the largest yet—with 55 former and present members attending.

This year's picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, July 12th**, during Family Camp. We will once again gather at the Lakeview Pavilion between 12 and 1 pm, and **eat at 1 pm**.

All are welcome! Please bring food to share, your own beverage and place setting, and a tablecloth if you have one. You may also bring a lawn chair for more comfortable seating.

The day's activities at the camp include: morning worship at 10 am, **picnic at 1 pm**, water activities (boating and swimming), a baptismal service, and evening worship to close out the day. Come for any or all of it!!

We have the pavilion booked for the afternoon, so if you'd like to stay after dinner and play some table games, please bring them along with you.

Somerset Beach Camp is located off US-12 near Somerset Center, MI. The address is: 9822 Brooklawn Ct., Jerome MI.

We hope you can join us!!



LIGHT AND LIFE FRIENDS AT BROWN CITY CAMP 2025

The 2025 Light & Life picnic at the Missionary Camp was hosted by Carol Zeller in August during family camp.

This year's picnic will once again be held in the pavilion on **Thursday, August 6th, at noon**.

Please bring food to share, your own beverage, and a tablecloth if you have one. Place settings will be provided.

Brown City Camp is located at 8700 Wilcox Rd., Brown City, MI (about 15 miles north of Imlay City, which is on I-69 between Flint and Port Huron).

For more information contact Carol Zeller.



LIGHT & LIFE FRIENDS AT MANTON 2026

The first Michigan L&L Friends picnic for 2026 was held at Manton Christian Camp on Saturday, June 27, with 40 people in attendance.

Almost everyone in attendance was wearing their patriotic colors to celebrate America's 250th birthday. Three cheers for the red, white, and blue!

A huge thank you to Roy and Janet Wight for a great time as always!.



Does an individual drop of water matter much? How about when it is combined with millions and millions of other droplets, flooding our home with fifty inches of water after hurricane Milton that resulted in total demolition of the interior of our place.

Can one little postage stamp make a difference? When coupled with millions of other stamps, sold to collectors, and proceeds are used to produce Sunday School literature in Spanish it can result in young lives being spiritually influenced.



The next time you start to throw a postage stamp in the trash ask yourself these questions: Is this the best use of this stamp? Do I want to feed the trash or help feed a young mind? Every single action can make a difference... negatively or positively. Choose wisely!

*-Marilyn Stone
-Stamp Ministry Coordinator*

(A container for stamps will be placed in the corner of Hood Hall this fall, so save those post-marked stamps!)



**Happy
Birthday
to the
USA**

&

**Enjoy the
holiday—stay
safe**



We continue our series of introducing new members of Light and Life Park.



DON & NANCY DUMAN live at 5265 Joppa. They are both originally from Port Huron, MI.

Don is a US Navy Vet, having served in the Viet Nam era.

Nancy joins her sister at Light and Life—Carolyn Lindley, who just happens to live right across the street on Hebron Ct.

Don and Nancy have three grown sons, six grandchildren, and two great granddaughters. Family is a very important part of their lives.

Don retired from the Port Huron Area School District, having served in maintenance as master plumber. Nancy held a variety of positions, but most recent was an office manager for a small business.

Don enjoys riding motorcycles, reading, and watching action movies. Nancy also enjoys reading, jigsaw puzzling, and doing crafts. She especially enjoys gardening and decorating for events. She served as decorator for her home church in Michigan for many years.

The Dumans love the atmosphere at Light and Life Park. The people are very friendly and have not only welcomed them, but have been a strong support through prayer, visitation, and transportation as Don has struggled with multiple health issues over the last two years.

Don and Nancy also appreciate all of the help that they have received while rebuilding their house after it flooded—especially that of Dale Schantz and Ken Smith, who put in countless hours, days, and weeks of labor.

Let's continue to make the Dumans welcome and offer our prayer support as they face their ongoing health challenges.

TRUDIE McMAHON

resides in Villa 24. She grew up in Niagra Falls, NY. She married Granville (Mac) McMahon in 1960, and they were married for 58 years before his passing in 2018.



Trudie has three grown children—two sons and one daughter. She is also a grandmother and a great-grandmother.

Trudie's husband, Mac, retired from the VA where he worked in the psychiatric unit of a hospital in Marion, IN. Trudie was a stay-at-home mom, until her youngest married. Then she went to work at Kmart and later became a bank teller. She retired from the banking industry.

Before coming to Light and Life, Trudie made her home in St. Petersburg, FL. A year or two ago she decided to leave St. Pete's and move to Light and Life Park, where her brother Hal and wife Mary Ellen Burchel reside.

Before breaking her hip earlier this year, you could see Trudie out walking at various times of the day. Walking has always been an enjoyable part of her life and she hopes to get back to it.

Another thing that brought pleasure to Trudie was reading, which she can no longer do due to vision problems.

Trudie contrasts her life here at Light and Life park with that of her life in St. Petersburg. While she liked living in St. Pete's, there is no comparison with the loving and friendly environment at Light and Life. She is so grateful for the fellowship, acts of charity, and warm reception that has been extended to her. She also mentioned that she'd much rather be in the country setting that our park enjoys than in the big city.

Trudie loves music, and especially delights in listening to Willie Ming play the "fast" songs.

Welcome Trudie—we're glad you've made Light and Life Park your home!



JIM AND KATHY COLE have been coming to Light and Life Park for three or more years and staying in the guest rooms—for just a bit longer each year.

After Hurricane

Milton, Jim's niece Jayme Sinsmyr put them to work as volunteers. You might have seen Kathy using her administrative skills at Command Central, and Jim working on the electrical boxes on Ebenezer or Hebron.

Becoming snowbirds that migrate to Lakeland every year didn't seem like something Kathy would even consider for their retirement years, but having been here short-term and enjoying the fellowship and fun led them to purchase the Rockwell home at 5319 Hebron Ct. The lovely climate enables them to do outdoor activities in the winter.

The Coles have four grown sons and nine grandchildren. Kathy has a musical background, and passed her love of music and talent to all four of their sons, who have used their abilities to bring glory to God. When the family is together, they are known to just break out into a song.

Jim worked for many years in the automotive industry before going into sales at an Electric Wholesaler. Kathy was an administrator at Spring Arbor University for nine years and then taught school until her retirement.

Jim's hobbies include hunting and sound technology, and Kathy enjoys reading and doing jigsaw puzzles while listening to audio books. They both love camping, and Kathy serves on the board of directors at Somerset Beach Camp. The Coles have also traveled extensively and participated in several missions trips in Africa, Costa Rica, and Europe.

Jim and Kathy make their home in Spring Arbor, MI and are actively involved in the Arbor (FM) Church.

Pool Improvements



Our swimming pool got a good makeover this spring. It was drained, cleaned and refilled. We also have some additional chairs. Marilyn Barrett-Otto writes the following update:

Bucket Listers purchased new chairs for the pool. They bought five royal blue and five turquoise green chairs and foot stools. The original chairs and lounges were purchased years ago, many for use in the old pool and the rest when the new pool opened. The cushions were replaced about five years ago. That is why webbing is turquoise, and the cushions are grey. It was felt the gray wouldn't heat up as quickly as the turquoise.

The new chairs do not lay back like the padded ones do, but we still will have all of them and these were much less expensive. One of the big problems with the padded chairs are they get mildew and mold on the underside webbing, under the cushions. Many people just sit up and talk, so these will work too.

We have had the ducks return to the pool. While the pool was closed for cleaning, I walked by and a duck was having a nice swim. When we opened the pool after, there was a lot of duck feathers in the pool and some duck droppings on the deck and in the pool. Andy, our alligator (decoy) had been put back in the pool.

After the pump started working right, the pool cleaned up and I have not seen any more feathers, and no more droppings. No one seems to have seen them in the pool the last week. We can see them walking around east of the pool like they are waiting to return to the water. There are four ducks this year instead of two. They are all about the same size, so I don't think they are children, just friends. We are hoping Andy has them afraid to come back into the pool.

AQUA SPASH

Hi Aqua Splash Ladies! The summer heat-wave has arrived & many of you are out of state currently. Thus, if you're in town and interested in a morning splash session, please reach out to me and we will pick a date & time. Summer sessions will be posted on Facebook & Neighborhood News.

Also, "Save the Date" for a Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 8th at Noon. All are welcome to join us.

Karen Castle-Williams,
ASFA Water Aerobics Instructor
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Happy Fourth of July!! I clearly remember the bicentennial which was easier to pronounce and spell than semiquincentennial. Maybe that's why most of us just say 250th anniversary.

SAVE THE DATE: NOV 9 will be our next FELLOWSHIP DINNER. Our PROGRAM will have a combined focus: honoring our Park residents who are veterans, paying tribute to our wonderful country, and thanking God for our country, our veterans, and God's many blessings to those of us who are privileged to live here. Plan now to join us!

*-Marilyn Stone Chair
Fellowship Dinner Committee*