



The Beacon

August 6, 2009

Ice Cream Social

August's Business After Hours will be the **LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau's**, 4073 S. Franklin St. (**Marquette Mall**), 10th Annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 12 from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Temple News Agency will provide Sherman's Ice Cream and **Carlson's Drive-In** will supply root beer and orange drink for floats. Entertainment will be the Homemade Jamm Bluegrass Band. RSVP to the Chamber by August 11.

Habitat For Humanity

Habitat for Humanity will have a dedication of homes at 209 & 212 Willard Avenue on Sunday, August 9 at 3 pm. Please join them to celebrate the new homes for the Coney Family and the Davis and Jenkins Family.

Great Lakes Grand Prix

The Inaugural 2009 Great Lakes Grand Prix is this weekend, August 7, 8 & 9 at Washington Park. Super Boat International said around 30 boats have registered to race in the grand prix. The **LaPorte County Convention and Visitors Bureau** and its sponsors will help welcome the boaters during a boat parade down Franklin St., at 4 pm on Friday, August 7 to kick-off the race weekend. The event is free for spectators and will feature boat testing on Saturday and racing on Sunday. A classic car show will be held on the race site, in Washington Park, on Saturday at noon and both Friday and Saturday nights, the Jaycees stage at the park will feature two outstanding live bands, as well as a block party where spectators can get close to the boats and their drivers. For more information please call or email Jason Miller 872.5055 or Jason@laportecountycvb.com.

Lubeznik Center for the Arts

Lubeznik Center for the Arts' First Fridays at Five event will be on August 7 with the summer theme - Surfin' USA - featuring "Hutch" who will perform beach-inspired tunes as well as a DJ. Don your Hawaiian shirts and shorts! It will be held outdoors on the "beach-side" lot. The time is 5 - 8 pm and admission is \$6 for LCA members and \$8 for non-members. Light appetizers and entertainment are included and beverages are extra.

Tour de LaPorte

The **La Porte Hospital** Foundation 8th Annual Tour de La Porte bike, run and walk event to benefit local cancer patients is on Sunday, August 23, at the La Porte County Fairgrounds, 2586 W. State Rd. Cyclists may choose routes ranging from five - 100-miles. Runners and non-competitive walkers can take part in the 5K route. New is the Mini Tour Fun Run for children ages 4 - 8 at 9:30 am. Participants may bring athletic shoes to be donated to local schools. Open registration/check-in and breakfast is available from 6 - 10 a.m. Runners and walkers must check-in no later than 7:30 am. The 5K shotgun start will be at 8 am. Lunch will be provided. Costs for the bike race are: \$25 for an adult before Aug. 8 and \$30 after; \$10 for a child ages 5 to 12. Costs for the 5K run and walk are \$20 for an adult before Aug. 8 and \$25 after. A combo package for the bike and 5K run and walk is available. Team sign ups are available. For more information or to register, call 326-2471 or online at www.laportehospital.org/foundation/events.

Dunebrook

Dunebrook's 20th Anniversary Blue Ribbon Gala will be held on Saturday, September 12 at **Whittaker Woods**. This anniversary celebration features hors d'oeuvres and dinner, with entertainment by Harpist Charles Lynch; live and silent auction and presentation of the Lester Radke Community Service Award. Jim Hmurovich, President & CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America will be the special guest. Unique costume jewelry from Charlotte Then and Now will also be available as "cash and carry". Individual tickets are \$75. Sponsorships available. Auction items and program advertisements welcome. Call 874-0007 or email pam@dunebrook.org. Proceeds will support Dunebrook's family support programs and Body Safety.

Thought of the Day

"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts."

- Albert Einstein

Please route to your staff

The deadline for The Beacon is 3 pm every Wednesday. If possible, send articles in advance.

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