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Mishicot Area Growth & Improvement Committee

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Mishicot's 21st Annual Pumpkinfest

MAGIC sponsors Village Festival on October 18

This year's celebration will take place on Saturday, October 18—rain or shine. Come and enjoy many of the wonderful attractions you have come to expect with Pumpkinfest: live music, great food, a wide variety of vendors, games for kids, Native American drumming and dancing. Be aware of the changes taking place this year: pumpkin pancakes will be served at the high school; vendors will also be inside the high school; children's games will be in the Village Park across from the Fire Station; the pumpkin decorating/carving contest entries will be judged at the Fire Station; parade line-up will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the elementary school; the pumpkin baking contest will include a silent auction with winners announced at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Hall; and a magic act will take place at the Fire Station at 3 p.m. The great-grandson of Chief Mishicott, Earl Meshiguad with his wife, Aiesha, have been invited to join in our celebration of the fall harvest season and our local history. See the enclosed flyer for more details about activities, locations, and times. Come join us for the 21st celebration of Pumpkinfest for a full day of fun!



Featured Volunteer



In an effort to thank all volunteers, we will feature a special volunteer in each newsletter. This fall we offer special thanks to JUDY WANISH for her work with the MAGIC Promotions Committee and the Mishicot Historical Museum.

Don't Miss the Mishicot High School Musical

The Wizard of Oz

Performances in the High School Performing Arts Gym

Show dates: Friday and Saturday

November 7 at 7 p.m.

November 8 at 3 and 7 p.m.

For more information call 755-4633



2007 Pumpkinfest Baking Contest Winning Recipe

Reprinted with permission from Shelly Harms: 2007 Best of Show winner

Thanksgiving Pumpkin Cheesecake

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| 1 ¼ cups gingersnap cookie crumbs | 2 teaspoons ground cloves |
| ¼ cup butter, melted | 1 16oz. can pumpkin |
| 3 8oz packages cream cheese, softened | 4 eggs |
| 1 cup sugar | 3 tablespoons sugar |
| 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon | 21 walnut halves |
| 1 teaspoon ground ginger | 2/3 cup chilled whipping cream |

Preheat oven to 350. Mix cookie crumbs and butter in small bowl. Press evenly on bottom of an ungreased 9" spring form pan. Bake 10 minutes, cool.

Reduce oven to 300. In large bowl, beat together cream cheese, sugar, cinnamon, ginger and cloves until smooth and fluffy. Add pumpkin. Beat in eggs, one at a time, on low speed. Pour over crumb mixture. Bake until the center is firm, about 1 1/4 hours. Cool, cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours.

Cook and stir the sugar and walnut halves together over medium heat until sugar is melted and nuts are coated. Immediately spread on aluminum foil and cool. Carefully break nuts apart to separate if necessary: use these as toppings for the cheesecake.

Loosen cheesecake from the side of the pan, remove sides. Beat whipped cream in chilled bowl until stiff. Spread whipped cream over the top of the cheesecake. Top with the candied walnuts. Makes 12 servings.



Join in the fun and enter your own favorite pumpkin recipe in this year's contest!



Mishicot Briefs _____

Library Drop Boxes _____

The Lester Public Library in Two Rivers has placed two drive-up drop boxes behind the Mishicot Village Hall at 511 East Main Street. One box is for audio-visual materials and the other is for books. Any materials checked out from the following library locations may be placed in the Mishicot drop boxes: Two Rivers, Manitowoc, Kiel, Chilton, Brillion, and New Holstein. The scheduled pick up days for the Mishicot boxes are Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

Parade Regulations _____

Ordinance adopted by Village board of Mishicot to provide for the safety of our children:

“No person participating in any village parade may sell, distribute or give away in any manner any pamphlet, article, good ware, merchandise, candy, or thing along the parade route while the parade is being conducted, unless the method of distribution involves one or more individuals walking along the curb line, distributing the item without the item being thrown from a vehicle, trailer, float, or otherwise dropped into the street.” Effective Sept. 19, 2008

Museum Boardwalk Additions _____

New names have been added to museum boardwalk this summer bringing to 88 the number of named boards around our historical museum. Approximately 85 spaces remain on the board walk which was created as a means of financial support for the museum. Boards were added in memory/honor of: descendants of August Terens, Duane Jerabek, Alois and Grace Komoroske, Bette and Bill La Rose, Ev and Jim Sustman, Violet M. Skubal, Kay & Susan Komoroske. The donation for each board of \$50 helps to support the museum.

Summer Concerts _____

Again the Summer Concerts for this year are a thing of the past. And while they had a slow beginning because of the rain and cold, we had some of the biggest crowds on record and dancing in the street. Thanks again to our sponsors, to Rod Scheuer for putting together the schedule, the Berkens of the Old School for hosting them, and to the many volunteers who helped with set up, concessions, and many of the behind the scene jobs. And for those of you who have never been to one, tell yourself, next summer you are going to take them in.

Election Day _____

One doesn't need to be reminded that Tuesday November 4 is Election Day but some might need to be reminded how important it is that they and everyone else gets to the election polls. You can register before the election or at the polls on Election Day by bringing proof of identification with you. This election is considered one of the most important in the history of our country. Please study all of the issues, put bias aside and consider the integrity of the candidates. The one thing you do have control over is your own vote. Use it!!!



Farmer's Market Signs _____

Two new signs directing visitors to the Farmer's Market were set up this summer. These serve as nice reminders of the day and time for this weekly seasonal event.



Mishicot Briefs continued _____

**Potawatomi Powwow
Bus Trip** _____

For the third year our historical museum sponsored a successful trip to the Hannahville Potawatomi-Land of Chief Mishicott. Thirty three people went to the Powwow on Saturday, June 21. Again this year, Earl Meshiguad great-grandson of the Chief, served as host to the group. In addition to the Powwow, participants enjoyed a taste of Native American food; a visit to Chief Mishicott's grave; plus as a special treat, Earl -- as cultural director of the Hannahville band, took the group to his home and sweat lodge and explained their Native American spirituality.



Trick or Treat Hours _____

The Village of Mishicot has scheduled Trick or Treating for October 31 from 5 to 7 PM. Our little ghosts, witches, ghouls, and other assorted costumed youngsters will be out and about when it is dark. Please watch for them and drive especially carefully during this time.

Another Mishicot Shoo-the Flu Clinic _____

A "Shoo-the Flu" clinic in Mishicot will be at the Mishicot Family Market, 527 East Main Street, phone 755-3500 for more details. Scheduled time is for Wednesday, October 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for flu and pneumonia shots. This service is provided by Aurora Health Care.

**Keep Mishicot
Alive!**

SHOP LOCALLY

And help support our local businesses



Initiatives to Reduce Crime in Mishicot

Community Involvement and the Reduction of Vandalism

Over the past year, there seems to have been an increase in crime and vandalism in the Village. This has been especially evident in the upper village park area (skateboard park and children's play area). The Village did an outstanding job refurbishing the children's play area this summer, reinforcing walls, removing graffiti, staining the entire structure, and more. These improvements are appreciated, but it would be even better to stop the vandalism in the first place.

The Police Department does everything it can to police our streets and Village, but they can't be everywhere all the time. **THEY NEED YOUR HELP.** If you see something suspicious, report it. Be proactive – be aware and look for behaviors and circumstances that don't seem right. Crime tends to occur in areas of least resistance – a little push back usually results in the offenders moving to easier and less risky areas. You don't have to take it on personally, just call 911 for any report of suspicious or criminal behavior.

Neighborhood Watch

Another community involvement opportunity to reduce crime is participation in the Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most effective crime prevention programs in the country, bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. Sponsored by the National Sheriff's Association (NSA), Neighborhood Watch traces its roots back to the days of colonial settlements, when night watchmen patrolled the streets. The modern version of Neighborhood Watch was developed in response to requests from sheriffs and police chiefs who were looking for a crime prevention program that would involve citizens and address an increasing number of burglaries. Launched in 1972, Neighborhood Watch counts on citizens to organize themselves and work with law enforcement to keep a trained eye and ear on their communities, while demonstrating their presence at all times of the day and night. The program took off quickly; in just ten years, NSA data showed that 12 percent of the population was involved in a Neighborhood Watch. Watch participants partner with the police to deter and prevent crime. Mishicot residents interested in being part of the Neighborhood Watch program should contact the Police Department at 755-2525.

McGruff Volunteers

In conjunction with the Neighborhood Watch Program, the Mishicot Police Department is looking for citizens who would be interested in the McGruff Program. A McGruff House is a temporary haven for children who find themselves in frightening or dangerous situations. Children are told that they can go to specially marked McGruff Houses-- which might be houses, townhouses, apartments, or mobile homes-- any time they sense danger as they go to and from school or are playing in the neighborhood. McGruff Houses provide a safety network for children and reduce the risk that children will be victimized.

McGruff House volunteers:

- Call the child's parents or appropriate authorities if a child is lost or has a medical emergency
- Reassure the child if he or she is frightened
- Report crimes and suspicious activities
- Consent to a background check



Initiatives to Reduce Crime in Mishicot *continued*

McGruff House volunteers don't:

- Provide first aid (except in life-threatening situations)
- Administer medications
- Supervise the neighborhood
- Enforce laws

Local McGruff Houses rely on a partnership of law enforcement, school personnel, and volunteer participants and local coordinators. Law enforcement is typically the first resource McGruff House participants will call to help a child. School personnel help make children aware of McGruff Houses and teach them how to use them. Schools are a key partner because the program is most needed when children are on their way to or from school or playing afterwards. Carefully screened volunteers are the root of the program and the first contact for children needing help. Applicants will be subject to a background investigation before approval. Again, if interested contact the Mishicot Police Dept at 755-2525.

Riverwalk update

The Village plan to expand the Riverwalk east of Highway 147, along Willow Drive and down the river for about 2000 feet, was completed and the application for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant for this project was submitted prior to the May 2008 deadline. Unfortunately, the grant application was not approved. The Riverwalk Committee met with a DNR representative in September to discuss the project application, including how the project was scored. The Project Selection Rating and Ranking Questions were reviewed as to how the Riverwalk project scored and where improvements and enhancements to the Village's grant application would result in a higher rating and better chance for approval next year. The Village intends to submit a revised grant application in 2009.



The Riverwalk Committee continues to discuss and explore possibilities to extend the Riverwalk from the covered bridge to County Highway B as the highest priority, as well as potential expansion all the way to the Vet's Club.

Riverwalk Eagle Scout Project

Have you noticed the beautiful flower bed along the Riverwalk? Nathan Golding has earned his Eagle Scout award by completing this project. Marilyn Rohr, headmaster of Troop 915, and troop leaders Tim Hirvela and Bruce Larson, will join Nathan and his family in his Eagle Scout award ceremony this November. What a wonderful project to improve our community!



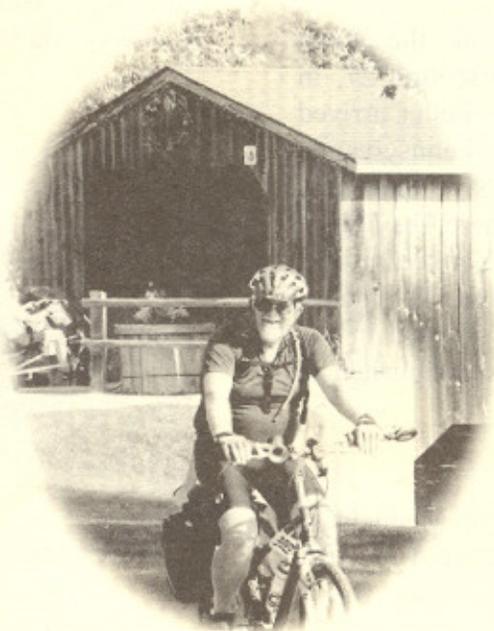
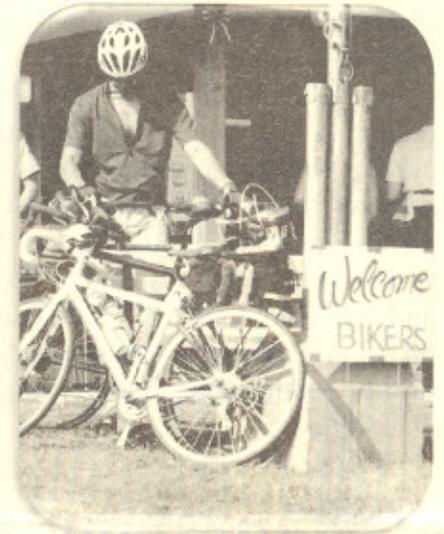


FUN IN THE VILLAGE PARK

Mishicot SAGBRAW Rest Stop Wins Award:



In August of 2007, Mishicot welcomed over 500 bicyclists participating in the SAGBRAW bike tour, to the Village by setting up a rest stop in the park. MAGIC provided water, Gatorade, sandwiches, nuts, fruit, and sweets with the generous support of area businesses and volunteers. Our hospitality paid off. Mishicot was voted the BEST rest stop on the tour. Eric and Kathy Schramm, tour promoters and organizers, delivered a bike rack to MAGIC along with a plaque recognizing the achievement.



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MISHICOT'S YESTERYEARS

Township Celebrates 150 years Early Emigrants Settled in Gibson

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, the town of Gibson had a gala celebration commemorating its 150 years. A parade, dance, and exhibits were part of the celebration at the Harpt Lake Park. In addition, a history book was published and sold out early in the day. Orders for the book are being taken by Joyce Cisler at the cost of \$15. MAGIC extends congratulations to the town board: Ed Peterik, chairman, Richard Wegner, constable, Linda Herman, treasure, Frank Hlinak, Stanley Junk and John Zellner, supervisors. Also thanks to its various committees that put on this great celebration.

The town of Gibson has the distinction of having the first white man in the county when Jacques Vieau of the Mackinac Island Northwest Fur Company established a trading post with the Indians on the Mauve Creek in 1795. The Indians pronounced his name "Jambo" and to this day the creek, and later, a road and early school house were known as Jambo.

The first white man to settle in the town permanently was Edward Brown in section 27, in the spring of 1846. Soon Jason E. Pellet arrived from the Village of Gibson, Pennsylvania. Accordingly, he and Darius Peck gave their new home the name from the place where they were born. Following them came other Yankee settlers from Vermont. Among them were the Westgates, Hudsons, and the Kinds. They settled in the region where later a post office was established in Larrabee.

Gibson was set off from the town of Mishicot in September 1858. Jason Pellet was elected the first chairman, Luther Pellet, Treasure and Byron Markhan clerk.

The Village of Larrabee derives its name from Judge Larreebe who had been a circuit judge in the county. The Bohemians settled to the south west in an area called Melnik. And to the north, a post office was named after Mr. Edward Zander Sr. In addition to Jambo Creek, Larrabee, Melnik, and Zander there was another settlement; Fisherville, named after John R. Fisher.

In the mid 1800's a group of Norwegians came to the township, the earliest being George Wilson. They established their own church and cemetery on Jambo Creek Road. Later, in the 1880's and 90's, about 20 Swiss families settled in the area, making the township their home.

Research of an 1860 Plat Map of the town of Gibson shows that Daniel Smith, the founder of the village of Mishicot, and his oldest son Alfred, owned quite a bit of land in the township. For more information on the town of Gibson visit the Mishicot Historical Museum on the corner of Rockway and Randolph Streets.



General Store at the corner of Highway Q and Zander.



Volunteers Continue to Make MAGIC in Mishicot

MAGIC and its programs depend on you, our volunteers. Without you, nothing happens. The following are volunteers we would like to acknowledge for their contributions to keeping the *MAGIC* alive. (We apologize for anyone whose name may have inadvertently been omitted from this list.)

Sylvester Shillcox	Dorothy Schmoock
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Charley Cigler	Mishicot Subway
Caroline Hlinak	Fat Boyz II
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Mary Ann Jackson	Two Rivers Lioness Club
Dean and Linda White	Adeline Holmes
Kathleen Meneau	Gale Kronforst
Judy Wanish	Kathy Golding
Duane and Mike Jerabek	Mishicot Museum Volunteers
Jim Konitzer	Roger Kotarek
Summer Concert Volunteers	RiverFest Volunteers
Pumkinfest Volunteers	Christmas at the Museum Volunteers

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO 2008 CONTRIBUTORS' DRIVE _____

ANOTHER WAY TO CONTRIBUTE – Aluminum Cans:

We are still asking for donations of your aluminum cans to help us with some of our beautification projects in the village. Drop your bagged cans off at Village Hall or call 755-3411 to arrange for pick-up. Thanks to all who have made the effort to contribute cans.

OUR MISSION

To support the historical preservation and growth and development of the Mishicot Area

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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| Oct. 18 | Pumpkinfest |
| Oct. 22 | “Shoo the Flu” Clinic |
| Nov. 7 & 8 | High School Musical
Wizard of Oz |
| Dec. 17-19
26-27 | Christmas at the Museum |
| Jan. 2-4 | Norman Rockwell Holiday |

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We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill