

WHAT'S NEW?

If you haven't been to Ludington in awhile, let's catch you up on the latest changes and happenings in our special town!

Record-Breaking Fun!

Once again, Ludington will try to break a Guinness World Record. On June 8, during the 2019 Love Ludington weekend, it is hoped that at least 2,000 people will head to Rotary Park for the Largest Dessert Party. This free event will feature ice cream, frozen yogurts, cookies, cake, and more. It will last for 15 minutes and everyone must consume a dessert at the same time. The present record is 1,445, set by participants in India.

For Play

A new accessible playground has been built at the Hamlin Beach within the Ludington State Park. With ramps and a poured-in place surface, children of all ages and abilities can play in a safe and modern environment.

Funds are still being raised for a Splash Pad to be installed at Copeyon Park. This outdoor play area will have permanent sprinklers and fountains for interactive water play.

There are also plans for a permanent fishing pier to be installed on Pere Marquette Lake, which will be available year-round.



Future Plans

A 316-acre property on the south side of Pere Marquette Lake has been purchased from Dow Chemical. The property is undeveloped and will run from Sutton's Landing all the way to Buttersville Campground. It will tentatively be known as the Pere Marquette Conservation Park, with 312 feet of Lake Michigan frontage next to Buttersville Park. It is hoped that the area will be open to the public fall of 2019.

Also by this fall, construction should be done on a couple of four-story apartment buildings at the site of the former bowling alley in downtown Ludington. The ground floor of each building will house retail businesses and the 30 apartments will be a mix of one and two-bedroom units for low to moderate income tenants. To make space for a parking area, the old Ludington Fire Department building will be torn down, as it has now moved to a new 10,000 square foot fire station on east Tinkham Avenue.

The west end of Ludington Avenue is undergoing renovations, and will feature a promenade area for events, seating, landscaping, and lighting. Parking is no longer allowed in this area until the work is complete. ☺

WHERE TO WATCH THE CARFERRY

Waterfront Park

While the kids enjoy the fun and safe playground, you can relax on a bench and have a front row seat as the carferry glides by.

Along the Channel Walkway

View the Port of Ludington Maritime Museum and the area between the City Marina and the Coast Guard Station.

North Breakwater Light Pier

Give yourself an extra ten minutes to walk out to the very end past the lighthouse, close enough to see the faces of passengers enjoying their cross-lake trip.

Stearns Park Beach

The large expanse of beach gives you the longest view of the S.S. Badger. Be sure to stay for the spectacular sunset over Lake Michigan.

Ludington State Park

Hike out to the Lake Michigan Beach House on the lakeside, and let the tranquility embrace you as the S.S. Badger sails into or out of her home port.

The S.S. Badger carferry has a new dock, with renovations taking place over the past winter.



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