

## **RECOGNITION**

Local Resident Joyce Nash turns 100 years old on October 20, 2024. Please join members of the community to celebrate Joyce's birthday on October 26, 2024, at the United Methodist Keswick Church! A community potluck is scheduled for 2:30 in the afternoon, so bring your favorite dish to pass and be ready to celebrate while listening to solo artist and multi-instrumentalist Chris Smith.

Congratulations to Treasurer Lorrie Devol who has recently celebrated her 20-year work anniversary with our Village! Lorrie's fiscal knowledge and commitment to our community are vital to our community's financial success. We look forward to many more years of Lorrie's humorous demeanor and great attitude. Thank you, Lorrie for everything you do for our community!

Congratulations to Paul Whiteford who is celebrating his 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Village! Paul's sense of humor, great attitude and dedication to the Village cannot be understated. Many would argue that Paul's memory retention of our underground infrastructure is far superior to our villages records database and I would certainly agree with that assessment. Congratulations on your accomplishments and thank you for all that you do for the Village.

## WATERWHEEL PARK IMPROVEMENT

Waterwheel Park is partially open following 2-years of planning, permitting, and construction. The creek bed itself is new so it will continue to be blocked off to allow the new creek and its vegetation more time to establish itself. Over the next several months, you will see new trees being planted, vegetation along the stream transition to flowers and benches and tables making their return.

## **TAKE TWO!**

For the second time in three years the Village's Marina Beach was selected as the premiere location to film a truck commercial. On October 8, 2024, a commercial was filmed on Marina Beach featuring the new 2025 Chevy Colorado. The film crew showed up at 5:30 am and had moved on by noon. Once again, the improvements to our beaches continue to be economic drivers for our community.

## **PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

While all of you are likely well aware that we have secured two grants from the State of Michigan to improve our marina and add new bathrooms and a marina service building, it is the third grant request for funding that continues to peak everyone's curiosity.

We applied for a grant to the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund division to help fund a new pedestrian bridge. This new bridge would replace the bridge we lost in the high-water phenomenon and that connected the Coal Dock with the south side of the Marina. We are still awaiting the results of this request and will continue to update everyone as we progress. Stay tuned...

Questions, concerns? Feel free to contact our office: 231-271-3051.