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Beach & Pier Safety Month Beach Expo 2006

Michigan City, IN (May 11, 2006) – Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Recreation Director Jeremy Kienitz announce the Beach Expo to be held at Washington Park Beach from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 26th.

The goal is to help citizens and visitors enjoy Lake Michigan safely and responsibly. Participating agencies include members of the Washington Park Lifeguard Team, the M.C. Fire Department, the M.C. Police Department, the M.C. and LaPorte County Dive Teams, the Port Authority, the Park Department, the U. S. Coast Guard, and the LaPorte County Emergency Medical Service.

Michigan City Beach & Pier Safety Month is celebrated from May 1 through May 31, and National Beach Safety Week is celebrated from May 22 to May 26.

The beautiful beaches of Northern Indiana represent a world renowned recreational resource, and the citizens of Michigan City and visitors alike are drawn to the Michigan City lighthouse, pier and catwalk each year to go fishing, to take photos, or simply to enjoy a casual stroll. Lake Michigan has dangers that can be effectively managed through public awareness and the vigilance of professional lifeguards, parents, caregivers, and knowledgeable bathers.

The Michigan City Parks & Recreation Department staffs Red Cross Certified lifeguards in a designated area at the Washington Park lakefront from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Guards are on duty from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For beach and swimming conditions, call 219/873-1406 X 390.

For more beach information, visit www.michigancityparks.com

For more information on the Beach Expo, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 219/873-1506