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Beach & Water Safety Month Beach Expo 2008

Michigan City, IN – Mayor Chuck Oberlie and Recreation Director Jeremy Kienitz would like to announce the Beach & Water Safety Expo that will be held at Washington Park Beach from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, May 23rd. The Beach & Water Safety Expo is a multi-agency/multi-county effort to promote a safe and enjoyable time at the beach and Lake Michigan. If you are raising a family in the LaPorte County area, a visit to the Expo is a must!

Both children and adults will learn about beach safety and emergency procedures as well as lighthouse and pier safety. Rip current precautions and survival also will be emphasized. Several programs, activities, and demonstrations are planned as well.

Some of the participating agencies include the M.C. Fire Department, M.C. Police Department and Dive Team, the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department and Dive Team, M.C. Port Authority, M.C. Park Department and Lifeguard Team, U.S. Coast Guard, American Red Cross, M.C. Emergency Management Agency, 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 19 to May 25.

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, take photos, or simply to enjoy a casual stroll and beautiful sunset. 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 more beach information, visit www.michigancityparks.com and **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** For more information on the Beach Expo, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 219/873-1506. For beach and swimming conditions, call 219/873-1406 X 390.