

# SOUTHPORT BEACH HOUSE

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**Newsletter** 

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2018 has been a busy year for the Southport Park Association and our efforts are paying off.

We are in the planning stages for an event to be held at the Southport Beach House on Sunday, October 21st, so please make sure to save the date!



This will be our last event at the Beach House for 2018 before it closes for the long awaited renovation.

This is what we have all been working towards and it is because of your continued encouragement that we are finally here.

On behalf of the SPA Board of Directors, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mayor John Antaramian, the entire Common Council and all of you, for your continued support in our efforts to restore this historic landmark.

We hope you enjoy our quarterly newsletter. We will keep you informed of the progress of the renovation and our upcoming events.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely, Susan Andrea- Schlenker President



# Kenosha's Southport Beach House: Our Lakefront Legacy

The Southport Park Association is creating a collection of new and old memories at the beach house. Please share your photos below to help tell our story and preserve our lakefront legacy.

Submit

## **RESTORATION CORNER**

#### Building & Grounds Committee

#### **Beach House Renovations Coming Soon!**

After 7 years of hard work by community leaders and activists, Southport Park Beach House renovations are slated to begin in 2019. Last fall Mayor Antaramian and the Common Council allocated one million dollars toward repairs and renovations to the building exterior.

Structural repairs including roofing and masonry, as well as installation of new windows and doors, will take place over a two-year period.



2018 will be spent preparing for construction. Engberg Anderson Architects, GRAEF Engineering, and the Southport Park Association will be working through final exterior design determinations over the next few months with contract bidding slated for later this year.

The Southport Park Association Building and Grounds Committee is pleased to announce a new member, Dan Hitzeman. Dan is a landscape designer with Breezy Hill nursery who has a Bachelor of Environmental Design degree from the University of Minnesota. We look forward to Dan's insights and expertize as long term plans for improvements in this historic park are developed. Lydia Spottswood, Chair

#### Old buildings are reminders of a city's culture and complexity.

By seeing historic buildings—whether related to something famous or recognizably dramatic—tourists and longtime residents are able to witness the aesthetic and cultural history of an area. A city needs old buildings to maintain a sense of permanency and heritage.

Our historic beach houses are part of our city's identity. They are part of Kenosha's rich history and part of a legacy we all inherited. Throughout Wisconsin, too many of these places are disappearing. It is up to us, to preserve these historic landmarks for the

generations to follow.

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# **UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS**

### **MUM SALE**

Our Annual Mum sale is scheduled for Friday, September 14th and Saturday, September 15th! The sale takes place right across from the north end of Southport Park at 7510-2nd Ave. Make sure to mark your calendars!





## Renovation Celebration! Save the date: Sunday, October 21st, 2018

Ground breaking ceremony with elected officials, music, food and drinks. Grab your hard hat & helps us celebrate from 1 pm to 4 pm, at Southport Beach House (7501 2nd Ave)!

The **Spring Flower** sale was a successful despite the wind, rain & brisk air! Thank you to everyone who braved the weather!



## Kenosha Bike Valet @HarborMarket - Calling all Volunteers!

The Kenosha Bike Valet brought to you by Southport Park Association, allows cyclists to ride their bikes to Kenosha HarborMarket and park safely while shopping and exploring Downtown Kenosha. This free service is operated by community volunteers. Cyclists park their bikes on special racks in the bike corral, which is in a secure, safe area.

Yes! I'd like to volunteer.



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