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The Tool Box

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Dear Doug,

Center For Michigan Releases Final Report on "Michigan's Defining Moment"

Several years ago, the [Center For Michigan](#) was formed by Phil Power, a retired publisher and a number of other citizens concerned about Michigan's future. Their goal was to make a difference and be part of the conversation. One of their central projects was launched in 2007. They called it "[Michigan's Defining Moment](#)," (MDM.) The project centered around gathering input from 10,000 Michigan citizens, establishing common ground and determining what Michigan needed to do, to create a positive and encouraging future for our children and grandchildren.



As you may have guessed by now, this was no small undertaking. They rallied the support of some 100 business leaders around the state and set out to collect and disseminate in-depth non-partisan information about Michigan's challenges. That was the first step. The second step was to gather pragmatic grassroots ideas for building a better future.

Now, three years later they have released [the full report](#). They detail in some 24 pages the steps that Michigan should take, as outlined by the input of some 10,000 residents across the state. They also note in the report that some changes and events

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occurred along the way as a result of the three-year effort. Those four things included: the formation of a Freshman bi-partisan caucus in the legislature, the beginnings of corrections reform, a new law that prevents the number of school days from falling below 180, and improved communication between legislators and citizens.

[The report](#) summarizes ten strategies in order of priority that Michigan citizens believe the state as a whole should pursue. The ten are grouped into three major categories:

- 1) **Economic Growth:** Create a more business-friendly environment, overall the tax system and leverage Michigan's competitive features.
- 2) **Value Education:** Create a more talented and more globally competitive workforce.
- 3) **Reform Government:** Hold politicians accountable, reform term limits, develop more transparency and seek more local consolidation.

The [Center for Michigan](#) did a great job and assembled a fine report. It's loaded with good ideas for our state to pursue. But we shouldn't be lulled into thinking that the job is done. The report should not become just another binder on the shelf. Government will not save us! We cannot expect it to lead. Although this report recommends steps to the legislature and others, it is a report to you. The future progress and growth of Michigan will have to come through the transformation of its people into a culture where creativity and innovation are valued and supported by not just government but everyone: the private sector, labor, the community, schools, small and large businesses alike. I encourage you to stay up to speed on the issues and challenges facing Michigan and to be part of the solution in creating our future!

Doug

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P.S. See you at the Lugnuts Outing on Tuesday 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Events:
(Click on the links below to RSVP!)

Jun 14 - 18 BPI Certification Training, 5 Day Building Analyst, In Lansing, Must Pay In Advance, Save \$150, [RSVP Here](#)

Jun 15 Lugnuts Outing [RSVP Here](#)

Jul 13 Golf Outing at Hawk Hollow, Tee Off at 9:00 AM



Once the Home Star Energy Act is in place this fall, thousands of households will be in the market for energy efficient upgrades that only BPI Certified contractors will be qualified to install. BPI Certified contractors will be in "the driver's seat for this work." The five-day training includes a 2-hour test.

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"Thank You, MSU-FCU for Sponsoring The Parade Of Homes, this Week!"

Watch For Follow-up On Parade Of Homes Next Week

At the time of this writing, it's too early to report on the results of the Parade of Homes last week. Early indications however are that nearly everyone involved is please with the progress of the Parade and glad to have participated. Next week the Tool box will provide a more complete report.



Tomorrow, Tuesday, June 15th It's Time to "Go NUTS" With Your GLHB&RA Friends!

GLHB&RA has reserved a block of seats for you and 50 of your closest friends! It's your time to Go NUTs on a Dollar Dog Tuesday, June 15th. At 6:05 PM the Lugnuts will be taking on the Bowling Green Hot Rods. It's



It's A Dollar Dog Tuesday!!

actually a double header with an early game time. So, if you arrive early, you get to see Cindy throwing the first pitch! This is always a fun event and a great time to relax and enjoy the evening with GLHB&RA friends and family. Tickets are only \$9 each and can be ordered by [clicking here](#), or calling the GLHB&RA office at 323-3254. GLHB&RA will mail you your tickets prior to game time. Don't delay. All of your lugnuttiest friends will be waiting for you!

GLHB&RA Board Appoints Nominating Committee For Fall 2010 Election

At its May meeting the GLHB&RA Board approved the appointment of the Nominating Committee for the



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Fall 2010 election of Board members. President [Bill Tanasse](#) appointed: [Brian Schertzing](#) (Chair,) [Tom Motz](#), [Jerry Fedewa](#), [Joe Piggott](#) and [Jim Phillipich](#). Each year several of the GLHB&RA Board member seats come up for re-election. The Nominating Committee's responsibility is to develop the slate of candidates for the election to fill those seats. Board members are elected by the membership at large and serve three-year terms. If you or someone you know is interested in running for the GLHB&RA Board of Directors contact one of the members above by e-mail (click on their name,) or contact Doug at the GLHB&RA office 517-323-3254.

*GLHB&RA President
Bill Tanasse*

City of Lansing Needs Help With Rehab of 90 Homes: Expanding Contractor Bid List

Using Federal grant funds, the City of Lansing is moving forward on an effort to rehab over 90 homes



throughout the Lansing area. In order to complete the homes on time and to qualify for future funding the city needs more qualified contractors on its bid list. Complete qualification requirements can be found by clicking on this link lansingmi.gov/pnd. Women-owned and minority owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Applicants are encouraged by not required to be lead-certified since most of the homes will be pre-1978 construction. Interested contractors should click on the link above, [download the application instructions](#), fill out the forms and submit them to the City of Lansing contact on the application.

City Of Lansing Seeking To Fill Construction Manager Position

The City of Lansing is currently recruiting an experienced construction manager. This is a contract position for up to three years. The primary duties are to manage the job specifications, bidding, inspection and authorization of payment for 90 whole house rehabilitations. Applicants must have experience managing subs and be able to bring jobs to completion on a timely basis to ensure future funding. Interested parties should e-mail resume to dboone@lansingmi.gov.



MAHB Annual Meeting At Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, July 22-23



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(MAHB) annual meeting this year will be held at the Bavarian Inn in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Frankenmuth features the largest Family Fun Center in the midwest with an indoor waterpark and five indoor pools. A full schedule of events and the registration form has been posted at buildingmichigan.org. All MAHB members are encouraged to attend this two-day event. The Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 23, 2010 from 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Contact Pam Frankenberger at 517-646-2572 for more details.

Meridian Companies Hosting Annual 5K Run/Walk For Hunger

Get out your running shoes! GLHB&RA Member Meridian Companies, is hosting their third annual Run/Walk marathon fund-raiser for hunger. It starts at 9 AM on Sunday, July 18th, at the Meridian Municipal Complex, 5151 Marsh Rd. in Okemos. All proceeds go to the Lansing city Rescue Mission. For registration details on divisions and cost go to themeridianadvantage.com. Or call 339-6300.



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