



LEELANAU COUNTY HIGHLIGHTS June 2008

Leeland County Campus redevelopment is moving very slowly. The Leelanau County BRA is having the aquifer analysis and groundwater contamination study done. Leelanau County BRA is waiting changes in the land contract language from the buyers attorney. The buyers are having a meeting in Cadillac with DEQ to discuss options for type 3 water system, as opposed to a type 1.

Bingham Township Zoning Commission has recommended a new ag-tourism ordinance based on recommendations made two years ago by the Governor's Ag-Tourism Commission. This may be the first township to recommend an ag-tourism ordinance that provides significantly enhanced business opportunities for our farmers and new attractions for tourists.

The Northport-Omena Chamber of Commerce hosted a tour of businesses in and near Northport's north industrial sector of eight businesses. Master Craft Extrusion Tools, Inc., Sherwood Manufacturing Corp, RC Auto Repair, Pump House, Thomas and Milliken Millwork, Cook Enterprises, Calhoun Excavating and Closet Express which also includes HBD Ceramics & Manitou Arts were among those on the tour.

Suttons Bay had another successful Friday night Art Walk and the marina crowd is beginning to pick up. Two new restaurants are scheduled to open in July. While there are still vacant store fronts, we hope to attract new ventures with EDC support.

Community Outreach

Our EDC is still working through our strategic plan, and is setting up for deployment of our revolving loan fund. We are awaiting word on an application for "2% Funds" from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians as a source of financing for additional activities.

Revolving Loan Fund Activity

The new Revolving Loan Fund application has been approved by our Board. We anticipate applications being submitted prior to our next board meeting.