

# MACKINAC ISLAND

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## TOURISM

May 27, 2024

Dear Mackinac Island City Council Members:

We are looking forward to the upcoming Lilac Festival Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 16 and are requesting permission for the following events at Windermere Point.

### Activities:

- Coloring Mural, 15 feet wide by 5 feet tall
- 4 bounce houses
- Michigan Cornhole Tournament

### **Coloring Mural: Thursday, June 6 – Monday, June 17**

The 15-foot coloring mural features Mackinac Island Landmarks and is erasable to be reused throughout the Festival. It will be put up the evening of Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and taken down the morning of Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The stand is made from light-weight, aluminum tubing and is fixed to the Doghouse posts and railing. The mural is moderately wind resistant and will be checked by a Tourism Bureau staff member daily. This is the same coloring mural we have previously used and Monster Mural is the vendor.

### **Bounce Houses: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 7-9 & Friday, Saturday June 14-15**

We are partnering again with Bouncers & More to bring back 4 bounce house units at Windermere Point. The bounce houses are placed as close to the water edge as the ground will safely allow and the air blowers are pointed in the direction of Lake Huron, so that noise blends in with the waves, and it is not pushed out into the streets. These two strategies proved to work well over the past six years.

Additional safety precautions include using 24" to 48" stakes. The wind will be assessed and the bounce house units will be temporarily shut down when gusts reach 20 mph. Each bounce house will be staffed with trained employee from Bouncer's and More.

With your permission, the bounce houses will be set up each morning and deflated each night and operating from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

### **Michigan Cornhole Tournament**

Michigan Cornhole will be hosting their Mackinac Island Cornhole tournament Saturday, June 8 at Windermere Point. Registration begins at 10:00 am and bags fly at 11:00 am.

Last year, 50 teams and 100 people participated in this event. Boards were set up away from the road and the speaker and music were pointed toward the water to reduce noise toward Main Street. A Tourism Bureau staff member or representative will be monitoring the event for noise control and clean up.

Mackinac Island Tourism continues to work closely with Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, Gough Livery, and the Mackinac Island Police Department to ensure the safety of horses and people.

Thank you again,

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