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COME HOME TO SOUTH HAVEN’S GOLDEN shores, its involved citizenry and active business community. Whether you’re a longtime resident or first-time visitor, we welcome you on behalf of the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce. We believe you will find our 2010-11 Community Profile & Membership Directory a valuable resource of local businesses, non-profits, civic organizations and governmental agencies. Together, these groups have forged a robust business climate, nurtured South Haven’s great quality of life and fostered economic sustainability with forward-thinking solutions.

Situated along the shores of Lake Michigan in Southwest Michigan, South Haven is enhanced by expansive beaches, sparkling waterways and woods. Its natural assets have cast a spell on generations, creating a community keenly aware of the privilege of living, working and playing in this Midwest wonderland. From arts and antiques to wineries and winter activities, South Haven fuses old-fashioned and contemporary pleasures, creating a one-of-a-kind Great Lakes community. Year after year, the region’s array of world class recreational amenities inspires natives and visitors to return to its shores.

About the cover: “Winter Wonderland” at Moore’s Geneva Homestead located on County Road 687 in the South Haven area. Source: Chamber Member – Photographer Kelly Weber from Through Kelly’s Eyes.

South Haven’s Top 10
Inspiring you to live, work and play in South Haven.

1. Entrepreneurial Culture
2. Modern Infrastructure
3. Available Land
4. Ideally Located
5. Workforce Development
6. Nationally-ranked Schools
7. World-class Wellness Facilities
8. Walkable Community
9. Cultural Attractions
10. Lakes & Trails
IN 2009, GLENN RESIDENT SCOTT WALL relocated his mobile lab testing service—New Age/Landmark Inc.—from Benton Harbor to South Haven, bringing with it the company’s bright future.

“We believe in a sustainable community and part of that is to bring the business we do to our community,” he said.

Wall’s environmental testing company’s clients include the U.S. Department of Defense, Department of Energy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Michigan. He expects the company’s international division to grow up to 200 percent in the next five years, generating new jobs.

Charles Spreitzer relocated his custom woodworking business, My Grain, Inc., to South Haven last year from Chicago. He continues to service Illinois clients, while expanding his customer base in Southwest Michigan. Like other area residents, his wife Gretchen Spreitzer, a financial trader, finds that modern technology allows her to enjoy the area’s enviable lifestyle while doing business beyond community borders.

The couple anticipated the community would offer a supportive business climate, but underestimated the strength of its economic diversity.

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Strategic Assets
Foster Economic Sustainability

- Regional collaborations further common interests
- Support for innovation in business, agriculture, clean energy production, environmental protection, education, job training, health and fitness
- Passion to preserve the region’s natural assets and cultural appeal
- State leaders in expanding the entrepreneurial environment
- Three business parks provide convenient access to major markets
- Higher education supports business and industry
- Exceptional quality of life draws talented workers
- Diverse economy consisting of agriculture, manufacturing and tourism
“I didn’t realize this was such a great area for agriculture,” Spreitzer said. “The amount of products grown here is amazing.”

Known as the Blueberry Capital of the World, blueberries infuse millions into the regional economy. A major agriculture player, Van Buren County has more fruit acreage than any other county in Michigan and also produces grapes, tart cherries and more.

In this scenic beachtown, the threesome of agriculture, manufacturing and tourism creates a solid economic base. Manufacturing ranges from horticulture plastics, pharmaceutical chemicals to fire trucks. At the I-196 Business Park, economic developers are thinking outside the box to fill three remaining sites in 2010 by meeting needs of the bustling agriculture industry.

Tourism’s future shines bright, too. Voted by Midwest Living Magazine as one of the “Top 100 Small Towns to Visit,” it’s no surprise that the City of South Haven’s summer population leaps from 5,000 to 20,000 and the region’s visitors exceed one million annually.

South Haven’s diverse assets and talented residents position the community as an exciting destination for business and pleasure as well as an economic model for sustainability.
Open for learning
EDUCATIONAL NETWORK SUPPORTS DIVERSE CAREER GOALS

“I CAN SEE THE POWER OF EDUCATION IN OUR community. We are fortunate that area students have lifelong learning opportunities and a strong pipeline to get career training or graduate from one of our universities,” said Janice Varney, Executive Dean of Lake Michigan College-South Haven. Varney also shares her expertise with the community as the Chamber’s Board Chair and serves on a number of additional boards and committees.

Educational partnerships provide students of all ages a multiplicity of career advantages. Junior and senior high school students benefit from the ability to take college-credit courses at Lake Michigan College-South Haven (LMC) while earning their high school diplomas. Students take more than 500 credit hours each year, saving more than $100,000 in college tuition costs. Van Buren Technology Center provides junior and senior high students opportunities to gain workforce skills through School to Work, co-op, clinicals and internship programs.

Those pursuing college degrees find opportunities close to home at LMC and its 50 programs, as well as through the community college’s partnerships with Western Michigan University and Grand Valley State University.

Partnerships between the higher education institutions include financial aid agreements, making it easier than ever for local students to meet educational and career goals.

South Haven Public School District
2009/2010 enrollment . . . . 2,200
Number of buildings . . . . . 5
Highlights . . . . . . . . Small class sizes, modern curriculum, robust arts and athletic programs

Van Buren Technology Center
Provides 30 career/tech programs for 1,000 junior and high school students from 14 area schools. In 2010, 375 students will graduate with workforce skills.

Janice Varney
Lake Michigan College.
Gateway to sustainable success

CHAMBER STRENGTHENS STRATEGIES FOR TAKING BUSINESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Members Reap Benefits Through...

- Greater exposure and recognition
- Networking and business-to-business opportunities
- Intensive business development programming and support
- Cost saving benefits to spur success

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“IT’S IMPORTANT TO FOCUS ON OUR COMMON GOALS,” said Tom Rummel, insurance professional at Hardt Insurance. “The Chamber pools what we need to accomplish as a community.”

Rummel, his wife, Donna, and their two boys decided to make South Haven their home in 2007 and relocated from the Lansing area. Rummel quickly assumed the mantle of community service, volunteering for a multitude of Chamber programs.

“I’ve been involved with Chambers twice the size,” he said. “For a chamber of this size, we have a lot to offer.”

South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to providing value-added service to members, developing statewide relationships to better the local business environment and provide ever greater opportunities to become involved in educational and advocacy efforts on multiple platforms.

“Every time I go, I have a basket full of questions and there always seems to be someone there to answer them,” said Cindy Compton of Compton Inc., a family business since 1946. Compton is actively involved in numerous Chamber programs. As a busy business owner with several interests, she appreciates the opportunity to connect to relevant business services without leaving town.

And with 78 years of business expertise under its belt helping to develop companies like Compton Inc., the Chamber moves forward with confidence in its strengths, its membership and the community’s potential to grow from ideas, strategies and partnerships of all kinds.

Tom Rummel
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South Haven Community Hospital

33
Number of beds

1,172
Annual admissions

112,421
Annual outpatient visits

464
Annual births

Services Include:
- General Medicine
- Diagnostics
- Surgical Services
- Cancer Treatment
- Rehabilitation Services
- Home Healthcare
- Women’s Care and Obstetrics
- Birthing Center
- Wellness Center
- Sleep Center
- Community Outreach

SOUTH HAVEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL’S Shoreline Wellness & Rehabilitation Center, a regional center for occupational health, orthopedics, rehabilitation and physical fitness, has become a cornerstone of the area’s healthcare since opening its $8.3 million facility in 2007.

“It's the best kept secret in South Haven,” said transplant Kevin Whiteford, a nationally-known financial tax expert who is building a new office in South Haven. “I think if people knew what was there they would have to double the facility.”

Whiteford and his wife Mary, a registered nurse, relocated to South Haven from the Chicago area two years ago. They spent eight years researching West Michigan towns before selecting and settling their family and calling South Haven home.

Like other residents, the Whitefords enjoy the benefits of having a local hospital offering the “Right Care. Right Here” with a full gamut of primary health services including pediatric care, a 24-hour emergency department, gynecological and obstetrics services, general surgery and a strong orthopedic department that draws people from throughout the region. Its leadership in preventive care is evidenced by the Wellness Center’s focus on education, nutrition, exercise and lifelong fitness.

More than 2,500 people are getting and staying fit with the assistance of the center’s certified trainers, nutrition counselors, classes, and a full spectrum of state-of-the art exercise equipment. A kid’s summer camp gets young people moving, while adults up to the age of 90 participate in classes to maintain mobility, proving you’re never too old or too young to improve your health.
MORE AND MORE MEMBERS OF THE
Millennial generation are hitching their future to a place capable of inspiring rewarding lifestyles. For them, South Haven is a natural fit—a rare place where waterways, beaches and woods provide an exciting combination of year-round recreation.

South Haven Mayor, Bob Burr, discovered the area’s natural charms in the 1970s. After a stint as a summer resident, he moved to the city.

“He have very good salmon, trout and perch fishing,” the avid angler said. “I ended up in South Haven to support my fishing habit!”

South Haven’s recreational port sustains a lively charter fishing industry, attracting scores of anglers to its acclaimed fisheries and supporting a multi-million dollar industry. The welcoming harbor, providing 1,250 transient and seasonal slips, accommodates a variety of vessels from kayaks to tall ships.

The Bangor/South Haven Heritage Water Trail provides adventures along the Black River with educational signage along the canoe/kayak trail.

On land, the Kal-Haven Trail attracts 90,000 hikers and bikers each year to its pathways. This 34-mile trail traverses between South Haven and Kalamazoo, winding through scenic countryside and the communities of Grand Junction, Bloomingdale, Gobles and Kendall. During winter months, the 10-foot wide trail system provides exhilarating adventures for cross-country skiers, snowshoers and snowmobilers. The Van Buren Trail covers 15 miles and runs between South Haven and Hartford. Plans call for extending the two trails to downtown South Haven, as well as
Recreational Resources

- Scenic Black River Harbor features a historic lighthouse and pier, harborwalk tour with historic markers
- A variety of experiences on the water with boat rentals, charters, catamaran, tall ship cruises and kayaking or canoeing on the Heritage Water Trail
- Beach, swim and play at city’s North Beach, South Beach, Van Buren State Park, North Point and Deerlick Park
- Picnic and play at Black River Park and boat launch, Stanley Johnston Park, Elkenberg Park
- Hiking/biking trails connect South Haven to large and small communities, rolling through woods, farmland and blueberry country
- Snowmobile, cross-country ski and snowshoe along the Kal-Haven and Van Buren trails
- Ice skating at the downtown covered outdoor rink
- Downhill skiing and snowboarding nearby

developing a 20-mile bicycle trail to Saugatuck.

With Michigan boasting of one of the most highly-developed trail systems in the nation, the new west coast trail connections will link South Haven to trail destinations around the state. The three-way connection supports growing interest in biking.

Youth and adult athletes and their fans will soon enjoy the benefits of the $1.5 million South Haven Area Regional Park (SHARP). Development is underway for soccer and football fields, baseball/softball diamonds, tournaments, tennis courts, jogging path and a playground at a 96-acre site. SHARP will host games and tournaments, drawing players and fans from throughout the region, generating new economic activity as well as a host of recreational options.

“It’s an area our community can grow,” said Jill Peters, volunteer. “Recreation forms the community and brings families together.”

Jill and her husband Shane, a South Haven native and current high school principal, moved to the community with their three children in 2007.

“We want the community to know we have an open door,” she said. “We’re going to work hard to make it a better place to live.”
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SOUTH HAVEN HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR ITS ARTS culture, and we’re at the beginning of a new arts renaissance,” said Andru Bemis, General Manager for Foundry Hall, a performing arts venue presenting national, regional and local artists and home to a visual arts gallery.

Foundry Hall presents 150 performances annually, drawing one-third of its audience from among vacationers and those travelling through the area. A former factory manufacturing pistons for the aircraft industry, Foundry Hall consists of two venues: an intimate 50-seat theater and an area accommodating more than 250 people. Shows offer world-class entertainment rarely available in small towns, while boosting the economy.

Nurturing homegrown talent is a South Haven tradition dating back to 1951, when the South Haven Art League was formed. Active organizations like Our Town Players-South Haven Area Community Theatre provide opportunities for participation as well as entertainment.

Burgeoning alliances between arts venues bind the tangible and intangible interests of the South Haven Center for the Arts and local historical groups, including the Michigan Maritime Museum, preserver of Great Lakes marine heritage. The alignments create new dimensions within the community’s cultural life, promising ever more dynamic arts presence.

Join the renaissance
RELATIONSHIPS CREATE NEW DIMENSIONS IN THE ARTS COMMUNITY

More Art and History

- **Historical Association of South Haven**, brings history to life through exhibits, demonstrations, Vintage Base Ball games

- **Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum**, featuring historic home, gardens, wildlife trail and more

- **Michigan Maritime Museum**, preserves Great Lakes history with exhibits, harbor walk, tall ship excursions

- **South Haven Center for the Arts** host for the annual South Haven Art Fair for 52 years, offers classes, exhibits, films, community events

- **Michigan Flywheelers Museum**, dedicated to preserving American Farming history and host of one of Michigan’s largest engine and tractor shows
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- Decatur Public Schools ................................... 423-6800
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- Paw Paw Public Schools .................................... 657-8800
- South Haven Public Schools ................................ 637-0527
- Van Buren Intermediate School District .................... 674-8091

### Van Buren County

- Land area (square miles) .................................. 611
- Persons (per square mile) .................................. 124.8
- Number of lakes .............................................. 126
- Number of farms .............................................. 1,132

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Van Buren County

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Population Van Buren County

77,801

Source: Van Buren County

Transportation

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Major Highways ...... I-196, M-43, Blue Star Memorial

Climate
Average Temperature
January 18°F/32°F
July 61°F/79°F
Annual snowfall 60 inches
Annual rainfall .35 inches

Source: NOAA Climate Survey
South Haven Area Map

A Sampling of Events

MAY
31 Memorial Day Parade

JUNE
5 South Haven Festival of Cars
17–20 Harborfest
19 Michigan Maritime Museum Classic Boat Show
26 SHOUT Cottage Walk

JULY
4 4th of July Parade
4 South Haven Summer Art Fair
5 Light Up the Lake Fireworks

AUGUST
12–15 National Blueberry Festival
14–15 Blueberry Festival Craft Fair

SEPTEMBER
4–5 All Crafts Fair
9–12 Michigan Flywheelers Museum Engine & Tractor Show
17–19 Bangor Harvest Festival
19 Annual Harbor Walk for Hospice

OCTOBER
1–31 Harvest Moon Gathering

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER
26–December 5 We Care I.N.C. Festival of Trees

2011
February 4–6 Ice Breaker
May 14–15 Steelheaders Pro-Am
May 30 Memorial Day Parade
June 16–19 Harborfest
June 25 SHOUT Cottage Walk
July 3 South Haven Summer Art Fair
July 4 4th of July Parade
August 11–14 National Blueberry Festival
August 13–14 Blueberry Festival Craft Fair
September 3–4 All Crafts Fair
September 8–11 Michigan Flywheelers Museum Engine & Tractor Show
September 16–18 Bangor Harvest Festival

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