

# The JACKSONIAN

Consumers Energy Co.



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News for and about Jackson-area Retirees

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This is a volunteer office. We  
are only in the office a couple  
times a month.

## SPRING LUNCHEON - TUESDAY April 14, 2026

### Cascades Manor House

**Your reservations are all in!**

**NEW Spring Luncheon location**

**Date: Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Held at: The charming and historic Cascades Manor House**

**Located at: 1970 Kibby Road in Jackson**

**Registration: begins at 11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch: a delicious lunch promptly served at noon.**



Lansing Lugnuts vs Quad Cities River Bandits

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> At Jackson Field

**Deadline for payment Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>.**



We have the Lugnuts "Clubhouse" Suite. The "Clubhouse" has indoor and outdoor seating, and we will enjoy an All-You-Can-Eat brunch buffet during the game, again this year. The Lansing Lugnuts, High A-Partner of the Oakland Athletics vs. Quad Cities River Bandits an affiliate of the Kansas City Royals.

**Game: Starts at 11:05am. We need to arrive between 9:45 & 10:00am.**

**Cost: \$47.00 a Person Clubhouse holds 60 people. We will take the first 60 paid people.**

**Food: All-You-Can-Eat Brunch Buffet will be served before and during the game.**

**Pick up Tickets on Game Day: "Will Call" Box Office Window will have an envelope with your name and tickets.**

**Purse Rule: Remember your purse should be small and clear if possible. (see back)**

**Location: Jackson Field 505 E. Michigan Ave in Lansing**

**Directions: US- 127 North towards Lansing. Take I-496 West to downtown Lansing. Take exit 7 and turn right on Cedar Street. The stadium is approximately one mile on the left.**

**Parking: Handicap parking it is right in front of the stadium. (see map on pg. 2)**

**Clubhouse Suite: Located along the third base line to the left of the Stadium Entrance.**

Enter the main walkway, then turn left when we reach the main isle. Walk a short distance, the doors or take the elevators for " the Club House" is on the left. Email will be sent a week before the game with information on the event.

## Frederik Meijer Garden & Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit Monday, June 15



**Meijer Gardens located at: 1000 E. Beltline Ave. NE, Grand Rapids**

**Registration begins at: 10:00am**

**Cost: Admission: \$19.00 & All Day Public Tram Hop-On Hop-Off Narrated Tour: \$10.00**

**Lunch: On your own at the James & Shirely Balk Café**

The Jacksonians will enjoy a wonderful day trip to **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park**, visiting the stunning **Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit** from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** During our visit, guests may take advantage of Meijer Gardens' **Hop-on, Hop-off public tram system**, which operates on a loop with four convenient stops and allows unlimited rides throughout the day with a wristband pass. This relaxing narrated tram experience offers a unique way to explore the gardens and enjoy beautiful landscapes and sculptures at your own pace. The Chihuly installations—displayed throughout the grounds—highlight decades of the artist's vibrant, innovative glasswork and create an unforgettable visual experience. **(See back for travel options)**

**Deadline for payment and registration is June 1<sup>st</sup>.** More information in May news!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Spring Luncheon at Cascades Manor House **(New location)**

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Jacksonians Board Meeting – 10:00 am

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Lugnuts Game 11:05am game against the Quad Cities River Bandits

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Jacksonians Board Meeting – 10:00 am

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Frederik Meijer Garden & Dale Chihuly Glass Exhibit Visit

September 9<sup>th</sup> – Forerunners Annual Luncheon at the Gilmore Car Museum 9am-5pm

Website for Retiree Information:

[www.consumersenergy.com/retiree](http://www.consumersenergy.com/retiree)

Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletters/Chapter Information

Sympathy

Forerunners 2026 Scholarship



**Sympathy to the Families of:**

- \* Stanley Gregg (ret. 1995)
- \* Michael Maske (security guard Corporate)

**Sympathy to retirees/employees who have lost family members:**

- \* Ann Maske (ret.2013) husband Michael Maske
- \* Julie Taylor (ret. 2023) mother Mary Carolyn Tice
- \* Marla Fall (ret. 2014) brother Rick Mellinger

Know a high school senior who could use financial assistance for the first year of post-high school study? The Forerunners have established a scholarship award, which may be used for tuition, books, fees, and other academic expenses. For more information and scholarship form go to: [Retiree Advantage | Consumers Energy](#) or contact your chapter board members.



**Forerunners Annual Luncheon will be held at the Gilmore Car Museum. September 9, 2026 from 9am -5pm. Come early and explore. Lunch at noon. Scholarship awards handed out and annual meeting. [GilmoreCarMuseum.org](http://GilmoreCarMuseum.org)**

Contact our Sunshine Committee Chair Jan Riede (contact info on the sidebar) with information you'd like included in the Jacksonian: **Congratulations - Sympathy - Special Event - Wedding Anniversary** (clarifying landmark anniversary

**Euchre & Lunch held Monthly – Fallon Walker**

Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse at 2125 Horton Road

Date: April 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm Lunch at 11:00. You are welcome to join us for just lunch.

RSVP by emailing Fallon Walker at: [fallonsstar@gmail.com](mailto:fallonsstar@gmail.com) or call 517-812-3806

Come join us for a friendly game of Euchre and Lunch! Beginners to advance welcome!



**Only the following bags, packages, or containers are permitted:**

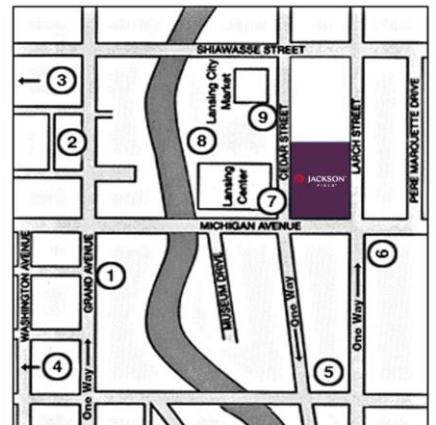
- Clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC not exceeding 12"x6"x12"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bag (Ziploc bag or similar)



**Downtown Ramps**

1. South Grand Ramp
2. North Grand Ramp
3. North Capitol Ramp
4. South Capitol Ramp
5. Lot No. 49
6. Lot No. 54
7. Lot No. 55
8. Lansing Center \*
9. City Market \*

\* Not available all dates.



Anyone interested in Carpooling to the game or Meijer Gardens Email Joann at [jedavis22@gmail.com](mailto:jedavis22@gmail.com)



**Frederik Meijer Garden & Chihuly Glass Exhibit June 15<sup>th</sup>**

If you are interested in taking a bus the JD Trippers are going to Meijer Garden on June 15<sup>th</sup> also. You need to sign up directly through **JD Trippers**. Cost is \$90. (\$90 includes admission cost)

**Registrations due to: JD Trippers by June 15<sup>th</sup>** Register soon if the bus is your preferred option. <https://jdtippers.com/day-trips/> [jdtippers.com](http://jdtippers.com) People riding the bus can join us for Tram Tour.



**Registration Form for Lansing Lugnuts Game – May 13<sup>th</sup>**



Your Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address (Print)

Tickets at \$47.00 each: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Your Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deadline for registrations to be in the office by May 1st**



**Registration for Frederik Meijer Garden & Chihuly Glass Exhibit on June 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Your Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address (Print).

General Admission ticket 19.00ea. \_\_\_\_\_ Tram Tour \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

If you are taking the bus, your admission (\$19) is paid for.

Bus attendees can sign up for the Tram Tour with Jacksonians for \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Your Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your checks payable to: **Jacksonians** and mail completed to Registration Forms with check to: Jacksonians, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201