

Inaugural Cheboygan State of the Community Breakfast

In case you haven't noticed, there is a lot going on in Cheboygan these days. There are at least one or two new businesses opening each week it feels like. Some buildings are being renovated while others are coming down to make way for the next page of history. There are also numerous groups and organizations that are actively involved in so many different causes and efforts, for the betterment of Cheboygan, that sometimes it is hard to know which one to follow. Add into the mix the constant discussion about healthcare, community resources, the schools in the area and the desire for industrial opportunities through economic development, like Cheboygan experienced in its past, and it is easy to be very excited about the progress but potentially very confused as to what is really the state of Cheboygan today.

The Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce would like to help clear up some of that potential confusion. We are involved in many of those efforts and we are consistently in the center of many of these discussions. Several times a day we get asked by members, citizens and/or even government officials to give them an update about what is happening with one group or another or what progress is being made on this particular issue or that particular issue. Many of the groups, businesses and economic development organizations that are involved in many of these new developments are current Members of the Chamber of Commerce. With all of that in mind, our Staff and Board of Directors began formulating a plan back in January about how the Chamber could best help the community get accurate and up-to-date status reports on all these new community developments and many that have been going on for years. This is how the idea for a Cheboygan State of the Community Breakfast was born.

On the morning of October 5th 2018, at the Cheboygan Opera House, the Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce will produce its Inaugural State of the Community event. The goal of this event is to report the most accurate and up to date information to the community on a variety of topics through key note speakers and a compiled report from many of the organizations doing the economic and community development work. This event will happen in three parts. First, the Opera House's doors will open at 7:30am for people to enter and have a light continental breakfast with the other attendees. Second, we will have four key note speakers presenting on several of the key topics that are being talked about currently in Cheboygan. Those topics will be: The State of the Cheboygan Campus of McLaren Northern Michigan, the State of Cheboygan Public Schools, The State of Cheboygan Area Community & Human Resources and the State of The Port of Cheboygan. The third component of this event is our State of the Community Booklet. We are inviting all of the organizations who are doing work on behalf of the community to submit a one page "State of...." report on their activities. All attendees of this event will receive a complimentary copy of this booklet and be instantly up to date on everything going on in Cheboygan.

Tickets for this inaugural event go on sale today, Wednesday August 15 and are \$10 in advance and will be \$15 at the door on the morning of October 5th. Tickets are available at the Chamber Office or on line at Cheboygan.com. The Cheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce, in our role as a community

collaboration, communication and coordination entity, would like to help everybody who lives and works in the Cheboygan Area to be as well informed as possible so that they can also be a part of the positive energy that is enveloping our community. This is our inaugural State of the Community Event and we hope that you will be able to join us and get updated on all the great efforts that are happening in Cheboygan today.