



HARBOR SPRINGS

NEW LYRIC THEATRE IN HARBOR SPRINGS WILL SHOW FIRST-RUN MOVIES, CLASSICS AND MORE

Movies will be back on Main Street in Harbor Springs, for the first time in more than 35 years. The Lyric Theatre will be located at 275 E. Main Street and is set to open in May or June of 2016.

Theater owner Roger Blaser, president of the Harbor Springs Lyric Theatre, Inc., told local media he is planning for the building to become a center for entertainment in Harbor Springs. The theater is located in a 90-year old building that used to be a Packard dealer in the 1920s. The renovation project resulted in three theaters. Small live performances are also possible, as well as educational lectures, occasional live streaming of sporting events and children’s matinees. The largest theater can seat 205 people; the other two can seat 50 and 25 guests.

The original Lyric Theatre operated at 153 E. Main St. from 1926 to 1981. Executive Director of the new theater is Scott Langton. The Lyric Theatre is working with Boston Light and Sound on the A/V installation and Ironwood Construction from Petoskey is the general contractor on the project, which has been 100 funded by charitable donations. A nonprofit, it will be partially staffed by volunteers as well.

Donations are still being accepted for the theater. Donors can sponsor a seat at a cost of \$1,000 with a limit of two seats per family. The donor can choose a name that will be engraved on the seat’s plaque. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 345, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

PETOSKEY

NEW ATHLETIC FACILITIES AT PHS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

In November 2014, voters in the Petoskey School District approved a \$10 million bond proposal that paved the way for a new athletic complex to be constructed at the acreage surrounding Petoskey Middle and High Schools. That work got under way in earnest in 2015, and by fall of 2016 the first football team should be taking the field to play its first game in the new stadium.

In approving the bond proposals, voters gave the district the go-ahead to build:

- One regulation-size, synthetic turf football/soccer field that can also be used by band and P.E. classes;
- Stadium seating capacity for 2,000 with additional hillside seating;
- An 8-lane all-weather track with space for field events;
- Natural turf soccer/lacrosse field;
- Concession area and press box;
- Public restrooms;
- Team meeting rooms and athletic trainer space;
- Adequate, dedicated parking space for events;
- Three multi-purpose practice fields;
- 5K groomed trails for running, skiing, walking or snowshoeing, including tunnels under roads for safety;
- McDougal Road extension and Northmen Drive improvements, allowing for safer flow of traffic onto and off of campus;
- Softball field and tennis court improvements;
- Expansion of existing high school locker rooms.

School officials are hopeful that the new facilities will allow Petoskey schools to host more team and recreational events, which will likely spur economic development by bringing people to the area to stay in hotels, dine and shop and enjoy the Emmet County area as a whole. ■

BIG CHANGES UNDERWAY AT THE PETOSKEY SCHOOLS' CAMPUS.

