

Community
MILLS HOUSE
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Spring/Summer 2015



Come Visit Us!

The Benzonia Public Library has been a part of the Mills Community House since 1925 and is collaborating to provide functional upgrades to their middle level location.



Is it any wonder that "Community" is our middle name?



The Mills Community House – historic heart of Benzie County for over a century. What's in a name? Erected in 1909, our Mills Community House got its name in 1925 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its board of directors is made up of community supporters who believe in the value of this landmark structure and are committed to its stated goal: "provide a venue for arts, cultural, and educational opportunities

and experience in Benzie County through the renovation, preservation, and operation of the historic Mills Community House as the center of these community functions." As you peruse this mailing, we're confident you will come to share our belief that the distinctive red brick structure, at the juncture of U.S. 31 and M-115, is continuing to honor its mission.



BENZIE COMMUNITY CHORUS *Summer 2015 Concert Series*

June 27, 28 & 29 & July 10 & 11

*Held in the Upper Level of the
Mills Community House.*

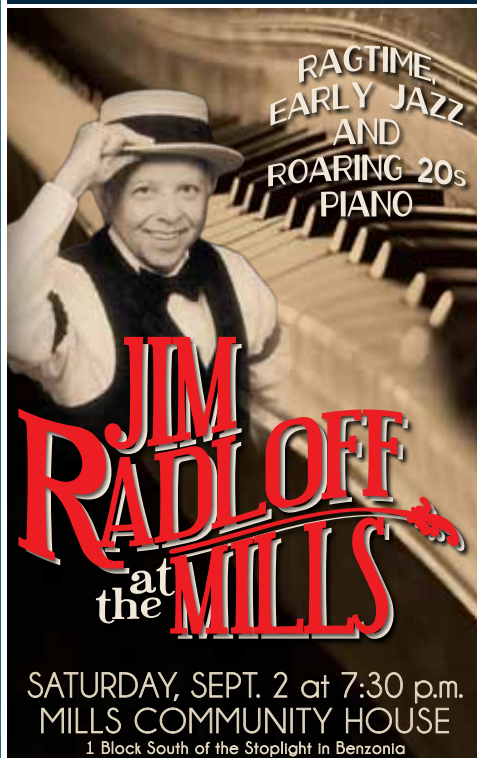
Over the past year, The Benzie County Players treated audiences to “Theatrical Readings,” Neil Simon’s “Star Spangled Girl,” and David Auburn’s Pulitzer Prize winner “Proof.” It was “toe-tapping” enjoyment last August with the sold-out, fundraising “Cole Porter” revue, followed by the Ragtime piano virtuosity of Jim Radloff and New Jersey’s Diversity Youth Theatre. There were the annual readings of Frankfort High School students’ winning “Bruce Catton Essays,” in addition to Benzie Central High School’s football banquet. And, Dance Benzie continues on Tuesday nights! The Holiday Arts and Crafts Show annually features the talents of many local vendors. Along with business seminars, the Benzie Conservation District, Zonta Job Fair and Kiwanis Breakfast, a variety of private functions (graduation and anniversary parties, as well as wedding receptions) have “found their place at the Mills.” The Benzie Area Historical Museum’s celebrated “Benzonia Academy Lecture Series” will continue throughout the summer in the upper level Mills Hall. We’re also extremely excited to welcome the Benzie Community Chorus to this same performance space for their summer concerts!



One-night only fund-raiser for the Mills Community House
It's Delightful, It's Delovely, It's

An Evening of Cole Porter

Saturday, August 2, 2014 8:00 P.M.



New Jersey's Diversity Youth Theatre



Bruce Catton Essay Contest

The Mills Community House is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and receives no taxpayer funding; operating costs are partially supported by the interest from a small endowment fund, very modest rental fees, and annual contributions (tax-deductible) from residents (both year 'round and seasonal). **Please consider using the enclosed envelope for making a donation in support of the Mills Community House fulfilling its stated mission.**



Visible renovations over the past year are most evident in a stair-tower addition, expanded parking area and interiors of the library and upper hall.



Enhanced and engaging children's programming, spearheaded by Benzonia Public Library Director Amanda McLaren, was highlighted by a community Christmas party (featuring guest book readers, puppet show, carols, holiday crafting and refreshments) and an early spring Kids' Fun Day (with assistance from Benzie Central High School athletes). Popular craft classes and workshops continue throughout the year, along with book and puzzle sales. An old-fashioned "Ice Cream Social" will take place in July, with a "90th year" celebration planned for August.

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SUMMER EVENTS *Open to the Public*

Tuesday, June 9	Craft Class	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 11	Benzonia Academy Lecture	7:00 p.m.
Monday, June 22	Benzonia Public Library's "Special Story Time"	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 27	Benzonia Public Library's Lego Saturday	Noon - 2:30 p.m.
	Benzie Community Chorus Concert**	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 28	Benzie Community Chorus Concert**	7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 29	Benzie Community Chorus Concert**	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 7	Craft Class	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 9	Benzonia Academy Lecture	7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 10	Benzie Community Chorus Concert**	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	Benzonia Public Library's Used Book Sale	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Benzie Community Chorus Concert**	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 26	Benzonia Library's Ice Cream Social	1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 13	Benzonia Academy Lecture	7:00 p.m.

****For Benzie Community Chorus Concert Tickets, call (231) 399-0155.**



ONGOING:

Benzonia Public Library's Summer Reading Program on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

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The Mills Community House has been available for community use for over 100 years and continues to be a gathering place for a variety of events and organizations. Come visit us to find the best space for your next business or club meeting, graduation or anniversary party, wedding reception, concert, fund-raiser, dance or other special function. All areas are handicapped accessible with an elevator serving all three floors. Contact Michelle Leines, Rental Agent at: mleines.mills@gmail.com or 231-882-0591.

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www.MillsCommunityHouse.com

