



July 2020 issue

**WE WILL HOLD AN OUTDOOR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 21 AT 6:45P.M., AT THE CHERRY BEND COMMUNITY PARK PAVILLION.**

Please bring a lawn chair as we will be socially distancing in and around the pavilion. There are 10 picnic tables that people from the same household can sit on one side of the table facing the front of the pavilion. Others can sit just outside the pavilion in lawn chairs. Please also plan on wearing your face mask or face coverings so we can be extra safe even though we will be outside. There will be no community snacks and drinks provided due to concerns about buffet style food sharing.

If you are not comfortable in attending the meeting, everyone will understand. These are very unusual times requiring understanding and cooperation.

To get to the park, take M-22 north as if you were heading toward Suttons Bay. The first light past the M-72 turnoff (Tom's West Bay), is Cherry Bend Road. Turn left and go straight until the road makes a 90 degree turn to the right. Shortly after the turn you will begin to see the park on your left. Go to the end of the park and turn left on Lincoln Rd. The entrance will be about ¼ mile on your left and you will see the pavilion. If you want to put the address in your GPS or mapping app, use 10090 E Lincoln Rd, which is the township hall just across the parking lot from the pavilion.

## **SEPTEMBER CLUB SHOW CANCELED**

As a reminder, the board, after much discussion, has decided to cancel the annual club rock and mineral show that was scheduled for September 26 and 27. Due to the concern for the health and safety of

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our visitors, club members and vendors, this decision was agreed to by all board members. It was also decided to not have a parking lot sale this summer.

I want to thank those who contacted me to volunteer for the show and I hope you will all be willing to help with the 2021 show.

## Facebook Page

Visit the club's Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

<https://www.facebook.com/TCRockhounds>

## Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Kevin Gauthier and others have presented several possible field trips for the remainder of 2020. We hope to have more information soon on those trips that will still be possible with Covid -19 related precautions and restrictions.

## Things To Do

I have found some great resources on the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum website for things to do while not having a lot of public contact. Check out their website at:

<https://mainemineralmuseum.org>

One good thing to check out is the MMGM@HOME page link at the top of the page. There are many links to educational and informational web resources.

The July 15 – 18 Keweenaw Mineral Retreat coordinated through Michigan Tech University is still scheduled at this time with Covid – 19 requirements of masks and distancing. As of July 8, it appears that registration is still open.

The August 2 – 9 Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club collecting events and their annual show held at the end of the week have been cancelled.

The July 31 to August 3 Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club collecting events are still possibly going to happen. The August 1 show has been cancelled. If you are interested in these collecting events, contact their club to see if they have made a definite decision.

Check our club website ([tcrockhounds.com](http://tcrockhounds.com)) for links to these events and clubs on the News & Fun and Sponsors/Links pages.

## Club Picnic

Due to CDC guideline concerns and health considerations, the board has decided that our standard picnic format in August also would not lend itself to a safe event. Instead, if our July outdoor meeting works well, we may hold another outdoor meeting in August instead of the picnic. More information later.

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The above contact list will be included in each newsletter so that you know who to contact for various items.

Anyone that has paid their 2020 membership dues will not have to pay any 2021 dues. This decision was made by the board since we have not been able to have many events or meetings this year.

Below is a fun little page for a little indoor time. This would be fun for all but especially fun for kids or grandkids. It is a dot to dot picture courtesy of Diamond Dan Publications.

[www.diamonddanpublications.net](http://www.diamonddanpublications.net)

The company gave the club a free one year subscription to the “Mini-Miner Monthly”. I will be including some items from this publication in the coming months and Jenny may be using some things on the Facebook Page as well.

