2013 is the "year of the lighthouse" in Grand Haven, and the City is exploiting beautiful images of the lights in its 2013 calendar and on the downtown light banners this summer.

The 2013 calendar, designed by Grand Haven Executive Assistant Mary Sneudeker, features an image for every month that was selected from over 180 photo submissions in 2012. The calendar shows the lighthouse in all seasons, as seen through the lenses of professional and amateur photographers.

The City will use four images that were not used in the calendar to decorate the light poles of downtown Grand Haven as a fundraiser for the Lighthouse Conservancy sponsored by the Main Street Downtown Development Authority. City Manager Pat McGinniss explains the idea for the fundraiser, "We will put them up before Memorial Day and take them down after Labor Day to be delivered to the donors." Banners cost $100 from Olmsted Signs, and donors contribute $300 to have their name placed on the banners. Over 50 are sold, promising at least a $10,000 net profit for our lights!

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As we move into Spring, our attention is drawn toward the beautiful riverfront, boardwalk and of course the Grand Haven Entrance and Inner Lighthouses, this destination known as Grand Haven. Interest in the preservation of the Grand Haven Entrance and Inner Lighthouses has resonated throughout the community. As I sit here to write these comments, I can't help but be humbled by all the support the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy has received from the community. With the need having been transferred to the City of Grand Haven we are hitting the ground running. What you should expect to see this season is the largest of the preservation projects, our Phase I, the "Lead Abatement" project. Removing the Lead Based Paint will be a daunting project. Protec Environmental, Inc. from Grand Rapids will use their experienced staff to build a temporary enclosure around the lighthouses, one at a time, and capture the removed material for proper disposal. The lighthouses will get a fresh coat of paint and will remain a much sought after destination for generations to come. Additionally,

FROM THE PRESIDENT: continued

we are compiling information to complete our Historic Structures Report. With the assistance of Sanders & Czapski Associates, from Marquette, this report will document the history of the lighthouses and provide guidance to the Conservancy and City of Grand Haven as to the proper preservation and routine maintenance required to sustain these historical structures.

As quoted from the Annual Report of the Light-House Board to the Secretary of the Treasury for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 1895,

Ken Czapski of Sanders & Czapski Associates, PLLC was great to work with and provided explanation of his historic structure report. (Photo by M. Cisneros)

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Grand Haven Pierhead range (front), Lake Michigan, Michigan.---
This light was discontinued May 4, 1885, on account of the removal of the pierhead light to the outer end of the pier. The conduit was taken down and stored for future use.

12936. Grand Haven Pierhead, Lake Michigan, Michigan.—This light was moved some 500 feet to the outer end of the north pier, and reestablished on May 4, 1885, without change of characteristics. One of the fog-signal houses was removed and rebuilt with enlarged capacity, located in the rear of the beacon at the outer end of the pier, and both signals were reestablished June 22, 1885, in one building, without change of characteristics. On April 4, 1885, a contract was made for furnishing framing lumber. In April all other materials were ordered for the work of moving the beacon and building an elevated walk, and a working party was sent to the station. A temporary post light was erected at the outer end of the pier. A substructure was built for the fog signal building. Boiler No. 1 was moved and set up on a brick foundation, the fog signal apparatus was properly placed, attachments were made to the boilers, and steam was raised on June 22, 1885, when the signal was tested and found to work satisfactorily. A brick foundation was constructed for boiler No. 2, and the boiler was moved into the building. Some 600 running feet of elevated walk were built.

~BMC David G. Karpin, Ret. United States Coast Guard