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WISHING YOU A
**Peaceful
& Joyous**

HOLIDAY
SEASON

VISIT US ONLINE!

www.cottagehome.com

Our website is always being updated with new Cottage Home happenings, photos, and ownership opportunities.



A NOTE FROM BRIAN



Brian Bosgaaf

Ah, the holidays are upon us once again – the season of peace and joy. It is our wish that you find a few moments to enjoy the season and appreciate the people around you – friends, family, neighbors and coworkers. Here at Cottage Home, we are blessed beyond words by

the people we experience every day. As many of you know, the Cottage Home team is made up of remarkable people, and for that we are very thankful. We also continue to have the best clients and outstanding homeowners, for whom we are immensely grateful as well.

Let me, on behalf of the whole Cottage Home community, wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
BB

LOOKING BACK ... AND FORWARD

Each year at this time, the team enjoys reflecting back as a team on various projects we finished and the new clients we got to know—and this year is certainly no different. It was a fun year of new homes and special projects for past clients.

We then think to the next year and the current projects we have underway and get equally as excited. We're looking forward to 2016—it's going to be a busy year. But we are certainly up for the challenge and eager to spend more time doing what we love along the lakeshore!



SEASONAL HOME MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

Fall certainly stuck around much longer than we anticipated this year. In fact, we know of one client who was still using their pool well into October, which is fantastic! But it's now time to check some items off of the winter to-do list:

- Winterize outdoor shower
- Disconnect hoses from outdoor faucets
- Turn on heat and humidifier; change furnace filters
- Move outdoor furniture into storage
- Replace all smoke detector batteries



If you could use help with any maintenance or special projects, as always, please feel free to call Stephanie at 616.393.9460, and we'll get it taken care of.



Dirk Bronsink

WELCOME DIRK!

We are excited to announce that we have another great addition to the Cottage Home team. Dirk Bronsink brings 13 years of construction experience with him, including a special focus on framing. Customer service is important to him, and he's looking forward to helping us give our clients a fantastic building experience!

WAKE ROBIN COTTAGE UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who stopped by our fall and Thanksgiving open houses to check out this great little cottage on Morning Glory in Fennville! We had such a good time creating this authentic cottage experience and then visiting with past and prospective clients there. And we are pleased to announce that a sale on the Wake Robin is pending, so congratulations to its owner who is soon going to be enjoying their new Cottage Home.



KITCHENS: THE NEW SOCIAL MEDIA ROOM

Nearly all cottages share one characteristic: they are social hubs, meeting places where family and friends reconnect ... sometimes once a year ... sometimes at the end of the day or hectic week. And that reconnection is likely to include the kitchen. Once mother's workspace closed off to children, today's kitchen has become the heart of the home. Part cooking area, part dining room, part living room, kitchens are filled with stories and laughter, "remember when's" and "I'll take another glass, please." Not to mention, compliments to the chef or the microwave captain.

In planning your new kitchen, Cottage Home designers will create an inviting and social space with plenty of stools and elbow room. You'll be glad we did!



REALTY CORNER: NEW 2016 OPPORTUNITIES ANNOUNCED

Cottage Home is thrilled to have two new model homes planned for next year, on which we are going to be starting construction very soon. These are both in Holland and will be for sale upon completion next summer. We've also put together house and homesite packages for a couple of the remaining 74th Street Parcels in South Haven, which are unique opportunities to build in an incredible and private lakefront location. Give us a call to discuss any of these exciting opportunities:

The Watershed 1609 South Shore Drive, Holland



- 90' Lake Macatawa frontage
- 4,590 Finished square feet of living space
- 1,399 square feet of decks and patios
- 4 bedrooms with additional dorm room
- 4 ½ bathrooms

Construction has started and this home will be finished and ready to enjoy next summer!

Crest North 419 Crest Drive North, Holland



- Lake Michigan access
- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Screened porch

Construction will be starting soon on this cottage, which will be finished and ready to enjoy next summer!



74th Street, Parcel #2 190 74th Street, South Haven

- 118' Lake Michigan frontage
- 2 total acres



74th Street, Parcel #5 172 74th Street, South Haven

- 118' Lake Michigan frontage
- 2 total acres



Or if you've been waiting and hoping to find the perfect site to design and build your new cottage or lake home, Cottage Home currently has a number of preferred homesites listed, ranging from \$199,000 off-water opportunities to \$1,999,000 private beachfront sites. These all have our stamp of approval as great places to build, and we'd love to talk with you more about them as well!

WINTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

At Cottage Home, we are passionate about lakefront living and the year-round fun opportunities it offers. We hope that you find some of these suggestions helpful as you decide how to spend your treasured time on the beautiful lakeshore.

The Children's Museum

Fennville - Open Thursday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
www.forevercuriousmuseum.org

Kal-Haven Trail

Offers more than 30 miles of picturesque hiking, biking and snowmobiling trails - the trail begins in South Haven on North Bailey Avenue and ends in Kalamazoo on 10th Street.

Mistletoe Market

Runs through December 24, South Haven Center for the Arts - Find handmade holiday items, home décor items and more from local artists.
www.southhavenarts.org

Saugatuck Center for the Arts

Arts and cultural performances, concerts, classes, workshops and market offered year-round. www.sc4a.org

South Haven Ice Rink

South Haven Pavilion - Rent skates or bring your own. The ice rink has open skating hours nearly every day throughout the winter. Now come to learn the sport of curling as well. Visit www.shicerink.com for curling lesson and open skate dates and times.

Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy

Visit and walk, cross-country ski, or snowshoe any one of their numerous beautiful nature preserves. www.sumlc.org

*ice breaker



South Haven, MI

FEB. 5-7, 2016

Downtown South Haven. Make sure you mark your calendars for the family-friendly winter festival showcasing ice sculptures, chili cook-off, ice skating, horse-drawn wagon rides, snowball throwing competition and much more! www.SouthHavenMI.com



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