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S/D HISTORICAL SOCIETY JULY 15 TUESDAY TALK
OFFERS UPDATE ON KALAMAZOO HARBOR PLANS

JUNE 27, 2014 -- A "State Of The Harbor" presentation will highlight the next Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society "Tuesday Talk" on July 15 in the History Center at The Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas. The one-hour program begins when the school bell rings at 11 a.m.; admission is free and public attendance is invited.

Harbor Authority Chairperson Bob Sapita and planning consultant Greg Weykamp will discuss efforts to recover and save the harbor for recreational boating and other water-related activities through two current Authority programs: the "Phase 1 Emergency Dredging Plan"; and the "Long Range Plan". This Tuesday Talk is sponsored by SDHS board member Ed Kelly.

Sapita will begin by reviewing the harbor's historical background, the dredging permitting process, dredging plans and their associated costs. Weykamp then will focus on the major phases involved in executing the Long Term Planning program, and will share several case studies on waterfront projects nearby and around the world.

Sapita, a retired electrical engineer with career focus on controlling and optimizing industrial processes, served as the U.S. representative on an International Standards Organization (ISO) ergonomics committee, was a 2008-10 member of the Douglas City Council, and has been an avid sailor for 25 years.

Weykamp, co-founder of Edgewater Resources in St. Joseph, MI, is a career planner/designer of parks, marinas and revitalized waterfronts. His experience includes internationally significant projects such as Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park, the Olympic Village in Sydney, Australia, Chicago Gateway and 31st Street Harbors, and Denver's Stapleton Airport.

For more information about the Saugatuck/Douglas Historical Society, its Museum and Old School House History Center, or its activities planned for 2014, visit www.sdhistoricalsociety.org.

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Shallomazoo Lake...recent aerial photo (looking west with I-196 in right foreground) dramatizes silt buildup in Kalamazoo Lake and bayou wetlands, topic of upcoming Historical Society "Tuesday Talk".