

Village of Michiana

History

Michiana was one of the last resort communities to develop in the southwest corner of Berrien County because the densely wooded and marshy terrain made access difficult. It was not until 1927 that the area was divided between the states of Michigan and Indiana and developed simultaneously by the Long Beach Development Company.

A tree became the famous landmark for the community. Known as the Signal Oak, the Long Beach Company built an amphitheater around it to entertain prospective buyers with Indian ceremonies. This facility later became a meeting place for the Michiana Community Association that controlled the business of the community.

The Michigan development was the first to be incorporated (1945) and was given the name of Michiana Village. Since then, the Village has evolved from a mere vacation resort to a healthy, year-round, prime location community.

Observations

The Village of Michiana is a small, residential community located on the border of Indiana. It is situated near sandy beaches with homes nestled amidst woodlands and dunes along Lake Michigan.

Michiana is a self-sufficient, strictly residential community that provides no services to non-residents. Although the beaches are open to the public, the Village provides no public parking. Most of the elite lakefront housing units are owned by Chicago residents who enjoy the leisurely life offered by the community. The Village has no lots available for commercial or industrial usage and is committed to maintaining its status quo. Michiana is a quiet, safe, and secluded place for people to live an attractive life.

Community Vision

- To remain a quiet, residential community dedicated to the needs and comforts of its residents.
- Discourage industry from ever entering the Village.

All Demographic Information is based upon the 2009 Census Estimate

Population

1980 Census	333	
1990 Census	164	50.75 % decrease
2000 Census	200	21.95 % increase
2010 Census	194	3.00 % decrease

Personal Income

Median Family	\$116,875
Average per Capita	\$98,776
Median Household	\$83,750

Labor Force

Total Work Force	84
Unemployment Rate	6.0 %

Principal Economic Base Employers

The Village is restricted to residential use only.

Housing

Number of Dwellings	384
Owner Occupied	92
Renter Occupied	2
Median Rent	Not Available
Median Home Value	\$469,200

Building Permits – 2010

The Village has not supplied this data.

Chamber of Commerce

Harbor Country Chamber of Commerce
530 S. Whittaker Street, Suite F
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-5409
www.harborcountry.org

Taxes

In March 1994, Michigan voters approved a new tax structure (Proposal A). The following table provides a simplistic look at the taxes currently levied within this community. Property tax is based now upon taxable value, not state equalized value.

General Taxes

General County	4.7723
Law Enforcement/ Public Safety	0.3500
Special Voted 911	0.2500
Senior Citizens	0.3000
LMC College	1.7854
Village	7.5631
Special Voted	0.9963
Subtotal	16.0171

School Taxes (Berrien RESA)

State Education Tax	6.0000
Non-Homestead (Business)	18.0000
Extra Voted Building & Site	0.0000
Debt Retirement	1.9300
Berrien RESA	0.1745
Special Education	2.1954

Subtotals

Homestead	10.2999
Non-Homestead (Business)	28.2999

New Buffalo



Signal Oak Tree

Government

Municipal Hall

Michiana Village Hall
4000 Cherokee Drive
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-4600
Fax: (269) 469-3611

Council Meetings

Second Monday of Each Month
Start: 7:00 p.m.

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website Contact Center



Climate

	January	July
Average Maximum Temperature	32F / 0C	82F / 28C
Average Minimum Temperature	18F / -8C	61F / 16C
Days over 90F or 32C	11	
Days below 0F or 18C	4	
Days of Growing Season	162	
Average Annual Rainfall	37" / 94cm	
Average Annual Snowfall	70" / 178cm	

Public Services

Police

Chief of Police: Lyn Papke
Phone: (269) 469-1884
Sworn Officers: 7
Civilian Employees: 0
Number of Cars: 2

Fire

Fire Chief: James Imes
Phone: (219) 872-1788
Number of Stations: 1
Professional Firemen: 0
Part-Time Paid: 0
Volunteers: 15
Insurance Rate Class: 6

Trash Collection

Michiana Village Hall
Phone: (269) 469-4600
Type: Municipal
Cost: Service provided through tax levy
Recycling: Home pick up every other Monday

Recycling

Berrien County Community Development
Jill Adams, Environmental Specialist
(269) 983-7111 Ext. 8234
Program information available online at
www.berriencounty.org/recycle.

Water

Michiana Water Department
Phone: (269) 469-1967
Source: Michigan City, Indiana
Capacity: 4,000,000 / day

Sewer

Village of Michiana Hall
Phone: (269) 469-4600
System Type: Septic Tanks

Telephone

AT&T
Residential: 1-800-288-2020

Gas

Semco Energy Company
Phone: (800) 624-2019

Electric

American Electric Power Company
(800) 311-6424

Education

The Village of Michiana is served by the following school district:

New Buffalo Area Schools
1112 East Clay Street
New Buffalo, MI 49117
Phone: (269) 469-6010
Enrollment: 654



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