

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN  
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS  
LAKE PARK PAYING-RAYNALE  
TO REDDING**

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, July 21, 1938, at 8:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of certain improvements described herein, and to the creation of a special assessment district to defray the cost of construction of an improvement to be hereafter known as PAYING-RAYNALE LAKE PARK PAYING-RAYNALE TO REDDING.

The Commission proposes to create a special assessment district to defray the cost of this construction and special assessment district shall consist of the following described property: Quarter Lake Estates Replat of East Part of Quarter Lake Estates Sub-division, Lots 124 and 126, inclusive.

The Heights. There are no detailed plans or estimates of cost on this project available, and individual assessments will not be computed until after such estimates have been prepared. They will be computed by the Assessor after July 21, 1938, if the necessity for this improvement is established by the Commission, and there will be another public hearing scheduled for the purpose of reviewing the assessments.

IRVING E. HANLEY, City Clerk  
July 10, 1938

**Fort St. Joseph Shows Michigan's Past Color**

When Michigan was young—as the white man measures time—it was a prize sought by the mighty powers of Europe. The paths followed today by the nine million-plus travelers who each year vacation in Michigan once were fought over, up and down the state, and each expedition left behind it a string of stockades, tiny citadels of a civilization in a then unstrung wilderness.

Many of these ancient redoubts have vanished, according to the Michigan Tourist Council, returning to the earth from which they sprang, leaving behind only tattered evidence they ever existed in a day when trapper was king, the best he could wear.

SUCH A STOCKADE was Fort St. Joseph. The city of Niles stands today where this tiny garrison once ruled over the forest, a gateway city to a state which, steeped in the romance of the past, blessed with 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 11,000 inland lakes and 17 million acres of quiet forestland, still is a prize. Its visitors today come not to conquer, but to enjoy themselves.

The fort was built and from which it took its name. But for the historically minded traveler this is sufficient evidence for many a faithful knight into the past; and thousands of tourists stop here annually to add a bit of substance to the froth of vacation sightseeing.

Fort St. Joseph is an important bit of Michigan's history. It was the focal point for a 17th century international tug of war. And during its embattled 90-year existence, the flags of four nations flew over its ramparts.

THE NATION that held Fort St. Joseph controlled the west, but more important was the Great Lakes country itself, with its fur trade riches and Indian allies. It was this that the governor of Canada wanted to secure for France when he sent Augustin le Cardeur, Sieur de Courtemanche in 1691 to establish this outpost.

Then as now, the Tourist Council says, southwestern Michigan

was a pleasant and fruitful country. The land produced wild fruit in abundance, game was plentiful and the natives reared a rich harvest of corn, beans and squash.

Only a torn and faded sketch remains of the fort, showing it as it was in 1721. The drawing, unearthed by historians a few years ago, shows several buildings of rude construction outside the fort. They were made of moss-stemmed poles stuck in the ground and covered with bark on the sides and tops. But it was defensible. In 1694 Courtemanche held off an attack by the Iroquois.

IN 1761 St. Joseph fell to the British at the close of the French and Indian war. Manned by a small detachment of English troops, it was classified as a dependency of Fort Michilimackinac. Then, on May 25, 1763 Fort St. Joseph fell before the onslaught of the Pontiac Massacre, along with many other English strongholds. It never again was permanently occupied.

But history was not done with Fort St. Joseph. Although indifferently manned by "settlers" who were more settlers and traders than soldiers, it retained its importance in the new world for a short time longer. In 1781 an expedition of French and Spanish troops from St. Louis, Mo., made an 800-mile overland trek to St. Joseph in the dead of winter.

THEY BURNED, looted, hoisted the Spanish flag for a few hours and a day later retreated. The fort thus became the only outpost in the northwest to fly four national flags. And while historians differ on the reason for this expedition, it seems probable that it was an attempt by Spain to claim a section of the Mississippi valley east of that river.

Time claimed the fort and it fell into decay, as all things must. But the French habitans remained to greet the first American settlers to come in the 1830's and to be absorbed by these hardy pioneers who came to till the land.

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AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 30, 1938

**RESOURCES**

|   |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cash and Due from Banks.....                  | \$146,215,454.31 |                  |
| United States Government Securities.....      | 274,656,483.60   | \$420,851,937.91 |
| Public Housing Authority Bonds and Notes..... |                  | 31,062,384.48    |
| State and Municipal Securities.....           |                  | 31,371,869.13    |
| Other Securities.....                         |                  | 2,684,687.50     |
| Loans and Discounts.....                      | 201,716,812.06   |                  |
| Real Estate Mortgages—F.H.A.....              | 52,389,801.25    |                  |
| Veteran.....                                  | 15,518,073.14    |                  |
| All Other.....                                | 37,468,788.47    | 301,093,474.92   |
| Bank Premises and Leasehold Improvements..... |                  | 6,288,692.11     |
| Furniture and Fixtures.....                   |                  | 146,208.77       |
| Accrued Income and Other Resources.....       |                  | 3,461,478.67     |
| Total.....                                    |                  | \$796,960,733.49 |

**LIABILITIES**

|   |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Demand Deposits:                            |                  |                  |
| Individuals, Corporations and Banks.....    | \$393,868,356.11 |                  |
| United States Government.....               | 49,353,381.00    |                  |
| Other Public Funds.....                     | 26,842,255.93    | \$470,063,993.04 |
| Savings Deposits.....                       |                  | 263,481,966.76   |
| Total Deposits.....                         |                  | 733,545,959.80   |
| Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities..... |                  | 12,182,844.60    |
| Capital Funds:                              |                  |                  |
| Common Stock (\$10.00 Par Value).....       | 12,528,508.00    |                  |
| Surplus.....                                | 22,471,500.00    |                  |
| Undivided Profits.....                      | 16,231,929.09    | \$1,231,929.09   |
| Total.....                                  |                  | \$796,960,733.49 |

**MEMORANDUM**

Securities pledged to secure public deposits, including deposits of \$5,068,820.40 of the State of Michigan, and for other purposes required by law..... \$ 90,451,600.07

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