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Unique Tourist Value!

Blue Water Area Transit Trolley Tour Starts Fall Season:

Last Chance to Tour Our Town for a Dime this Year!

PORT HURON, MI — Blue Water Area Transit wraps up its **2014 Trolley Season** with tours on four Saturdays starting on September 20. The historic tours are available six days per week through September 13 and then continue on Saturdays, noon through 5:00 p.m., through October 11.

“Our Trolley Tour offers an overview of local history aboard an old-time trolley vehicle for only ten cents,” says Blue Water Area Transit general manager Jim Wilson. “It really is an incredible value!”

Recognized as one of Michigan’s best tourist values, the one-hour Trolley Tour includes a swing by various local points of interest, including museums, churches, beaches, the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, and other historic landmarks. The route travels through the heart of Port Huron and along the riverfront for a panoramic view of the Blue Water Bridges and the Thomas Edison Statue and Train Depot.

“Although the Trolley Tour is designed for tourists, it’s also very popular among those of us who live in the Blue Water Area,” says Anita R. Ashford, Blue Water Area Transportation Commission Board vice chair and Port Huron City Council member. “It’s a fun, learning experience for the whole family.”

Passengers can get on and off the trolley at 17 points along the route, including hotels and marinas. The official starting point is 331 Huron Avenue (on the west side of the street, just south of downtown’s McMorran Place).

Discounted (five-cent) fares are available for senior citizens (60 and up), as well as persons with disability or valid Medicare cards.

For an additional fare, trolley riders may also connect with Port Huron’s city-wide transit system that serves local shopping and industrial centers throughout the area.

Blue Water Area Transit's ten-cent trolley tours are made possible by a group of local sponsors: Black River Golf Club, Blue Water Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dorchester Court Apartments, Huron Lady River Cruises, Radio 1st (WHLS, WSAQ, WPHM, WBTI), Raven Café, and The Robbins Group.

The Trolley Tour route and hours are subject to change. Please contact Blue Water Area Transit at (810) 987-7373 for up-to-date information. Details are also available online at www.bwbus.com/bluewaterrolley.htm.

Blue Water Area Transit continues a proud tradition of innovation in public transit that has served Port Huron for more than a century. Port Huron was one of the nation's first communities to operate an electrified transit system in the 1880s and one of the first to operate motor coaches when they became popular in the 1930s. Following an eight-year hiatus, the current bus service began in September 1976. Since then, BWAT has carried more than 26 million riders.

BWAT started producing its own compressed natural gas in 1996 and now ranks as Michigan's largest producer of the alternative fuel. It runs the state's largest fleet of alternative fuel buses.

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**All Aboard for a Dime!
Blue Water Trolley Tour
Highlights Local Points of
Historic Interest**

Riders board Blue Water Area Transit's old-time trolley vehicle to enjoy an overview of local history. The Trolley Tour passes by museums, churches, beaches, and a variety of historic landmarks, including the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse... all for only 10 cents!

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