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Lighthouse News

The results are in - opening the lighthouse to tourists for 5 days has dramatically increased the visitation numbers, and the amount of revenue taken in toward lighthouse restoration and renovation. Thank you to all staff and volunteers who have worked so diligently over this past summer to make this a reality.

A new Junior Lighthouse Keeper Program is in effect. A Booklet has been created for children to read, work on different projects, and complete a page to earn a Jr. Lighthouse Keeper Patch. Thanks to Carole Marz and Beth Hanback for working together on this project.

If you have been anywhere near the lighthouse, you have seen the "new look". International Chimney has created a covered walkway for visitor safety, and has also installed more safety netting to catch any potential items that could fall from the lighthouse gallery areas.

The lighthouse was closed to the public during the safety construction work, and other closures will happen during the restoration process. Scheduled Oil Shed Art displays continue (when the lighthouse is closed) in the Bateman Center lobby area.

A new employee at the lighthouse is Mary Borgstrom who joined the staff in July. Special thanks to Lynn, Carol and Beth who assisted in keeping the lighthouse open when we were short staffed. All are encouraged to participate in the First Friday programs sponsored by CNHA on the first Friday of each month at 7 PM

We especially invite you to attend the October 3 event, which will feature a brand new program on the history of the lighthouse and information on the need for the restoration and renovation of our historical treasure.

October 12 will be the celebration of the 141st birthday of the lighthouse. Look for details in another article in this newsletter. Volunteers to work in the lighthouse and on the Lighthouse Committee are needed. Please call Beth at (757) 336-3696 for more information or to volunteer.

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