

# The Bridge

“Bridging the Gap Between  
Work and Home”

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## Mr. Mike Weinert, Crew Member

Michael Weinert started working for Community Enterprises in 2009 and for over 10 years he was one of the first faces to greet people as they entered the main building. Michael took his job very seriously and truly enjoyed being our front door greeter. He was also responsible for managing the switchboard and directing guests and consumers. During down times he would help with payroll and filing records. Michael has the amazing ability to remember and celebrate every holiday, anniversary, and

birthday of those he cares about. On many occasions, Michael made sure that people were greeted with a decorated front desk to welcome a festive mood.

2020 ushered in unimaginable change for Community Enterprises. At the start of the global pandemic Michael was still working but once the shutdown order was issued, he was laid off. Like so many Michael was left wondering when he would get to go back to work. Would he get to see his friends and coworkers again? For almost a year exactly he was unemployed and had to adjust to the loss and separation from coworkers and friends while not really having the opportunity for closure.

With a year past and no sight of CE being able to reprise his role, Michael began his search for community employment. He embraced the change and was eager to find a new normal. The process took a bit of time, but Michael was able to find employment with McDonalds. This proved to be a perfect match for him. With a patient and understanding staff and Michael's enthusiasm and willingness to learn something new, he has been successfully employed for since early March. He started out working the grill and within 2 weeks was able to be taught multiple other stations in the restaurant.

Community Enterprises is going to miss Michael greeting us and setting the tone for our day, but we are so happy and thrilled that Michael has found this new opportunity. Congratulations Michael Weinert!

**News from the Blue Water Secure Shredding Team**

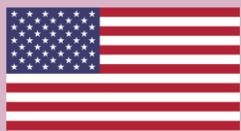
Hello again from Blue Water Secure Shredding! Spring is here and it is time to clean out the stuff you have piled up from those winter months. If you have boxes of paper, you can swing by our Port Huron location and drop them off. No appointment is needed for ten boxes or less and it is only a flat fee of .35 per pound. We are set up to take cash payment, credit card or a check. If you have more than ten boxes, please give us call to set up an appointment. If you do not feel like hauling it in, we can pick it up!

Blue Water Secure Shredding has just launched a new system called “Easy Shred”. It is a new tracking and accounting system that allows our drivers to be paperless and our accounting department to send an invoice electronically. Our shredding bins now have a barcode that is scanned by the driver and all information is downloaded to our accounting department. This makes this fast and efficient for our team and customers.

For more information about shredding or to schedule an appointment, please call Scott Bradley at 810-990-8836.



**Reminder!**  
CESCC will be closed on  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for  
Memorial Day



**The ECL Program’s Craft Class**

We thought that now would be a good time at ECL to highlight some of our activities that we are continuing to offer, as we are striving to provide as many services as we can and as many different outlets for creativity and self-expression. While we are not currently running our ECL program as we have in the past with a full class catalog, we are able to offer some popular staples that our consumers really enjoy. One of those is our crafts class, where they are given the opportunity to showcase their creative skills by making various craft items such as pottery, ceramic, greeting cards, jewelry, holiday crafts and many more items. Projects will promote individual creativity and expression as well as enhancing self-esteem, communication skills and fine motor skills.

We have been happy to see our consumers really take to certain projects and add their own individual touches and expressions. We are always looking for new and fun projects and very much welcome consumer input, we are looking forward to the nice weather and the new ideas and inspirations that come with it!

*\*Pictured to the left are David and Brandon working on their Clothes Pin Airplanes.*



**River District Welcomes Spring**



Although we have seen some discouraging news about the pandemic which has hindered some plans, here at River District we keep moving forward with happy thoughts of warmer weather and ‘safe’ fun in our community. We look forward to nature walks, fishing, planting flowers, exploring our parks and much more. We would also like to thank our individuals, families, and caregivers for staying positive and following our safety guidelines to ensure everyone’s health.

I would like to send out a special thank you to the River District staff for working so diligently to keep our building sanitized and safe. You all rock!

**Sunscreen Reminder!**

Please remember as the weather gets warmer, it is important for everyone to wear sunscreen when out and about! Please make sure that your individual(s) has a standing medication order on file at Community Enterprises. Thank you for your cooperation!



**Your Flowers are in!**

The Arc of St. Clair County’s Flower Sale  
1530 Pine Grove Avenue  
Port Huron, MI 48060

Pick up Date: May 3, 2021

Pick up Time: 12 p.m.-4 p.m.



**Mark your Calendars!**

Program Closed- Monday, May 31, 2021