



Summer 2025

Greetings from SHOUT. We are pleased to present this summary of activities supported by SHOUT over the past year. Your faithful support continues to make it possible for us to strive to make our great community even better.

You are invited to attend the 2025 SHOUT Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, beginning at 10 a.m. at the South Haven Yacht Club. We will be sharing an update on the status of SHOUT and our vision for the future. Please join us.

Robert Copping, President
Sue Cunningham, Vice President
Mark Odland, Vice President
Tom Renner, Vice President
Patti Sheppard, Vice President
George Ebright, Board Member
Sharon Gultinan, Board Member
Bryan Kurtz, Board Member
Bob Metzen, Board Member
Connie Metzen, Board Member
Barbara Reber, Board Member
Suzanne Schlaack, Board Member

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Please see the back page of this newsletter to renew
your SHOUT membership and for volunteer opportunities.**



We have increased the number of flower planters on the Dyckman Bridge to allow for the placement of additional memorial/tribute plaques. These plaques cost \$40 annually which includes the flowers. For more information email Bob Metzen – bmetzen230@gmail.com



Commemorative pavers which are placed around the SHOUT clocks at Dyckman Park (across from City Hall) and Avery Park (end of North Shore Drive) are still available for \$250. Email southhavenm@comcast.net for more information.

SHOUT IN ACTION!



It took many willing hands and smiling faces to continue the tradition of planting the summertime flowers and placing the holiday garlands on the Dyckman Bridge. This past year members of the Rotary Club of South Haven stepped into a leadership role for the bridge project. We are grateful to Bob and Connie Metzen and city gardener Ahni Turner for their commitment to maintaining this tradition. This past winter Bob refurbished many of the planters and placed new ones.



The Cottage Walk is a long SHOUT tradition that will mark its 28th year on Saturday, June 28th. We are pleased to be partnering with the Scott Club in presenting four unique cottages this year.

SHOUT takes great pride at being the founding organization for three thriving groups – the South Haven Performance Series, the South Haven Theatre Series and the South Haven Speakers Series. We encourage you to attend their events. Their schedules are available through the website links listed below.



<https://southhavenperformanceseries.org/>



<https://southhavenspeakersseries.org/>



<https://www.southhaventheatreseries.org/>

Evidence of the contributions from SHOUT to the community can be found everywhere.



Wintertime Gathering Place at Dyckman Park





Historic Wilhelm Baum tugboat at Michigan Maritime Museum



Beautiful downtown sculptures no matter the season



This Annual Report is dedicated to SHOUT Founder Bob Copping.

Bob in recent months has been recognized for his tireless efforts in promoting our community. The publication Crain's Grand Rapids honored Bob as a West Michigan Notable Non-Profit Leader and our own South Haven Chamber of Commerce presented him the 2025 Community Legacy Award. We are indebted to Bob for his visionary leadership to make our great community even better.

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SHOUT is non-profit, non-partisan and dedicated to "Making a Great Community Even Better". Support SHOUT and help make a difference in our Community! We request \$10 for dues. Larger donations are welcomed. Please tell us your interests in helping SHOUT. Suggestions for future projects are welcomed. SHOUT is a 501 c (3) non-profit organization.

SHOUT for South Haven (Membership)
Post Office Box 986
South Haven MI 49090

ENCLOSED IS MY \$10 MEMBERSHIP CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO SHOUT.

NAME(S) _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

SOUTH HAVEN ADDRESS _____

SHOUT IS BLESSED WITH MANY WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

Please check below your interest in working on:

- ☐ Planting drawbridge flowers in the Spring
- ☐ Preparing planters for flower planting
- ☐ Removing flowers at season end
- ☐ Decorating drawbridge with holiday greens and lights in November
- ☐ Removing holiday greens from bridge (after the holidays)
- ☐ Suggest possible new SHOUT Members (send email to info@shoutforsouthhaven.org)
- ☐ I would like to become a bridge planter sponsor
(\$35 annual fee includes a personalized label)
- ☐ I'd like to sponsor a personalized memorial brick at the Harbor Walk or Downtown Clock (\$250)
- ☐ I am interested in helping with SHOUT community projects
- ☐ I will help with the SHOUT-sponsored Cottage Walk (last Saturday in June)
- ☐ I want to offer/suggest a home for future Cottage Walks _____
- ☐ My suggestions for future SHOUT Projects (email to info@shoutforsouthhaven.org)

SHOUT DEPENDS ON ITS MANY FRIENDS!