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MYSTERY OF THE BLUE TEMPO HOUSE OF MUSIC
TOPIC OF SAUGATUCK MUSEUM "TUESDAY TALK"

SAUGATUCK (MI), JULY 23, 2007 -- "The Mystery of The Blue Tempo: West Michigan's first Gay bar?" will headline the weekly "Tuesday Talk" at the Saugatuck-Douglas Museum, July 31, 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. Seating is limited; early arrival is urged.

The Blue Tempo House of Music was an entertainment and food landmark of the 1960s and 70s along Lake Street in Saugatuck until its destruction by fire in 1976. It was operated by the well-known Don "Toad" Davis and is perhaps best remembered as a popular West Michigan gay hangout.

Historian Jim Schmiechen will lead a discussion based on Saugatuck-Douglas Historical Society archival materials and interviews focusing on Toad, the Gays and the 1960s/70s. Attendees are encouraged to share their memories and stories about that place and its era of Saugatuck history. (Does anyone know anything about "The Cabin" bar?)

Founded in 1992, the Museum occupies the historic Saugatuck Pump House at 735 Park Street, along the west shore of the Kalamazoo River at Mt. Baldhead Park, a short walk north from the Saugatuck Chain Ferry landing. Admission and parking are free. Tel: (269) 857-7900.

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