



10 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATIVE GOLF & COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

HARBOR SHORES RESORT

The opening of **Harbor Shores Golf Club** in 2010 signaled a monumental turning point in Benton Harbor's history.

The 6,852-yard, par-71 Jack Nicklaus Signature design is the centerpiece of the \$500 million Harbor Shores development on the shores of Lake Michigan and the Paw Paw River. The direct spike in jobs, redevelopment, new homebuyers, tax base, vacationers and civic pride is almost incomprehensible when one considers what stood on these shores just a decade ago—abandoned auto parts factories and a massive dump site.

"As fun and engaging as the golf course experience is at Harbor Shores, it's impossible to forget the purpose and history of this project and this community," says Joshua Doxtator, general manager, Harbor Shores Golf Club. "The signage on each hole gives a visual reminder of what stood here before there was such beauty and promise. To be able to provide jobs and beautiful amenities for this

community keeps our team humbled, grounded and inspired to do whatever it takes to help this community thrive."

"We're attracting a discerning clientele from all over the Midwest," Doxtator says. This year's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, which the course host every-other year, will be played at Harbor Shores, May 18–23, showcasing the golf course's photogenic setting along the coastal dunes of Lake Michigan.



The course, which Jack Nicklaus has tabbed as one of his 18 favorite designs of all time, runs over four remarkably diverse terrains in a spectacular topographical locale. When a golf course has hosted a major tournament, visitors arrive on the first tee with elevated expectations. The inspired layout at Harbor Shores delivers beauty, challenge and strategy at every turn.

The beginning holes, 1-6, are in the inland terrain. Holes 7, 8, and 9 wind along a dramatic exposed dunes-scape with awe-inspiring views of Lake Michigan. Holes 10 through 13 play through woodland terrain and wind through rolling hills, ravines and a hardwood forest. The finishing holes, 14 through 18, border the Paw Paw River, Ox Creek, and its wetlands. It's like playing through the best terrains Michigan golf has to offer, all in one round. In addition, The First Tee of Benton Harbor, headquartered at Harbor Shores Golf Club, is the only fully subsidized program of its kind based at a golf course and reaches more than 1,000 children annually.

Complementing the spectacular golf experience is the 92-room luxury hotel on the St. Joseph River. The Inn at Harbor Shores features 14 luxury suites, two top-floor condominiums and a rooftop meeting space. A selection of fine dining options (including Plank's Tavern on the Water, Torch & Tapas, and Rise & Vine),

a full-service spa, indoor and outdoor pools, fitness center, state-of-the-art meeting rooms and wedding venues for up to 300 guests makes it a premier golf and lifestyle venue. Next to the Inn, guests and locals may enjoy a 100-slip deep-water marina that can accommodate boats up to 90 feet long.

Real estate is also flourishing within Harbor Shores with nearly 800 new homes (many buyers from the Chicago area, just 90 minutes away) built since the revitalization was launched. A decade into the plan, Harbor Shores has more than fulfilled its original masterplan. A vision to transform a once-thriving manufacturing hub that (by the late 2000s) was abandoned and decaying, into a beautiful and robust residential and recreational development that would serve and promote the local community, has yielded immense economic impact to Benton Harbor.

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Jack Nicklaus Course at Harbor Shores