

SH Speakers Series events announced

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SOUTH HAVEN — The second year of the South Haven Speakers Series will offer the public five presentations on topics ranging from water quality to prison reforms.

The first event will be April 14.

The series was launched last year by the group SHOUT for South Haven. But now it's its own nonprofit organization, headed by President Mark Odland.

"We are grateful for the response we received in our inaugural year and have strived to bring more thought-provoking speakers to this year's series," Odland said.

The stated mission of the series is to spotlight "issues, innovations and ideas shaping our lives."

The April 14 presentation will be "Saving the Great Lakes: Water Quality Issues."

The presenters will be Cameron Davis Sr., a senior advisor to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and Robert Tolpa of South Haven,

who worked for the EPA for 36 years and was a senior planner there.

The program will be at 7:30 p.m. at the South Haven campus of Lake Michigan College. The cost is \$10, but students are admitted free. Refreshments will be served.

Other events in this year's series include a May 5 program on the dysfunction of our political institutions; a June 28 program on reconnecting with nature; a program focusing on sentencing and prison reforms set for Sept. 15; and an Oct. 20 program on news hoaxes.

The program is sponsored by the South Haven Community Foundation, Meijer and Carole and Don Hodgman.

In addition to Odland, the board of directors includes Joan Bauer, Dick Brunvand, Bob Copping, Frank Cunningham, Sandy Fenske, Don Hixson, Carole Hodgman, Tom Renner, Susan Ryan, Elaine Stephens, Rosemary Thurber, Robert Tolpa, Janice Varney and Donald Wheat.

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