

**CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT
TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN
COMMUNITY FORUM DAY
10-15-08**

The City Commission has invited 3 City Manager candidates to participate in various community forums on Wednesday, October 15, 2008. There will be an open house for the public to meet the candidates from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm in the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center Building, 400 Boardman Avenue. Each candidate will make a brief presentation starting at noon.

The 3 candidates invited to participate in this community forum are indicated below.

R. Ben Bifoss

Mr. Bifoss is currently a Project Manager for Abonmarche Consultants in Manistee, Michigan. He previously served as City Manager of Manistee, Michigan and Montevideo, Minnesota, City/County Manager of Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Montana and Personnel Officer/Assistant City Manager of Grand Haven, Michigan. He also served as General Manager of West Michigan Dock and Market Corporation in Muskegon, Michigan. Mr. Bifoss has a Masters degree in Administration, Public Administration from Central Michigan University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Central Michigan University.

Thomas F. Menzel

Mr. Menzel is currently the Executive Director of the National Cherry Festival. He previously served as the Treasurer and the Mayor of Rolling Meadows, Illinois. He also served as the President of the Northwest Suburban Alliance for Commerce and Industry and private sector positions at McGraw Hill, Xerox, Allstate and Leelanau Industries. Mr. Menzel has a Masters degree in Business Administration from Lake Forest Graduate School and a Bachelors degree in History/Political Science from Valparaiso University.

Robert Schaumleffel, Jr.

Mr. Schaumleffel previously served as City Manager of Creedmoor, North Carolina, Bullhead City, Arizona and Powell, Ohio. He also served as County Administrator of Muskingum County, Ohio, Town Administrator of Thermopolis, Wyoming, Village Administrator of Hartland, Wisconsin and Interim Village Administrator of Albany, Ohio. Mr. Schaumleffel has a Masters degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University and a Bachelor's degree in Government from Ohio University.