

MAYOR TELLS GROUP: BEACH FOR ALL GARY

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One of the major complaints concerned congestion on Lake Street resulting from heavy beach traffic. Miller property owners want the city to provide another thoroughfare to the beach.

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