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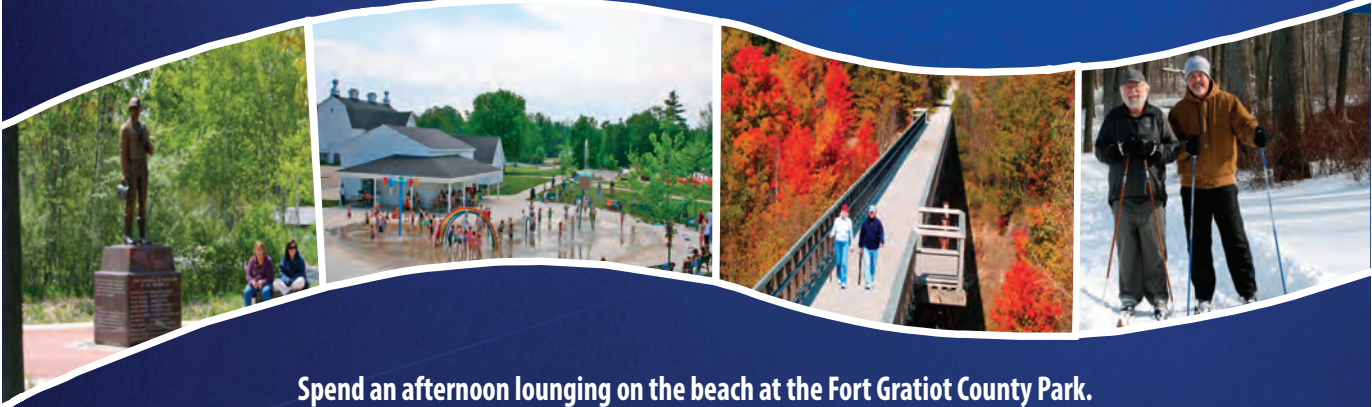
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# Welcome to the Blue

The blue shores of eastern Michigan will be bursting with fun and activity this summer. Spectacular fireworks, vintage car shows and thundering powerboat races are only a few of the exciting, family-friendly events that have made the Blue Water region a hotspot for visitors. Along with the great events taking place, enjoy waterfront dining, boutique shopping, museums, boardwalks and water trails. Pop into any of the quaint towns along 140 miles of shoreline where each city and village has unique charms to explore.



and even a rooftop tavern. Whether you have a taste for craft beer, a smokehouse grill or crave a unique dining atmosphere, the local restaurants hope to satisfy your appetite with fresh eats and splendid service. Many locations and bars provide evening entertainment for a fun night out.

Get in a game of golf at one of the sprawling golf courses. Their rolling landscapes and pristine greens are located in nearly every community along the

shoreline and further inland, providing an enjoyable yet challenging match.

Lovers of lighthouse lore and maritime history will enjoy visiting the area's nautical attractions including six lighthouses and an abundance of museums. Several of the light stations are open for tower tours where you'll get a 360-degree view and perhaps hear a nautical tale from long ago.

Music festivals and concerts are at the heart of entertainment and occur often in the Blue Water Region. Several communities present a free outdoor concert every weekend during the warm season. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, sit along the waterfront or on a grassy hill and enjoy a live band or solo artist. The music style ranges from old favorites to contemporary hits and some original tracks.

Please accept the warm welcome of the Blue Water region and discover the blue shores of eastern Michigan. For more details on events and things to do in the Blue Water Region, visit [bluewater.org](http://bluewater.org).

By foot or by paddle, Port Huron and the Blue Water Region offer excellent places to enjoy the beauty and freshness of the Great Lakes state. Take in freighter watching and gorgeous waterfront views along riverwalks and boardwalks that line the St. Clair River and Lake Huron. Paved bike paths and nature trails also weave their way along the shoreline and through wooded areas of each community.

Go the adventurous route and explore the water by kayak or paddleboard. Inland waterways and canals provide tranquil routes for the novice paddler, while those more experienced will love the challenge of Lake Huron or the St. Clair River. The Island Loop National Water Trail and the Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Route are well suited to kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.

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The Algoway was launched on June 23, 1972 and is an example of a medium sized Great Lakes self-unloading carrier built by Collingwood Shipyards, Collingwood, Ontario for the Algoma Central Corp.

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A versatile vessel, boatwatchers should see the Algoway on the Great Lakes for many seasons to come.

Meanwhile, kayaking has become a very popular sport in Vacationland with hundreds of people enjoying our waterways in the small crafts.

For almost 50 years the staff of RadioFirst-Liggett Communications has been producing Vacationland for you to enjoy. You'll find a wealth of information in this publication. Check out the events calendar that will offer lots to do all summer long and see the tourist sites that you and your family will enjoy. Get information about tours, museums, walks along our rivers and trails into the rural areas of the county. Vacationland is designed to make your stay even more enjoyable and will give you information about the area's restaurants and services.

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Visitors and tourists to the Blue Water Area will find that the Community Foundation of St. Clair County has joined with other partners, stakeholders and developers in creating and building unique outdoor spaces for children, families and people of all ages.

One of the newest gathering places is in the heart of the little town of St. Clair, just 12 scenic miles south of downtown Port Huron along the St. Clair River. In 2015, the community of St. Clair and the Community Foundation of St. Clair County celebrated the grand re-opening of the new downtown courtyard. Located in the heart of Riverview Plaza, it has become one of the most popular gathering places in St. Clair.

The Community Foundation of St. Clair County is the oldest and largest community foundation in Michigan's Thumb Region. It was created in 1944 and recently moved into its own permanent building on the southwest corner of Military and Water Streets in downtown Port Huron. Just a short walk from the new



foundation offices, visitors will find one of the most popular tourist destinations in the region; the Blue Water River Walk.

The Blue Water River Walk is a piece of the Bridge to Bay Trail and allows visitors the chance to experience and access the beautiful blue waters of the St. Clair River. The north end of the River Walk leads visitors to the Maritime Center and on into downtown Port Huron where hungry and thirsty guests can find multiple shops, restaurants, pubs and cafes.

Cool summer evenings will lead tourists to one of two downtown fireplaces, also built and paid for by the donors of the Community Foundation. The largest outdoor fireplace is at the tip of Vantage Point, where the waters of the Black River emerge from downtown and join the St. Clair River. The second fireplace, with a giant outdoor chess and checkers set nearby, is located along Quay Street between the Thumb Coast Brewery and the Port Huron Yacht Club.

The Community Foundation of St. Clair County can be found online at [Stclairfoundation.org](http://Stclairfoundation.org).

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# Tours of Bramble Now Available

Tours of the retired USCGC Bramble will resume this summer, seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. starting May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Bramble was featured in the hit movie, *Batman vs. Superman Dawn of Justice*, which was released this spring. The vessel starred as the 'White Portuguese' and was used in 3 scenes as it smuggled in Kryptonite. The filming took place in Detroit in August of 2014. The vessel is docked at the AV Seaway Terminal on Military Street in Port Huron.



The ship was purchased from the Port Huron Museum by Bob and Sara Klinger in 2013. The Klingers along with about 20 retired US Coast Guard volunteers have worked to restore the ship.

The Bramble is one of thirty-nine 180-foot Seagoing Buoy Tenders designed and built in the early 1940s for the US Coast Guard. The ship was commissioned in 1944.

The Bramble has a rich history. Following World War II the Bramble participated in "Operations Crossroads" the first test of the atomic bombs effect on surface ships at Bikini Island. In 1957, along with two other cutters, she headed for the Northwest Passage, traveling through the Bering Straits and Arctic Ocean. The ships traveled for 64 days and were the first to circumnavigate the North American Continent.

In 1962, the Bramble transferred to Detroit to perform missions of search and rescue, icebreaking and law enforcement throughout the Great Lakes. In 1975, the Bramble reported to Port Huron where the cutter's area of responsibility included eastern Lake Erie, southern

Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay maintaining 187 buoys, a NOAA weather buoy and three fog signals. During winter months she was employed as an icebreaker and escorted ships through the ice.

Bramble was decommissioned in May of 2003.

Tour groups or individuals have the option of taking the Boatswain's Tour- a general tour of the ship and its different areas- or a Commandant's Tour- an in-depth tour of the ship and its history.

Two audio visual stations were added last year to show the work the Bramble did in atomic testing and Arctic navigation. A radio room plays excerpts from the distress calls of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

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business commodity by 1900. The ice delivery man would weigh ice blocks and deliver ice by horse drawn covered wagon to homes and businesses. An ice box was used to keep food fresh. The museum has actual video footage for visitors to view of these processes as the industry developed throughout the years. Ice was commonly used in hospitals for medical

Located in downtown Port Huron, the museum boasts over 10,000 sq. ft. and displays over 5,000 items. Six horse drawn ice wagons are centerpieces.

Michigan was one of the main sources of ice harvesting because in those times people cherished the clear blue ice harvested from the beautiful Great Lakes. Using primitive ice tools, they would scrape snow off of the field, measure ice thickness, and saw ice cakes or blocks of ice. The 300 lb. blocks would then be loaded onto horse drawn flat-bed type wagons and moved off the ice field. The ice was stacked and packed inside the ice house. Sawdust was used for insulation and placed in between layers of ice.

Once a luxury, ice became a common household and

supplies. Meat shops and small grocery type general stores used ice to keep and sell meats and other grocery items.

As electricity became available, the use of electric refrigerators replaced the old ice box so the natural ice industry fizzled out. What developed in the early 1900s was artificial ice manufacturing with the invention of ice making machines that froze water through an aeration process.

Mickey Knowlton, founder of Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America, has dedicated much of his life in an effort to keep this forgotten industry alive. He started his own ice company in his garage back in the late 1960s when he was a home delivery milk man. He sold his packaged ice in 7 lb. or 25 lb. bags to companies like Detroit Metro Airport and grocery chains such as Kroger and Meijer.

The museum's collection also includes: antique cars, an antique ice truck, license plate collection, milk industry bottle collection and milk trucks, antique collection of hundreds of dolls and buggies and a gift shop.

The museum is located at 317 Grand River Ave., Port Huron. A small admission charge is requested. Guided tours are available for kids and adults.

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deck, BBQ grills, seating and gas fireplaces.

The pavilion will be a first class gathering place along the Black River that will benefit the community at large as a new seasonal amenity to enjoy. This new space will provide the perfect place for walkers, boaters, kayakers,

Now, as we near the completion of these river enhancements, the Blue Water Young Professionals and a group of local boaters formed a task force to complete another amenity along the Black River- a large multi-purpose pavilion – similar to the one pictured above (but ours will be larger and better).

Our custom-designed pavilion will be approximately 30' x 60' and will be located east of the fire station on the north shore of the Black River. It will feature a large

and residents to enjoy being outdoors, but out of the elements, along one of our waterway gems.

This project will cost \$200,000 and the goal is to have this new pavilion designed, engineered and built by Summer of 2016. To help launch this fund raising effort, Jim Acheson has committed a \$50,000 match if at least \$100,000 is raised towards the goal before the end of this calendar year.

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**The Blue Water Narrated Trolley** will run its regular schedule on the hour from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free!

**Blue Water River Walk** - Join Friends of the St. Clair River for a 30-minute guided tour of the Blue Water River Walk. Meet under the north arch. Tours: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. Learn about the nature of the River Walk and how you can make a difference in the restoration success story.

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**Knowlton Ice Museum of North America**  
History of ice harvesting, short film, kid's crafts

**SC4 Natural Science Museum**  
Woolly rhinoceros skeleton, mineral collection, kid's science activities

**Pine Grove Concert**  
Music, exhibits, vendors, and kid's activities in Pine Grove Park

**Huron Lightship**  
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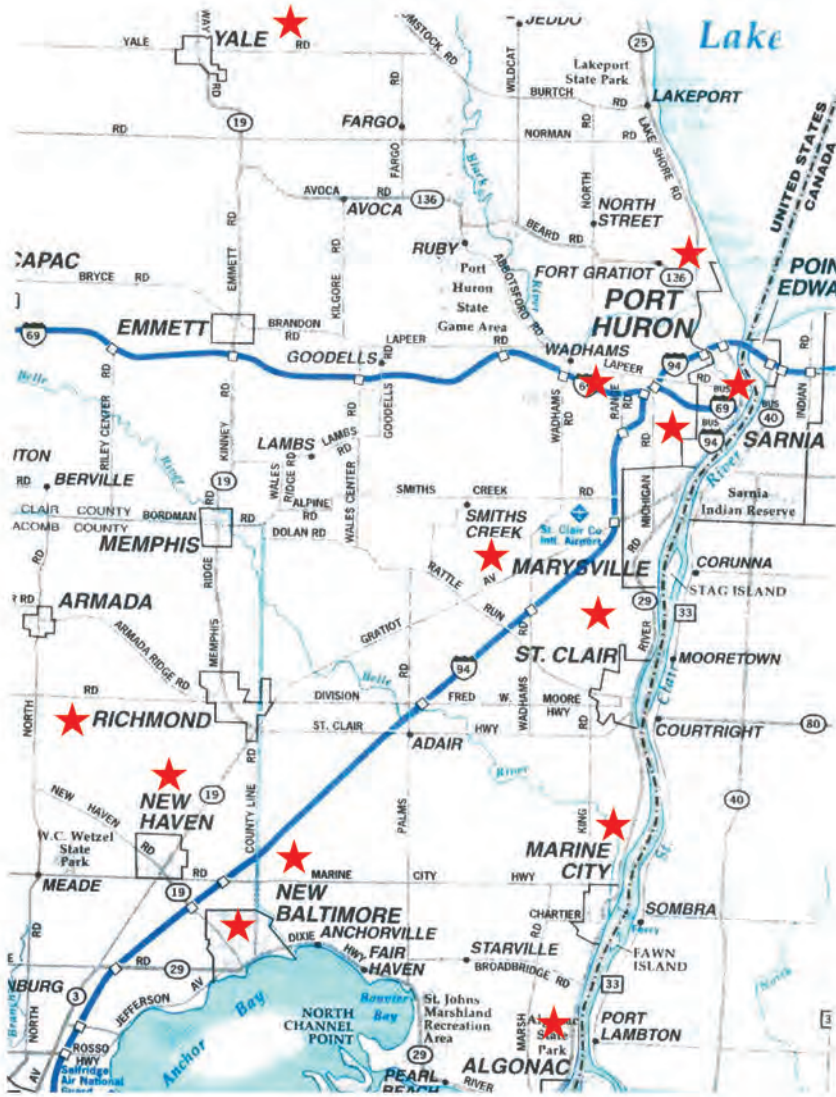






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# McMorran Civic Center

A visit to Port Huron isn't complete without a visit to McMorran Place, the Blue Water Area's largest sports and entertainment center.

Wedding receptions, sporting events, concerts, theatrical productions and conventions all take place at McMorran. The civic center is a year-round hub of activity in the community, partnering with other organizations to bring entertainment and people to downtown.

Port Huron has had a long love affair with professional hockey. The Port Huron Flags played in the original international Hockey League from 1962 through 1981 and won three Turner Cup championships during their tenure. Other minor pro and junior teams have called McMorran home over the years.

McMorran Arena is currently the home of the Port Huron Prowlers team of the Federal Hockey League. The league features young hockey prospects that have moved up from the college and junior hockey ranks, making the move from amateur to professional. It is known as a single A league.

McMorran is the home of the Port Huron Minor Hockey Association and many youth and senior hockey leagues and high school teams compete at the Arena.

It has hosted the North American Silver Stick Hockey

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## Community College to Open New Fieldhouse

In a transaction completed this year, St. Clair County Community College purchased the former McMorran Pavilion and is currently converting it to a new fieldhouse to serve as the new home of SC4 athletics. The fieldhouse is expected to open in the fall of 2016 and will also house the athletic offices, team locker rooms and the SC4 Fitness Center.

The building will serve as a competition and practice facility for the SC4 Skippers athletic teams. Men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the volleyball team, will hold their home competitions there. The baseball, softball and men's golf teams will be able to use the facility for practice.

The updated facility will provide the opportunity to bring in both college and high school level tournaments and showcases, as well as AAU and youth athletic tournaments, cheerleading competitions, dance competitions and more. SC4's sports camps will be expanded to serve more local children. Learn more at [sc4.edu/fieldhouse](http://sc4.edu/fieldhouse).

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# 2016 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race - July 16<sup>th</sup>

The Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race (the Port Huron to Mackinac Race) will celebrate its 92<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year when the sailing vessels leave the starting line in southern Lake Huron on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Almost 300 boats are expected to compete in this year's race, which will finish in front of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Fans from around the world will be able to follow individual boats or the entire fleet on the Bell's Brewery and Bayview Yacht Club websites as GPS tracking devices will be placed on all participating sailboats.

Significant changes have been made to the 2016 race in order to enhance the race experience. The changes start with setting a "speed limit" for participation on the Shore Course, the shorter of the event's two courses, which follows the Michigan shoreline and covers 235 statute miles. The Shore Course is no longer an option for larger boats with a PHRF rating below 99 seconds per mile. The faster boats will have to sail the longer Cove Island course, a distance of 298 statute miles. Slower boats will have the option of sailing either course. The plan is to have the bulk of the fleet to finish together. The minimum boat length for the entry has been reduced from 27' to 24' that will open race opportunities to those who have been previously shut out.

The starting line is in southern Lake Huron just north of the Blue Water Bridge. The smallest boats start first and the largest vessels are the last to cross the starting



line. Boats typically begin finishing at Mackinac Island on Sunday evening through Tuesday.

Boats are measured to determine handicaps. The fastest boat in the fleet is the scratch boat and has no time allowance. All other boats have time allowance handicaps which are subtracted from the elapsed sailing time.

Racers who have competed in 25 of the annual Port Huron to Mackinac races are called "Old Goats", while those who have completed 50 are called "Grand Rams".

Bell's Beer has extended its title sponsorship of

the race and the company feels that they'll be able to continue to showcase our state and build awareness with their sponsorship. Bell's is well known for its famed summer Oberon wheat ale and Two-Hearted Ale, among many other premium and specialty brands.

The race runs concurrently with the annual family festival in Port Huron- the Blue Water Fest- that is held before, during and after the boats leave from the starting line.

Food and merchandise vendors will be located along the Black River in Port Huron and many activities will take place in town. The International Day Parade is held on Wednesday, with Family Night and a Fireworks display over the river on Thursday. Friday night is the traditional Boat Night celebration and Saturday features a lighted boat parade and bands at several different stages around downtown.

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# Blue Water River Walk

Since its grand opening in July of 2014, the Blue Water River Walk has become a very popular tourist destination.

Located along the blue waters of the St. Clair River on the south side of Port Huron, the River Walk is gaining a reputation as an innovative example of how a public and private partnership can turn a damaged and neglected waterfront into a community treasure.

The Blue Water River Walk is owned by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County. The land was gifted to the foundation at Christmas of 2011 by noted philanthropists James and Suzanne Acheson. The Foundation created a



vision of a restored and naturalized shoreline that would allow visitors to enjoy the waterfront in a way unique among river walks.

Beginning with the Outdoor Classroom on the northern end of the walk, and including a restored railroad ferry dock and two pebble beaches, the Blue Water River Walk allows visitors to directly access the water while they learn about the massive, multi-million dollar effort to restore and naturalize the shoreline.

The two final major components of the River Walk are near completion. On the very southern end of the property a new wetlands park is being constructed by St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission.



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Nearby, just south of the Gray Fox ship, the Community Foundation will be building a fishing pier to enhance shoreline fishing opportunities for anglers. The fishing pier will extend out approximately 50' into the fast moving waters of the St. Clair River, and is being paid for completely by donations from private individuals.

If you are interested in a guided tour, field trip or volunteer opportunity with the River Walk, please contact the Friends of the St. Clair River at (810) 294-4965 or at [bluwaterriverwalk@gmail.com](mailto:bluwaterriverwalk@gmail.com). The Friends of the St. Clair River is coordinating and leading all activities related to programming, volunteer management and outreach.



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# Blue Water SandFest

In three short years Blue Water SandFest has become a favorite summer attraction in the Blue Water Area, with over 30,000 people attending and over \$112,000 raised to fund restoration work at the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park. This year, SandFest returns again to the park with a new date, from July 8th through July 10th, and it promises to be bigger and better than ever with new Sculptors and more Amateur sculpting plots.



climb the oldest Lighthouse in Michigan (closed toe shoes required), or shop in the gift shop, located just inside the main gate to the park.

This three day family oriented event has something for everyone. SandFest will feature six Master and eight Advanced Amateur Sand Sculptors from across North America, competing for the Michigan State Championship in their respective levels. There will also be an Amateur Contest held on Saturday, July 9th, using the same sand as the Masters and Advanced Amateurs that is open to the public. Listen to live music all three days of the event, participate in sand sculpting demonstrations and hands on lessons, watch the Quick Sand competitions and let the kids play and practice sand sculpting in the Kid's Zone. And while you're visiting SandFest, don't forget to take a guided tour and

SandFest is produced by the Sand Lovers of Fort Myers FL, a professional sand sculpting and event management company and is hosted by the Friends of the Fort Gratiot Light, Port Huron Museum and Saint Clair County PARC. The average sculpture can be 15 feet by 15 feet wide and 12 feet high. Approximately 400 tons of "strong" sculpting sand is being donated by Mid Michigan Materials, Inc. of Jeddo Michigan for use in the competitions and Kid's Zone.

To avoid traffic and parking congestion in the neighborhood around the park, free parking is available at the St. Clair County Community College parking lot near the MTEC Center and the Blue Water Trolley will provide free transportation to and from the park throughout all three paid admission days.

This year there will be two free Welcome Days on Wednesday, July 6th and Thursday, July 7th open to the public. Come and watch as the Master Sand Sculptors "Pound Up" and then do a "Group Carve" of the large Welcome Sculpture, complete with supporter logos. Daily admission cost is \$5.00 on Friday, July 8th through Sunday, July 10th while the 3-day sand sculpting competition is occurring, children 4 and under are free.

We are excited to celebrate Heroes Day this year on Friday, July 8th, sponsored by Stiffel. All active duty and veterans of the Armed Services, Border Patrol and First Responders (active & retired) get in free with valid ID. Event and park hours are 10:00am to 6:00pm Friday, 10:00am to 8:00pm Saturday, and 10:00am to 4:00pm Sunday. Admission ends one hour before event and park close daily.



The museum has the largest collection of ice tools and implements in the nation that date from the early 1800's to the early 1900's. From old ice picks to horse drawn ice wagons those who visit experience real history brought to life. Newly located in downtown Port Huron the museum boasts over 10,000 square feet and displays over 5,000 items.



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# Diving in the St. Clair River

Experienced and properly trained divers flock to the St. Clair River near Port Huron to dive in swift waters. Current speeds can exceed four knots making the river dangerous and hazardous at times, but the lure of historical artifacts and shipwrecks, plus the thousands of pieces of lost fishing equipment make diving it hard to resist.



Photo courtesy of Brian Martin

Diving in the St. Clair River isn't for everyone. The fast current makes navigation and diving difficult if you are not properly equipped and trained. The depths range from 20' along the shore to over 80' in the center. The river is also one of the busiest waterways in the world with hundreds of ships and boats passing through the narrow channel every day, adding to the danger for divers.

On the bottom you can find the remains of at least five shipwrecks, an old steam crane that fell off a barge, a model A Ford and many other interesting items in a relatively small area. Additionally, you'll see lots of fish and hundreds of lost sinkers and other fishing tackle. It

is one of the only spots in Michigan where a diver is not required to tow a dive flag because boats have the right of way. Instead, divers must put out two flags, one at the point of entry and one at the exit point. Because of the heavy boat traffic, divers treat this area as an overhead environment dive, surfacing only near their exit point.

Because the river is a dangerous place to dive, proper training is required, as well as a good level of physical fitness. Even though this dive requires a lot of extra training, it's definitely worth it. On good days the visibility can be up to 80 feet and the ecosystem is one of the most diverse found in the Great Lakes. The way the bottom of the river constantly changes, you never have the same dive twice.

The shores of the St. Clair River are loaded with divers on both the American and Canadian sides throughout the summer months. In the winter, the brave and adventuresome jump into the cold, crystal clear waters just for the thrill of diving into the St. Clair River.

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## **Lakeside Park**

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## **Lighthouse Park**

This is one of the most historic parks in the area with 900 feet of waterfront and beach on Lake Huron. Lighthouse Park is not recommended for swimming, due to the deep water and strong current. No lifeguards are on duty during the season. Picnic areas are available and the sunbathing is great. It is located at 3002 Conger Street, close to the newly renovated and opened Ft. Gratiot Lighthouse.

## **Court Street City Pool**

Court Street offers a wonderful swimming pool and toddler pool with dressing room facilities. Tennis courts adjoin the area and the whole area connects with Memorial Stadium and the Port Huron High School field and track facility. A summer favorite located at 2025 Court Street in Port Huron's south end.

## **Sanborn Park City Pool**

Sanborn Park has great variety in its almost 42 acres, with 12 outdoor lighted tennis courts, an outdoor pool facility that boasts a toddler pool, dressing room facilities, diving area, swim classes, swim team, swim exercise and more. This heavily wooded area also has playground equipment, a baseball diamond, outdoor basketball courts and picnic tables. It is located at the intersection of Sanborn and Pine Grove Avenue on Port Huron's north end.

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# History of the SCS Grayfox

The Grayfox is a training ship used to offer training in all aspects of shipboard operations. She is currently the largest Sea Cadet training ship in the United States. Finances needed to operate the vessel come from donations, grants, and fund raising activities conducted by the crew.



Retrievers. Originally designed TWR 825, she was used to launch and retrieve test torpedoes and targets. It was assigned to the U.S. Navy Atlantic Undersea Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEC), Andros Island, Bahamas. Due to the changing development of underwater weapons, TWR 825 was no longer needed by the Navy. The ship was taken to Green Cove Springs, Florida and placed in

The Grayfox is utilized to train young men and women in sea going skills. She is used mostly for Sea Cadets, Marine Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, NJROTC, Sea Rangers and other youth organizations that train aboard the vessel. She is also used as a designated Navy Reserve site.

The Grayfox is operated and maintained by cadets with Navy and Coast Guard personnel serving in a supervisory position. There are also several civilians who volunteer their time to assist in their endeavors.

Built by Marinette Marine in Marinette, WI in 1985, she was one of ten 120-foot type Torpedo Weapons

mothballs in 1995. It was here that the vessel was discovered by an enterprising group of sponsors who decided the Sea Cadets needed a ship to train on. A request was then made to the Secretary of the Navy to have her transferred to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Paperwork was set into motion, and TWR 825 was obtained on August 15, 1997. She arrived in Port Huron, Michigan on August 26, 1997 to a group of excited and anxious onlookers.

Since she had been dead, cold and quiet for some time, the Grayfox needed a lot of attention. All of the torpedo rollers had to be removed from the after deck and returned to AUTEC. The ramp had to be welded over and she needed to be chipped and painted. Most of the systems required attention in one form or another. After a long winter of hard work by the cadets and volunteers, she was finally starting to look like a navy ship.

She was commissioned the United States Naval Sea Cadet Ship (USNSCS) Grayfox on April 26, 1998 at Hart Plaza in Detroit, following services held at Mariners Church by Rev. Richard Ingalls. The Christening Sponsor was Mrs. Jack Kennedy, wife of the former national President of the U.S. Navy League.

The Grayfox is presently moored in Port Huron along the Blue Water River Walk.

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# Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

Since its re-opening in May 2012, the Fort Gratiot Light Station allows visitors and citizens to roam the grounds and experience life at the historic Fort Gratiot Light Station.

The entire campus has undergone a historic restoration under the ownership of St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission and the Port Huron Museum.

A program called 'Overnight at the Light' has been created. This is an opportunity for 20 or more people to spend the night, bunking room style in the duplex building on the grounds of the historic lighthouse.

This unique activity is well-suited for Scouts, youth groups, school groups and families. Your 'Overnight at the Light' stay will include a tour of the entire facility, highlighting the historic uses and current renovation plans. A planned program relating to the site will be presented, then a snack and lights out! Sleep in the newly renovated duplex and enjoy breakfast the next day. A minimum of 20 people are required to reserve a date, a maximum of 40 may participate.



The original lighthouse was established in 1825 to guard the juncture of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. That lighthouse was destroyed by a storm in 1828. The current lighthouse, the oldest in Michigan, was built north of the fort in 1829.

Originally 74 feet high, the white painted brick tower was extended to its present 86 feet in the early 1860s. The green flashing light was automated in 1933 and was seen for 17 miles out in Lake Huron. A new light was installed in 2016 and can be seen 16 miles out. The two-story brick duplex, with its hipped gable roof and a pointed gothic porch was built in 1874-75. The single keepers dwelling was

constructed in 1932, along with the Coast Guard Station structure.

The site now consists of 7 structures: Fog Signal (1901), Keepers Duplex (1874), Single Keepers (1932), USCG Station (1932) and the Equipment Building, now a gift shop, (1938). Proceeds from the SandFest have resulted the '4 Bay' being the first completely renovated building on the site. It was completed in 2015.

The lighthouse watches over one of the busiest waterways in the world.

Today, Coast Guardsmen are stationed adjacent to the site in a new modern facility, opened in 2004.

The Fort Gratiot Light Station will be open May 7<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. From June 13<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>, it will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. From September 9<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> the Light Station will be open Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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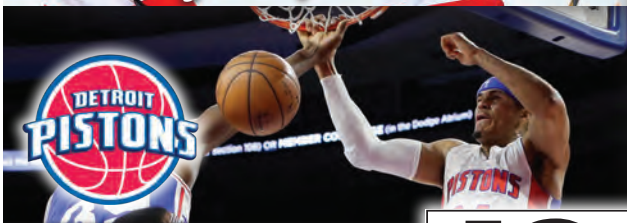
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# Lakes Pilot Boats Stationed in Port Huron

The accompanying photo is one of the Lakes Pilot Association's boats that are stationed in Port Huron.

These boats ferry pilots to all foreign flag vessels that travel the St. Lawrence Seaway. All foreign-flag

vessels over 300 gross tons are required to carry pilots while transiting the St. Lawrence Seaway/ Great Lakes System.

In addition, many vessel operators voluntarily request pilotage when transiting unfamiliar waters and ports.

The Port Huron office is responsible for supplying pilots to foreign ships that travel Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers. The boats stationed in Port Huron also transfer pilots to vessels traveling in Lake Huron.

The two boats stationed in Port Huron are the Huron Belle and the Huron Maid. Both are all-weather vessels



and operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the shipping season.

The vessels are berthed at the mouth of the Black River, just east of the Desmond Marina in Port Huron.

You'll see them traveling to and from the foreign ships as pilots are put on and off the ships in Lake Huron just coming into the channel that leads to the St. Clair River.

## Tennis

Enjoy the club-like brilliance of Sanborn Courts in Port Huron and the neighborhood privacy of small courts in any one of the many Vacationland communities. If you're staying in or near Port Huron, here is a sample of the opportunities you have to play or watch tennis.

The Port Huron Summer Recreation Department offers a pair of four-week instruction sessions at both Sanborn (Pine Grove Avenue) and Memorial (24<sup>th</sup> Street) tennis courts. Call (810) 987-6868 for fees and schedules.

There are six courts at Sanborn, six at Memorial and four courts at 16<sup>th</sup> and Dove Streets. All are lighted for night play. Below is a list of tournaments taking place at Sanborn Courts during the summer:

- May 21-22** Betty Ropposch Memorial Tournament
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# Port Huron/Sarnia Power Boat Races

Following five very successful years, big powerful offshore boats will fire up their engines again this summer. Race day is Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Port Huron Race Village is open on Saturday and Sunday

(August 13 -14) at 11 a.m. The crane area and wet pits will be located next to Desmond Marine at 207 Water Street in Downtown Port Huron. The Dry Pit area will be around Court and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets, close to Desmond Marine. The boaters will be using the Water and 12<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Ramp to launch the boats on trailers.

Autograph and Racer Meet and Greet sessions will be held during the weekend and times will be announced when the racers are in town.

Testing of the boats takes place on Saturday in the St. Clair River and is always fun to watch. The big race event happens on Sunday. Opening ceremonies begin at



11:45 a.m. with the first race starting at 12 noon. The second race begins at 2 p.m. and the third and final race starts at 3:30 p.m. (start times are subject to adjustment).

Great viewing is available on both

the Canadian and U.S. shoreline from the Black River south to the Seaway Terminal.

Thousands of spectators have attended the event every year and were thrilled and entertained throughout the weekend.

Viewing stands, VIP tents and general viewing areas will be set up along the Desmond Landings property. Race boats will follow a course that will bring them close to the shoreline on both sides of the border thrilling all the spectators.

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there's the water. The beautiful views and variety of ways to enjoy Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. Boating, sailing, swimming, sunning and plain ol' daydreaming are all musts on my list! Then, there's the rebirth of Downtown Port Huron! The wonderful restaurants, shops and watering holes, making it a popular nightspot for folks throughout the state.

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As autumn turns to winter, it will be much chillier and there will be a blanket of white snow on the ground, in Vacationland. There will be no boat traffic, short-sleeved shirts and bathing suits will have to be packed away. But, that doesn't mean that your invitation to return to Vacationland is cancelled.

Winter in our part of the country is a time of contrasting experiences... the peace of a snowy field bordered by a plank fence... the twinkling of stars and city lights in the frosty nighttime... the noisy celebration accompanying a goal scored in hockey during one of the many games and hockey tournaments held throughout the winter. Port Huron will host one of the largest youth hockey tournaments again this year as the North American Silver Stick Finals are held at McMorrans Arenas in January. Hundreds of Pee Wee and Bantam age youths participate in this tournament from all across the United States and Canada. Many of today's National Hockey League players have played in the Silver Stick Finals in Port Huron.

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A live underwater camera (also inside) lets you view



Photo by "Freighter Frank" Frisk

activity under the St. Clair River. Plus, a displayed schedule of ship travels - in actual time - is available. The Maritime Center is at the junction of the Black and St. Clair Rivers. You can watch giant freighters pass right in front of you - less than a quarter mile away.

You can sit on a sun-soaked deck outside or - in the winter - watch from inside the Maritime Center.

**The Great Lakes Maritime Center is open daily, except holidays. Summer hours (8 a.m. to 7 p.m.): Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Winter hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.): Labor Day thru Memorial Day. (810) 985-4817.**

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# St. Clair Riverfest and Power Boat Races

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Thousands of spectators can watch the races, but can also get up close and personal in the dry pit areas around town. Everything in the small town is within walking distance. About 120,000 people attended the event last year.

Several classes of boats take part in the races with as many as 11 potential classes. The larger class boats are capable of speeds in excess of 175 miles per hour.

Teams from all over the country come to the community and love racing on the fresh blue waters of the St. Clair River and comment on the friendly people of the area who make this an enjoyable stop on the race circuit.

The St. Clair River Classic Offshore Boat Race has been a tradition in Southeast Michigan for 22 years and is produced by the Bluewater Offshore Racing Association. Free music and weeklong events are part of the race.

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# Island Loop Route National Water Trail

The Island Loop National Water Trail is the first national water trail in Michigan and one of only fourteen in the nation. The 10.2 mile long trail traverses four different water bodies, including the Black River, the Black River Canal, Lake Huron and the St. Clair River.

The Island Loop provides boaters and paddlers with a one-of-a-kind opportunity to navigate four bodies of water, pass by Michigan's oldest lighthouse and travel underneath the Blue Water Bridges.

Begin your journey either at the new Bakers Field Park in Port Huron Township or at the North River Road Park in Ft. Gratiot Township. Both sites have an ADA accessible



kayak launch. Head downriver and then up the Canal heading to the east. Enter Lake Huron after passing under the Taintor Gate and then paddle under the Blue Water Bridges, along the international border with Canada while in the St. Clair River. Enter the mouth of the Black River to the west, paddle through the City of Port Huron and then

you're back to where you started from.

Most of the water trail meanders through Fort Gratiot Township, Port Huron Township and the City of Port Huron.

Waterways along this route are calm and slow, except near the Blue Water Bridges. The route is best attempted in the morning before weekend recreational traffic creates rough water conditions under the Blue Water Bridges.

The Taintor Gate at the mouth of the canal closes automatically where there is a strong North or Northeast wind. It is open 96% of the time. Closure protects the canal from getting filled up with silt and sand from the lake.

The designation of the Island Loop Route is the result of the Blueways of St. Clair initiative, a joint project between the Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission, funded in part by the Michigan Coastal Management Program, Department of Environmental Quality Office of the Great Lakes and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



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transformation over the last 62 years. From having a dockage facility once known as the 'Snake Pit' to the facilities that were completed in 2003 is amazing. Almost all the physical labor that went into the Clubhouse (completed in 1996) and the Marina (completed in 2003) was done by members of the Club. The Club continues its

One must go back over a century to find the first written reference to the Port Huron Yacht Club (PHYC). In 1906 the city directory listed Thomas Major as Commodore, Dr. Frank Sharp, as secretary/treasurer and John V. Sullivan as the corresponding secretary.

Official status began in 1924 with membership in the Detroit Regional Yachting Association and the Interlake Yachting Association. Membership in these two organizations has been continuous since that time.

The Club moved to its present day location in 1954. The most legendary and interesting story regarding the move is the transport of the piano down the St. Clair River on the bow of the 6-metre Irene. The property at 212 Quay Street has gone through quite a

growth along the Black and St. Clair River with the purchase of Scenic Point in 2011. Sweat equity is a term that is used religiously within the Clubhouse walls.

Competitive sailboat racing is the fundamental purpose of the Yacht Club and the 2016 sailing season presents plenty of challenging racing for its members. The Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Clubs International sailing program begins on Lake Huron Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> with the start of the Triangle Series. Racing continues throughout the summer concluding with the King of the Castle/Cock of the Walk Race on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Over 50 races will be sailed on lower Lake Huron during the 2016 season.

A number of premier events will be hosted by the PHYC this summer beginning with the Lake Huron International (LHI) set to sail on the evening of July 2<sup>nd</sup>. This overnight distance race includes two separate courses designed to accommodate any sailing size vessel within the over 125 boat international local fleet. Each course demands a good tactician and a great navigator as racing these lower Lake Huron waters at night proves to be a tremendous challenge. This race has been utilized by many skippers and crews as a tune-up for the soon-to-follow Bell's Brewery Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac Island Race.

The Club is also widely known for its excellent social scene. Each Great Lake sailor has a good story or two about being in Fiddlers Green at the PHYC. Boat Week is the pinnacle for such activities. Family Night (Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>) the Clubhouse and grounds are open to the public with a tasty chicken dinner served to all. Boat Night (Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>) the PHYC is the place to be with live entertainment, endless adult beverages and the best view of the best boats competing in the 2016 Bell's Brewery Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac.

The largest sailing event takes place on Labor Day weekend with the sailing of two different races. The Memorial Race and the Friendship/Leukemia Cup make up an excellent weekend of racing. Sunday evening marks the conclusion of the fundraising effort for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year that this event has been held at PHYC with over \$1.2 million being raised in that time.

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The Blue Water Bridge crossing is a large complex consisting of toll and inspection plazas on each side of the border where you pay tolls and interact with inspection agencies such as Immigration or Customs.

The crossing consists of two unique spans, the original Blue Water Bridge, opened in 1938 and renovated in 1999, is a three-lane westbound bridge. The second Blue Water Bridge, which carries three lanes of eastbound traffic, is an impressive modern bridge opened in 1997. State of the art facilities make the Blue Water Bridge crossings one of the smoothest and most modern



crossings in the world.

The original span celebrated with dignitaries from both the United States and Canada meeting in the middle of the bridge for celebrations on October 8, 1938, the same day that local radio station WHLS signed on the air. The bridge opened to traffic on October 10, 1938.

The original bridge is 1.25 miles long and 152 feet high at the center of the main span. It contains some five tons of rivets and weighs slightly over 87 thousand tons.

The second span opened with a three day grand opening celebration which began on July 11, 1997 on both sides of the border. Over 200,000 participants participated in the International Bridge Walk during the celebration.

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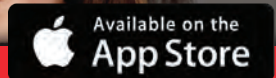
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# Blue Water Antique & Classic Boat Show

The Port Huron Boat Show will be held September 9-10, the weekend after Labor Day, at the River Street Marina on the Black River in Port Huron.

This should be an exciting event as the new pavilion will be ready; construction is scheduled to begin in April. This new facility will greatly enhance the boat show, providing a covered space for many activities during the show. It will be a great asset to Port Huron for many years to come.

Activities for boaters kick off on Friday afternoon, September 9, with a cruise down the St. Clair River to St. Clair for dinner at the Voyageur.

The public boat show is Saturday, September 10, at the River Street Marina on the Black River (between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street bridges). Again this year, free antique boat rides will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This has been done for the last two years and has proved to be very popular with the public.

The feature boat for this year's show is the Chris Craft Commander. These are a range of fiberglass boats, mostly cruisers made by Chris Craft. The 38' Commander Express Cruiser was the pivotal boat in the development of fiberglass technology by Chris Craft. It was the first of all fiberglass cruisers made by Chris Craft. Its production bridged the gap from the past to the future. It proved to

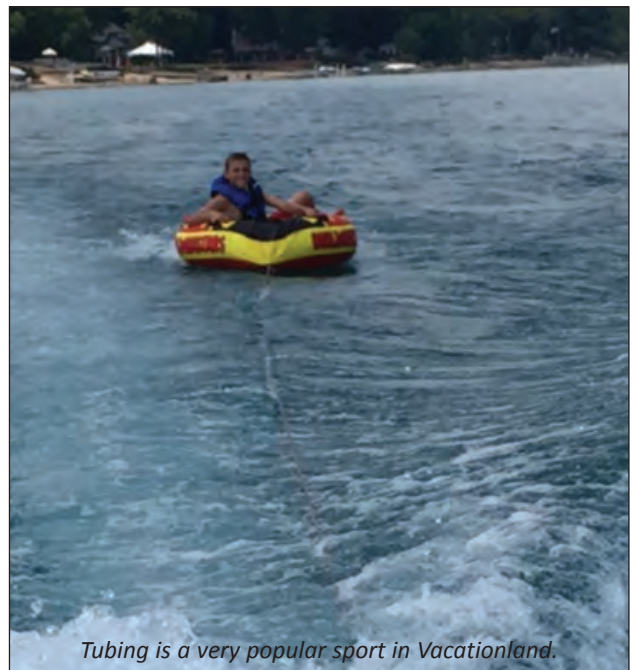


be a tremendous success for Chris Craft, resulting in the production of subsequent sedan and sport fisherman models. Ultimately, many different models of Commanders were built some as small as 19' but most were cruisers all the way up to 47'.

The 38' Commander was built in 1963 and debuted at the 1964 New York Boat Show where it caused a sensation. At the time, none of the other main line motor yacht builders were building in fiberglass. The Commanders were known for having

'bulletproof' hulls. They were probably over engineered as Chris Craft wanted to make sure this new product innovation was successful. Many of these boats are still in service today, more than 50 years after they were built and the bottoms are still standing up.

Registration forms for boaters to participate in the Port Huron show will be available in late April by visiting [michacbs.com/events/shows/PortHuronBoatShow](http://michacbs.com/events/shows/PortHuronBoatShow). Please contact LeRoy Stevens at (810) 987-3755.



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# The Float Down

It's the Blue Water Area's favorite unorganized, unsanctioned, and unsponsored event ... it's called the Port Huron Float Down, and it somehow seems to take place every third Sunday in August, despite a cancellation each and every year by the United States Coast Guard. This year's event is **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**.

The event sees 3,000 or more people gathering at Lighthouse Beach in the early afternoon and floating down the St. Clair River to Marysville. There's even a website, but those who run it at [porthuronfloatdown.com](http://porthuronfloatdown.com) say they are in no way organizing, sponsoring, planning, or promoting the community event.

The website says the Float Down is a tradition steeped in history, even though it's impossible to know who the first people were to float down.

The event, as it's known today, dates back over 30 years. In 1986, a storm put an end to the fun, and it was officially ended by the United States Coast Guard in 1987. Although people continued to float every year, the Float Down did not officially resurface until 2008.



Photo by Rich Kelly

The website says if you decide to float down the St. Clair River in August, there are several things you must consider before jumping in. Tips from experts include having a reliable inflatable and being able to paddle to stay out of the shipping channel. It's also wise to choose a float that can keep you dry and out of the water to prevent heat loss or hypothermia. Also, you should have a Personal Floatation Device or a Life Jacket. Children should wear them at all times, and adults should at least keep

them at an arm's-length reach at all times. Most importantly, if you cannot swim then do not enter the water. There are no lifeguards or safety personnel.

The traditional course of the Float Down is launching at Lighthouse (Conger) Beach, and then floating 8-miles downstream to Chrysler Beach in Marysville. The current moves quickest under the Blue Water Bridges, and then pulls you out towards the center of the river, near the mouth of the Black River. If you want to watch, the Edison Parkway, the Flag Plaza, the Blue Water Bridges, Pine Grove Park, Kiefer Park, or Lincoln Park are all the best places to watch the floaters.

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**Baker College**, the largest private college in Michigan, uses a focused approach to education and training and now has two locations in Port Huron with the opening of the Culinary Institute of Michigan.

Additional dorm rooms are under construction at the culinary school site and are expected to open soon. The main campus is located on 12 acres in Port Huron Township, and the new culinary institute is located on St. Clair Street near the renovated Hilton Double Tree Hotel along the Edison Parkway in Port Huron.

Baker is a not-for-profit career college, providing job-specific education and training so students can enter a career right out of college or advance their current careers.

Founded in 1911, Baker College serves more than 40,000 students on 12 campuses and in three satellite locations. Baker grants certificates and associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in business, health sciences, education and human services, and various fields as well as a doctorate of business administration.

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**St. Clair County Community College (SC4)** is a premiere community college, serving students with a variety of on-campus and online classes. The college offers associate degrees, certificate programs, programs that transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and work-force training.

The SC4 University Center provides bachelor's degree options locally through partnerships with Ferris State University, Madonna University, University of Michigan-Flint and Walsh College.

The college was established as Port Huron Junior College in 1923 and became St. Clair County Community College in 1967.

SC4's beautiful 25-acre, full-service campus is located along the Black River in downtown Port Huron. The college also offers classes at extended learning centers in Algonac, Crosswell, Peck and Yale.

The college provides learning opportunities for about 6,000 credit and non-credit students each year. Business and industry professional development and customized training is on campus, online and at company sites.

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## Port Huron Beer Festival

In celebration of Craft Beer, Citizens for a Vibrant Community will once again team up with Wolverine Market Port Huron to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer Festival.

Mark your calendars for September 24<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place in Kiefer Park, located next to the Municipal Office Center on the banks of the St. Clair River.

This will be an amazing experience in taste and sound, including hot music to compliment the cool brews, and an amazing view of the river and Blue Water Bridge. Over 25 breweries from Michigan, the Blue Water Area

(and a few others thrown in for good measure) will showcase their unique brews. Over 100 beers, ciders, meade and more to sample!

Visit the Port Huron Beer Festival website at [phbeerfest.com](http://phbeerfest.com) for updates and more information. Tickets will go on sale July 1<sup>st</sup> by either calling the store at 810.982.0966 or ordering tickets online at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the gate.

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# New Citadel Stage

The Citadel Stage black box theatre will open this summer in the repurposed Citadel building that was originally built in 1903 by the Salvation Army. The 12,000 sq. ft. building was purchased by the Witt family with plans to remodel it into a live theatre with six lofts on the upper floors, and two ground-level retail spaces and theatre.

Designed to be a black box theatre, it will allow the stage and audience seating to be rearranged to fit the needs of the current production.

Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' will be the first production on the new Citadel stage in August. Until then, construction continues and the Enter Stage Right theatre group will host various workshops and events to get the community involved in the opening of the theatre.

Once the theatre opens it will be home to the Enter Stage Right theatre group. Other groups like will be able to rent it for their productions. The theatre will seat about 150 people.

The Witt family has completed 43 lofts mostly in downtown Port Huron in the past several years. For questions, contact Regina Spain at (810) 334-6415 or [esrtheatre@gmail.com](mailto:esrtheatre@gmail.com)

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# Antique Paradise

The Blue Water Area is a paradise for antique hunters with many of the finest antiques available. An association of over 30 qualified antique dealers have joined forces to assure you an area of exciting, affordable antique shopping.

The dealers association will again sponsor the longest yard sale in Michigan **August 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**. Over 200 miles of antiques and yard sales will run from Sebawaing in the north to New Baltimore in the south. The giant sale will run along M-25 and M-29 and follows the rugged and majestic shoreline of Lake Huron, and continues along the banks on the St. Clair River to the picturesque shores of Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay. Many of the communities along the route offer unique shops, antiques, museums full of local history and small diners for convenience and comfort.

## **Antique Shopping Tips:**

**Go early in the morning**, as soon as the yard sales start. The good stuff goes fast.

**Take plenty of cash in small bills**, and take more than you think you'll need. Most sellers won't take checks. If you find an unexpected treasure, someone else will likely snag it while you're hunting for a cash machine.

**Plan your yard sale route in advance** to make sure you hit the best of the advertised sales. It's a treasure hunt. Think of your route as the map where X marks the spot-- or spots in this case.



**Watch for yard sale signs**, and take the detour if you find one pointing to an unadvertised sale nearby. Unadvertised sales don't get as much traffic, and you might score big. You can pick up your original trail afterward.

**Drive your largest vehicle** or pull a trailer, especially if

you're hoping to find furniture.

**Don't be afraid to haggle** when you'd like a lower price. If the seller won't budge, swing back by later in the afternoon-- when the sale is about to end and the seller is tired.

**Don't overlook pieces that just need a little cosmetic work**, but beware of costly repairs that exceed the item's worth.

**Don't head out without packing a yard sale tool kit** -- a collection of basic supplies to help you make smart, fast buying decisions and get your goods home safely.

**Imagine how you could use items** instead of getting stuck on their original purpose. For example, a piece of iron fencing makes a good headboard or pot rack. You can reupholster chair seats with the good parts of a damaged rug, or use an old chenille bedspread as a tablecloth.

**Don't buy something if you can't figure out how to use it.** It becomes clutter instead of treasure.

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# Great Places to Take Photos

Many people are attracted to this part of the state to take advantage of the incredible water and its views. Below are some opportunities along the beautiful water and some other less thought about, but equally fabulous places to take breathtaking photos.

**Blue Water Bridges:** From the parkway south of the bridges, point your camera north and east toward the bridges. Use a wide-angle lens to get the entire span in your photo. Wait for a ship to enhance the picture.

**Thomas Edison Statue:** Also south of the bridges, is the Thomas Edison statue. By standing south and looking northwest, you can capture the statue and the depot (Thomas Edison Museum) in the background.

**Ft. Gratiot Lighthouse:** On Lake Huron, just a short way from the bridges, is the oldest lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Use a wide-angle lens to accentuate the height of the tower. A polarizing filter would also help make the sky a deeper blue.



Article and Photo by Terry Ernest, Ernest Camera Shoppe

**Huron Lightship:** Slightly downriver from the Blue Water Bridges in Pine Grove Park, the Lightship Huron is permanently moored. From a position south and looking toward the north, you can capture the lightship with the Blue Water Bridges in the background.

**Vertical Train Bridge:** Near the mouth of the Black River in Port Huron, stands the open, turn of the last century train bridge. Try shooting from the south side of Black River and work a reflection of it in the water.

**St. Clair Boardwalk:** St. Clair has a wonderful boardwalk that is ideal for photographing your family and friends with the water in the background. You can also take some amazing “up close” photos of large ships and pleasure craft (featured on front cover).

**Ships along the St. Clair River:** From multiple locations along the river, all the way to Algonac, are many places to pull over and take some amazing photos of the many “Lakers” and “Salties” that ply the great river. Photos taken toward dusk will give your photos spectacular color.

**Lighthouse in Marine City:** The former Peche Island lighthouse was moved to Marine City many years ago and is a good spot for taking pictures with the river and freighters in the background.

**St. Johns Marsh:** In Algonac, the marsh comes alive with many birds and interesting plants and cattails. Use a large telephoto for bird photos and a micro lens to capture close ups of plants.

**Beards Hills:** West of Port Huron, along M-136 past Wildcat Road, begins the State Game Area. Here’s a great chance to hike into an area full of nature and plants. Bring a variety of lenses to photograph everything from animals to flowers. This area also has incredible color in the Fall.

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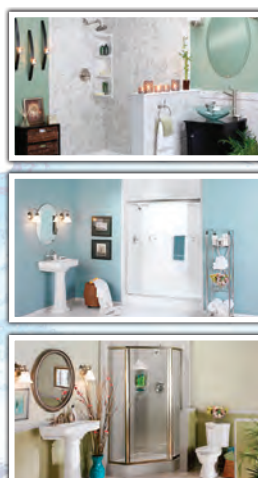
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# Cruise the Blue

Huron Lady Cruises in downtown Port Huron offer a one-of-a-kind experience of the Blue Water Area. Hop aboard the Huron Lady II and take a 90-minute narrated cruise of the St. Clair River and hear the story of Port Huron and



Sarnia's waterways. The cruise will take you into Sarnia Ontario's "North Slip" for an up-close look at Great Lakes and ocean-going freighters docked here for repair or to load cargo. This relaxing cruise will then take you under the famed twin Blue Water Bridges that connect Port Huron, Michigan to Sarnia, Ontario. Then it's out into beautiful Lake Huron for a cruise past the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse- Michigan's oldest working lighthouse. On the way back down river to the Huron Lady dock, you'll hear more history of the area, and learn about Thomas Edison- one of Port Huron's historic figures. The Huron Lady II is Coast Guard inspected and operated by a Great Lakes certified captain and friendly crew.

The Huron Lady II offers dinner cruises two nights a week. Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the summer, you can enjoy a fun, music-filled cruise down to the River Crab Restaurant's dock. Guests then feast on a delectable dinner inside the restaurant, with dessert aboard the Huron Lady on the way back to Port Huron. Friday Night Dinner Cruises with live music in late July

through the end of August are catered by Kelly Joy's Smokehouse Cafe in Port Huron.

Many folks rent the Huron Lady II for private parties. A full bar and catering menu is available to create a special event that will have

your guests talking about it for years to come!

Jenny Olsen is co-Host and producer of Michigan Out-of-Doors TV show that airs weekly in the Midwest and Canada and is part owner of the Huron Lady II. You'll often find her aboard the vessel helping folks enjoy the incredible Blue Water Area.

Huron Lady Cruises run from Memorial Day Weekend through the end of September. For a full schedule and to purchase tickets, visit [huronlady.com](http://huronlady.com) or call (810) 984-1500.



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# The Area's Best Kept Secret- the Fishery!

Great fishing includes the shore towns of Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair, Port Huron, Lakeport, Lexington and Port Sanilac. Within thirty minutes North or South of Port Huron, you could catch King salmon, Chinook salmon, Atlantic salmon, Steelhead, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Walleye, Silver Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Sturgeon, Whitefish, Muskie, Northern Pike, Suckers, and Carp.



walls for silver fish. This technique caught the locals by surprise a few years ago and many are gearing up to do this. With a kayak, you can get crazy close to the break walls, jetties, and other structure while giving your line more personal attention as to how it's deployed in tow. For some, it's a preferred method of fishing. Kayaks available in the area have

You don't need a boat to fish, but if you have one, there are boat launches at every one of the mentioned shore towns except Lakeport. How to catch fish out of your boat requires a stop at one of the local bait and tackle stores to get the "good stuff" and info on local tried and true techniques for catching fish.

While you are here in the Blue Water area, be aware of the hazards. We have very heavy current and massive freighters that you need to pay attention to. The St. Clair River is one of the busiest shipping waterways in the world AND THEY WILL NOT SWERVE TO GO AROUND YOU! The best fishing is on the shoreline in the river, and the edge of the shipping lane in Lake Huron just above the Blue Water Bridge, so stay OUT of the shipping channel!

Make sure your boat stickers are correct, and that the boat operator is NOT drinking. Unless you reported into Canadian customs by phone and you have a Canadian fishing license, STAY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE!

Some of the locals have been long lining successfully behind their kayaks outside of the harbors and break

specialized rod holders.

In the Port Huron area, many fishermen use a railing attached winch-like device that remotely resembles a fishing pole. That is a patented local fishing technique for fishing in the heavy current. They use a 2 lb. triangle sinker with swivel, a two foot 2 lb. test line leader up to a 3 way swivel, with a three to four foot length of 10 lb. test line leader fastened to a Rapala-type lure, all fastened to a 30 lb. test line on the rod's reel. The poles are close to being a salt water pole, but even these local poles are somewhat customized for this type of fishing. The pole is put into a railing clamped rod holder, and at the end of the rod, something just smaller than a church bell, is clipped to pole to notify the fisherman that they have a bite. Penn 201 reels are the minimum standard on those poles.

In many of the Blue Water communities, there are miles of public seawall available to the shore fishermen. If you have a physical impairment, YOU are ENCOURAGED to come here! It's all accessible!

Without knowing what's down there, you can lose a LOT of very expensive fishing equipment! Here's my advice for blind fishing those miles of seawall without knowing what's down there to snag on. You will need a railing attached rod holder, available locally, and a noodle rod. A noodle rod is around 9 to 12' long with a medium weight bail cast reel. You will have no more than six to eight pound test line with a very simple Eagle Claw type fish hook with a minnow attached. You will have a slip sinker or tear drop sinker about four feet above the hook. You lower the assembly into the current, find bottom, then bring it up four feet off the bottom. With this method, you can catch bass, walleye, brown trout, steel head, and everything else in the river! This technique is not widely used, but for the unaware visitor, it's one of the safest techniques to catch fish along that seawall.

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# Bridge to Bay Trail

The Bridge to Bay Trail extends from St. Clair County's northern border, under the Blue Water Bridges, through Port Huron, Marysville, St. Clair, Marine City, and Algonac; past state and municipal parks, museums, gazebos, and lighthouses. In most cases, the trail is within reach of the water's edge and in others it is a few miles inland.



**The Bridge to Bay Trail** is a cooperative trail program involving the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission and 13 local units of government along the shoreline. Individual communities are responsible

for designating trail routes, developing and constructing their trail sections, and maintenance, regulation, and policing.

The Bridge to Bay Trail is diverse in style, landscape and purpose. Various sections include boardwalks, riverwalks, rail trails, safety paths and bike paths. Parts of the trail share transportation corridors with state highways and county thoroughfares, while other sections pass through quiet wood lots and wetlands. Some sections - in and around Algonac State Park, the East China Township Park and Pine Grove Park - are purely recreational.

**Wadhams to Avoca Trail** is a non-motorized trail that is open year round. Currently the trail begins at Griswold Road in Port Huron Township and runs over 12 miles to the Northwest, ending in downtown Avoca. Over 5

miles of the trail are paved, starting at Griswold Rd. and ending at McLain Rd. The remainder of the trail (7.0 miles), between Avoca Rd. and McLain Rd. is surfaced with limestone fines.

**The 640' Mill Creek Trestle** is the showpiece of the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. Built in the Late 1800s, the 60 ft. high trestle is decked and railed to provide safe access for trail users. Four overlooks provide spectacular views perfect for photo opportunities. The trestle is located between Beard and Imlay City Roads. Parking lots and vault toilets are provided at the Lapeer Rd., Imlay City Rd. and Avoca Rd. trail heads. Additional parking is available at the Wadhams Road trail head provided by the By-Lo gas station.

## Trek the Trestle Trail Walk - September 5, 2016

The St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission is hosting this 6th annual walk on Labor Day. The 5-mile walk is part of the Labor Day Community Walks, which are held throughout the state in conjunction with the Mackinac Bridge Labor Day Walk to support "Getting Michigan Moving."

The Wadhams to Avoca Trail utilizes more than 12 miles of a historic rail line formerly owned by the CSX Company. The centerpiece of the trail is the 640-foot long Mill Creek Trestle, which is the longest rail trail bridge in the State of Michigan. Built in the late 1800's, the 60-foot high trestle has been decked and railed to provide safe access for walkers and bicyclists. Four overlook areas have also been installed on the trestle so the trail users can enjoy the beautiful views up and down the Mill Creek Valley.



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# May and June

## May

- 1 March of Dimes March for Babies, St. Clair County Community College
- 6 Women's League Flower Sale-Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 6 Keith Anderson at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 6 PHCT Presents: Kiss Me Kate, McMorrان Place, Port Huron
- 6-7 The Beer Show, Sarnia
- 7 Point Edward Town-Wide Garage Sales
- 7 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 13-15 Arts, Eats & Beats, Grand Bend
- 14 Marine City Chamber of Commerce Flea Market
- 14 Women's League Flower Sale-Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 14 Run for Recovery- St. Clair County CMH, Port Huron
- 14 Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular at the Lexington Village Theatre
- 18 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 20-22 Marble-eye Walleye Tournament, St. Clair City Boat Harbor

- 20 Art Hop in Downtown Port Huron (6:00pm-9:00pm)
- 20-22 Canadian Appreciation Weekend, Port Huron
- 21-22 Betty Ropposch Memorial Tournament, Port Huron
- 21 Relay for Life of Greater Port Huron - 10am, Birchwood Mall, Fort Gratiot
- 22 Victorian Tea, Moore Museum, Mooretown
- 22 Annual Railroad Show & Swap Shop, Port Huron
- 23 Margarita Mondays, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Gift Shop
- 28-29 Feast of the Ste. Claire, Pine Grove Park, Port Huron
- 28 Hands on Art, Studio 1219, Port Huron
- 28 Blue Water Anglers Kids Training Day (10am-2pm), Point Edward (Under Bridge)
- 28 Petrolia Lions Annual "Baconfest" (4:30pm-7:30pm)
- 28 Town Wide Garage Sales- Forest, Downtown Forest
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, Marine City
- 30 Memorial Day Parade - 11am, Lexington
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, Port Huron

## June

- 1 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September (5:00pm-9:00pm), A&W Lexington
- 3-5 St. Clair Spring Craft Show-Riverview Plaza
- 3-5 MI Thumb Trek, Port Huron
- 4 Be A Tourist In Your Own Town (10:00am-4:00pm), Port Huron
- 4 Town-Wide Garage Sales-Oil Springs, Watford
- 4 Pine Groove Electronic Music Festival (10am-10pm), Pine Grove Park, Port Huron
- 4-5 Artwalk 201 Festival-Christina Street (11am-5pm), Sarnia
- 4 Blue Water Sturgeon Festival- Vantage Point, Port Huron
- 4-5 Civil War Weekend, Lexington
- 5 Annual YMCA-CHOK International Bridge Race, Sarnia/Port Huron
- 7 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Saturdays (May-October), Port Huron



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# Calendar of Events

- 8 Classic Car Nights- Wednesday thru September, A&W Lexington
- 10 Big Brothers Big Sisters Yacht Party on the Duc d'Orleans, Sarnia
- 10 Stories Behind the Songs at the Lexington Village Theatre
- 11 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Saturdays (May-October), Port Huron
- 11 21st Annual Kidsfest 2016, Sarnia
- 11 Dirty Dash Family Fun Mud Run, Canatara Park
- 11 Lake Huron Lore Marine City Flea Market, St. Clair
- 11 River Day (RiverDayFun.com), St. Clair County
- 11 Kids Fishing Derby, St. Clair
- 11 McMorran Indoor Garage Sale, Port Huron
- 11 Back to the Bricks, Port Huron
- 11-12 Michigan Free Fishing Weekend, Statewide
- 11-12 Art on the River, Port Huron
- 15-18 Croswell Fair
- 15 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September (5:00pm-9:00pm), A&W Lexington
- 17 Carl Palmer's ELP Legacy at Lexington Village Theatre
- 17 Summer Concert Series-Downtown St. Clair
- 17-18 Capac Days
- 17-19 Sarnia Kinsman Ribfest
- 18 Almost Queen at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 18 Antique Tractor Show (10:00am-5:00pm), Lexington
- 18 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Saturdays (May-October), Port Huron
- 18-19 55th Annual Aamjiwnaang First Nation Pow Wow, Sarnia
- 18-19 Lexington Lakeside Craft Show-Tierney Park
- 19 Harleys By the Beach, Grand Bend
- 19 Huron House Boys Home Annual Run/Walk/Skate/ Bike, Bright's Grove
- 20 Margarita Mondays, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Gift Shop
- 21 Walk Michigan- Beach Party (6:00pm), Lakeside Beach
- 21 Big Screen in the Park-Hoodwinked (dusk), Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 22-26 Bay-Rama Fishy Festival, New Baltimore
- 22-26 Marysville Days
- 22 Classic Car Nights- Wednesday thru September, A&W Lexington
- 24-26 Sam Kromer Flight Singles Tennis Tournament, Sanborn Park, Port Huron
- 24 Music in the Park-Katmandu- Bob Segar Tribute, Lexington
- 24 Blue Water Cruise Night (6:00pm-10:00pm), Port Huron
- 24-26 Antique and Classic Boat Show, Algonac
- 24-26 14th Annual Mopar Canadian Nationals, Grand Bend Motorplex
- 24-26 St. Clair Art Fair-Riverview Plaza & Palmer Park
- 24-26 Michigan Thumb Festival, Sandusky
- 25 Marysville Days Fireworks- Dusk
- 25 St. Clair Rotary Club's 5K Run & 2K Walk
- 25 Canada Day in Bright's Grove, Bright's Grove
- 25 Keith Peterson Memorial Car Show (8:30am-3:30pm), Fort Gratiot
- 26 Blue Water Half Marathon, Port Huron
- 26 Sarnia Street Machines- Cruise the Park (9:00am-4:00pm), Canatara Park

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# June and July

## June (continued)

- 26 Blue Water Ramble Bicycle Tour, St. Clair
- 28 Big Screen in the Park-Minions (dusk), Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 28 Walk Michigan- Get Your Groove On, Fort Gratiot Trail
- 29 Concert in the Park (7:00pm-9:00pm) Double Play, Marysville City Park
- 30-7/3 Algonac Lions Pickerel Tournament

## July

- 1 Canada Day Celebrations-Fireworks @ dusk, Petrolia, Forest
- 1 Canada Day Celebrations-Fireworks @ dusk, Grand Bend
- 1 Canada Day Parade-Lakeshore Rd to Canatara Park (11:30am), Sarnia
- 1 Canada Day Celebrations, Canatara Park Fireworks @ Dusk, Sarnia
- 1 Fireworks @ Dusk, Lexington
- 1 Summer Concert Series, St. Clair
- 1 Algonac Crowning of the Queen

- 2-10/31 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 31, Port Huron
- 2 Fireworks (9:30pm), Algonac
- 2 Independence Day Parade (11:00am-1:00pm), Lexington
- 2 Music in the Park - The Invasion- British Rock (7:30pm), Lexington
- 2 Port Sanilac Independence Day Parade @ 1:00pm
- 2 Fireworks, Port Sanilac
- 2 Algonac Boat Parade
- 3 Algonac Parade
- 3 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 7a-12p - Village Hall, Lexington
- 4 Fireworks, St. Clair
- 5 Walk Michigan- Walk for Warriors, Flag Plaza
- 6 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 6 Blue Water Farmer's Mkt - Wed. thru Oct.-Pine Shores Golf Course, St. Clair
- 6 Concert in the Park (7:00pm-9:00pm)-Katmandu, Marysville City Park
- 7 Big Screens in the Park-Jaws (dusk), Lakeside Beach
- 7-10 Sailfest Sarnia - Sarnia Yacht Club
- 7-10 Harbor Beach Maritime Festival
- 7 Kid's Garage Sale-Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 8-10 Blue Water Sand Fest, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 8 Music in the Park -Taylor Tuckey- Country Western, Lexington
- 8 Summer Concert Series, St. Clair
- 9-10 Sam Kromer Flight Doubles Tennis Tournament, Sanborn Park, Port Huron
- 9 River Classic Car Show, St. Clair
- 9 Lexington 5K Race, 1 Mile Fun Run, & 2K Walk
- 9 Blue Water Angler's Family Fun Fish Day, Point Edward
- 9-10 Kettle & Stony Point Annual Pow Wow, Kettle Point Park
- 10 Grand Bend's Vintage Bike Festival
- 12 Walk Michigan- Pet PAWlooza, Pine Grove Park

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# Calendar of Events

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|-------|---|-------|---|
| 13    | Concert in the Park (7:00pm-9:00pm)- Voo Doo Doctors, Marysville City Park  | 22    | Music in the Park - Captured Detroit- Journey Tribute, Lexington            |
| 13    | International Day Parade, Port Huron  | 23-24 | Sam Kromer Flight Mixed Tennis Tournament, Sanborn Park, Port Huron         |
| 13    | Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington               | 26    | Big Screens in the Park- Pan (dusk), Keifer Park                            |
| 13    | Blue Water Farmer's Mkt - Wed thru Oct.- Pine Shores Golf Course, St. Clair | 26    | Walk Michigan- Hawaiian Luau, Keifer Park                                   |
| 13-16 | Blue Water Fest, Port Huron   | 29-31 | St. Clair River Classic - Offshore Powerboat Racing                         |
| 14    | Family Night-Mackinac Race Boat Preview, Port Huron                         | 29-31 | St. Clair Riverfest   |
| 14-17 | Family Fun & Perch Festival, Anchorville                                    | 26-30 | Eastern Michigan Fair, Imlay City   |
| 15-16 | Bridge Bash 2016-under the Bluewater Bridges, Point Edward                  | 27    | Concert in the Park (7:00pm-9:00pm)- Toppermost, Marysville City Park       |
| 15    | Music in the Park- The Dan Rafferty Band (7:30pm), Lexington                | 27    | Blue Water Farmer's Mkt - Wed thru Oct.- Pine Shores Golf Course, St. Clair |
| 15    | Summer Concert Series, St. Clair  | 29    | Music in the Park- The Groove Council- R&B, Lexington                       |
| 15    | Boat Night, Port Huron  | 29-31 | Yale Bologna Festival   |
| 16    | Kiwanis Club Blue Water Area Breakfast - Talmer Bank (Downtown), Port Huron | 29-31 | Port Sanilac Summer Festival  |
| 16    | Port Huron to Mackinac Race, Port Huron                                     | 29-31 | Blue Water Volleygrass, Port Huron  |
| 16    | Lighted Boat Parade (9:00pm), Port Huron                                    | 29-31 | Captain Kidd Days, Corunna  |
| 16    | Harsens Island Car Show, Harsens Island                                     | 30    | Color Craze 5K Fun Run, Port Huron  |
| 16    | Tashmoo Days, Harsens Island  | 30    | Main Street Memories Car Show (10:00am-4:00pm), Port Huron                  |
| 16    | Triathlon (8:00am-12:00pm), Lexington                                       |       |   |
| 17    | Southside Music Festival, Port Huron  |       |   |
| 17    | 27th Hobbyfest-Canatara Park (10am-4pm), Sarnia                             |       |   |
| 18    | Margarita Mondays, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Gift Shop                        |       |   |
| 18-23 | St. Clair County 4H & Youth Fair, Goodells Fairgrounds                      |       |   |
| 19    | Walk Michigan- Boat Walk, River Street Marina                               |       |   |
| 19    | Big Screens in the Park-Grease (dusk), Keifer Park                          |       |   |
| 20    | Concert in the Park (7:00pm-9:00pm)- Ten Beach Drive, Marysville City Park  |       |   |
| 20    | Blue Water Farmer's Mkt - Wed thru Oct.- Pine Shores Golf Course, St. Clair |       |   |
| 20    | Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington               |       |   |
| 22    | Summer Concert Series, St. Clair  |       |   |

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# August, September and October

## August

- 2 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 29th, Port Huron
- 2 Walk Michigan- Scavenger Hunt, River Walk
- 2 Big Screens in the Park-Jungle 2 Jungle (dusk), Keifer Park
- 3-7 Francis G Robinson Memorial International Tennis Tournament, Sanborn Courts, Port Huron
- 3 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct. Fred Moore Hwy., St. Clair
- 3 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September (5:00pm-9:00pm), A&W Lexington
- 4 Rockin' the Rivers- Teen Angels, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 4 Sarnia Street Machines-Hot August Nights, Canatara Park
- 5-6 Swinging Bridge Festival, Croswell
- 5-6 Bluewater Angler's Walleye Derby, Point Edward
- 5-6 Blues Festival, Port Sanilac
- 5-7 Maritime Days, Marine City
- 5-7 10th Annual Sarnia Greekfest, Downtown Sarnia
- 6 Mardi Gras Weekend-St. Clair Boat Harbor
- 6-7 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair
- 9 Big Screen Movie in the Park-Norm of the North-Dusk, Kiefer Park
- 9 Walk Michigan- Pool Party, Sanborn Pool
- 9 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 29th, Port Huron
- 10 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct. Fred Moore Hwy., St. Clair
- 10 Classic Car Nights- Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 11 Rockin' the Rivers Concert- Your Generation/50 Amp Fuse, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 12-14 International Offshore Powerboat Race, Sarnia/Port Huron
- 12-14 Antique Yard Sale Trail, Algonac to Sebewing
- 12 Music in the Park- Elton John Tribute, Lexington

- 12-13 Port Sanilac Antique and Classic Boat Show
- 13 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 29th, Port Huron
- 13 Jimmy Buffett Parrothead Party, Algonac
- 14 Lexington Theatre - Ted Nugent 8pm
- 15-21 Armada Fair
- 17 Classic Car Nights- Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 17 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct. Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club, St. Clair
- 18 Rockin' the Rivers Concert - Captured Detroit (Journey tribute), Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 19-21 Western Ontario Steam Threshers Show, Forest
- 19 Art Dash, Sarnia
- 19 Music in the Park- Dave Bennett's 'Rocking the 50s', Lexington
- 19-21 Lapeer Days
- 20-21 Art in the Park, Marysville Park
- 20-21 ARTZscape by the Bay, Bridgeview Marina (9am - 5pm), Sarnia
- 20 Rumble in the Park (10:00am-4:00pm), Marysville Park
- 20 Harsens Island Bluegrass Festival, Harsens Island
- 21 Port Huron Floatdown - Lighthouse Park/Beach (1pm)
- 21 The Past and Its Wheels, Marysville Park
- 21-27 Sanilac County 4H Fair, Sandusky
- 22 Margarita Mondays, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Gift Shop
- 24 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct. Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club, St. Clair
- 24 Sunset 5k- 7:00pm, Marysville
- 25 Rockin' the Rivers- Air Margaritaville, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 26-27 Margaritafest, Lexington
- 26-27 Paddle & Pour Festival, Port Huron
- 31 Classic Car Nights- Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington

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# Calendar of Events

31 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct.  
Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club, St. Clair

18-23 SCC Child Abuse Neglect Council Roof Sit,  
Birchwood Mall, Fort Gratiot  
19 Margarita Mondays, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse  
Gift Shop  
19 Marine City Chamber of Commerce Flea Market  
18 Downriver Craft Sale, Moore Museum, Mooretown  
21 Blue Water Farmer's Market - Wed. thru Oct.-  
Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club, St. Clair  
23-25 St. Mary's Fall Festival-St. Mary's Church, St. Clair  
23 Art Hop in Downtown Port Huron  
24-25 Lexington Heritage Days  
24 Bluewater Angler's Big Fish Derby, Point Edward  
24 Port Huron Beer Festival  
24 Whistles on the Water/Chalk on the Walk-  
Palmer Park & Downtown, St. Clair  
27 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Tues & Sat  
thru Oct, Port Huron  
28 Blue Water Farmer's Market - Wed. thru Oct.-  
Fred Moore Hwy., St. Clair

## September

1-5 Michigan Peach Festival, Romeo  
2-4 Thunder By the Beach, Grand Bend  
2-3 Festival of Good Things, Sarnia  
3 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Tues & Sat  
thru Oct, Port Huron  
3-4 Algonac Rotary Art Fair  
3 The Run of Exploding Colour, Sarnia  
3 Thumbfest Music Festival (11:00am-10:00pm),  
Lexington  
5 Trek the Trestle Trail Walk (11:00am), Avoca  
7 Blue Water Farmer's Market - Wed. thru Oct.-  
Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club, St. Clair  
7 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September,  
A&W Lexington  
8-11 Richmond Good Old Days  
9-10 Port Huron Hobo Fest  
9-11 Petrolia and Enniskillen Fall Fair, Petrolia  
10 Fireworks- 9:30pm, Richmond  
10 Blue Water Antique & Classic Boat Show,  
Port Huron  
10-11 St. Clair Fall Craft Show-Riverview Plaza  
11 19th Annual Algonac Classic Car Show  
14 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September,  
A&W Lexington  
14 Blue Water Farmer's Market - Wed. thru Oct.-  
Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club, St. Clair  
16-18 Lexington Bach Festival  
16-18 Plympton Wyoming Fall Fair-Wyoming Fair Grounds  
17-18 Marine City Heritage Days  
17-18 St. Clair Kennel Club Dog Show,  
Goodells County Park  
18 SCC Child Abuse Neglect Council Walk for Kids'  
Sake (12:00pm), Lakeside Park, Port Huron

## October

1 Corks, Caps and Cuisine, Sarnia  
1 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat  
thru Oct 29th, Port Huron  
3 Port Huron Town Hall- Shannon Miller,  
McMorran Theater  
5 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct.-  
Fred Moore Hwy, St. Clair  
7-10 Brigden Fair, Brigden Fairgrounds  
7-8 Sarnia Octoberfest  
8 Motor City Ghost Hunters, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse  
8-9 Thanksgiving Farmer's Market and Sidewalk Sale,  
Grand Bend  
9 Fall Colors Bicycle Tour, Algonac  
9 Annual Cemetery Walk, St. Clair  
12 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct.-  
Fred Moore Hwy, St. Clair



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# October, November, December

## October (continued)

- 14 Port Huron Museum's Hoptoberfest 2016, Port Huron
- 15 Shoptober Fest (10:00am-5:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 15 Motor City Ghost Hunters, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 15 Haunted Village- Family Event (7:00pm-9:00pm), Port Sanilac
- 15-16 Lambton Fall Colour & Craft Festival Heritage Museum, Lambton Shores
- 19 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct.- Fred Moore Hwy, St. Clair
- 21-22 Port Sanilac Boo Fest
- 22 Haunted Village- Family Event (7:00pm-9:00pm), Port Sanilac
- 22-23 Halloween Weekend at Pinery, Grand Bend
- 29 Halloween in Lexington

## November

- 5 St. Clair River Turkey Trot - 5K
- 5-6 Craft and Gift Show, Petrolia
- 5-6 Holiday Market Open House Weekend, Lexington

- 11-13 Girlfriend's Getaway Weekend, Lexington
- 12-13 Christmas Comes Early in Grand Bend
- 12-13 44th Annual Big Sisters Show and Sale, Sarnia
- 14 Port Huron Town Hall- Joan Lunden, McMorran Theater
- 18 Jingle Bell Walk, Sarnia
- 18-12/31 Celebration of Lights -Centennial Park, Sarnia
- 18 Celebration of Lights & Christmas Parade - Downtown, St. Clair
- 19 Elks Lodge Juried Craft Show (9:00am-4:00pm), Port Huron
- 19 Holiday Open House, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 19 Candlelight Tours of the Lightstation (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 22 Lighted Santa Parade (7:00pm), Marine City
- 25 Santa Parade, Port Huron
- 26 Candlelight Tours of the Lightstation (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 26 Santa Claus Parade, Corunna
- 26 Forest Kiwanis Santa Claus Parade, Forest

## December

- 1-24 Forest Glen Herb Farm - Christmas Open House
- 1 Gourmet Gallop- Restaurant Tour (6:00pm-10:00pm), St. Clair
- 2 Christmas in the Park, Petrolia
- 3 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 3 Jingle Bell Run, YMCA, Port Huron
- 3 Merchant Luminary Walk & Tree Lighting, Lexington
- 3 Marine City Newsboys/Girls Annual Craft Show
- 3 Santa Claus Parade, Petrolia
- 3 Marysville Christmas Parade
- 3 Sarnia Kinsmen Christmas Parade of Lights
- 3-4 Christmas on the Farm, Canatara Park
- 3-5 The Nutcracker Ballet, McMorran, Port Huron
- 7 Algonac Santa Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting



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- 10 Holiday Enchantment (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 10 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 10 Christmas Horse Parade (2:00pm-3:00pm), Lexington
- 12 Port Huron Town Hall- Klea Blackhurst, McMorran Theater
- 17 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 21 Last Minute Shop and Sip (4:00pm-7:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 23 Christmas Eve Sing Along, Lexington
- 31 New Year's Eve Anchor Drop, McMorran, Port Huron

## January - April 2017

- 1/1 Lexington's New Year's Day Bike Ride
- 1/12-1/15 Silverstick Tournament, Port Huron
- 1/22-1/23 Chilly Fest, Port Huron
- 1/22 RadioFirst Bridal Show, Blue Water Convention Center, Port Huron
- 2/13 Port Huron Town Hall - Kevin Lacz, McMorran
- 2/12-2/14 Richmond Winter & Ice Festival
- 3/12 Pub Crawl, Lexington
- 3/18-3/19 RadioFirst Home, Sport & Garden Show, Blue Water Convention Center, Port Huron
- 3/11 St. Patrick's Parade and Pub Crawl, Port Huron
- 4/30 Blue Water Salmon Stakes - Voyageur Restaurant, St. Clair



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While Happy Gilmore liked a raucous crowd for his golf shots, most golfers do not. So even if your group is fine with some noise while playing, be aware of other groups on the course that might be distracted.

Always maintain a good pace of play. Plan your shot before your turn, limit yourself to one practice swing, don't spend too much time looking for a lost ball, and try to leave your cart or bag in a position closest to your next tee box. These are simple things that will greatly improve your pace of play. If you or your playing partners are holding up the group behind you and you've fallen more than a hole behind the group in front of you, it's always polite to invite the players to play through. The most efficient time to do so is to play up on the green, mark your balls and then invite them to play up. Allow them to putt and head to the next tee and then finish the hole with your group.

While slow play can be very frustrating, it is never acceptable to hit a ball into a group of golfers. Many times if you're playing behind novice players that may not know golf etiquette use your cell phone to contact the pro shop and a course ranger will help remedy the situation for you.

Keep these tips in mind and you're sure to enjoy a more relaxing round on a Bluewater area golf course.

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# Art in the Park



The Marysville Friends of the Arts is proud to sponsor its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual event at the beautiful 58-acre Marysville Waterfront Park this August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

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shape of jewelry, ships, landscapes, plates, portraits, furniture, pottery, marine art, garden art & more.

Aiming to stimulate the creative talents of all ages, special art activities are scheduled throughout the weekend at the "Future Artists" area. "Make & Take" projects will be offered for budding artists, tots through middle-school ages. In addition, the Marysville High School Art Department proudly displays the best student work from the previous school year.

The atmosphere will be punctuated both days by several great musical performances including all the annual favorites with new talent to round out the performing arts. Sunday begins with an Ecumenical Service in the bandshell.

Complementing the fine art show will be two distinct auto shows sponsored by the Blue Water Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Saturday's 'Rumble In The Park' is open to all classic cars including Hot Rods and Custom Muscle Cars. Sunday is the Antique Car Invitational. Autos built before 1960 and older original restorations will be displayed behind the Museum on Huron Blvd. This show's Honored Mark is 1938-1953 Ford Flathead. For details visit [marysvillefriends.org](http://marysvillefriends.org).



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# Wills Ste. Claire Automobile

The history of the car of Marysville is woven around the 'Wills Ste. Claire' automobile and the automobile, photos and memorabilia of the Wills Era is on display at the new Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum in Marysville with 10 actual Wills.

Opened in May of 2002, the museum is an effort of local antique car enthusiasts, who through a grass roots effort, have converted a former factory into a museum in the Marysville Industrial Park off Busha Highway in Marysville.

The museum educates about the history of C. Harold Wills and the Wills Sainte Claire impact on the automobile industry.

Approximately 12,000 Wills Sainte Claire automobiles were produced in Marysville, from 1921 to 1926. Possibly more important than building luxury autos of the era, was Wills' foresight in building an ideal community for his employees. C. Harold Wills (1878 - 1940) began working as a draftsman for Henry Ford in 1902. When the Ford Motor Company was organized in 1903, Wills was the chief engineer and metallurgist. He designed every Ford car until he resigned in 1919. Deciding to



Photo by Terry Ernest

manufacture his own car, Wills selected Marysville, a hamlet of 200 on the banks of the St. Clair River, as the site for C.H. Wills & Company. In 1921, the first overhead-cam V8 Wills Sainte Claire was produced. Remembered for its Flying Goose radiator emblem, it utilized strong, lightweight molybdenum steel and was the first car to have back-up lights. Hydraulic brakes, balloon tires and a six-cylinder engine were added before the factory closed in 1926. The Chrysler Corporation purchased the property in 1935.

The Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum was established in 2001 when the Donahey Foundation donated a 12,000 square foot building on Wills Street in Marysville to house the records, literature and actual Wills Sainte Claire Automobiles. The museum is located in Marysville, off Busha Hwy at 2408 Wills Street in the Marysville Industrial Park, across from Mueller Brass. The museum is open the second Sunday of the month from 1-5 pm or by appointment for schools and other groups.

For more information, contact Mr. Terry Ernest, Director at (810) 987-2854 during regular business hours or visit their website: [willsautomuseum.org](http://willsautomuseum.org).

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St. Clair is a place for seekers of the serenity of beautiful sunrises and for enthusiasts of mystic lake freighter traffic. It's a place where historical preservation and modern community development merge in a seamless transition. This is the greater St. Clair area, one of the most unique visitor destinations in the entire state of Michigan.

Here you can stroll in Palmer Park along the world's longest freshwater boardwalk or take a canoe trip up the meandering Pine River. On your visit you will experience tree-lined streets providing an inviting backdrop for the community's historic and vintage architecture. You'll visit the beauty of the picturesque old churches of the city, one of which houses the St. Clair Historic Museum.

St. Clair is a place left by a time when timber ruled the area and the wooden vessels that sailed the Great Lakes were built. It is an area rich in history dating back to pre-Revolutionary War times and was a major stop for the underground railroad of the Civil War era. It was the place of majestic hotels and excursion boats as we moved from the 19th to the 20th century. This is a place not forgotten; one you will always want to remember.

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The 2016 St. Clair Art Fair, the 45<sup>th</sup> annual event, will be expanded to a three day Art Fair with expanded hours. Art Fair hours will be Noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> this year.

Artist and art lovers alike have long recognized St. Clair for a summer event featuring some of the finest presentations of original art found anywhere.

Artist booths are located in Palmer Park along the boardwalk on the St. Clair River, next to the sidewalk along Riverside Avenue and in the Riverview Plaza under cover in the corridors and in the Plaza Park center area of the Riverview Plaza.

The Art Fair is sponsored and coordinated by the members of the Art Council with offices located in the Riverview Plaza in St. Clair.



The center plaza of the Riverview Plaza renovation was completed in the Spring of 2015. Funded by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, the plaza features a new improved courtyard that makes the expansion of the Art Fair possible.

Visitors can expect to see and have the opportunity to acquire paintings in oil, water color, pen, and in pastels and chalks.

Photography is always popular, as is pottery and porcelain. Artists from all over the state have registered to be at this year's event.

Other annual events in St. Clair are: Spring Craft Show, Kid's Fishing Derby, Marine Society Flea Market, Summer Concert Series, Blue Water Farmers Market, Classic Car Show, Riverfest/Offshore Boat Race, and Fall Craft Show.

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near Marine City are marinas, camping, golfing, horseback riding and a public access boat launch.

The restoration of Marine City's homes and buildings is evident, especially in the downtown shopping area. New sidewalks and turn-of-the-century lamps have created additional charm and add to the uniqueness of

Marine City is one of three international crossings to Canada in St. Clair County. The Nautical Mile, dotted with mini-parks allows visitors a close-up look at ocean-going and Great Lakes freighters. Visitors may also enjoy the calm Belle River that winds through the city, making it perfect for canoeing.

Shoppers will find a variety of choices including specialty, discount and convenience stores in downtown Marine City, Broadway, Parker and the Riverside Plaza. There are motels, restaurants and lounges available to suit all tastes.

Visitors will find plenty to do and see, including spring salmon fishing, summer festival and antique show, and the Fall color river tour. Conveniently located in and

this downtown shopping area.

Marine City has a regular ferry service to Sombra, Ontario. Sombra offers a museum in a restored Victorian home, a tea room and many antique and gift shops.

Historically, in the days of the wooden freighters, Marine City was known as a shipbuilding center of the Great Lakes. Gracious "Victorian Painted Ladies" sit side-by-side with turn-of-the-century cottages.

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# Algonac



First settled in 1805 by John Martin, Algonac was the fourth village laid out on the St. Clair River. Today Algonac embraces its nautical contributions, being the birthplace of Chris Craft Boats and the former home of Gar Wood. The downtown area offers 1,800 feet of boardwalk along the beautiful St. Clair River and many canals wind their way throughout the city, which has given Algonac its nickname “The Venice of Michigan”.

It’s situated on the largest fresh-water delta in the world at the mouth of the St. Clair River. It is also known as the Pickerel Capitol of the World and each year hosts the annual Pickerel Tournament, this beginning on June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. It’s the 78<sup>th</sup> year of the event.

When you visit the greater Algonac area you’ll hear the stories of the great power boating era. A man by the name of Chris Smith motored his rowboat at 9 miles per hour with the first gasoline powered boat and changed the world forever.

Smith joined with John “Baldy” Ryan in 1911 and built a speedboat. The “Baby Reliance” won the first race it ran. Smith continued to build boats and in 1915 his boat entered the famous Gold Cup race on the Detroit River. The “Miss Detroit” was the fastest boat in the race and brought the “Gold Cup” to the Midwest for the first time.

Smith teamed with Gar Wood and built and raced boats for years. On February 5, 1932, Wood raced his boat at over 100 miles per hour in Florida and in September of that same year the “Miss America IX” traveled 124 miles per hour in the St. Clair River at Algonac.

The Chris Smith & Sons Boat Company was formed in Algonac in 1922 and for over 60 years this worldwide boat building empire was a leader in production of powered pleasure boats by the name of Chris Craft.

Today Algonac is one of the most beautiful river settings in Vacationland. Rich in nautical history the city features Offshore Boat Races, Antique Boat and Car shows each summer.

# Mariner’s Coalition

In late spring of 2008, a group of boating enthusiasts in the Blue Water Area, concerned over a perceived lack of consistency in the enforcement of regulations covering border crossing, organized a meeting with local law-enforcement agencies; in an effort to try to clarify the laws and regulations and present them in plain English for ease of understanding and to dispel misconceptions of boaters. A secondary focus was an attempt to minimize boardings, which had become irritating to local boaters and increasingly discouraged visiting cruising families from enjoying area waters.

Working together with county, state and federal agencies it was apparent rules were often considered vague, ambiguous or inconsistent. In order to better understand the extent of the public’s concern, it appeared prudent to involve the whole maritime community in a dialogue. Individual boaters, marina operators, boating schools, yacht clubs and others throughout the area on both sides of the border were invited to join with law-enforcement agencies in a symposium held at the Great Lakes Maritime Center at Vantage Point. The goal was to promote clarity and consistency on the issues and to dispel rampant misinformation. Key subjects were reporting and document requirements for entry into the US and Canada, the status of a boat anchored in foreign waters, the value of I-68’s, NEXUS cards and boater reporting (“BR”) numbers, and the roles and authority of the various enforcement agencies.

At the symposium a record was kept of the concerns and frustrations expressed, particularly those which needed to be clarified later by county, state and federal agencies.

Capitalizing on the remarkable cooperation of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Marine Division, the original organizers formalized the Mariners Coalition, sponsored through a grant from Acheson Ventures. A dialogue began.

Over the ensuing two years, the once vague and ambiguous regulations were clarified, reporting procedures were simplified and avenues of communication were established to disseminate information to the boating community in both countries. The information, compiled by the Coalition, is available on DVD and can be viewed or downloaded at [marinerscoalition.com](http://marinerscoalition.com) along with links to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Canada Border Services Agency websites.

The public is encouraged to e-mail questions or concerns to [info@marinerscoalition.com](mailto:info@marinerscoalition.com).

## ***Algonac Pickerel Tournament:***

Antique Boat Show- June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Crowning of Queen- July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 p.m., Fireworks- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 p.m., Kids’ Fishing Tournament- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Antique Boat Parade-July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 p.m., Parade- July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 p.m.

# Lakeport



Discover a bit of Michigan paradise in your own backyard. This lakefront community is situated between the day-use and campgrounds of Lakeport State Park. The park features over 347 acres of well-cared for grounds with 286 campsites to enable anyone to enjoy a picnic, camping, swimming or fishing on the shores of beautiful Lake Huron. The park also offers a picnic area with shelters, mini-cabins, a beach house, concession stand, a playground, and hiking trails with an Interpreter and Adventure Ranger Programs.

Basketball courts, playground, volleyball courts are also available at the park. There is auxiliary parking available, paved interior roads, showers and tenting areas. Fire rings/fire pits and shade trees are available at most camp sites.

For the boating and fishing enthusiast there is a state managed boat launch site in Lexington, about 10 miles north of the park. The Port Huron State Game Area, with over 6,000 acres is within a 15-minute drive and provides opportunities for hiking year round and hunting in season.

Reservations are required for camping sites, cabin and picnic shelters. Be sure to call in advance for site and camping availability.

For camping reservations to the Lakeport State Park and other Michigan campgrounds, call 1(800)444-PARKS.

For information on local events and activities at the park, please call (810) 327-6224. The park is 10 miles north of Port Huron and 68 miles north of Detroit.

Lakeport is the commercial hub of Burtchville Township and offers residents and visitors many conveniences without traveling very far. Shoppers can find groceries, fishing bait, firewood, banking services and more at area businesses. To satisfy your appetite, visit one of the family style restaurants, or relax at one of the cozy pubs with friends. To cool your taste buds, ice cream is available for everyone. Bed & Breakfasts, and resort cabins are also available for overnight travelers.

For more information on Lakeport and Burtchville Township, call (810) 385-5577.

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# Wadhams

One of Wadhams' best natural resources is its' people. The almost forgotten charm of a slower, more gracious era is still found in this small community on the crossroads. Perhaps, since the bridge over the Black River has been a funnel to thumb-area traffic for decades, the residents are experts with directions and helpful advice, but there is more, much more.



area, it's only a portion of what Wadhams has to offer. In fact, Wadhams is one of the fastest growing areas in Vacationland.

Fast food restaurants, banks and many other commercial businesses have located in this growing area recently. Summer brings many visitors to the area.

One reason is the

This community believes in progress in the best sense of the word. It is unwilling to relinquish a strong hold on traditional values, but Wadhams is growing to meet the needs of its' citizens. With easy access to I-69 and I-94, and larger metropolitan areas, this little community once again finds itself on the crossroads of change. As many new residents are making the gentle, rolling hillsides of Black River their home. Hundreds of new homes have been built in the area in recent years. While these developments have had a tremendous impact on the

KOA Campground. The campground features over 300 sites and 119 cabins and is adjacent to Sawmill City, an entertainment complex that features putt-putt golf, batting cages, bumper boats, viper style go-carts, bankshot basketball and water slides for non-stop entertainment for the whole family.

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# Be Safe on Vacationland Trails

There are many bike trails in St. Clair County. When choosing a trail, make sure it is safe and fun for the whole family. The McLaren Port Huron Helmet Safety Committee recommends the Bridge to Bay Trail or the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. Both trails have much to offer for families with young, inexperienced riders.



The Bridge to Bay Trail extends from Port Huron on Lake Michigan, south to Algonac along the St. Clair River. The longest continuous sections lie south of Port Huron to Marysville and between St. Clair and Marine City. The trail surface is a mix of boardwalks, asphalt paths, rail-trails and safety paths, which are best for bike riding families.



The trail links neighborhoods, state and local parks, beaches, museums, lighthouses, commercial districts, schools and government centers. Choosing either section is recommended for small, first time riders. This section offers easy riding while keeping the little ones entertained; with lots to see and do while enjoying the woodlands and wetlands.

The Wadhams to Avoca Trail offers a variety of opportunities for walkers, rollerbladers, bikers and even horseback riders. The scenic beauty of the Wadhams to Avoca Trail also makes it great place to do some bird watching or see the fall colors. The centerpiece of the trail is Mill Creek Trestle. Four overlook areas have also been installed on the trestle so trail users can enjoy the beautiful views up and down Mill Creek Valley. At the south end of the trail in Kimball Township, over

five miles of trail have been paved starting at McLain Road running southeast to Griswold Road. This is where we recommend beginning your ride. The paved section of the trail passes through a developing residential area and is already being heavily used by residents. To ensure user safety, a traffic signal was installed at the Wadhams Road crossing.

It's recommended that all riders wear helmets while enjoying the trails. If you don't have one, contact the McLaren Port Huron Foundation at (810) 989-3776. The Foundation sells them at a cost of \$5 and has all sizes available from toddler to adult. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-

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# Goodell's County Park

Located in the center of St. Clair County, close to I-69 and Lapeer Rd. (Old M-21). The park is open daily from 8 am to 10 pm. Admission is free (except during some special events). Goodells County Park is also home to a state of the art Splashpad, which is open



Lynn Township School (1885), C.C. Peck Bank (1908), and the Mudge Log Cabin (1860) are tributes to St. Clair County's rich history. The St. Clair County Farm Museum represents over 150 years of farming in the county. The museum is

Memorial Day through Labor Day. The hours of operation are 10 am to 8 pm.

The Historical Village, which includes the Columbus Baptist Church, Murphy/ Ryan Farmhouse (1872),

housed in the historic barns of the St. Clair County Poor Farm/Medical Centre (1873-1993).

The Butterfly Garden provides the perfect place for some quiet reflection, while providing a colorful habitat for caterpillars and butterflies.

The BMX Track allows members to compete on a challenging and exciting race course. Radio controlled model cars, trucks and planes find action and excitement at the Redline Racing dirt track and the Propbusters airfield.

The playground area offers equipment for both younger and older children.

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## St. Clair County Farm Museum

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Bill is an award-winning radio journalist and News Director for WPHM and the Blue Water News Network.

Bill's career began in Defiance, Ohio, after graduating from Indiana University. Bill came to the Port Huron in 1979, where he has worked for numerous radio stations.

He is a former Port Huron City Councilmember, a former Blue Water Festival director, a former board President of MainStreet Port Huron, and was a vice-president of the Michigan Waterways Council of the Girl Scouts of America. He has also participated in a number of committees with the St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Bill is an avid college basketball fan, loves a wide variety of music, and lives with a princess in Wales Township.



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# Welcome to Lexington Calendar



## May

- 14 Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular at Lexington Village Theatre - 6:30 & 9 pm
- 27-28 Moore Public Library Book and Plant Sale 9 am-5 pm Friday- Saturday
- 29 Rare Earth at Lexington Village Theatre - 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, Downtown- 11 am

## June

- 4 BikeMich - 10 am
- 4 Glenn Miller Orchestra at Lexington Village Theatre- 4 pm & 7:30 pm
- 4-5 Civil War Weekend - Downtown Lexington
- 10 Stories Behind the Songs at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 17 Carl Palmer ELP Legacy at Lexington Village Theatre- 8:30 pm
- 18 Almost Queen at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 18 Lakeside A&W Antique Tractor Show- 10 am-5 pm
- 18-19 Lakeside Craft Show- 10 am-6 pm (Sat.) 10 am-5 pm (Sun.)
- 24 Music in the Park - Bob Seger Tribute - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 25 American Idol winner Lee Dewey at Lexington Village Theatre-8:30 pm

## July

- 1 Independence Day Fireworks at dusk
- 2 Independence Day Parade - 11 am, Music in the Park - The Invasion-British Rock - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 3 Ray Scott at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 3 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast- Lexington Fire Dept. - 7 am-12 pm
- 8 Music in the Park - Taylor Tuckey - Country Western - The Harbor Stage 7:30pm
- 9 Lexington 5K Race, 1 Mile Fun Run & 2K Walk - Downtown, 8 am
- 9 Zoso- Led Zeppelin Tribute at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 & 9:30 pm
- 15 Music in the Park - The Dan Rafferty Band - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 16 Lexington Triathlon- Downtown Lexington Start 8 am
- 22 Music in the Park - Captured Detroit-Journey Tribute - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 23 Lakeshore Garden Club Garden Walk- 9 am-5 pm
- 23 Sanilac County Humane Society - Battle of the Bands - The Harbor Stage 7 pm
- 24 Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver at Lexington Village Theatre- 6 pm
- 29 Music in the Park - The Groove Council-R&B- The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm

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# Lexington's 2016-2017 of Events

**\*\* Events, dates and times are subject to change \*\***



## August

- 5-6 Moore Public Library Book Sale – 9 am- 5 pm (Fri.) 9 am-3 pm (Sat.)
- 5 Barbara Payton & The Instigators at Lexington Village Theatre – 8:30 pm
- 5 Music in the Park – The Madcat Midnight Blues Journey-  
The Harbor Stage- 7:30 pm
- 6-7 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair- Downtown Lexington
- 14 Ted Nugent at Lexington Village Theatre- 8 pm
- 12-14 Antique Yard Sale Trail Lexington & Surrounding areas
- 12 Music in the Park – Elton Rohn-Elton John Tribute -  
The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 19 Music in the Park – Dave Bennett's 'Rockin' the 50s' -  
The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 20 Junior Brown at Lexington Village Theatre – 8 pm
- 26-27 Margaritafest- Lexington Harbor

## September

- 2 Lonestar at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 3 Thumbfest Music Festival, Downtown – 10 am- 10 pm
- 10 Bach Trot - Downtown Lexington- 9 am-10 am
- 16-18 Bach Festival St. Denis Catholic Church
- 24 Donny Most at Lexington Village Theatre - 4 pm & 7 pm
- 24-25 Lexington Heritage Days - Downtown Lexington

## October

- 8 Paul Thorn at Lexington Village Theatre – 8 pm
- 15 Late Nite Catechism at Lexington Village Theatre- 8:30 pm
- 29 Halloween in Lexington, Downtown- 1 pm

## November

- 5 Kamikaze Fireflies at Lexington Village Theatre- 4 pm & 7:30 pm
- 5-6 Holiday Market Squares/ Open House Weekend
- 12 TBA at Lexington Village Theatre
- 11-13 Girlfriend's Getaway Weekend
- 23 Australia's Thunder from Down Under, Lexington Village Theatre- 7 & 9:30pm

## December

- 3 Christmas Tree Lighting and Merchant Luminary Walk- 5 pm -9 pm
- 10 Christmas Horse Parade- Downtown Lexington- 2 -3 pm
- 23 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Eve-Eve Sing Along - Lexington Brewing Co & Wine House 6 -9 pm
- 31 TBA at Lexington Village Theatre

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# Lexington

A charming harbor village on the shores of Lake Huron, situated 20 miles north of Port Huron, Lexington has earned the moniker of the first resort north. Visitors experience the relaxed feeling of an “up north” resort area with a short easy drive.



Summer brings the Music in the Park series presented by the Lexington Arts Council, a free concert series on Friday nights June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with Margarita Fest. The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Lexington Fine Arts Street fair is held August

The Village of Lexington offers an appealing combination of sophistication and history, along with a touch of nostalgia for a way of life of years gone by. Unique shops, cultural entertainment and family dining, along with B&Bs and a wealth of quaint cottages await your visit. Visitors enjoy recreational facilities and modern facilities in a charming lifestyle of a century ago.

The historic downtown shopping district leads you to a State Harbor of refuge with a limestone seawall, featuring a walkway surrounded by breathtaking views of Lake Huron. The clean open beachfront area provides swimming, boating, kayaking and other water activities. Bike paths through the village and up to the Thumb area are just a part of Lexington’s recreational opportunities. Lexington’s Tierney Park and Lester Park are filled with tennis courts, walking trails, soccer fields, a pickle ball court and lakeside benches to relax and enjoy the view. Nearby golf courses and driving ranges will please the golfer in the family. State parks, RV facilities and camping are only a few miles from Lexington.

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> featuring over 125 artists and fine crafters to the streets of the downtown area. Thumbfest, a celebration of traditional music fills the streets of Lexington on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Bach Festival, classic car shows, motorcycle shows and tractor shows are also held in Lexington’s busy summer schedule. An active Lexington Business Association coordinates events and activities all summer long. One of the most popular events is the celebration of Independence Day with a harbor front display of Fireworks on July 1<sup>st</sup> and an All American parade on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a celebration like you remember- family, friends and Americana at its best. A schedule of events and details can be found at [www.lexingtonmichigan.org](http://www.lexingtonmichigan.org).

Visit Lexington, you’ll find something for everyone in a relaxed setting. It’s the kind of Lakeside village you’ll remember fondly.

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# Lexington Village Theatre



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Lexington Village Theatre is billed as 'The Premiere Performance Venue,' committed to bringing world-class

entertainment to the Blue Water Area. Located in the Harborview Plaza, the Lexington Village Theatre features a variety of cultural productions that enrich the community.

The theatre has welcomed multi-award winning artists including LeeAnn Womack, John Waite, Time Jumpers with Vince Gill, Little River Band, Marty Stuart, Jeff Daniels and The Bacon Brothers. Entering its third season, the 2016 lineup includes the group Lone Star, Ted Nugent, Junior Brown and Donny Most from Happy Days, plus big bands, classic rock, country, gospel, tribute bands and an American Idol winner. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (810) 359-5108 or at [LexingtonVillageTheatre.com](http://LexingtonVillageTheatre.com).

The intimate theatre seats just 293 people in a comfortable setting with full-bar service available. Every seat gives you a close up and personal view of the entertainment.

Theatre owners, Mike and Lanae Kettlewell, are native to the area with both having graduated from Croswell-Lexington High School. The Kettlewells also own and operate two restaurants including the Village Pub along with Sweetwater Gourmet Deli & Bar. Both of these establishments are located within the Harborview Plaza, adjacent to the Lexington Village Theatre.

Come visit beautiful Lexington, Michigan – the 'First Resort North' and check out the Lexington Village Theatre.



# Croswell



Croswell, home of the "Swinging Bridge", (pictured) is a community with pioneer spirit, hometown values and progressive thinking. Visitors will find much to do and see in Croswell.

The Swinging Bridge Festival to be held August

5-6, provides entertainment and activities for the whole family. The festival highlights the community's foot-traffic bridge. Affectionately known as the "be good to your mother-in-law bridge", it is 139 feet in length and is a one-of-a-kind for Michigan. Completed in 1905 the bridge provides easy access to Riverbend Park. Festival highlights include cardboard boat races and a fireworks display.

Riverbend Park features a picnic area, covered pavilion and playground. To get to the park, go north on Howard to the traffic light, turn west, go over the Sanborn Bridge, then north on Nims. The park is on the banks of the Black River and is located in the downtown area.

Shoppers will find many goods and services in the downtown area and on M-90. Businesses offer groceries, hardware, appliances, furniture, automotive parts, jewelry, flowers, antiques, banking and family-style restaurants. A stop downtown wouldn't be complete without a visit to some of the oldest family-owned and operated businesses in Croswell; Westbrook Hardware (1888) and Nehmer's Jewelry (1919). If you remember the sound of old hardwood floors and the smell of "counter candy" then stop in the Pabst Ben Franklin dime store (1934), you won't be disappointed.

Also, if other time-honored traditions suit your fancy, then the Croswell Agricultural Fair is a must see. Events are June 15-21 at the Croswell Fairgrounds. You can't beat the excitement this 131 year-old fair offers. To get to the fairgrounds, take M-90 to Croswell Road, turn North and follow the signs.

Call the Croswell/Lexington Chamber of Commerce at (810) 359-2292 for more information.



# Port Sanilac

The vibrant village of Port Sanilac is filled with activities and fun throughout the year!

Beginning Memorial Day weekend is the Farmer's Market every Friday from 3 -7 pm through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Stop by on your way to the cabin or campground to pick up some goodies.

The weekend following Memorial Day brings Civil War Days. With re-enactments of great battles and great speeches, and historical presentations on the underground railroad, this event is sure to be educational and enjoyable. This weekend also marks the beginning of our summer concert series, Music at the Harbor. Every Saturday night through Labor Day come to Harbor Park for a free concert.

Later in the summer is the fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration which includes the annual parade. Don't miss the children's concert in the park immediately following the parade. The evening of the parade brings a dinner social at the Lutheran church followed by Music at the Harbor and finally the fireworks. Port Sanilac offers the finest fireworks in the Thumb. The third weekend of July brings the Bark Shanty Festival and all of its exciting



activities. From shanty races to 5K races, from talent shows to live entertainment, and from childrens' games to carnival adventure rides, the Bark Shanty Festival offers something for the entire family!

On August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, join us for our Antique Boat Show which features antique, wooden vessels from the early twentieth

century. There will be boat races and live entertainment, a beer tent and excellent food, and fun to be had by the whole family.

You can also participate in the Antique Yard Sale Trail. From Sebewaing in the north to Marine City in the south the Antique Yard Sale Trail is the place to be for bargain hunters and antique collectors.

As fall comes around the Boo Fest blows into town. Stopping at the Sanilac County Historical Museum, families will be able to participate in scarecrow decorating contests, treasure hunts, and other exciting events. All events are free.

These are just a few of the wondrous activities that Port Sanilac offers visitors.

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We not only greet you like Royalty, we crown our Royal Family on Friday of the festival. Our King and Queen of Bologna and Prince and Princess of Hot Dog reign over the festivities and are cheered on for their hard work and dedication. The money they raise helps keep our festival virtually free to everyone who comes. Main Street is shut down for the event which includes: a Bike Parade, Bologna Baby Contest, C. Roy Bologna Roy, Craft Show, Outhouse Races, Horseshow Tournament, Cardboard Boat Race, Bologna Derby, Golf Cart Parade, and the best of all, the Big Bologna Parade.

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# Fewer Local Road Projects in 2016

Motorists get a bit of a break this year after decades of work along I-69, I-94 and the Blue Water Bridge. The Port Huron area now sports a modern interchange of two interstates and revamped roadways leading to and from Canada. Millions of dollars have been poured into the area with the projects that included several new bridges for the interchange as well as spans over the Black River. A new Michigan Department of Transportation Welcome Center was also opened last year along westbound lanes of I-94. During the summer months it is open 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. with restrooms available 24-hours a day.



Wales Center Road. The project is expected to wrap up in October.

Elsewhere, M-25 to Lexington will see detours around the bridge over Mill Creek in Sanilac County. Various preparation work will happen until the start of the planned August 22<sup>nd</sup> bridge replacement. The

Michigan Department of Transportation says the bridge is expected to reopen to traffic in November.

Locals projects set for 2016 by the St. Clair County Road Commission include a pair of roundabouts being installed in Kimball Township at the Range-Griswold and Allen-Lapeer Avenue intersections. Other plans call for a new Smiths Creek bridge over the Belle River and improvements to Dove Street between Michigan and 32<sup>nd</sup> in Port Huron Township.

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Sandusky was incorporated as a village in 1885 and was named by Wildman Mills. He was a large landowner and lumberman in the area. Mills named the city after Sandusky, Ohio where he was a former resident and a tribute to his father who also named the Ohio city.

In 1879 Sandusky became the county-seat and was renamed Sanilac Centre because it was located in the exact center of the county. The name reverted back to Sandusky when the city was incorporated in 1905.

Sandusky offers all of the services and resources you would expect from a much larger city, while maintaining its rural character and small town values. Agriculture, industry and retail converge in the area of this progressive, hardworking community.

Sandusky offers many recreational opportunities and is a beehive of activity. Not only are ORV's permitted on all city streets, it's also home to several annual celebrations including the Michigan Thumb Festival (last full weekend in June), the Sanilac County 4-H Fair in August, as well as the ever popular Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade and Miss Sanilac County Scholarship Pageant in December. The town features more than 60

acres of public parks, a tri-plex movie theater, as well as the Colleen J. Howe Hockey Arena (October-April). The arena was named in honor of the late wife of hockey legend Gordie Howe. Mrs. Howe was born and raised in the area and the Howes were

instrumental contributors to the formation of the Sanilac County Hockey Association.

The Sandusky Municipal Airport (Y83) is located just 2.5 miles north of town. It features a modern paved 3100' runway and fuel service. Sandusky's Industrial Park is located on the east side of town and offers both lots and existing buildings for sale. Several incentives exist for developers.

Visitors will find quaint antique and specialty shops in the historic downtown shopping district, that are complemented by larger K-Mart and Walmart shopping on the west side. Two motels, 17 full service and franchise restaurants, gift stores, auto dealers, farm implement sales and outdoor power equipment dealers are just a sampling of 200+ businesses ready to serve your needs.

Look just 5 miles east and you will find one of the few remaining Drive-In Theaters (Memorial Day-Labor Day).

## **This year's events include:**

**Thumb Festival** - In the heart of the thumb enjoy family fun during Sandusky's annual Thumb Festival. This year's dates are June 24-26, 2016. There's something for everyone during the festival.

**Country Christmas** - December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are this year's dates for Michigan's original Country Christmas Lighted Implement Parade. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm to be a part of the Tree Lighting Ceremony, caroling and sing-a-long. Then bring everyone back on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for kids activities, craft show, live manger scene, and the lighted implement parade at 7pm.

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While Happy Gilmore liked a raucous crowd for his golf shots, most golfers do not. So even if your group is fine with some noise while playing, be aware of other groups on the course that might be distracted.

Always maintain a good pace of play. Plan your shot before your turn, limit yourself to one practice swing, don't spend too much time looking for a lost ball, and try to leave your cart or bag in a position closest to your next tee box. These are simple things that will greatly improve your pace of play. If you or your playing partners are holding up the group behind you and you've fallen more than a hole behind the group in front of you, it's always polite to invite the players to play through. The most efficient time to do so is to play up on the green, mark your balls and then invite them to play up. Allow them to putt and head to the next tee and then finish the hole with your group.

While slow play can be very frustrating, it is never acceptable to hit a ball into a group of golfers. Many times if you're playing behind novice players that may not know golf etiquette use your cell phone to contact the pro shop and a course ranger will help remedy the situation for you.

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# Art in the Park



The Marysville Friends of the Arts is proud to sponsor its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual event at the beautiful 58-acre Marysville Waterfront Park this August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Set in the park under the trees, 7,000+ visitors will have the opportunity to enjoy and purchase the original work of over 50 artisans. Artists from across Michigan and Canada join locals in displaying their hand-made creations.

Drink in the beauty of works fashioned with oils, water color, pen & ink, pastels; fresh water pearls, beads, glass and gems; wood-turning, wire, metal, stained-glass and porcelain; pottery, sculpture, florals and photography. You'll find all these textures and treatments take the

shape of jewelry, ships, landscapes, plates, portraits, furniture, pottery, marine art, garden art & more.

Aiming to stimulate the creative talents of all ages, special art activities are scheduled throughout the weekend at the "Future Artists" area. "Make & Take" projects will be offered for budding artists, tots through middle-school ages. In addition, the Marysville High School Art Department proudly displays the best student work from the previous school year.

The atmosphere will be punctuated both days by several great musical performances including all the annual favorites with new talent to round out the performing arts. Sunday begins with an Ecumenical Service in the bandshell.

Complementing the fine art show will be two distinct auto shows sponsored by the Blue Water Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Saturday's 'Rumble In The Park' is open to all classic cars including Hot Rods and Custom Muscle Cars. Sunday is the Antique Car Invitational. Autos built before 1960 and older original restorations will be displayed behind the Museum on Huron Blvd. This show's Honored Mark is 1938-1953 Ford Flathead. For details visit [marysvillefriends.org](http://marysvillefriends.org).



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# Wills Ste. Claire Automobile

The history of the car of Marysville is woven around the 'Wills Ste. Claire' automobile and the automobile, photos and memorabilia of the Wills Era is on display at the new Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum in Marysville with 10 actual Wills.

Opened in May of 2002, the museum is an effort of local antique car enthusiasts, who through a grass roots effort, have converted a former factory into a museum in the Marysville Industrial Park off Busha Highway in Marysville.

The museum educates about the history of C. Harold Wills and the Wills Sainte Claire impact on the automobile industry.

Approximately 12,000 Wills Sainte Claire automobiles were produced in Marysville, from 1921 to 1926. Possibly more important than building luxury autos of the era, was Wills' foresight in building an ideal community for his employees. C. Harold Wills (1878 - 1940) began working as a draftsman for Henry Ford in 1902. When the Ford Motor Company was organized in 1903, Wills was the chief engineer and metallurgist. He designed every Ford car until he resigned in 1919. Deciding to



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manufacture his own car, Wills selected Marysville, a hamlet of 200 on the banks of the St. Clair River, as the site for C.H. Wills & Company. In 1921, the first overhead-cam V8 Wills Sainte Claire was produced. Remembered for its Flying Goose radiator emblem, it utilized strong, lightweight molybdenum steel and was the first car to have back-up lights. Hydraulic brakes, balloon tires and a six-cylinder engine were added before the factory closed in 1926. The Chrysler Corporation purchased the property in 1935.

The Wills Sainte Claire Auto Museum was established in 2001 when the Donahey Foundation donated a 12,000 square foot building on Wills Street in Marysville to house the records, literature and actual Wills Sainte Claire Automobiles. The museum is located in Marysville, off Busha Hwy at 2408 Wills Street in the Marysville Industrial Park, across from Mueller Brass. The museum is open the second Sunday of the month from 1-5 pm or by appointment for schools and other groups.

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St. Clair is a place for seekers of the serenity of beautiful sunrises and for enthusiasts of mystic lake freighter traffic. It's a place where historical preservation and modern community development merge in a seamless transition. This is the greater St. Clair area, one of the most unique visitor destinations in the entire state of Michigan.

Here you can stroll in Palmer Park along the world's longest freshwater boardwalk or take a canoe trip up the meandering Pine River. On your visit you will experience tree-lined streets providing an inviting backdrop for the community's historic and vintage architecture. You'll visit the beauty of the picturesque old churches of the city, one of which houses the St. Clair Historic Museum.

St. Clair is a place left by a time when timber ruled the area and the wooden vessels that sailed the Great Lakes were built. It is an area rich in history dating back to pre-Revolutionary War times and was a major stop for the underground railroad of the Civil War era. It was the place of majestic hotels and excursion boats as we moved from the 19th to the 20th century. This is a place not forgotten; one you will always want to remember.

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There's so much more you'll want to know about the greater St. Clair area and the best way to find out is by visiting. So, pack your bags and plan on a wonderful and relaxing time in St. Clair.



# St. Clair Art Fair

The 2016 St. Clair Art Fair, the 45<sup>th</sup> annual event, will be expanded to a three day Art Fair with expanded hours. Art Fair hours will be Noon to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> this year.

Artist and art lovers alike have long recognized St. Clair for a summer event featuring some of the finest presentations of original art found anywhere.

Artist booths are located in Palmer Park along the boardwalk on the St. Clair River, next to the sidewalk along Riverside Avenue and in the Riverview Plaza under cover in the corridors and in the Plaza Park center area of the Riverview Plaza.

The Art Fair is sponsored and coordinated by the members of the Art Council with offices located in the Riverview Plaza in St. Clair.



The center plaza of the Riverview Plaza renovation was completed in the Spring of 2015. Funded by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, the plaza features a new improved courtyard that makes the expansion of the Art Fair possible.

Visitors can expect to see and have the opportunity to acquire paintings in oil, water color, pen, and in pastels and chalks.

Photography is always popular, as is pottery and porcelain. Artists from all over the state have registered to be at this year's event.

Other annual events in St. Clair are: Spring Craft Show, Kid's Fishing Derby, Marine Society Flea Market, Summer Concert Series, Blue Water Farmers Market, Classic Car Show, Riverfest/Offshore Boat Race, and Fall Craft Show.

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near Marine City are marinas, camping, golfing, horseback riding and a public access boat launch.

The restoration of Marine City's homes and buildings is evident, especially in the downtown shopping area. New sidewalks and turn-of-the-century lamps have created additional charm and add to the uniqueness of

Marine City is one of three international crossings to Canada in St. Clair County. The Nautical Mile, dotted with mini-parks allows visitors a close-up look at ocean-going and Great Lakes freighters. Visitors may also enjoy the calm Belle River that winds through the city, making it perfect for canoeing.

Shoppers will find a variety of choices including specialty, discount and convenience stores in downtown Marine City, Broadway, Parker and the Riverside Plaza. There are motels, restaurants and lounges available to suit all tastes.

Visitors will find plenty to do and see, including spring salmon fishing, summer festival and antique show, and the Fall color river tour. Conveniently located in and

this downtown shopping area.

Marine City has a regular ferry service to Sombra, Ontario. Sombra offers a museum in a restored Victorian home, a tea room and many antique and gift shops.

Historically, in the days of the wooden freighters, Marine City was known as a shipbuilding center of the Great Lakes. Gracious "Victorian Painted Ladies" sit side-by-side with turn-of-the-century cottages.

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# Algonac



First settled in 1805 by John Martin, Algonac was the fourth village laid out on the St. Clair River. Today Algonac embraces its nautical contributions, being the birthplace of Chris Craft Boats and the former home of Gar Wood. The downtown area offers 1,800 feet of boardwalk along the beautiful St. Clair River and many canals wind their way throughout the city, which has given Algonac its nickname “The Venice of Michigan”.

It’s situated on the largest fresh-water delta in the world at the mouth of the St. Clair River. It is also known as the Pickerel Capitol of the World and each year hosts the annual Pickerel Tournament, this beginning on June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. It’s the 78<sup>th</sup> year of the event.

When you visit the greater Algonac area you’ll hear the stories of the great power boating era. A man by the name of Chris Smith motored his rowboat at 9 miles per hour with the first gasoline powered boat and changed the world forever.

Smith joined with John “Baldy” Ryan in 1911 and built a speedboat. The “Baby Reliance” won the first race it ran. Smith continued to build boats and in 1915 his boat entered the famous Gold Cup race on the Detroit River. The “Miss Detroit” was the fastest boat in the race and brought the “Gold Cup” to the Midwest for the first time.

Smith teamed with Gar Wood and built and raced boats for years. On February 5, 1932, Wood raced his boat at over 100 miles per hour in Florida and in September of that same year the “Miss America IX” traveled 124 miles per hour in the St. Clair River at Algonac.

The Chris Smith & Sons Boat Company was formed in Algonac in 1922 and for over 60 years this worldwide boat building empire was a leader in production of powered pleasure boats by the name of Chris Craft.

Today Algonac is one of the most beautiful river settings in Vacationland. Rich in nautical history the city features Offshore Boat Races, Antique Boat and Car shows each summer.

# Mariner’s Coalition

In late spring of 2008, a group of boating enthusiasts in the Blue Water Area, concerned over a perceived lack of consistency in the enforcement of regulations covering border crossing, organized a meeting with local law-enforcement agencies; in an effort to try to clarify the laws and regulations and present them in plain English for ease of understanding and to dispel misconceptions of boaters. A secondary focus was an attempt to minimize boardings, which had become irritating to local boaters and increasingly discouraged visiting cruising families from enjoying area waters.

Working together with county, state and federal agencies it was apparent rules were often considered vague, ambiguous or inconsistent. In order to better understand the extent of the public’s concern, it appeared prudent to involve the whole maritime community in a dialogue. Individual boaters, marina operators, boating schools, yacht clubs and others throughout the area on both sides of the border were invited to join with law-enforcement agencies in a symposium held at the Great Lakes Maritime Center at Vantage Point. The goal was to promote clarity and consistency on the issues and to dispel rampant misinformation. Key subjects were reporting and document requirements for entry into the US and Canada, the status of a boat anchored in foreign waters, the value of I-68’s, NEXUS cards and boater reporting (“BR”) numbers, and the roles and authority of the various enforcement agencies.

At the symposium a record was kept of the concerns and frustrations expressed, particularly those which needed to be clarified later by county, state and federal agencies.

Capitalizing on the remarkable cooperation of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the St. Clair County Sheriff’s Marine Division, the original organizers formalized the Mariners Coalition, sponsored through a grant from Acheson Ventures. A dialogue began.

Over the ensuing two years, the once vague and ambiguous regulations were clarified, reporting procedures were simplified and avenues of communication were established to disseminate information to the boating community in both countries. The information, compiled by the Coalition, is available on DVD and can be viewed or downloaded at [marinerscoalition.com](http://marinerscoalition.com) along with links to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Canada Border Services Agency websites.

The public is encouraged to e-mail questions or concerns to [info@marinerscoalition.com](mailto:info@marinerscoalition.com).

## **Algonac Pickerel Tournament:**

Antique Boat Show- June 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, Crowning of Queen- July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 p.m., Fireworks- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 p.m., Kids’ Fishing Tournament- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Antique Boat Parade-July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4 p.m., Parade- July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2 p.m.

# Lakeport



Discover a bit of Michigan paradise in your own backyard. This lakefront community is situated between the day-use and campgrounds of Lakeport State Park. The park features over 347 acres of well-cared for grounds with 286 campsites to enable anyone to enjoy a picnic, camping, swimming or fishing on the shores of beautiful Lake Huron. The park also offers a picnic area with shelters, mini-cabins, a beach house, concession stand, a playground, and hiking trails with an Interpreter and Adventure Ranger Programs.

Basketball courts, playground, volleyball courts are also available at the park. There is auxiliary parking available, paved interior roads, showers and tenting areas. Fire rings/fire pits and shade trees are available at most camp sites.

For the boating and fishing enthusiast there is a state managed boat launch site in Lexington, about 10 miles north of the park. The Port Huron State Game Area, with over 6,000 acres is within a 15-minute drive and provides opportunities for hiking year round and hunting in season.

Reservations are required for camping sites, cabin and picnic shelters. Be sure to call in advance for site and camping availability.

For camping reservations to the Lakeport State Park and other Michigan campgrounds, call 1(800)444-PARKS.

For information on local events and activities at the park, please call (810) 327-6224. The park is 10 miles north of Port Huron and 68 miles north of Detroit.

Lakeport is the commercial hub of Burtchville Township and offers residents and visitors many conveniences without traveling very far. Shoppers can find groceries, fishing bait, firewood, banking services and more at area businesses. To satisfy your appetite, visit one of the family style restaurants, or relax at one of the cozy pubs with friends. To cool your taste buds, ice cream is available for everyone. Bed & Breakfasts, and resort cabins are also available for overnight travelers.

For more information on Lakeport and Burtchville Township, call (810) 385-5577.

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# Wadhams

One of Wadhams' best natural resources is its' people. The almost forgotten charm of a slower, more gracious era is still found in this small community on the crossroads. Perhaps, since the bridge over the Black River has been a funnel to thumb-area traffic for decades, the residents are experts with directions and helpful advice, but there is more, much more.



area, it's only a portion of what Wadhams has to offer. In fact, Wadhams is one of the fastest growing areas in Vacationland.

Fast food restaurants, banks and many other commercial businesses have located in this growing area recently. Summer brings many visitors to the area.

One reason is the

This community believes in progress in the best sense of the word. It is unwilling to relinquish a strong hold on traditional values, but Wadhams is growing to meet the needs of its' citizens. With easy access to I-69 and I-94, and larger metropolitan areas, this little community once again finds itself on the crossroads of change. As many new residents are making the gentle, rolling hillsides of Black River their home. Hundreds of new homes have been built in the area in recent years. While these developments have had a tremendous impact on the

KOA Campground. The campground features over 300 sites and 119 cabins and is adjacent to Sawmill City, an entertainment complex that features putt-putt golf, batting cages, bumper boats, viper style go-carts, bankshot basketball and water slides for non-stop entertainment for the whole family.

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# Be Safe on Vacationland Trails

There are many bike trails in St. Clair County. When choosing a trail, make sure it is safe and fun for the whole family. The McLaren Port Huron Helmet Safety Committee recommends the Bridge to Bay Trail or the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. Both trails have much to offer for families with young, inexperienced riders.



The Bridge to Bay Trail extends from Port Huron on Lake Michigan, south to Algonac along the St. Clair River. The longest continuous sections lie south of Port Huron to Marysville and between St. Clair and Marine City. The trail surface is a mix of boardwalks, asphalt paths, rail-trails and safety paths, which are best for bike riding families.



The trail links neighborhoods, state and local parks, beaches, museums, lighthouses, commercial districts, schools and government centers. Choosing either section is recommended for small, first time riders. This section offers easy riding while keeping the little ones entertained; with lots to see and do while enjoying the woodlands and wetlands.

The Wadhams to Avoca Trail offers a variety of opportunities for walkers, rollerbladers, bikers and even horseback riders. The scenic beauty of the Wadhams to Avoca Trail also makes it great place to do some bird watching or see the fall colors. The centerpiece of the trail is Mill Creek Trestle. Four overlook areas have also been installed on the trestle so trail users can enjoy the beautiful views up and down Mill Creek Valley. At the south end of the trail in Kimball Township, over

five miles of trail have been paved starting at McLain Road running southeast to Griswold Road. This is where we recommend beginning your ride. The paved section of the trail passes through a developing residential area and is already being heavily used by residents. To ensure user safety, a traffic signal was installed at the Wadhams Road crossing.

It's recommended that all riders wear helmets while enjoying the trails. If you don't have one, contact the McLaren Port Huron Foundation at (810) 989-3776. The Foundation sells them at a cost of \$5 and has all sizes available from toddler to adult. The office hours are Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-

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# Goodell's County Park

Located in the center of St. Clair County, close to I-69 and Lapeer Rd. (Old M-21). The park is open daily from 8 am to 10 pm. Admission is free (except during some special events). Goodells County Park is also home to a state of the art Splashpad, which is open



Lynn Township School (1885), C.C. Peck Bank (1908), and the Mudge Log Cabin (1860) are tributes to St. Clair County's rich history. The St. Clair County Farm Museum represents over 150 years of farming in the county. The museum is

Memorial Day through Labor Day. The hours of operation are 10 am to 8 pm.

The Historical Village, which includes the Columbus Baptist Church, Murphy/ Ryan Farmhouse (1872),

housed in the historic barns of the St. Clair County Poor Farm/Medical Centre (1873-1993).

The Butterfly Garden provides the perfect place for some quiet reflection, while providing a colorful habitat for caterpillars and butterflies.

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## St. Clair County Farm Museum

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Bill is an award-winning radio journalist and News Director for WPHM and the Blue Water News Network.

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He is a former Port Huron City Councilmember, a former Blue Water Festival director, a former board President of MainStreet Port Huron, and was a vice-president of the Michigan Waterways Council of the Girl Scouts of America. He has also participated in a number of committees with the St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Bill is an avid college basketball fan, loves a wide variety of music, and lives with a princess in Wales Township.



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## May

- 14 Pink Floyd Laser Spectacular at Lexington Village Theatre - 6:30 & 9 pm
- 27-28 Moore Public Library Book and Plant Sale 9 am-5 pm Friday- Saturday
- 29 Rare Earth at Lexington Village Theatre - 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 30 Memorial Day Parade, Downtown- 11 am

## June

- 4 BikeMich - 10 am
- 4 Glenn Miller Orchestra at Lexington Village Theatre- 4 pm & 7:30 pm
- 4-5 Civil War Weekend - Downtown Lexington
- 10 Stories Behind the Songs at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 17 Carl Palmer ELP Legacy at Lexington Village Theatre- 8:30 pm
- 18 Almost Queen at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 18 Lakeside A&W Antique Tractor Show- 10 am-5 pm
- 18-19 Lakeside Craft Show- 10 am-6 pm (Sat.) 10 am-5 pm (Sun.)
- 24 Music in the Park - Bob Seger Tribute - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 25 American Idol winner Lee Dewey at Lexington Village Theatre-8:30 pm

## July

- 1 Independence Day Fireworks at dusk
- 2 Independence Day Parade - 11 am, Music in the Park - The Invasion-British Rock - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 3 Ray Scott at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 3 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast- Lexington Fire Dept. - 7 am-12 pm
- 8 Music in the Park - Taylor Tuckey - Country Western - The Harbor Stage 7:30pm
- 9 Lexington 5K Race, 1 Mile Fun Run & 2K Walk - Downtown, 8 am
- 9 Zoso- Led Zeppelin Tribute at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 & 9:30 pm
- 15 Music in the Park - The Dan Rafferty Band - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 16 Lexington Triathlon- Downtown Lexington Start 8 am
- 22 Music in the Park - Captured Detroit-Journey Tribute - The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 23 Lakeshore Garden Club Garden Walk- 9 am-5 pm
- 23 Sanilac County Humane Society - Battle of the Bands - The Harbor Stage 7 pm
- 24 Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver at Lexington Village Theatre- 6 pm
- 29 Music in the Park - The Groove Council-R&B- The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm

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# Lexington's 2016-2017 of Events

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## August

- 5-6 Moore Public Library Book Sale – 9 am- 5 pm (Fri.) 9 am-3 pm (Sat.)
- 5 Barbara Payton & The Instigators at Lexington Village Theatre – 8:30 pm
- 5 Music in the Park – The Madcat Midnight Blues Journey-  
The Harbor Stage- 7:30 pm
- 6-7 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair- Downtown Lexington
- 14 Ted Nugent at Lexington Village Theatre- 8 pm
- 12-14 Antique Yard Sale Trail Lexington & Surrounding areas
- 12 Music in the Park – Elton Rohn-Elton John Tribute -  
The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 19 Music in the Park – Dave Bennett's 'Rockin' the 50s' -  
The Harbor Stage 7:30 pm
- 20 Junior Brown at Lexington Village Theatre – 8 pm
- 26-27 Margaritafest- Lexington Harbor

## September

- 2 Lonestar at Lexington Village Theatre- 7 pm & 9:30 pm
- 3 Thumbfest Music Festival, Downtown – 10 am- 10 pm
- 10 Bach Trot - Downtown Lexington- 9 am-10 am
- 16-18 Bach Festival St. Denis Catholic Church
- 24 Donny Most at Lexington Village Theatre - 4 pm & 7 pm
- 24-25 Lexington Heritage Days - Downtown Lexington

## October

- 8 Paul Thorn at Lexington Village Theatre – 8 pm
- 15 Late Nite Catechism at Lexington Village Theatre- 8:30 pm
- 29 Halloween in Lexington, Downtown- 1 pm

## November

- 5 Kamikaze Fireflies at Lexington Village Theatre- 4 pm & 7:30 pm
- 5-6 Holiday Market Squares/ Open House Weekend
- 12 TBA at Lexington Village Theatre
- 11-13 Girlfriend's Getaway Weekend
- 23 Australia's Thunder from Down Under, Lexington Village Theatre- 7 & 9:30pm

## December

- 3 Christmas Tree Lighting and Merchant Luminary Walk- 5 pm -9 pm
- 10 Christmas Horse Parade- Downtown Lexington- 2 -3 pm
- 23 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Eve-Eve Sing Along - Lexington Brewing Co & Wine House 6 -9 pm
- 31 TBA at Lexington Village Theatre

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# Lexington

A charming harbor village on the shores of Lake Huron, situated 20 miles north of Port Huron, Lexington has earned the moniker of the first resort north. Visitors experience the relaxed feeling of an “up north” resort area with a short easy drive.



Summer brings the Music in the Park series presented by the Lexington Arts Council, a free concert series on Friday nights June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with Margarita Fest. The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Lexington Fine Arts Street fair is held August

The Village of Lexington offers an appealing combination of sophistication and history, along with a touch of nostalgia for a way of life of years gone by. Unique shops, cultural entertainment and family dining, along with B&Bs and a wealth of quaint cottages await your visit. Visitors enjoy recreational facilities and modern facilities in a charming lifestyle of a century ago.

The historic downtown shopping district leads you to a State Harbor of refuge with a limestone seawall, featuring a walkway surrounded by breathtaking views of Lake Huron. The clean open beachfront area provides swimming, boating, kayaking and other water activities. Bike paths through the village and up to the Thumb area are just a part of Lexington’s recreational opportunities. Lexington’s Tierney Park and Lester Park are filled with tennis courts, walking trails, soccer fields, a pickle ball court and lakeside benches to relax and enjoy the view. Nearby golf courses and driving ranges will please the golfer in the family. State parks, RV facilities and camping are only a few miles from Lexington.

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> featuring over 125 artists and fine crafters to the streets of the downtown area. Thumbfest, a celebration of traditional music fills the streets of Lexington on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A Bach Festival, classic car shows, motorcycle shows and tractor shows are also held in Lexington’s busy summer schedule. An active Lexington Business Association coordinates events and activities all summer long. One of the most popular events is the celebration of Independence Day with a harbor front display of Fireworks on July 1<sup>st</sup> and an All American parade on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a celebration like you remember- family, friends and Americana at its best. A schedule of events and details can be found at [www.lexingtonmichigan.org](http://www.lexingtonmichigan.org).

Visit Lexington, you’ll find something for everyone in a relaxed setting. It’s the kind of Lakeside village you’ll remember fondly.

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# Lexington Village Theatre



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Lexington Village Theatre is billed as 'The Premiere Performance Venue,' committed to bringing world-class

entertainment to the Blue Water Area. Located in the Harborview Plaza, the Lexington Village Theatre features a variety of cultural productions that enrich the community.

The theatre has welcomed multi-award winning artists including LeeAnn Womack, John Waite, Time Jumpers with Vince Gill, Little River Band, Marty Stuart, Jeff Daniels and The Bacon Brothers. Entering its third season, the 2016 lineup includes the group Lone Star, Ted Nugent, Junior Brown and Donny Most from Happy Days, plus big bands, classic rock, country, gospel, tribute bands and an American Idol winner. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at (810) 359-5108 or at [LexingtonVillageTheatre.com](http://LexingtonVillageTheatre.com).

The intimate theatre seats just 293 people in a comfortable setting with full-bar service available. Every seat gives you a close up and personal view of the entertainment.

Theatre owners, Mike and Lanae Kettlewell, are native to the area with both having graduated from Croswell-Lexington High School. The Kettlewells also own and operate two restaurants including the Village Pub along with Sweetwater Gourmet Deli & Bar. Both of these establishments are located within the Harborview Plaza, adjacent to the Lexington Village Theatre.

Come visit beautiful Lexington, Michigan – the 'First Resort North' and check out the Lexington Village Theatre.



# Croswell



Croswell, home of the "Swinging Bridge", (pictured) is a community with pioneer spirit, hometown values and progressive thinking. Visitors will find much to do and see in Croswell.

The Swinging Bridge Festival to be held August

5-6, provides entertainment and activities for the whole family. The festival highlights the community's foot-traffic bridge. Affectionately known as the "be good to your mother-in-law bridge", it is 139 feet in length and is a one-of-a-kind for Michigan. Completed in 1905 the bridge provides easy access to Riverbend Park. Festival highlights include cardboard boat races and a fireworks display.

Riverbend Park features a picnic area, covered pavilion and playground. To get to the park, go north on Howard to the traffic light, turn west, go over the Sanborn Bridge, then north on Nims. The park is on the banks of the Black River and is located in the downtown area.

Shoppers will find many goods and services in the downtown area and on M-90. Businesses offer groceries, hardware, appliances, furniture, automotive parts, jewelry, flowers, antiques, banking and family-style restaurants. A stop downtown wouldn't be complete without a visit to some of the oldest family-owned and operated businesses in Croswell; Westbrook Hardware (1888) and Nehmer's Jewelry (1919). If you remember the sound of old hardwood floors and the smell of "counter candy" then stop in the Pabst Ben Franklin dime store (1934), you won't be disappointed.

Also, if other time-honored traditions suit your fancy, then the Croswell Agricultural Fair is a must see. Events are June 15-21 at the Croswell Fairgrounds. You can't beat the excitement this 131 year-old fair offers. To get to the fairgrounds, take M-90 to Croswell Road, turn North and follow the signs.

Call the Croswell/Lexington Chamber of Commerce at (810) 359-2292 for more information.



# Port Sanilac

The vibrant village of Port Sanilac is filled with activities and fun throughout the year!

Beginning Memorial Day weekend is the Farmer's Market every Friday from 3 -7 pm through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Stop by on your way to the cabin or campground to pick up some goodies.

The weekend following Memorial Day brings Civil War Days. With re-enactments of great battles and great speeches, and historical presentations on the underground railroad, this event is sure to be educational and enjoyable. This weekend also marks the beginning of our summer concert series, Music at the Harbor. Every Saturday night through Labor Day come to Harbor Park for a free concert.

Later in the summer is the fantastic 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration which includes the annual parade. Don't miss the children's concert in the park immediately following the parade. The evening of the parade brings a dinner social at the Lutheran church followed by Music at the Harbor and finally the fireworks. Port Sanilac offers the finest fireworks in the Thumb. The third weekend of July brings the Bark Shanty Festival and all of its exciting



activities. From shanty races to 5K races, from talent shows to live entertainment, and from childrens' games to carnival adventure rides, the Bark Shanty Festival offers something for the entire family!

On August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, join us for our Antique Boat Show which features antique, wooden vessels from the early twentieth

century. There will be boat races and live entertainment, a beer tent and excellent food, and fun to be had by the whole family.

You can also participate in the Antique Yard Sale Trail. From Sebewaing in the north to Marine City in the south the Antique Yard Sale Trail is the place to be for bargain hunters and antique collectors.

As fall comes around the Boo Fest blows into town. Stopping at the Sanilac County Historical Museum, families will be able to participate in scarecrow decorating contests, treasure hunts, and other exciting events. All events are free.

These are just a few of the wondrous activities that Port Sanilac offers visitors.

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We not only greet you like Royalty, we crown our Royal Family on Friday of the festival. Our King and Queen of Bologna and Prince and Princess of Hot Dog reign over the festivities and are cheered on for their hard work and dedication. The money they raise helps keep our festival virtually free to everyone who comes. Main Street is shut down for the event which includes: a Bike Parade, Bologna Baby Contest, C. Roy Bologna Roy, Craft Show, Outhouse Races, Horseshow Tournament, Cardboard Boat Race, Bologna Derby, Golf Cart Parade, and the best of all, the Big Bologna Parade.

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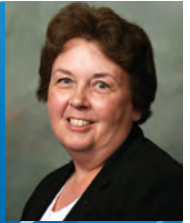
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# Fewer Local Road Projects in 2016

Motorists get a bit of a break this year after decades of work along I-69, I-94 and the Blue Water Bridge. The Port Huron area now sports a modern interchange of two interstates and revamped roadways leading to and from Canada. Millions of dollars have been poured into the area with the projects that included several new bridges for the interchange as well as spans over the Black River. A new Michigan Department of Transportation Welcome Center was also opened last year along westbound lanes of I-94. During the summer months it is open 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. with restrooms available 24-hours a day.



Wales Center Road. The project is expected to wrap up in October.

Elsewhere, M-25 to Lexington will see detours around the bridge over Mill Creek in Sanilac County. Various preparation work will happen until the start of the planned August 22<sup>nd</sup> bridge replacement. The

Michigan Department of Transportation says the bridge is expected to reopen to traffic in November.

Locals projects set for 2016 by the St. Clair County Road Commission include a pair of roundabouts being installed in Kimball Township at the Range-Griswold and Allen-Lapeer Avenue intersections. Other plans call for a new Smiths Creek bridge over the Belle River and improvements to Dove Street between Michigan and 32<sup>nd</sup> in Port Huron Township.

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Sandusky was incorporated as a village in 1885 and was named by Wildman Mills. He was a large landowner and lumberman in the area. Mills named the city after Sandusky, Ohio where he was a former resident and a tribute to his father who also named the Ohio city.

In 1879 Sandusky became the county-seat and was renamed Sanilac Centre because it was located in the exact center of the county. The name reverted back to Sandusky when the city was incorporated in 1905.

Sandusky offers all of the services and resources you would expect from a much larger city, while maintaining its rural character and small town values. Agriculture, industry and retail converge in the area of this progressive, hardworking community.

Sandusky offers many recreational opportunities and is a beehive of activity. Not only are ORV's permitted on all city streets, it's also home to several annual celebrations including the Michigan Thumb Festival (last full weekend in June), the Sanilac County 4-H Fair in August, as well as the ever popular Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade and Miss Sanilac County Scholarship Pageant in December. The town features more than 60

acres of public parks, a tri-plex movie theater, as well as the Colleen J. Howe Hockey Arena (October-April). The arena was named in honor of the late wife of hockey legend Gordie Howe. Mrs. Howe was born and raised in the area and the Howes were

instrumental contributors to the formation of the Sanilac County Hockey Association.

The Sandusky Municipal Airport (Y83) is located just 2.5 miles north of town. It features a modern paved 3100' runway and fuel service. Sandusky's Industrial Park is located on the east side of town and offers both lots and existing buildings for sale. Several incentives exist for developers.

Visitors will find quaint antique and specialty shops in the historic downtown shopping district, that are complemented by larger K-Mart and Walmart shopping on the west side. Two motels, 17 full service and franchise restaurants, gift stores, auto dealers, farm implement sales and outdoor power equipment dealers are just a sampling of 200+ businesses ready to serve your needs.

Look just 5 miles east and you will find one of the few remaining Drive-In Theaters (Memorial Day-Labor Day).

## **This year's events include:**

**Thumb Festival** - In the heart of the thumb enjoy family fun during Sandusky's annual Thumb Festival. This year's dates are June 24-26, 2016. There's something for everyone during the festival.

**Country Christmas** - December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are this year's dates for Michigan's original Country Christmas Lighted Implement Parade. Mark your calendars for Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm to be a part of the Tree Lighting Ceremony, caroling and sing-a-long. Then bring everyone back on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for kids activities, craft show, live manger scene, and the lighted implement parade at 7pm.

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Sarnia and Point Edward (the community at the foot of the bridge) are known for their beautiful waterfront

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The varied entertainment offerings include professional summer theatres in Grand Bend, Petrolia, and Forest, or a varied line-up at the Imperial Theatre in Sarnia's riverfront district.

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