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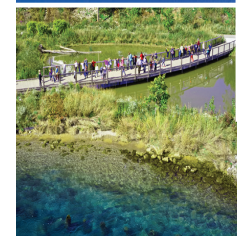
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Each year it is our goal to provide a comprehensive list of all Thumb area events. With the Covid-19 outbreak we understand there may be significant changes/cancellations to scheduled events. Please take a moment to search for any events online before planning to attend. Also make preparations before heading out. For the safety of everyone, please practice social distancing of six feet, carry a face mask and stay home if you show any signs of illness.



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This is your guide to all the amazing possibilities our area has to offer, so jump in now, **the water's fine!**

You will find a complete list of events and experiences that will make your visit to the Port Huron region one you will absolutely want to share when you return home. Who knows, you may even decide it's time to embrace a new life on the fresh, blue waters of the Port Huron region.

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In Memoriam

Serving as the General Manager of RadioFirst for nearly 45 years, **Larry Smith** published Vacationland for decades. His enthusiasm for the beauty and potential of our communities is still evident in these pages. We will always strive to live up to his standard of publishing "the best book yet" as we dedicate the 2020 Vacationland to his memory.



Croswell

**August 4 - 8
Agricultural Fair**
Events listed at croswellfair.org

**August 8
Truck Show**
8:00 a.m., Downtown Croswell

**November 28
Christmas Parade
and Fireworks**
Stroll at 4; Parade at 6;
Fireworks immediately following

Croswell is home to the "Swinging 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. Riverbend Park, located in the downtown area, features a picnic area, covered pavilion and playground on the banks of the Black River.

Don't miss the Croswell Agricultural Fair where visitors can enjoy the carnival, midway, harness racing and bump and run events in addition to viewing the area's agricultural accomplishments. To get to the fairgrounds, take M-90 to Croswell Road, turn north and follow the signs.



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Variety is the spice of recreational life in the Fort with a two acre dog park, an ADA accessible canoe and kayak launch on the Black River, miles of paved bike paths around nature preserves and a gorgeous park on the

shore of Lake Huron with a beach, playground, and picnic and restroom facilities. Fort Gratiot is St. Clair County’s premier township to call home for a week or a lifetime.

For more information, visit fortgratiot.us

Fort Gratiot PetSafe Canine Commons, 4788 Parker Rd: a 2-acre dog park with separate fenced areas for small/medium and medium/large dogs. The park is open to all, year round, dawn to dusk. There is no fee to use the park.

[fortgratiot.us]

Fort Gratiot Pond, 4888 Parker Rd: features pavilions, a pond with covered dock, playground equipment and parking for and access to the Fort Gratiot bike path. The Fort Gratiot Yacht Club can be found racing RC boats throughout the summer. The free fall family event, Scarecrow Saturday, is also held at this park.

Kettlewell Pond, between 24th Avenue and Parker Road: accessible from the Fort Gratiot Bike path, in the Fort Gratiot pond area.

Fort Gratiot Nature Preserve, Parker Road, south of the dog park

North River Road Park, 3055 North River Rd: Features two tennis courts which are also striped for pickle ball, a riverfront picnic pavilion, and an ADA accessible kayak and canoe launch.







Fort Gratiot Pond on Parker Road

September 26 Scarecrow Saturday

Held at Fort Gratiot Pond from 11am-2pm.
Pumpkin patch, petting zoo, pony and tractor rides,
bounce houses, live entertainment, magic show,
strolling juggler on stilts, straw maze, R/C boat
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Lakeport

Lakeport State Park

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. Stop in town to satisfy your appetite and visit one of the family style restaurants, grab an ice cream cone or relax at one of the cozy pubs with friends. Bed & Breakfasts and resort cabins are also available for overnight travelers.

Located 10 miles north of Port Huron, this lakefront community is also 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.



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.

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. The area features unique shops, cultural entertainment and family dining, along with B&B's and a wealth of quaint cottages.

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.

One of the most popular events is the celebration of Independence Day with a harbor front display of Fireworks and an All American Parade in July. The annual Lexington Fine Arts Street fair is held in August, bringing over 125 artists and fine crafters to the streets of the downtown area. A Bach Festival, classic car shows, motorcycle shows and tractor shows are also on their busy summer schedule. Thumbfest, a celebration of traditional music, is held in September.

For more information, visit lexingtonmichigan.org.best. A schedule of events and details can be found at www.lexingtonmichigan.org.

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Lexington's Calendar of Events

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MAY 2020

- 16 Lexington Fishing Tournament 6am-3pm
- 17 Tierney Park Clean up 9am-1pm
- 22-23 Moore Public Library Book Sale (Fri 9am- 5pm & Sat 9am-3pm)
- 25 Memorial Day Parade

JUNE 2020

- 3 Cruise Nights every Wednesday (through end of season) at Lexington's Lakeside A&W
- 13-14 Civil War Weekend (Sat 10am-4pm & Sun 10am – 3pm)
- 20 Antique Tractor Show at Lexington's Lakeside A&W
- 20-21 Lakeside Craft Show (Sat 10am-6pm & Sun 10am – 5pm)
- 21 Antique Car Show at Lexington's Lakeside A&W
- 26 Music in the Park 7:30pm

JULY 2020

- 1 Cruise Nights every Wednesday (through end of season) at Lexington's Lakeside A&W
- 2 Satisfaction- International Rolling Stones Show at Lexington Village Theatre at 8:00 pm
- 3 Independence Day Fireworks Lexington Harbor at Dusk
- 4 Independence Day Parade 11 am
- 4 Music in the Park 7:30pm
- 5 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 7am-11am
- 10 Music in the Park 7:30pm
- 10 RESCHEDULED: Rockstar's MTV 80's Spring Break presented by Babisz Insurance at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm
- 11 Cliff Erickson at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00pm
- 17 Music in the Park 7:30pm

JULY 2020 (Continued)

- 18 5K Run & Mile Fun Run
- 18 ZOSO- The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience at Lexington Village Theatre 7:00 & 9:30 pm
- 19 Glenn Miller Orchestra at Lexington Village Theatre 2:00 pm & 5:30 pm
- 24 Music in the Park 7:30pm
- 24 90's Dance Party w/Fool House presented at Lexington Village Theatre by Babisz Insurance 9:00 PM
- 31 Kiss The Sky - The Jimi Hendrix "Re"-Experience Tribute at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm
- 31 Moore Public Library Book Sale 9am-5pm
- 31 Music in the Park 7:30pm

AUGUST 2020

- 1 Moore Public Library Book Sale 9am-3pm
- 1 Comedian Rob Little at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 PM
- 1-2 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair (Sat 10am – 5pm & Sun 10am – 4 pm)
- 5 Cruise Nights every Wednesday (through end of season) at Lexington's Lakeside A&W
- 6-9 Antique Yard Sale Trail
- 7 Music in the Park 7:30pm
- 7 RESCHEDULED: The Prince Experience at Lexington Village Theatre at 8:00pm
- 14 Music in the Park 7:30pm
- 21-22 Margaritafest
- 22 Sweet Tea Trio at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 PM
- 25 Ted Nugent at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 2 Cruise Nights every Wednesday (through end of season) at Lexington's Lakeside A&W

SEPTEMBER 2020 (Continued)

- 5 Thumbfest 10am-10pm
- 17-20 Bach Festival
- 19 Rumours- A Fleetwood Mac tribute at Lexington Village Theatre 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm
- 25 Comedian Matt Holt at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm
- 27 Alex Guthrie, Cali Wilson, Max Boyle from The Voice Season 17 WSG Branden Pavlov at Lexington Village Theatre 6:00 pm

OCTOBER 2020

- 3 RESCHEDULED Into the Mystic: The Van Morrison Experience at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm
- 10 A Tribute to John Denver Starring Ted Vigil at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm
- 16 Journeyman- A Tribute to Eric Clapton - The Layla Tour at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm
- 17 1964 - The Tribute at Lexington Village Theatre 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 2020

- 5-8 Holiday Market Open House Weekend
- 22 An Evening with Jeff Daniels at Lexington Village Theatre 5:00 pm & 8:00 pm

DECEMBER 2020

- 5 Lexington's Christmas Tree Lighting, Downtown Lexington 7:00 pm
- 12 Lexington Old Fashioned Christmas Horse Parade 2:00 pm
- 13 A Carpenter's Christmas at Lexington Village Theatre 3:00 pm & 6:00 pm

*Events, dates and times are subject to change.



Marine City

July 31 - August 2
Maritime Days
October 3
Pumpkin Palooza
December 5
Merrytime Christmas

No trip to the area or along the St. Clair River would be complete without a visit to Marine City. With a boutique hotel, The Inn on Water Street, local shopping, antiquing, entertainment and restaurants galore, it's definitely one of the area's destination locations. If you've never been there or it's been awhile since your last visit, make sure you include it in your plans.



Marine City is a great place to catch a sunrise coming up over Canada. While you're there, enjoy the riverfront from the parks along the shoreline - try fishing off the seawall, take a hike on the trail or just take the time to watch the many freighters and pleasure craft that pass up and down the river. If you're planning a day visit, you might even consider coming by boat and tying up to a transient dock.

Enjoy breakfast, a light snack or coffee, and lunch from one of the many cafes and restaurants in town. Walk, bike or drive around to see and appreciate the exquisitely renovated historic buildings. Visit the historic landmark, the Peche Island Range Light, on the bank of the St. Clair River. Shop for antiques, souvenirs or a yummy treat to take home. Finish your day with a night out for dinner and a theater performance. The Snug and Riverbank theaters offer professional, live performing arts productions year round.



Marysville

Marysville Bike Path

Recreational opportunities abound along Marysville's riverfront. Public access to the St. Clair River stretches nearly 1.5 miles along River Road from the northern boundary of Marysville City Park to just south of Cuttle Road near the golf course. Unrestricted waterfront views enhance recreational opportunities such as

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- Marysville's prime location on the U.S.-Canadian border gives it international business appeal - several major corporations make their homes here.
- The award-winning high school, ranked in the top 100 schools in the state, by U.S. News and World Report and recognized as St. Clair County's top school district.
- Marysville City Park draws visitors and events from around the region, renovated Little League Baseball fields, and seasonal festivals. The beautiful 18-hole municipal golf course along the St. Clair River attracts golfers from across Michigan and across the border. Recently updated Chrysler Beach features a new fishing pier and playground along with a renovated boat launch with charging station and WiFi.

To learn more about what makes Marysville an ideal place to visit and a great place to live, give us a call. Better yet, visit us and see for yourself.

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- Fish cleaning station
- Concession stand
- Ample parking
- Restrooms
- Wi-fi & charging station available
- Living Shoreline (east of Marysville Golf Course)
- 2.7 acres of land plants native to Michigan along boardwalk
- Aquatic habitat/wave break to promote fish spawning
- Concrete/elevated wooden boardwalk
- Marysville Golf Course 18-hole municipal golf course located along the St. Clair River



Summer Concerts at the Bandshell

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July 1

Voo-Doo Doctors

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July 15

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July 22

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Port Huron

Downtown Port Huron

The City of Port Huron stretches seven picturesque miles along the shore of the St. Clair River and Lake Huron, serving as an international border crossing marked by the iconic Blue Water Bridges.

Port Huron and the surrounding area is one of the top tourist destinations in Michigan and Midwest. Home to the Island Loop National Water Trail, Port Huron is surrounded by water with a 10.2 mile long waterway. This distinction is one of only 14 in the country and has made Port Huron a must see destination for boaters and kayakers. Visitors will find multiple public access areas to enjoy their time on the water.

Not a boater? No worries as there are miles of trails along the water and wilderness throughout the area

that are great for biking/hiking/walking and plenty of space along the river to fish or just watch Great Lakes freighters go by. You'll also find some of the Great Lakes best beaches on the shores of Lake Huron. Cookouts, splash pads, paddle boards, playgrounds and volleyball are just a few of the places and activities you'll find in any number of Port Huron parks.

Port Huron isn't just a great place to visit, but a perfect place to work or start a new business. Port Huron has experienced a surge of growth in available housing and job opportunities, including an incredible revitalization of its downtown area. With game changing investments in the area's school district, healthcare and educational opportunities, Port Huron is one of the top places in the Midwest to start a career and family.

Blue Water Trolley

The Blue Water Trolley, Michigan's finest tourist value, is brought to you by Blue Water Area Transit and local area merchants. The trolley tours the beautiful Blue Water Area, where two countries, U.S.A. and Canada, come together across the St. Clair River.

The one hour tour, which includes a swing by various local points of interest, takes you through the heart of Port Huron and along the river front for a panoramic glimpse of the Blue Water Bridges, the Thomas Edison Statue and Depot. The starting point for each run is downtown at 331 Huron Avenue on the hour, every

hour beginning at 12 noon. The last tour departs at 4pm. You can also catch the trolley at the Blue Water Transit Bus Center transfer point, where other system buses interconnect, and at other designated stops shown on the Tour Map.

Trolley Fares are still just 10 cents per person. The fare for Senior Citizens (60 and up) and persons with valid Medicare cards and handicapped is 5 cents.

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Blue Water River Walk

The Blue Water River Walk is almost one-mile of St. Clair River shoreline immediately south of the mouth of the Black River in Port Huron, Michigan. It is less than a mile downriver from the Blue Water Bridge to Sarnia and the southern end of Lake Huron. Owned by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, the Blue Water River Walk is open to the public year-round.

The shoreline used to create this beautiful River Walk was donated to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County by local philanthropist James C. Acheson at Christmas of 2011.

Observation Dock: the old railroad ferry dock, which dates back to the early 1900's, has been fully restored

and re-opened to the public. Once used to help transport goods back-and-forth to Sarnia, the Ferry Dock is now a beautiful patio overlooking the St. Clair River.

Pedestrian Trail: using partial funding from the Transportation Enhancement Grant Program of MDOT, the Community Foundation raised matching private donations that allowed us to build a 10' wide asphalt pedestrian trail along the entire length of the shoreline. This trail is a key component of the Bridge to Bay Trail system.

Outdoor Classroom: At the north end of the River Walk, just north of the Observation Dock, is our Outdoor Classroom. Intended as a true interactive

learning environment, the Outdoor Classroom is meant to teach the public about the St. Clair River ecosystem and the plant and wildlife habitat found along the River Walk.

Shoreline & Habitat Restoration: Approximately 4,300 feet of St. Clair River shoreline was completely restored and rehabilitated in 2013, utilizing the grant funding from the GLRI. In the spring of 2014 we completed our shallow water habitat restoration efforts. During this work, and including the Pilot Phase work done in 2012, almost 7,000 tons of debris was removed from the site.

County Wetlands Park: Our partners at St. Clair County Parks & Recreation received a \$1 million grant

to develop a new wetlands park on the very southern end of the River Walk.

Fishing Pier: To help enhance public access for fishing and recreation, the Community Foundation built a fishing pier on the southern end of the River Walk, just south of the Gray Fox ship.

Public Art: One of the many fantastic enhancements of the Blue Water River Walk is public art. Adding public art and artifacts is another way we have been able to embellish our River Walk and make it more interesting for visitors.

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One of BoatNerd's most popular components is a daily news page that reports on the comings and goings of lake vessels, port news and other industry concerns such as water levels and invasive species, as well as what ships have been renamed, sold or are headed for scrap.

Visitors can also participate in online forums and post their own boat pictures for others to see, a popular aspect of the site.

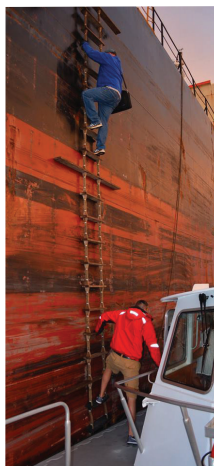
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Pilot boats ferry pilots to all foreign flag vessels that travel the St. Lawrence Seaway. All foreign-flag vessels over 300 gross tons are required to carry pilots while transiting the St. Lawrence Seaway/Great Lakes System.

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 boats currently stationed in Port Huron are the Huron Belle, the Huron Maid and the Huron Spirit, pictured above. All three 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.

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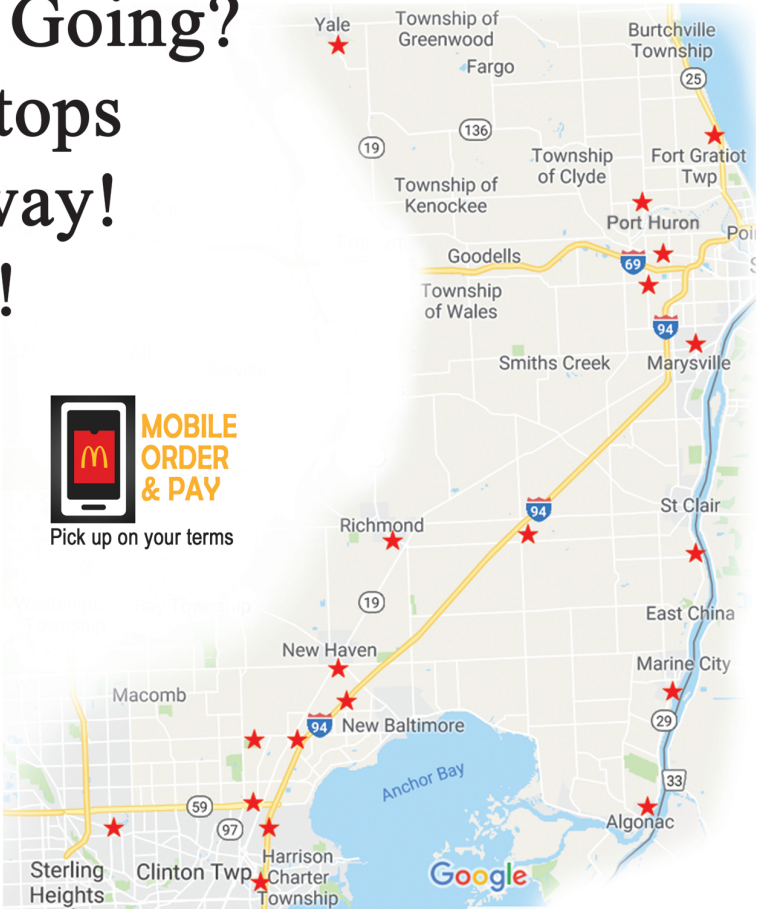
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The Grayfox

The Grayfox is a training ship used for training in all aspects of shipboard operations, mostly for Sea and Marine Cadets, NJROTC and other youth organizations. Finances needed to operate the vessel come from donations, grants, and fund raising activities conducted by the crew. She is also used as a designated Navy Reserve site.

Built by Marinette Marine in Marinette, WI in 1985, she was one of ten 120-foot type Torpedo Weapons Retrievers (TWR) and was used to launch and retrieve test torpedoes and targets. She was assigned to the U.S. Navy Atlantic Undersea Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEC), Andros Island, Bahamas. In 1985, with the changing development of underwater weapons, TWR 825 was no longer needed by the Navy and she was taken to Green Cove Springs, Florida and placed in mothballs. It was there that the vessel was discovered by an enterprising group of sponsors who decided the Sea Cadets needed a ship to train on. A



[nscsgrayfox.org]

request was made to the Secretary of the Navy to have her transferred to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Approval was given and TWR 825 was obtained on August 15, 1997. She arrived in Port Huron, Michigan on August 26, 1997 to a group of excited onlookers.

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



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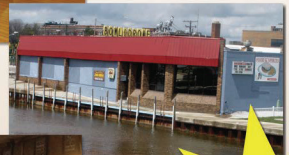



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Overlooking the St. Clair River in the Desmond Landing area of Port Huron, the Y offers a wide variety of programs and services for the family. With competitive and recreation pools, multi-sport gym, Duffy Wellness Center, aerobics studio, and Child Watch and Kid Zone services, there is something for everyone at the Y.

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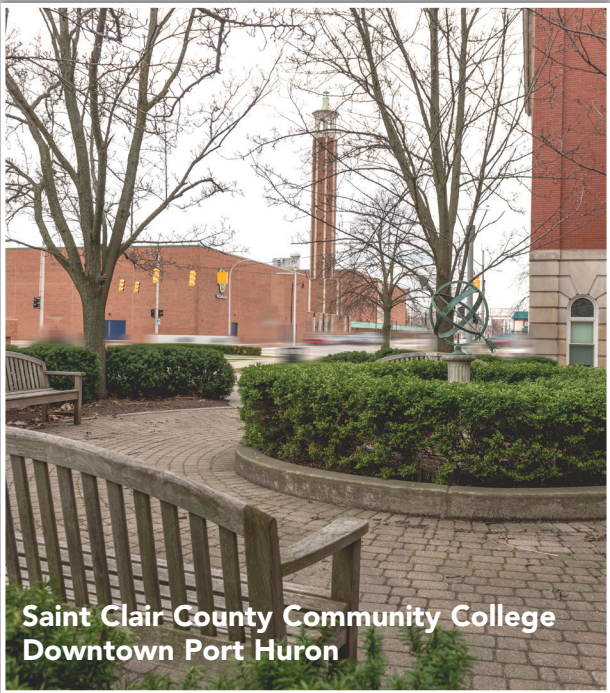
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museum's collection also includes antique cars, an antique ice truck, a license plate collection, a milk industry bottle collection and milk trucks, an antique collection of hundreds of dolls and buggies and a gift shop.

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. Once



cleared, measured and cut, the 300 lb. blocks of ice were loaded onto horse drawn flatbed wagons and taken to the ice house, where they stacked and packed, using sawdust for insulation. The blocks were delivered by wagon to homes and

business for use in ice boxes to keep food fresh.

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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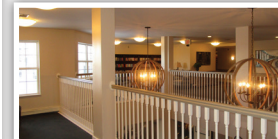
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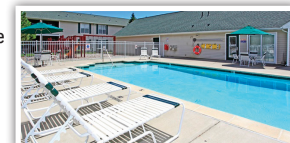
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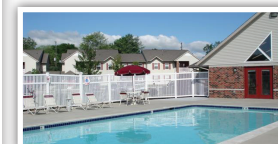
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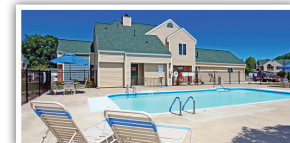
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controllable pitch propeller. Hollyhock is equipped with bow and stern thrusters, in addition to a 20-ton hydraulic, 60-foot telescoping beam Appleton crane. She carries a crew of eight officers and 42 enlisted

personnel.

The Hollyhock's Dynamic Positioning System allows a computer to take control of the engines, rudder, propeller and thrusters and can hold the ship within a 10-meter circle in winds up to 30 knots and eight foot seas, which allows pinpoint positioning of buoys. The vessel is responsible for nearly 150 aids-to-navigation on the lower Great Lakes.

The Hollyhock is the 14th Juniper Class Seagoing Buoy Tender built out of a projected 16 of this class. She is 225 feet long, displaces 2,000 long tons, and is powered by two diesel engines which power a single

10th Annual Art on the River



Art on the River is an art and music festival that is returning to Port Huron for its 10th year. The festival is held in Keifer Park, on the banks of the St. Clair River, 500 Merchant Street, Port Huron.

Friday it's all about the artists and crafters. Starting at 10 a.m. artists and crafters will be ready to show their works of art. Stop by and see what great gift ideas there are for personal purchases for your collection. The beverage tent opens at 5pm with Andy Bakko of Wolverine Market Port Huron ready to serve you some fantastic beverages. Starting at 7pm, the 3rd Annual Dance Party will be the happening place. The theme this year is 80s Dance starring Ultimate Sounds DJ

service. Wear your best 80s attire for a chance at a prize!

On Saturday, artists and crafters will be ready at 10am to kick off the day. Music will begin on the main stage at 2:30 p.m. Our local musicians are very excited to share their music with everyone and there will be a wide variety of music for everyone. Saturday is all about the Blues with some heavy hitters that night - Eliza Neals, Larry McCray and, finally, Tommy Castro and the Painkillers. All have toured the U.S. and we are honored to have them here in Port Huron!

Art on the River features many fine artists and crafters with all types of hand-made items for people to purchase. Many make great gifts for that "hard-to-buy for" family member or friend. There will be a list of artists and crafters that will be attending on the website.

Art on the River's featured artist is Cecil Williams. Mr. Williams is a local artist who is working on a unique piece of art just for this event.

Home Depot and Studio 1219 will be providing art and craft projects for the children to enjoy and take along with them. Art on the River is a family friendly event for every age.

To see more information about the event as it unfolds, please visit the website at artontheriverph.com.



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Each year, Port Huron Town Hall presents a series of five programs on Monday mornings at 10:30 am at the McMorran Place Theater. The celebrity performances cover a range of topics of interest to the community. In conjunction, Port Huron Town Hall offers a Luncheon Series available to those holding lecture tickets. The luncheons offer an up close, personal visit with the celebrity and an opportunity to ask questions. Many celebrities welcome autographs or photos. Port Huron Town Hall, a non-profit corporation, was founded in 1955 with the object of presenting lectures and entertainment for cultural, educational and charitable purposes. Port Huron Town Hall has presented over 300 programs and has given a total of \$155,000 to designated non-profit organizations dedicated to St. Clair County.

October 5, 2020 – Derek Hough - Season after season, millions of fans tuned into television's Dancing with the Stars to watch Derek Hough lead his partners to victory and claim an impressive six Mirror Ball trophies. Whether partnered with an Olympic gold medalist, a renowned recording star or a celebrated actress, Derek taught them how to see beyond their limits and realize their true potential.

November 9, 2020 – Spencer Stone - Former Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone was one of three men who helped thwart a terrorist attack on a Paris-bound

train in August 2015. Stone and his two friends saved hundreds of lives that day and their courage earned them honors both abroad and at home.

December 14, 2020 – Rochelle Pennington, A lively storyteller, Rochelle Pennington is also an award-winning newspaper columnist and author of 10 books. Her true account of the most storied shipwreck of the Great Lakes, The Historic Christmas Tree Ship, focuses on little-known facts surrounding this incident.

February 8, 2021 – Amy Dickinson - For more than a decade, syndicated advice columnist Amy Dickinson's column, Ask Amy: Advice for the Real World, has appeared in over 200 newspapers, being read daily by over 22 million people. Succeeding legendary advice columnist Ann Landers, Amy imparts advice and wisdom for her legion of fans.

March 8, 2021 – Lara Logan - Former CBS News chief correspondent and contributor to CBS 60 Minutes, Lara Logan will give us a behind-the-scenes look at foreign affairs in the media. Her bold reporting from war zones for more than twenty years has earned her prominence among foreign correspondents.

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In celebration of Craft Beer, Citizens for a Vibrant Community will once again team up with Wolverine Market Port Huron, to host the 8th Annual Port Huron Beer Festival.

The event will take place in Kiefer Park from 1pm to 6pm, on the banks for the St. Clair River. This park is located at 500 Merchant Street, between Beers and McMorran Blvd.

[September 26]

The day will be an 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 50 breweries, a majority from Michigan with others from around the country, will showcase their unique brews. Over 200 beers, ciders, mead and more will be available to sample. It's your chance to taste rare, hard to find AND limited release beers designated for this event. With the combined experience of Andy and Nate Bakko, owners of Wolverine Market, you will be able to taste some of the best beers available.

Visit the Port Huron Beer Festival website at phbeerfest.com for updates and more information. Tickets go on sale August 1. You can order your tickets on the website with any major credit card or purchase locally at Wolverine Market, 713 Huron Ave, Port Huron, MI 48060. Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the gate the day of the event. Taste and learn about craft beer at the Port Huron Beer Fest!

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The original Fort Gratiot 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 and the current lighthouse, the oldest in Michigan, was built north of the fort in 1829. The white painted brick tower was extended from 74' to its present 86' in the early 1860s.

The green flashing light was automated in 1933 and updated in 2016 and can be seen from 16 miles out in Lake Huron.

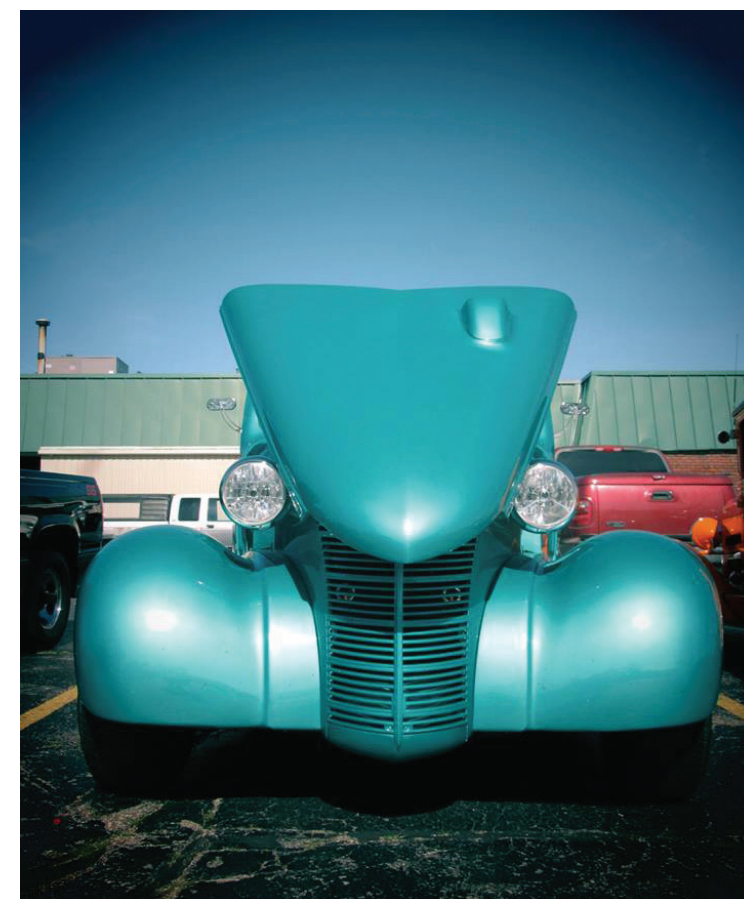
The entire campus has undergone a historic restoration under the ownership of St. Clair County Parks & Recreation Commission and the Port Huron Museum.

Cruise Weekend

Blue Water Cruise Weekend is one of the most anticipated weekends in the Port Huron Area. On Friday night, up to 50,000 spectators will turn out to view the car cruise along M-25 from Port Huron into Fort Gratiot Township. Businesses along the route will welcome the cars and spectators, with many setting up tents in their parking lots and inviting cruisers and viewers to park and enjoy the event.

Friday, June 26
Cruise Night
Saturday, June 27
Car Show

On Saturday, car enthusiasts get a chance to see those vehicles up close. The Keith Peterson Memorial Car Show will be held from 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. at Birchwood Mall in Fort Gratiot. The show expects over 150 vehicles and will have on stage entertainment throughout the day followed by fireworks.





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to Sarnia, Ontario and 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 offers dinner cruises throughout the summer. You can enjoy a fun, music-filled cruise down to the River Crab Restaurant's dock, have dinner inside the restaurant and finish with dessert aboard the Huron Lady on the way back to Port Huron.

The Huron Lady II also offers other specialty cruises throughout the season and can be chartered for private parties. A full bar and catering menu is available to create a special event that will have your guests talking about for years to come.

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Sturgeon Festival



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The Sturgeon Festival is a family-friendly event, sponsored by Friends of the St. Clair River and centered on providing close encounters with the "Giants of the Great Lakes". Browse a dozen indoor and outdoor displays with hands-on activities, drop-in a workshop, touch a live sturgeon and other native fish, or take a ride on an exclusive Huron Lady Sturgeon Cruise.

Sturgeon are phenomenal to see up close because they reach enormous size - weighing up to 150

pounds, growing over 7 feet, and living over 100 years. The St. Clair River supports the largest remaining population of threatened lake sturgeon. Over 10,000 lake sturgeon call underneath the Blue Water Bridges home which makes it possible to see these majestic fish if given the opportunity. At the Sturgeon Festival, we are bringing this unique opportunity to thousands of families each year.

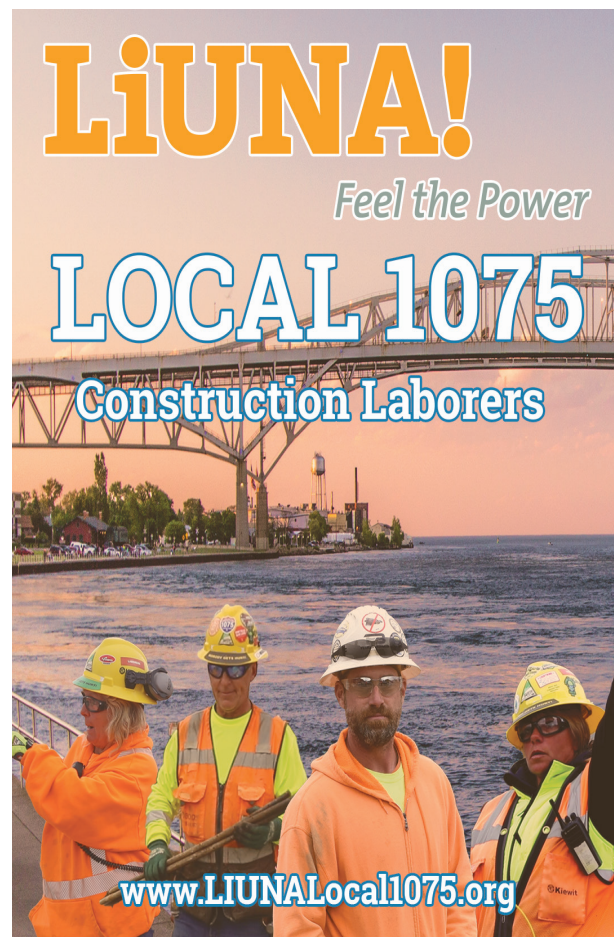
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Lake sturgeon populations have declined since the early 1900's, not just from historical over-fishing, but from habitat destruction and increasing pollution levels, and as a result were added to the Threatened Species list in Michigan. In recent years, the lake sturgeon has made something of a comeback due to completion of numerous spawning reefs in the St. Clair River. Sturgeon can be used as a spotlight species to gauge the health of the river, and with sturgeon numbers slowly on the rise we are assured that the health of the St. Clair River is also improving. A sustainable fish population and healthy river system is not only important for our health but it means increased recreation opportunities and tourism for the Blue Water Area.



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Atwater Brewery Bayview Mackinac Race

The Atwater Brewery is the new sponsor of the Bayview Mackinac Race (the Port Huron to Mackinac Race). Atwater Brewery is a Michigan brewery well-known for its Dirty Blonde and Vanilla Java Porter that quickly became front runners in the Michigan market, along with Hop-a-Peel, an American IPA, and the Bronze World Beer Cup Winner, Decadent Dark Chocolate. They recently expanded their distribution to the east coast with great success.

This year's race will be the 96th consecutive year when the sailboats leave the starting line in southern Lake Huron on Saturday, July 11th. Almost 300 boats are expected to compete in this year's race. The boats are measured to determine handicaps, which are subtracted from their elapsed sailing time, except for the scratch boat. The scratch boat is the fastest boat in the fleet and is granted no time allowance handicap. Changes made in 2016 determine which course the boats can take. The changes set 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 must sail the longer Cove Island course, a distance of 298 statute miles. Slower boats will have the option of sailing either course. GPS tracking devices are placed on all participating sailboats so that fans from around the world are able to follow individual boats or the entire fleet on the Bayview Yacht Club websites. The smallest boats start the race first, typically reaching the finishing line in front of the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island on Sunday, with the larger vessels arriving by Tuesday.



Almost 300 boats are expected to compete in this year's race

Port Huron Float Down



Photo Credit: Peter Michael Photography Studio

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.

[Sunday, August 16]

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 say they are in no way organizing, sponsoring, planning, or promoting the community event.

According to the site, 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.

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.

If you decide to float down the St. Clair River in August, there are several things you must consider before jumping in. The current is swift and the water is cold. All floaters should have a reliable inflatable and a paddle so they are able 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. Floaters should also 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, do not enter the water. There are no lifeguards or safety personnel.



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Thumb Communities

Taking a drive north of Lexington, along the shoreline of Lake Huron, can be a great way to spend the day. It will take a full day to travel the coast to Port Austin and back, with stops along the way, but you will be rewarded with some interesting attractions that may make you want to return to spend more time in these villages and towns on the sunrise side of Michigan.

Port Sanilac

Port Sanilac is home to the Port Sanilac Lighthouse and a beautiful marina. Close by under the waters of Lake Huron, is the 163-acre Sanilac Shores Underwater Preserve. This preserve has at least 16 shipwrecks for those that are interested in diving. The Sanilac County Historic Village and Museum offers a glimpse into what life was like in the area in the 1800's.

Harbor Beach

Harbor Beach also boasts a lighthouse and visitors can travel the paved, multi-use Harbor View Trail to take in the water views.

Port Hope

Port Hope offers another lighthouse that still serves as an active navigational aid, the Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse and Museum at the Lighthouse County Park.

Port Austin

The Port Crescent State Park offers visitors a taste of the Lake Huron coast with a boardwalk through the small sand dune grass and beach for swimming.

Charters are available on Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay for those wanting to spend more time in the area.

A stop in close by Grindstone City and a visit to the General Store will give visitors a chance to enjoy what they say is the biggest ice cream cones in the Thumb. Grindstone City was the site of a quarry and produced grindstones used for milling and many are visible and scattered throughout the area.

Named for its distinctive shape and a major attraction in the area, Turnip Rock is a destination for kayak and canoe enthusiasts and can only be reached by water.



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Richmond offers a wide variety of recreational activities for the outdoor enthusiast through its many municipal parks as well as a comprehensive sidewalk system throughout the city. The Macomb Orchard Trail, a 23.5 mile linear park, begins in Richmond and connects to a network of trails. The trail is an integral part of the Great Lake to Lake Route 1 trail, which will span from Port Huron to South Haven. Join us for fun and fitness!

The Annual Richmond Area Good Old Days Festival is the highlight of summer for many people. The festival is known for offering a wide variety of events throughout each of the four days including the State's largest marching musical parade. For information visit www.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.org.

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[tourismsarnialambton.com]

Check out Canatara Park & Beach, an International Blue Flag Designated Beach or travel the Cheers to the Coast Trail, stopping to visit the many craft breweries, wineries, hard cider and mead producers in the area. Attend a festival or one of the area's special events, including professional theatre productions at the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia. Enjoy boutique shopping or sample the diverse culinary offerings of the many establishments throughout the area.

Just outside Sarnia, the Blue Coast offers unparalleled recreation with 20 golf courses, unique museums and

in-water events including high-speed boat racing, sailing and fishing for trout, salmon walleye, bass and more. Parks are found all along the shoreline of the river and lake, providing ample opportunities for day trips. The area is popular for extended stays, with varied accommodations available ranging from campsites to resort hotels.



St. Clair

St. Clair is located at the center of the memorable Blue Water Area. 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.

Palmer Park, in the center of St. Clair, has the world's longest freshwater boardwalk where visitors can enjoy the serenity of a beautiful sunrise or watch as 1,000' lake freighters pass by.

Pickerel (walleye) and perch fishing are especially popular here. If you're like most fishermen, you'll be excited to find yourself in the same spots the locals have favored for years. As a boating enthusiast, you'll fall in love with the Saint Clair Boat Harbor with its 120 boat slips. And, if you're a golfer, don't forget the clubs; there are a number of popular courses.

Summer events include craft shows, a juried art fair, and the St. Clair Riverfest and River Classic Offshore Powerboat Race.

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. For more information on what the area has to offer, visit stclairontheriver.com.

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St. Clair Offshore Boat Race and Riverfest



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St. Clair River Classic Offshore Power Boat Race is held in downtown St. Clair. The race and music festival provide a filled weekend of activities in St. Clair.

[July 24 – 26
stclairriverfest.com]

The race is rated as one of the top offshore racing sites in the United States with teams from all over the country coming to race on the fresh blue waters of the St. Clair River. Several classes of boats, with the potential of as many as 11, take part in the races. The larger class boats are capable of speeds in excess of 175 miles per hour.

Great viewing is available from Palmer Park in downtown St. Clair and thousands of spectators turn out to watch the race and get up close and personal in the dry pit areas around town.

The St. Clair Riverfest is held the same weekend to add to the festivities.

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[June 27 – 28
stclairart.org]

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.

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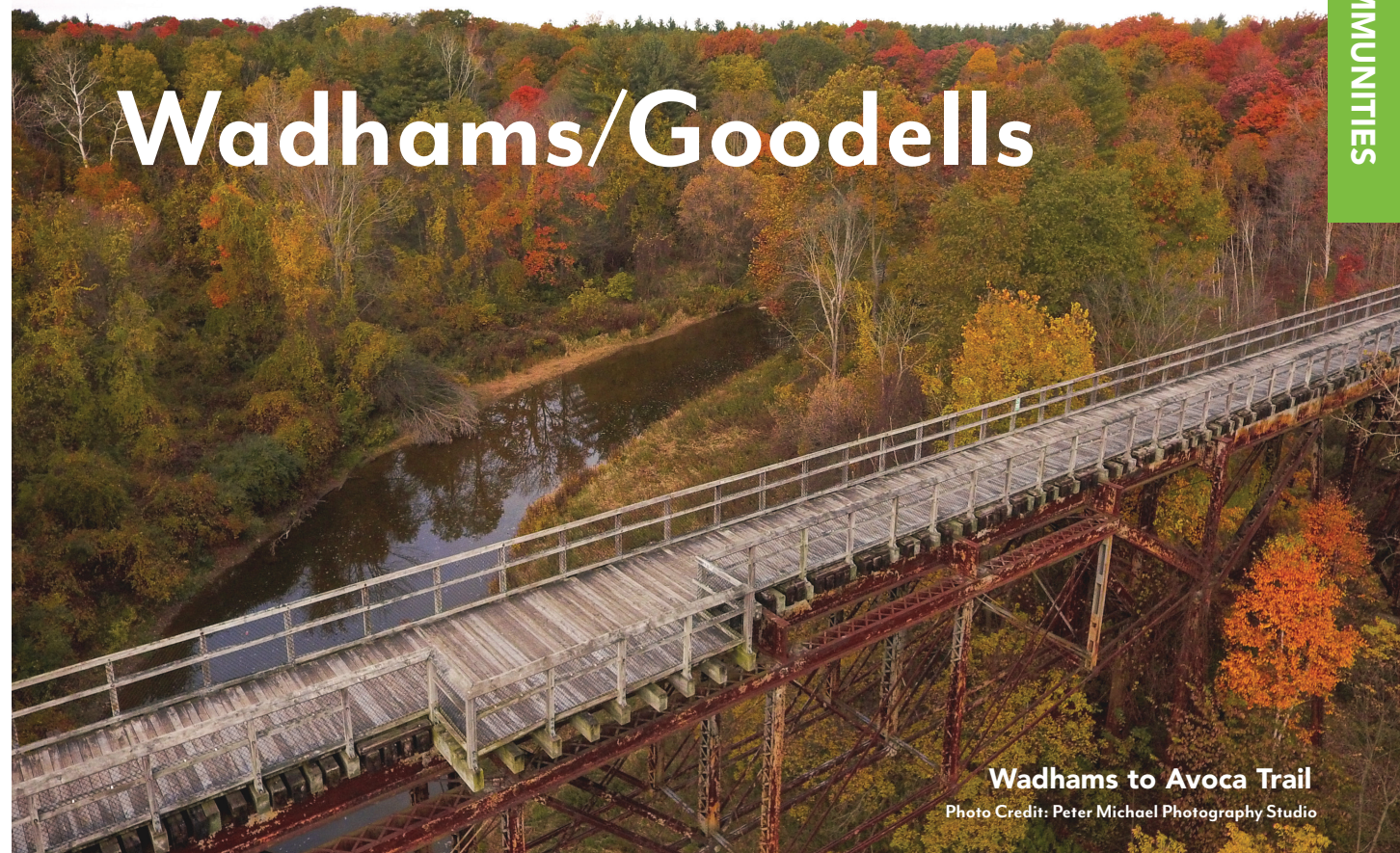
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Wadhams/Goodells



Wadhams to Avoca Trail

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Wadhams, a small community west of Port Huron, is located on the banks of the Black River. Due to its easy access to I-69 and I-94, it continues to thrive in order to accommodate the needs of residents and area travelers. This small town has everything a community needs - restaurants, banks and other businesses - as well as a large travel center for those passing through.

Summer brings many visitors to Wadhams and the surrounding area. One reason is the KOA Campground and Sawmill City. 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, bank shot basketball and water slides.

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Goodells County Park

Goodells County Park is located in the center of St. Clair County, close to I-69 and Lapeer Rd. The park is open daily from 8 am to 10 pm. Admission is free (except during some special events).

Visitors to the park can tour the Historical Village, which includes the Columbus Baptist Church, Murphy/Ryan Farmhouse (1872), Lynn Township School (1885), C.C. Peck Bank (1908), and the Mudge Log Cabin (1860), tributes to St. Clair County's rich history. The St.

Clair County Farm Museum is adjacent to the park. The museum is housed in the historic barns of the St. Clair County Poor Farm/Medical Centre (1873-1993) and represents over 150 years of farming in the county.

Other attractions include a Butterfly Garden, the perfect place for some quiet reflection, a playground area and a splashpad, which is open Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10 am to 8 pm.



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Western Communities

Memphis

Memphis, on the western county line, is technically an island, as you have to cross a bridge on all sides to get into town. It's known as home to "The Thing", a self-propelled vehicle, powered by a steam engine, built in 1884-1885 by Thomas and John Clegg in their Memphis machine shop. The historical marker states that The Thing was "the first recorded self-propelled vehicle in Michigan (and perhaps the country)" and that "It ran about 500 miles".

But addition to these unique facts, you'd also find that Memphis is a pleasant place to live. It's proximity to the suburbs of Detroit makes it a great place to call home and still have access to the big city. The Memphis Chamber of Commerce hosts an annual Memphis Days Festival the first full weekend of August. The festival includes carnival games, kids



events, a parade down main street, a 5k race, and vintage baseball to name a few of the activities.

For more information, visit the Memphis Area Chamber facebook page facebook.com/memphismichamberofcommerce

Imlay City

Community members and visitors alike love the Eastern Michigan State Fair, held each year at the end of July, and the Woods N Water Outdoor Weekend, held the second weekend in September. Both events draw thousands to Imlay City to enjoy family traditions, Michigan heritage, and local history.

July 28 – August 1
Eastern Michigan Fair

September 11 – 13
Woods-N-Water
Outdoor Weekend

The weekly farmers market is held downtown every Thursday, May through October, and hosts farmers, crafters and artisans where visitors experience the smell of fresh baked goods, the sounds of live music and the taste of summer!

To learn more about Imlay City, visit imlaycity.org.

Yale

Yale is a quaint little town in the Thumb of Michigan that celebrates its heritage with parades and festivals. The Bologna Festival, an annual celebration since 1989, is just one of the events that reminds visitors of what's special about small-town America. In honor of their bologna making history, Main Street is shut down for the 5 day event which includes such classics as

July 24 – 26
Yale Bologna Festival

Outhouse Races, Horseshoe Tournaments and the Big Bologna Parade. Experience small town life by visiting their central downtown shopping district or enjoying other annual events including fireworks and other holiday parades. **Check with the Yale Chamber of Commerce at yalechamber.com for information on activities and events.**



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parks, shopping, dining, and walking trails. River Street Marina has the State reservation system for their docking facilities. You can call 800-44-PARKS, the Harbormaster's office at (810) 984-9746 or visit midnrreservations.com.

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Maritime Center/Vantage Point



The Great Lakes Maritime Center offers a variety of opportunities to learn about the history and current events of the Great Lakes. Video formats, displays, and speaker programs present a wide range of information.

A live underwater camera (also inside) lets you view activity under the St. Clair River. Plus, a displayed schedule of ship travels - in actual time - is available.

The Maritime Center is located at Vantage Point 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 watch from inside the Maritime Center. An annual spring flower market is held at Vantage Point in May, followed by the annual farmer's market held June-October on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8a-2p.

The Great Lakes Maritime Center is open daily, except holidays. Summer hours (8a to 7p): Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Visit achesonventures.com for more information.





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Parks

The parks of Port Huron have something for everyone: swimming, sunbathing, boating, beaches, pools, picnicking, playgrounds and lots of water.

Lakeside Park, On the clear waters of Lake Huron, Lakeside Park boasts 1,050 feet of water frontage with clean sandy beaches. No lifeguards are on duty during the summer season. Lots of playground facilities, picnic areas, beach volleyball and restrooms are available. On the weekends you will find lots of boats anchoring offshore to enjoy the swimming and socializing. It is located just north of Holland Avenue and Gratiot Avenue intersection. A parking fee is in effect Memorial Day thru Labor Day.

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.

Antique Yard Sale Trail



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.

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The dealers association will again sponsor the longest yard sale in Michigan. Over 200 miles of antiques and

yard sales will run from Sebewaing 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 Anchor Bay and Lake St. Clair. Many of the communities along the route offer unique shops, antiques, museums full of local history and small diners for convenience and comfort.



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Public Beaches



Lakeside Beach, Port Huron

Lakeside Beach

Lakeside Park is one of Port Huron’s finest parks and is home to 1,050 feet of lake frontage. A popular destination for tourists and locals, it’s great for family gatherings, picnics and reunions. The park was recently updated with new and renovated facilities.

The park offers a large sandy beach for sunbathing and boating, with a designated swim area. On weekends, you will find lots of boats anchoring off shore to enjoy the swimming and socializing. Please note, however, that there are no life guards on duty.

The park features new bathrooms and a shower station, a concession stand and a children’s area with a playscape and splash pad. Volleyball nets have made beach volleyball a popular pastime. There are picnic tables and grills that are permanently attached to cement pads throughout the park.

Residents of the City of Port Huron, Ft. Gratiot and Port Huron Townships may purchase a parking sticker

that will allow access to the parking lot for the season for just \$5. St. Clair County residents may purchase a parking sticker for \$35 and have unlimited entrance to the park. Out-of-county residents will pay a \$10 daily entrance fee.

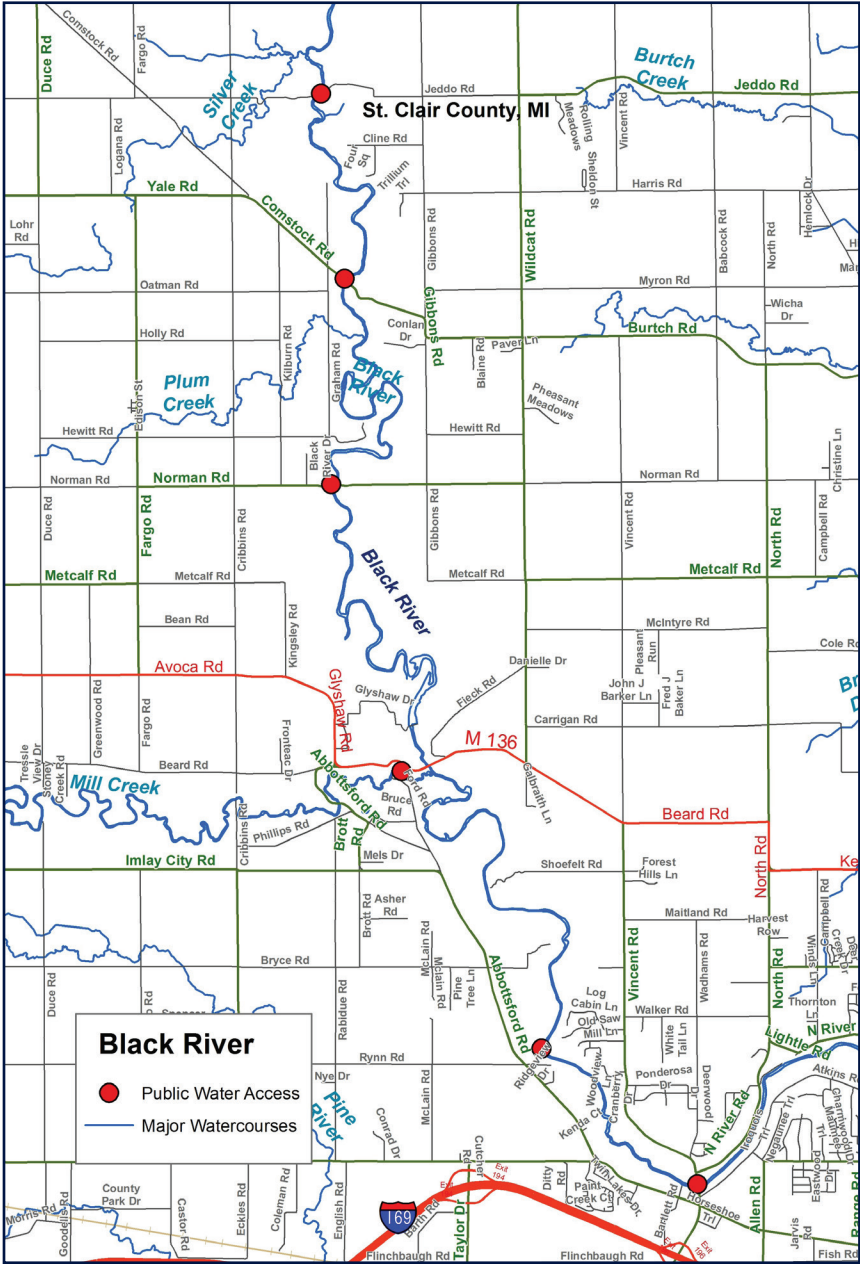
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- Fort Gratiot/Lake Huron
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- Lakeport/Lake Huron
- Lexington/Lake Huron
- Marine City/St. Clair River
- Marysville/St. Clair River
- Port Huron/Lake Huron
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Beach

- Algonac State Park
- Fort Gratiot County Park
- Keewadhin Road Beach
- Lakeport State Campground
- Lexington Public Beach
- Marine City Beach
- Chrysler Park Beach
- Conger Lighthouse Beach
- Holland Road Beach
- Lakeside Beach

Blue Water Trails



Paddling the Port Huron State Game Area

Natural scenes that you may have thought could only be found in northern Michigan are just a short drive west of Port Huron. The Port Huron State Game Area is over 6,000 acres and located along the Black River in Clyde and Grant Townships. The site offers opportunities for small game hunting, fishing, hiking, and nature study. The best way to take advantage of all the game area has to offer is by canoe or kayak. Since it is protected state land, many miles of the river are undeveloped and it’s more likely that you’ll encounter a bald eagle than a fellow human being.

Information on weather conditions as well as the depth and speed of the water at the Jeddo Bridge gauging station is available at <https://waterdata.usgs.gov>. Access to the river is possible at the Jeddo Bridge, Comstock Bridge, Norman Bridge, M-136/Beard Bridge, Woodsong County Park and Wadhams Bridge (listed from north to south according to the map to the left).

For a full list of possible routes, including their length and difficulty, visit bluewaysofstclair.org/routes.asp.

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 provides boaters and paddlers with a one-of-a-kind opportunity to navigate four bodies of water, pass by Michigan’s oldest light-house and travel underneath the Blue Water Bridges.

Most of the water trail meanders through Fort Gratiot Township, Port Huron Township and the City of Port Huron, traveling the Black River, the Black River Canal, Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. With the exception of the waters under the Blue Water Bridge and in the St. Clair River, waterways along the route are calm and

slow but you should wear a life jacket (PFD) at all times. Also be sure to have your ID with you, as the waters of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River are patrolled by Border Patrol Agents and they can stop you at any time and ask for proof of your citizenship.

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 acces-sible kayak launches. Head downriver then east on the canal that links the Black River to Lake Huron. Enter Lake Huron after passing under the Taintor Gate. The Taintor Gate is open 96% of the time but be aware that

it closes auto-matically when there is a strong North or Northeast wind.

Once in Lake Huron, head south and paddle under the Blue Water Bridges and into the St. Clair River, along the international border with Canada. The St. Clair River section should only be attempted by experi-enced pad-dlers on a calm day. The water can be quite rough and the pad-dle is best attempted in the morning. Finish by entering the mouth of the Black River to the west, paddling through the City of Port Huron and then you’re back to where you started from.



Diving in the St. Clair River



Diving in the St. Clair River isn’t for everyone. Near Port Huron, the fast current, at times exceeding 4k, makes navigation and diving difficult for those not physically fit and properly equipped and trained. The river depth ranges from 20’ along the shore to over 80’ in the center.

The river is 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. 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. Due to the heavy boat traffic, divers must treat this area as an overhead environment dive, surfacing only near their exit point.

Even though diving in the St. Clair River is challenging, the historical artifacts and shipwrecks can be difficult for divers to resist. On the bottom near Port Huron, divers can find the remains of at least 5 shipwrecks, an old steam crane, a model A Ford and many other items. 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 guarantees you’ll never have the same dive twice.

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Fishing in the Bluewater Area



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In many of the Blue Water communities, there are miles of public seawall available for shore fishermen. If you have a physical impairment, you are encouraged to come. It's all accessible. In the Port Huron area, many fishermen use a railing attached winch-like device that remotely resembles a fishing pole, a local fishing technique for fishing in the heavy current. The pole, outfitted with the right line and tackle, is put into a railing clamped rod holder. At the end of the rod something just smaller than a church bell is clipped to the pole to notify the fisherman that they have a bite, allowing those fishing time to sit, relax and enjoy the scenery.

If you have a boat for fishing, there are boat launches in Algonac, Marine City, St. Clair, Port Huron, Lexington and Port Sanilac. Mastering 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. 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, you need to stay on the U.S. side.

Some of the locals have been long lining successfully for silver fish behind kayaks outside of the harbors and break walls. With a kayak, you can get crazy close to the break walls, jetties, and other structures while giving your line more personal attention. For some, it's a preferred method of fishing. Kayaks available in the area have specialized rod holders.

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. While you're fishing, be aware of local 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 so stay out of the shipping channel.

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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If you are looking for a fun run or race, check out

runningintheusa.com (St. Clair County, Michigan) or roadrunnertiming.com for more information on area events.

Due to Covid-19, events may be cancelled or dates changed. Please check the above websites for up-to-date information.

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
5/25/20	Port Huron Memorial Day Run	Port Huron
5/30/20	Tri Viking 5K	Marysville
06/6/20	River Run - 10K, 5K, 1M	Marysville
06/19/20	Strides for Recovery - 5K	Port Huron
06/28/20	Levi's Link - 10K	Jeddo
06/27/20	Artful Dodger - 10K, 5K, Kids Run	St. Clair
7/18/20	Lexington Run/Walk - 5K	Lexington
7/25/20	Yale Bologna Run - 5K, 8K, 1M	Yale
08/1/20	Runaway Bride - 5K, 2M	Port Huron
08/8/20	Orthopedic Associates of Port Huron - 10K, 5K, 1M	Port Huron
08/29/20	Swampfoot - 4M obstacle, Kids Run	St. Clair
10/4/20	Taking a Shot at Breast Cancer - 5K	Fort Gratiot

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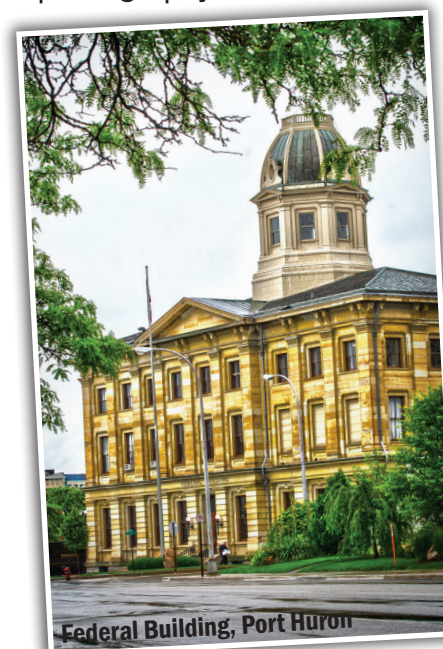
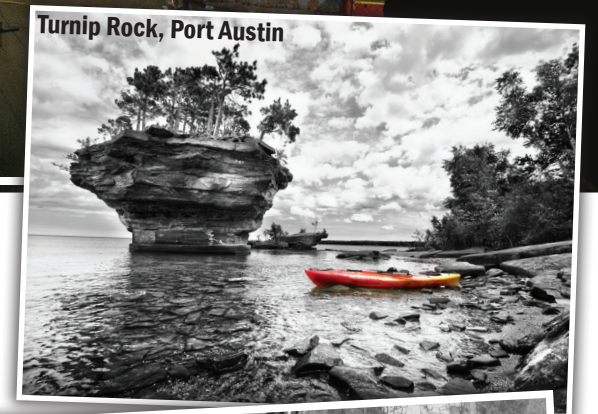
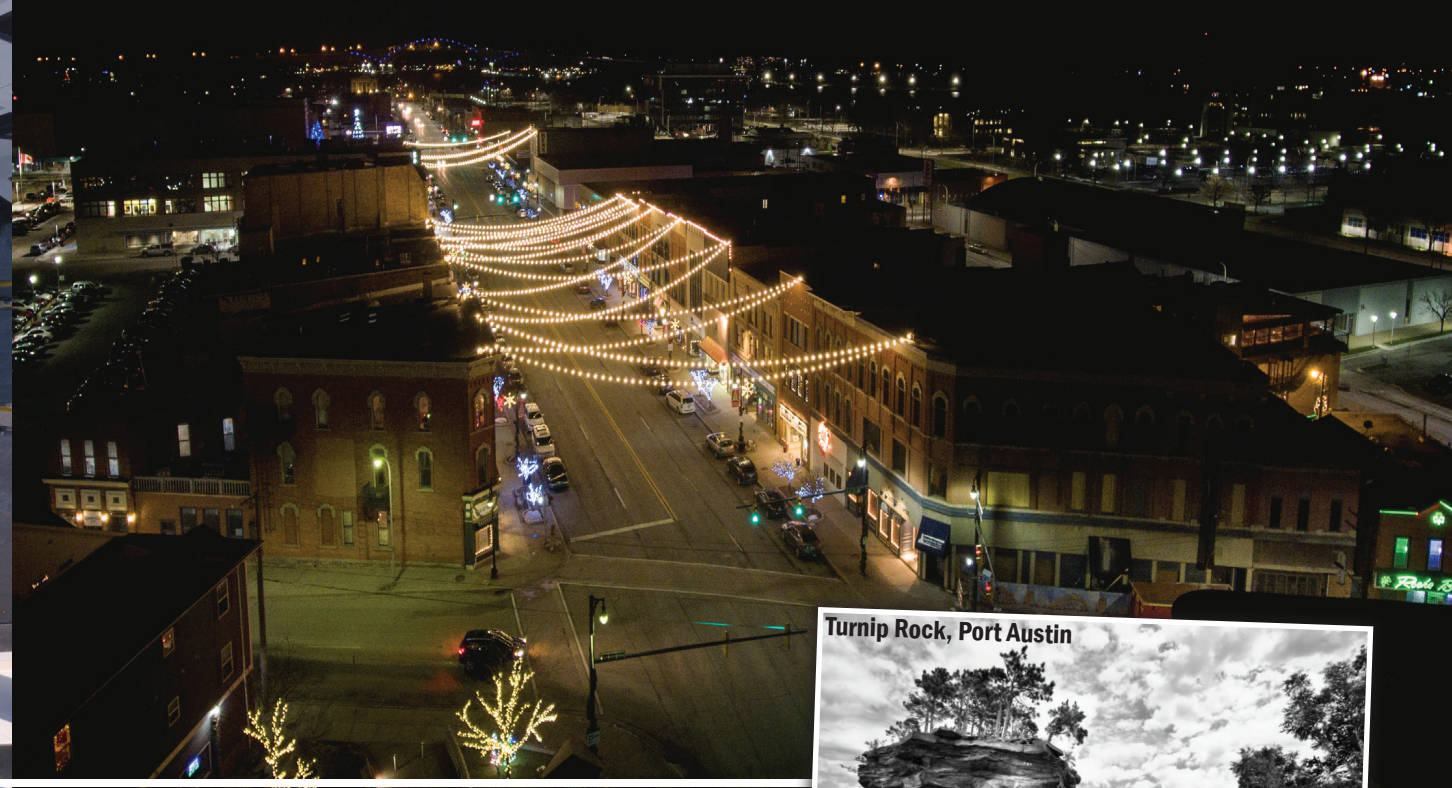
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ABOUT PETER MICHAEL...

I started studying photography and graphic/web design at MCC after high school earning an Associate's degree, before transferring to the College for Creative Studies of Detroit, where I received a degree in photography. My education has reignited my love for art and I strive to showcase my passion through my photos. My images have been exhibited at Studio 1219 in Port Huron, where an entire room was dedicated to my photos. I have also had my work displayed at local businesses and state wide. My professional portfolio includes head shots for the staff at Brown & Brown of Detroit, event photography for the Rhonda Walker Foundation, Ferrari of Michigan,

SCM Demolition, Adamo Demolition, PTM Corporation, Consulate General of Italy, Disney Smart Shelf Company, Paula Tutman's Children's Tooth Fairy Foundation, Crain's Detroit Magazine, Metro Times, Port Huron High School, St Clair High School, Marine City High School, Marysville High School & RadioFirst. It also includes architectural photography for a Michigan based firm that designs glass structures at the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Delta Dental Headquarters, Greektown Casino, Barton Malow, Verizon, and WXYZ Detroit. I have worked as a Media Photographer at the North American International Auto Shows of Detroit and Chicago. Another area of photography for

which I am proficient is aerial photography and drone photography. This type of work has helped me to showcase events such as the Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat races to skyline views & real estate development in Detroit. Locally, I have been hired to take aerial drone photography of real estate properties. Recently I have added 360 photography to my repertoire. I am the proud owner-operator of Peter Michael Photography Studio located in St. Clair County where I specialize in wedding, high school senior, family and real estate photography.



2020 Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 2-10/24 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Sat 8a-2p, Port Huron
- 3 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 3-9/9 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 4 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park, Algonac
- 5 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct), Marysville City Park
- 11 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park, Algonac
- 12 Ultimate Michael Jackson Experience- Lexington Village Theatre
- 12-14 Art on the River, Port Huron
- 12-14 MOPAR Canadian Superbike Series, Grand Bend
- 13 Kids Funfest, Clearwater Park
- 13 Rumble in the Park Car Show, Marysville
- 13-14 Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend, Michigan's Lakes & Rivers
- 13-14 Civil War Weekend, Lexington
- 14 The Past & Its Wheels Car Show, Marysville
- 18 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park
- 19-21 2020 Sarnia Kinsman Ribfest, Canatara Park
- 19-20 Ultimate AC/DC Tribute Show- Lexington Village Theatre



JULY

- 1 Grand Bend Canada Day
- 1 Marysville Concerts in the Park
- 1-5 Algonac Lions Pickerel Tournament & Festival, Clay/ Algonac
- 2 Satisfaction - The International Rolling Stones-Lexington Village Theatre
- 3-9/9 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 3 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct), Marysville City Park
- 3 Lexington Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks
- 4-10/31 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat 8a-2p, Port Huron
- 4 Port Austin Parade & Fireworks
- 4 Fireworks @ Dusk, Port Sanilac
- 4 Independence Day Parade @ 11:00am, Lexington
- 4 Lexington's Music in the Park
- 4 Fireworks @ Dusk, St. Clair
- 20 A&W Antique Tractor Show, A&W Lexington
- 20-21 Lexington Lakeside Craft Show
- 20 St. Clair Beer & Wine Fest, St. Clair
- 20 Grand Bend Beachfest, Grand Bend
- 21 A&W Antique Car Show, A&W Lexington
- 21 Blue Water Ramble Bicycle Tour, Clay/Algonac
- 25 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park
- 25-28 Carnival, Birchwood Mall
- 25 Colt Ford - Lexington Village Theatre
- 26 Katmandu - Bob Seger Tribute Band at Lexington's Music in the Park
- 26 Blue Water Cruise Night (6pm-10pm), Port Huron & Fort Gratiot
- 27 Fort Gratiot Fireworks at dusk, Fort Gratiot
- 27 Keith Peterson Memorial Car Show, Fort Gratiot
- 27 Artful Dodger 5K Run, St. Clair
- 27-28 St. Clair Art Fair

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JULY (CONT'D)

5	Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 7a-12p - Village Hall, Lexington	20-25	St. Clair County 4H & Youth Fair, Goodells Park
8-11	2020 Blue Water Fest, Port Huron	22	Marysville Concerts in the Park
8	Marysville Concerts in the Park, Marysville	24-26	St. Clair Riverfest and River Classic Offshore Powerboat Racing , St. Clair
9	Boats & Boots Concert, featuring Joe Nichols, Port Huron	24-26	Blue Water Volleygrass, Port Huron
9-12	Harbor Beach Maritime Festival	24-26	Port Sanilac Summer Festival
10	Boats & Boots Concert, featuring Drake White, Port Huron	24-26	Yale Bologna Festival
10	Rockstar's MTV 80s Spring Break-Lexington Village Theatre	24	90s Dance Party with Fool House-Lexington Village Theatre
11	Atwater Brewery Bayview Mackinac Race, Port Huron	28-8/1	Eastern Michigan Fair, Imlay City
11	Cliff Erickson - Lexington Village Theatre	29	Marysville Concerts in the Park
15	Marysville Concerts in the Park	31	Kiss the Sky- Lexington Village Theatre
18	Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience- Lexington Village Theatre	31-8/1	Port Sanilac Blues Festival
19	Glenn Miller Orchestra- Lexington Village Theatre	31-8/2	Marine City Maritime Days
		31	Kiss the Sky - Jimi Hendrix "Re"Experience- Lexington Village Theatre
		31-8/3	MOPAR Canadian Nationals, Grand Bend

AUGUST

1	Comedian Rob Little- Lexington Village Theatre	7	The Prince Experience - Lexington Village Theatre
1-3	MOPAR Canadian Nationals, Grand Bend	8	Big River Kayak from Conger Beach Port Huron to Algonac - 10am, Conger Beach
1-10/31	Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat 8a-2p, Port Huron	8-9	ARTZscape 2020, Centennial Park
1-2	Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair	8	Croswell Truck Show
2	Sturgeon Festival, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse		
4-8	Croswell Agricultural Fair		
5	Movies In The Park, Marysville		
5-9/9	Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington		
6	Rockin the Rivers, Keifer Park, Port Huron		
6	A&W Free Float Day, Lexington		
7	Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct), Marysville City Park		
7	Lexington's Music in the Park		
7-8	Bluewater Anglers Summer Walleye Derby, Sarnia Bay Marina		

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AUGUST (CONT'D)

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| 10-15 | Sanilac County 4H Fair, Sandusky | 14-15 | Antique Boat, Vintage RV Camper & Antique Car Show, Port Sanilac |
| 12 | Movies In The Park, Marysville | 15 | Port Austin Turnip Rock Kayak - 10am |
| 13 | Rockin the Rivers, Keifer Park, Port Huron | 15 | Algonac Bourbon, Brews & BBQ Festival |
| 13-16 | Western Ontario Steam Threshers Show, Forest | 15 | St. Clair Jazz Festival |
| 14-16 | Antique Yard Sale Trail, Algonac to Sebawaing | 15 | Sarnia's Rockfest, Centennial Park |
| | | 16 | Float Down, Port Huron |
| | | 17-23 | Armada Fair |
| | | 20 | Rockin the Rivers, Keifer Park, Port Huron |
| | | 21-22 | Marysville's Hot Wheel Weekend |
| | | 21-22 | Margaritafest, Lexington |
| | | 22 | Applegate Summer Festival 9a - 4p |
| | | 22 | Music in the Plaza- Life Support |
| | | 22 | Sweet Tea Trio - Lexington Village Theatre |
| | | 23-25 | Bluewater BorderFest, Sarnia |
| | | 24 | 2020 Port Huron Paddle Fest, Port Huron |
| | | 25 | Ted Nugent - Lexington Village Theatre |
| | | 26 | Movies In The Park, Marysville |

- 27 Q Country Anniversary Concert, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 29 Music in the Plaza- DC-90, St. Clair



SEPTEMBER

- 1-10/31 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat 8a-2p, Port Huron
- 2-9/9 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 4-6 Thunder by the Beach, Grand Bend
- 4 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct), Marysville City Park

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5	Salsa Festival, Harbor Beach	11 - 13	Woods-N-Water Weekend, Imlay City
5	Thumbfest Music Festival, Lexington	12	Rotary- Art in the Park, Mike Wier Park
5-6	Algonac Art Fair	13-18	SCC Child Abuse Neglect Council Roof Sit, Port Huron
7	Trek The Trestle Trail Walk, Wadhams to Avoca Trail	16	A&W End of Season Cruise Party, A&W Lexington
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11-12	Port Huron Antique & Classic Boat Show		



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25	Comedian Matt Holt- Lexington Village Theatre
26	Fort Gratiot's Scarecrow Saturday
26	Port Huron Beer Festival
27	Alex Guthrie, Cali Wilson, Max Boyle from The Voice, Lexington



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OCTOBER

2	Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct), Marysville City Park
2-4	Halloween Camping Weekend, Harbor Beach
3-10/31	Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat 8a-2p, Port Huron
3	Pumpkinpolooza, Marine City

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OCTOBER (CONT'D)

- 3 The Van Morrison Experience-Lexington Village Theatre
- 5 Port Huron Town Hall- Derek Hough, McMorran, Port Huron
- 9-11 Halloween Camping Weekend, Harbor Beach
- 10 Family Haunted Village and Spook Walk, Port Sanilac
- 10 John Denver Tribute- Lexington Village Theatre
- 16 Eric Clapton Tribute- Lexington Village Theatre
- 17 Family Haunted Village and Spook Walk, Port Sanilac
- 17 1964- The Tribute- Lexington Village Theatre
- 24 Clay Township Annual Scarecrow Festival, Clay/Algonac

NOVEMBER

- 5-8 Holiday Market Open House Weekend, Lexington
- 9 Port Huron Town Hall -Spencer Stone, McMorran, Port Huron
- 14-15 Girlfriend's Day Away, Lexington
- 22 An Evening with Jeff Daniels-Lexington Village Theatre
- 27 The Sperry's Santa Claus Parade, Port Huron
- 28 Christmas Stroll 5p, Santa Parade 6p, Fireworks, Croswell



DECEMBER

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| 1-31 Christmas in the Park, Marysville | 5 Christmas Tree Lighting, Lexington |
| 4-5 Festival of Trees, BW Convention Center | 12 Old Fashioned Christmas Horse Parade, Lexington |
| 4-19 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station Fri & Sat 5p (tentative), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse | 13 A Carpenter's Christmas-Lexington Village Theatre |
| 5 Marysville Christmas Parade @ 5pm | 14 Port Huron Town Hall- Rochelle Pennington, McMorran |
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- 1/22-1/24 North American Silver Stick Hockey, Port Huron
- 1/28-1/31 North American Silver Stick Hockey, Port Huron
- 1/23 RadioFirst Bridal Expo, Port Huron



FEBRUARY '20

- 2/8 Port Huron Town Hall- Amy Dickinson, McMorran, Port Huron

MARCH '20

- 3/8 Port Huron Town Hall -Lara Logan, McMorran, Port Huron
- 3/13 St. Patrick's Parade and Pub Crawl, Port Huron

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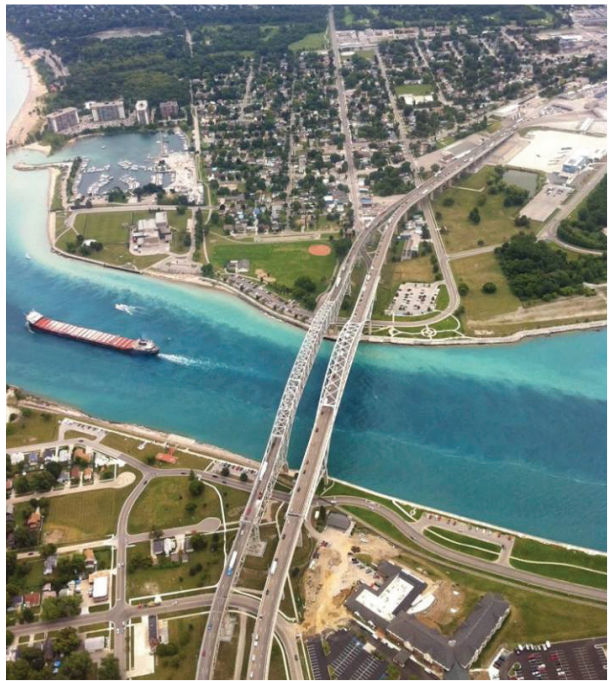
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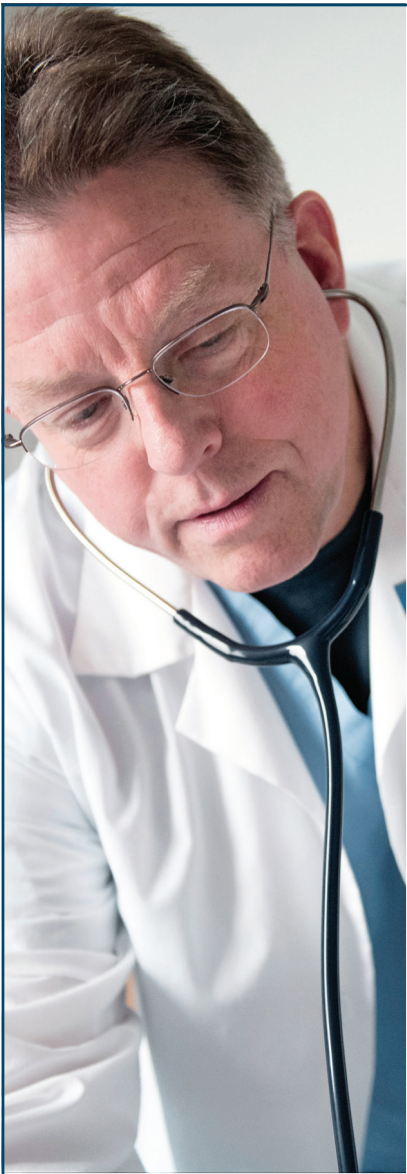
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