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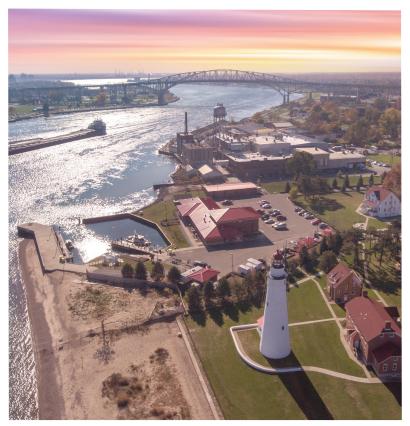
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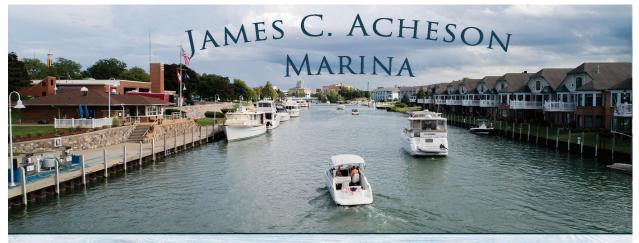
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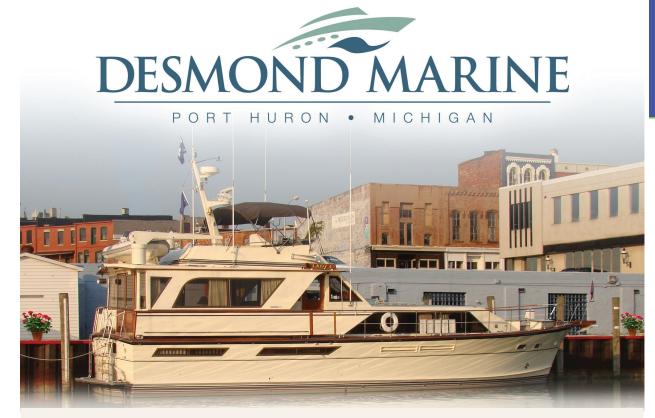
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Fort Gratiot has everything you need for a great visitor experience. Enjoy one of Lake Huron's best beaches at Fort Gratiot County Park. Continue your water experience by kayaking the Island Loop National Water Trail, the Fort Gratiot Sojourn, or the Lake Huron Paddle. Or watch model sailboats compete on Fort Gratiot Pond where you'll find one of the many walking/biking trails that run through Fort Gratiot.

Don't leave your dog behind! Fort Gratiot has the Canine Commons Dog Park for a free, fun way to meet new friends both furry and not. You will always find your favorite restaurant or shopping location in Fort Gratiot so there's no need to over pack. With an outstanding shopping district and familiar national brands, everything you need for a great vacation is right in Fort Gratiot.

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Fort Gratiot County Park - Fort Gratiot County Park is located in the northern part of St. Clair County, just off M-25 on Metcalf Rd. This 30 acre park offers breathtaking views of Lake Huron and 852 ft of lake shoreline/beach. Current facilities at the park include beach access, restrooms, picnic areas and a children's playground and .85 miles paved of walking trails.

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.

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Parker Road Parks – Located on Parker Road north of Keewahdin, the parks are filled with trails, a bike path, disc golf, a fishing pond, RC model boat pond, the Canine Commons Dog Park and more.



June 28-29 Blue Water Cruise Weekend

Friday - Cruise Night Saturday – Car Show

September 28

Scarecrow Saturday

Held at Fort Gratiot Pond from 12-2pm. Pumpkin patch, live entertainment, magic show, R/C boat races, St. Clair County Sheriff K-9 unit, Fort Gratiot Township Fire Department with live demonstrations and much more!



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May

27 Memorial Day Parade 11am

June

- 15-16 Lakeside Craft Show 10am-5pm
- 17 A&W Antique Tractor Show 9am-3pm
- 18 A&W Classic Car Show 9am-3pm
- 21 Music in The Park 6pm, Katmandu
- Music in The Park 6pm, The Rhoedes 28

July

- 5 Independence Day Fireworks Dusk
- 6 Independence Day Parade 10am
- 6 Music in The Park 6pm, Boys of Summer
- 12 Music in The Park 6pm, Mainstreet Soul
- Music in The Park 6pm, Dr. Pocket 19
- 26 Music in The Park 6pm, The Noodles

August

- Music in The Park 6pm, The Gobies 2
- Lexington Fine Arts and Craft Fair 3-4
- 9 Music in The Park 6pm, The Groove Council
- 9-11 Antique Yard Sale Trail



hotels, quaint B&Bs, or vacation rental homes. You will catch amazing sunrises, eat at fantastic restaurants, lounge at Lexington's beaches and enjoy all the great stores in the bustling shopping district.

- 16 Music in The Park 6pm, Dave Bennett
- 18 LBA Golf Fundrasier, register 10am
- 23-24 Margarita Fest 12pm

September

- 1 Music in The Park 7:30pm
- 2 Thumb Fest. 10am-10pm
- 14-17 Bach Festival

October

- 7 Lexington Scarecrow Contest
- 31 Community Trick or Treat 6pm-8pm

November

- Holiday Market Squares 2-5
- Girlfriends Day Away Fashion Show 11 10am-noon
- 11 Girlfriends Day Away Merchant Activities

December

- 2 Christmas Tree Lighting (7pm) & Merchant Walk
- 9 **Old-Fashioned Christmas Horse Parade** 2pm

Events, dates and times are subject to change.



Marysville

Celebrating its 100th year, the city of Marysville continues to be a great place to raise a family and visit any time of the year. Come experience Marysville's wide variety of outdoor recreation. Chrysler Beach sits on the banks of the St. Clair River, with a fishing pier, public boat launch and extended boardwalk perfect for a scenic walk or bike ride.

Across the street from the beach is Marysville City Park. With extensive playgrounds, including special needs equipment, splash pads and plenty of green space you can relax and play while enjoying beautiful water views and the occasional freighter passing by. If your child participates in baseball/ softball, check into Marysville's invitational tournaments that attract teams from all over the Midwest. It's also home to the St. Clair County Community College Lady Skippers softball team stadium. You will also find tennis and basketball courts.

Marysville city park also features a real decommissioned train on the grounds that kids of all ages can play on and explore.

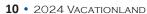
And finally, later in the summer of 2024, Marysville will unveil its renovated band shell. This will provide a brand new environment to enjoy entertainment in the park.

If you're a golfer, Marysville golf course, along the St. Clair River, offers a picturesque challenge for any skill level and is one of the top municipal courses anywhere in Michigan. Make sure the next 100 years include a visit from you!

City of Marysville Events 2024

JUNE 9 - WILLS ST. CLAIR CAR SHOW, MARYSVILLE PARK JUNE 13-16 - SUMMERFEST, MARYSVILLE PARK AUGUST - FAMILY NIGHT @6PM, MARYSVILLE PARK AUGUST 23-24 - HOT WHEELS WEEKEND, MARYSVILLE PARK OCTOBER 12 - FALLIN' FOR HALLOWEEN @10A-12P, MARYSVILLE PARK









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Marysville Events



Summerfest

The Summerfest returns to the Marysville Municipal Park for another fun summer weekend. The festival runs Thursday – Sunday (June 13-16) and will feature a carnival and midway, live musical entertainment, classic car show, motorcycle thrill show, petting zoo and fireworks at dusk on Sunday.

For more information, visit summerfestinmarysville.com.

June 13-16 Carnival & Petting Zoo

June 14 ZOSO - The Ultimate Tribute to Led Zeplin

June 15 Thunderstruck – The Ultimate ACDC

> June 16 Music Performance - TBA Classic Car Show 12p-4p Fireworks @10p



Hot Wheels Weekend August 23 & 24 August 23 - Car Cruise

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The Maritime Capital of the Great Lakes, Port Huron has become a premier destination of travelers from all over the world. Serving as an international crossing site with the Blue Water Bridges connecting the United States and Canada, Port Huron's popularity continues to grow.

Known for its stunningly blue waters, Port Huron's waterfront experience is unmatched. Host city to the 100th sailing of this year's Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac race, the city welcomes over 300 vessels to this landmark event. Port Huron, with its sandbars and beaches, is a boater's paradise. You will find hundreds of boaters on sun-filled summer days dotting the coast of Lake Huron and cruising the St. Clair River. If you're a boat watcher, you won't find a better spot on the Great Lakes than under the Blue Water bridge to watch freighters pass by, it will feel almost as if you can reach out and touch them.

Port Huron has an extensive trail system for both land and water, as well as one of the best park systems anywhere in Michigan. You will also want to visit one or more of the fantastic museums in the area. On your visit you might also start to dream about starting a new chapter in life on Lake Huron. Find out more at Porthuron.org and start your journey today.

Social District

Stroll Downtown Port Huron with a cocktail!



The Social District allows patrons ages 21+ to enjoy a drink while safely strolling through Downtown Port Huron. Here's a map of the participating establishments.







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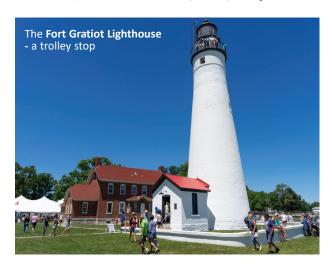
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Blue Water Trolley Town Hall

The one hour trolley tour runs June - August and includes a swing by various local points of interest. The tour, which is only 10 cents, takes you through the heart of Port Huron and along the riverfront for a panoramic glimpse of the Blue Water Bridges, the Thomas Edison Depot and Statue and the Fort Gratiot Light Station. The starting point for each run is downtown Port Huron at 331 Huron Avenue, with additional pickup points designated along the route such as at the Blue Water Convention Center and Vantage Point. For more information, visit www.bwbus.com/routes/trolley.htm.



The Town Hall lectures and celebrity performances can be entertaining, thought provoking and inspiring. 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. The 2024 season speakers are:

September 9

Ken Jennings, Jeopardy! Contestant and Host October 14

Tom Daldin & Jim Edelman, Hosts of PBS TV Show Under the Radar

November 11 Dr. James Delgado, Explorer, Archaeologist, Journalist, Historian

December 9

Austin Hatch, Tragedy Survivor, Motivational Speaker

Season tickets consist of four performances with the option to attend a luncheon directly following the event. Prorated series and individual lecture and/or luncheon tickets are limited but will be sold subject to availability. All performances begin at 10:30am at McMorran Place Theater. For more information, call (810) 985-6166 or visit mcmorran.com.



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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.



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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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BW Cruise Weekend

Friday, June 23 - Cruise Night Saturday, June 24 - Car Show

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.

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

Mainstreet Memories

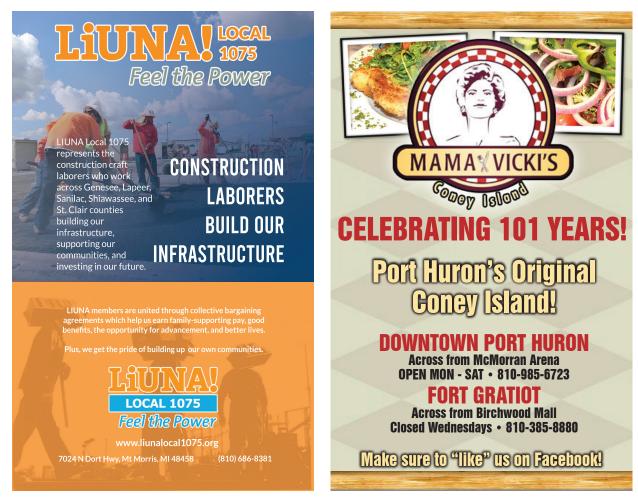
Saturday, July 27

If you're a car enthusiast, don't forget to mark your calendars for the Mainstreet Memories Wheels on the Waterfront car show, returning this year on Saturday July 27.

Located on the Acheson Ventures Waterfront property at 300 Oak Street in Port Huron, the show runs from 10a–4p, with parking opening at 7:00a. This is a non-judged car show where "it's about community not competition" and there were over 800 cars at the show in 2022.

Visit their website, mainstreetmemoriesph.com, for more information and to register. While you're there, be sure to check out pictures and videos of past shows and follow them on **Facebook at MainstreetMemoriesPH.**

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11th Annual Sturgeon Celebration



Friends of the St. Clair River's Sturgeon Fest offers close encounters with the Great Lakes' living dinosaur with a live sturgeon touch tank, hands-on activities, Native American drum ceremonies, food, live music, and entertainment. Festival admission and activities are free.

The Sturgeon Cruises aboard Port Huron's sightseeing boat, The Huron Lady, takes guests on the St. Clair River and Lake Huron to interact with biologists catching, tagging, measuring, and releasing sturgeon underneath the Blue Water Bridges. The cruise features a live sturgeon aquarium experience and watching sturgeon research activities from the U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Service's vessel, the N'me (Anishinaabe for Lake sturgeon). Throughout this narrated cruise, guests can ask questions to the biologists studying sturgeon and learn about their Great Lakes research. Over 10,000 Lake sturgeon call underneath the Blue Water Bridges home which makes it possible to see these gentle giants. Huron Lady Sturgeon Cruises are at 11am and 1pm, tickets are \$35 and available at www.huronlady.com.

Affectionately known as the "Gentle Giants of the Great Lakes", sturgeon are phenomenal to see up close. They can weigh over 100 pounds, grow over 6 feet, and live to be more than 100 years old. Once on the brink of extinction and added to Michigan's Threatened Species list, Lake sturgeon are making a comeback and have become a spotlight for restoration work completed in the St. Clair River.



11th Annual Sturgeon Festival Saturday, June 1 10am – 3pm

Activities:

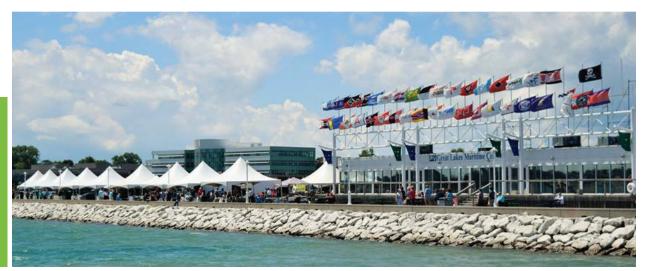
Huron Lady Sturgeon Cruises - 11am & 1pm, \$\$ LivHuron Lady Sturgeon Cruises - 11am & 1pm, \$\$ Live Sturgeon Touch Tank - All day, Lighthouse Beach Native American Drum Ceremonies - 10am & 2:30pm Sturgeon Hand Release - 2:30pm, Lighthouse Beach Kids Activities - All day, Pavilion Food Trucks, Live Music, Giveaways, and More!

For festival details visit www.SturgeonFestival.com





Maritime Center



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 May-October on Saturdays from 8a-2p.

The Great Lakes Maritime Center is open Thursday – Saturday, Memorial Day thru October 22. For more information, visit achesonventures.com.





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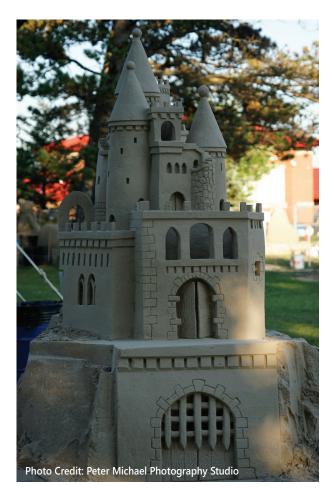
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Blue Water Sandfest

The Blue Water SandFest has become a favorite summer attraction in the Blue Water Area. This year, SandFest returns to the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse on **August 2nd – August 4th**. The family-oriented event features Master and Advanced Amateur Sand Sculptors from across North America. Live music entertainment and hands-on activities are part of the fun throughout the three day event.

August 2 - 4

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

All proceeds raised from the event are used for restoration work at the Fort Gratiot Light Station Park.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit **bluewatersandfest.com**.



On Beach Rd. - Summer Festival on August 5th Fall Festival on Sept 26th (games, pony rides, mater rides & fireworks at dusk) Free Fishing Clinic June 8th, Rain Date: June 9th

Fall Festival September 21st, Rain Date: September 22nd

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Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

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.

Weather permitting, the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse is one of the few operating lighthouses that allow visitors to climb the tower and step out onto the catwalk for a breathtaking view. From the gallery, visitors can view the Blue Water Bridge, the mouth of the St. Clair River, Point Edward, Ontario and Lake Huron to the north.

Visit phmuseum.org/fort-gratiot-lighthouse for more information.

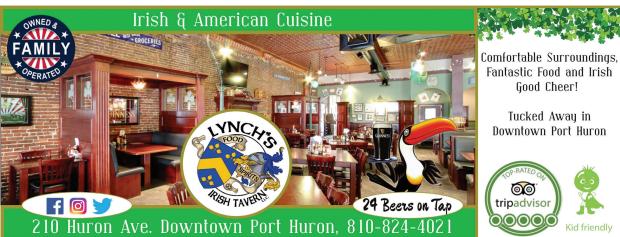
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McMorran Plaza

The completely redesigned plaza and beer garden is the place to be this summer. The addition of synthetic turf, a splash pad and elevated stage makes this a perfect venue for family friendly activities.

The Plaza's outdoor Summer Concert Series will start in June and has scheduled entertainment every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Patrons to McMorran can enjoy food and drink from Casey's on the Plaza while enjoying the live entertainment. And, as part of the downtown social district, alcoholic drinks from Casey's on the Plaza can be purchased in to-go cups allowing visitors to carry their beverage with them through the downtown Main Street area to check out other entertainment or experiences in downtown Port Huron. Visit **www.mcmorran.com/plaza** for the most up-to-date event information.

	MAY JULY (cont'd)		JULY (cont'd)	
5/31/2024	Gringos 7-10pm	7/26/2024	Baputa J. Geils Tribute 7-10pm	
	JUNE	7/27/2024	Toppermost Beatles Tribute 7-10pm	
6/1/2024	Rhoedes Band 7-10pm		AUGUST	
6/6/2024	Joe Dehenau 7-9pm	8/2/2024	Los Gringos 7-10pm	
6/7/2024	Paul & Oates 7-10pm	8/3/2024	Dusk til Dawn 7-10pm	
6/8/2024	Kathleen Murray Band 7-10pm	8/9/2024	Bandwagon 7-10pm	
6/13/2024	Keynote Sister - Jacklyn Holmes 7-9pm	8/10/2024	GlenBrooke & The Wild Weeds 7-10pm	
6/14/2024	Detroit Blu 7-10pm	8/16/2024	Kathleen Murray Band 7-10pm	
6/15/2024	Battle of the Bands 6-10pm	8/17/2024	Metro Soul Band 7-10pm	
	Bandwagon, Dusk til Dawn, Big Pappa & the Machine, Los Gringos	8/23/2024	Rhoedes Band 7-10pm	
6/20/2024	Brent Mireau 7-9pm	8/24/2024	Northbound Country 7-10pm	
6/21/2024	Northbound Country 7-10pm	8/30/2024	Paul & Oates 7-10pm	
6/22/2024	Flip n Nipsy 7-10pm	8/31/2024	80s Party 7-10pm	
6/27/2024	Branden Pavlov 7-9pm		SEPTEMBER	
6/28/2024	GlenBrooke & The Wild Weeds 7-10pm	9/5/2024	Joe Dehanau Trio 7-9pm	
6/29/2024	Cornhole Tourny 2pm The Gobies 7-10pm	9/6/2024	Blue Blaze 7-10pm	
	JULY	9/7/2024	Alter Ego 7-10pm	
7/5/2024	Rhoedes Band 7-10pm	9/12/2024	Closing Time 7-9pm	
7/6/2024	Ian Smith & Co 7-10pm	9/13/2024	Detroit Blu 7-10pm	
7/11/2024	Joe Dehanau Trio 6-9pm	9/14/2024	Los Gringos 7-10pm	
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7/18/2024	Greg Hind 7-9pm	9/21/2024	Big Pappa & The Machine 7-10pm	
7/19/2024	Rhoedes Band 7-10pm	9/26/2024	Caleb Malooley 7-9pm	
7/20/2024	Barb Payton & The Instigators 7-10pm	9/27/2024	Meldrum Brothers 7-10pm	
7/25/2024	Keynote Sister - Jacklyn Holmes 7-9pm	9/28/2024	Oktoberfest 12-5pm Joe Dehenau Blue Ice Trio Beer Garden 2-5pm Bandwagon Main Stage 7-10pm	



Rockin' the Rivers



Rockin' free concerts on the first four Thursdays in August are the place to be on summer nights in Port Huron! Grab your blankets and lawn chairs for a night of great music, food trucks, a beer tent, and a kid's zone while watching the freighters pass on the St. Clair River. Performances by local, national, and international groups. Opening acts start at 6 pm, followed by the headliner at 7 pm. Rockin' the Rivers is sponsored by Eastern Michigan Bank and Earl Smith Distributing.

Aug. 1 – The Family Tradition Band
Aug. 8 – Dave Bennett Band
Aug. 15 – Magic Bus
Aug. 22 – The Groove Council, featuring: Kathleen Murray



Huron Lady Cruises



Huron Lady Cruises in downtown Port Huron offer a one-of-akind experience in 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 oceangoing freighters docked for repair or to load cargo. You'll travel under the twin Blue Water Bridges that connect Port Huron, Michigan 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.

The Huron Lady II is Coast Guard inspected and operated by a Great Lakes certified captain and friendly crew. Cruises run from Memorial Day Weekend through the end of September. Visit **huronlady.com** or call **(810) 984-1500** for more information.



Art on the River Float Down

Art on the River is a three-day art and music festival which features many local artists, crafters and bands! Hosted by Citizens for a Vibrant Community, Art on the River is the second weekend in June near Downtown Port Huron, along the shores of the St. Clair River on Merchant Street and in Kiefer Park.



Friday, June 7 - 3pm to 11pm Saturday, June 9 - 10am to 11pm Sunday, June 10 - 10am to 4pm

Art on the River is a family friendly event with art workshops, hands-on art, music to dance to and food to enjoy.

This year Art on the River features Margaret (Candy) Paeth as the featured artist. Candy is a member of the Blue Water Art Association and features her art all around the Blue Water Area. Candy is supported by the Arts Council of the Community Foundation of St. Clair County. Special guest artist is Anthony Strublic. Tony is the Great Lakes Maritime Artist. His drawings feature many of the freighters that travel the great lakes. Tony is sponsored by Advia Credit Union.

Art on the River has a huge band line up for 2024. Headliners include Brotha Earth (known as Rare Earth early on in their careers) and Bobby Murray band. Bobby is known for playing guitar for Etta James and has several Grammy awards!

To see everything about Art on the River, please check our website at artontheriverph.com or visit the Facebook page @ArtontheRiver.

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 18

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'slength reach at all times. Most importantly, if you cannot swim, do not enter the water. There are no lifeguards or safety personnel.





This year's Port Huron to Mackinac race will be the 100th consecutive year when the sailboats leave the starting line in southern Lake Huron on Saturday, July 20th. OVER 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.

The Port Huron to Mackinac race features two courses: - The Shore Course (smaller boats) 235 miles - The Cove Island Course (larger boats) 298 miles

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Blue Water Fest

The annual Blue Water Fest, a summer celebration also known as Boat Week, culminates with the start of the Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat race. The week of festivities brings locals, former area residents and visitors from across the country to the downtown Port Huron area to enjoy the fun. It's a chance for many people to reconnect, with family and high school reunions being held during this exciting week and an opportunity to kick back and celebrate the best that the areas have to offer – good friends, good food, good times and, hopefully, good weather!

Many businesses and restaurants have special promotions during this week, enticing visitors to shop or stop in for a meal or cocktail. In addition to those promotions, some of the free events and activities to enjoy include:

Wednesday, July 17 Rotary International Parade

Thursday, July 18 Family Night on the riverfront

Outdoor Concert details below Fireworks at dusk @ Vantage Point Friday, July 19 Boat Night - Port Huron's biggest street party

> Outdoor Concert details below

Saturday, July 20 Port Huron to Mackinac Race







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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.



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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.



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St. Clair Events

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> July 4th Fireworks @ dusk – Palmer Park

July 26th, 27th, & 28th BWORA Offshore Powerboat Racing

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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.

Sandusky

Sandusky is located 15 miles west of Lake Huron in the center of Sanilac County. It was incorporated in 1905 and has grown to offer all of the services and resources of a much larger city, while maintaining its rural character and small town appeal.

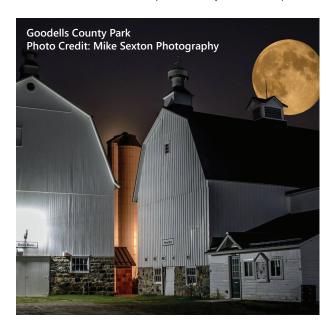
Visitors will find quaint antique and specialty shops, restaurants, bars and a movie theater in the downtown shopping district. Big box retailers, and auto, farm and power equipment dealers are located nearby.

Michigan's oldest drive-in theater, the Hi-Way Drive-In, is just east of town and open from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Western Communities

Goodells

Goodells is home to the Goodells County Park and plays host to the annual St. Clair County 4H Fair. Adjacent to the park is



the St. Clair County Farm Museum and Historical village for those wanting to learn more about the agricultural heritage of the area. The Pine River Nature Center, also located nearby, offers visitors three miles of hiking trails year round from dawn to dusk. It's a popular spot for bird watchers with more than 70 species of birds sighted at the property. Educational programs with interactive displays for area students and the public take place inside the nature center's 5,000 sq. ft. log cabin. The center's newest addition is a universally accessible treehouse that is open to the public. More information on the Pine River Nature Center can be found at sccresa.org.

Avoca Trail Trestle Bridge

Imlay City

Imlay City, where community members and visitors alike love the Eastern Michigan State Fair, which will be held July 23-27, and the Woods N Water Outdoor Weekend, to be held September 6-8. Both events draw thousands to Imlay City to enjoy family traditions, Michigan heritage, and local history. To learn more about Imlay City, visit imlaycity.org.



COMMUNITIES

Memphis

Memphis is 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".

In addition to these unique facts, you'd also find that Memphis is a pleasant place to live. It's proximity to the



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suburbs of Detroit makes it a great place to call home and

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

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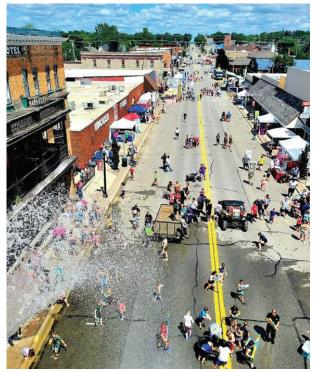
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We are the home of the World-famous Yale Bologna Festival and for more than 30 years the Yale Area Chamber of Commerce has hosted thousands of our Bologna loving friends. This year marks C. ROY'S 100th Anniversary, our hometown business that supplies all of our tasty Yale Bologna.

The City of Yale DDA also holds a wonderful Farmers Market, highlighting local fresh produce and homemade goodies.

We have a lot to offer all year long, so come to Yale and experience small town living at its best!

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Algonac State Park Fort Gratiot County Park Keewadhin Road Beach Lakeport State Campground Lexington Public Beach

Location

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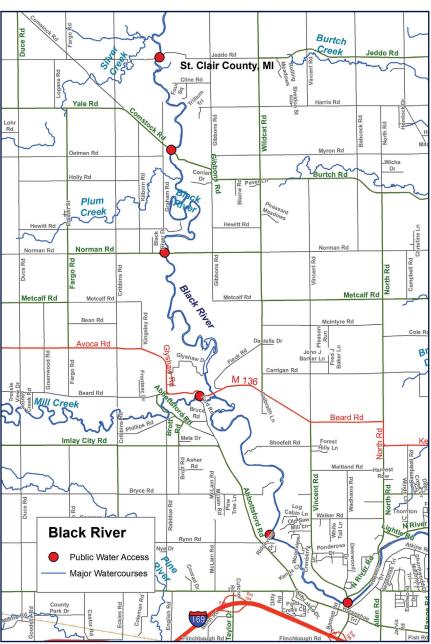
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Port Huron State Game Area



THINGS TO DO



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 oneof-a-kind opportunity to navigate four bodies of water, pass by Michigan's oldest lighthouse 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 accessible 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 automatically when there is a strong North or Northeast wind.

THINGS TO

DO

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 experienced paddlers on a calm day. The water can be quite rough and the paddle 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.

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Blue Water Fishing

You don't need a boat to fish, but if you have one there are many boat launches throughout the area. In many of the Blue Water communities, there are long stretches of public seawall available to the shore fishermen. Whether you're catching fish out of your boat or from the shore, it will require a stop at one of the local bait and tackle stores to get the "good stuff' and info on local tried and true techniques and advice on fishing from the seawalls. Depending on the time of year, 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.





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Antique Yard Sale Trail

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The Blue Water Area is a paradise for antique hunters with many of the finest antiques available. An association of



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

Friday, August 9th - Sunday, August 11th. 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, antiquing, museums full of local history and small diners for convenience and comfort.



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THINGS TO DO

Blue Water Area Trails

Wadhams to Avoca Trail

The 12 mile long Wadhams to Avoca trail begins just west of Port Huron and ends in the small community of Avoca. Built in the late 1800s by the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad, the former railroad grade was purchased by the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission in 1999 to be developed into a pedestrian pathway. Access points, including parking lots and restrooms, are located at Wadhams Road, Lapeer Road, Imlay City Road, and at M-136 in Avoca. As you trek west along the Wadhams to Avoca Trail from Port Huron, you'll notice the landscape of St. Clair County change from suburban to rural to wilderness. The eastern half of the trail is paved, while the western portion is made of limestone fines to accommodate horseback riders. The pinnacle of your journey west will be the Mill Creek Trestle, a 640 foot long and 60 foot high former railroad bridge that offers spectacular views of the Mill Creek and beyond.

Bridge to Bay Trail

The Bridge to Bay Trail is a 54 mile long network of trails through several communities on St. Clair County's shoreline. The trail starts near the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron and travels south to Anchor Bay on Lake St. Clair. It passes through the waterfront communities of Marysville, St. Clair, Marine City, and Algonac. Along the way you'll encounter parks, beaches, museums, lighthouses, shops, and restaurants. Many miles of the Bridge to Bay trail are paved pathways for hiking and biking. Other portions of the trail consist of dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks. Some sections remain under development, and completing the gaps in the trail network remain a priority for local stakeholders. A portion of the Bridge to Bay Trail in Port Huron consists of the Blue Water River Walk, a prime example of the ongoing effort to restore our shoreline. Starting at the mouth of the Black River and ending at the Seaway Terminal, the Blue Water River Walk tells the story of our river's industrial and natural past.

Wadhams to Avoca Trail

Photo Credit: Peter Michael Photography Studio

Pine River Nature Center

St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency's Pine River Nature Center is located on Castor Road immediately south of Goodells County Park. The 80 acre nature center has over three miles of hiking trails that are open year round from dawn to dusk. The nature center is also a popular spot for bird watchers with more than 70 species of birds sighted at the property. Numerous educational programs for area students and the public take place inside the nature center's 5,000 square foot log cabin which features interactive nature displays. More information on the Pine River Nature Center can be found at sccresa.org.

Columbus County Park

Located along the Belle River off of Bauman Road near Richmond in St. Clair County's Columbus Township, Columbus County Park offers four season fun for the whole family! With over 400 acres to explore, Columbus County Park is sure to give you that "Up North" feel. Hiking trails offer scenic views of the Belle River as well as native hardwood forests. Mountain bikers and horseback riders will also find many miles of trails to enjoy. Columbus County Park also features a sledding hill, disk golf course, and modern facilities available for rent. The park is open daily 8am to 9pm May through September and 8am to 8pm October through April.

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- 27 Memorial Day Parade & Service, Harbor Beach
- 27 Memorial Day Parade @11am, Lexington
- 30 The 39 Steps, Riverbank Theatre, Marine City
- 30-6/2 Poutine Feast, Centennial Park, Sarnia
- 31 Barn Theatre Opens, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 31 Gringos performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron

JUNE

- 1 VNA & Blue Water Hospice River Run, Marysville
- 1 Rhoedes Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 1 11th Annual Sturgeon Celebration, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Park





- 1 Meet Loaf The Ultimate Meat Loaf Tribute @8pm, Lexington Village Theater
- 1 St Clair Waterfront Beer, Wine, & Seltzer Festival, Algonac
- 1 PSGC Springtime Stroll & Stone Mission Marketplace, Port Sanilac
- 1 History Lecture, Victorian Home Funerals, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 1 Free Concert, Lexington community Band, Croswell
- 1 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 6 Joe Dehenau performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 8 Kathleen Murray Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 7-9 Art on the River, Port Huron
- 8 Wrëking Crüe- The Mötley Crüe Experience, Lexington Village Theatre
- 8 History Lecture: History of 20th Century Rock n' Roll, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 8 Harbor Beach Veterans Fishing Outing, Harbor Beach Marina
- 8 Harbor Beach Truck show, Convoy, Lighted Parade, & Food Truck Fest
- 8 Sarnia Kids Funfest
- 8 Port Huron Marine Mart Flea Market-Style Event, American Legion Post 8, Port Huron
- 8 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 8-9 Free Fishing Weekend, Port Huron
- 9 Wills Saint Clair Car Show, Marysville
- 11 Back to the Bricks Promo Tour, Downtown Port Huron



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JUNE (cont'd)

- 13 Keynote Sister Jacklyn Holmes performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 13-16 Yale Bologna Kickoff & Carnival
- 13-16 Summerfest, Marysville
- 14-16 Sarnia Kinsmen Ribfest, Centennial Park, Sarnia
- 14 Detroit Blu performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 14 Summer Concert Series, St. Clair
- 15 Thunderbeard Tribute to ZZ Top @ 8:00 pm, Lexington Village Theatre
- 15 Music in the Park: Huron Out, Port Sanilac
- 15 Dancin' the Decades Summer Music Festival, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 15 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 15 Battle of the Bands @6p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 15-16 Lexington Lakeside Craft Fair

CALENDAR



- 19-22 **Croswell Fair** 20 Fireworks @9p, New Baltimore 20 Redneck Yacht Club with Q Country 107 and Huron Lady, Port Huron 20 Brent Mireau performing @7-9pm, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron 20 Borderfest performing: I Love the 90s Tour -Vanilla Ice, Color Me Badd, Young MC, C+C Factory Ft Freedom Williams, Sarnia 21 Northbound Country performing @7-10pm, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron 21 Music in the Park-Katmandu, Lexington 21 Music at the Beach: Huron Out, Harbor Beach 21 Best Friend's Girl - #1 Cars Experience @ 8:00 pm, Lexington Village Theatre Summer Concert Series, St. Clair 21 Candlelight Concert featuring Mert Sela, 21 Sanilac County Historical Museum 21 Borderfest performing: Bush, Skillet, Saint Asonia, Sarnia 22 Frankenfest, Port Huron 22 Music in the Park: Steve Washburn, Port Sanilac 22 Flip n Nipsy performing @7-10pm, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
 - 22 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
 - 22 Borderfest performing: Our Lady Peace, Scott Stapp of Creed, Finger Eleven, I Mother Earth, Sarnia
 - 25-28 St. Clair Classic Boat Race, St. Clair
 - 26-28 Yale Bologna Festival
 - 27 Brenden Pavlov performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
 - 28 Music in the Park -The Rhoedes, Lexington



- 28 Music at the Beach: Even Steven 360, Harbor Beach
- 28 Fool House The Ultimate 90s Dance Party@ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- GlenBrooke & The Wild Weeds performing
 @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 28-29 Cruise Weekend, Fort Gratiot
- 28-30 4th of July Celebration & Fireworks, KOA Emmett
- 29 Cornhole Tournament @2p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 29 Car Show Cruise Weekend, Fort Gratiot
- 29 Journeyman A Tribute to Eric Clapton @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 29 Fort Gratiot Fireworks @9:45p
- 29 The Gobies performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 29 Music in the Park: Blue Ice, Port Sanilac
- 29 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 29-30 St. Clair Art Fair
- 30 Lighthouse Home Dinner, Sanilac County Historical Museum

JULY

- 2 Music on the River: The Barrelmen, Marine City
- 3-7 Algonac Pickerel Festival
- 4 St Clair Fireworks, Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 4 Port Austin Fireworks
- 5 Fireworks @5p, Lexington
- 5 Fireworks @8p, Algonac
- 5 Lighthouse Tours Begin, Sanilac County Historical Museum

- 5 Family Fun Day, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 5 The Rhoedes Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 5-6 Almost Queen A Tribute to Queen @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 6 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 6 4th of July Parade, Lexington
- 6 Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse Tower Climb, Port Hope
- 6 Ian Smith & Co performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 6 Music in the Park: DJ Jay, Port Sanilac
- 6 Port Hope Fireworks
- 9 Music on the River: No Strings Attached, Marine City
- 10-14 Maritime Festive, Harbor Beach
- 11 Jon Langston @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 11 Joe Dehanau performing @6p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 2 Music in the Park Mainstreet Soul, Lexington



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JULY (cont'd)

12 Summer Concert Series, St. Clair

- 12 Brent Mireau & The Cheap Smokes performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 13 Maritime Fireworks, Harbor Beach
- 13 River Classic Car Show, St. Clair
- 13 GlenBrooke & The Wild Weeds performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 13 Music in the Park: Dynasty, Port Sanilac
- 13 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 14 Maritime Car Show @9a-3p, Harbor Beach
- 15-20 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair, Goodells
- 16 Music on the River: Baron the Cretin, Marine City
- 17 Rotary Parade @6:30p, Downtown Port Huron
- 18 Q Country 107 presents LANCO and The Strumbellas with special guest Gasoline Gypsies, Downtown Port Huron



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19	Q Country 107 presents Elle King with special guest Jade Bird, Downtown Port Huron
19	Summer Concert Series, St. Clair
19	Rhoedes Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron

Greg Hind performing @7p-9p, McMorran

- 19 Music in the Park – Dr. Pocket, Lexington
- Agriculture/Farmer's weekend, Sanilac County 19-20 Historic Village & Museum, Port Sanilac
- 19-20 Double Vision – The Ultimate Foreigner Experience @8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 19-23 Fishfly Festival, Downtown New Baltimore
- 20 100th Bayview Mackinac Race, Port Huron
- 20 Barb Payton & The Instigators performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 21 Glenn Miller Orchestra@ 2p & 5p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 25 Redneck Yacht Club with Q Country 107 and Huron Lady, Port Huron
- 25 Keynote Sister – Jacklyn Holmes performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 25-28 St. Clair Classic Offshore Power Boat Race, St. Clair
- 26 Music in the Park – 86 Noodles, Lexington
- 26 Raputa J. Geils Tribute performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 26-28 Yale Bologna Festival, Yale
- 26-28 BWORA Offshore Powerboat Racing, St. Clair
- 27 Main Street Memories Wheels on the Waterfront Car Show @10a-4p, Downtown Port Huron
- St. Clair Fishing Party, Selfridge Ramp, St. Clair 27



CALENDAR

- 27 Toppermost Beatles Tribute performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 27 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 28 Hollywood Nights America's Bob Seger Experience @ 7p & 9:30p, Lexington Village Theatre

AUGUST

- 1 Rockin' The Rivers: The Family Tradition Band @6p in Kiefer Park, Port Huron
- 1-3 Bay Area Sports Show & Fishing Tournament, Downtown New Baltimore
- 2 Satisfaction The International Rolling Stones Show @ 7p & 9:30p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 2 Light up the River Boat Parade, Marine City
- 2 Los Gringos performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 2-3 Port Sanilac Blues Festival
- 2-4 Marine City Maritime Days
- 2-4 Blue Water Sandfest, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 3 BIYAKATHON Bike, Kayak, Run, Harbor Beach
- 3 Dusk til Dawn performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 3 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 3-4 Fine Arts Fair, Lexington
- 4 Live at the Carriage Barn Stage: Blues Music, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 8 Rockin' The Rivers: Dave Bennett Band @6p in Kiefer Park, Port Huron
- 9 Music in the Park The Groove Council, Lexington
- 9 Family Night @6p, Marysville Park
- 9 Bandwagon performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron



- 9 Music at the Beach: On Tap, Harbor Beach
- 9-11 Antique Yard Sale Trail
- 9-18 Cheeseburger Festival, Caseville
- 10 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 10 GlenBrooke & The Wild Weeds performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 11 Red Hot Chilli Pipers @ 5p & 7:30p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 15 Rockin' The Rivers: Magic Bus @6p in Kiefer Park, Port Huron
- 16 Music in the Park Dave Bennett, Lexington
- 16 Kathleen Murray Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 16-17 Sunflower Festival, Port Austin
- 16-17 Hunting, Fishing, & Maritime Days, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 17 Jazz Festival, Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 17 Brass Transit The Musical Legacy of Chicago @ 5p & 7:30p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 17 Music in the Park: 10 Beach Drive, Port Sanilac



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AUGUST (cont'd)

- 17 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 17 Metro Soul Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 17 Blue Water Traditional Pow Wow, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 17-18 Fiddler on the Roof, Boardwalk Theatre, St. Clair
- 18 Float Down, Port Huron
- 22 Rockin' The Rivers: The Groove Council Feat. Kathleen Murray @6p in Kiefer Park, Port Huron
- 22 Redneck Yacht Club with Q Country 107 and Huron Lady, Port Huron
- 23 The Office Trivia with "Todd Packer" @ 6p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 23 David Koechner @9p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 23 Rhoedes Band performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 23-24 Hot Wheels Weekend, Marysville
- 23-24 Margaritafest @12p, Lexington

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Fiddler on the Roof, Boardwalk Theatre,

Music in the Park: Andy Dalton, Port Sanilac

Home Dinner Committee's Historic Village

Wine Tasting, Sanilac County Historical

- 24 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 29-9/1 Fiddler on the Roof, Boardwalk Theatre, St. Clair
- 30 Paul & Oates performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 31 ZOSO The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience @ 7p & 9:30p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 31 Thumbfest, Lexington
- 31 Music in the Park: Random, Port Sanilac
- 31 80s Party @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 31 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 31-9/1 Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse Tower Climb
- 31-9/1 Algonac Art Fair
- 31-9/1 Art in the Park, Port Austin

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Schommer Family Art Show, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 2 Trek the Trestle, Avoca Trail
- 5 Joe Dehanau performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
 - Blue Blaze performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 5-8 Fiddler on the Roof, Boardwalk Theatre, St. Clair



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- 7 Echoes of Pompeii – The Pink Floyd Experience @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre 7 Alter Ego performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron 7 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron 12 Closing Time performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron 13 Detroit Blu performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron 13-15 Fiddler on the Roof, Boardwalk Theatre, St. Clair
- 14 MI New Favorite Snack Competition, McMorran Plaza Downtown Port Huron
- 14 Los Gringos performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 14 Home Dinner at Sanilac Museum Nature Trail, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- Harvest Festival & Chili Cook-Off, Harbor 14 Beach
- Jump "America's Van Halen Experience" 14 @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 14 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 19 Soul Commission with Kathleen Murray performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 20 The Gobies performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 20-22 Fiddler on the Roof, Boardwalk Theatre, St. Clair
- 21 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 21 Big Pappa & The Machine performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 26 Caleb Malooley performing @7p-9p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron



- 27 Meldrum Brothers performing @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron
- 28 Acrobat – The U2 Tribute @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 28 Scarecrow Saturday @12p-2p, Fort Gratiot Pond
- 28 Bark Shanty Day (Flannel Festival), Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 28 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 28 Oktoberfest @12p-5p Joe Dehenau, Blue Ice Trio, Beer Garden @2p-5p, Bandwagon – Main Stage @7p-10p, McMorran Plaza, Downtown Port Huron

OCTOBER

- 5 Witch Walk @12p-6p, Downtown New **Baltimore**
- 5 Home Dinner at Western's Tree Farm, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 5 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 6 Real Love – Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton @6p, Lexington Village Theatre



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- 11 Adult Halloween Party, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 11 Wanted: Bon Jovi Tribute, McMorran Theater
- 12 Fallin for Halloween @10am-12p, Marysville Community Center
- 12 Sturgeon Festival & Tournament, Clay Township
- 12 Haunted Village, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 12 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 19 Elton Rohn Elton John Tribute @ 5p & 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 19 Haunted Village, Sanilac County Historical Museum
- 19 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 25-26 1964 The Beatles @8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 26 Paranormal Investigation Tour, Sanilac County Historical Museum

- 26 Port Huron Farmers Market (8a-2p every Saturday), Downtown Port Huron
- 30 History Lecture: Michigan's Haunted Lighthouses, Sanilac County Historical Museum

NOVEMBER

- 8 Abacab The Music of Genesis, Phil Collins, & Peter Gabriel @8p, Lexington Village, Theatre
- 8 Forever Seger: Bob Seger Tribute, McMorran Theater
- 9 Rare Earth @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 15 Summer Nights: Grease Tribute & The Olivia Show, McMorran Theater
- 15-16 Trial By Fire Tribute to Journey @ 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 22 Lighted Santa Parade & Tree Lighting, St. Clair
- 29 "Rocky Mountain Christmas, Tribute to John Denver" starring Ted Vigil. @ 5p & 8p, Lexington Village Theatre
- 29 Sperry's Santa Parade, Port Huron





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30	Lighted Christmas Trail Debut & Open House, Sanilac County Historical Museum	10	JANUARY 2025	
DECEMBER		10 17	Abbamania, McMorran Theater	
			Spheres Bubble Show, McMorran Theater	
1	Museum Holiday Tours, Sanilac County Historical Museum	26	RadioFirst Wedding Expo, Port Huron	
7			FEBRUARY 2025	
7	Femmes of Rock @ 5p & 8p, Lexington Village Theatre	7	Men Are From Mars Comedy Show, McMorran Theater	
7	Harbor Beach Lighted Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting	14	The Drifters, McMorran Theater	
7	Victorian Dinner, Sanilac County Historical Museum		MARCH 2025	
14	Bayou County "The Best of Creedence Clearwater Revival" @8p, Lexington Village	22-23	RadioFirst Home, Sport, & Garden Show, Port Huron	
	Theatre		APRIL 2025	
14	Victorian Dinner, Sanilac County Historical			
	Museum	12	Fool of Illusions: Reggie Rice, McMorran	
27	Nuclassica: Electro-pop Violin Christmas Show, McMorran Theater		Theater	
		19	Shining Star: Earth, Wind, & Fire Tribute,	
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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, 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, Radio First. It also includes architectural photography for a Michigan based firm that designs glass structures at the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Delta Dental Head Quarters, 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 a 1200 sq ft space in the Riverview Plaza in St. Clair, MI, where I specialize in wedding, high school senior, family and real estate photography.





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