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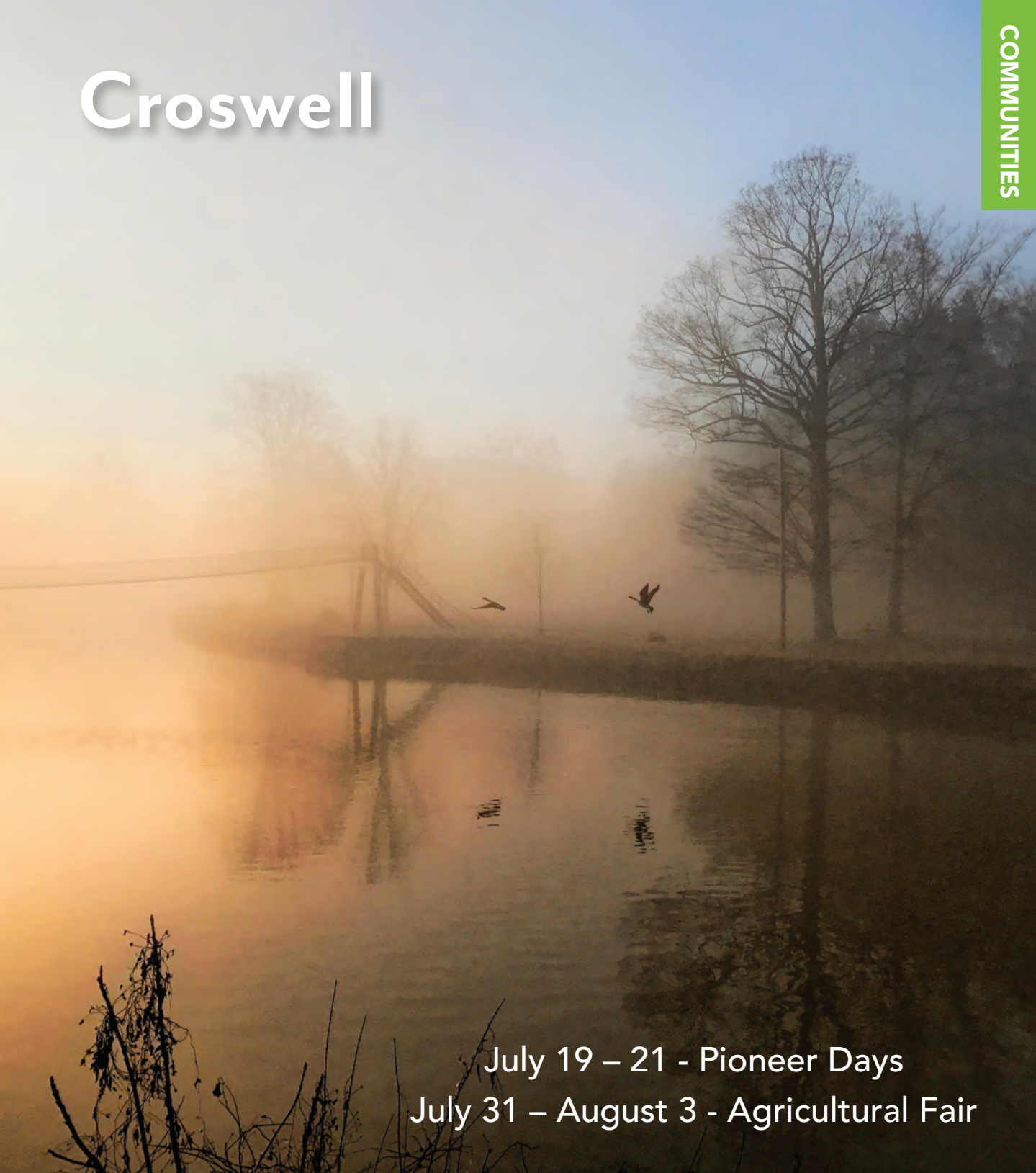
Welcome to the Port Huron area and Michigan's amazing Thumb region. As you explore our bright blue shorelines from Harsens Island up the Thumb and past Port Sanilac you will find all the best our great state of Michigan has to offer. The communities featured in our vacationland guide all provide a unique experience on the water, in our hotels and campgrounds, in dining options, with incredible beaches and parks where you are guaranteed to make lifelong memories. You will

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

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.



Croswell



July 19 – 21 - Pioneer Days
July 31 – August 3 - Agricultural Fair

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 Pioneer Days featuring a car cruise and

car show, live music, a craft and vendor show, various tournaments, cardboard boat races, kayak races, a parade and fireworks. Visitors at the Croswell Agricultural Fair 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.



Pioneer Days

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MAY 2019

- May - Sept Croswell Stockyards - Fruits, Vegetables & Flea Market, every Monday thru September, Black River Rd.
- May 18 Wm. Aitken Memorial Library - Parks & Paths 5K, 9:00 a.m. Sign up online
- May 18 Horseshoe Tournament, 11 a.m. start - Croswell Fairgrounds
- May 27 Memorial Day Parade, Downtown Croswell to Cemetery

JUNE 2019

- June 1 Splash Bash - Opening Day of Splash Pad 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- June 4 Concert - Mountain Babies - free 6 p.m. - Wm Aitkin Library
- June 8 Croswell Fishing Contest - Cash Prizes - Riverbend Park, 8:00 am - 11:00 am
- June 21 Summer Reading - Kickoff Comedy Show w/Jeff Wawrzaszek, 11am - Wm Aitkin Library
- June 22 7th Annual JAWS of Life Bike Run - Croswell Fire Dept. \$25 Driver/\$15 Passenger - Pig Roast sign in 9:30 a.m., Kickstands up at 11 a.m., details on the Facebook page @CFD7604
- June 25 Summer Reading - Beach Class Charm Making (\$20) 6 p.m. - Wm. Aitkin Library

JULY 2019

- July 2 Concert - Bookends (Simon & Garfunkel cover band) free, 6 p.m. - Wm. Aitkin Library
- July 12 Summer Reading - NERF Battle with Joel Tacey, 11 a.m. - Wm. Aitkin Library
- July 13 Croswell Parks & Recreation 5K Race, 9 a.m. - Downtown Croswell
- July 19, 20, 21 Croswell Pioneer Days, Downtown
- July 20 Summer Reading - Beach Glass - Mother/Daughter Jewelry (\$20 per person), 11 a.m. - Wm. Aitkin Library



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- July 20 Croswell Pioneer Days Fireworks at Dark - Riverbend Park
- July 19 & 20 Fraternal Order of Eagles - Beer Tent @ Pioneer Days, 2 p.m.
- July 31 Harness Racing - Croswell Agricultural Fairgrounds, details go to croswellfair.org

AUGUST 2019

- August 1 Harness Racing - Croswell Agricultural Fairgrounds, details go to croswellfair.org
- July 31 - Aug 3 Croswell Agricultural Fair - Croswell Fairgrounds, details go to croswellfair.org
- August 2 Drag Races, details go to croswellfair.org
- August 3 Bump & Run - Croswell Fairgrounds, 7p.m.
- August 3 Disc Golf Fundraiser
- August 6 Concert - Denny Dwyer - free 6 p.m. - Wm. Aitkin Library
- August 10 Croswell Truck Show, 10 a.m., Downtown
- Aug 12 - 16 Vacation Bible School, Wesleyan Church
- August 24 Croswell Fishing Contest - Cash Prizes - Riverbend Park, 8 - 11 am - Riverbend Park

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Sept 15 Pioneer Pride Picnic, Croswell Wesleyan Church
- Sept 21 Janet Johnson Annual Horesehoe Tournament, details go to croswellfair.org

OCTOBER 2019

- October 26 Demolition Derby, Croswell Fairgrounds
- October 31 Trunk or Treat - Croswell Wesleyan Church, Cros-Lex Assembly of God

NOVEMBER 2019

- November 30 Croswell Christmas Downtown Stroll, Santa Parade & Fireworks, Stroll @ 5; Parade @ 6; Fireworks immediately following parade

DECEMBER 2019

- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services, Croswell Wesleyan Church



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well as the largest commercial corridor in the area, Fort Gratiot offers a lifestyle to suit even the most discerning tastes.

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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.

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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.



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Lexington

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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.

Summer brings the Music in the Park series presented by the Lexington Arts Council, a free concert series on Friday nights starting in June. 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.

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August Lexington Fine Arts Fair, Aug. 3-4
Margarita Fest, Aug. 23-24

December Christmas Tree Lighting, Dec. 7 7pm
Christmas Horse Parade, Dec. 14 2pm

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MAY

- 18

9am- 1pm Tierney Park Clean Up (Rain Date: May 26)
- 18

9 am 5K ALS Awareness Walk/Run to honor Peggy Stencil (starts at Lexington A&W)
- 20
-9/9

Monday nights
Golf Cart nights at Lakeside A&W
- 22
-9/11

Wednesday night Cruise Nights, Lakeside A&W
- 23
-9/12

Thursday night Bike Nights, Lakeside A&W
- 24-25

Moore Public Library Book Sale (Fri 9-5 and Sat 9-3)
- 24
-8/30

Friday nights, 5:30-8:30pm-Denny Dwyer-Weekend Kickoff Guitar & Vocals- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House
- 25

8 pm- Laith Al-Saadi, Lexington Village Theatre
- 27

11am Memorial Day Parade
- 15-16

Lakeside Craft Show (Sat 10-6 and Sun 10-5)
- 16

9am- Antique Car Show at Lexington A & W
- 21

7:30pm- Music in the Park- Bob Seger Tribute
- 21

8 pm- Emerson Drive, Lexington Village Theatre
- 22

9am Antique Motorcycle Show at Lakeside A&W
- 28

7:30pm- Music in the Park- Taylor Tucky
- 28

8:30 pm- Comedian Matt Holt, Lexington Village Theatre
- 29

8 pm – Josh Gracin, Lexington Village Theatre

JULY

- 5

Dusk- Independence Day Fireworks
- 6

11am Independence Day Parade
- 6

6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House –Butterhair w/ Ron Porter
- 6

7:30pm- Music in the Park- The Invasion
- 7

7am- Noon- Fireman's Pancake Breakfast
- 11

8:30 pm- Uncle Kracker, Lexington Village Theatre
- 12

7:30pm- Music in the Park- Creole du Nord
- 13

7 pm & 9:30 pm- ZOSO – Led Zeppelin Tribute, Lexington Village Theatre
- 18

8 pm- Dark Desert Eagles- Ultimate Eagles Tribute, Lexington Village Theatre
- 19

7:30pm- Music in the Park- Boogie Dynamite

JUNE

- 1-2

Civil War Weekend (Sat 10-4 and Sun 10-3)
- 6-7

8:30 pm- Almost Queen presented by Babisz Insurance, Lexington Village Theatre
- 8

6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House -The Hooligans
- 9

8am- Free Fishing Day
- 15

9am- Antique Tractor Show, Lexington A&W
- 15

6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House -The Revivors

Calendar of Events



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SEPTEMBER

- 20 8:30am- Mile Fun Run
- 20 9:00am- 5K Run
- 20 9 pm- Rockstar presented by Babisz Insurance, Lexington Village Theatre
- 20 6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House-Still Running
- 26 7:30pm- Music in the Park- Arena Rock Detroit
- 27 8:30 pm- Paul Thorn, Lexington Village Theatre

AUGUST

- 2 7:30pm- Music in the Park- Groove Council
- 2-3 Moore Public Library Book Sale (Fri 9-5 and Sat 9-3)
- 3 6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House-The Hooligans
- 3-4 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair (Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4)
- 9 7:30pm- Music in the Park- Rhythm Society Orchestra
- 9 8:30 pm- The Artimus Pyle Band, Lexington Village Theatre
- 10 6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House-The Revivors
- 16 7:30pm- Music in the Park- Dave Bennett
- 17 6pm- Lexington Brewing Company and Wine House-Still Running
- 23 7:30pm- Margaritafest-Trigger Happy
- 24 7:30pm- Margaritafest-Caribbean Blue Band
- 31 10am- Thumbfest

- 7 9am- Bach Trot
- 13-15 Bach Festival
- 21 Cancer Fundraiser for McLaren Port Huron Fdn., Lakeside A&W
- 21 10am- Lexington Village Fall Fest

OCTOBER

- 5 8 pm- Journeyman-Tribute to Eric Clapton, Lexington Village Theatre
- 19 8pm- 1964 The Beatles Tribute, Lexington Village Theatre
- 26 5 & 8pm- Rumours-A Fleetwood Mac Tribute, Lexington Village Theatre
- 31 6pm- Community Trick or Treat

NOVEMBER

- 7-10 Holiday Market Squares/Open House Weekend
- 16 10am- Girlfriend's Day Away
- 16 8pm- Mega 80's, Lexington Village Theatre

DECEMBER

- 7 4pm- Christmas Tree Lighting/Merchant Walk
- 14 2pm- Christmas Horse Parade

*Events, dates and times are subject to change.



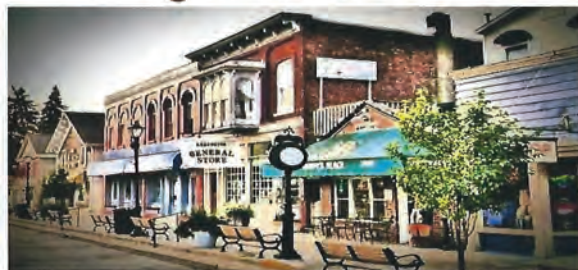
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Maritime Festival
October 5
Pumpkin Palooza
December 7
Maritime Christmas

No trip to the area or along the St. Clair River would be complete without a visit to Marine City. With a new 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 fishing, bicycling, bird watching or kayaking. Whether you're taking an after-dinner stroll, venturing on a kayaking expedition or simply catching some rays at the beach, there's something for everyone in Marysville.



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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 50 schools in the state, received the U.S. News & World Report Silver Medal in 2017.
- Marysville City Park draws visitors and events from around the region, hosting Little League tournaments, 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.

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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



Downtown Port Huron

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.



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Dedicated to the Great Lakes, BoatNerd has grown into a community website that averages over 27,000 visitors a day and more than 2.25 million page views each month. It offers an on-line archive of more than 210,000 vessel images, sponsors gatherings of ship enthusiasts at various locations around the Great Lakes, and even has a real-world headquarters at the Great Lakes Maritime Center in Port Huron, Michigan.

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.

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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.

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



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Foundation caisson work is complete, and construction continues to move forward with the pouring of cement for the garage and basement walls. Look for a dramatic change in Port Huron's skyline as the structural steel starts going up this spring.


Drawings are available to view at the Visitor Center located at 712 Huron Avenue in downtown Port Huron. Open House hours are held Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:00. Personal appointments are also available by contacting Jeff Wine at 810-650-6255 or Shannon Muir at 810-987-0200.

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McLaren Port Huron's expansion is the largest construction project St. Clair County has seen in decades. The five-year \$161 million project, named Rising to New Heights, was designed to offer greater access to health care – for Blue Water Area residents and tourists alike.

Construction of the 30,000 square-foot Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute was the first of three phases of McLaren Port Huron's expansion efforts, which began in 2015.

Just two years later, in October 2018, the second phase of the expansion – the new 174,000 square-foot South Tower – opened. The new patient tower features 72 private inpatient rooms, a new emergency center with more treatment rooms, new and expanded intensive care and observation units and four larger operating rooms to accommodate the latest in surgical technology.

Construction is currently underway on the third and final phase to renovate the hospital's original patient tower.

This project modernizes many patient and visitor waiting areas, the cafeteria, meeting room space, and most importantly, patient rooms that were once shared between two patients. Once renovations are complete in the North Tower in late 2019, every patient room at McLaren Port Huron will be private.

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McLaren Port Huron's ER is also distinguished, earning national accreditations for stroke, trauma and cardiac care. McLaren Port Huron has trauma surgeons on duty 24/7 and offers the latest stroke technology and cardiology programs. ER physicians, nurses, technicians and support staff provide around-the-clock coverage and emergent treatment.

"Besides expanding to provide greater access to care, patient amenities and conveniences were also built into the planning and design efforts," says Jennifer Montgomery, McLaren Port Huron president & CEO. "We understand that when you need emergency care, the waiting room is the last place you want to be. That's why we now offer an online registration for non-life-threatening emergencies, so you can check in to our ER from home and minimize the wait when you arrive."

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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.

You can be part of something MORE at the YMCA of the Blue Water Area. The Y is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the community. With a focus on developing the potential of kids, improving individual health and well-being, and giving back and supporting our neighbors, your participation will bring about meaningful change not just within yourself, but in your community, too.

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Ice harvesting was the second largest industry in the United States at one time. Knowlton's Ice Museum has the largest collection of ice tools and implements in the nation that date from the early 1800s to the early 1900s. The museum, located in Port Huron, boasts over 10,000 sq. ft. and displays over 5,000 items. From old ice picks to horse drawn ice wagons, visitors experience real history brought to life. The



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.

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

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Knowlton's Ice Museum

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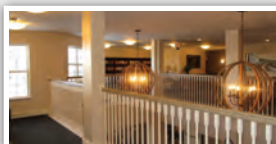
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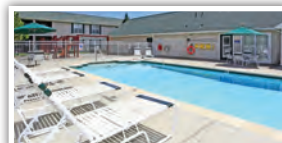
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The Hollyhock is the 14th Juniper Class Seagoing Buoy Tender built out of a projected 16 of this class. She is 225 feet long, displaces 2,000 long tons, and is powered by two diesel engines which power a single controllable



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.



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The Grayfox

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



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

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

Built by Marinette Marine in Marinette, WI in 1985, she was one of ten 120-foot type Torpedo Weapons Retrievers. Originally designed TWR 825, she was used to launch and retrieve test torpedoes and targets. It was

assigned to the U.S. Navy Atlantic Undersea Testing and Evaluation Center (AUTEC), Andros Island, Bahamas. Due to the changing development of underwater weapons, TWR 825 was no longer needed by the Navy. The ship was taken to Green Cove Springs, Florida and placed in mothballs in 1995. It was here that the vessel was

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

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Art on the River Art and Music Festival



Downtown Port Huron

June 7-9

Art on the River is an annual art and music festival held on the banks of the St. Clair River. The party begins with the Art on the River Dance Party on Friday at 8 p.m. with Lee Hoffman of Ultimate Sounds D.J. Service spinning some great dance music.

On Saturday an opening ceremony at 10 a.m. will start the day's events at the festival's new location, 500 Merchant Street (near the Port Huron Municipal Office Center). A wide variety of music is scheduled for the day beginning on the main stage in Kiefer Park at 2:30 p.m. Many local musicians are very excited to share their music with everyone and two headline bands will be performing. The Derek St. Holmes Band will be on stage Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. and the Gasoline Gypsies are set to entertain on Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

A beverage tent will be open during the dance party and throughout the weekend and will feature local

sommelier, Andy Bakko of Wolverine Market in Port Huron, serving craft beers, wine and spirits.

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. This year's featured artist is Nick Francesco. Mr. Francesco is a local artist who will paint at the event as well as sell other original works of art. Mr. Francesco won a prestigious award at Central Michigan University for one of his pieces.

Home Depot 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.

Information on the headline bands and a complete list of artists and crafters attending can be found 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 tickets. The luncheons offer an up close, personal visit with the celebrity and an opportunity to ask questions, many 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 7, 2019 – Captain Mark Kelly. NASA space mission commander and American hero, Captain Mark Kelly's career of service to our military, our nation and humanity has secured his place in history. Captain Kelly captivates audiences with stories from his extensive travels and experiences in outer space and on the ground. From the thrill of spaceflight to the recovery and resilience of his wife, Gabrielle Giffords, he reveals the foundations for success so you can accomplish your missions in life.

November 11, 2019 – Steve Hartman. Award-winning broadcast journalist Steve Hartman has educated and entertained us for over two decades. In his current CBS Evening News weekly feature segment, "On the Road", he brings viewers moving stories from unique people he encounters and the special places he visits as he travels around the country

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March 9, 2020 – The Capitol Steps. The Capitol Steps were born 30 years ago as a group of Senate staffers who set out to satirize the very people and places that employed them. They've recorded 33 albums, been featured on major television networks and have performed for five U.S. Presidents. Get set to enjoy timely and topical humor with The Capitol Steps. For more information, call (800) 858-6166 or (810) 985-6166 or visit mcmorran.com or porthurontownhall.com.

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town



[June 1]

Be a Tourist in Your Own Town is a chance for visitors and residents to explore the Port Huron area. Trolleys and buses will run continuously, free of charge, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with stops at points of interest, allowing riders to get on and off at will. Most attractions are free or discounted for the day.

Some of the tour stops included are: The Grayfox, Blue Water River Walk, Vantage Point, Huron Lady II, Studio 1219, Knowlton Ice Museum, SC4 Tower, SC4 Natural Science Museum, Huron Lightship Museum, Thomas Edison Depot Museum, and the Fort Gratiot Light Station Grounds.

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Annual Port Huron Beer Fest



Downtown Port Huron

In celebration of Craft Beer, Citizens for a Vibrant Community will once again team up with Wolverine Market Port Huron, to host the 7th Annual Port Huron Beer Festival.

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

[September 28]

The day will be an experience in taste and sound, with 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 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, 2019. 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. \$35 in advance, \$40 at the gate the day of the event.

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Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

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

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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 28
Cruise Night
Saturday, June 29
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.



The museum has the largest collection of ice tools and implements in the nation that date from the early 1800's to the early 1900's. From old ice picks to horse drawn ice wagons those who visit experience real history brought to life. Newly located in downtown Port Huron the museum boasts over 10,000 square feet and displays over 6,000 items.



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Blue Water SandFest



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The Blue Water SandFest has become a favorite summer attraction in the Blue Water Area. 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.

To avoid traffic and parking congestion in the neighborhood around the park, free parking is available at the St.

Clair County Community College parking lot near the Welcome Center where the Blue Water Trolley will be available to provide free transportation to and from the park throughout all three paid admission days.

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



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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 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.

June 1
sturgeonfestival.com

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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Port Huron Float Down



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

[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, date 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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Bell's Beer Bayview *Mackinac Race*

The Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race (the Port Huron to Mackinac Race) will be celebrating its 95th consecutive year when the sailboats leave the starting line in southern Lake Huron on Saturday, July 20th. Bell's, a well-known Michigan brewery famous for their summer Oberon wheat ale and Two-Hearted Ale, among many other premium and specialty brands, has sponsored the race since 2011.

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 Bell's Brewery and 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.

The Blue Water Fest is held concurrently with the Port Huron to Mackinac Race. This annual family festival is held in Port Huron along the Black River, where the race boats are berthed. Activities include the International Day Parade on Wednesday, Family Night on Thursday and Boat Night on Friday.



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Established in 1906, the Club's official status began in 1924 with membership in the Detroit Regional Yachting Association and the Interlake Yachting Association. Membership in these two organizations has been continuous since that time.

The Club moved to its present day location in 1954. The property at 212 Quay Street has gone through quite a transformation over the last 63 years. Almost all the physical labor that went into the Clubhouse (completed in 1996) and the Marina (completed in 2003) was done by members of the Club. The Club continues its growth along the Black and St. Clair River with the purchase of Scenic Point in 2011. Sweat equity is a term that is used religiously within the Clubhouse walls.

Competitive sailboat racing is the fundamental purpose of the Yacht Club and this year's sailing season presents plenty of challenging racing for its members. The Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Clubs International sailing program begins in May on Lake Huron and racing continues throughout the



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summer. Over 50 races will be sailed on lower Lake Huron during the season.

The Club is also widely known for its excellent social scene. Each Great Lake sailor has a good story or two about being in Fiddlers Green at the PHYC. Boat Week is the pinnacle for such activities. On Family Night (Thursday), the Clubhouse and grounds are open to the public with a tasty chicken dinner served to all. On Boat Night (Friday) the PHYC is the place to be with live entertainment,

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Blue Water Fest kicks off with The International Day Parade through downtown Port Huron on Wednesday, July 17th, featuring local high school bands, floats, hot air balloons and many other attractions that all families will enjoy.

Thursday, July 18th, is Family Night. Enjoy a stroll along the Black River to see over 200 sailboats docked and preparing for race day. Enjoy food and free entertainment along the river. At night, don't miss the headlining entertainment at the Q Country 107 Boats and Boots stage as they welcome national recording artists Lonestar to Port Huron. Local country favorites Scott Manery and The Barnburners will open and show time is 7:30 pm. This is a ticketed event and tickets can be purchased through Ticketmaster or at the McMorran box office. Tickets are for both Thursday and Friday shows.

Friday night is Boat Night and Port Huron's biggest party of the year. The entertainment and activities continue throughout the day and culminate with another national artist presented by 92.7 WHLX the Hills. Reckless Kelly performs on night two on the Boats and Boots stage with opener Gasoline Gypsies. Two night tickets for Lonestar and Reckless Kelly are \$50 VIP and \$30 general admission. Tickets gain entry both Thursday and Friday.

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Special events such as hosting the Vintage Camper and Antique Boat Show and the Antique and Classic Car Show draw hobbyists from across the Midwest. The annual Summer Festival, the Annual Blues Festival and the weekly Music in the Park series are summer tradi-

tions for visitors across the country. Events centered around the holidays, such as the 4th of July Fireworks and Christmas Village Tree Lighting draw crowds of all ages. There is something to do nearly every weekend. To learn more about Port Sanilac, visit PortSanilac.net.

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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!



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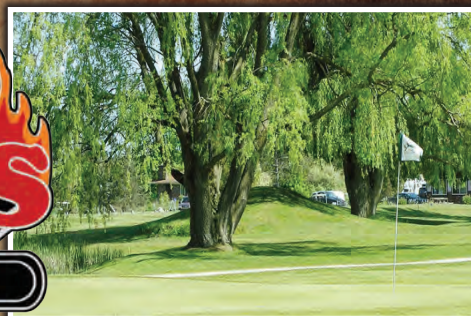
The Annual Richmond Area Good Old Days Festival is the highlight of summer for many people. The festival is known for offering a wide variety of events throughout each of the four days including the State's largest marching musical parade. For information visit www.richmondgoodolddaysfestival.org.

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Sarnia/Lambton



The coast is just the beginning of what visitors will find on the Canadian side of the St. Clair River and Lake Huron. Ontario's Blue Coast is ideally located in the heart of the Great Lakes region with Sarnia and Lambton County bordered by the sparkling blue waters of southern Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. These blue waters are reminiscent of the Caribbean but you won't have to travel quite so far to soak up the scenery.

[tourismsarnialambton.com]



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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. The Starlight Casino offers Vegas style gaming and dining experiences and the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia is host to professional theatre productions. Attend a festival or one of the area's special events, 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

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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.

Pickarel (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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Officially named for community pioneer Charles F. Moore, the municipal harbor boasts floating and fixed docks as a part of the main harbor and broad-side docking on the city-side of the river. The well-planned

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July 13
River Classic Car Show

July 26-28
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Offshore Powerboat Race

August 17
Annual Jazz Festival

September 28
Chalk the Walk Whistles on the Water

mix of harbor features and amenities complement the diversity of opportunities that exist within the harbor confines. The Harbormaster's building offers washrooms and showers 24 hours daily during the boating season. Boat launch facilities are available.

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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.

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.

St. Clair Art Fair

Art Fair hours will be Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artist and art lovers alike have long recognized St. Clair for this summer event featuring some of the finest presentations of original art to be found anywhere.

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

[June 29 – 30]
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of the Riverview Plaza.

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.

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".

**[August 3 – 4
Memphis Days]**

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 23 – 27
Eastern Michigan Fair
September 6 – 8
Woods-N-Water
Outdoor Weekend]**

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

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!

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 Outhouse

**[July 26 – 28
Yale Bologna Festival]**

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Goodells County Park



Mike Sexton
PHOTOGRAPHY

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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.

St. Clair County Farm Museum 2019 Events

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May 4, 12, 18	June 29 - Log Cabin Day
June 2, 8, 16, 22, 30	July 15-20 - 4H Fair*
July 6, 28	Aug. 23-25 - Harvest Days*
August 3, 11	Dec. 7 - Supper with Santa
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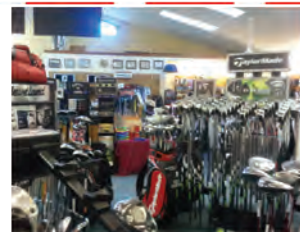
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For Summer 2019, a newly formed partnership with the Blueways of St. Clair, will also have Happy Dog Paddlesports American Canoe Association (ACA) certified instructors guiding community Blueways Trail Towns paddling events throughout St. Clair County. For more information on these events, please see the Blueways website at BluewaysofStClair.org.

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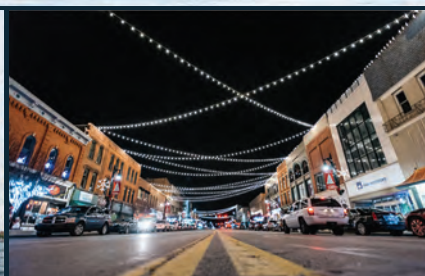
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Maritime Center/Vantage Point



THINGS TO DO

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. Looking for a snack, lunch, or a cup of coffee and donut? Try The Boat House by Kate's!

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 ar-

eas 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.

[August 9-11]

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

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.

Location

Algonac/St. Clair River
Fort Gratiot/Lake Huron
Fort Gratiot/Lake Huron
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

Rockin' the Rivers

Great entertainment and fun for the entire family is waiting for you along the St. Clair River next to Port Huron's Municipal Office Center at 100 McMorran Boulevard. Grab your blankets and lawn chairs and join us for a night full of musical entertainment, food vendors, inflatable bouncers, beer tent and wonderful family fun! The fun begins at 6:00pm with the main act taking the stage at 7:00pm. Join us Thursday evenings in August!

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Blue Water Trails



Blue Water River Walk, Port Huron

Have a more intimate experience of the Blue Water Area by running, walking or biking on the many scenic trails in our area.

Bridge to Bay Trail - Port Huron is in the heart of the Bridge to Bay Trail project. The Bridge to Bay Trail extends from St. Clair County's northern border, under the Blue Water Bridge and through Port Huron, Marysville, St. Clair, Marine City, and Algonac; past state and municipal parks, museums, gazebos, and lighthouses. Sometimes the trail is within reach of the water's edge and sometimes a few miles inland. It connects community with community for walkers, runners, strollers, and bicyclists of all ages.

Port Huron River Walk/Board Walk - If you'd like to spend some time on the St. Clair River waterfront, visit the River Walk that starts at Vantage Point in the Desmond District, south of the Black River in Port Huron. On the north side of the Black River, the board walk runs from the mouth of the Black River, through Pine Grove

Park, continuing to the Blue Water Bridge and the mouth of Lake Huron.

The Blue Water River Walk opened in 2014 and is a popular destination for residents and tourists. The River Walk land was gifted in 2011 to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County by local philanthropists, James and Suzanne Acheson. Located on the south side of Port Huron along the St. Clair River, the River Walk is an innovative example of how a public and private partnership can turn a damaged and neglected waterfront into a community treasure.

The Walk is almost one mile in length and includes a pedestrian trail, observation deck and an outdoor classroom that allows direct access to the water to learn about the restoration and naturalization of the shoreline.

Trestle Trail - For a more nature-oriented excursion, check out the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. The trail includes a sixty-foot high trestle that spans the Mill Creek Valley.



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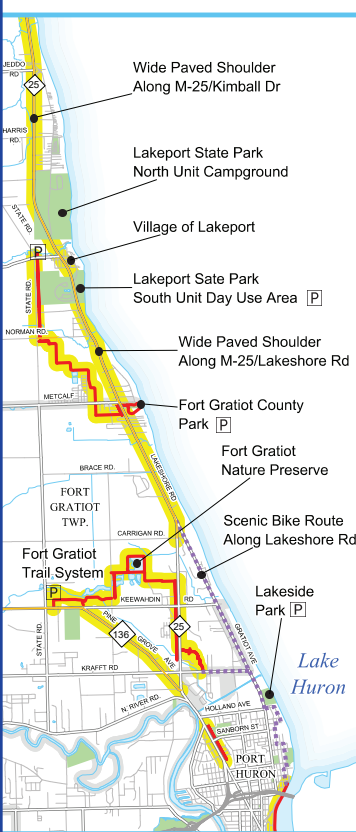
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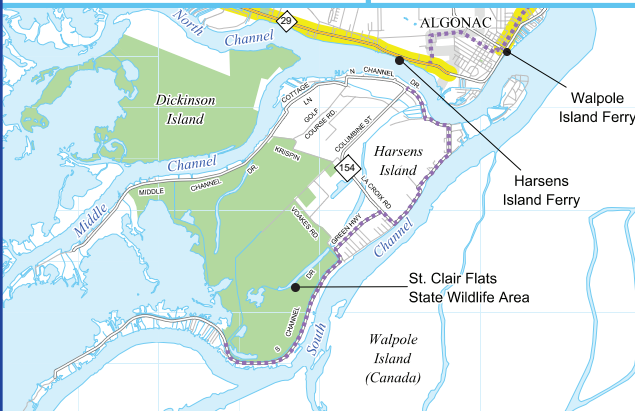
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Lake Huron Extension



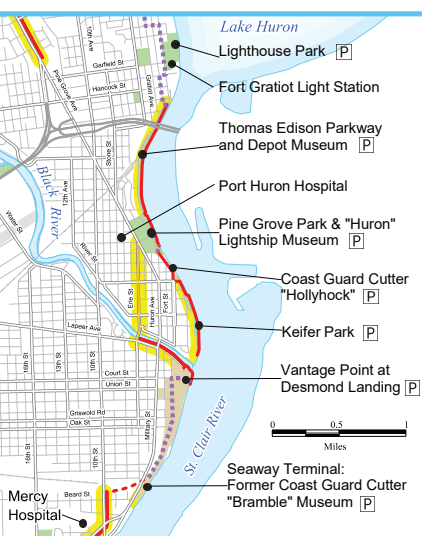
Harsens Island Extension



Legend

- Shared Use Path 8 to 10' Wide
- Paved Shoulder or Bike Lane 4' Wide Min.
- Bridge to Bay Trail
- Recommended Temporary Connector
- Shared Use Path Under Development
- P Trail Parking
- Point of Interest
- Primary Roads
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- Parks and Recreation Lands

Port Huron Enlargement



Bridge to Bay Trail



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Island Loop Route National Water Trail

The Island Loop National Water Trail is the first national water trail in Michigan and one of only fourteen in the nation. The 10.2 mile long trail 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 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. Closure of the gate protects the canal from getting filled with silt and sand from the lake.

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.



2019 MI Chapter ACBS Boat Shows

In 2018, the Michigan Chapter of Antique and Classic Boat Society celebrated its 40th year of existence.

The Chapter was founded in 1978 and became the 6th chapter in a still new ACBS organization of about 500 members. ACBS has since grown into the largest society in the world dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of historic, antique and classic boats. They embrace all styles of classic boats whether they are wood, fiberglass or metal with over 13,000 members and 54 Chapters.

The club got its start several years earlier as a picnic rendezvous every 4th of July at the waterfront home of

B.A. (Bud) and Pat Aikens. Bud and Pat hosted this event as a way of getting friends with antique boats together for an afternoon of fun. Part of the weekend festivities was the City of Algonac Annual Boat Parade made up of a variety of local boats, both old and new. It was a "come and have some fun" parade that was enjoyed by all who either participated or watched from the shoreline.

That local parade has turned into an annual boat show held every year at the Algonac Harbour Club on the St. Clair River. It is the signature event of many that are held throughout the year by the Michigan Chapter.



Algonac - June 21, 22 & 23

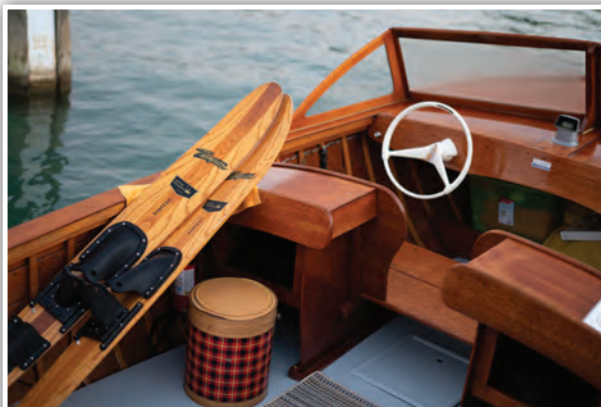
34th annual "Where it All Began" Boat Show at the Algonac Harbour Club (original Chris Craft plant). Public show on Saturday. On water events are on Friday and Sunday. Registration forms available in Spring 2019 at www.michacbs.com. Contact Jack Jensen at jrjensen@yahoo.com or Greg Lewandowski at greglewand@aol.com.



Lexington Boat Show - Saturday, July 13

Public Harbor in Lexington, MI. Registration forms available Spring 2019 at www.michacbs.com. Contact Mark Edmonson at meedmonson@sbcglobal.net.

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Port Sanilac Boat Show - August 16 & 17

Port Sanilac Municipal Marina. Registration forms available Spring 2019 at www.michacbs.com. Contact Jeanne Harper at jeanneharp@bellsouth.net.



Port Huron Boat Show - September 13 & 14

River Street Marina in Port Huron. Public boat show on Saturday and on water event on Friday. Free classic boat rides and kids' events on Saturday. Registration forms available Spring 2019 at www.michacbs.com. Contact LeRoy Stevens at ljstevensaia@gmail.com.

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There are over 70 running and walking family-friendly events in the area throughout the year and Port Huron is also home to one of the biggest January races in Michigan, the PoHo Hot Cocoa 10 Mile/10K/5K, drawing thousands of people from around the state and country.

Some local upcoming events include:

- 6/1 Marysville River Run - 10K, 5K, 1M
- 6/8 Port Huron Kegs n Ks - 4K
- 6/14 Imlay City Rotary - 5K, 1M
- 6/15 Fort Gratiot K's for Kids - 5K, 1M
- 6/21 Port Huron Strides for Recovery - 5K
- 6/22 Fort Gratiot Running for Rosebuds - 5K
- 6/23 Jeddo Levi's Link - 10K
- 6/29 St. Clair Artful Dodger - 10K, 5K, Kids Run
- 7/6 Columbus Declaration of Independence Run - 8K, 5K
- 7/13 St. Clair Swampfoot - 4M obstacle, Kids Run
- 7/20 Lexington Run/Walk - 5K
- 7/27 Yale Bologna Run - 5K, 8K, 1M
- 8/3 Port Huron Runaway Bride - 5K, 2M
- 8/10 Port Huron Orthopedic Associates - 10K, 5K, 1M
- 8/17 Lakeport - 5K, 10K
- 9/5 Richmond Running with the Devils - 5k
- 9/15 East China Special Dreams Farm - 5K
- 10/6 Fort Gratiot Taking a Shot at Breast Cancer - 5K
- 11/2 St. Clair River Turkey Trot - 5K
- 1/25 Port Huron PoHo Hot Cocoa - 10K, 5K
- 3/14 Marysville High School Pi Day - 10K, 5K, 1.6M

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Diving in the St. Clair River



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THINGS TO DO

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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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.

Within thirty minutes north or south of Port Huron, along the shores of Lake Huron or the St. Clair River, you're able to 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.

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.

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.

Story by Brian Martin




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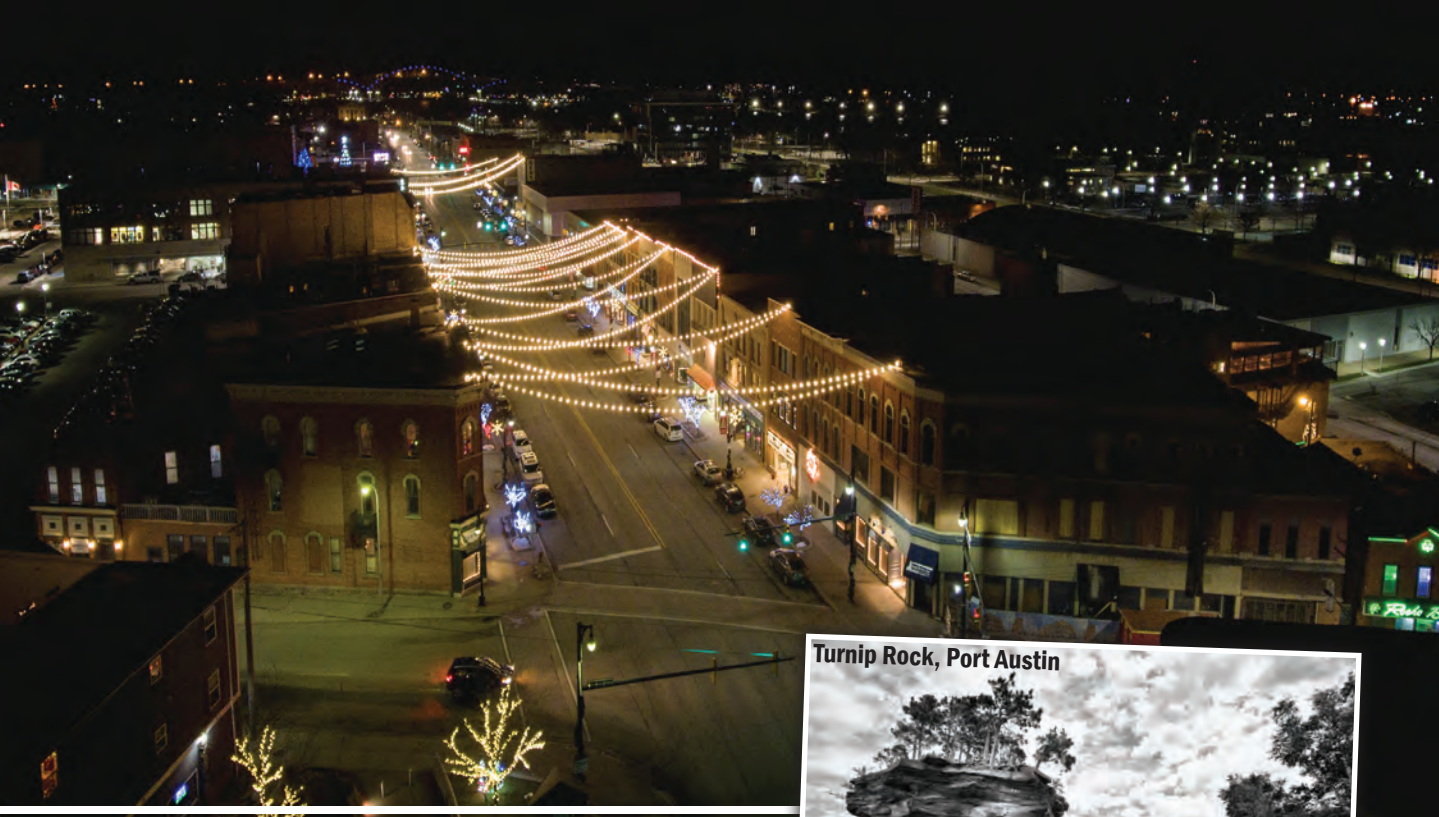
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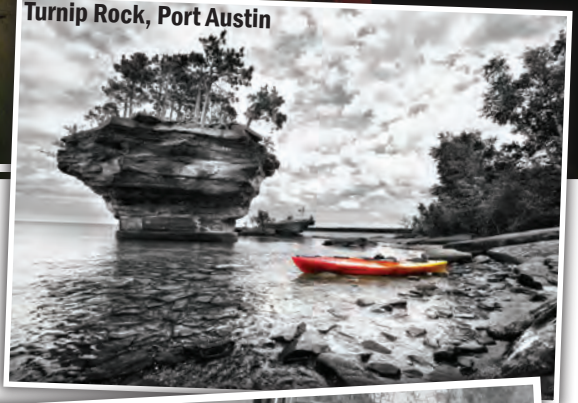
I started studying photography and graphic/web design at MCC after high school earning an Associate's degree, before transferring to the College for Creative Studies of Detroit, where I received a degree in photography. My education has reignited my love for art and I strive to showcase my passion through 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, 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





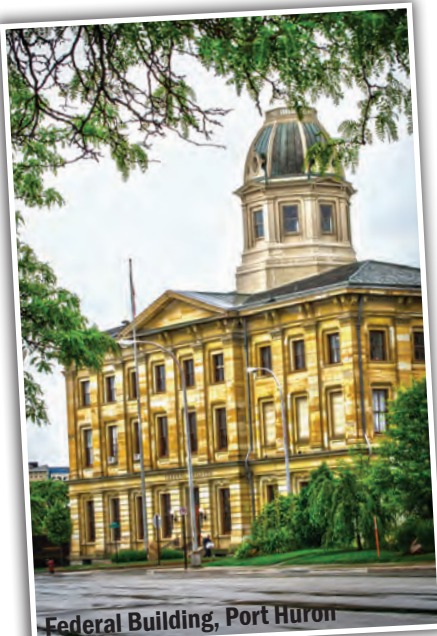
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which I am proficient is aerial photography and drone photography. This type of work has helped me to showcase events such as the Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat races to skyline views & real estate development in Detroit. Locally, I have been hired 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.



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Federal Building, Port Huron



2019 Calendar of Events

MAY

CALENDAR

- 3 Art Hop in Downtown, Port Huron
- 3-5 Arts, Eats & Beats Studio Tour, Grand Bend
- 3-5 First Annual Lexington Derby Days, Lexington
- 3-12 Bluewater Anglers 43rd Annual Salmon Derby, Sarnia Bay Marina
- 3 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct. 25th), Marysville City Park
- 4-5 Tunnel City Railway Train Show, Port Huron
- 11 Relay for Life of St. Clair County, Kimball
- 11 Adult Field Day, Rattle Run Farms
- 11 Hands on Art- Studio 1219, Port Huron
- 11- Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 11 11th Annual Run for Recovery, Port Huron
- 17-19 Marbleye Walleye Tournament, St. Clair City Boat Harbor
- 18 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 18 5K ALS Walk/ Run to honor Peggy Stencil, A&W Lexington
- 18 Elvis Tribute Artist- Jake Slater at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 18 Tierney Park Clean Up, Lexington
- 19 Vintage & Fries Under the Bridges, Sarnia
- 20 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 22 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 23 Bike Nights -Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 23-26 2019 Lambton Film & Food Festival, Forest, Ontario
- 25 Sarnia 3 on 3 Street Hockey Challenge, Canatara Park
- 25 Laith Al-Saadi at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 25 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 25-26 The Feast of the Ste. Claire, Port Huron**
- 26 Annual Sarnia Walk for Alzheimer's Disease, Sarnia
- 27 VFW Memorial Day Parade- Main Street, Richmond




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- 27 Memorial Day Blessing of the Fleet, Port Sanilac
- 27 Memorial Day Parade @ 11:00am, Lexington
- 27 Memorial Day Parade, Marine City
- 27 Memorial Day Parade, Port Huron
- 27 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 29 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 30 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 31-6/2 SOAR Motorcycle Road Race, Grand Bend
- 3 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 5 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 6 Almost Queen at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 6 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 6 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park, Algonac
- 7 Almost Queen at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 7 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct. 25th), Marysville City Park

JUNE

- 1 **Blue Water Sturgeon Festival- Vantage Point, Port Huron**
- 1 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 1 **Be A Tourist in Your Own Town (10:00am-4:00pm), Port Huron**
- 1-2 Civil War Weekend, Lexington
- 2 Annual YMCA-CHOK International Bridge Race, Sarnia/Port Huron
- 7-9 **Art on the River (500 Merchant Street), Keifer Park**
- 8 Cargill's Free Canoe/ Kayak Rental, St. Clair Boat Harbor
- 8 Beachside Pride, Canatara Beach
- 8-9 Will St. Claire Car Show, Marysville
- 8 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 8 Rumble in the Park Car Show, Marysville
- 8-9 MOPAR Canadian Superbike Series, Grand Bend

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JUNE (CONT'D)

CALENDAR

8-9 Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend, Michigan's Lakes & Rivers

9 The Past & Its Wheels Car Show, Marysville

10 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington

11 Pre-Summer Preview, Palmer Park

12 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington

13-16 Summerfest in Marysville

13 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington

13 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park, Clay/Algonac

14 Summer Concert-The Square Pegz- Ultimate 80's Band, Palmer Park

14 Relay for Life Sarnia, Sarnia

14 Marysville Summerfest- The Gobies, Marysville

15 Marysville Summerfest- Air Margaritaville, Marysville

15 Skatepark Summer Jam- Greig Park, St. Clair

15 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron

15-16 Lexington Lakeside Craft Show

15 A&W Antique Tractor Show, A&W Lexington

16 A&W Antique Car Show, A&W Lexington

16 Marysville Summerfest- Fifty Amp Fuse, Marysville

17 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington

18 Walk Michigan- Beach Party, Lakeside Beach

19 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington

19-23 Bay Rama Fishfly Festival, New Baltimore

20 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park, Clay/Algonac

20 Bill MacDonald Ford Classic Car Show (4:00pm-8:00pm), St. Clair

20 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington

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JUNE (CONT'D)

- 21 Summer Concert- Darrin Hagel & The Burning Love Band, Palmer Park
- 21 Emerson Drive at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 21 1st Annual Strides for Recovery (7:30p), Vantage Point
- 21 Katmandu – Bob Seger Tribute Band at Lexington's Music in the Park, Lexington

21-23 Annual Algonac Antique and Classic Boat Show, Algonac

- 22 St. Clair Beer & Wine Fest, St. Clair
- 22 2019 Sarnia Ribfest, Hiawatha Horse Track
- 22 Grand Bend Beachfest, Grand Bend
- 22 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron
- 22 A&W Antique Motorcycle Show, A&W Lexington
- 23 Blue Water Ramble Bicycle Tour, Clay/Algonac
- 24 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington

- 25 Walk Michigan- Photo Scavenger Hunt, McMorran Fountain
- 25 Blockbusters in Your Neighborhood- Hotel Transylvania, Palmer Park
- 26 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 26 Popsicles at the Pool, Court Street Pool
- 27-30 **Blue Water Cruise Weekend - carnival, cruise & show, fireworks, Fort Gratiot**
- 27 Algonac Clay Concerts in the Park, Clay/Algonac
- 27 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington



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JUNE (CONT'D)

CALENDAR

- 28 Comedian Matt Holt at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 28 **Blue Water Cruise Night (6pm-10pm), Port Huron**
- 28 Taylor Tucky at Lexington's Music in the Park, Lexington
- 28-29 Legacy Camp, East China Stadium
- 29 Josh Gracin at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington

- 29 Fort Gratiot Fireworks, Fort Gratiot
- 29 Keith Peterson Memorial Car Show in Fort Gratiot, Fort Gratiot
- 29 Artful Dodger 5K Run, St. Clair
- 29-30 RAHGS Heritage Festival- Bailey Park, Richmond
- 29-30 **St. Clair Art Fair, St. Clair**
- 29 Vantage Point Farmer's Market (8am-2pm) (Every Sat), Port Huron



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JULY

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| 1 | Grand Bend Canada Day, Grand Bend | 3 | Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington |
| 1 | Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington | 4 | Port Austin Parade & Fireworks |
| 2 | Walk Michigan- Celebrate Freedom, International Flag Plaza | 4 | Fireworks @ Dusk, St. Clair |
| 2 | Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 26, Port Huron | 4 | Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington |
| 3-7 | Algonac Lions Pickerel Tournament & Festival, Clay/Algonac | 5 | Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct. 25th), Marysville City Park |
| | | 5 | Summer Concert- Blue Cat Band, Palmer Park |
| | | 5-6 | Lexington Independence Day Celebration and Fireworks |

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JULY (CONT'D)

CALENDAR

- 5-7 2019 Sarnia Kinsman Ribfest, Centennial Park
- 6 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 6 4th of July Parade/Fireworks, Port Sanilac
- 6 Independence Day Parade @ 11:00am, Lexington
- 6 The Invasion at Lexington's Music in the Park, Lexington
- 6 Algonac Fireworks, Algonac
- 7 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 7a-12p - Village Hall, Lexington
- 8 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 9 St. Clair Recreation Bike Parade- 6th St. & Historical Museum, St. Clair
- 9 Walk Michigan- Pet Pawlooza, Pine Grove Park
- 9 Sarnia Vegfest, Canatara Park
- 9-11 St. Clair Recreation Circus Camp- Greig Park, St. Clair

- 9 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 10 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 10 Marysville Concerts in the Park- Captured Detroit, Marysville
- 10 Popsicles at the Pool, Sanborn Pool
- 11 St. Clair Recreation Kid's Garage Sale, Riverview Plaza
- 11 Uncle Kracker at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 11 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 11-14 Harbor Beach Maritime Festival
- 12 Summer Concert- Western Pleasures, Palmer Park
- 12-14 Blue Water Sandfest, Fort Gratiot Light Station**
- 13 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 13 ZOSO at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 13 An Extraordinary Garden Walk, Port Sanilac
- 13 River Classic Car Show, Palmer Park





JULY (CONT'D)

- 15 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 15-20 St. Clair County 4H & Youth Fair, Goodells Fairgrounds**
- 16 Walk Michigan- The Nautical Mile, River Street Marina
- 16 Blockbusters in your Neighborhood- The Little Mermaid, Lincoln Park
- 16 Senior Picnic (11am-1pm), Pine Grove Park
- 16 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 17 2019 Rotary International Day Parade, Port Huron
- 17-20 The Blue Water Fest 2019, Port Huron**
- 17 Sandcastle Contest for Kids (2pm-3pm), Lakeside Beach
- 17 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 17 Marysville Concerts in the Park- The Dynasty, Marysville
- 18 Dark Desert Eagles at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 18 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 18 "PARK IT" Event Music & Big Screen Movie, The Sandlot, Palmer Park
- 18 Port Huron Fireworks
- 18 Boats and Boots Concert - Lonestar; Opening: Scott Manery & The Barnburners, Port Huron**
- 19 Boats and Boots Concert - Reckless Kelly; Opening: Gasoline Gypsies**
- 19 Summer Concert- Lazo & Exodus- St. Clair Caribbean Night, Palmer Park
- 19 Boogie Dynamite at Lexington's Music in the Park, Lexington
- 19-21 Crosswell Pioneer Days**
- 20 Kiwanis Club Blue Water Area Breakfast Chemical Bank, Downtown Port Huron
- 20 Annual Rendezvous of the Antique & Classic Boat Society, Sarnia Bay Marina
- 20 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Yacht Race, Port Huron**
- 20 ROCKSTAR at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 20 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron



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2019 Calendar of Events

JULY (CONT'D)

- 20 Lexington 5k, 1 Mile Fun Run & 2K Walk, Lexington
- 22 East China Community Band Concert, Riverview Plaza
- 22 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 23-27 Eastern Michigan Fair, Imlay City**
- 23 Walk Michigan- River Walk Cleanup, Maritime Center
- 23 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron

- 24 Marysville Concerts in the Park- Katmandu, Marysville
- 24 Popsicles at the Pool, Sanborn Pool
- 24 Bubble Bash, Lincoln Park
- 24 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 25 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 25-27 Summer Festival, Port Sanilac**
- 26-28 Blue Water Volleygrass, Port Huron
- 26-28 St. Clair Riverfest & River Classic Offshore Powerboat Racing, St. Clair**
- 26-28 Yale Bologna Festival**



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- 27 Rummage & Relic Event- Municipal Parking Lot, Richmond
- 27 Community Garage Sale- Beebe Street Park, Richmond
- 27 Paul Thorn at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 27 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 27 Main Street Memories Car Show, Port Huron
- 29 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 30 Blockbusters in your Neighborhood- Mary Poppins Returns, Knox Park
- 30 Walk Michigan- Fit is Fun, Fort Gratiot Trail
- 30 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 31 Marysville Concerts in the Park- Motown Eagles, Marysville
- 31-8/4 Croswell Fair**
- 31 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington



AUGUST

- 1 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 1-4 Memphis Days, Memphis
- 1 Rockin The Rivers Concert Series- Majic Bus, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 2 The Groove Council at Lexington's Music in the Park, Lexington
- 2-3 6th Annual Blues Festival, Port Sanilac**
- 2 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct. 25th), Marysville City Park
- 2-4 Michigan Lighthouse Festival, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse**

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AUGUST (CONT'D)

CALENDAR

- 2-4 MOPAR Canadian Nationals, Grand Bend
- 2-4 Captain Kidd Days, Corunna
- 2-4 Maritime Days, Marine City**
- 3 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 3-4 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair**
- 5 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 5-10 Sanilac County 4H Fair, Sandusky
- 6 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 6 Looking Into Fall, Palmer Park
- 6 Walk Michigan- Pool Party, Court Street Pool
- 7 Movie in The Park- The Lego Movie, Marysville
- 7 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 7 Popsicles at the Pool, Court Street Pool
- 7-31 Art Studio 1219 Michigan Watercolor Traveling Exhibition, Port Huron

- 8 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 8 Rockin The Rivers Concert Series- Hotel California, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 8-11 Bluewater BorderFest, Sarnia**
- 9 The Artimus Pyle Band at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 9-11 St. Augustine Parish Festival- St. Augustine Church, Richmond
- 9-11 Sarnia Lambton Tall Ships Celebration, Centennial Park**
- 9-11 Antique Yard Sale Trail, Algonac to Sebewaing
- 10 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 12 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 12-18 Armada Fair, Armada
- 13 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 26, Port Huron
- 13 Blockbusters in your Neighborhood- How to Train Your Dragon, Pine Grove Park
- 14 Movie in the Park- Ralph Breaks the Internet, Marysville

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AUGUST (CONT'D)

- 14 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 14 Dog Days at the Pool, Sanborn Pool
- 15 Rockin' The Rivers Concert Series- Mainstreet Soul, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 15 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 15-18 Western Ontario Steam Threshers Show, Forest
- 16-17 Bluewater Anglers Summer Walleye Derby, Sarnia Bay Marina
- 16 Dave Bennett's Rockin' the 50's at Lexington's Music in the Park, Lexington
- 16-17 Antique Boat, Vintage RV Camper & Antique Car Show, Port Sanilac
- 17 Algonac Waterfront Beer, Wine & Cocktail Festival**
- 17 St. Clair Jazz Festival, St. Clair
- 17 Applegate Summer Festival, Applegate
- 17 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 18 Blue Water Float Down, Port Huron**
- 19 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 20 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 26, Port Huron
- 21 Movie in The Park- Dumbo, Marysville
- 21 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, Port Huron
- 22 Rockin the Rivers Concert Series- Forever Young, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 22 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 23-24 Marysville Hot Wheels Weekend**
- 23-24 Margaritafest, Lexington**
- 23-25 St. Clair County Farm Museum Harvest Festival, Goodells County Park**
- 24 2019 Port Huron Paddle Fest, Port Huron**
- 24 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 26, Port Huron
- 26 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 28 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 29 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington
- 30-9/1 Thunder by the Beach, Grand Bend

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AUGUST (CONT'D)

- 31 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 31 Annual Algonac Classic Car Show , Clay/Algonac
- 31 Thumbfest Music Festival in Lexington
- 31-9/1 Algonac Art Fair**
- 31 Salsa Festival, Harbor Beach
- 31-9/2 Harsens Island Lions Club Turkey Shoot

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Trek the Trestle Trail Walk, Wadhams to Avoca Trail
- 2 Golf Cart Nights- Mondays thru September 9th, A&W Lexington
- 3 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 4 Cruise Nights - Wednesdays thru September 11th, A&W Lexington
- 5 Bike Nights- Thursdays, 5pm-8pm thru September 12th, A&W Lexington

5-8 Richmond Good Old Days- Beebe Street Park, Richmond

- 6 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct. 25th), Marysville City Park
- 6-8 Grand Bend Festival of Speed
- 6-8 Woods-N-Water Outdoor Weekend, Imlay City**
- 7 2019 Rotary- Art in the Park, Mike Wier Park
- 7-8 Fort Gratiot Hospital Heritage Days, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 7 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 9 Golf Cart Nights, A&W Lexington
- 11 Cruise Nights, A&W Lexington
- 12 Bike Nights (5pm-8pm), A&W Lexington
- 12-15 Lexington Bach Festival, Lexington
- 13-14 Port Huron Hobo Fest 2019, Port Huron
- 13-15 Marine City Heritage Days, Marine City
- 14 Cruise Night, A&W Lexington
- 14 Olde Town Porch Concert (noon-5pm), Court St. District
- 14 Vantage Point Farmers Market- Tues & Sat thru Oct. 26, Port Huron

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- 21 Harvest Festival and Chili & Pie Cook Off, Harbor Beach
- 21 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 21 Fall Fest, Lexington
- 21 Cancer Fundraiser for McLaren Port Huron Foundation, A&W Lexington
- 27-29 St. Mary's Fall Festival at St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair
- 28 **Fort Gratiot's Scarecrow Saturday**
- 28 Whistles on the Water, St. Clair
- 28 **Port Huron Beer Festival (500 Merchant Street), Keifer Park**
- 28 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron

- 11-13 Halloween Camping Weekend, Harbor Beach
- 12 Family Haunted Village and Spook Walk, Port Sanilac
- 12 RAHGS Cemetery Walk, Richmond Cemetery
- 18 HOPStoberfest, PH Museum's Fall Fundraiser, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 19 1964 The Tribute at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 19 Fall in for Halloween, Marysville City Park
- 19-20 Lambton Fall Color & Craft Festival, Lambton Heritage Museum
- 19 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron

OCTOBER

- 1 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat, Port Huron
- 4 Farmer's Market (every Friday thru Oct. 25th), Marysville City Park
- 4-6 Halloween Camping Weekend, Harbor Beach
- 5 Journeyman at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 5 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct 26, Port Huron
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OCTOBER (CONT'D)

- 19 Family Haunted Village and Spook Walk, Port Sanilac
- 23 St. Clair Recreation Halloween for Tots, Plaza Park
- 24-26 St. Clair Halloween Weekend, St. Clair
- 26 Rumours at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 26 Clay Township Annual Scarecrow Festival, Clay/Algonac
- 26 Vantage Point Farmers Market, Port Huron
- 31 No Tricks, Only Treats- Halloween Event, Richmond Fire Hall

NOVEMBER

- 7-10 Holiday Market Open House Weekend, Lexington
- 11 Port Huron Town Hall -Steve Hartman, McMorran, Port Huron
- 15 Santa's Lighted Parade, St. Clair
- 15-17 Grand Bend Holiday Home Tour

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- 16 Girlfriend's Day Away, Lexington
- 16 Mega 80's at the Lexington Village Theatre, Lexington
- 26 Lighted Santa Parade, Marine City
- 29 The Sperry's Santa Claus Parade, Port Huron
- 29 Silver Bells Stroll, Port Austin
- 29-30 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

DECEMBER

- 1-2 Festival of Trees, Blue Water Convention Center
- 1-31 Christmas in the Park, Marysville
- 4 Santa Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting, Clay/Algonac
- 7 Marysville Christmas Parade @ 5pm,
- 7 Merry Time Christmas, Marine City
- 6 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 7 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 7 Christmas Tree Lighting & Merchant Candle Walk, Lexington
- 9 Port Huron Town Hall- Three Men and a Tenor, McMorran, Port Huron
- 13 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 14 Christmas Horse Parade (2:00pm-3:00pm), Lexington
- 14 Holiday Home Tour, Marine City



DECEMBER (CONT'D)

- 14 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 20 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse
- 21 Candlelight Tours of the Light Station (5:00pm-8:00pm), Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

JANUARY '20

- 1/9-1/12; 1/16-1/19; 1/23-1/26 North American Silver Stick Hockey, Port Huron
- 1/26 RadioFirst Bridal Expo, Port Huron

FEBRUARY '20

- 2/8 Marysville Friends of the Arts Chili Cook Off, Marysville
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- 3/6 Little Black Dress, BW Convention Center
- 3/9 Port Huron Town Hall -The Capitol Steps, McMorran, Port Huron
- 3/14 St. Patrick's Parade and Pub Crawl, Port Huron
- 3/21-3/22 RadioFirst Home, Sport & Garden Show, Port Huron



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