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# Blue Water Young Professionals

The Blue Water Young Professionals (BWYP) is a non-profit community group that prides itself on being a catalyst for community enhancement in the blue water area. Started in the fall of 2009, we've continued to grow and prosper in both membership and involvement in the community. In the spring of 2011, through our "I Will Stay If..." initiative, the BWYPs identified two areas of focus with the help of area residents. Our two main focus areas are Downtown & Nightlife enhancement and Arts appreciation and growth. It is our belief that place-making is one of, if not THE key element in today's economy.

Developing an attractive place draws the type of young, creative people who in turn create jobs and stability for the future. We're dedicated to projects that will enhance the Blue Water Area as a place for young professionals to live, work and play!

The BWYP mission is to be a catalyst of community enhancement for the Blue Water Area by collaborating with fellow forward-thinking, community-oriented individuals who are active in the civic, social and business activities of our region. BWYP's are active members of the local business community, ages 21-35, who are dedicated to improving the Blue Water Area's economic and social opportunities.

We strive to create a vibrant and diverse community. Our members are passionate, involved and willing to put in the work to make our community the great place we all believe it can be.

Over the last year, the BWYPs have been hard at work with community partners creating a vision and long

term plan to shape, enhance and breathe new life into the riverfront along the Black River. The Black River Walk project is broadly described as a public spaces plan for "creative placemaking" through the development of a ten block stretch of land along the Black River, redefining this space as a cultural destination. This creative placemaking project will transform a rather barren strip of river walk with public art pieces, gathering places and, in the future, visual and performing art experiences. Our local maritime heritage will be the anchoring theme of all the visual elements of the Black River Walk project.

Main components to the Spring 2013 phase of the project are: useable public art, like the bike racks and benches in contest right now, archways signifying the beginning and end of the river walk, picnic tables painted vibrantly with maritime stories and an additional fire pit.

To see firsthand another example of our passion, commitment and collaboration, join us in downtown Port Huron on August 23rd and December 6th for our Art Hops! At the Art Hop, downtown Port Huron's merchants turn their store fronts into art galleries to shop and enjoy! Refreshments will also be available at each location. For a full map of stores and stops participating in the Art Hop, go to [www.bwyp.org](http://www.bwyp.org). Brochures will be available for pick up at local businesses downtown on these evenings and will include printed maps and information for each location.

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A photograph at sunset, looking east from the Military Street Bridge in downtown Port Huron. Photo shows the Black River, in the heart of Port Huron, flowing into the St. Clair River.

The antique vessel in the photo is owned by local resident Larry Krabach and is a 16 foot 1959 Barbour Silver Clipper with a 1958 Mercury Mark 58 outboard motor, coming in from a sunset cruise.

Scenes like this are repeated through the Blue Water area every day. The only thing missing.... is you!

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Port Huron is perched on the edges of Lake Huron and the St. Clair River. With admirable depths, the waterways show off incredible colors of cobalt, turquoise and sparkling sapphire.

The stunning hues restore a sense of freshness and tranquility that can get lost in the current of everyday life. Green parks, boardwalks and wide beaches bordering the shorelines, entice visitors and locals to lounge along the water and breathe in the natural beauty.

Though an attraction all its own, the crystal blue water is not the only attraction the Blue Water Area has to offer. Summertime festivals, events and concerts bring laughter and entertainment to the beautiful shores. July brings thousands of spectators to join the fun during Blue Water Fest, a weeklong celebration leading up to one of Port Huron's biggest signature events, the Bayview Mackinac Race. The City of Port Huron is the starting point for the Bayview Mackinac

Race, one of the world's largest freshwater sailboat races. In August, the city will play host to the Port Huron/Sarnia International Offshore Powerboat Race. Catch all the action as you watch explosive powerboats thunder through the St. Clair River, all wanting to be the fastest on the water.

A bustling farmers' market is featured every Tuesday and Saturday at Port Huron's Maritime Center at Vantage Point and on Sundays, search for treasures at the arts and crafts market. The Maritime Center is one of the best spots for boat watchers to view 1,000 foot Great Lakes and ocean freighters traveling along the St. Clair River. The center is always a whirlwind of activity, home to the World Headquarters of BoatNerd.com, the most widely-used website for Great Lakes maritime information.

The roots of this area have grown from maritime lore. Port Huron keeps its history alive with numerous maritime museums and artifacts. Tour the "Huron" Lightship, the only one remaining on the Great Lakes. View the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, Michigan's oldest working lighthouse and learn how many ships have followed its beacon to safety.

Tour the city on land the old fashioned way...by trolley! For just a mere dime you will discover over 40 points of interest in the historic downtown district. A popular stop, the Thomas Edison Depot Museum, tells the story of Edison growing up in the City of Port Huron during his formative childhood years. Cruise the shoreline on the Huron Lady II, a narrated boat tour, and bask in the impressive sight of the magnificent International Blue Water Bridges. Swim and play on the region's beautiful sandy beaches, delight in the gorgeous views of Lake Huron or golf some of the Blue Water Area's most challenging courses. Dine at any of the delicious, waterfront restaurants or stroll the numerous boardwalks throughout the city where you'll watch the world go by and everyday worries wash away with the current.



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# Sports Hall of Fame

During the fall of 2012, the Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame moved to its new home in the North Building at St. Clair County Community College, where over 250 plaques of athletes and teams are on display. Hours for viewing coincide with the College's hours of operation. The North Building also houses the College's gymnasium.

The mission of the Port Huron Sports Hall of Fame is to recognize and permanently honor those athletes and teams who have distinguished themselves in their respective sport. In addition, the Hall of Fame chooses to recognize those individuals who have contributed to sports, not necessarily as athletes, but in a manner of significant nature warranting recognition.

This year's Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 5:30pm in the Atrium at the Student Center at St. Clair County Community College. In addition to honoring area athletes and teams, the Hall of Fame is privileged to host Tom Wilson as this year's keynote speaker.

Tom Wilson is the President and CEO of Olympia Entertainment, Detroit's premier marketer of sports and entertainment events. Olympia Entertainment also handles business operations for the Detroit Red Wings and collaborates with the Detroit Tigers. Olympia Entertainment owns and operates Detroit's Fox Theatre, the City Theatre, Joe Louis Arena and books Comerica Park.

Past speakers include Henry Aaron, Gordie Howe, Brooks Robinson, Charlie Sanders, Ted Lindsay, and Ernie Harwell to name a few.

Candidates for induction into the Hall of Fame

are nominated by members of the community, and all nominations are reviewed and considered for induction by the Board of Directors. Candidates are limited to residents, teams or groups within the boundaries of the Port Huron Area School District, but do not have to be a current resident. Consult the website at [www.phsportshalloffame.com](http://www.phsportshalloffame.com) for additional information, or call Ronald Toles, Chairman of the Board at (810) 841-2564.

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# Budweiser Clydesdales

## *featured in Blue Water Fest Parade*

The Budweiser Clydesdales are a group of Clydesdale horses used for promotions and commercials by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company. There are six "hitches" or teams of horses, five that travel around the United States, and one that remains in their official home at the company headquarters in St. Louis, MO.

There are eight horses driven at one time, but ten horses are on each team to provide alternates for the hitch when needed.

The Clydesdales were first introduced to the public on April 7, 1933 to celebrate the repeal of Prohibition. August A. Busch, Jr. presented the hitch as a gift to his father. The hitch, pulling a red, white and gold beer wagon proceeded to carry the first case of post-Prohibition beer from the St. Louis brewery in a special journey down Pestalozzi Street in St. Louis.

Traveling hitches are on the road at least 10 months every year. Several professional

handlers accompany each team. Often, one handler has night duty to provide round-the-clock care for the horses. Transportation for each hitch requires three 50-foot semis. Two carry the horses, the third transports a red, white and gold beer wagon and other equipment. The horses' comfort is enhanced with air-cushion suspension and thick rubber flooring and cameras in the trailers enable the drivers to watch the horses during transport.

Two obedience-trained Dalmatian dogs also travel with each hitch, a Budweiser tradition since the 1950's. Historically, the role of the dogs was to guard the wagon and protect the team while the driver went inside the buildings to make deliveries. When the team performs today, the Dalmatians sit on the wagon, seated next to the driver. The wagons are Studebaker wagons modified to carry beer, originally manufactured circa 1900.

To qualify for one of the hitches, a Budweiser Clydesdale must be a gelding with an even temperament and strong, draft horse appearance, be at least four years old, stand at least 18 hands (72 inches) at the withers when fully mature and weigh between 1800 and 2300 pounds. In addition, each horse must be bay in color (a reddish-brown coat with a black mane and tail), have four white stocking feet and a blaze of white on their face.

The Budweiser Clydesdales will be featured in the Rotary International Day Parade, as part of The Blue Water Fest on Wednesday, July 17th, 2013 – [www.thebluewaterfest.com](http://www.thebluewaterfest.com)

Please contact Autumn Stawecki, 810.841.8153, [astawecki@yahoo.com](mailto:astawecki@yahoo.com), for information.



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



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# 2013 Blue Water Fest

The 4th Annual Blue Water Fest returns to Port Huron this summer, beginning on Wednesday, July 17th through Sunday, July 21st, 2013.

The event will feature live concerts, delicious food offerings and fun, all along the Black and St. Clair Rivers in Downtown Port Huron.

Over 40 free live concerts, family fun carnival amusements, interactive military exhibits, and hundreds of impressive sailboats will be on display.

The Budweiser Clydesdales will help kick off The Blue Water Fest, with an appearance in the traditional Rotary International Day Parade on Wednesday, July 17th. While staying in Port Huron, the team will be housed on Desmond Landing, along the St. Clair River, and will be available for viewing by the public.

National recording artists "Hinder, will perform on the Main Stage-Saturday, July 20th @ 11pm. Known for their hit singles "Lips of an Angel" and "Better than Me", Hinder got their start in Oklahoma City in the summer of 2001. With a string of hit songs on both modern rock and rock stations, their most recent album was released in late 2012. Over the years, they have toured with bands such as 3 Doors Down, Trapt, Theory of a Deadman and Nickelback. VIP tickets are available for \$25 at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com). The VIP package includes up-front concert seating for all three days; along with access to a private bar, catered food, and separate restrooms.

The event will feature three music stages, with performances running simultaneously, and including all types of musical genres from Country, Blues, Classic Rock, Jazz, Folk and Adult Contemporary. Patrons will also be able to enjoy fine-art exhibits and exciting events for the kids with the Thursday Family Night.

The Blue Water Fest will end on a big bang, with the annual fireworks spectacular over the St. Clair River, Sunday, July 21st @ 10pm.

2013 Blue Water Fest will once again encompass the affluent sailboat community, as one of the most prestigious boating events takes place that weekend... Bayview Yacht Club's Bell's Beer-Port Huron to Mackinac Sailboat Race. This is the 89th consecutive sailing of the race, making it the longest running fresh water boat race in the world – [www.thebluewaterfest.com](http://www.thebluewaterfest.com).

Interested in having your business involved with Blue Water Fest? Questions? Please contact Autumn Stawecki – 810.841.8153 [astawecki@yahoo.com](mailto:astawecki@yahoo.com).

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# USCG Cutter Hollyhock

A change in command and then off for some needed maintenance for the United States Coast Guard Cutter "Hollyhock" usually stationed in Port Huron. The vessel will undergo sanding, a new paint job and other improvements while it's away from its' Pine Grove Park dock this summer. She will leave the Blue Water area in mid-June.

The cutter will be ready to resume active duty at its home port once the repairs are completed, in time for the next ice breaking season.

The Hollyhock arrived in Port Huron in November of 2003 and has been stationed here since then.



The new \$29 million cutter was built at the Marinette Marine Corp in Marinette, Wisconsin and was launched on January 25, 2003. She underwent fit-out and sea trials before officially taking up station at Port Huron.

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 also 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.

Hollyhock's primary missions are aids-to-navigation (maintenance, removal and replacement), search and rescue, environmental protection and ice breaking.

The Hollyhock's Dynamic Positioning System, which allows a computer to take control of the engines, rudder, propeller and thrusters, 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. For more information visit their website at [www.usgc.mil/d9/chcHollyhock](http://www.usgc.mil/d9/chcHollyhock).

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

The two boats stationed in Port Huron are the *Huron Belle* and the *Huron Maid*. Both are all-weather vessels and operate 24 hours a day,

7 days a week throughout the shipping season.

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

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# Blue Water Riverwalk



Now under construction, the Blue Water River Walk is a scenic exploration of one-mile of St. Clair River shoreline south of the Black River in Port Huron. The trail is a key component of the Bridge to Bay Trail system and leads visitors into downtown Port Huron.

When finished and open to the public this multipurpose pedestrian trail, 10 feet wide and constructed of asphalt, will extend south from the current sidewalk in front of the Great Lakes Maritime Center all the way to the Military Street Underpass on the south side of Desmond Landing.

For most of the 20th Century this shoreline served a variety of industrial purposes and was essentially off limits to the public.

One of the most ambitious projects in the history of the Community Foundation, most of the components of the River Walk should be completed by late 2014. These components include: shoreline and habitat restoration, a complete restoration of the old railroad ferry dock at the north end of the property that will re-open to the public as a gathering place for watching birds or freighters, fishing, picnicking or just enjoying the sites. Public art, tables and benches, lighting and historically accurate artifacts and remnants from the site will be displayed as well as a new Rotary Park on the North end of the property.

In the late 90's local philanthropist James C. Acheson began purchasing large tracts of the shoreline, eventually acquiring more than 60 acres. Mr. Acheson spent a considerable amount to clear and clean the land in preparation for further restoration and redevelopment. The entire shoreline was renamed Desmond Landings and in late 2011 Mr. Acheson donated the entire shoreline to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County.

To learn more about the Blue Water River Walk visit [www.stclairfoundation.org](http://www.stclairfoundation.org).

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# Blue Water Bridges

The Blue Water Area has a lot to offer visitors and tourists alike, including the only international border crossing that is owned jointly by the state of Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario. We are talking of course, about the twin spans of the Blue Water Bridges.



**The Original Bridge** - The original Blue Water Bridge, described as a steel cantilever truss bridge, cost about three and a quarter million dollars to build and opened to traffic in 1938. The span recently underwent its most extensive renovation since it opened to traffic at a cost of between 25 and 30 million dollars. This project began in July of 1997, the same day the second span opened to traffic. The joint project between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Blue Water Bridge Authority, the co-owners of the bridge involves re-decking the bridge and replacing structural steel. The project was completed by late July, 1999.

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

**The Second Span** - The second span of the Blue Water Bridge opened to traffic in July of 1997, a

couple of weeks after an opening celebration attracted nearly 200-thousand people to the Blue Water Area. The opening of the second span completed nearly five years of planning and building.

The first plans for the second span began in 1992, with the forming of a bridge task force. The next step was environmental assessment and permitting, which took place from July of 1993 to January of 1995. On April 12, 1995 U.S. and Canadian dignitaries in simultaneous celebrations, marked the beginning of construction of the second Blue Water Bridge. One of the highlights of the construction was the "meeting in the middle," the joining of the two sides of the bridge, which occurred in November of 1996.

Construction of the second span, which was paid for with State and Federal dollars and revenues collected from bridge users cost 79.27 million U.S. dollars, came to an end in July of 1997. The Michigan Department of Transportation in conjunction with WHLS/WSAQ Radio and the Blue Water Bridge Authority staged a three day grand opening celebration which began on July 11th and concluded on July 13th with the International Bridge Walk, which attracted some 200,000 participants. The second span actually opened to traffic on the morning of July 22, 1997.

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# McMorran Civic Center

A visit to Port Huron isn't complete without a visit to McMorran Place, the Blue Water Area's largest sports and entertainment venue. And, a trip to McMorran Place isn't complete without a trip to the top of the McMorran Tower.

Standing 150' tall, the McMorran Tower is literally the most visible landmark in the Port Huron area and can be seen for miles around. Those who "Top the Tower" will climb 180 steps and will be rewarded with spectacular views of the Blue Water Area and beyond. There is a \$2 charge for climbing the tower and visitors need to check in at the box office.

The tower is only one reason why visitors to Port Huron are drawn to McMorran. The civic center, first opened in the early 1960s, is home to two ice rinks, meeting/banquet rooms, and a full theatre facility.

Wedding receptions, sporting events, concerts, theatrical productions, conventions and trade shows all take place at McMorran.

The civic center is a year-round hub of activity in the community, partnering with other organizations to bring entertainment and people to downtown.

Popular events taking place at McMorran include:

--Annual New Year's Eve Beer Tent & Anchor Drop from the top of the tower

--Chilly Fest: A Mid-Winter Festival offering live music, a beer tent and more!



--Official stop for Port Huron's famous St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl!

--Summer concerts in front of the fountain!

--Live theatre: amateur and professional productions offering dance, plays and musicals, and live music are all offered throughout the year

--Wedding receptions: They can be held indoors or outside in front of the fountain

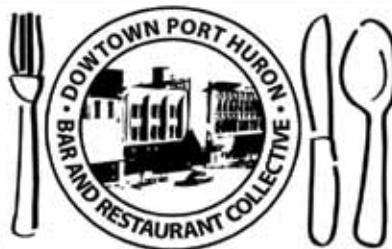
--Banquets and meeting rooms

--Two ice arenas that convert into indoor-sporting or convention and trade show spaces during the off-season

McMorran Place is the home base for the Port Huron Fighting Falcons hockey team of the North American Hockey League (NAHL), which is part of USA Hockey's Junior Program; the Port Huron Minor Hockey Association; and the Port Huron Patriots of the Continental Indoor Football League (CIFL), a professional indoor football league.

The McMorran Theatre is the center for performing arts in the Blue Water Area. The Port Huron Civic Theatre, the Port Huron Town Hall Lecture Series, the International Symphony Orchestra and the St. Clair County Community College Symphonic Band all call the McMorran Theatre home.

McMorran Place is busy 363 days of the year. For a complete schedule of events, check out [www.McMorran.com](http://www.McMorran.com), or call 810-985-6166.



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# 2013 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race - July 20<sup>th</sup>

This year will mark 89 consecutive years for the world-class Port Huron to Mackinac Island sailing race. Some 200+ sailboats and 2,500 sailors are expected to take part in the annual regatta with an estimated 100,000 sailing fans and families attending the festive activities in Port Huron, leading to the Saturday morning race start.

Officially titled "Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race", the boats set sail on Saturday, July 20th in southern Lake Huron, just north of the Blue Water Bridge.

Bell's Beer extended its title sponsorship of the race through 2014. Larry Bell, owner of the Kalamazoo, Michigan based Bell's Brewery, feels that they'll be able to continue to showcase our state and build awareness of this summer tradition with their sponsorship. Bell's is well known for its famed summer Oberon wheat ale and Two-Hearted Ale, among many other premium and specialty brands.

From its traditional start in Southern Lake Huron, the fleet will head north on one of two courses. The shorter course, called the Shore Course, covers 204 nautical miles (252 statute miles) along the Michigan shoreline before heading west to Mackinac Island's finish line. The longer Cove Island Course is 259 nautical miles (298 statute miles) and takes sailors around a buoy off the tip of the Bruce Peninsula in Canadian waters before heading west toward the finish line at Mackinac Island.

For the fifth year, sailing fans around the world will be able to follow individual boats or the entire fleet on the Bell's Brewery and Bayview



Yacht Club websites, as GPS tracking devices will be placed on all participating sailboats. In 2012 more than four million hits and 400,000 page views were tracked on the websites during the race.

This year five Divisions will be offered: Cove Island Racing, Shore Course Racing, Shore Course Cruising, Multi-Hull, and Double Handed. All competitors will be handicapped using the Performance Handicap Racing Fleet system.

Carl Bihlmeyer of Bayview Yacht Club will serve as Race Chairman for the 2013 race.

Bayview Yacht Club, founded in 1915, is widely regarded as the premiere sailing club in Michigan and the Midwest. It has been hosting the Bayview Mackinac Race since 1925. The private club is located on the Detroit River near the mouth of Lake St. Clair and has more than 1,000 members.

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# Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Open Again

With the re-opening of the Fort Gratiot Light Station in May 2012, visitors and citizens can once again roam the grounds and experience life at the historic Fort Gratiot Light Station.

Closed to the public since 2005, the entire campus will continue to undergo historic restoration in the next several years under the ownership of St. Clair County Parks & Recreation and the Port Huron Museum.

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

This unique activity is well-suited for Scouts, youth groups, school groups and families. Your 'Overnight at the Light' stay will include a tour of the entire facility, highlighting the historic uses



Photo by Kris Lashbrook

and current renovation plans. A planned program relating to the site will be presented, then a snack and lights out! Sleep in the newly renovated Duplex and enjoy breakfast the next day. A minimum of 20 people are required to reserve a date, a maximum of 42 may participate.

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

Originally 74 feet high, the white painted brick tower was extended to its present 86 feet in the early 1860's. The green flashing light was

automated in 1933 and may be seen for 17 miles out in Lake Huron. The two-story brick duplex, with its hipped gable roof and a pointed gothic porch was built in 1874-75. The single keepers dwelling was constructed in 1932, along with the Coast Guard Station structure.

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

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

The Fort Gratiot Light Station will be open May 4th through September 2nd seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and September 3rd through October 28th Friday through Monday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and October 29th through December 15th, Friday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed December 16, 2013 through May 2, 2014.

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## Thomas Edison River Walk-

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Bridge. It's one mile from the bridge on the north to the USCG Dock at the south end of the walkway. You'll love the view of the St. Clair River. Walk briskly, swing your arms and smile at everyone you meet!!!

**The Municipal River Walk-** Another one miler on the St. Clair River but with a different vista. Walk to the riverbank in front of the Chase Bank. Proceed south along the walkway, past

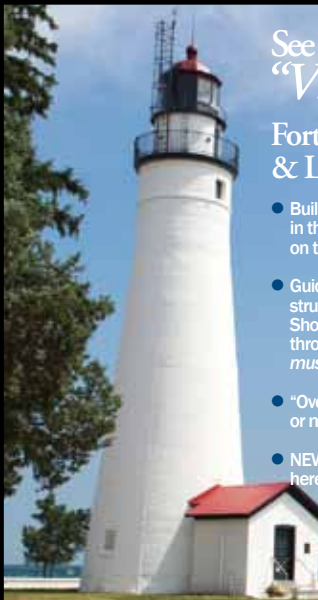


the Municipal Center buildings until you come to the Black River. That's half a mile. Walk it back and you've had a nice workout! Talk to the fishermen along the way!

**The Marina Walk-** If you love boats and people, here's a walk for you. Begin at the Port Huron Yacht Club. Take the sidewalk all the way across Huron Ave. to the Zebra Bar, where you cut down

toward the Black River. Walk the River sidewalk under 7th Street, past the Fire Hall, the Marina and down to the 10th Street Bridge. That's 3/4 of a mile one way. Walk it back for 1-1/2 miles of fun! You'll love the sailboats, the power boats and the people!!

For further information phone the Recreation Department, City of Port Huron (810) 984-9760.




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## MDOT Summer Road Work

The Michigan Department of Transportation is gearing up for another busy season of road construction and improvements.

In St. Clair County, MDOT will be investing about \$60 million dollars as they replace eight bridges at the 1-94 and 1-69 interchange, including reconstructing 1-94 between Griswold and Lapeer roads, and reconstructing 1-69 between the interchange and Range Road.

The project is set to begin in July and last through November 2014. With the work, drivers will see a lane closed along 1-94 and ramp closures along I-69.

Altogether, the MDOT 4-county Metro Region program this year will provide roughly \$142 million dollars for pavement repair and roughly \$45-million dollars in upgrades to bridges to bring them up to better conditions.

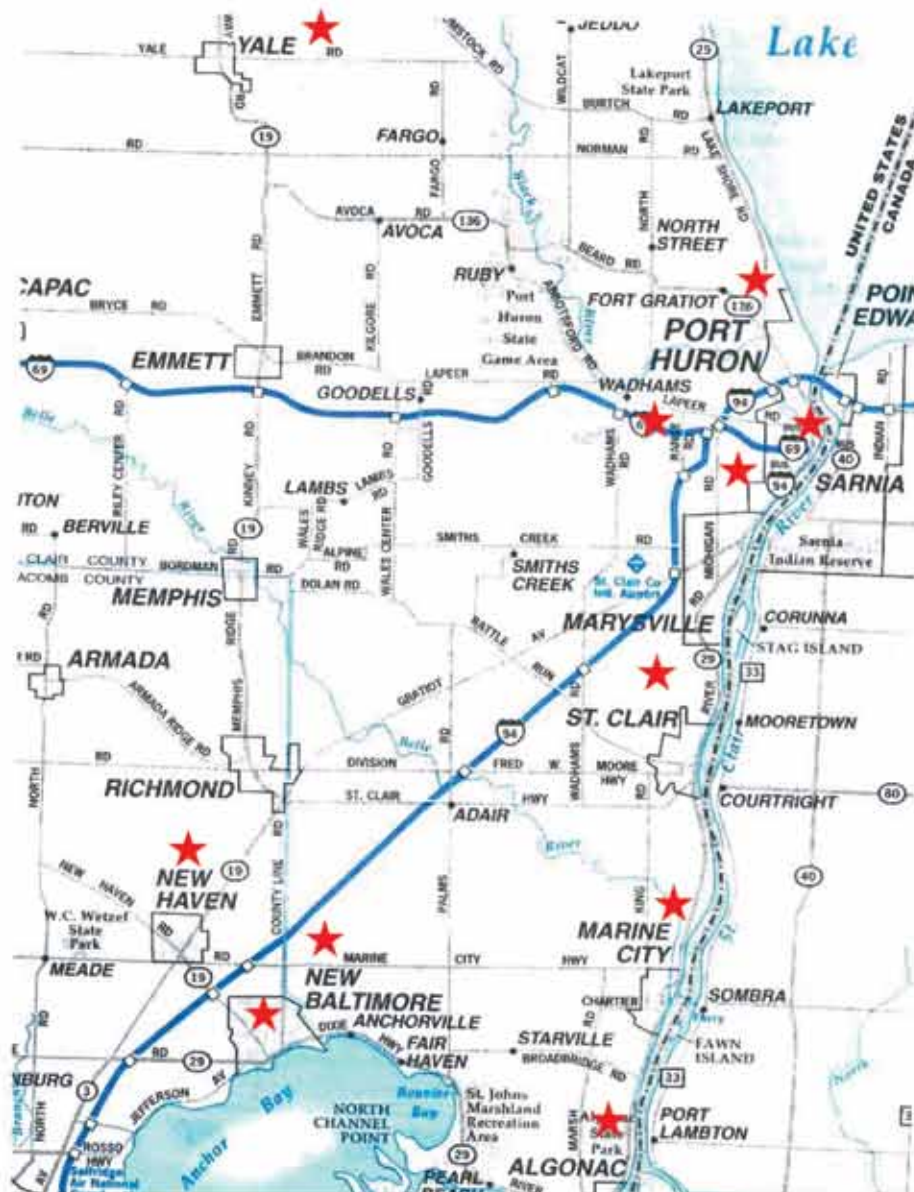
The last couple construction seasons saw MDOT investing \$90 million dollars to reconstruct the 1-94 and 1-69 corridor, which widened over 2-miles of east and westbound 1-94 and 1-69 between Lapeer Road and Pine Grove Avenue, and replaced the aging bridge over the Black River. The bridge that carried 94 and 69 over the Black River was replaced with three separate structures, with two eastbound bridges constructed, one that carries local traffic, and one for international traffic heading to the Blue Water Bridge. The third bridge carries traffic from the Blue Water Bridge Plaza and local traffic wanting to access westbound 1-94 and 1-69.

### Bill Gilmer News Director



Bill is an award-winning radio journalist who started his commercial career in Defiance, Ohio. Bill came to Port Huron in 1979 and has worked locally at several radio stations. He is a former Port Huron City Councilman and has served on the Local Emergency Planning Committee since its inception. The Saint Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management finds him as a Citizens Corps member too. Bill also is a former Blue Water Festival Director and helped out local scouting organizations including being a Vice-President of the former Michigan Waterways Council of the Girl Scouts of America. He has also spent many years with the MainStreet organizations in downtown Port Huron. Bill recently received the Communications Awareness Award from St. Clair County Community Mental Health. The Indiana University graduate is an avid college basketball fan who loves a wide variety of music.





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# Blue Water Museums

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**Algonac - Clay Township Historical Society Log Cabin** - 4710 Pointe Tremble Rd., Algonac (810) 794-9015. Open the fourth Sunday in June to the public with craft and quilt shows and ice cream social. 1-4 p.m., open other times by request. [www.algonac-clay-history.org](http://www.algonac-clay-history.org).

**Algonac - Clay Township Historical Society Museum** 1240 St. Clair River Dr., Algonac (810) 794-9015. Open year-round, Saturday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m.; June-Aug., Wednesday, 7-9 p.m., and by appointment.

**Capac Community Historical Museum** - Open Saturday & Sunday (June - September) 1-4 p.m., (810) 395-4469.

**Gallery Lambton** - Open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Located at 150 N. Christina Street, Sarnia Ontario (519) 336-8127.



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**Lambton Heritage Museum** - Open year round. Located on Highway 21, near the Pinery Provincial Park just outside of Grand Bend, Ontario, (519) 243-2600.

**Marysville Historical Museum** - displays several rooms with a single theme such as Pioneer's Parlor, Marine Room, Indian History, Fashion Display. 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Special tours may be arranged. Located at 887 E. Huron St., Marysville (810) 364-6613.

**New Baltimore Historical Society** - Open Wednesday and Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p.m., or by appointment (810) 725-4755. Located in the New Baltimore Public Library.

**Pride and Heritage Museum** - Open Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibits include artifacts from Marine City's Nautical history and a fully equipped blacksmith shop. Located at 405 S. Main Street in Marine City (810) 765-5446. A group of 15 or more can call to make an appointment (810) 765-0206.

**Port Huron Museum of Arts & History** - 1115 Sixth Street, Port Huron (810) 982-0891. Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m., year-round, Wednesday - Sunday (Closed most holidays), Group tours must be prearranged.

**Sanilac County Museum** - Open mid June through Labor Day Tuesday to Friday 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. More info. available from the Sanilac County Historical Society (810) 622-9946, 2285 Ridge Street, Pt. Sanilac.

**St. Clair Historical Museum** - Open 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tours available at other times. 308 S. Fourth Street, St. Clair (810) 329-6888.

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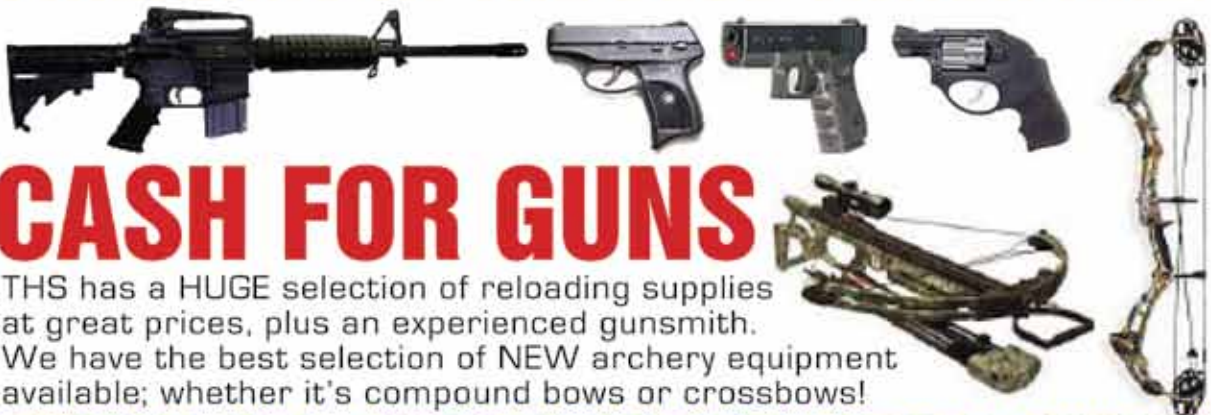




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Port Huron Town Hall, a non-profit corporation, was founded in 1955 with the object of presenting lectures and entertainment for cultural, education and charitable purposes. Town Hall presented 244 programs and has given a total of \$160,000 to designated non-profit organizations dedicated to St. Clair County.

We encourage you to experience Town Hall by purchasing a series ticket through the McMorran Box Office at **(800) 858-6166 or (810) 985-6166.**

## Speakers scheduled this year are:

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# Art on the River

Art on the River will return to the banks of the Black River in downtown Port Huron on June 8th and 9th in 2013! Citizens for a Vibrant Community will once again host this art and music festival for the 3rd year!

The party will begin on June 8th with the arrival of the Traveling Michigan Vietnam Veterans Memorial. A ceremony for the Memorial will kick off the event and include speakers such as State Senator Phil Pavlov and City of Port Huron Mayor Pauline Repp. Also speaking will be several leaders of the Veterans groups around the area. A gun salute to the Memorial will be by the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Honor Guard.

Music will begin at 10 a.m. on both stages. The Lake Bonisteel Music Association acoustic stage will be located in Heritage Park on the balcony of the blue loft building. That stage will feature many local acoustic musicians. The main stage, located in the West Quay Street Parking lot, under the direction of Reg Nicholas, will feature rock, easy listening, big band and blues bands among others. On June 8th at 9 p.m., national touring band Steepwater, will take the stage as the headline band. The main stage is sponsored by Lynch's Irish Tavern in downtown Port Huron.

There will be several art and music workshops being held throughout the two day event. Local art incubator, Studio 1219 will hold hands-on art workshops along with many others. Check the Art on the River Facebook page for scheduling closer to the event. [www.facebook.com/artontheriver](http://www.facebook.com/artontheriver).

The beer tent will feature local certified sommelier, Andy Bakko, of Wolverine Market in Port Huron. Andy will feature all Michigan beers and wines. The beer tent is sponsored by Gerry's Distributing of Port Huron.

Art on the River features many fine artists and crafters with many different types of arts and crafts for people to purchase. There is such a wide range of items to choose from it's sometimes hard to decide! Make sure you check out all the arts and crafts being featured!


The event will run from 9:30a.m. (with the ceremony for the Traveling Michigan Memorial at that time) until midnight on June 8th and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 9th.


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The Y is a community that is dedicated to helping individuals achieve a balance of spirit, mind and body. Everyone is encouraged to get involved by participating or joining the Y where they can take advantage of the resources and support to be healthy and connected.

As one of the first YMCAs in Michigan, the Y is a leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y seeks to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has an opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. The Y is the largest single provider of health, wellness, fitness, and child care in the Blue Water Area, serving more than 16,000 people a year. All programs are open to the public - membership is not required to participate - however the Y is part of the national Y-AWAY program, welcoming members from other Y's around the country.

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 entire family. With competitive and recreation pools, multi-sport gym, Duffy Wellness Center, aerobics studio, and Child Watch and Kid Zone services, there is something for everyone at the Y.

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# Port Huron Yacht Club

Beautifully placed on the edge of the Black River this member constructed facility is one of the most complete Yacht Clubs in the United States. Known by many Great Lakes sailors as one of the friendliest yacht clubs. Its members make it happen mentality that allows the Club to be completely run by its members (volunteers).



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

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

The Club moved to its present day location in 1954. The most legendary and interesting story regarding the move is the transport of the piano down the St. Clair River on the bow of the 6 metre Irene. The property at 212 Quay St. has gone through quite a transformation over the last 54 years. From having a dockage facility once known as the "Snake Pit" to the facilities that were completed in 2003 is amazing. Almost all the physical labor that went into the Clubhouse (completed in 1996) and the Marina (completed in 2003) was done by Club members. Sweat equity is a term that is used religiously within the Clubhouse walls.

Competitive sailboat racing is the fundamental purpose of the Yacht Club and the 2013 sailing season presents plenty of challenging racing for its members. The Port Huron and Sarnia Yacht Clubs International sailing program begins on Lake Huron Sunday, May 26th with the start of the Spring Series. Racing continues throughout the summer concluding with the King of the Castle / Cock of the Walk Race on Saturday, September 28th. Over

fifty races will be sailed on lower Lake Huron during the 2013 season.

A number of premier events will be hosted by the Port Huron Yacht Club this summer beginning with the Lake Huron International (LHI) set to sail on the evening of June 30th. This over night distance race includes two separate courses designed to accommodate any sailing size vessel within the over 125 boat international local fleet. Each course demands a good tactician and a great navigator as racing these lower Lake Huron waters at night proves to be a tremendous challenge. This race has been utilized by many skippers and crews as a dress rehearsal or tune-up for the upcoming Bell's Brewery Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac.

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 Port Huron Yacht Club. Boat Week is the pinnacle for such activities. Family Night (Thursday, July 18th) the Clubhouse and grounds are open to the public with a tasty chicken dinner served to all. Boat Night (Friday, July 19th) the PHYC is the place to be with live entertainment, endless adult beverages and the best view of the best boats competing in the 2013 Bell's Brewery Bayview Port Huron to Mackinac.

The largest sailing event takes place on Labor Day weekend with the sailing of three different races. The Lake Huron Offshore One-Design Regatta, The Friendship Race and the Memorial / Leukemia Cup make up an excellent weekend of racing. Sunday evening marks the conclusion of the fundraising effort for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Michigan. This is the 20th year that this event has been held at Port Huron Yacht Club with over \$1 Million being raised in that time.



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7. Grace Church
8. St. Joseph Rectory (1880s)
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10. John Davidson Home (1896)
11. Railroad Tunnel
12. Mercy Hospital
13. Seaway Terminal / Highlander Sea (1924) and Retired Coast Guard Cutter BRAMBLE
14. Wilbur Davidson Home (1870s)
15. Standard Oil Gasoline Service Station (1950s)
16. Dr. Wilson Home (1840)
17. Woman's Life Insurance Society (1917)
18. Studio 1219 / Dairy Queen
19. J.M. White Building (1865)
20. Harrington Hotel (1896)
21. Vantage Point / Great Lakes Maritime Center
22. Times Herald Building (1981)
23. Huron Lady II
24. MainStreet
25. Blue Water Area Transit (Transfer Point)
26. Fogcutter Restaurant
27. St. Clair County Library (1968)
28. St. Clair County Court House (1953)
29. P.H. Municipal Office Center (1980)
30. RadioFirst (WHLS, WSAQ, WPHM, WBTI)
31. The McLaughlin Home (1880s)
32. Ladies of Maccabees Building (1904)
33. The Meno Home (1887)
34. U.S. Coast Guard Cutter - HOLLYHOCK
35. Old Water Works (1872) / War Memorials
36. Children's Peace Gardens
37. Huron Lightship (1921-1970)
38. Thomas Edison Statue / Depot Museum
39. Blue Water Bridges (1938-1997)
40. U.S. Coast Guard Station
41. Fort Gratiot Lighthouse (1829)
42. Fort St. Joseph Possible Location (1686)
43. Old Fort Gratiot Trading Post
44. B.W. Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
45. Thomas Edison Inn
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# The Float Down

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

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.

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

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



Photo by Rich Kelly

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

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

The traditional course of the Port Huron 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, when it turns near the mouth of the Black River. If just want to watch, the Edison Parkway, the Flag Plaza, the Blue Water Bridges, Pine Grove Park, Kiefer Park, or Lincoln Park are all the best places to watch the floaters.



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# Knowlton's Ice Museum

Ice Harvesting was the second largest industry in the United States at one time. The 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. 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 sq. ft. and displays over 5,000 items. Six horse drawn ice wagons are center pieces.

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. In the winter months farmers would make money to feed their families by working on the ice fields (rivers and lakes). Using primitive ice tools they would scrape snow off of the field, measure ice thickness, and saw ice cakes or blocks of ice. The 300 lb. blocks would then be loaded onto horse drawn flat-bed type wagons and moved off the ice field. The ice was stacked and packed inside the ice house. Sawdust was used for insulation and placed in between layers of ice.

Once a luxury, ice became a common household and business commodity by 1900. The ice delivery man would weigh ice blocks and deliver ice by horse drawn covered wagon to homes and businesses. An ice box was used to keep food fresh. As time went on and the natural ice industry boomed, hand saws were replaced by horse drawn saws and then later gasoline powered saws. There were over 30 ice companies between 1871 and 1960 in Port Huron alone. The museum has actual video footage for visitors to view of many of these processes as the industry developed throughout the years. Besides being used for cooling beverages, ice was commonly used in hospitals for medical supplies. Meat shops and small grocery type general stores used ice to keep and sell meats and other grocery items. By the 1920s many of the waters were too polluted to use ice for consumption but it was still used for keeping food and medical supplies cold.

As electricity became available the use of electric refrigerators replaced the old ice box so the natural ice



industry fizzled out. What developed in the early 1900s was artificial ice manufacturing with the invention of ice making machines that froze water through an aeration process. Once frozen, the ice was broken up, packaged and stored in freezers to sell. The Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America houses equipment from all eras of the natural ice industry and the beginning of the artificial ice industry.

Mickey Knowlton, founder of the Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America, has dedicated much of his life in an effort to keep this forgotten industry alive. For the last 40 years he and his wife, Agnes, have traveled the nation collecting old ice tools and machinery, ice boxes, wagons, and memorabilia from yard sales, flea markets, auctions, and in recent years on the Internet. He actually started his own ice company in his garage back in the late 1960s when he was a home delivery milk man. He was 48 years old and knew the home delivery of dairy products was on the brink of ending as neighborhood party stores took over and sold the same products. He grew his ice business for over 37 years and by the time he sold his company to Arctic Glacier in 2004 he was 85 years old. At the time he had three manufacturing plants and several distribution areas throughout Michigan that made ice. He sold his packaged ice in 7lb. or 25 lb. bags to companies like Detroit Metro Airport and grocery chains such as Kroger and Meijer. If you visit Knowlton's Ice Museum of North America you might even see Mr. Knowlton as he strolls in on occasion to share stories.

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

The museum is located at 317 Grand River Ave., Port Huron. A small admission charge is requested. Guided tours are available for kids and adults. Hours are June-September: Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. -5:00p.m. and October -May: Saturdays from 11:00 a.m.-5:00p.m. Groups over 12 can make a special appointment anytime. For more information or to make a special group appointment please call **810.987.5441**.



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# Diving in the St. Clair River

Experienced and properly trained divers flock to the St. Clair River near Port Huron to dive in swift waters. Current speeds can exceed 4 knots making the river dangerous and hazardous at times, but the lure of historical artifacts and shipwrecks, plus the thousands of pieces of lost fishing equipment make diving it hard to resist.

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

The river isn't just fast moving water over a clay bottom. On the bottom you can find the remains of at least five shipwrecks, an old steam crane that fell off a barge, a model A Ford and many other interesting items in a relatively small area. Additionally, you'll see lots of fish and hundreds of lost sinkers and other fishing tackle. It is one of the



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

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

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# 10 Great Places to Take Photos

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

1. **Blue Water Bridges:** From the parkway south of the bridges, point your camera north and east toward the bridges. Use a wide-angle lens to get the entire span in your photo. Wait for a ship to enhance the picture.
2. **Thomas Edison Statue:** Also south of the Bridges, is the Thomas Edison statue. By standing south and looking northwest, you can capture the statue and the depot (Thomas Edison Museum) in the background.
3. **Ft. Gratiot Lighthouse:** On Lake Huron, just a short way from the Bridges, is the oldest lighthouse on the Great Lakes. Use a wide-angle lens to accentuate the height of the tower. A polarizing filter would also help make the sky a deeper blue.
4. **Huron Lightship:** Slightly downriver from the Blue Water Bridges in Pine Grove Park, the Lightship Huron is permanently moored. From a position south and looking toward the north, you can capture the lightship with the Blue Water Bridges in the background.
5. **Vertical Train Bridge:** Near the mouth of the Black River in Port Huron, stands the open, turn of the last century train bridge. Try shooting it from the

south side of Black River and see if you can work a reflection of it in the water.

6. **St. Clair Boardwalk:** St. Clair has a wonderful boardwalk that is delightful for photographing your family and friends with the water in the background. You can also take some amazing "up close" photos large ships and pleasure craft.
7. **Ships along the St. Clair River:** From multiple locations along the river all the way to Algonac, are many places to pull over and take some amazing photos of the many "Lakers" and "Sallies" that ply the great river. Photos taken toward dusk will give your photos spectacular color.
8. **Lighthouse in Marine City:** The former Peche Island lighthouse was moved to Marine City many years ago and is another good spot for taking pictures with the river and freighters in the background.
9. **St. Johns Marsh:** In Algonac, the marsh comes alive with many birds and interesting plants and cattails. Use a large telephoto for bird photos and a micro lens to capture close ups of plants.
10. **Beards Hills:** West of Port Huron, along M-136 past Wildcat Road, begins the State Game Area. This is a great chance to hike into an area full of nature and plants. Bring a variety of lenses to photograph everything from animals to flowers. This area also has incredible color in the Fall.

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# Welcome to Edison Depot Museum

The Thomas Edison Depot Museum is housed inside the historic Fort Gratiot depot built in 1858 by the Grand Trunk Railway. Trains connecting here carried people and freight between Port Huron and Detroit, Point Edward/Sarnia (Ontario), and other destinations, linking Port Huron to the world. The Depot is located under the Blue Water Bridges along the Thomas Edison Parkway.

The exhibits portray Edison's multi-faceted story of creativity, family support, adversity, perseverance, and ultimate triumph as the greatest inventor of our times. Re-created period environments and hands-on interactives invite visitors to become participants in this inspiring story and encourage them to apply their own creativity and ingenuity as they learn about Edison's life and his inventions.

The story traces the Edison family's relocation from Ohio to Port Huron, young Tom's boyhood and school experiences, his avid curiosity and scientific study fostered by his mother, adolescent entrepreneurial efforts and his work on trains in



this very depot. A transitional area depicts Edison's struggles as a young adult as he drifted from one job to another, experiencing repeated setbacks in his inventions. This leads into the story of Edison the inventor. His successes and great contributions to society are presented through a sit-down

theater experience, live science presentations, and hands-on interactives.

In his writings and conversations, Thomas Edison often referred to his formative years in Port Huron. It is a place rich in history with connections to many great people and events. Outdoor exhibits surround the depot, providing insights into this heritage, highlighting Native American settlements, historic forts, the city's transportation links, and its importance as an immigration gateway to the United States.

Outside the depot, a restored baggage car rests on a spur of railroad track. Inside this baggage car, visitors discover a re-creation of young Edison's mobile chemistry lab and printing shop. This is also the unique setting for the Museum's gift shop, encouraging visitors to take home part of their experience at the Thomas Edison Depot Museum.

Thomas Edison Depot Museum, FunBikz Bike Rental & HURON Lightship hours of operation are:

**May 4 - June 13** - Saturday & Sunday, 10am-4pm

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

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

You don't need a boat to fish, but if you have one, there are boat launches at every one of the mentioned shore towns except Lakeport. How to catch fish out of your boat requires a stop at one of the local bait and tackle stores to get the "good stuff", info on local tried and true techniques for catching fish. For walleye fishermen, in most of the rest of the country, they are used to bouncing a lead head jig tipped with a minnow to catch fish.

Also while you are here, you have to be aware of the hazards. We have very heavy current and moving steel islands that you need to pay attention to. The St. Clair River is one of the busiest shipping waterways in the world and *they will not swerve to go around you!* The best fishing is on the shoreline in the river, and the edge of the shipping lane in Lake Huron just above the Blue Water Bridge, so stay OUT of the shipping channel!

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

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

In the Port Huron area, you may notice that many fishermen use a railing attached winch-like device that remotely resembles a fishing pole.

That is a patented local fishing technique for fishing in the heavy current. They use a 2 lb. triangle sinker with swivel, a 2' 2 lb. test line leader up to a 3 way swivel, with a three to 4' length of 10 lb. test line leader fastened to a Rapala-type lure, all fastened to a 30 lb. test line on the rod's reel. If snagged, the sinker will break away, saving the usually more expensive lure.

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

Without knowing what's down there, you can lose a LOT of very expensive fishing equipment! 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 6 to 8 lb. 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 4' above the hook. You simply lower the assembly into the current, find bottom, then bring it up 4' off the bottom. With this method, you can catch bass, walleye, brown trout, steel head, and everything else in the river! This technique is not widely used, but for the unaware visitor, it's one of the safest techniques to catch fish along that seawall.

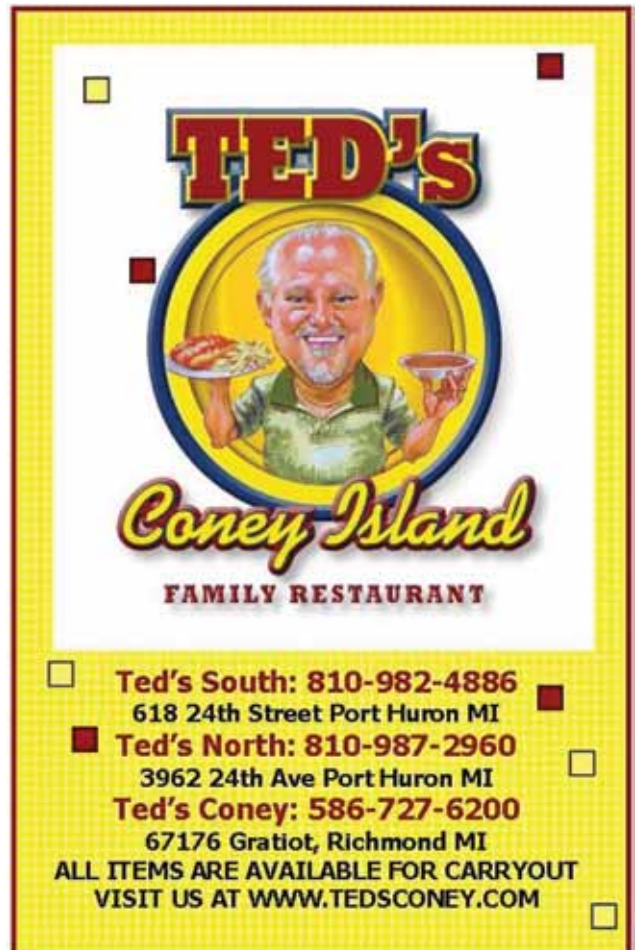
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All of the concepts are original, no chains, no franchises. There are amazing culinary creations, custom cocktails, an expansive selection of craft beers, and a diverse mix of live entertainment from comedy to a talented array of local musicians. There's a lot going on Downtown, and the Downtown Port Huron Bar and Restaurant Collective is at the heart of it all. Check out [www.dineporthuron.com](http://www.dineporthuron.com) for updates on events put on by the B.R.C., blog posts from all of its members, and make sure to check out the events calendar for a comprehensive list of what's going on Downtown.



From the club-like brilliance of Sanborn Courts in Port Huron to the neighborhood privacy of small courts in any one of the many Vacationland communities, you'll see that the recent tennis boom hasn't been lost in the Blue Water area.

If you're staying in or near Port Huron, here is just a sample of the opportunities you have to participate or watch tennis.

The Port Huron Summer Recreation Department offers a pair of four-week instruction sessions at both Sanborn (Pine Grove Avenue) and Memorial (24th Street) tennis courts. You may call (810) 987-6868 for fees and schedules. There are a dozen courts at Sanborn, six at Memorial and four courts at 16th and Dove Streets. All are lighted for night play.

If you wish to take part or view tournament tennis, below are tournaments taking place at Sanborn Courts in Port Huron during the summer.

**May 18-19**  
Betty Ropposch Memorial Tournament

**June 19-23**  
Sam Kromer Flight Singles Tournament

**June 26-30**  
Sam Kromer Mixed Doubles Tournament

**July 10-14**  
Sam Kromer Flight Doubles Tournament

**July 15-21**  
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# Parks and Campgrounds

*Vacationland has many parks, turnouts and camping facilities to enjoy. Enjoy everything from fishing to swimming, camping to just viewing the traffic on the busy St. Clair River and Lake Huron.*

## **Algonac State Park\*** (810-765-5605)

Two miles north of Algonac on M-29 -camping, fishing

## **Armstrong's Lakeport Resort\*** (810-385-5887)

7024 Lakeport Drive, Lakeport

## **Emmett K.O.A.\*** (810-395-7042)

Family Campground and R.V. Park, 3864 Breen Rd., Emmett

**Blue Water Bridge Park** - Under bridge at State St. Boardwalk

**Fort Trodd\*** (810-987-4889) 6350 Lapeer Road, Clyde. Barth Road exit off I-69, 6 miles west of Port Huron.

**Lakeport State Park\*** (810-327-6224) Twelve miles from Port Huron on US-25 camping, fishing, swimming

**Lakeside Park** - Port Huron, Gratiot Ave. north of Holland Ave., swimming

## **Lake Huron Campground\*** (866-360-2267)

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**Lighthouse Park** - Port Huron at foot of Garfield St., swimming, picnicking

**Marysville City Park** - Marysville, on River Rd. and Huron Blvd. - fishing, abundant picnic facilities, 58 acres

**Mermaid Park** - Marysville, just north of the junctions of US-25 and M-29 small "turnout" park for viewing river

**Pine Grove Park** - Port Huron, on Pine Grove Ave. just north of business district - picnicking, recreation, fishing

**Pine River Center** - 2585 Castor Rd., Goodells, natural heritage of area

**Port Huron KOA\*** (810-987-4070) 5111 Lapeer Road, Port Huron - camping, recreation

**Port Huron Township RV Park\*** (810-982-6765) 2301 Water Street, Port Huron - camping

**Riverfront Park** - St. Clair, along M-29 longest freshwater boardwalk in the world: 1,500 feet

**Riverview Campground & Marina RV Park\*** (810-794-0182) 4175 M-29, Algonac

**Ruby Campground\*** (810-324-2766) 7700 Imlay City Road, Avoca

**South Park** - Port Huron turnout park, bounded by North and South Boulevards, ideal for viewing river traffic.

**Thomas Edison Park** - 3300' long just south of the Blue Water Bridge in front of the Thomas Edison Inn. Great place to view the shipping along the St. Clair River

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- 17-21 Marble-eye Walleye Tournament, St. Clair City Boat Harbor
- 18-19 Sunny Fields Lilac Festival, Emmett
- 18 Women's League Flower Sale-Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 18-19 Betty Ropposch Tourn., Sanborn Courts, PH
- 24-26 Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball All-World Tour, YMCA, Port Huron
- 24 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor, Denny Dwyer
- 25-26 Feast of the Ste. Clair, Pine Grove Park, PH
- 27 Memorial Day Parade - 11a, Lexington
- 27 Memorial Day Parade, Marine City
- 27 Memorial Day Parade, 11a, Memorial following at Pine Grove Park, PH

## June

- 1 Town-Wide Garage Sales-Oil Springs, Watford
- 1 Be a Tourist in Your Own Town, Port Huron
- 1 5k Tourist Trot 9a-Fort Gratiot Light Station, Fort Gratiot
- 1 Black River Canoe & Kayak Race-Riverside Boat Launch, Port Huron
- 1-2 Artwalk 2013 Festival-Downtown, Sarnia
- 1-2 St. Clair Spring Craft Show-Riverview Plaza

- 1 Pine Groove Festival-3 stages; 10:30a-10p, Pine Grove Park, Port Huron
- 2 CHOK-YMCA International Bridge Run PH-Sarnia 10K-8a, Port Huron/Sarnia
- 5-9/25 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 6-9/26 Bike Night - Thursdays thru September, Lexington
- 8-9 Civil War Re-enactors Encampment, Lexington
- 8 Kid's Fishing Derby-Pine River, St. Clair
- 8-9 River Day, Port Huron
- 8-9 Art on the River, Port Huron
- 8 Kids Funfest, Centennial Park, Sarnia
- 8 Lk Huron Lower Marine Society Flea Market, Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 8-9 Michigan Free Fishing Weekend, Statewide
- 8 Fishing Contest-Swinging Bridge, Croswell
- 9 Kirkin of the Tartans - St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia
- 12 Wednesday Night Concert-VooDoo Doctors, Marysville Park
- 13 Senior Olympics 8a-2p - Marysville High School
- 13-16 Sarnia Kinsman Ribfest-Centennial Park
- 14 Summer Concert Series-Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 15 A&W Antique Tractor Show, Lexington
- 15-16 Lakeside Craft Fair-Tierney Park, Lexington



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- 15 AGA Summer Jam Skate-Bike Competition, Greig Park, St. Clair
- 16 Huron House Boys Home Father's Day Run/Walk/Skate-Weir Park, Bright's Grove
- 16 Annual Auto Show (Petrolia Discovery)
- 19-23 Tennis Tournament - Flights – Singles, Sanborn Courts, Port Huron
- 19-23 Bay-Rama Fishfly Fest, New Baltimore
- 19 Wed. Night Concert-Motor City Mix (Rod Stewart Tribute)-Marysville Park
- 19-23 Marysville Days Festival, Marysville Park
- 20 Big Screen Outdoor Movie-Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 21 Music in the Park-SC4 Symphonic Band/Shubert Male Choir, Lexington Harbor Park
- 21 Summer Concert Series-Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 21-23 First Nation "AAMJIWNAANG" Pow Wow Bear Park, Sarnia
- 22 A&W Classic Car Show, Lexington
- 22 Titanic Display opens in St. Clair every Saturday thru July 27
- 22 Flat Track Motorcycle Races, Croswell Fairgrounds
- 22-23 Grand Bend Buskerfest
- 22 Antique & Classic Boat Show-Boat Harbor, St. Clair
- 22-23 Home & Garden Antique Show - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 22-23 Vintage Weekend - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 22 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor-Butterhair
- 23 Sarnia Street Machines-Cruise in the Park, Centennial Park
- 25 Big Screen Movie in the Park-The Odd Life of Timothy Green-Dusk, Palmer Park, Port Huron
- 25-29 Croswell Fair
- 26 Wed. Night Concert-Topper Most (Beatles Tribute), Marysville Park
- 26-30 Tennis Tournament - Flights – Mixed, Sanborn Courts, Port Huron
- 28-30 Michigan Thumb Festival, Sandusky
- 28 Blue Water Cruise Night, Port Huron
- 28 Music in the Park-Sheila Landis-Ella Fitzgerald Tribute, Lexington Harbor Park

- 28-30 Huron Wellness Men's Fastpitch Tournament, Pine Grove Park, Port Huron
- 29 St. Clair Rotary Club's 5k Run
- 29-30 St. Clair Art Fair-Riverview Plaza & Palmer Park
- 29 Keith Peterson Memorial Car Show, Fort Gratiot
- 29 Canada Day in Bright's Grove
- 29 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor, Still Running

## July

- 30 Blue Water Half Marathon-7a, YMCA, PH
- 1 Canada Day Celebrations-Fireworks @ dusk, Petrolia, Forest
- 1 Canada Day Celebrations-Fireworks @ dusk, Grand Bend
- 1 Canada Day Parade-11:30a, Sarnia
- 1 Canada Day Celebrations Centennial Park 4p, Fireworks @ 10p, Sarnia
- 2-10/29 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct, Port Huron
- 3 Big Screen Movie in the Park-The Lorax-Dusk, Quay Street Park, Port Huron
- 3-9/25 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 3 Algonac Fireworks
- 3-7 Algonac Lions Pickerel Tournament
- 4 Fireworks, Lexington and St. Clair
- 4-9/26 Bike Night - Thursdays thru September, Lexington

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| 4-7      | Blue Water Sand Fest-live music @ 11a all days, Port Huron                                | 15-21 | Francis J. Robinson Memorial Tennis Tournament, Sanborn Courts, Port Huron               |
| 4        | Lexington Fireworks @ dusk  | 16    | The Senior Picnic - 11a - Pine Grove Park, PH  |
| 5        | Fireworks, Algonac  | 16    | Big Screen Movie in the Park-The Hobbit: Un. Journey-Dusk, Ft. Gratiot Park (Metcalf Rd) |
| 5        | Music in the Park - The Rod Stewart Tribute Show, Lexington Harbor Park                   | 17    | Rotary International Day Parade - 6:30p, PH  |
| 5-7      | Sailfest Sarnia - Sarnia Yacht Club   | 17-21 | Blue Water Fest, Port Huron  |
| 5        | Summer Concert Series-Palmer Park, St. Clair  | 17-21 | Big Rock Carnival, Desmond Landing, PH   |
| 5-6      | The Bridge Bash, food, entertainment, family fun under the bridges, Point Edward          | 18    | Family Night-Mackinac Race Boat Preview, PH  |
| 5-7      | Quay St Brewery Blue Water Invitational Men's Modified Tourn. Pine Grove Park, Port Huron | 18    | Bike Parade-Riverview East HS & Downtown, St. Clair                                      |
| 5        | Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor, Golden Harvest  | 19-21 | Family Fun & Perch Festival, Anchorville   |
| 5        | Fireworks, Port Sanilac   | 19    | River Classic Car Show-Palmer Park, St. Clair  |
| 6        | Blue Water Angler's Family Fun Fish Day, Point Edward                                     | 19    | Boat Night-Mackinac Race Boat Preview, PH  |
| 6        | Lexington Parade, 11a   | 19-21 | Swinging Bridge Festival, Croswell   |
| 6        | Port Sanilac Holiday Festival & Parade  | 19-21 | Mopar Canadian Nationals - Grand Bend Motorplex  |
| 7        | Fireman's Pancake Breakfast 7a-12p, Village Hall, Lexington                               | 19    | Music in the Park - The Luddites, Lexington Harbor Park                                  |
| 10-14    | Tennis Tournament - Flights - Doubles Sanborn Courts, Port Huron                          | 19    | Summer Concert Series-Palmer Park, St. Clair   |
| 10       | Wednesday Night Concert-DC Marks (4pc Band), Marysville Park                              | 19    | Ourselves at Port Sanilac's Farmers Mkt.   |
| 10-10/31 | Blue Water Farmer's Market every Wed. thru Oct., Fred Moore Hwy., St. Clair               | 20    | Port Huron to Mackinac Race, Port Huron  |
| 10-14    | Harbor Beach Maritime Festival  | 20    | Lighted Boat Parade, Port Huron  |
| 11       | Kid's Garage Sale-Riverview Plaza, St. Clair  | 20    | Triathlon, Lexington   |
| 12       | Big Screen Outdoor Movie-Palmer Park, St. Clair   | 20-21 | Marine City Antique Show   |
| 12       | Music in the Park - ONE - A Celebration of U2, Lexington Harbor Park                      | 20    | Jazz & Art on the River - SCC Community College Greenway, Port Huron                     |
| 12       | Summer Concert Series-Palmer Park, St. Clair  | 20    | Kiwanis Club Blue Water Area Breakfast - Talmer Bank, Port Huron                         |
| 12       | Denny Dwyer at Port Sanilac's Farmers Mkt.  | 20    | Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - Floyd King & the Bushackers                         |
| 13-14    | Kettle & Stony Point Annual Pow Wow   | 21    | Fireworks, Port Huron  |
| 13       | PH Police Capture 5k Run, Port Huron  | 21    | Hobbyfest-Centennial Park, Sarnia  |
| 13       | Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor, Sweet Claudette                                       | 22-27 | St. Clair County 4H Fair, Goodells Fairgrounds   |
| 14       | Southside Coalition Music Fest, Port Huron  | 23    | Big Screen Movie in the Park-Brave-Dusk, Vantage Point, Port Huron                       |
|          |   | 24    | Wednesday Night Concert-Country Boys (3pc), Marysville Park                              |
|          |   | 26-28 | St. Clair River Classic - Offshore Powerboat Racing, St. Clair                           |
|          |   | 26    | Music in the Park - Elton John Tribute, Lexington Harbor Park                            |



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- 26-28 Blue Water Volleygrass Tournament (tentative dates), Marysville City Park
- 26-28 St. Clair Riverfest
- 26-28 St. Clair River Offshore Powerboat Race, Palmer Park
- 26-28 Yale Bologna Festival
- 26-28 Port Sanilac Village Festival
- 26 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - Funkee Station
- 27-28 Black River Pow Wow, Wadhams
- 27 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - Carribean Blue Band
- Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington

## August

- 1-9/26 Bike Night - Thursdays thru September, Lexington
- 1 Rockin' the Rivers Concert - Parrots of the Caribbean - 6p, by City Hall, Port Huron
- 1 Sarnia St. Machines-Hot August Nights Cruise & Concert, Centennial Park
- 2-3 Blueberry Festival, Imlay City
- 2 Music in the Park - Peruasion, Lexington Harbor
- 2 Summer Concert Series-Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 2-4 Marine City Maritime Days
- 2-4 San Rocco Festival-Centennial Park, Sarnia

- 2 Denny Dwyer at Port Sanilac's Farmers Mkt
- 3-4 Mardi Gras Weekend, St. Clair Boat Harbor
- 3-4 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair
- 3 Swinging Bridge 5K-7p-Cros-Lex High School, Lexington
- 3-5 Captain Kidd Days, Corunna
- 3 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - Harbor Hoedown
- 4 Sunday Afternoon Concert - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 6-10/29 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct., Port Huron
- 6-10 Eastern Michigan Fair, Imlay City
- 6 Big Screen Movie in the Park, Here Comes the Boom-Dusk, Lincoln Park, Port Huron
- 7-9/25 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 7-10/31 Blue Water Farmer's Market-Wed. thru Oct. Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club
- 8 Rockin' the Rivers Concert - Dennis Tufano (voice of Buckingham's) 6p, by City Hall, PH
- 8 Big Screen Outdoor Movie-Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 8-11 International Offshore Powerboat Race, PH
- 9-11 Aquafest-Main Beach, River Rd. & Pinery Park, Grand Bend
- 9 Music in the Park - Dennis Tufano - The Buckingham's, Lexington Harbor Park
- 9-10 Bluewater Angler's Walleye Derby, Pt. Edward



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## August (continued)

- 9 Bill Denbrock's Big Band at Port Sanilac's Farmers Mkt
- 9-10 Port Sanilac Antique Boat Show & Vintage Festival
- 10-11 Antique Yard Sail Trail, Marine City to Port Austin
- 10-11 "Will on the Water" Shakespeare Fest, Palmer Park, St. Clair
- 10 Front Street Blues Band at Port Sanilac Antique Boat Show
- 12-18 Armada Fair
- 13 Big Screen Movie in the Park-The Avengers-Dusk, Keifer Park, Port Huron
- 15 Rockin' the Rivers Concert - Mega 80's - 6p, by City Hall, Port Huron
- 16-18 Western Ontario Steam Threshers Show, Forest
- 16-18 Lapeer Days
- 16 Music in the Park - 7:30p-The Ray Charles Show, Lexington Harbor Park
- 17-18 Art in the Park-Gayle Pope Memorial Scholarship, Marysville Park
- 17 Jimmy Buffett Parrothead Party, Algonac
- 17 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - Sweet Willie Tea
- 18-24 Sanilac County 4-H Fair, Sandusky
- 18 Sunday Concert - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 20-21 Marine City Antique Show
- 21 E&A Credit Union Sunset Run-Marysville Park
- 22 Rockin' the Rivers Concert - Your Generation/ 50 Amp Fuse - 6p, by City Hall, Port Huron
- 22-24 Margarita Fest, Lexington
- 22 Flat Track Motorcycle Races-Fairgrounds, Croswell
- 23 Color Craze 5k Fun Run-by PH City Hall-Sign-in @ 5p, Port Huron
- 23 Dean Barnett at Port Sanilac's Farmers Mkt
- 24 Harsens Island Bluegrass Festival
- 24-25 St. Clair County Farm Museum Harvest Festival, Goodells County Park
- 24 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - Planet D

- 25 Sunday Concert - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 29 Rockin' the Rivers Concert - Allen as Tim McGraw - 6p, by City Hall, Port Huron
- 30-9/2 ASA 10 Man Modified National Tournament - Various, Port Huron
- 30 Ourselves at Port Sanilac's Farmers Mkt
- 31 Thumbfest Music Festival, Lexington
- 31 Port Sanilac's Music at the Harbor - The Boa Constrictors
- 31-9/1 Algonac Rotary Art Fair
- 31-9/1 Fenian Raid (Irish Invasion Celebration) Vantage Point, Port Huron

## September

- 8/31-1 Fenian Raid (Irish Invasion Celebration) Vantage Point, Port Huron
- 8/31-1 Algonac Rotary Art Fair
- 1 Sunday Concert - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair
- 3-10/29 Vantage Point Farmers Market - Tues & Sat thru Oct., Port Huron
- 4-25 Classic Car Nights - Wednesdays thru September, A&W Lexington
- 4-10/31 Blue Water Farmer's Market - Wed. thru Oct. Fred Moore Hwy., Pine Shores Golf Club
- 5-26 Bike Night - Thursdays thru September Lexington
- 5-8 Richmond Good Old Days Festival
- 6-8 Woods-N-Water Outdoor Weekend, Fair Grounds, Imlay City
- 6-8 Petrolia & Enniskillen Fall Fair, Fairgrounds
- 7 BW Antique & Classic Boat Show, Port Huron
- 7-8 Sarnia Greekfest-St. Demetrios Orthodox Church
- 7-8 St. Clair Fall Craft Show, Riverview Plaza
- 8 Classic Car Show, Algonac
- 12-14 Miss Michigan USA & Miss Michigan Teen USA Pageants, Port Huron
- 13-15 Lexington Bach Festival & Friends
- 14 Art in the Park, Bright's Grove
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- 20-21 Jazz & Blues in the Village, Sarnia
- 20-22 Forest & District Fall Fair
- 21 Arkona Annual Classic Car Show
- 21-22 Lexington Days Festival
- 27-29 St. Mary's Fall Festival-St. Mary's Church, St. Clair
- 28 Scarecrow Saturday - Fort Gratiot Bike Path & Nature Preserve
- 28 Bluewater Angler's Big Fish Derby, Point Edward
- 28 Whistles on the Water/Chalk on the Walk, Palmer Park & Downtown St. Clair
- 28 Blue Water Film Fest, Port Huron

## October

- 1-10/29 Vantage Point Farmers Market, every Tues & Sat thru Oct., Port Huron
- 7 Port Huron Town Hall - Scott Hamilton, Skater, McMorran, Port Huron
- 2-10/31 Blue Water Farmer's Market, every Wed. thru Oct., Fred Moore Highway, Pine Shores Golf Club
- 4-6 OctoberFest/Fall Flannel Festival, Lexington
- 5 Lexington's Harvest Fest
- 6 BW Ramble Bicycle Tour-Int'l Bike Tour; 30-100 mile routes, Marine City/St.Clair
- 6 Annual 5K Park Trial Run, Marysville Park-4p
- 11-14 Brigden Fall Fair
- 12-13 Thanksgiving Farmer's Market, Grand Bend
- 18 PH Museum's 2nd Annual Hoptoberfest
- 19-20 Grand Bend Fall Colour Craft Festival, Heritage Museum
- 26 LexingTOMB's Halloween Festivities, Lexington
- 26 Halloween Stroll, 10:30a-Sanborn Park, Port Huron

## November

- 2 St. Clair River Turkey Trot - 5K, St. Clair
- 8-10 Holiday Market Open House Weekend, Lexington
- 9-10 Ft. Gratiot Light Station Holiday Open House, PH
- 9-30 Ft. Gratiot Light Station Candlelight Tours Saturdays, Port Huron
- 11 Port Huron Town Hall - Nick Clooney, Actor, McMorran, Port Huron
- 15 Jingle Bell Walk-Bayside Mall to Centennial Park, Sarnia
- 15-17 Ladies Weekend Getaway, Lexington
- 15-1/1 Celebration of Lights -Centennial Park, Sarnia
- 22 Celebration of Lights & Christmas Parade, Downtown, St. Clair
- 23 Kettle Point Santa Claus Parade & Craft Sale
- 30 Santa's Workshop - Riverview Plaza, St. Clair

## December

- 1-24 Forest Glen Herb Farm, Christmas Open House
- 6-8 The Nutcracker Ballet, McMorran, Port Huron
- 6-7 Christmas on The Farm - Canatara Park, Sarnia
- 6 Christmas in the Park, Petrolia
- 6 Winter Art Hop, Port Huron
- 6 Lighted Santa Parade, Marine City



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- 7-8 Festival of Trees, McMorran, Port Huron
- 7 Santa Claus Parade, Alvinston
- 7 Merchant Luminary Walk & Tree Lighting, Santa Arrives, Lexington
- 7 Santa Claus Parade, Watford
- 7 Santa Claus Parade, Petrolia
- 7 Michigan's Original Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade-7p, Sandusky
- 7 Sarnia Kinsmen Christmas Parade of Lights
- 9 Port Huron Town Hall - John Carter Cash, son of Johnny/June Cash, McMorran, Port Huron
- 12 Gourmet Gallop- Restaurant Tour - 6p, St. Clair
- 14 Christmas Horse Parade 2p, Lexington
- 15-1/1 Celebration of Lights -Centennial Park, Sarnia

## January 2014

- 31 New Year's Eve Anchor Drop, Port Huron
- 9-12 North American Silver Stick Hockey, Port Huron
- 23-26 North American Silver Stick Hockey, Port Huron
- 24-25 St. Clair's Winter White Out
- 26 RadioFirst Bridal Show, Port Huron

## February 2014

- 7-10 Richmond Winter & Ice Festival
- 10 Port Huron Town Hall - Jeanette Walls, Author, McMorran, Port Huron
- 10 Port Huron Town Hall - Dick Arbiter, Former Queen Press Sec'y, McMorran, Port Huron

## March 2014

- 15 Pub Crawl, Port Huron
- 16 Pub Crawl, Lexington
- 21-22 RadioFirst Home Sport & Garden Show, PH

## April 2014

- 26 Blue Water Salmon Stakes, Voyageur Restaurant, St. Clair

# Film Festival

The last weekend in September marks the arrival of the 5th Annual Blue Water Film Festival along the banks of Michigan's beautiful eastern shoreline in the historic waterfront community of Port Huron.

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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 Harbor presented by the Lexington Arts Council, a free concert series on

Friday nights June through August. The 35th Annual Lexington Fine Arts Street fair is held the first weekend in August, featuring over 125 artists and fine crafters to the streets of the downtown area. Thumbfest, a celebration of traditional music fills the streets of Lexington the first weekend in September. A Bach Festival, classic car shows, motorcycle shows and tractor shows are also held in Lexington's busy summer schedule. An active Lexington Business Association coordinates events and activities all summer long. One of the most popular events is the celebration of Independence Day with a harbor front display of fireworks on July 4th and an all American parade on July 6. It is a celebration like you remember- family, friends and Americana at its best. A schedule of events and details can be found at [www.lexingtonmichigan.org](http://www.lexingtonmichigan.org).

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- May 27 Memorial Day Parade, 11 am, Downtown and the cemetery
- Memorial Day - Labor Day  
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**Lexington Bike Night**, Tuesdays 6 pm  
**A&W Classic Car Show**, Wednesdays 4pm
- June 8-9 Civil War Weekend
- June 8 Civil War Re-enactors Dance, Located at the Old Town Hall Winery, 7:30 pm
- June 15 A&W Antique Tractor Show, 10 am - 5 pm
- June 15-16 Lakeside Craft Show, Saturday 10 am-6 pm, Sunday 10 am - 5 pm
- June 21 Music in the Park, SC4 Symphonic Band/Shubert Male Choir
- June 22 A&W Classic Car Show, 11am-4pm
- June 28 Music in the Park, Sheila Landis sings a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald
- June 28-30 Black River Art Club's Show, 10am-6pm, Annual art show featuring artists
- July 4 Independence Day Fireworks, Harbor at Dusk
- July 5 Music in the Park, The Rod Stewart Tribute Show
- July 6 Independence Day Parade, 11 am, Downtown
- July 7 Fireman's Pancake Breakfast, 7 am - 12 pm at The Lexington Fire Hall
- July 12 Music in the Park, ONE - A Celebration of U2
- July 13-14 Six Gun Territory Wild West Town Antique Tractor Show & Swap Meet, Sat. 12-7, Sun. 11-5
- July 19 Music in the Park, The Luddites
- July 20 Lexington Triathlon
- July 21 St. Panteleimon Greek Festival, 7143 Cedar Rd.
- July 26 Music in the Park, Elton John
- August 2 Music in the Park, Persuasion

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- August 3 Six Gun Territory Wild West Town Horse & Wagon Trail Ride, Registration noon, ride 1 pm
- Aug. 3-4 Lexington Fine Arts Street Fair
- Aug. 3 Swinging Bridge 5K
- Aug. 9 Music in the Park, Dennis Tufano, signature voice of "The Buckinghams"
- Aug. 9-11 Antique Yard Sale Trail
- Aug. 16 Music in the Park, The Ray Charles Show
- Aug. 17 Lexington Yacht Club Annual Golf Outing
- Aug. 17-18 Port Huron to Lexington Yacht Race
- Aug. 22-24 Margarita Fest
- Aug. 31 Thumbfest, 10 am - 10 pm, Folk Music, Jam Sessions, and Clinics
- Sept. 13-15 Bach Festival
- Sept. 21-22 Lexington Days
- Oct. 4-6 Oktoberfest/Fall Flannel Festival
- Oct. 26 Lexing-TOMB's Halloween Festivities
- Nov. 8-10 Holiday Market Open House Weekend
- Nov. 15-17 Ladies Weekend Getaway
- Dec. 6 Caroling, Cookies & Community, 7 pm at the Old Town Hall Winery
- Dec. 7 Christmas Tree Lighting & Merchant Lum. Walk
- Dec. 14 Christmas Horse Parade
- Dec. 23 4th Annual Christmas Eve-Eve Sing-a-long

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- Jan. 1 New Year's Day Wimp of a Ride, 10 am, Ehardt's
- June 22 Concert at Old Town Hall Winery
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**Lakeside Park** – 1050 feet of water frontage with clean, sandy beaches. Playground facilities, picnic areas and restrooms. Beach volleyball and lots of boats anchoring off shore.

**Lighthouse Park** – one of the most historic parks in the area with 900 feet of waterfront and beach.

**Thomas Edison Park** – is one of our newer and more popular areas with 3800 ft. of waterfront.

**Blue Water Bridge Park** – provides us with another 900 feet of observation deck at a scenic turnout right under the Blue Water Bridge.

**Pine Grove Park** – One of our older and most popular parks. Picnic areas, softball diamond, playground equipment, horseshoe and shuffleboard courts. Sites to see in Pine Grove Park: **Veterans' Memorial**, originally a military cemetery for Fort Gratiot, you can view the Veterans' memorial that was erected to honor veterans of all the wars.

**Children's Peace Garden**, is on the world's longest, unprotected international border. It was dedicated in 1985 in recognition of two young girls, Samantha Smith of the United States and Katerina Lycheva of Russia, who promoted global peace.

**Sanborn Park** – 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, etc. This park has playground equipment, a baseball diamond, basketball courts and picnic tables.

**Court Street Park and Swimming Pool** – offers a wonderful swimming pool and "toddler pool" with dressing room facilities. Tennis courts adjoin the area and the whole thing connects with Memorial Stadium and the Port Huron High School field and track facility.

**Palmer Park** – hosts a Recreation Center building where the Recreation Staff is housed. The wooded park has playground equipment and picnic areas for families.

**The Mansfield Tot Lot** – on Stone Street at Elk is truly a joy for children. A large play structure provides room for many to climb, slide and crawl.

**Lincoln Park** – on Electric and Military between North and South Blvd., is a lovely area with 9.8 acres of variety. Outdoor tennis and basketball courts, playground equipment and picnic tables.

**Gratiot Park** – is a neighborhood park of 1.8 acres of playground equipment and basketball courts.

**Optimist Park** – contains a softball field, an outdoor skating rink, playground facilities, a shelter and picnic facilities.

**White Park** – is adjacent to Woodrow Wilson School, with swings, ballfield, soccer field and basketball.

**Haynes Park** – close to downtown marinas; with a children's playscape and basketball courts.

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# Huron Lightship Museum History

Lightships were like floating lighthouses anchored in areas where it was too deep, expensive or impractical to construct a lighthouse. Lightships displayed a light at the top of a mast and in areas of fog also sounded a fog signal and radio beacon. The fog signals used over the years consisted of bells, whistles, trumpets, sirens and horns. Foghorns were powered by steam in the early days and later by air compressors. The HURON Lightship sounded her fog signal in a 3-second blast every 30 seconds and was known locally as "Old B.O." because of the familiar sound of her horn.

Stationed at various shoals on Lake Michigan until 1935, she was transferred to Corsica Shoals in Lake Huron, approx. 6 miles north of the Blue Water Bridge and 3 miles east of the Michigan shoreline. For the next 36 years, she guided mariners into lower Lake Huron leading to the St. Clair River. In the past, large lighted horn buoys and offshore towers replaced some lightships. When retired from active service in 1970, she was the last lightship on the Great Lakes.

Acquired by the City of Port Huron, the ship was enshrined at Pine Grove Park in 1972 as a tribute to her vigilance and in fond memory of a by-gone era. In 1989 the HURON Lightship was designated a National Historic Landmark. She is the only lightship on the Great Lakes to be so honored.



LIGHTSHIP 103 (WAL 526) built in 1920 at a contract price of \$147,428 by the Consolidated Shipbuilding Corp., Morris Heights, NY (No Hull Number assigned). Keel laid June 5, 1918 and launched May 1, 1920 as a LIGHTSHIP 103 for the U.S. Lighthouse Service. Commissioned Dec. 22, 1920. 86'6"loa, 69'5"lbp x 24'x 11'9"; 340 tons displacement in fresh water. Powered by an 185 ihp compound steam engine and two coal-fired Scotch boilers. Her hull was painted red with the lettering "RELIEF" on her

sides. Her equipment included a 10" steam whistle for a foghorn and one acetylene lantern with a 300mm lens for a signal light. Their number officially designates lightships; however, they bear the name of their current station, or duty, on their sides. LIGHTSHIP 103 completed her sea trials

Dec. 4, 1920 and was delivered to the 12th District Headquarters at Milwaukee, WI on June 9, 1921 to begin her Great Lakes career. Her hull was painted black with the white lettering "HURON" on both sides of her hull since she was assigned the black buoy side of the entrance to the Lake Huron Cut. The Lighthouse Service merged with the U.S. Coast Guard in 1939. Typically it remained on station from early April to late December.

Her crew consisted of six to seven men, with tours of duty 18 days on and six days off. In Nov., 1952 the lightship at Gros Cap Reef in Whitefish Bay was withdrawn from service leaving LIGHTSHIP 103 as the last lightship on the Great Lakes. LIGHTSHIP 103 was withdrawn from service on Aug. 20, 1970 as the oldest lightship in the Coast Guard. Five days later she was decommissioned and laid up in the Black River at Port Huron, MI.

On June 5, 1971 the lightship was acquired by the City of Port Huron. On Aug. 29, 1972 the lightship was placed in an earth embankment at the city's Pine Grove Park along the St. Clair River and was opened to visitors on July 13, 1974.

Over the years the vessel was vandalized and neglected until a group of volunteers from the Lake Huron Lore Marine Society began restoration work. On Aug. 2, 1990 the lightship was dedicated as a National Historic Landmark.

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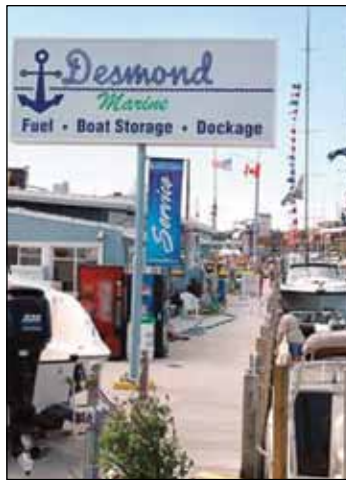
# Marina Facilities in Port Huron

Port Huron offers one of the largest marina facilities on the Great Lakes... with docking for over 350 vessels in the immediate area.

Desmond Marine and the River Street Marina are managed and operated by a local development company, Acheson Ventures, L.L.C. Desmond Marine is located at the mouth of the Black River. River Street Marina is further up Black River at the end of Stone Street. Among Desmond Marine's amenities are marine supplies, pump-outs, gas and hi-speed diesel fueling stations, rack 'n' launch, free WiFi, boat storage, slip rentals, and professional mechanical and electronic installations.

At the River Street Marina are washrooms, seasonal and transient slips, trailer storage on-site, gas and diesel fueling stations, pump-outs and 30 and 50 amp electrical service. Both facilities are close to dining, entertainment, and shopping in downtown Port Huron, with free shuttle service to the downtown area and beyond.

Construction of a new 30,000 sq. ft. inside, heated storage facility is currently being constructed at



Desmond Marine. The facility will open in the Fall of 2013 and will have a new 55-ton marine Travelift and a 22-ton mobile self-propelled trailer. Desmond Marine also has two 10-ton forklifts on site.

River Street Marina has the State reservation system for their docking facilities in Port Huron. You can call **800-44-PARKS**, the Harbormaster's office for reservations at **810-984-9746** or visit **midnrreservations.com**.

There are many transit docking spaces along the Black River in the heart of downtown Port Huron.

You can spend an afternoon or evening enjoying many fine restaurants and entertainment venues just a short walk from your boat.

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# Bridge to Bay Trail

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

**The Bridge to Bay Trail** is a cooperative trail program involving the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission and 13 local units of government along the shoreline. Individual communities are responsible for designating trail routes, developing and constructing their trail sections, and maintenance, regulation, and policing.



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

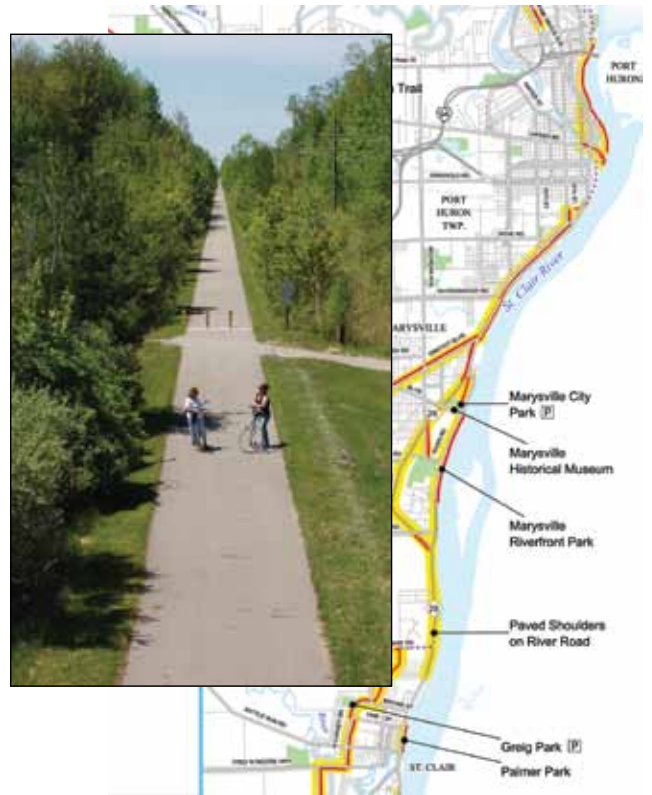


**Wadhams to Avoca Trail** is a non-motorized trail that is open year round. Currently the trail begins at Griswold Road in Port Huron Township and runs over 12 miles to the Northwest, ending in downtown Avoca. Over 5 miles of the trail are paved, starting at Griswold Rd. and ending at McLain Rd. The remainder of the trail (7.0 miles), between Avoca Rd. and McLain Rd. is surfaced with limestone fines.

**The 640' Mill Creek Trestle** is the showpiece of the Wadhams to Avoca Trail. Built in the Late 1800s, the 60 ft. high trestle is decked and railed to provide safe access for trail users. Four overlooks provide spectacular views perfect

for photo opportunities. The trestle is located between Beard and Imlay City Roads. Parking lots and vault toilets are provided at the Lapeer Rd, Imlay City Rd. and Avoca Rd. trail heads. Additional parking is available at the Wadhams Road trail head provided by the By-Lo gas station.

**History**-The Port Huron and Northwestern Railroad Company opened the narrow gauge railroad from Port Huron to East Saginaw in 1882. In 1889, the railroad was sold to the Pere Marquette Railroad and the tracks were changed to standard gauge. The St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission purchased the right of way from the CSX Railroad in 1999.



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When the popular website BoatNerd.com got its start in 1995, it was a hobby project for its founder, Neil Schultheiss, and an outlet for his casual interest in lake boats.

Dedicated to Great Lakes shipping and the Great Lakes in general, BoatNerd has since 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. In 2006 BoatNerd was turned over to a 501 (c)(3) non-profit Corporation which operates the sites today with a small army of volunteers updating and creating new content.

It was started in 1995 as a test of building a website, to a then new graphical World Wide Web. At the time, the web was only accessible by academic institutes. When the web opened up to more of the world in 1997, the site really took off.

The site attracts a diverse following, from nautical enthusiasts to sailors and others involved in the Great Lakes shipping industry. It has visitors from almost every country in the world.

The mission of BoatNerd is to enhance the general public knowledge of the maritime commercial operations and history on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.

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.

In addition, BoatNerd maintains more than a dozen AIS reporting stations around the Great Lakes that collect vessel positions electronically and makes that information available on the site.

Visitors can also participate in online forums, such as an information search and post their own boat picture for others to see, the latter remains a popular aspect of the site. Parts of the BoatNerd site were inspired by the 'Know Your Ships' freighter guide book.

# Antique Paradise

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

The dealers association will again sponsor the longest yard sale in Michigan **August 9th-11th**. Over 200 miles of antiques and yard sales will run from Sebawaing in the north to New Baltimore in the south. The giant sale will run along M-25 and M-29 and follows the rugged and majestic shoreline of Lake Huron, and continues along the banks on the St. Clair River to the picturesque shores of Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay. Many of the communities along the route offer unique shops, antiques, museums full of local history and small diners for convenience and comfort.

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Quality Time Recreation will begin serving Port Huron with a very unique form of transportation this summer. Based on the carriages you would see running in other cities such as New York, Atlanta,

New Orleans and others around the country Quality Time Recreation has recreated the carriage, less the horse. The carriage has been converted to run on all electric. The battery system provides a totally new experience with the silent power of all electric. (we are in the boyhood home of Thomas Edison).

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After learning of some of the challenges of operating a traditional horse drawn carriage, Quality Time Recreation along with Andres Carriages, developed an idea to convert the traditional horse drawn carriage over to battery power. The entire conversion is done right here in Kimball Township. Some of the parts and technology gets its start as electric golf cart parts, but much of the design had to come right off the drawing board. At first it sounded like an easy thing to do, but attaching 40" wagon wheels to a drive axle and developing a steering system proved to be a little more of a challenge than first thought. After several years of testing and some design changes, the entire system has proven to work very nicely together.

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The service is expected to run Thursday thru Sunday with additional hours for special events such as boat week. For more information please contact: [www.golfcarmichigan.com](http://www.golfcarmichigan.com).

## Paul Miller WPHM Program Director



As the host of the WPHM Morning Show, I feel like I have a front row seat to all the exciting things that are happening here in the Blue Water Area. Every day I talk with the people who are making this community a fun place to visit and

an even better place to live. As an added bonus, Port Huron just happens to be my hometown. I grew up listening to WPHM and worked here nights and weekends while going to St. Clair County Community College in the 1980s. My broadcasting career has taken me to the west side of Michigan, up north, to Flint and to Detroit- but the most fun I've had in radio has been right here at WPHM. When I'm not on the air, I can be found teaching communications at St. Clair County Community College, and spending time with my family.

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# Mariner's Coalition

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

Working together with county, state and federal agencies it was apparent rules were often considered vague, ambiguous or inconsistent. In order to better understand the extent of the public's concern, it appeared prudent to involve the whole maritime community in a dialog. Individual boaters, marina operators, boating schools, yacht clubs and others throughout the area on both sides of the border were invited to join with law-enforcement agencies in a symposium held at the Great Lakes Maritime Center at Vantage Point. The goal was to promote clarity and consistency on the issues and to dispel rampant misinformation. Key subjects were reporting and document requirements for entry into the US and Canada,

the status of a boat anchored in foreign waters, the value of I-68's, NEXUS cards and boater reporting ("BR") numbers, and the roles and authority of the various enforcement agencies.

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

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

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

Members of the public are encouraged to e-mail questions or concerns to the coalition at [info@marinerscoalition.com](mailto:info@marinerscoalition.com).



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A new event this year for Vacationland is the "Blue Water Sandfest" being held at the Fort Gratiot Light Station County Park July 4th through 7th. The event will feature Master and Professional sand sculptors from across the country, in this first-event-of-its-kind in Michigan.

This four day event will have a variety of family and adult activities including an amateur contest, vendors, demonstrations, music, sculpting classes and Quick Sand competitions.

The event will be produced by the Sand Lovers of Fort Meyers FL, a professional sand sculpting and event management company. The average sculpture can be 15 feet by 15 feet and 12 feet high and will be built on the meadow area of the Light Station. Over 100 tons of fine sculpting sand will be brought to the site for the sculptors to use.

Free parking is available at the St. Clair County Community College parking lots and the Blue Water Trolley will provide free transportation to the Light Station site.

Admission is \$5 for adults and children 4 and under are free.

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# Blue Water Cruise Classic Weekend

Blue Water Cruise encompasses an entire weekend based on but not limited to all things automotive, with exceptional dining and shopping opportunities, set in our community nestled on the

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Start out your journey from the Port to Fort on Friday, June 28th with the parade of cars set in the historic downtown of Port Huron. This excursion is for the car enthusiast as well as the spectator. As the cars weave past the Blue Water bridges on the St. Clair River, you will see something that appeals to everyone from the elegant, the classics, the originals, the restored, the modified and the muscle cars of days gone by. Continue the evening as the cars cruise up North to Fort Gratiot where the streets are lined with onlookers and entertainment awaits. Big Boy, a "cruiser classic" has a DJ, Cheap Charlie's live outside music resounds and there's plenty of room to dance, all this with a



wide variety of dining bring excitement to the event.

On Saturday, June 29th The Keith Peterson Memorial Car Show is held at the Birchwood Mall. This established and well attended show is the ultimate opportunity

to showcase your revered "classic". Hundreds will stop by to appreciate and envy and once again, live entertainment will set the mood.

The day is not done here however. Enjoy a sock hop with DJ tunes and then a drive-in movie experience of days gone by at Moran's Chevrolet to cap off the evening.

In spite of the area's economic and population growth, we still like to practice "small town hospitality". This event affords our community an opportunity to showcase its gorgeous water front, historic district and outstanding dining and shopping establishments. So bring your children, your grandchildren and your grandparents as Blue Water Cruise Weekend welcomes all and has something for everyone!

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

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

Lakeport is the commercial hub of Burtchville Township and offers residents and visitors many conveniences without traveling very far. Shoppers can find groceries, fishing bait, firewood, banking services and more at area businesses. To satisfy your appetite, visit one of the family style restaurants, or relax at one



of the cozy pubs with friends. To cool your taste buds, ice cream is available for everyone. Bed & Breakfasts, and Resort cabins are also available for overnight travelers.

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- ✪ Don't count on being protected in the shade of a canvas deck screen or beach umbrella. Ultraviolet rays are only partially deflected and they do bounce toward you from all directions ... off sand, water, patio floors or decks.
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The college was established as Port Huron Junior College in 1923 and became St. Clair County Community College in 1967.

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

The college provides learning opportunities for about 8,900 credit and non-credit students each year. Business and industry professional development and customized training is delivered through the SC4 Workforce Training Institute on campus, online and at company sites.

SC4 also sets the stage for cultural experiences that include art, music, theatre, global awareness programs and other lifelong learning adventures.

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

The main campus is located on 12 acres in Port Huron Township, and the new culinary institute is located on St. Clair Street near the renovated Hilton Double Tree Hotel along the Edison Parkway in Port Huron.

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As a career college, the Baker College system is pleased to report that 97% of its available graduates are employed. Baker is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information, visit [www.baker.edu](http://www.baker.edu).

## Fore Lakes Golf Club and Banquet Center Now Under New Ownership

of Paul and Debby D'Anna and plans for exciting changes and new events are underway.

New this year will be the use of more technology as golfers can check daily course conditions and book t-times online up to seven days in advance at [www.forelakes.com](http://www.forelakes.com).

Don Shinkai has been hired as the new golf pro at Fore lakes and golf lessons can be scheduled online or by calling the clubhouse.

Davey Golf Maintenance Division, a leader in the field of golf course maintenance, has been hired to provide their technology, equipment experience and expert care to elevate Fore Lakes to the highest standards.

The banquet center will remain under the management of Kathy Almanza and will continue to provide the excellent food, ambiance and service it has been known for over the years.

New menu items will be added and, weather permitting, food will be grilled on the patio and outdoor dining will be available.

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# Vintage Base Ball

Based on Port Huron's first 'club nine', the Welkin Vintage Base Ball Club re-creates how baseball (yes, two words) was played in the 1860s. A gentleman's game with no gloves!

Port Huron's first recorded base ball match game took place on Wednesday, June 12, 1867, between the Welkin Base Ball Club and the Regulars of Mount Clemens. The gents from Port Huron won the match by 29 tallies.

In 2007, the Welkin Club was recreated as part of the Port Huron Sesquicentennial celebration. In their inaugural year the Welkins played other vintage clubs from around the state and participated in Greenfield Village's "World's Tournament of Vintage Base Ball," a re-creation of the 1867 tournament the original team played in. In their first year the Welkins managed to duplicate the record of the original club with a solitary victory.

The summer of 2013 marks the seventh season of the recreated Welkin Vintage Base Ball Club and the team has scheduled 7 home games. Home games are played at **St. Mary's Church and School at 2:00 p.m.**

## Home Game Schedule:

<b>May 11th</b>	vs. Northville Eclipse
<b>May 18th</b>	vs. Midland Mighty River Hogs
<b>June 2nd</b>	vs. Dexter Union BBC
<b>June 15th</b>	vs. Detroit Early Riser BBC
<b>July 7th</b>	vs. Royal Oak Wahoos
<b>July 14th</b>	vs. Rochester Grangers
<b>August 10-11th</b>	Greenfield Village World's Tournament of Base Ball
<b>September 8th</b>	vs. London Tecumseh's & Walker Tavern Wheels

# Port Huron/Sarnia Power Boat Races



Following two very successful years, the big powerful offshore boats will be firing up their engines again this summer. It all begins with a boat parade in downtown Port Huron on Thursday evening, August 8<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The race village opens on Friday morning with the dry and wet pits along the Black River in the area around Desmond Marine. Testing of the boats takes place on Friday and Saturday and the big race event happens on Sunday.

The top boats can exceed 120 miles per hour on the course, and great viewing is available along the banks of the St. Clair River just south of the Black River. Spectators get close up views of the boats on the course, as well as in the dry and wet pits.

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With the addition of the new Culinary Institute of Michigan (CIM), Baker College of Port Huron will have two physical locations. The main campus is located on 12 acres that border the 40th Street Pond in Port Huron Township and the new Culinary Institute of Michigan building is located on St. Clair Street in Port Huron right next to the newly renovated Thomas Edison/Hilton Double Tree Hotel and, soon to come, the new Convention Center.

The Port Huron CIM will include a number of traditional classrooms, kitchens facilities, offices, and a 50- seat restaurant that will be run by the culinary students going through the program. Students who enroll will take their general education classes on the main campus and their culinary classes at the CIM location. The building classrooms and labs are expected to be open and operate at full speed by early summer 2013 with a projected Courses



Restaurant opening in early summer 2014.

As with all our programs, the Culinary Arts program provides outstanding curriculum and superb industry skills training that will prepare students for the world of work. The graduates from the program will be able to find employment in a variety of settings;

from restaurants, to country clubs, to owning a business.

Baker College of Port Huron President, Connie Harrison, says that the overall project Culinary Institute of Michigan, the Thomas Edison Inn/Hilton Double Tree, and the Convention is VERY exciting. "There is great synergy between all three entities. A definite plus for not only our culinary arts students, but the community as a whole.



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# Swimming and Beaches

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, boasts 1050 feet of water frontage with clean sandy beaches. No lifeguards are on duty during the summer season. Lots of playground facilities, picnic areas and restrooms are available. Beach volleyball is a new sport of interest and 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 from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

## Lighthouse Park

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

## City Pools

The city of Port Huron operates 2 swimming pools.

## Court Street Swimming 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 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.

## Vacationland Weather, It's Terrific!

Why is Vacationland so popular in the summer? Perhaps it's the fresh blue waters of the St. Clair River and Lake Huron for an afternoon boat ride. Or, could it be the sandy beaches or the miles of walkways along the beautiful blue waters. Or, could it be that the average temperature during the warmest month of July is 70.1 degrees.

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# Goodell's County Park

Located in the center of St. Clair County, close to I-69 and Lapeer Rd. (Old M-21). The Park is open daily from 8 am to 10 pm. Admission



is free (except during some special events). Goodells County Park is also home to a state of the art Splashpad, which is open Memorial Day through Labor Day. The hours of operation are 10 am to 8 pm.

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

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

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

The BMX Track allows members to compete on a challenging and exciting race course. Radio

controlled model cars, trucks and planes find action and excitement at the Redline Racing dirt track and the Propbusters airfield.

The Playground Area offers equipment for both younger and older children.

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# Wadhams

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This community believes in progress in the best sense of the word. It is unwilling to relinquish a strong hold on traditional values, but Wadhams is growing to meet the needs of its' citizens. With easy access to I-69 and I-94, this little community

once again finds itself on the crossroads of change. With easy access to metropolitan areas, many new residents are seeking the gentle, rolling hillsides of Black River for a home. In fact, Wadhams is one of the fastest growing areas in Vacationland.

Fast food restaurants, banks and many other commercial businesses have located in this growing area recently. A KOA Campground that features over 300 sites and 119 cabins and the adjacent Sawmill City.

Sawmill City features putt-putt golf, batting cages, bumper boats, viper style go-carts, bankshot basketball for non-stop entertainment for the whole family.

Every year Sawmill City adds something new for fun and entertainment for kids of all ages. A recent favorite is the new water slide, and the Giant Jumping Pillow.

Sawmill City is located in Wadhams just off I-69 at 5055 Lapeer Road. Just two miles to the west is Fort Trodd, a private campground that is situated on a 40-acre private lake.

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# Golf Etiquette

There's nothing more intimidating than learning something new and the game of golf is no different. Hitting the ball where you want is hard enough, but the pressure of playing with more experienced players and being aware of proper golf etiquette can make what should be a relaxing and fun game a trying experience.

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

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

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

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# Marysville

Marysville is south of Port Huron and extends four miles along the beautiful St. Clair River. From its beginnings as a sawmill village, Marysville has grown into a thriving community.

With four miles of shoreline along the beautiful St. Clair River, the Marysville boardwalk and beach are ideal places to watch freighters or "enjoy the cool river water". Marysville began as a small sawmill village utilizing the river way and now is a thriving community with almost 10,000 residents. In 2010, a new high school was built to accommodate the growing needs of the community.

Marysville has many neighborhood parks including the 58-acre city park and a 10-acre Morton Park, providing residents and visitors many recreational opportunities. The Marysville City Park has 2 tennis courts, a basketball court, 2 horse-shoe pits, 6 baseball fields, a splash pad, 5 picnic shelters, a band shell for concerts, a sledding hill, restrooms and various playground equipment scattered around the park including a life-size train to play on. Marysville has a boat launch for the fishermen and boaters in the community along with a



kayak/canoe launch for the adventurers. Morton Park has 2 picnic shelters, playground equipment, a basketball court, 2 adult softball fields and a skate park for skate boarders and bikers. Runners, walkers and bicyclists can also enjoy the

many miles of the Bridge to Bay Trail that runs throughout Marysville. For the golfers, the City of Marysville owns an 18-hole, par 72 golf course located across from the boardwalk at the corner of Cuttle and River Road.


Marysville is a city on the move with beautiful scenery, a solid residential, business and industrial base, great schools and a progressive government.

The City of Marysville hosts two big 5K races each year. The E&A Credit Union 5K Sunset Run will be held Wed., August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8pm and the Annual SMR 5K Park Trail Run on Sun., October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. These races provide runners with beautiful scenery of the city park and river front.

The city park also sponsors the annual Marysville Little League and Volleygrass Tournaments during the summer.



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# Wills Ste. Claire Automobile

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

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

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

Approximately 12,000 Wills Sainte Claire automobiles were produced in Marysville, from 1921 to 1926. Possibly more important than building luxury autos of the era, was Wills' foresight in building an ideal community for his employees. C. Harold Wills (1878 - 1940) began working as a draftsman for Henry Ford in 1902. When the Ford Motor Company was organized in 1903, Wills was the chief engineer and metallurgist. He designed every Ford car until he resigned in 1919. Deciding to manufacture his own car, Wills selected Marysville, a hamlet of 200 on the banks of the St. Clair River, as the site for C.H. Wills & Company. In 1921 the first overhead-cam V.8. Wills Sainte Claire was produced. Remembered for its Flying Goose radiator emblem, it utilized strong, lightweight



Photo by Terry Ernest

molybdenum steel and was the first car to have back-up lights. Hydraulic brakes, balloon tires and a six-cylinder engine were added before the factory closed in 1926. The Chrysler Corporation purchased the property in 1935.

The Wills Sainte Clair Auto Museum was established in 2001 when

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

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


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# Art in the Park



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

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

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

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

Fine art in any medium or a unique piece of fine craftsmanship, is always a great addition to one's home or business and at the reasonable prices found at this show, everyone deserves an original work of art.

Complementing the fine art show will be two distinct auto shows sponsored by the Blue Water Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Saturday's "Rumble In The Park" is open to all classic cars including Hot Rods and Custom Muscle Cars. Sunday is the Antique Car Invitational. Autos 1959 and older original restorations will be displayed behind the Museum on Huron Blvd. For complete details, visit [marysvillefriends.org](http://marysvillefriends.org).

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



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

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This year the Art Fair will be held on Saturday, June 29th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, June 30th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The 41st annual Art Fair includes the Riverview Plaza and the Palmer Park with its famous boardwalk along the St. Clair River.

Sandy Attebury, president of the association stated that the 2013 featured artist is Loretta Markell, whose new paintings will be showcased this year in the North Alcove of the Alice Moore Art Center.

Visitors can expect to see and have the opportunity to acquire paintings in oil, water color, and pen and in pastels and chalks. Photography is always popular as is pottery and porcelain. Artists from all over the state have registered to be at this year's event.

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# St. Clair Calendar of Events

## May

- 4 Little League Parade- St. Clair's Little League Park
- 11&18 St. Clair Women's League Flower Sale-  
Riverview Plaza
- 16 Historical Presentation, St. Clair Historical Museum
- 17-19 12th Annual St. Clair River Marbleye Classic  
Tournament - St. Clair Boat Harbor
- 18 5th Annual Safety Town Day - Neiman's Plaza

## June

- 1-2 St. Clair Spring Craft Show - Riverview Plaza
- 8 Kid's Fishing Derby - Pine River
- 8 Lake Huron Lower Marine Society Flea Market-  
Riverview Plaza
- 14 & 21 Palmer Park "Summer Concert Series"- Palmer Park
- 15 AGA Summer Jam Skate-Bike Competition-  
Greig Park
- 15-16 East China's "Relay for Life" - East China Park,  
East China Twp.
- 20 Palmer Park's "Big Screen Movie"- Palmer Park
- 22 28th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show "Where it  
all Began" MI Chapter ACBS -St. Clair Boat Harbor
- 22 Titanic Display open Saturdays through July 27
- 22-23 Vintage Weekend- Riverview Plaza
- 25 St. Clair Chamber's "Lunch & Learn" LTBD
- 29 St. Clair Rotary Club's 5K Run - St. Clair's  
northern neighborhoods
- 29-30 41st Annual St. Clair Art Fair - Riverview Plaza  
& Palmer Park

## July

- 4 Fireworks -St. Clair River
- 5, 12, 19 Palmer Park "Summer Concert Series"- Palmer Park
- 10,17,24,31 Blue Water Farmers' Market- Fred Moore Hwy  
(across from Pine Shores Golf Course)
- 11 Kid's Garage Sale- Riverview Plaza
- 12 Palmer Park's "Big Screen Movie"- Palmer Park
- 18 Bike Parade - Riverview East HS & Downtown St. Clair
- 19 River Classic Car Show -Palmer Park
- 23 St. Clair Chamber's "Lunch & Learn"- LTBD
- 26-28 Offshore Boat Race- Palmer Park

## August

- 2 Palmer Park "Summer Concert Series"- Palmer Park
- 3 "Mardi Gras" Weekend - St. Clair Boat Harbor

- 4, 18 & 25 Sunday Afternoon Concerts - Riverview Plaza
- 7, 14, 21 28 Blue Water Farmers' Market- Fred Moore Hwy  
(across from Pine Shores Golf Course)
- 8 Palmer Park's "Big Screen Movie"- Palmer Park
- 9-11 Antique Yard Sale- M29
- 10-11 "Will on the Water" - Riverview Plaza & Palmer Park
- 12 St. Clair Jr. Golf Tournament - Pine Shores Golf Club
- 27 St. Clair Chamber's "Lunch & Learn" LTBD

## September

- 1 Sunday Afternoon Concerts - Riverview Plaza
- 4, 11, 18, 25 Blue Water Farmers' Market - Fred Moore Hwy  
(across from Pine Shores Golf Course)
- 5 First Thursday's Speaker Series - St. Clair City Library
- 7-8 St. Clair Fall Craft Show - Riverview Plaza
- 12 Historical Presentation, St. Clair Historical Museum
- 24 St. Clair Chamber's "Lunch & Learn"- LTBD
- 27-29 St. Mary's Fall Festival-St. Mary's Catholic Church
- 28 Chalk the Walk/Whistles on the Water -  
Downtown St. Clair & Palmer Park
- TBD St. Clair Chamber's Business Expo -  
Knights of Columbus

## October

- 2,9,16,23,30 Blue Water Farmers' Market - Fred Moore Hwy  
(across from Pine Shores Golf Course)
- 3 First Thursday's Speaker Series- St. Clair City Library
- 6 Blue Water Ramble - St. Clair High School
- 6 Shop for a Cause- Riverview Plaza
- 13 St. Clair Historical Museum's Cemetery Walk- Hillside  
Cemetery (corner of Palmer & St. Clair Highway)
- 22 St. Clair Chamber's "Lunch & Learn" - LTBD
- TBD Westside Days - Neiman's Plaza

## November

- 2 St. Clair Turkey Trot- St. Clair's  
northern neighborhoods
- 7 First Thursday's Speaker Series - St. Clair City Library
- 14 Historical Presentation, St. Clair Historical Museum
- 22 Celebration of Lights/Christmas Parade- Downtown
- 30 St. Clair Santa's Workshop - Riverview Plaza

## December

- 5 First Thursday's Speaker Series -St. Clair City Library
- 12 Galloping Gourmet - Downtown St. Clair



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# Marine City

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

Shoppers will find a variety of choices including specialty, discount and convenience stores in Downtown Marine City, Broadway, Parker and the Riverside Plaza. There are motels, restaurants and lounges available to suit all tastes - many carrying out a nautical theme and displaying items of the local shipping industry.

Visitors will find plenty to do and see including spring salmon fishing, summer festival and antique show, and the Fall color river tour. Conveniently located in and near Marine City are marinas, camping, golfing, horseback riding and a public access boat launch.

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

Marine City has a regular ferry service to Sombra, Ontario. Sombra offers a museum in a

restored Victorian home, a tea room and many antique and gift shops.

Come and enjoy all Marine City has to offer.

Historically, in the days of the wooden freighters, Marine City was known as a shipbuilding center of the Great Lakes. Because of this status, many captains and sailors made their homes here, as evidenced by the grand residential architecture throughout the historic downtown area. Gracious "Victorian Painted Ladies" sit side-by-side with turn-of-the-century cottages.

Today, waterfront parks are interspersed between unique shopping and dining venues along the historic waterfront. The Pecha Island lighthouse stands guard, keeping a watchful eye over the ever-changing waters of the St. Clair River and our neighbor, Canada.

Although freighter building has long since outgrown our Belle River and the maritime building barns are long gone, on occasion, you can still see a sailor's family standing by the shore, waiting to catch site of their seafaring loved one on a passing ship.



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

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# Richmond

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. It falls on the weekend after Labor Day and runs Thursday through Sunday. 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the festival. There is no general admission charge for the festival grounds.

The winter highlight is Richmond's Winter & Ice Festival held in February. The citywide event includes both indoor and outdoor activities. The ice carvings along Main Street have become one of the premiere displays of art in the area. Last year snowmobile drag races were added to the event.

One of the recreational gems of Macomb County is the Macomb Orchard Trail. Named for the rich assortment of fruit trees in southeast Michigan, this trail cuts a 23.5-mile arch across the northern portion of Macomb County. The trail begins in the heart of

Richmond near the intersection of Main Street and Division Road at a trailhead park with a gazebo, restrooms, picnic tables, benches and a path to the municipal parking lot.

Other recreation opportunities in Richmond are found in Beebe Street Park, which encompasses 38.5 acres. The park is located in an established residential neighborhood three blocks east of Main Street (M-19). The three major features of the park are the community center, an outdoor swimming pool and five baseball fields, which generate substantial use by area residents. Other outdoor facilities in the park include a picnic pavilion and grills, basketball courts, an ice skating rink, assorted playground equipment, a paved pedestrian path, and a gazebo.

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The City of Richmond is a growing city with an estimated population of 6,000 residents and is linked by the I-94 Expressway, M-19, and the Gratiot Avenue corridor for easy access to the Detroit/Flint/Port Huron Metropolitan Areas. We offer many housing options in various price ranges for everyone.

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. Join us for fun and fitness!

The retail business districts offer turn of the century charm and unique modern Main Street architecture. The pedestrian friendly downtown is the perfect location for shopping and services. Special events are held year round to promote our businesses. Additionally, the city has worked with private property owners on the development of prime industrial property. Richmond is ready for your business!

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Bologna making has a long history in our little town. It was in the early 1900s when our first homemade bologna makers started cooking up this tasty treat. Today, our local plant, C. Roy, Inc, takes care of all our bologna needs both during the festival and all year long.

Our festival is a collaborative effort: the Yale Chamber of Commerce and the City of Yale work with many other organizations, businesses, groups and individuals to provide our bologna kingdom subjects with activities and entertainment suitable for the young and old. Since this will be our 25th festival, we are happy to present some new things and bring back some favorites. We are thrilled to have a carnival this year, which will be open Wednesday through Thursday. Thursday evening, for the first time, youngsters are invited to participate in the Yale downhill derby. Our schedule is full for Friday, with highlights being our Bologna Ring Toss, Outhouse Races,



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In Yale, we are certainly "Full of Bologna and Proud of it!"

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# Port Sanilac

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

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

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

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



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

In August, join us for our inaugural Antique Boat Show which features antique, wooden vessels from the early twentieth century. There will be boat races and live entertainment, a beer tent and excellent food, and fun to be had by the whole family.

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

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

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

## Ben Coburn WBTI Program Director



I've been fortunate enough to live in the Blue Water Area since 2005, when I was hired to Program and do afternoons at 96.9 WBTI. Living, working, and playing in the community has exceeded my expectations. In fact, I like the area so much that I

purchased a house in Port Huron in the last year.

Living in the Port Huron area offers so much to do: Obviously, the access to water is amazing. The budding food district has been fun to watch grow the past year in Downtown Port Huron. There's tons of shopping and food options on the North End as well, including my Thursday home for the 5:01 Party, Cheap Charlie's!

Working at RadioFirst, specifically for 96.9 WBTI, and now AM 1450/1590 The Cruise, gives me the opportunity to work in a fun, family environment that promotes local content on our airwaves. We want to serve the community, and help business grow. From Jail & Bail, to Roof Sit, to 96.9 WBTI's feature fundraiser: "Breast Cancer Awareness Month/Free Mammogram Fund" at Port Huron Hospital, these radio stations are a living, breathing, part of the community. In fact, 96.9 WBTI won three awards from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters for on-air performance.

Personally, I love playing sports, and on most winter nights you'll find me at McMorran or Glacier Point arena playing hockey. In the summer, it's softball. Being active in the community has allowed me to make, and keep many great friends. This area really is filled with a lot of great people.

We should all consider ourselves lucky to be a part of this great area!



# Croswell

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



The Swinging Bridge Festival to be held **July 19-21**, provides entertainment and activities for the whole family. The festival highlights the community's foot-traffic bridge. Affectionately known as the "be good to your mother-in-law bridge", it is 139 feet in length and is a one-of-a-kind for Michigan. Completed in 1905 the bridge provides easy access to Riverbend Park.

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

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

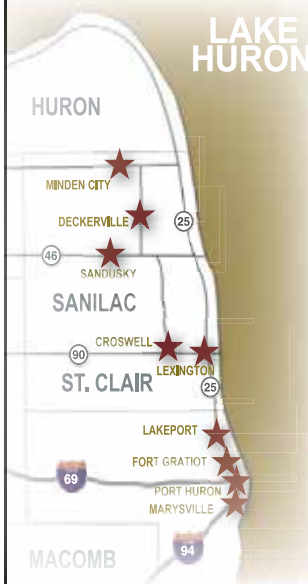
Also, if other time-honored traditions suit your fancy, then the Croswell Agricultural Fair is a must see. Events are **June 25-29** at the Croswell Fairgrounds. You can't beat the excitement of all this 128 year-old fair offers. To get to the fairgrounds, take M-90 to Croswell Road, turn North and follow the signs. The first train from Port Huron arrived in Croswell in 1879. The Croswell Historical Depot Museum features railroad and other area memorabilia. The museum is open Saturday and Sunday, 1-5pm. It's located on Depot Dr., off Wells Street.

This early rail connection brought hundreds of new residents to the City. Soon farming became a major industry and the shipping of carloads of farm produce began. At the turn-of-the-century, Croswell lead the Thumb in commerce including the sugar beet industry. Call the Croswell/Lexington Chamber of Commerce at 810-359-2292 for more information.

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Sandusky offers all of the services and resources you would expect from a much larger city, while maintaining it's rural character and small town values. Agriculture, Industry and Retail converge is the area of this progressive, hardworking community.

Sandusky offers many recreational opportunities and is a beehive of activity. Not only are ORV's permitted on all city streets, it's also home to several annual celebrations including the Michigan Thumb Festival (last full



and the Howes were instrumental contributors to the formation of the Sanilac County Hockey Association.

The Sandusky Municipal Airport (Y83) is located just 2.5 miles north of town. It features a modern paved 3100' runway and fuel service.

Sandusky's Industrial Park is located on the east side of town and offers both lots and existing buildings for sale. Several incentives exist for developers.

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

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

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

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weekend in June), the Sanilac County 4-H Fair in August, as well as the ever popular Country Christmas Lighted Farm Implement Parade and Miss Sanilac County Scholarship Pageant in December. The town features more than 60 acres of public parks, a tri-plex movie theater, as well as the Coleen J. Howe Hockey Arena (October-April). The arena was named in honor of the late wife of hockey legend Gordie Howe. Mrs. Howe was born and raised in the area



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The crossing is just the beginning of the Canadian journey. The Bluewater Country experience in Sarnia-Lambton offers something for everyone.

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Sarnia and Point Edward (the community at the foot of the bridge) are known for their beautiful waterfront vistas and entertainment. Almost every weekend during the summer there is a major festival on tap at a riverside park.

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The varied entertainment offerings include professional summer theatres in Grand Bend and Petrolia,

a presentation of The Promise in Forest, or a varied line-up at the Imperial Theatre in Sarnia's riverfront district.

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