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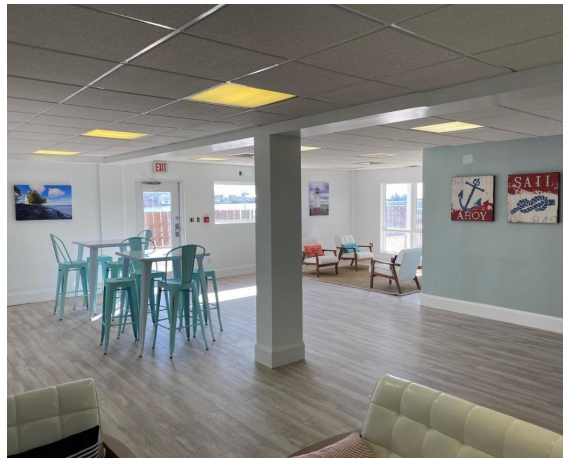


Birds chirping, windchimes tinkling and the faint smell of burgers on a grill are sure signs spring has sprung here in Lorain. Despite the circumstances surrounding the coronavirus, we hope you've been able to enjoy the "stay at home" order in some way, whether it be by going for a walk, doing some yard work or catching up on your favorite TV show. We remain hopeful that although modified, we'll still be able to have a great summer season here in Lorain. Continue scrolling to learn about future events and fun ways to stay active while social distancing.

Ongoing & Upcoming Events & Activities

Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain

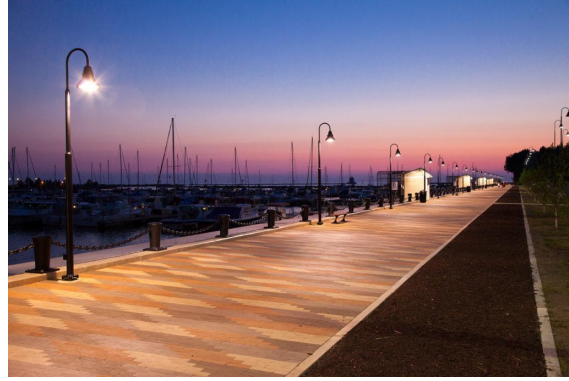
Earlier this month, the lakeside marina now known as **Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain**, 301 Lakeside Ave. #1, opened for its first season under new management! Annual slips and transient slips are available to accommodate boaters of all type. The fuel dock is currently open 9-5 p.m. and boaters are asked to please call (440) 822-3160 for an attendant 10 minutes prior to arrival. As the weather warms and hours expand, the fuel dock will be staffed Friday through Sunday. Updates to the Boater's Lounge were recently completed and work on the docks is underway. Other amenities such as a shower facilities, laundry, online booking through **Snag-A-Slip**, the on-site restaurant Erie Steak and Seafood Co. and more make this the ideal location to house your vessel for the season or visit for the day. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the rates and amenities. Visit their [Facebook page](#) for regular updates on the conditions of Lake Erie. Email portlorain@oasismarinas.com or call (440) 822-3160 with any questions.



Mile-Long Pier

Although social distancing measures are in place, the **Mile-Long Pier** at Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain is a great place to get in some exercise while maintaining a safe distance from others. The pier is actually just shy of being a half of a mile in length, but when you walk the full length

and back you've completed about a mile-long stroll beside beautiful Lake Erie. Feel free to bring your dog(s) with you as the site is pet friendly and offers Fido Stations with waste baggies and trash receptacles.



Birding at the Diked Disposal Site

On the east side of the Mile-Long Pier is the Diked Disposal Site. The 58-acre site is used by the US Army Corps of Engineers to hold dredge materials, or the muck that is removed from the harbor and Black River. Dredging allows for the depths necessary for lake freighters to transit the river. The lush greenery that fills the site attracts many different species of birds. Bird watching is family friendly and is another activity where one can enjoy time outside while following the social distancing guidelines.



Black River Wharf & Lakeside Boat Launches

Now open for the 2020 boating season are the Black River Wharf (14th Street) and Lakeside (Alabama Avenue) Boat Launches! Both locations are under new management this season by Oasis Marinas. A pass to access both locations for the entire year is \$70. Passes can be purchased online by clicking [HERE](#) or in person at the marina office, 301 Lakeside Avenue #1, in Lorain. Office hours are 9-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Stage Top to Reemerge

Our beloved stage top will soon be back at Black River Landing to signal our unofficial start to the spring season! Depending on the weather, the top should be back up sometime between May 4 and May 9. It's quite a process to get the stage back to normal, but the pros at Aable Rents have it down to a science. We can't wait to have the site looking summer-ready!



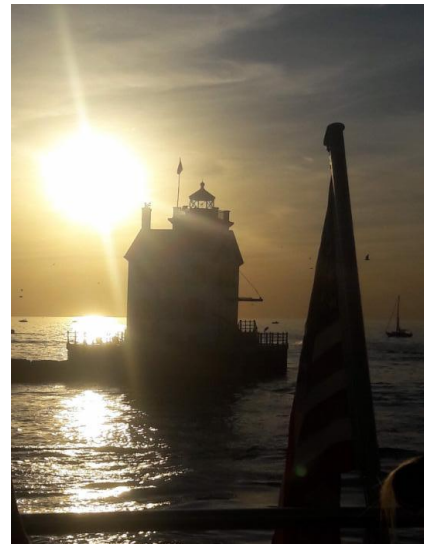
LoCo 'Yaks Storm Drain Stenciling

Another opportunity to get outdoors while maintaining a safe social distance is coming up! The **LoCo 'Yaks** is organizing three days of "Storm Drain Stenciling: Lake Erie Starts Here" in Lorain. On May 5, 6 & 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the local kayaking group will provide the stencils, paint, rake, broom, gloves and locations in a contactless exchange so participants can paint stencils that say "Lake Erie Starts Here -->" next to the listed drains. This activity is family friendly and supports a good cause. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about how to participate. If you have other questions or would like to volunteer, please call 440-249-0590 or email stewardship.locoyaks@gmail.com.



Lorain Lighthouse Seeks "Best of Lake Erie" Title

There's still time left if you haven't yet cast your ballot in the Best of Lake Erie Contest sponsored by Cleveland-based Lake Erie Living Magazine. The Historic Lorain Lighthouse has held the title as the "Best of Lake Erie" for the last **six years** and the **Lorain Lighthouse Foundation** needs your help to secure year seven. Click [HERE](#) to fill out and submit your ballot by May 15. Participants don't have to fill it out completely, but you must include your name for the ballot to count. In light of the coronavirus, the first Lighthouse Tour on May 9 was cancelled, but **all** other trips remain on the schedule. Lighthouse Sunset Wine Dinners featuring food and wine from **Erie Steak & Seafood Co.** are set to start Tuesday, June 16 and will continue every Tuesday through September 8. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and book your seats for a Lighthouse Tour, or call 440-984-1012 to make reservations for a dinner. Mother's Day Gift Certificates can also be purchased by calling Ron at 440-282-7137.



Rockin' on the River

Memorable musical acts, delicious food and tasty drinks are all set to be back at Black River Landing this June with **Rockin' on the River!**

The season has been slightly altered due to the coronavirus, but the summer concert series promoters are working hard to offer a near-full lineup by adding Saturdays, possibly some open Fridays, and extending into September.

The Wish Your Were Here show initially scheduled for Saturday, June 13 has been moved to Saturday, August 22. If for any reason the season is cancelled, all VIP and Season Passes will be honored in 2021. To purchase your pass for the 2020 season, click [HERE](#).



Black River Landing Walking Paths

The walking paths at Black River Landing provide the perfect way to get exercise while

maintaining a safe distance from others. With several walking routes available at one location, the landing is able to offer something to people of all abilities. The site features a dog-friendly water fountain and Fido Stations with waste baggies and trash receptacles, making it a great place to enjoy a comfortable walk with your four-legged friend.



Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit Tournament

Returning to Lorain's Black River Landing on June 5 & 6 is the **Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit Tournament**! Anglers from all over will visit the city for two days of Lake Erie walleye fishing. Fish must be 15 inches or longer and each team is allowed to present five fish at the weigh-ins. The public weigh-ins will take place at Black River Landing and all are welcome to attend. Click [HERE](#) to register, or click [HERE](#) to learn more about the tournament.



Black River Shuttle Boat Tours

The **Lorain Port Authority** hopes to kick off its 2020 Black River Shuttle Boat Tour season this June. History Excursions, River Nature Tours, Sunset Cruises and the Sip & Sway trips will be among the different tour offerings this year. As both the Lady Charleston and Pride of Lorain undergo necessary maintenance in the off season, the staff is hard at work with the captains to formulate the schedule. Click [HERE](#) for full descriptions of all tour types, and be on the lookout for an announcement regarding the full 2020 schedule!



The Summer Market

New to Black River Landing this July is **The Summer Market**! The Lorain Port Authority partnered with the nonprofit

Girls Give Back to bring this event to Lorain after 14 years in Avon Lake. On July 18 & 19, this one-of-a-kind shopping experience will fill the festival grounds with a curated grouping of more than 100 artists, makers, pickers, collectors, growers and foodies. Other highlights of the event include a Farmer's Market, a beer garden and cocktail trailers, dining options, free parking, free entry and more. An online **Marketplace** featuring items from some of the small business owners who participate in The Summer Market is set to launch Saturday, May 2. Click [HERE](#), bookmark the page and be sure to check back to view and/or buy the curated goods.

the *Summer Market*
July 18 & 19, 2020
BLACK RIVER LANDING
Lorain, Ohio
thesummermarket.com
celebrating 15 years

Rock for Water X: Recycled Fashion Show

The annual recycled fashion show fundraiser that benefits the Black River Clean-Up has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 1. In light of the state's response to COVID-19 and in the interest of everyone's safety, **Rock for Water X** was moved from its original April date but all purchased tickets will be honored on the new date. A refund will be available if you cannot make it. Organized by **A David Anthony Salon + Spa & Hair Studio** to help clean and promote our Great Lakes and surrounding waterways, this event allows designers and models to transform dryer sheets, newspaper, plastic bags, and more into costumes of all shapes and sizes! Local businesses, organizations and artists will form teams with unique themes to compete for the chance at two cash prizes. Click [HERE](#) to purchase your tickets today.



BrewFest Waterfront District

The celebration of craft beverages from local and regional breweries, meaderies, wineries and cideries is coming back to Black River Landing on Saturday, August 8! **BrewFest Waterfront District** will take place from 1-6 p.m. and will also include food, music and games. Each entry ticket includes 15 drink sample tickets and a sample glass. VIP tickets are on sale for \$65 and include entry one hour early, a T-shirt, a draw-strong backpack, exclusive beers and food in the air-conditioned VIP area. General admission will be \$35 at the gate. Click [HERE](#) to purchase your ticket today.



River City Pop Culture Fest

Also new to Black River Landing this summer season is the **River City Pop Culture Fest**! The festival organizers are teaming up with **Rockin' on the River** to offer a **FULL DAY** of fun and entertainment in Lorain. On Saturday, August 15, festivities will start at at 11 a.m. with

vendors, artists, music, food, a cosplay contest and more. Then at 6:15 p.m., the Rockin' on the River concert will start with opener Flannel Planet, the best 90s party, and headliner Mr. Speed, a tribute to KISS. Click [HERE](#) to view the Facebook event.



Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival

Retuning to Lorain this summer is the Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival! On Saturday, August 15, the [Cleveland Dragon Boat Association](#) will host its event at Riverside Park, 123 Alabama Avenue, for the first time. Teams of dragon boat racers will compete on the Black River, and onlookers are encouraged to watch from the park. The boardwalk provides a great view of the water, and the space also features pavilions, picnic tables and a playground. Organizers plan to invite vendors and work with local organizations to make the event an awesome experience for all. Click [HERE](#) to register for the event, or click [HERE](#) to learn more about dragon boat racing.



Riverside Park and Lakeside Landing

Speaking of [Riverside Park](#), it and nearby Lakeside Landing are two waterfront locations on Lorain's east side that work as great places to practice social distancing outdoors. The boardwalk at Riverside Park is ideal for fishing, and also includes amenities such as pavilions, a grill and a playground. [Lakeside Landing](#), on Lakeside Avenue, also features two pavilions, a grill, and gorgeous views of Lake Erie. One could even enjoy a scenic sunset safely from the seat of a parked car.



FireFish Festival

The annual celebration of arts and fire in Downtown Lorain known as [FireFish Festival](#) is set to return on September 11 & 12! Founded in 2014, FireFish Arts is a nonprofit organization that focuses on arts, civic and economic development initiatives while also working with a diverse group of community partners. Be on the lookout for future announcements about this festival that features art, music, food and the

unforgettable burning of the fish.



LPA Board of Directors Meetings

April 2020

Due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Lorain Port Authority Board of Directors did not meet in April. The most recent meeting was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. A copy of the agenda, as well as other past agendas and meeting minutes, can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

May 2020

The May Regular Board Meeting will take place as scheduled on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. To ensure everyone's safety, the meeting will be conducted online through Zoom. We will be sure to update the public as soon as we have more information. Regular board meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

Valuable Resources

Lorain County Strong

Whether you're a small business owner or a community member, the [Lorain County Strong](#) website has something useful for all who visit it. Featuring links and information for small business resources, open restaurants, open businesses, remote working tools and local health updates, this website is a one-stop-shop for those in and around Lorain County. Don't forget to support your favorite local businesses! It is important that we stick together through these trying times. #LorainProud

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