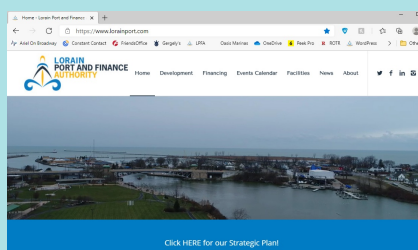




Lorain Port Press

Happy Friday! The first month of the year FLEW BY here at the Lorain Port & Finance Authority, and we're looking forward to all 2022 has in store for us and the Lorain community. As we begin to fill our calendars with events and projects and continue to count the days until warm weather is back, take a look at some of our awesome accomplishments of 2021!

2021 Highlights



New Domain Name

In February 2021 we updated our website domain name to www.lorainport.com. This was done to reflect the organization's slight name change in August 2020 by adding the words "and Finance." Our name now more accurately describes what our organization does.

Swing Sponsorship Program

We launched our Swing Sponsorship Program in March 2021 with the installation of our first swing at Black River Landing. You can find other swings at

Sponsor a swing!



- \$2,500 per bench swing w/plaque
- Locations: Black River Landing, Lakeside Landing & Mile-Long Pier (colors vary by location)

Email kleyvasmith@lorainportauthority.com for an application!

Lakeside Landing and Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain. A swing is \$2,500 to sponsor and comes with a customizable plaque. To learn more or apply, send an email to kleyvasmith@lorainportauthority.com for an application and map of locations/colors.



ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch Installed

Riverside Park got an upgrade in April 2021 with the installation of the new ADA Kayak/Canoe Launch! This project was made possible through ODNR's 2020 Paddle Enhancement Grant. The park's parking lot was also restriped as part of this project. The facility is FREE to use and available during the summer season.



57th Anniversary

The **Lorain Port & Finance Authority** celebrated 57 years as an organization May 4, 2021. The Port was created by the Lorain City Council in 1964, and our mission has consistently focused on economic development, waterborne commerce and increasing the public's access to Lorain's beautiful waterways. We look forward to the many years to come!



Lorain County JVS Senior Recognition Ceremony

On May 21, 2021, students graduating from the **Lorain County Joint Vocational School** walked across the stage at Black River Landing during their **Senior Recognition Ceremony**! Family, friends and school staff congratulated **413 seniors** who received career-technical certifications in their respective fields.

Rockin' on the River Returns

Long awaited and eagerly anticipated,



Rockin' on the River made its way back to Black River Landing in June 2021. The beloved weekly concert series was delayed an additional week due to inclement weather Memorial Day Weekend, but that didn't prevent the promoters from experiencing one of the best seasons they've had in more than 30 years!



Lorain Water Taxi

Our Water Taxi was also back on the Black River in June 2021. On Friday nights during the concerts, our taxi ran from 5-11 p.m. between Black River Landing, Oasis Marinas and The Shipyards. This **free service** was well-received and will be back again this year.



The Summer Market

Back for its second year at Black River Landing was **The Summer Market** on July 23 & 24, 2021. This unique outdoor festival features more than 100 vendors, offering everything from furniture to vintage finds, art & jewelry, coastal decor and more. Thousands of guests visit the two-day event that also offers a wide spectrum of food and drinks. The 17th Annual Summer Market will be July 22 & 23, 2022. Click **HERE** to apply to be a vendor.



Romeo & Juliet at Black River Landing

Main Street Lorain partnered with the **Cleveland Shakespeare Festival** to bring Romeo & Juliet to Black River Landing on July 31, 2021. Professional actors visited Lorain for the first time to perform their free interpretation of Shakespeare's famous tragedy.

Titan Up! Back To School event

Lorain City Schools students kicked the school year off right with the **Titan Up Back to School** event August 1, 2021, at Black River Landing. The event was



family friendly and featured bounce houses, arts activities, carnival games, a photo booth and school supplies giveaways.



BrewFest Waterfront District

BrewFest Waterfront District was also back at Black River Landing in 2021. On August 14, a wide array of breweries, wineries, cideries and meaderies once again filled the festival site. The popular event is expected to be back on August 13, 2022.



Flowers in the Sky: Marie Bonaminio Tribute

The Bonaminio Family worked with the Port Authority last year to coordinate the Flowers in the Sky Fireworks Display, honoring Marie Bonaminio's life. The show was free to the public, and included music, food and fun at Black River Landing.

Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival

Dragon boats raced on the Black River on September 18, 2021, as part of the Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival. Eight teams participated as crowds watched from the dock. The **Cleveland Dragon Boat Association** is planning to return to our festival site on September 18, 2022.



CLEVELAND DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION



StoryWalk at Black River Landing

Thanks to a partnership with the Lorain Public Library System, a **StoryWalk** was installed at Black River Landing in September 2021. A grand opening was held September 20, 2021, and featured a special reading by the character from the book, "The Monster at the End of This Book." StoryWalk's aim to combine exercise with literacy.

ROADS - RAILS - n - SALES at Black River Landing

421 Black River Lane • Lorain, Ohio 44052

September 25, 2021 10 am—3 pm

Rain Date September 26, 2021



**FLEA MARKET
CARS TRUCKS
MOTORCYCLES**

Flea Market & Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show; 10 to 3; Flea Market Setup 8 to 10 / \$25
Show Registration 9 to 12 / \$10; Charity Event; AMMY; Awards; GB 1st 200





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100% of the proceeds go to continuing the restoration of Lorain's Caboose C-3855!
3855support@loraincaboose.org
Lorain's Caboose is a project of The Lorain Growth Corp. / Tourism Committee

Show Info: Steve 440-653-6631; Flea Mkt Info: Gail 440-242-8439
Information & Updates: <https://loraincaboose.org>

Roads, Rails 'N Sales

The **Roads, Rails 'N Sales** event hosted by the Lorain Caboose Committee took place September 25, 2021. From 10-3 p.m., the festival site featured a flea market, a car, truck and motorcycle show and a railroad display. This event serves as a fundraiser for the restoration of Lorain Caboose #3855.



Monster Mash Dash

Main Street Lorain had its inaugural Monster Mash Dash 5k run and 1 mile walk on October 9, 2021. The race began on Broadway Avenue and ended at Black River Landing. Participants were encouraged to don their best costume, and all proceeds went towards Main Streets' efforts to build a thriving Downtown Lorain.



CLEVELAND BROWNS

JET EXPRESS

\$75 Per Person

THE TRIP

Join us aboard the Jet Express on an excursion out to Cleveland to see the Cleveland Browns game! Making stops on Kelleys Island and Lorain, there are plenty of places to hop onboard! The vessel will be outfitted with an on-board bar. The Jet Express will depart Cleveland one hour after the Browns game ends. Come ride with us on this local favorite excursion!

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:
Get Your Tickets at Jet-Express.com/ or by calling 800-245-1538

SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 17th, 2021

Depart Port Clinton	12:00 pm
Depart Kelleys Island	12:30 pm
Depart Lorain	2:00 pm
Game Begins	4:00 pm
Depart Cleveland	1 hour after game

Thursday, October 21st, 2021

Depart Port Clinton	4:00 pm
Depart Kelleys Island	4:30 pm
Depart Lorain	6:00 pm
Game Begins	8:00 pm
Depart Cleveland	1 hour after game

Sunday, October 31st, 2021

Depart Port Clinton	9:00 am
Depart Kelleys Island	9:30 am
Depart Lorain	11:00 am
Game Begins	1:00 pm
Depart Cleveland	1 hour after game

Jet Express Boat to the Browns

The **Jet Express** was also back in Lorain in 2021 for Boats to the Browns trips during the month of October. Fans can travel into Downtown Cleveland free from the frustration of traffic. Be on the lookout for updates as we expect the Jet to be back in Lorain for more trips this year!



Lil's Port-a-versary

Here at the Port, we **never** miss an opportunity to celebrate our best girl. **Lil** reached her fourth year at the Lorain Port and Finance Authority on October 25, 2021. We are so incredibly happy to have our handy-dandy goose chaser, who doubles as an awesome officemate. She is great at what she does, keeping our sites clean, and we are so lucky to have her!



International Trees & Trains Display

Reaching its milestone 10th rendition in 2021 was the **International Trees & Model Trains Display** at the Train Station by the Lorain Growth Tourism Committee. The beautifully decorated trees and intricate model trains were available for viewing on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 27 through Dec. 26. After being limited to a window display in 2020 due to covid-19 restrictions, the group was glad to be back in full swing.



KIFBL Vessel Launched

We at the Port ended the year on a high note with the announcement of the launch of the Kelley's Island Ferry Boat Line's **new 168-foot double-ended ferry** for service on Lake Erie. The vessel can hold 149 passengers and 36 vehicles

while running between Marblehead and Kelley's Island. Our Assistant Director Tiffany McClelland worked diligently the last few years to see this project cross the finish line. While there are a few steps left to complete, we are so proud of Tiffany's hard work and dedication!



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