



# MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBERING & HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



## Lorain Port Press

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The board and staff at the Lorain Port Authority hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day Weekend! We know this passed weekend wasn't exactly what we had envisioned when we started the year, but we remain cautiously optimistic that we will still have a great summer season here in Lorain! Continue scrolling to learn about events and activities on the horizon.

## Ongoing/Upcoming Events & Activities

### Stage Top at Black River Landing

The unofficial start to the season for the Lorain Port Authority is the reinstallation of our beloved stage top. This year the stage top reemerged on May 21. Black River Landing first opened to the public in 2003 and has since hosted countless events, concerts and festivals for those in the surrounding area to enjoy. In the future, the Port Authority hopes to install a new, permanent stage top that stays up year-round.



## Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain

Open for its first season under new management is Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain! Located at 301 Lakeside Ave.



#1, the lakeside marina

features annual and transient slips and a fuel dock that is open daily. Boaters are asked to please call (440) 822-3160 for an attendant 10 minutes prior to arrival. Starting Memorial Day Weekend, the fuel dock will be staffed Friday through Sunday. Renovations 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](mailto:portlorain@oasismarinas.com) or call (440) 822-3160 with any questions.

## Victory Park

We are proud to say Victory Park at the intersection of West Fifth Street and West Erie Avenue is looking GREAT! Recent updates include three new flag poles, new landscaping, removal of a utility pole, installation of underground electric and the addition of LED lighting for the flagpoles and trees. The Lorain Port Authority first voted to receive the property as a donation from the city in November 2018. Be sure check out the lovely green space that is within walking distance of [K Kream Korner](#) on West Erie Avenue!





## Black River Wharf & Lakeside Boat Launches

Also open under new management by Oasis Marinas is the Black River Wharf (14th Street) and Lakeside (Lakeside Avenue) Boat Launches! 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 from 9-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



## Black River Shuttle Boat Tours

The Port Authority staff is hard at work to find ways to safely operate our **shuttle boats** this season! We are exploring different options that would meet the state's guidelines and hope to have more information soon. In the meantime, Black River Landing's walking paths offer a nice view of the Black River. The **Lorain County Metro Parks** also has trails that can get you close to the water.



## Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit Tournament

Returning to Lorain 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 learn more about the tournament.



## Rockin' on the River

The fun summer concert series known as **Rockin' on the River** is still hoping to return to Black River Landing this summer! The most recent update from

the concert promoters said the start date was pushed back to July 3, meaning all May and June shows were postponed except Wish You Were Here which was rescheduled to August 22. They still hope to reschedule some of the shows to open weekend dates into September and possibly beyond.

Everyone's safety is the number one priority, and they realize that might mean we won't have a 2020 season, but we're not giving up yet! Fingers crossed we can all rock out soon!



## Lighthouse Tours and Sunset Wine Dinners

The **Lorain Lighthouse Foundation** is also hoping to start its season of tours and Sunset Wine Dinners this July. In light of the COVID-19 guidelines established by the governor, all May and June trips have been cancelled. The group hopes to host its annual **Lighthouse Fireworks Picnic** event on Saturday, July 4. The cost per person is \$110 and includes the boat ride, a dinner catered by Erie Steak & Seafood Co., and gorgeous views of the fireworks show launched from the Mile-Long Pier. Reservations can be made by calling 440-984-1012.



## 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. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about The Summer Market, Girls Give Back and the online **Marketplace**.



## 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 at the **Lorain Palace Theater**. 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 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.



## FireFish Festival

The annual celebration of arts and fire in Downtown Lorain known as the **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.



## Lorain Caboose #3855

**Lorain's Caboose #3855** proudly sits on the old railroad track at the south end of Black River Landing. The Caboose Committee has worked hard to get this piece of history back in Lorain, and they now have a new sponsorship program for those interested in helping with the restoration efforts. There are four sponsorship levels and each comes with its own list of perks/benefits. For more information on becoming a sponsor, click [HERE](#).



## LPA Board of Directors Meetings

### May 2020

Due to the social distancing guidelines in place, the LPA Board of Directors used Zoom to conduct

### June 2020

The next regular board meeting is set to take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9. We will distribute

its most recent regular board meeting on Tuesday, May 12. The meeting was streamed live via [YouTube](#). Those who have any questions about the topics discussed during the meeting are encouraged to send an email to [kleya@lorainportauthority.com](mailto:kleya@lorainportauthority.com).

additional information once it is determined how the meeting will be conducted. Regular meetings typically take place on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. For prior meeting agendas and minutes, click [HERE](#).

## Don't forget to support local!!



Photo taken by Michael D. Kokinda Jr.

As our local Lorain businesses begin to reopen their dining rooms or entire operations, we encourage you to go out and safely support them! Whether you stop by for take-out or stay to dine-in, we hope you to find ways to patron our local establishments. And as always, stay #LorainProud.

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