

88th Annual
Charlevoix Venetian Festival
July 21-28 2018



Featuring 2018 artist, Ingrid Wiemer

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM of the CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL
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Artist of Venetian

Ingrid Wiemer, Festival Artist 2018

Ingrid Wiemer grew up in Charlevoix (CHS Class of 1981). One of her personal highlights each year is returning back to her hometown for Venetian, where she enjoys time with her parents and reunites with her sister and friends.

Ingrid has devoted over thirty years to the field of education. She has been a teacher, a Principal, and is currently District Administrator for a school district north of Chicago. She holds a Ph.D. from Loyola University in educational leadership and policy studies.

Ingrid has begun to revisit her love for creating art and looks forward to spending more time painting when she retires in 2019.



2018 Venetian Grand Marshal



We have a champion in our midst! The 2018 Venetian Street Parade Grand Marshal is Charlevoix's own, Zach Hankins. Zach led the Ferris State Bulldogs to a national basketball championship, earning the award of NCAA Division II National Player of the Year.

By Virtue of Venetian

Yes, Venetian is well noted for festive entertainment. Yet more importantly for many of those who hold Charlevoix near and dear, Venetian provides a unifying opportunity, for year round and seasonal residents, to renew and elevate Charlevoix's spirit of community.

By virtue of Venetian:

- Charlevoix has embraced and celebrated its resort and marine heritage for 88 consecutive years; and
- We are enriched through a grand annual homecoming, as family and friends return to Charlevoix during Venetian week to celebrate memories and relationships.

Yes, the caliber and array of Venetian entertainment is a source of community pride for many of those who hold Charlevoix near and dear. Yet while many may be impressed with the wherewithal of such a small town to stage such a premiere event, the community bonds which are reflected and strengthened by Venetian are equally impressive.

By virtue of Venetian:

- An entire community, of all ages and backgrounds, comes together in a celebration of laughter, love, and life in Charlevoix; and
- Many, many individuals share their blessings for the benefit of our entire community. An army of dedicated volunteers give their time and energy to stage Venetian, while hundreds of contributors provide generous financial support through the Venetian Burgeer Club.

Yes Charlevoix, Venetian is once again here. Its time to come together, share blessings and memories and honor relationships. Its time to celebrate Venetian!

Dan Barron
President, Charlevoix Venetian Festival

Charlevoix Venetian Festival Board of Directors:

Dan Barron, Tom Bickersteth, Dean Davenport, Anne Golski, Bob Kern, Kent Seymour & John Winn

Thank you, Volunteers!

Each year a multitude of volunteers ensure that the Charlevoix Venetian Festival runs smoothly. Venetian would simply not be possible without their hard work and dedication to our community. We would like to give a shout out to some of Venetian's 2017 volunteer groups and individuals:

Charlevoix Rayder Football Team • Charlevoix Rayder Basketball Team • Ellsworth Lancer Baseball Team • Kid's Day Volunteers • Charlevoix Rayder Wrestling Team • Huntington Bank • Chemical Bank • Games Managers and Volunteers • Tiki Tent Volunteers • Mrs. Conway's 11th Grade Class • Venetian Merchandise Tent Volunteers • Maddie Pflizer Hero Parker-Drost • Vince Currier • Charlevoix Scouts

Kid's Day



Scholarships are available for Kid's Day*

**Scholarships are available for Lake Michigan Beach activities only.*

Contact Anne Golski at 231.675.2164 for more information.

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Lake Michigan Beach • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Your favorites are back! Kids and parents can enjoy a slice of Disney on the shores of Lake Michigan as animals, amusements and activities are awaiting, prepped and ready for their Venetian Kid's Day return.

Children can enjoy the petting zoo, bubble land, and yard games free of charge, as well as a giant coloring mural, magician and the Charlevoix Fire Department Fire Truck! With the purchase of a \$10 armband, children will have access to even more activities such as pony rides, a craft pavilion to create your own keepsake, rides upon Mongo the mechanical bull and the chance to bring down the walls in the Rayder Jump Houses. The Beach House at Lake Michigan Beach will be available with concessions throughout the day, serving hot eats and cold drinks.

In the Mason Street block of downtown, Arnold Amusements will be offering unlimited rides from 12-noon until 11:00 p.m. with the purchase of a Carnival armband. Carnival armbands are available at \$17 on Venetian Thursday and are good for the entire day.

Kid's Day 2018 is sponsored by:



2018 Rhythms of Venetian

AQUAPALOOZA with THE FLEX CREW

Saturday, July 21 • Ferry Beach



Yah mon. The beaches of Lake Charlevoix will be jammin' yet again with the AquaPalooza Beach & Boat Party at Ferry Beach, kicking off Venetian week in the style of the islands.

Joining Venetian this year from Columbus, Ohio is The Flex Crew. This seven member, high energy band will be stirrin' it up on the beach with a dash of funk, a pinch of soul and, of course, a whole lotta Reggae. The rhythms of the Caribbean await you on July 21st at AquaPalooza - no problem!

WORSHIP ON THE WATER with BROTHERS WALKER

Sunday, July 22 • East Park



Clinton and Coty Walker - the "Brothers Walker," started out singing in church in Southeast Missouri at a tender young age, and they still do. While their heart and soul is immersed in southern gospel, the Brothers Walker have expanded their musical repertoire with the down home country music of their childhood.

Viewers of NBC's "The Voice" may recall these identical twins and their brotherly humor, as they were members of Team Usher. Worship on the Water promises to be a spirited and spiritual evening as the Brothers Walker unveil their passion for music and the Lord.

Opening for Brothers Walker will be a cameo performance by a Charlevoix native, Andrea Rizzo-Martin and her husband, in their now North Carolina based band, "As Husband and Wife." Ted Polleys and his friends from Community Reformed Church will then take the stage in an encore performance of "revival rock and roll," including original roots based tunes which are centered on the gospel. All are welcome at these concerts of gratitude and praise.



MAIN STREET MONDAY

Monday, July 23 • East Park



Charlevoix Main Street, that vibrant economic development engine for downtown Charlevoix, will again play host to a full bill of entertainment on Venetian's Main Street Monday. The Venetian Queen story time will captivate the young ones, and the Tommy Tropic Show will serve up laughter for young and old alike. Miriam Pico, an award winning entertainer from Traverse City, will seek to "connect from the heart" in one of her trademark musical performances oriented to kids and parents. Not to be outdone by such lively hoopla, the kids at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the St. Mary School have chosen by popular demand, Venetian's traditional Monday evening outdoor movie, with the 2018 showing of *Peter Rabbit*, rated PG.

2018 Rhythms of Venetian

RUTH & MAX BLOOMQUIST

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Tuesday, July 24 • East Park



When they first met, Ruth & Max didn't know that they would still be going strong 40 years later, creating lasting memories through a sound and style that is all their own in what they call "Acoustic Americana". You'll hear a smidgen of folk, bluegrass and country as they entertain you with their stories through song. Ruth's signature song, Michigan Girl, has garnered over 360,000 YouTube views. This is a duo you will not want to miss, as they perform prior to the Charlevoix City Band, on Venetian Tuesday, July 24th.

Venetian again tips its hat to a valued community tradition which predates the Festival. The Charlevoix City Band, the headline act on Venetian Tuesday, was formed back in the 1880's and has been providing musical entertainment for locals, summer residents, and guests ever since. Approximately 80 members comprise the City Band, ranging in age from student musicians to retirees, who play for the joy of making music in the tradition of small town America, under the direction of Tom Harder.



CHARLIE'S ROOT FUSION

Wednesday, July 25 • East Park



Charlie's Root Fusion is a 4-piece band that has been making the scene for years with a little jump blues, swamp boogie funk, cowboy country and more. Electrified harmonica and sizzlin' "gee-tar," backed by a robust rhythm section will warm the main stage prior to the dynamite headliners. So put on your dancin' shoes and come join the fun on Venetian Wednesday, July 25th.

2018 Rhythms of Venetian

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD

Wednesday, July 25 • East Park



While we have thoroughly enjoyed banner performances the past two years from our Canadian friends, The Guess Who and Loverboy, Venetian figured it was now time for "An American Band." That's right -- Grand Funk Railroad, natives of the Flint area, will "help us party it down" in East Park on Venetian Wednesday, July 25th.

Rolling Stone Magazine has said that "you cannot talk about rock in the 1970's without talking about Grand Funk Railroad." GFR has since recast itself as one of the ongoing dynamos of classic rock, featuring two members of the original trio, Don Brewer on drums and bassist Mel Schacher (the "God of Thunder"). Don is the writer/vocalist of various GFR hits, including the #1 hit, "We're An American Band", and has toured as the drummer with Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band.

Don and Mel have expanded the arena rock group with the highest octane pedigree in the rock 'n roll universe. GFR will also treat Venetian with the performance of lead guitarist Bruce Kulick - formerly of KISS, lead vocalist Max Carl - formerly of 38 Special and keyboardist Tim Cashion (Dr. Tim) - formerly with Robert Palmer and also Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band.

From yacht rockers to retro-classic rock gurus, Venetian will brace itself for a powerhouse concert which promises to be "some kind of wonderful" as the Grand Funk Railroad locomotive steams into Charlevoix's East Park station on Venetian Wednesday, July 25th.

UNION GUNS

EMERSON DRIVE

Thursday, July 26 • East Park



Union Guns will serve up its country fried mix to the Venetian crowd, as true-blue country roots are seasoned with a pop edge and a well rounded mix of blue collar attitude. Union Guns promises to end their set with in-your-face country, setting the stage for our country headliners on Venetian Thursday.

Time sure flies by when you're having a good time. It seems like only yesterday when our Venetian Thursday headliner, Emerson Drive, first graced the Venetian stage back in 2008. Yes, it was ten years ago when Venetian concerts returned to the then newly constructed Odmark Pavilion and Emerson Drive set the bar for Venetian country shows in a memorable performance.

Emerson Drive, which took on the namesake of the Emerson Trail which crosses their home turf in Western Alberta, Canada, was the first Canadian country group to reach #1 on the American Billboard charts with their single "Moments". This hauntingly beautiful ballad boldly takes on delicate issues of loneliness, despair and hope. Emerson Drive also has scored awards from Billboard Magazine and the Academy of Country Music.

Don't think for a moment, however, that these "boys" won't be up for a party, as they're again rarin' and ready to reach out to Venetian with their toe-tappin', foot stompin', hip country trademark. From ballads which will tug at your heart-strings to rockin' countrified numbers, Emerson Drive will be layin' down a spirited concert on Venetian Thursday, July 26th.



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2018 Schedule of Events

Bridge Street Road Closure:
Wednesday & Thursday :: 5:30 pm - 1 am
Friday :: 5:30 pm until Saturday after Fireworks
Follow the detour on State Street.

pre & post venetian JR. GOLF FINALS & CAREY CUP

Municipal Course, Date to be determined
 Current Jr. Golf Program Members

TENNIS FINALS

Shanahan Field/Stroud Park Courts
 Begins: July 20, Finals: July 26, All Ages
 Register Online by 7/19, \$10 Fee

saturday, july 21

AQUAPALOOZA

*Ferry Beach: 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.,
 Music Commences at 1:00 p.m.*
 Beach and Boating Party
THE FLEX CREW
 Reggae Music - Columbus, OH

VOLLEYBALL

Ferry Beach: 12:00 p.m.
 6 Member Co-ed, \$90 per team
 Register online by 7/19

“CORNETIAN” CORN TOSS TOURNAMENT

Ferry Beach: 10:30 a.m.
 \$20/person, no double needed
 Register on-site

sunday, july 22

BEACH BASH BASKETBALL

Ferry Beach: 9:00 a.m.
 3-on-3 Teams, \$80 per team
 Register Online by 7/20

DISC GOLF DOUBLES

Mt. McSauba: 12:00 p.m.
 Reg: On-site, Bring Partner ~ Best Shot Dbls
 \$40/Jr/Rec Team ~ \$60/Advanced Team

Sunday, July 22nd continued

“WORSHIP ON THE WATER”

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
AS HUSBAND & WIFE
 Christian - North Carolina
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
 Christian - Charlevoix, MI
THE BROTHERS WALKER
 Christian Country - Branson, MO

monday, july 23

COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY

East Park: 1:30 p.m.

MAIN STREET MONDAY

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:30 p.m.
TOMMY TROPIC
QUEEN STORY TIME
MIRIAM PICO
FAMILY MOVIE
Peter Rabbit (Rated PG)

tuesday, july 24

YOUTH SAILING REGATTA

Depot Beach - North End of Beach, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 8 to 19
 Reg: Tom Ochs, ochsman_north@yahoo.com

BINGO!

Castle Farms: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
 Bingo sponsored by American House
 Discounted Castle Tours all day
 Reg: On-site; Free to Public

3-ON-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Shanahan Field: 5:30 p.m., Finals: July 25
 Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35
 Register Online by 7/12 - \$50/team

ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown/Conditions Permitting: Time TBD

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

TIKI TENT

****NEW**** Tiki Tent will not open on Tuesday.
 Will open starting Wednesday.

Tuesday, July 24th continued

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.

RUTH & MAX BLOOMQUIST
CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

wednesday, july 25

SAILING REGATTA

Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach
 Many Fleets: Personal Boats and Crews
 Spectator Viewing, 5:30 to Dark
 Reg: City Rec Dept

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by Vendor

ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 10 rides for \$10

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

DAVID CISCO

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.

CHARLIE'S ROOT FUSION

Blues - Charlevoix, MI

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD

Original Classic Rock - Flint, MI

thursday, july 26

KID'S DAY

Lake Michigan Beach: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Family Fun & Activities: Free & Armband
 Beach Armband: \$10 (Scholarships Available)

CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET

Bridge Park: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 12:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 Tickets: \$1.25 each or 18 for \$20
 Carnival Armband: \$17 (Good All Day)

Thursday, July 26th continued

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by Vendor

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

JASON & NICK

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.

UNION GUNS

Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI

EMERSON DRIVE

Country - Nashville, TN

friday, july 27

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by Vendor

ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 1:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$1.25 each or 18 for \$20

\$20 Armband Good All Day

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: Noon - 10:00 p.m.

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

TOM ZIPP - DJ

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.

INTRO TO RYAN SHAY RUNNERS

QUEEN CORONATION

VENETIAN ARTWORK AUCTION

THE SWON BROTHERS

Country - Muskogee, OK

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Ferry Beach: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

UP NORTH BIG BAND

Jazz/Swing - Northern Michigan

“NIGHT SKY” WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS

Dusk on Lake Charlevoix
 Fireworks are visible from Ferry Beach, Depot Beach,
 and East Park

saturday, july 28

DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE

Bridge Street: 9:00 a.m. (Prior to Street Parade)

Family Mile, 5k & 10k - All Ages

Reg: www.venetianraces.com - or - Michigan Beach:

Fri, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Sat, 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 28th continued

RYAN SHAY MILE

Bridge Street: 10:30 a.m.

Championship Competition by Invitation Only

STREET PARADE

Bridge Street: 11:00 a.m.

ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$1.25 each

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by Vendor

THE BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY

Downtown Bridge Street: 12:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SAULT STE. MARIE PIPE BAND

PLYMOUTH FIFE & DRUM CORPS

PETOSKEY STEEL DRUM BAND

UPPER DECK BARBERSHOP QUARTET

“PEACHES & CREAM” CORN TOSS

HISTORICAL SCAVENGER HUNT

SHUFFLEBOARD SHOWDOWN

KID'S ZONE

- Sand Art Station
- Giant Mural
- Kid's Music
- Bubble Station
- Sidewalk Chalk Art
- Temporary Venetian Tattoos
- And more! Brought to you by the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Charlevoix

CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION

Weatherane Restaurant Lower Level, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

TOM ZIPP - DJ

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.

SHE-BOP

Classic “Girl Group” - Ann Arbor, MI

THE MIRACLES

featuring MARK SCOTT

Original Motown - Detroit, MI

VENETIAN LIGHTED

BOAT PARADE

Dusk on Round Lake

SPECTACULAR HARBOR

FIREWORKS

Dusk on Round Lake

Schedule is subject to change.
 Check our website & Facebook page
 for the most up-to-date information.
 Venetian Games registration
 is available on our website:
www.venetianfestival.com/games

2018 Rhythms of Venetian

THE SWON BROTHERS

Friday, July 27 • East Park

Fans of NBC's *The Voice* will recall the sensational run of The Swon Brothers on season 4 (2013) of the series, when brothers Zach and Colton Swon teamed up with Judge Blake Shelton to become the first duo to make it to the season finale with a near-win, placing third. They debuted on the show, later that year, their groove-filled single *Later On*, which shot to the top of the iTunes country chart. You may also recognize them from their heartfelt Venetian Thursday performance in 2017. Captivated by the charm of Charlevoix the Beautiful, these fun-loving Oklahoma brothers are back by popular demand. The result? You've got it, a future page of Venetian history.



SHE-BOP

THE MIRACLES REVUE

featuring Mark Scott

Saturday, July 28 • East Park



Venetian's Celebration Saturday will be one of the most memorable yet with The Miracles Revue with Mark

Scott, leading up to the 88th annual boat parade and Venetian's nationally renowned harbor fireworks. A tribute to Motown's first group, The Miracles Revue features a former lead singer of The Miracles, Mark Scott. Make sure to bring your dancing shoes as The Miracles Revue pays tribute to the magical Motown era in soulful style.

She-Bop will be warming up the Venetian main stage, where they first landed in 2016 when former Charlevoix Courier editor, Laurie Lounsbury, introduced us to her creative musical pursuits. A classic "girl group" from Ann Arbor, She-Bop has breathed new life into classic Motown hits, as well as current pop and R&B tunes. She-Bop is a perfect fit with The Miracles Revue featuring Mark Scott, launching Venetian to its vivid conclusion on Celebration Saturday, July 28th.



Parades of Venetian

Everyone loves a parade and the Venetian Festival has twice the fun. On Saturday, July 28, Venetian offers one parade "by land" and one "by sea".

The annual Venetian Festival Street Parade kicks off at 11 a.m. complete with everything you'd expect in a summertime parade. This year's theme is "Venetian Carnivale".

Parade entries typically number about 75 and include everything from marching bands, clowns, floats, antique cars, horses and royalty from area festivals - including the newly crowned Miss Charlevoix and her court.



The parade travels down Bridge Street from Carpenter to the Clinton Street traffic light. After the parade, musical festivities will continue on Bridge Street and in both East and Bridge Parks.

Later that evening, as the musical performances come to an end, spectators can turn their eyes to Round Lake for the 88th annual Boat Parade. The event attracts throngs of spectators every year as boats of all shapes and sizes, adorned with lights, music, and animation parade around Round Lake starting shortly after 10 p.m.

Boats will be judged in several categories including a People's Choice Award for the best dockside decorated boat.

There are safety and presentation standards to meet in order to participate. To register, or for more information, visit our website at www.venetianfestival.com/parade.

After the boat parade, the evening and the Festival will end brilliantly as low aerial/high intensity fireworks rock the sky above Round Lake Harbor, in a pyrotechnic extravaganza which has been recognized by *USA Today* as one of the premier displays in North America.

Venetian Carnival

The carnival and midway, which opens on Wednesday, July 25, includes popular rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-a-Whirl and the Gravitron, as well as more more docile rides for the younger ones.

Returning to the Venetian Festival, the popular Traverse City-based Arnold Amusements Company will again be providing the rides, games and goodies.

The rides, midway and amusements will return to their usual position on downtown Mason Street and in the neighboring city parking lots to the north.

Rides, games, and treats will be available from 5 p.m.-11 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25; 12 p.m.-11 p.m. on Thursday, July 26; 1-11 p.m. on Friday, July 27 and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 28.

On Wednesday, all rides are \$10 for 10 (must buy sheet of 10 tickets). Thursday and Friday, tickets are \$1.25 each or 18 for \$20.

On Thursday (which is Kid's Day at the Festival) you can also enjoy unlimited rides with the purchase of a \$17 armband. On Friday, tickets are regularly priced, however, \$20 armbands may be purchased.

Regular tickets are otherwise \$1.25 each. All rides take three or four tickets.

Kids and grown-ups alike will find something to thrill their senses, at the always popular Venetian Festival carnival and midway.



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Venetian Seating Policy



When blankets outnumber the residents, things can get a little crazy down in East Park. As a result, Venetian has developed a seating policy to allow those in the Pavilion area to experience the Venetian concerts at all seating levels.

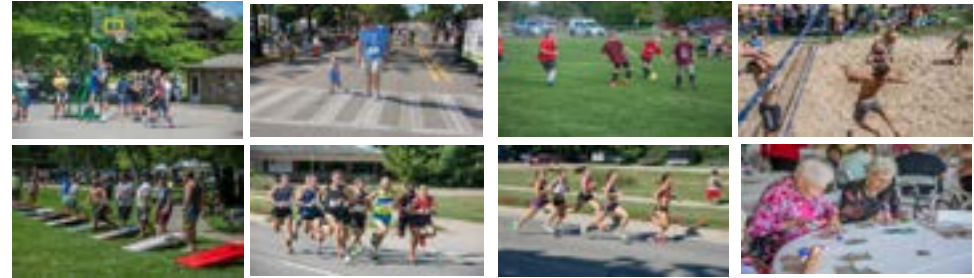
Tuesday through Friday, blankets and chairs can be placed in the park only after 12-noon. Blankets must be placed in front of the orange line in the bowl area in front of the stage and on the tiers. Chairs more than a 8" off the ground are not allowed in the blanket zone and will be placed aside by Festival and security staff. On Saturday chairs can be placed in the park only after 8:00 a.m. with adherence to the "Blanket Zone" lines.

In previous years, Venetian has allowed those looking to stake out their seating areas the opportunity to line up at the top of the tier stairs, as well as down by the boat docks, prior to the great "chair rush" at noon. This year the stairwells to the tiers will not be accessible during the noon "chair rush" for safety reasons, as everyone will be required to enter the Odmark Pavilion seating area from the east side of the park by the marina.

Please also note that if any chairs, blankets, coolers, etc are left in the park overnight, they will be removed and discarded by the City Department of Public Works (DPW) in the early hours of the morning. Please make sure to grab all of your belongings at the end of the evening and clean up any trash around your area so we can give our hard working City DPW a little break at the end of the night.

As a matter of safety and courtesy to others, Venetian requests your friendly cooperation, which will allow all spectators to enjoy Venetian's free admission concerts. If you have any questions, you can contact the Venetian office at: 231.547.3872 or talk to the Venetian staff that will be on-site during the week.

Venetian Games



Volleyball

Starting at noon, Saturday, July 21, the co-ed volleyball tournament will take place at the Ferry Beach sand courts, as part of the AquaPalooza Boat & Beach Party festivities. Pre-registration is available on our website. No on-site registration available. The cost to register your six-person team is \$90. Call Audra Randall at: 231.459.5416 for more information.

Cornetian Corn Toss Tournament

Kick off its second year at the AquaPalooza Boat & Beach Party, the Cornetian Corn Toss Tourney will begin on-site registration at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 21. No double needed. Cost per person is \$20. For more information, contact Boogie Carlson at: 231.675.4561 or Jill Erskine: 231.675.1326.

Basketball

The Beach Bash Basketball Tournament, 3-on-3 teams, draw hundreds of basketball players in multiple age groups. This year's event will begin at 9 am on Sunday, July 22 at Ferry Beach. Pre-register for \$80 before July 20 online with the City Recreation Department.

Disc Golf

Disc Golf will take place all day Sunday, July 22, at Mt. McSauba for advanced and amateur teams. Contact Ric Evans for more information: 231.881.3146. Registration will take place on-site.

Swimming

Youth swimming championships will take place on Monday, July 23 at the newly renovated Charlevoix Area Community Pool. For more information, contact the Pool directly at: 231.547.0982

Sailing

The Junior Sailing Regatta will take place on Tuesday, July 24 on the north side of Depot Beach. To register for the junior event or for more information, contact Tom Ochs at: ochsman_north@yahoo.com. Registration and Skippers meeting will happen that Tuesday at 9:30 am.

Soccer

A 3-on-3 soccer tournament begins at Shanahan Field on Tuesday, July 24 with finals (if needed) on Wednesday, July 25. Pre-registration is required and can be done online with the City Recreation Department. For questions contact Glenn Wachler: 248.705.8529.

Tennis

The tennis tournament for all ages takes place on Friday, July 20 at Stroud Park courts. Finals occur on Thursday, July 26. Pre-registration is required on our website by Thursday, July 19. Email Nick Kling at: n_kling@yahoo.com for more information.

Foot Races

An individual event drawing quite the crowd for many years is the Jeff Drenth Memorial Foot Race, which takes place at the end of Venetian week on Saturday, July 28. The event, in memory of Charlevoix's finest distance runner, will start on the corner of Park and Grant Streets and features a 10k, 5k and Family Mile.

The Ryan Shay Mile begins just prior to the street parade at 10:30 a.m. Starting at the intersection of US 31 and M-66, and the race finishes near Park Avenue on Bridge Street in downtown Charlevoix. This is an all-out run that will feature top international male and female runners, by invitation only, and offers cash prizes. The event, in its ninth year, is in memory of Shay, a Central Lake High School alumnus and Olympic prospect who died in 2007 while competing in a race.

Registration for the 5k and 10k events is open from 4 pm - 6 pm on July 27 and 6:30 am - 8:30 am on July 28 at the First Congregational Church in Charlevoix. Contact Matt Peterson at 231.675.1746 for more info. Registration is online at: venetianraces.com

Bridge Street Block Party

Beginning at 12:30 pm on July 28, Bridge Street will be energized by the Bridge Street Block Party featuring the "Kid's Zone," the "Peaches & Cream Corn Toss Tourney" & a Shuffleboard Showdown.

Venetian Fireworks



“Jaw Dropping!”

-USA Today

Friday, July 27th & Saturday, July 28th

2018 Royal Court



**Miss Alexandria Snabes, Miss Olivia Jeakle,
2017 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen Madison Carey,
Miss Rachel Nesburg, and Miss Erin Hybl.**

What's Missing at Venetian?

Have you ever noticed what is missing at the Venetian Festival?

It isn't live entertainment. During Venetian week, bands in East Park and throughout town will be jumping with a wide variety of music, including such national acts as Grand Funk Railroad. It isn't kids' activities. The Venetian Games include kids and teens in soccer, basketball, running, sailing, golf, tennis and more. Kid's Day at Lake Michigan Beach also provides a slew of low and no cost children's entertainment.

It isn't spectator opportunities. The street parade and boat parade have entertained spectators for decades.

It certainly won't be fireworks that are missing, considering Venetian features two nights of world class fireworks displays, which have been recognized by *USA Today* as one of 5 premier displays in North America.

What's missing is admission prices.

All of the major events and entertainment offered at the Venetian Festival are absolutely free to the public.

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