

89th Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival

July 20-27, 2019



Edith Pair
2019 Featured Venetian Artist

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM of the CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL

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Artist of Venetian

Edith Pair, Festival Artist 2019

Edith Pair, better known in the artist community as Ellair, grew up in Grosse Pointe, MI. At 8 years old she was gifted her first oil painting set from her father and together they painted her first still-life with an easel in their dining room. After that, she was hooked and made art a full time commitment.



Graduating in 1996 from the prestigious School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a major in fashion design, Edith then worked for various companies as an assistant buyer until she moved back to Charlevoix to open her own art gallery. After operating her own gallery for six years she decided to close and focus on doing custom order artwork, freelancing, and establishing her now famous Mushroom House Tour Company.

Edith has been accepted into ArtPrize in Grand Rapids for three years running and currently has artwork in numerous galleries throughout Northern Michigan, including the Michigan Artist Gallery in Traverse City and Elements Gallery in Charlevoix, which is also home to the Mushroom House Tour Company. Harborview Cafe in downtown Charlevoix is currently hosting several of her murals in their newly rebuilt restaurant. You'll know it is an original pear when you find her famous "Pear-on-a-Plate" hidden in each of her pieces.

2019 Venetian Grand Marshal



Venetian has another champion in its midst! In 2018, Des Linden became the first American woman in 33 years to win the Boston Marathon. Des, a summer resident of Charlevoix, also earned the honor of representing the United States in marathon competition at the 2012 London Olympics and the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Venetian Flashback

(Reprint of article appearing in 2008 Venetian Booklet)

Bring on Venetian! Late July has been noteworthy in Charlevoix lore for decades, as it ushers in the grand Charlevoix homecoming celebration simply known as "Venetian." This year the significance of late July is more pronounced than ever, as it too marks the return of our community to the beautiful jewel of our downtown: East Park.

The road back home to our newly refurbished East Park has seemed long and, often times, precarious. But we as a community have persevered through our temporary loss with grace, good humor and minimal hand wringing.

The Venetian invitation to elevate our spirit of community now rings out louder and clearer than ever. So bring on late July and celebrate; celebrate life in Charlevoix; celebrate East Park; celebrate Venetian; and, first and foremost, celebrate with family, friends and neighbors, as lifelong memories await you.

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. As there are dozens of groups and hundreds of individuals involved, we simply cannot identify everyone without the risk of omitting well deserved recognition to all concerned. Please thus be sure to join Venetian in thanking each volunteer, throughout Venetian week, for their time and labor of love.

Kid's Day & Stage Sponsor



Kid's Day



Scholarships are available for Kid's Day*

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

Contact Anell Roach at 231.881.3528 for more information.

Thursday, July 25, 2019

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.

Rhythms of Venetian

AQUAPALOOZA with ZION LION

Saturday, July 20 • Ferry Beach



Yah mon. The beaches of Lake Charlevoix will be jammin' with Zion Lion at Venetian's AquaPalooza Beach & Boat Party at Ferry Beach. Although this isn't their first Venetian rodeo, this is Zion Lion's first performance at AquaPalooza. No problem -- Zion Lion and lead singer Sister Myra will be stirrin' it up with cool runnings and reggae rhythms at AquaPalooza on Saturday, July 20th.

WORSHIP ON THE WATER with COLTON DIXON

Sunday, July 21 • East Park



Venetian's "Worship on the Water" headliner, Colton Dixon, comes to Charlevoix by way of his hometown of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, through the generous sponsorship of Northern Christian Radio/The Promise FM. Colton first caught the attention of his fans on season eleven of "American Idol," placing seventh in the popular music competition. He has since chosen to follow the footsteps of fellow "Idol" alums, Mandisa and Jason Castro, as a Christian performing artist.

Colton has performed live for millions of Christian music fans in touring with such notables as Third Day and TobyMac. Colton invites and encourages, through his edgy faith based rock and roll, the celebration and pursuit of the goodness painted by God. All are welcome to join this celebration on Round Lake's picturesque waterfront.

Opening for Colton Dixon is a local gospel band comprised of Ted Polleys and his fellow worship leaders from the Charlevoix Community Reformed Church. Their genre is sometimes known as "revival rock and roll," music which lives in the sweet spot between roots, sing along, blues/rock and gospel music. The original music of these talented local musicians gives a strong nod to these influences as they strive to create music and moments for people to share the message of God.



MAIN STREET MONDAY

Monday, July 22 • East Park



Charlevoix Main Street, that driving force to enhance the economic vitality of downtown Charlevoix, plays host to a full bill on Venetian's Main Street Monday. Featured entertainment includes the Dorothy Gerber Strings children's ensemble from the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, the Studio 45 Dance Troupe from Petoskey, the Venetian Queen story time, the Tommy Tropic Show, and the return of Miriam Pico, the award winning entertainer from Traverse City. The kids at the Charlevoix Elementary School and the St. Mary School have also thrown in with the planning of this outdoor party, choosing by popular demand Venetian's traditional Monday evening outdoor movie, with the 2019 showing of *How To Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World*, rated PG.

Rhythms of Venetian

VOICES OF FREEDOM CHOIR

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

Tuesday, July 23 • East Park



Voices of Freedom is an 8-part, a cappella, vocal ensemble comprised of men and women from the greater Grand Rapids area. The group was founded in 1997, and is directed by Aileen Matheson. Voices of Freedom focuses on three types of music—patriotic, Americana, and (in season) Christmas, arranged by Derric Johnson who for many years arranged and directed music at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

The Charlevoix City Band, the headline act on Venetian Tuesday, was formed

back in the 1880's in pre-Venetian days, 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. The Charlevoix City Band is under the direction of Tom Harder.



The “R&R Tour”

Peter Rivera & Mitch Ryder

Wednesday, July 24 • East Park

As Charlevoix is one of the country's favorite “R&R” retreats, Venetian will celebrate accordingly on Venetian Wednesday with the “R&R Tour.” Who? You best believe it, this road tour pairs two

legendary Detroit rockers, Peter Rivera and Mitch Ryder, in an opening performance prior to the Gin Blossoms. And what a fitting Venetian homecoming, as this hard rockin' duo teamed up at Venetian in 2014 and graciously took to center stage on extremely short notice, when the late Paul Revere (i.e., Paul Revere and the Raiders) first took ill. Peter and Mitch have racked up over 50 Billboard charted hits, such as Mitch's “Devil With The Blue Dress” and Peter's rock anthem “I Just Want To Celebrate,” which he performs as the voice and man behind the drums of Rare Earth. Rock and roll fans of every age will be treated to an hour of hit tunes only, as the R&R Tour opens on center stage on Venetian Wednesday, July 24th.



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GIN BLOSSOMS

Wednesday, July 24 • East Park

Venetian's Wednesday night headliners are self-described “rock n' roll lifers.” The Gin Blossoms and their blend of pop and rock now known as “Jangle-Pop,” emerged as an Indie musical force that helped define the sound of 1990's radio. Hailing from Tempe, Arizona, the prolific catalog of tunes woven by the Gin Blossoms has elevated them to mega band heights, with a multi-platinum peak that landed record sales of over \$10,000,000. Rock and roll fans of all generations will key into familiar hits such as “Hey, Jealousy” and “Follow You Down,” as 1990's era rock approaches its third decade on Venetian Wednesday, July 24th, with the headline performance of the Gin Blossoms.



UNION GUNS

DRAKE WHITE

Thursday, July 25 • East Park



Union Guns promises to return to Venetian with clear skies after last year's partial rain out, to serve up their country fried mix of true-blue country roots, seasoned with a pop edge and a well rounded mix of blue collar attitude. Union Guns will not only set the stage for our country headliner on Venetian Thursday, they will again take the stage at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, July 27, street side on Bridge Street just north of the downtown light, for the Venetian debut of “Rockin' The Townhouse,” a Nashville style street concert.

The soulful country sound of Venetian's Thursday night headliner, Drake White, has turned heads from center stage in Nashville to The Stockyards of Fort Worth. Drake's fertile songwriting has produced a bumper crop of “organic,” rock-infused country tunes which are down to earth, yet edgy. While this Alabama native has harvested abundant accolades such as Billboard's “Hot New Country Artists,” Drake's favorite award is the blue ribbon response of his fans to his engaging and energetic live shows. Charlevoix will be “livin' the dream” come Venetian Thursday, July 25th, with Drake White and his band The Big Fire.





2019 Schedule of Events

**Bridge Street Road Closure:
Wednesday & Thursday ::
5:30 pm until Concert Conclusion
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 19, Finals: July 25, All Ages
Register Online by 7/17, \$10 Fee

saturday, july 20

PICKLEBALL

City Tennis Courts: 8:00 a.m.
Register online by 7/17
Tournament continued on 7/21

AQUAPALOOZA

Ferry Beach: 12:00-6:00 p.m.,
Music Commences at 1:00 p.m.
Beach and Boating Party
ZION LION
Reggae Music - Kalamazoo, MI

VOLLEYBALL

Ferry Beach: 12:00 p.m.
6 Member Co-ed, \$90 per team
Register online by 7/17

“CORNETIAN” CORN TOSS TOURNAMENT

Ferry Beach: 12:00 p.m.
\$20/person, no double needed
Registration on-site 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

sunday, july 21

BEACH BASH BASKETBALL

Ferry Beach: 9:00 a.m.
3-v-3 Teams, \$80/team
Reg Online by 7/17

Sunday, July 21st continued

PICKLEBALL

City Tennis Courts: 9:00 am [continued from 7/20]
Register online by 7/17

DISC GOLF DOUBLES

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

“WORSHIP ON THE WATER”

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY REFORMED CHURCH
Christian - Charlevoix, MI
COLTON DIXON
Christian Country - Murfreesboro, TN

monday, july 22

COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY

East Park: 1:30 p.m.

VENETIAN SWIM MEET

Charlevoix Community Pool: 4 p.m.
Open to all ages; registration fee applies
Register online at: charlevoixpool.org

MAIN STREET MONDAY

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:30 p.m.
DOROTHY GERBER STRINGS
STUDIO 45 • TOMMY TROPIC
QUEEN STORY TIME • MIRIAM PICO
FAMILY MOVIE
How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World (PG)

tuesday, july 23

JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA

Depot Beach - North End of Beach, 10:30 a.m.
Open to youth ages 8 to 19
Register Online at: sailcharlevoix.org

BINGO!

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

3-ON-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Shanahan Field: 5:30 p.m., Finals: July 24
Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35
Register Online by 7/17 - \$50/team

Tuesday, July 23rd continued

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

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

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
VOICES OF FREEDOM
A Capella Choir - Grand Rapids, MI
CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

wednesday, july 24

SAILING REGATTA

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

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: 6:00-11:30 p.m.
DAVID CISCO

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
R&R TOUR: PETER RIVERA & MITCH RYDER
Classic Rock - Detroit, MI
GIN BLOSSOMS
Alternative Rock - Tempe, AZ

thursday, july 25

CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET

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

TENNIS FINALS

Shanahan Field/Stroud Park Courts
Begins: July 19, Finals: July 25, All Ages
Register Online by 7/17, \$10 Fee

Thursday, July 25th continued

KID'S DAY

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

ARNOLD CARNIVAL

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

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by Vendor

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

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

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6:00-11:30 p.m.
ALEX SCHOFIELD

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
UNION GUNS
Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI
DRAKE WHITE
Country - Nashville, TN

friday, july 26

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: 6:00-11:30 p.m.
DUELING PIANOS SHOW

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
INTRO TO RYAN SHAY RUNNERS
QUEEN CORONATION
VENETIAN ARTWORK AUCTION
PURPLE XPERIENCE
Prince Tribute - Minneapolis, MN

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Ferry Beach: 8:00-10:00 p.m.
UP NORTH BIG BAND
Jazz/Swing - Northern Michigan

“NIGHT SKY” SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS

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

saturday, july 27

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.

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 Saturday Afternoon
SAULT STE. MARIE PIPE BAND
PLYMOUTH FIFE & DRUM CORPS
PETOSKEY STEEL DRUM BAND
MAGIC SHOW & KIDS ZONE
“ROCKIN’ THE TOWNHOUSE”
with **UNION GUNS**
UPPER DECK BARBER SHOP QUARTET

CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION

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

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6:00-11:30 p.m.
ALEX SCHOFIELD

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7:00 p.m.
JILL JACK BAND
Folk Rock - Ferndale, MI
INTRIGUE
Showband - Detroit, MI

VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Dusk on Round Lake

NATIONALLY RENOWNED 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

Rhythms of Venetian

PURPLE XPERIENCE

Friday, July 26 • East Park

While we are pulling for clear skies over East Park on Venetian Friday, the evening forecast projects prevailing Purple Rain from the West. Leave your umbrellas at home and slip on your dancin' shoes, as the Purple Xperience featuring Marshall Charloff, thunders onto center stage to lay down the new wave funk rock known as the Minneapolis sound, which was pioneered by the late master, Prince. These dudes, who also hail from Prince's hometown of Minneapolis, are the real deal! Purple Xperience, which features world class musicians, was founded by Dr. Fink, the keyboardist of Prince's band The Revolution, together with front-man Marshall Charloff who also recorded with Prince. East Park will brace itself for the celebration of Prince's purple passion on Venetian Friday, July 26th, when Purple Xperience featuring Marshall Charloff delivers to Venetian the planet's most authentic production of Prince and The Revolution.



JILL JACK BAND
INTRIGUE
Saturday, July 27
East Park



Each Celebration Saturday invites a stroll down memory lane, as generations of family and friends gather and embrace the final hurrahs to another Venetian. Venetian's Saturday night main stage performers, Jill Jack and Intrigue, walk the walk of this Venetian stroll, as both previously performed at the 72nd Venetian Festival back in 2002. Some may recall 2002 as one of the golden years of the Festival's renaissance, which included boat raffles, the street parade performance of the MSU Spartan marching band and elephant rides aboard Venetian's late and dear friend, Baby Laura.

Rest assured that these Saturday night performances will be coming straight from the heart, kicking off with The Jill Jack Band. Jill has been a local favorite for years and is the recipient of numerous Detroit music acknowledgments and awards. Her amazing voice and stage presence sometimes takes on a Janis Joplin attitude, then is hauntingly reminiscent of Stevie Nicks.

Jill will be followed by Intrigue, one of the premier show bands in the Midwest. These versatile and dynamic musicians from the Detroit area feature a horn section, a rhythm section and eight lead vocalists. Intrigue's high voltage mix of Motown, classic rock, disco and R&B will launch Venetian towards its dramatic conclusion with the historic boat parade and the nationally renowned Harbor fireworks.

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Parades of Venetian

Everyone loves a parade and the Venetian Festival has twice the fun. On Saturday, July 27, 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 "Pirates".

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 89th 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 24, 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 24; 12 p.m.-11 p.m. on Thursday, July 25; 1-11 p.m. on Friday, July 26 and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, July 27.

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 Lake Michigan Beach), 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.



Venetian Seating Policy



When blankets outnumber residents, things can get a little crazy down in East Park. As a result, Venetian has established a seating policy to allow those in the Pavilion area to experience the Venetian concerts at all seating levels. The seating policy has been revised somewhat this year, to address safety concerns posed by the “chair rush” which has occurred in the recent past, when the Odmark Pavilion seating areas were opened at noon for patrons to stake out their seats for that evening’s concert.

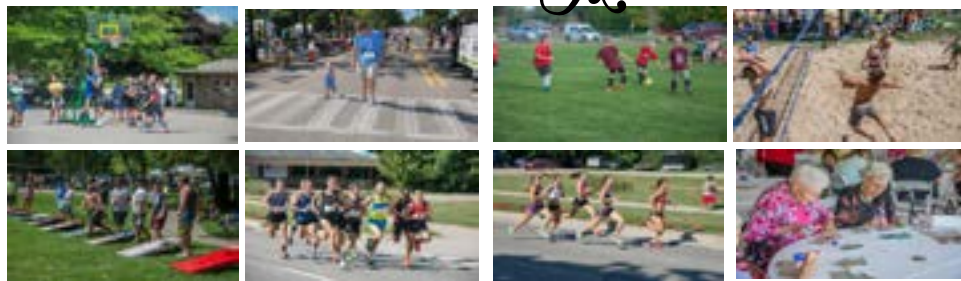
This year the Pavilion seating areas will be opened each morning at 8:00 a.m., from Venetian Monday through Venetian Saturday, for those who wish to place blankets and chairs to reserve their individual seats. The stairwells to the Pavilion tiers will not be accessible, for safety reasons, until 9:00 a.m. These arrangements will be overseen by security and law enforcement personnel.

Blankets must be placed in front of the painted orange line located (i) within the bowl area fronting the stage and (ii) on the tiers. Chairs more than a 8” off the ground are not allowed within the “blanket zone” and will be set aside by Festival and security staff.

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 may contact the Venetian office at: 231.547.3872 or speak with the Venetian staff which will be on-site during the week.

Venetian Games



Volleyball

Starting at noon, Saturday, July 20, 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 required.

Cornetian Corn Toss Tournament

The Cornetian Corn Toss Tourney will begin on-site registration at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 20 at Ferry Beach as part of AquaPalooza. No double needed. Cost per person is \$20.

Pickleball

Pickleball will begin at 8 am with mixed doubles tournaments on Saturday, July 20, and men’s and women’s doubles on Sunday, July 21 at the City Court Parks. Pre-registration is required; cost is \$20/team/event.

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 21 at Ferry Beach. Pre-registration is required.

Disc Golf

Disc Golf will begin at 12-noon on Sunday, July 21, at Mt. McSauba for advanced and amateur teams. Contact Mike Greyerbiehl for more information: 231.675.1844. Online & on-site registration available.

Swimming

Youth swimming championships will take place on Monday, July 22 at the newly renovated Charlevoix Area Community Pool. Go to charlevoixpool.org/venetian-swim-meet to register and for more information.

Cottage Croquet Doubles

Cottage Croquet Doubles will take place in East Park on Monday, July 22, beginning at 1 pm. No registration is required. This event is free to the public.

Sailing

The Junior Sailing Regatta will take place on Tuesday, July 23 on the north side of Depot Beach. To register

for the junior event or for more information, go the Sail Charlevoix website at: sailcharlevoix.org

Bingo

Bingo begins at Castle Farms on Tuesday, July 23, at 1:30 pm and runs until 4 pm. The event is free to the public and is sponsored by American Senior Living Facilities of Charlevoix.

Soccer

The 3-on-3 soccer tournament begins at Shanahan Field on Tuesday, July 23 with finals (if needed) on Wednesday, July 24. Pre-registration is required, cost is \$50/team.

Tennis

The tennis tournament for all ages takes place on Friday, July 19 at Stroud Park courts. Finals occur on Thursday, July 25. Pre-registration is required.

Foot Races

The Jeff Drenth Memorial Foot Races, featuring 5k, 10k, and Family Mile runs, take place on Saturday, July 27. Registration is open from 4 - 6 pm on July 26 and 6:30 - 8:30 am on July 27 at the First Congregational Church. Contact Matt Peterson at 231.675.1746 for more info. Register online at: venetianraces.com.

The Ryan Shay Mile, a championship competition by invitation only, begins just prior to the street parade on Saturday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m. Shay is a Central Lake native and Olympic prospect who died in competition.

Pre-Registration for Games is available on our website: venetianfestival.com/games

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Venetian Fireworks



“JAW DROPPING!”

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FRIDAY, JULY 26TH & SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

2019 Royal Court



Devin Sutton, Kaitlin Schwenke, Julia Sape, Emily Graham
Cheyenne Scott, 2018 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen
Rachel Nesburg, and Nichole Hart

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 the Gin Blossoms. 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.

But it still costs Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc. upwards of \$350,000 to put on its premier Festival, which is why the non-profit organization needs your help. If you or your family or friends have ever enjoyed a concert in the park, Kid's Day, the Venetian Games, street parade, boat parade or the spectacular fireworks displays, please contribute so that we can continue to bring to you such quality entertainment and activities.

Please do not look away when its time to contribute. By donating to the Festival, you can become a noted member of the Venetian Burgee Club. Anyone who donates \$100 or more gains Club membership and receives a Burgee Pennant, emblazoned with the Venetian logo, the current year and the level of sponsorship.

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