

# 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival

July 15-22, 2023



Gayle Levensgood

2023 Featured Venetian Artist

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# Artist of Venetian

**Gayle Levensgood**

## **2023 Festival Artist**

Gayle Levensgood is a self-taught artist living in Charlevoix. She started her artist quest as a small child- drawing, painting, and swiping supplies out of her dad's garage or mom's sewing stash to "make things." Gayle married Larry Levensgood a long time ago, and raised three independent adults, who survived living among the paint, fabric, and an assortment of art supplies stationed everywhere. She took "real jobs" to supplement the starving artist thing, but it only added to her list of creative learning experience and outlets. Gayle is a "Jill of All Mediums," working with everything from acrylics to zippers, specializing in "out of the box" creations, and repurposing items and materials. Many of her creations have been designed for local museums, libraries, and nonprofit organizations. Retirement has generated a growth in her creations, just creating for the fun of it, and the experience of mixing it up. Gayle is always looking for the next fun medium and is also training the next generation of beloved out of the box thinkers (a.k.a. her kids and treasured grandkids), fostering the joy of creating and of spending time in an inspiring studio.



## *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.

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# 2022 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen - Claire Scholten



The 2022 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen, Claire Scholten, is the daughter of Peter and Karey Scholten and a 2023 graduate of Charlevoix High School. Throughout this past year, she has continued to be involved within her community donating her time at our local food pantry, blood drives, and other community-based organizations. Claire is a member of the Planned Parenthood Youth Advisory Committee, SAFE in Northern Michigan, Government for Tomorrow, Charlevoix Recreation Advisory Committee, ZONTA Club, and the National Honor Society. She was a member of the Varsity Soccer and Volleyball teams, the latter of which earned her academic and athletic all-state honors. She reached a

career-high of 2,000 assists and was selected to represent Charlevoix on the Lake Michigan Academic All-Conference Team. Post-graduation, Claire will be attending the University of Michigan where she will study biochemistry in hopes of becoming a dermatologist. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments Claire, and thank you for continuing to be such a positive force in our community!

## 2023 Venetian Queen Court

Meet the 2023 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Court!



(Left to right): Catherine Hayes, Karlee Eaton, Abby Beaudoin, Alexa Lewis, Bayani Collins, Genevieve Tuck, 2022 Queen Claire Scholten, Abbey Wright, Danielle Mason, Macey McKeown, Katie Rohrer, Kate Wood, Kylee Rice, Allie Pott

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# Kid's Day

*Returning to East Park!*

*Thursday,  
July 20, 2023  
10am - 2:30pm*



Venetian Kid's Day returns to the downtown crowds! East Park will again be filled with youthful enjoyment as we return this beloved event to the main venue. Bridge Street will also be closed from Antrim Street to Park Avenue to allow for additional activities on the pavement. Free admission activities include a petting zoo, Castle Farms train, photo booth, clowns, jugglers, stilt walkers, cool science displays, and a big red fire truck. With the purchase of a \$13 armband, children will have access to even more activities including pony rides, keepsake craft activities, bounce houses, a rock wall, and a 36 foot trailer "play station."

Scholarships are available for Kid's Day, contact Anell Roach at 231.881.3528 for more information.

Once you have your twisted balloon hat, a pocket full of crafts, funny photos, a new appreciation for science, sore legs from bouncing and climbing the rock wall, and animal hair under your fingernails, head over to the carnival! Arnold Amusements will be offering unlimited carnival rides from 12-5 p.m. on Venetian Thursday, with the additional purchase of a \$20 carnival armband (discounted from \$25).

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# Rhythms of Venetian



## **AQUAPALOOZA with Lazo & Exodus**

**Saturday, July 15 • Ferry Beach • 1 p.m.**

Yah mon, this is the real deal! Lazo, former lead vocalist for Bob Marley's band, The Wailers, will greet the Aquapalooza boat and beach party crowd with a feel good vibe and cool runnings, including a tribute to Bob Marley's Exodus album. Tough work week? No problem, come on out and stir it up with Reggae "riddims" at Ferry Beach on Aquapalooza Saturday, July 15th, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

## **WORSHIP ON THE WATER**

**Sunday, July 16 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 5 p.m.**

East Park will be heard singing praises on Venetian Sunday, as the traditional "Worship on the Water" concert again brings the community together to celebrate their blessings. This year's musician is yet to be determined, but the spiritual focus of the entertainment will remain the same!



## **VENETIAN TUESDAY with Charlevoix City Band**

**July 17 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.**



The Charlevoix City Band, under the direction of Jake Bronson, Director of the Charlevoix Public Schools Bands, will warm up the Odmark Pavilion stage on Venetian Tuesday. The Band has earned the prestigious Centennial Award, as one of only ten community bands across the USA which have been playing concerts within their community for 100 consecutive years! The Charlevoix City Band is made up of musicians from all over Northern Michigan, as well as summer residents that arrive in Charlevoix with their instruments in tow.

## **VENETIAN WEDNESDAY**

**July 19 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.**

***Opening Act to be Announced***

**Little River Band**

Tie-down alert has been issued for all vessels in the Harbor as those premier yacht rock artists, the Little River Band, take center stage. Praised by Glenn Frey of the Eagles as "the best singing band in the world," LRB's worldwide sales of albums and CD's in the '70's and '80's topped 30 million. A "Cool Change" awaits you in East Park, as the Little River Band sets the scene for "Reminiscing," hopeful that the "Lady" or that "Man on Your Mind" will "Take it Easy on Me."



# Rhythms of Venetian

## VENETIAN THURSDAY

July 20 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

### Sweet Tea Trio



The all-female harmony group returns to the stage to quench Venetian's musical thirst and satisfy its sweet tooth. Hailing from Alabama, Sweet Tea Trio has delivered to Nashville and Venetian alike a new "old school country with a rhinestone flair." As noted by their manager/producer, Kid Rock, Sweet Tea Trio picks up where the Dixie Chicks and Pistol Annies meet.

### Easton Corbin

A "warm, smooth-as-gravy-southern drawl" will grace Venetian's center stage when Easton Corbin lays down his unique blend of traditional and modern country music. The prolific Florida native has amassed seven top 10 singles, including two #1 singles with "A

Little More Country Than That" and "Roll With It." Corbin's neotraditional sound also shines through on his recent single "Marry That Girl." Be sure to mosey-on-down to East Park on

Venetian Thursday to take in Easton Corbin's unapologetic and unwavering country sound.



## VENETIAN FRIDAY

July 21 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

### Sleeping Gypsies



The Sleeping Gypsies, known as Charlevoix's favorite band, is made up of four of Charlevoix County's own. Their music has an eclectic mix of thundering drums, tight bass lines, squealing sax riffs, 80's inspired synths, hot guitar solos and soulful vocals. You've seen them live in the pubs around town, now it's time to catch them on the big stage!

### Snake Oil – Ikons of Rock Tribute Band

No time like the present to revisit the golden era of classic rock, as Snake Oil hits the Venetian stage. This group of seasoned professionals includes several members who have performed the memorable tribute to Stevie Nicks and Tom Petty, as "Leathers & Lace," at the 2022 Venetian Festival. From shock rockers such as Alice Cooper and KISS, to Queen and Van Halen, Snake Oil sports an uncanny ability to portray iconic rock stars, both musically and visually. The Harbor will be rockin' on Venetian Friday with the energetic arena rock show experience of Snake Oil.



# Rhythms of Venetian

## VENETIAN FRIDAY (Continued)

Friday, July 21 • Ferry Beach • 7 p.m.

### Pine River Jazz Big Band

Big band concerts have been gracing Ferry Beach on Venetian Friday for over two decades, and this year is no different. The 20 member Pine River Jazz Big Band takes a step back in time, revisiting the likes of Count Basie and Tommy Dorsey. These local musicians have also added a few “ringers” for Venetian. One and all are welcome to ring in the Friday night air show and fireworks, with the PRJBB.



## VENETIAN SATURDAY

July 22 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 8 p.m.

### Leanna Collins & Ivan Greilick



Since age nine Leanna Collins has dreamt of playing the Venetian Stage and it seems some dreams do indeed come true! On Saturday, July 22, 2023, Leanna Collins, along with Ivan Greilick, will perform their “mixed bag of cool” ranging through rock, jazz, pop, and big band. Leanna has shared her melodies from Mackinaw to the Cayman Islands, has sung with Rod Stewart, has three CDs, and is the owner and entertainment director of Torch Lake Café.

Enjoy the duo’s eclectic selection of tunes as they warm up the stage for the headliner, KIDS from Wisconsin.

### KIDS from Wisconsin

Venetian once again welcomes the KIDS back as the Rhythms of Venetian finale. To celebrate their 55th summer season, 36 youth from Wisconsin, ages 15-20, will awe us with their production, “Star Struck” - paying homage to our country’s famous awards shows including the Tony’s, the Oscars, and the Grammy’s. Join us in the park Saturday, July 22 to welcome the KIDS back to Charlevoix!



## Tiki Tent Rhythms

July 19-22 • North Side of East Park • 6–11:30 p.m.

*Hang loose and sip a cold one while enjoying these engaging performances*

**WED—GALACTIC SHERPAS**—This Boyne City-based band will kick off the Tiki Tent fun with their sonic brand of high energy, improvised funk.

**THU—LOU THUMSER**—Lou, who comes to Venetian by way of East Jordan, will perform a unique blend of acoustic folk, rock and country covers, as well as original music.

**FRI—DON RIVERS & FRIENDS**—Together, these five friends from NoMI have over 250 years of entertaining under the belt, playing both old and new country along with some rockin’ roll.

**SAT-JEFF LEHMAN’S DUELING PIANOS**—The Vegas style show of this Detroit-based singer/songwriter will rev up your evening with sing-a-long, clap-along tunes and banter.



# 2023 Event Schedule

## 2023 Theme - Hawaiian Luau

### "pre"-Venetian

#### JR. GOLF FINALS & CAREY CUP KLING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Stroud Park Courts

Begins: July 15, Finals: July 20

Singles & Doubles open to all ages

Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

### Saturday - 7/15

#### AQUAPALOOZA

Beach & Boating Party

Ferry Beach: 12-6 pm

Music Commences at 1 pm

LAZO & EXODUS

Reggae Music - Canada

#### "CORNETIAN" CORN TOSS

Ferry Beach: 12 pm

\$20 per person, no double needed

Reg: On-site at 10:30 am

#### VOLLEYBALL

Ferry Beach: 12 pm

6 Member Co-ed, \$90 per team

Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

### Sunday - 7/16

#### BEACH BASH BASKETBALL

Chx Middle-High School: 9 am

3-v-3 Teams, \$80/team

Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

#### DISC GOLF DOUBLES

Mt. McSaubia: 11 am

Bring a partner ~ Best shot doubles

\$40 Rec Team ~ \$60 Advanced Team

Reg: On-site 10 am

#### "WORSHIP ON THE WATER"

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 5 pm

TBD

### Monday - 7/17

#### KLING YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC

Stroud Park Courts: 9 am

Reg: On-site, free for ages 6-17

#### COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY

East Park: 1:30 pm

Reg: On-site

#### CHARLEVOIX POOL PARTY

Charlevoix Community Pool: 5:30 pm

Pre-registration required, 547-0982

### Tuesday - 7/18

#### JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA

Depot Beach North End - 10:30 am

Ages 8-19

Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

#### BINGO

Castle Farms - 12 pm

Cost: Free! Open to all ages

No registration needed

Hosted by American House Charlevoix

#### CHX TWP FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE

Charlevoix Township Fire House, 4 pm

#### 3-on-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Shanahan Field: 5:30 pm

Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35

\$50/team

Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

#### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

### Wednesday - 7/19

#### 3 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Charlevoix Municipal Course: 1 pm

Youth - \$12/player; Adult - \$25/player

Reg: [venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

#### SAILING REGATTA

Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach

Many Fleets: Personal boats and crews

Spectator Viewing 5:30 pm - dusk

#### FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by vendor

Daily: Wed 7/19 - Sat 7/22

#### VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6-10 pm

#### TIKI TENT

East Park: 6-11:30 pm

GALACTIC SHERPAS

#### ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 5-11 pm



(Wednesday continued)

### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
TBD

### MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION

LITTLE RIVER BAND  
Rock - International

### Thursday - 7/20

### CHARLEVOIX FARMERS MARKET

Bridge Park: 8 am-1 pm

### KIDS DAY

Downtown: 10 am-2:30 pm  
Family Fun: Free & armband activities  
Armband: \$13 (Scholarships Available)

### ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: Noon-11 pm

### VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6-10 pm

### TIKI TENT

East Park: 6-11:30 pm  
LOU THUMSER

### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
SWEET TEA TRIO  
Country – Alabama, USA  
EASTON CORBIN  
Country – Florida, USA

### Friday - 7/21

### ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 1-11 pm

### BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY

Bridge Street at Noon

### KID'S ZONE

Bridge St – North of the light  
Various activities for children of all ages!

### CAR SHOW

Bridge Street – South of the light  
Noon-4 pm

### “PEACHES ‘N CREAM” CORN TOSS

Bridge Park – 1:30 pm  
Cost: \$20/team  
Reg: On-site

### VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: Noon-10 pm

### TIKI TENT

East Park: 6-11:30 pm  
DON RIVERS & FRIENDS

### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm  
VENETIAN ART AUCTION

(Friday continued)

### SLEEPING GYPSIES

Rock/Pop/Soul/Blues – Charelvoix, MI  
SNAKE OIL  
Rock - International

### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Ferry Beach: 7-10 pm

PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND

Swing/Jazz – Charlevoix, MI

### REDLINE AIRSHOW & FLAG JUMP

Round Lake: 8 pm

### “NIGHT SKY” WORLD CLASS

### FIREWORKS

Dusk on Lake Charlevoix  
Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, East Park

### Saturday - 7/22

### DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE

Bridge St.: 9 am (prior to Street Parade)

Family Mile, 5k & 10k – all ages

Reg: [www.venetianraces.com](http://www.venetianraces.com)

### VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 10-8 pm

### RYAN SHAY MILE

Bridge Street: 10:30 am

Championship competition by invitation only

### STREET PARADE

Bridge Street: 11 am

### ARNOLD CARNIVAL

Downtown: 11 am-11 pm

### CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION

Inside Tiki Tent: 12:30-3 pm

### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

### “ROCKIN’ THE TOWNHOUSE”

Nashville Style Street Concert  
Bridge Street, north of the light: 3 - 6 pm  
UNION GUNS

Country Rock – Grand Rapids, MI

### TIKI TENT

East Park: 6-11:30 pm

JEFF LEHMAN’S DUELING PIANOS

### VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

LEANNA COLLINS & IVAN GREILICK

Rock/Jazz/Pop – Torch Lake, MI

KIDS FROM WISCONSIN

Stage Show – Wisconsin

### VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Dusk on Round Lake

### SPECTACULAR HARBOR FIREWORKS

Immediately following the Boat Parade

Schedule is subject to change. Check our website & Facebook page for the most up-to-date information

# Into the Sky!

## Look Up - Friday & Saturday Nights



### Venetian Airshow

**Friday, July 21 • 8 p.m.**

Zooming back into town for the third year, Redline Airshows will again adorn the Charlevoix skies with incredible aerobatics. Hear the National Anthem echoing across the harbor as the American

Flag, flying high above with a parachutist, slowly drops down as if to join the party. Don't settle in yet though – a two-plane RV8 aerobatic act will “scream down” the channel before entering the Lake Charlevoix airbox to perform incredible airborne stunts. If that doesn't quench your “need for speed,” hold on tight as Mike Terfehr rockets his MIG fighter jet high overhead. That's not all, folks, after rockin' to Snake Oil in East Park, a final RV8 show will return just before dusk – with pyrotechnics! It is the ultimate lead-in to one of Venetian's crown jewels, her vibrant “Night Sky” fireworks display. The airshow is presented to the Festival by Skydive Charlevoix.

### “Night Sky” Fireworks - over Lake Charlevoix

**Friday, July 21 • Dusk**

Venetian fireworks have been nationally acclaimed thanks to the talent of its renowned master pyrotechnician, Frank Loffredo, Jr., who has staged the Venetian displays for over 20 years. Venetian has continued to add bells and whistles to its colossal Night Sky Display, which is launched from the Venetian barge in Lake Charlevoix. The display will again be “introduced” by a pyro stunt plane complete with fireworks launched from the plane. Frank will thereafter follow with his sensational orchestration of Venetian's “Night Sky” fireworks.



### Harbor Fireworks - over Round Lake

**Saturday, July 22 • Dusk**

Immediately following the boat parade, Venetian's low aerial/high intensity Harbor Fireworks are staged in Charlevoix's pyrotechnic amphitheater, Round Lake Harbor. This pyrotechnic extravaganza, rivaled only by such displays as Thunder Over Louisville, will rock the sky with 10,000 pyro bursts launched from the Venetian barge, in the midst of Venetian's lighted boat parade. Unique pyrotechnic twists traditionally accompany this display, such as fireworks shells which originate beneath the surface of Round Lake and fire into the night sky.

# Parades of Venetian

Everyone loves a parade and the Venetian Festival has twice the fun. On Saturday, July 22, Venetian offers one parade “by land” and one “by sea”.

The annual Venetian Festival Street Parade, sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of Charlevoix, kicks off at 11 a.m., complete with everything you’d expect in a summertime parade. This year’s theme is “Hawaiian Luau”.



Parade entries typically number about 75 and include everything from marching bands, clowns, horses, floats, antique cars, and royalty from area festivals- including the newly crowned Miss Charlevoix and her court. The parade travels down Bridge Street from Carpenter to 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 93rd annual Boat Parade, sponsored this year by DCL. 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.

Both parade events require safety and presentation standards to meet in order to participate. To register, or for more information, visit our website at [www.venetianfestival.com/streetparade](http://www.venetianfestival.com/streetparade), [www.venetianfestival.com/boatparade](http://www.venetianfestival.com/boatparade).

## Venetian Carnival



The carnival and midway, which opens on Wednesday, July 19, includes popular rides such as bumper cars, Tilt-a-Whirl and the Zipper, as well as more docile rides for the younger ones. Returning is the popular Traverse City-based Arnold Amusements Company again providing the rides, games and goodies.

The amusements will return to their usual

position on Mason Street and in the neighboring city parking lots to the north. Rides, games, and treats will be available starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Single tickets are \$1.50 each. A strip of 15 tickets can be purchased for \$20, and a strip of 50 tickets for \$50. Rides take 3 or 4 tickets per ride. Armbands, which are good for unlimited rides all day, can be purchased for \$25 Wednesday through close on Saturday. For a limited time on Thursday (12-5 p.m.), which is Kid’s Day in East Park, armbands are discounted to \$20. Kids and grown-ups alike will find something to thrill their senses, at the always popular Venetian Festival carnival and midway.

### CARNIVAL HOURS

Wed 7/19: 5-11pm

Thu 7/20: 12-11pm

Fri 7/21: 11am-11pm

Sat 7/22: 11am-11pm

# 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 enable those in the Pavilion area and elsewhere in East Park, to enjoy the Venetian concert experience. The seating policy has been revised somewhat, and will continue to address safety concerns including those posed by the “chair rush” which has occurred in the past.



This year the Pavilion seating areas will be opened for entry each morning at 8:00 a.m., including some stairwells, from Venetian Wednesday through Venetian Saturday, for those who wish to place blankets and chairs to reserve their individual seats. These arrangements will be overseen by security and law enforcement personnel. The prior “blanket zone,” “tier seating,” and “no standing” rules have been eliminated.

Please also note that if any chairs, blankets, coolers, etc., are left anywhere in East Park overnight, or are placed there prior to 8:00 a.m., they will be removed and discarded by the City Department of Public Works (DPW). 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 so that all spectators may enjoy Venetian’s free admission concerts.

## Mid-Week Events



**Monday, July 17, 2023, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

### **Charlevoix Community Pool Swim Party**

Charlevoix Community Pool (11905 US-31 North)

Dive into the fun Monday night at a special Venetian Pool Party. Cost is \$5 for Charlevoix residents, \$6 for non-residents and includes a goodie bag. Capacity is limited, so please call to pre-register: 547-0982.

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 4 – 7 p.m.**

### **Charlevoix Township Fire Department Open House**

Charlevoix Township Fire House (8977 Martin Rd)

Enjoy free food, tour the fire house, and honor the brave blaze-busters of Charlevoix Township. You can even cool down our smoldering service men and women in the Dunk Tank!



# Venetian Games

## Volleyball

Starting at noon, Saturday, July 15, 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.



## Corn Toss Tournaments

Cornetian Corn Toss Tournament  
On-site registration begins at 10:30 am on Saturday, July 15 at Ferry Beach as part of AquaPalooza. No double needed. Cost is \$20/person.



Peaches 'n Cream Corn Toss Tourney  
Part of Friday's downtown Block Party, July 21, on-site registration starts at noon, bags fly at 1:30 pm. Located in Bridge Park, cost is \$20 per team.



## Basketball

The Beach Bash Basketball Tournament, 3-on-3 teams, draws hundreds of basketball players in multiple age groups. This year's event will begin at 9 am on Sunday, July 16 at the Charlevoix Middle-High School. Pre-registration is required.



## Disc Golf

Disc Golf will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 16, at Mt. McSauba for advanced and amateur teams. On-site registration, cost is \$40 for a rec team; \$60 for advanced team.



## 3-Club Golf Tournament

The municipal course will host this event Wednesday, July 19, at 1 pm. Cost is \$12/youth, \$25/adult. Pre-registration is required.



## Cottage Croquet Doubles

Cottage Croquet Doubles will take place in East Park on Monday, July 17, beginning at 1:30 pm. No registration is required, no fee for entry.

## Sailing

The Junior Sailing Regatta will take place on Tuesday, July 18 on the north side of Depot Beach. To register for the junior event or for more information, go to the Sail Charlevoix website at: [sailcharlevoix.org](http://sailcharlevoix.org).

## Bingo

Bingo begins at Castle Farms on Tuesday, July 18, at 12 pm and runs until 2:30 pm. The event is free to the public and is hosted by American House Senior Living Communities of Charlevoix.

## Soccer

The 3-on-3 soccer tournament begins at Shanahan Field on Tuesday, July 18 with finals (if needed) on Wednesday, July 19. Pre-registration is required, cost is \$50/team.

## Kling Tennis Tournament

The tennis tournament for all ages takes place on Friday, July 14 at Stroud Park courts. Finals occur on Thursday, July 20. Pre-registration is required.

## Foot Races

The Jeff Drenth Memorial Foot Races, featuring 5k, 10k, and Family Mile runs, take place on Saturday, July 22. Registration is open from 4- 6 pm on July 21 and 6:30- 8:30 am on July 22 at the First Congregational Church. Register online at: [venetianraces.com](http://venetianraces.com).

The Ryan Shay Mile, a championship competition by invitation only, begins just prior to the street parade on Saturday, July 22 at 10:30 am. 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](http://venetianfestival.com/games)**



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# Venetian Block Party

*Friday, July 21, 2023 • 12 Noon – 4 p.m.*

*Bridge Street from Antrim – Park Ave*

When faced with a street closure, what does one do? Venetian chooses to throw a party, in this case the Venetian Block Party which will start at 12:00 noon on Venetian Friday, July 21, on Bridge Street itself in downtown Charlevoix.



## **Venetian Car Show** (South of the light)

Although the Venetian street closure goes into effect earlier in the week, vehicles will not be totally absent from downtown Charlevoix. Rads, Rods, Rats, Mods, Sports, Exotics, Vintage, Classics – all are welcome onto downtown Bridge Street for the second annual Venetian Car Show which will take place from noon to 4:00 p.m. Head downtown to grab a bite to eat



and a beverage, and check out these magnificent vehicles which mark an important part of our history. The Venetian Car Show is sponsored by Krist Oil and Jim Riehl's Friendly Ford.

## **Kid's Zone** (North of the light)

North of the traffic light, Scouts BSA Troop 15 will host the Kid's Zone, which will take place from noon to 4 p.m. and feature a multitude of free admission children's activities including a bounce house, model sailboat races, a robotics exhibition, karate, bubbles, art and more!



## **Peaches n' Cream Corn Toss Tourney** (Bridge Park)



On-Site registration begins at noon, bags will thereafter fly at 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per team. Snag your best dead eye partner and head downtown for a great afternoon.

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# 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 Little River Band. It isn't kids' activities. The Venetian Games include kids and teens in soccer, basketball, running, sailing, golf, tennis and more. Kid's Day and the Kid's Zone downtown also provide 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 nationally as one of the 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 \$400,000 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 and boat parades or the spectacular fireworks displays, please contribute so that Venetian can continue to bring to you such quality entertainment and activities. Please do not look away when it's 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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\*Burgée pennants are available by mail with \$5 to cover shipping costs.



## Venetian Festival Burgee Club Enrollment Form

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Pick up at Venetian Headquarters or the merchandise booth the week of the festival

☐ I will pick up my Burgee flag ☐ Please mail my Burgee flag (\$5.00 shipping charge is included in my donation)

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