

# Charlevoix

95th ANNUAL

## VENETIAN FESTIVAL 2025

July 19-26



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2025

2025 Featured Artist  
**Carrie Leitner**

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# Artist of Venetian ~ Carrie Leitner



Carrie Leitner is an art director and graphic designer based in the Detroit area, with professional experience spanning multiple industries. Her professional life is rooted in Detroit, but she maintains a lasting connection to Charlevoix, her hometown that continues to shape her sense of place. While her full-time work rarely allows space for personal projects, occasional commissions offer a welcome return to painting and pencil portraiture - especially when the subject holds emotional or personal significance.

This year's Venetian Festival art marks Leitner's second contribution to the event; her first was in 2000. The project offered a welcome departure from designing with a mouse and screen to hands-on creativity with a brush and paper. She embraced the opportunity to explore

an expressive interpretation of her beloved hometown. The 2025 artwork draws from early travel poster traditions, with saturated color and crisp composition that reflect the brightness and movement of summer in Charlevoix.

Leitner holds a BFA from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design and has worked in-house for both large institutions and smaller organizations. In recent years, she has applied her skills locally through projects such as branding for Camp McSauba, Mt. McSauba, and the Charlevoix Municipal "Muni" Golf Course - recreational gems with deep personal ties.

For Leitner, Charlevoix is more than a place of origin - it remains a source of inspiration, reflection, and return. Painting will be auctioned on Wednesday, July 23, from East Park's Odmark Pavilion stage at 7 pm. To place a bid call Anne Golski 231-675-2164.

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## Community Service & Volunteer Fair Sunday, July 20, 2025 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by  
**COMMUNITY**  
Reformed Church

Again to precede Worship on the Water, the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will host a community resource fair in East Park. Over 20 regional nonprofits from Charlevoix, Antrim, and Emmet counties will be present with information on services available

including food pantries, emergency shelter, substance abuse, mental health, and veteran aid. All are encouraged to explore and engage with these resources, whether you are in need of help, or you are able to give your time/support through volunteer efforts. For more information on this event, or how to locate community services, email [info@venetianfestival.com](mailto:info@venetianfestival.com).



### Thank you, Volunteers!

Each year a multitude of volunteers ensure that the Festival runs smoothly. Venetian would simply not be possible without their hard work and dedication to our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please email [info@venetianfestival.com](mailto:info@venetianfestival.com).

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# 2024 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen - Avery Kita



**Queen Avery wears many crowns!**

A recent Charlevoix High School graduate, Avery Kita, daughter of Pat and Traci Kita, is a passionate and driven young leader who spent her high school years immersed in academics, athletics, and service. She was actively involved in Golf, Skiing, Track, Softball, NHS, Zonta, Band, Student Council, Quiz Bowl, and Boyne Racing- truly a standout both in and out of the classroom.

Avery is taking a gap year to gain valuable life experience before pursuing a degree in medicine, with her sights set on becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon. As Venetian Queen, Avery proudly represented her community with both humor and heart! Whether chatting with kids, sharing an Applefest laugh in a pie-eating contest, or connecting with new people, she did it all with an infectious smile and a genuine love for Charlevoix. Thank you, Avery... Job well done!

## 2025 Coronation Ceremony ~ Wed, July 23, 7:15 pm ~ Odmark Pavilion

The **2025 Court** includes: Keira Bonney, Kristy Cordova, Sloane Hayes, Alessandra Jess, Abigail Potter, Brooklin Schwenke, Genevieve Tuck, Clara Wallis, and Abigail Wise - good luck ladies!

The young ladies that participate in the Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen scholarship competition serve the Charlevoix community as its ambassadors. The young women that participate in the competition are required to write an introduction letter, an essay, prepare and present one persuasive speech, and complete both panel and personal interviews with judges that are selected from outside the Charlevoix Community. Each candidate is judged completely on her own merit. Queen Scholarships are awarded at the end of her reign and are paid toward the school that she is attending. The scholarship funds are provided by the Charlevoix Venetian Festival through generous donations.



**1935 Venetian Queen Court**

(Left to right) Carol Whitley, Marge Carey, Alice Meyer, Jean Zeitler, Marguerite Hull, Julia Glados, Edna Wyers, and Jean Stelter



**Marge Carey**

**The First Charlevoix Venetian Queen**

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# Rhythms of Venetian



## AQUAPALOOZA with AIR MARGARITAVILLE

**Saturday, July 19 • Ferry Beach • 2 p.m.**

Calling all Parrotheads: This is your Coconut Telegraph - a License to Chill and escape to St. Somewhere. Venetian's Aquapalooza will again pay tribute to the late Jimmy Buffett with a "Margaritaville" theme. So put on your flip flops, the Banana Wind will begin blowing Saturday, July 19th, with the return of three-time Detroit Music Award nominee, Air Margaritaville, offering legendary "island escapism." Frank Bama and Air Margaritaville will convince you that it doesn't have

to be 5 o'clock anywhere to begin sipping your 'ritas and chomping your cheeseburger, because "Come Monday," we could all go insane.

## WORSHIP ON THE WATER with THE AFTERS

**Sunday, July 20 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.**

This year's Worship on the Water brings both heavenly harmonies and divine dance beats, embracing both joy and pain. Join us, Sunday, July 20, as The Afters, hailing from

**Community Service  
& Volunteer Fair at  
5-7pm in East Park**

Texas, help us find shelter and strength in what they refer to as their "anthems for life and faith,"

"a soundtrack for going to Heaven." Having enjoyed numerous song placements on a variety of household television

shows, and multiple GMA Dove awards, this group has also endured hardships akin to Job. All are welcome to share the spiritual journey of The Afters through their musical artistry, celebrating "Every Good Thing" and, in "Moments Like This", powerfully affirming "God Is With Us".



## VENETIAN TUESDAY with CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

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



**Charlevoix City Band circa 1905**

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.

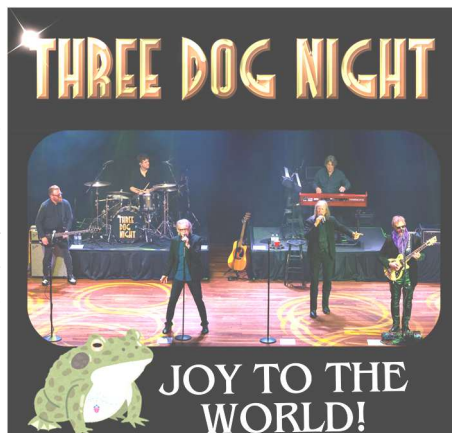
# Rhythms of Venetian

## VENETIAN WEDNESDAY HEADLINERS

July 23 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

### THREE DOG NIGHT

Venetian's greenest mascot, Jeremiah the Bullfrog, will usher onto center stage Three Dog Night on Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, following the Queen's competition. The distinctive vocals of this American band which formed in 1967, have since spread "Joy To The World" through their multitude of Billboard Top 40 hits. Head on down to East Park, as there is only "One" Three Dog Night and after all, "Mama (never) Told Me" not to come!



## VENETIAN THURSDAY

July 24 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

### BRAYDEN LAPE

The Voice's Blake Shelton knew what he was up to when he selected one of the youngest ever contestants to join his team. Only a sophomore in high school, busy with athletics, friends and family, Brayden Lape still found time to share his small-town inspired, storytelling-style country music. Brayden, who Blake refers to as "a singing Tom Brady", only recently honed his skills, teaching himself the

guitar during the Covid pandemic, and has since released original music. Now graduated and heading to Northwood University to play football, Brayden is still finding the time to share his laid-back, acoustic sound with his fans – opening for LOCASH on Thursday, July 24, join us in cheering on our fellow Michigander!

## VENETIAN THURSDAY HEADLINERS

July 24 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

### LOCASH

America's feel good country duo, LOCASH, returns to Charlevoix on Thursday, July 24. This duo paid their dues while performing for several years at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville.

They went on to co-write songs for Keith Urban and Tim McGraw and have since enjoyed over one billion streams of their music. Their prior performance at the Festival in 2014 brought down the house with the most raucous "C.O.U.N.T.R.Y." show in Venetian history. Join us in welcoming LOCASH back to our "Hometown Home" on Venetian Thursday. "Here Comes Summer" and here comes the boot scootin' tunes of LOCASH - "Feels Like A Party"!



# Rhythms of Venetian



## VENETIAN FRIDAY HEADLINERS July 25 • East Park Odmark Pavilion SMASH MOUTH

Gracing the stage as our one and only act for Venetian Friday, celebrating three decades of international fame for performing tunes that range from retro-reggae-ska-pop, from San Jose, CA - Smash Mouth! A name fitting for this year's theme, "Whose Team Rules?", the term originates from a run-oriented offense in American Football. The band's ability to connect with one another and the audience has earned them

high accolades in stage presence and led to many great original hits, along with a multitude of energized covers. Known to our younger ones as "The Shrek Band" for its finale performance in the film, Smash Mouth not only serves its audience with an array of danceable ditties, its members have also been known to raise thousands for charities such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Join us, Venetian Friday in East Park, where we will all feel like All Stars - "you'll never know if you don't go!"

## July 25 • Ferry Beach • 7 p.m. PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND

Venetian's twenty year tradition of big band concerts, at Ferry Beach on Venetian Friday, remains alive and well with the Pine River Jazz Big Band. This 17 member group takes a step back in time to the Big Band Era, 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 aerial show and fireworks, with the Pine River Jazz Big Band.



## VENETIAN SATURDAY July 26 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m. LEANNA COLLINS & IVAN GREILICK



Leanna Collins had her eye on the Venetian stage since she was nine years old. The surrounding resort communities - Brownwood, Schuss Mountain, Shanty Creek - enjoyed Leanna's lyrics as she came of age in the area, but none held that special place she knew the Venetian stage would someday. Her dream finally came true in 2023, alongside her "secret weapon", Ivan Greilick, and we now welcome the duo back to perform their "mixed bag of cool", ranging through rock, jazz, pop, and big band. Leanna has taken the stage from Kewadin to Key West, she has sung with Rod Stewart himself, and is the owner and entertainment director of Torch Lake Café. Enjoy Leanna and Ivan's eclectic selection of tunes as they warm up the stage for headliner, Atlanta Rhythm Section, Sat., July 26, 2025!

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# Rhythms of Venetian

## VENETIAN SATURDAY HEADLINERS

July 26 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

### ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION

What do you get when a "Spooky" good group of studio musicians, some having recorded with Roy Orbison himself, come together to create their own, original musical career spanning decades? It's a certain type of "Champagne Jam" worthy of Gold and Platinum records and many US Top 40 hits. "Don't Miss The Message" – the Atlanta Rhythm Section is coming to Charlevoix on Saturday, July 26! Having graced the White House stage by request of the late President Jimmy Carter, their "Boogie Smoogie" stylings have been described as Southern Rock with a dash of British influence. Come boogie to the "Georgia Rhythm" at Venetian's "Sky High" finale on Saturday night!



### Tiki Tent Rhythms

July 23-26 • North Side of East Park • 6pm-Midnight

**WED - MONDAY NIGHT WINE** - Three singers, two guitars, and a full-throttle dive into 90s nostalgia!

**THU - YANKEE STATION** - This quintet has been rocking NoMi for over 25 years with covers from Patsy Cline to Kid Rock!

**FRI - JON ARCHAMBAULT BAND** - Welcome back to Venetian the Northern Michigan-based band who soulfully rocks the blues!

**SAT - ED'S DJ SERVICE** - For over 40 years Ed has been professionally providing music from bowling alleys to castles across MI.



## Rhythms 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. 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.

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.



# 2025 Event Schedule

Theme:  
**WHOSE TEAM RULES?**



**"pre-Venetian"**

## **KLING TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

*Stroud Park Courts*

Begins: July 18, Finals: July 24  
Singles & Doubles open to all ages



## **SATURDAY - 7/19**

### **AQUAPALOOZA**

Beach & Boating Party

Ferry Beach: 12-6 pm

Music Commences @ 2pm

### **AIR MARGARITAVILLE**

Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Detroit

### **"CORNETIAN" CORN TOSS**

Ferry Beach: 12 pm

\$20/person, no double needed

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Ferry Beach: 11 am

6 member co-ed, \$80/team

## **SUNDAY - 7/20**

### **RAYDER ROUND BALL CLASSIC**

Chx Middle-High School: 9 am

3-v-3 teams, \$100/team

### **DISC GOLF DOUBLES**

Mt. McSaub: 11 am

Bring a partner - best shot doubles

\$40 Rec Team - \$60 Advanced Team

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEER FAIR**

East Park: 5:00pm

### **"WORSHIP ON THE WATER"**

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

### **THE AFTERS**

Christian Rock - Dallas, TX

## **MONDAY - 7/21**

### **KLING YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC**

Stroud Park Courts, Shanahan Field: 9 am

Free for ages 6-17

### **COTTAGE CROQUET TOURNEY**

East Park: 1:30 pm

### **BOCCE BALL**

Glass Baseball Diamond, Shanahan Field: 6 pm

## **TUESDAY - 7/22**

### **JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA (ages 8-19)**

Depot Beach - 10:30 am

### **BINGO**

Community Reformed Church - 12 pm

Free & open to all ages

Hosted by American House Senior Living-Chx

### **CHX TWP FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE**

Charlevoix Township Fire House, 4-6 pm

### **3-on-3 SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Shanahan Field: 5:30 pm

Youth, High School, Adult, Over 35

\$60/team

### **VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

Odmark East Pavilion: 8 pm

### **CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND**



## **WEDNESDAY - 7/23**

### **3 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Charlevoix Municipal Course: 1 pm

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

### **SAILING REGATTA**

Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach

Many Fleets: Personal boats and crews

Spectator Viewing 5:30 pm - dusk

### **Wii BOWLING - \*NEW in 2025!\***

American House Chx: 2 - 4 pm

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

### **FOOD CONCESSIONS**

East Park: Varies by vendor

Daily: Wed 7/23 - Sat 7/26

### **VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**

East Park: 6-10 pm

### **TIKI TENT**

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

### **MONDAY NIGHT WINE**

### **ANDERSON CARNIVAL**

Downtown: 5-11 pm

### **VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

### **VENETIAN ART AUCTION**

### **MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION**

### **THREE DOG NIGHT**

Classic Rock - Los Angeles, CA





**THURSDAY - 7/24**

**CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET**

\*NEW LOCATION\* Ferry Beach: 8 am-1 pm

**KID'S DAY**

Downtown: 10 am - 2 pm

Free & armband activities for families

Armband: \$15 (scholarships available)

**FREE MOVIE - Rise of the Guardians**

Charlevoix Cinema III: 10:00 am

**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**

Downtown: Noon - 11 pm

**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**

East Park: 6-10 pm

**TIKI TENT**

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

**YANKEE STATION**

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

**BRAYDEN LAPE**

Country - Grass Lake, MI

**LOCASH**

Country - Nashville, TN

**FRIDAY - 7/25**

**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**

Downtown: 12-11 pm

**BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY**

Bridge Street at noon

**FAMILY FUN ZONE**

Bridge St - North of the light, 12 - 4 pm

Various family-friendly activities for all ages

**CAR SHOW**

Bridge St - South of light

Noon - 4 pm

**"PEACHES 'N CREAM" CORN TOSS**

Bridge Park - 1:30 pm

Cost: \$40/team

**NEW! MEET THE AIRSHOW PILOTS!**

Chx Airport: 1:30-3pm

**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**

East Park: Noon - 10 pm

**TIKI TENT**

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

**JON ARCHAMBAULT BAND**

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

Ferry Beach: 7-10 pm

**PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND**

Swing/Jazz - Charlevoix, MI



*(Friday continued)*

**REDLINE AIRSHOW with FLAG JUMP**

Lake Charlevoix: 7 pm

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

Odmark East Park Pavilion: After Airshow

**SMASH MOUTH**

Rock - San Jose, CA

**"NIGHT SKY" WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS**

Dusk on Lake Charlevoix

Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, East Park

**SATURDAY - 7/26**

**DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE**

Bridge St: 9 am (prior to Street Parade)

Family Mile, 5k & 10k - all ages

**VENETIAN MERCHANDISE**

East Park: 10-8 pm

**RYAN SHAY MILE**

Bridge St: 10:30 am

Championship competition by invitation only

**STREET PARADE**

Bridge St: 11 am

**ANDERSON CARNIVAL**

Downtown: 12-11 pm

**CHARLEVOIX ALL CLASS REUNION**

Inside Tiki Tent: 12:30-3 pm

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

**"ROCKIN' THE TOWNHOUSE"**

Nashville Style Street Concert

Bridge St, north of light: 3:30-6:30 pm

**UNION GUNS**

Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI

**TIKI TENT**

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

**ED'S DJ SERVICE**

**VENETIAN RHYTHMS**

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

**LEANNA COLLINS & IVAN GREILICK**

Rock/Jazz/Pop - Torch Lake, MI

**ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION**

Classic Southern Rock - Doraville, GA

**VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

Dusk on Round Lake



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

To register for the Venetian Games, visit [www.venetianfestival.com/games](http://www.venetianfestival.com/games)

# Kid's Day



Thursday, July 24 ~ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Downtown East Park & Bridge Street

Kid's Day returns to downtown Charlevoix bringing back your favorite inflatables, a 3-person rock wall, a mechanical bull and shark (!), pony rides, a petting zoo, keepsake crafts, and new this year - stunt juggler, Clark Lewis! Bridge Street will be closed from Antrim Street to Park Avenue

Scholarships are available for Kid's Day, contact Anell Roach at (231) 881-3528 for more information.

to provide for pedestrian safety and to allow for the amusements to overflow onto the pavement. Many activities are free of charge, while some require a \$15 armband (scholarships available). Is 10 a.m. a bit early for all the street activity? Then start your day

at Charlevoix Cinema III for a free viewing of Rise of the Guardians at 10 a.m.

Need more thrills? Anderson's Midway offers discounted carnival armbands from 12-5 p.m.



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# Venetian Block Party

Friday, July 25 • 12 Noon - 4pm • Bridge Street from Antrim - Park Ave

It's Venetian Friday! That means it's time to kick it into high gear and head out to the block party! Bridge Street from Antrim to Park Avenue will come alive with a flurry of fun for all ages!

## Venetian Car Show (South of light)

The street will be closed for your jalopy, clunker, or rust bucket. But auto enthusiasts should come on down to the annual Venetian Car Show to ogle at the Rads, Rods, Rats, Mods, Sports, Exotics, Vintage, and Classics that will be welcome onto downtown Bridge Street from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025. The Venetian Car Show is sponsored by Jim Riehl's Friendly Automotive Group



featuring Jim Riehl's Friendly Ford of Charlevoix.

## Family Fun Zone (North of light)

You won't have to bust your piggy bank to enjoy the host of family-friendly activities at Family Fun Zone - why? Because everything is **FREE!!** From 1 - 4 p.m., north of the Bridge/Clinton traffic light, Boy Scout Troop 15 will again host free-admission activities including youth painting classes, a group painting project for all ages, a bouncy obstacle course and games, a circus performance, buskers, and \*new\* this year – exotic animals!



## VENETIAN FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURE

PLEASE NOTE  
THAT BRIDGE  
STREET WILL  
RE-ROUTE  
TRAFFIC  
DURING THE  
FOLLOWING  
TIMES:

WEDNESDAY  
7/23 @ 9AM

through

SATURDAY  
7/26  
AFTER  
FIREWORKS

BRIDGE  
STREET WILL  
BE OPEN TO  
TRAFFIC AT  
ALL OTHER  
TIMES



## Street Performers

The Townhouse Bar & Villager Pub present the following entertainment on Bridge Street:



Wednesday, July 23, 3:30-6:30 pm  
Townhouse Bar  
TZ & The Bull Pen

Thursday, July 24, 3:30-6:30 pm  
Villager Pub  
Walnut Creek Cheeseballs

Friday, July 25, 3:30-6:30 pm  
Villager Pub  
Matt Meehan

Saturday, July 26, 3:30-6:30 pm  
Townhouse Bar  
Union Guns

\*Saturday, July 26 immediately following the Street Parade: ZION LION





# Parades of Venetian



Venetian Parade Day is a sure sign of the Festival's home stretch! The day's kick-off will begin with the annual Street Parade starting at 11 a.m., sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of Charlevoix. This year's theme, "Whose Team Rules?" is sure to sum-



mon up the area's most competitive spirit, so throw your hat in the ring alongside the marching bands, clowns, floats, antique cars, and royalty from area festivals. After the parade concludes its route down Bridge Street from Carpenter to Clinton Street, stick around for continued entertainment both in the street and park, including the famous Lion's Club grilled chicken!

Keep your eye on the ball, because after an exhausting day of racing, riding and rocking on throughout downtown Charlevoix, it's time to turn your gaze to Round Lake, where the 95th Annual Boat Parade will light up the night with boats of all shapes and sizes adorned with lights, music, and animation. The boats will begin circling the harbor shortly after 10 p.m. Boats are 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](http://www.venetianfestival.com).



## Venetian Carnival



Carnival rides are not just for the kiddos! A study in England found that wild rides can actually reduce anxiety levels and increase self-esteem! On top of that, the number of calories burned spikes as you tighten your grip! So if you're feeling stressed, or heavy, or both, come on down to Anderson Midways, opening at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23 at its usual position on Mason Street and in the neighboring city parking lots to the north. Single tickets are \$1.50 each, a strip of 15 for \$20, and 50 for \$50.

Armbands (unlimited rides all day) can be purchased for \$30 Wednesday through close on Saturday. From 12-5 p.m. on Thursday (Kid's Day in East Park), armbands will be discounted to \$25.



**NEW! Advanced  
online ticket sales!**



**CARNIVAL HOURS**  
Wed 7/23: 5-11pm  
Thu 7/24: 12-11pm  
Fri 7/25: 12-11pm  
Sat 7/26: 12-11pm

# Venetian Sky-Lights

## Look to the heavens Friday & Saturday nights!

Venetian Airshow

Friday, July 25 • 7:00 p.m.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Yes, but the aerobatics suggest that none other than Superman himself could be flying it! Welcome back Redline Airshows to the “sky-lights” of Venetian! But first - eyes up, hand on heart - the Star-Spangled Banner will play as the broad stripes and bright stars open up high above and



coast through the sky - our patriotic flag jump.

The air box will then amp up as Redline's two RV8 planes prance and pirouette through the skies. After the sun dims, the airborne adventures

**See the planes & meet the pilots at Skydive Charlevoix, Friday 7/25 1:30-3pm**

will head back up and parachutists will descend with flames shooting out of their feet! From there, a pyro stunt plane launching fireworks will zoom by, opening the stage for Venetian's renowned “Night Sky” fireworks! Airshow sponsored by Skydive Charlevoix.

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

Friday, July 25 • Dusk

You may consider him a prodigy - Frankie Loffredo, Jr. has been flinging fire into the Venetian skies for over 20 years, but did you know that he started in the fireworks business at age 12? A family tradition originating in Naples, Italy, including his grandfather, father and uncles

lives on with bright bursts all over the country. The Friday Night Sky fireworks display launched from Lake Charlevoix never disappoints - the strain in your neck will be worth it! Returning this year will be the display's “introduction” by a pyro stunt plane launching fireworks as it

zooms by!



### Harbor Fireworks - over Round Lake

Saturday, July 26 • Dusk



As the Boat Parade concludes and the vessels recede to the perimeter of Round Lake, keep your eyes on the Round Lake pyro-amphitheater for Venetian's low aerial/high intensity Harbor Fireworks. Rivalled only by such displays as Thunder over Louisville, this pyrotechnic extravaganza shoots over 10,000 bursts from the Venetian barge. Don't look away, Frankie always has some surprise up his sleeve, such as last year's shells that originated

underwater! The Venetian

Finale is sure to impress and leave us anxiously awaiting July 2026!

Did you know? Colonial Fireworks spends almost an entire week preparing hands-on for the Venetian productions, creating our favorite sky bursts while ensuring each shell is safely placed and shot.

# Venetian Games



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Charlevoix Hospital

## Basketball

The 3-on-3 Rayder Roundball Classic draws hundreds of players from all age groups. Online pre-registration is required, cost is \$100/team. Event is held 7/20 at the Charlevoix Middle-High School.

## Bingo

American House Senior Living hosts free bingo at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at noon on 7/22. No registration required.

## Bocce Ball

Bocce Ball at the Shanahan Field Glass Ball Diamond, 7/21, registration on-site at 6:00pm, no fee.



## Corn Toss

Cornetian Corn Toss Tournament at Aquapalooza 7/19 at noon. Registration on-site at 10:30am, \$20/person. No double needed.

Peaches 'n Cream Corn Toss Tournament in Bridge Park 7/25 is \$40/team. On-site registration starts at noon, bags fly at 1:30pm.

## Cottage Croquet Doubles

East Park hosts croquet 7/21 at 1:30pm, no fee or registration.

## Disc Golf

Both advanced and amateur teams welcome at Mt. McSaubia 7/20 at 11am. On-site registration at 10am, \$40 for a rec team; \$60 for advanced teams.



## Foot Races

The Jeff Drenth Memorial Foot Races - 5k, 10k, and Family Mile - on 7/26. Registration online at [venetianraces.com](http://venetianraces.com), or at the First Congregational Church from 4-6pm 7/25, and 7:00am-8:30am 7/26.

The Ryan Shay Mile, a championship competition by invitation only, begins just prior to the Street Parade on 7/26 at 10:30am. Shay is a Central Lake native and Olympic prospect who died in competition.

## Golf

The municipal court hosts the 3-Club Tournament on 7/23 at 1pm. Online pre-registration required. Cost is \$12/youth, \$25/adult.



## Sailing

The Junior Sailing Regatta will take place at Depot Beach 7/22. Visit [sailcharlevoix.org](http://sailcharlevoix.org) for registration and more information.

## Soccer

Shanahan Field hosts 3-on-3 soccer 7/22 at 5:30pm, and finals (if needed) on 7/23. Online pre-registration required, cost is \$60/team.

## Tennis

All ages welcome at Stroud Park Courts 7/18 at 9am, finals on 7/24. Online pre-registration is required, cost is \$10/person/event.

## Volleyball

Ferry Beach sand courts host this co-ed tournament 7/19 at 11am during Aquapalooza. Online pre-registration is required, \$80/team.

**Pre-Registration for Games is available on our website:**  
[venetianfestival.com/games](http://venetianfestival.com/games)

## Wii Bowling \*1st year!\*

American House Senior Living will host Wii Bowling at its Charlevoix location on 7/23, from 2-4 pm. Email [Charlevoix@AmericanHouse.com](mailto:Charlevoix@AmericanHouse.com) to pre-register (required).

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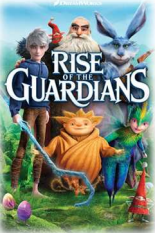


## Charlevoix Township Fire Department Open House Tuesday 7/22

Charlevoix Township's 12 square miles of land embraces the City in a warm hug – and if it gets too hot, we are happy to have the Township Fire Department ready to cool us off! Come celebrate our fearless fire fighters on Tuesday, July 22, from 4-6 p.m. at Township Fire Station 56, located at 8977 Martin Road. Enjoy free food, tour the fire house, and learn about the critical role the department plays ensuring the health and safety of our greater Charlevoix community.

## Farmer's Market \*NEW LOCATION\* - Ferry Beach Thursday 7/24

The Charlevoix Farmer's Market meets every Thursday from 8 am – 1 pm in East Park. During the Venetian Festival, the Farmers' Market picks up its tents and this year will move to Ferry Beach. Enjoy live music and sweet aromas as you peruse the stalls filled with your favorite local breads, fruits, veggies, sauces & syrups, French crepes, meats and cheeses!



## Free Movie at the Cinema Thursday 7/24

Charlevoix Cinema III will again offer a free-admission movie as part of Kid's Day, Thursday, July 24th. Rise of the Guardians will begin at 10:00 a.m., and is sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

## Charlevoix All Class Reunion Saturday 7/26

What do Rayders do? We band together! What better time than now to gather with your old pals and show the world our strength and resilience? The annual CHS All Class Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 26th, immediately following the Venetian Street Parade, until 3 p.m. in the Tiki Tent in East Park. Bond with your balding buddies, wink at the wrinkles, and mingle with a margarita from the cash bar. If you have memorabilia to share, please bring it with you. The reunion is a private event for alumni and their significant others. For questions or offers to volunteer, please email Sherrel Bergmann at rayderberg@aol.com.



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# What's Missing at Venetian?

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

Live entertainment? Nah, Charlevoix will be crooning with Three Dog Night this year! Kid's entertainment? Heavens no! With Kid's Day, Family Fun Zone, and over a dozen Venetian Games, your children will be properly pooped-out! Spectator opportunities? No way! The street and boat parades, airshow, and Ryan Shay Mile have spectators squealing with adrenaline! And Venetian certainly isn't missing fireworks, 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 Venetian's major events and entertainment are absolutely free to the public, even though it still costs Charlevoix Venetian Festival, Inc. upwards of \$400,000 to put on its premier Festival. So if you've ever enjoyed listening, playing, or watching any of Venetian's entertainment, please consider contributing so the fun can continue for years to come! Anyone who donates \$100 or more gains membership to the noted Venetian Burgee Club, and receives a Burgee Pennant, emblazoned with the Venetian logo, the current year and the level of sponsorship.

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