

96TH ANNUAL
CHARLEVOIX VENETIAN FESTIVAL
JULY 18-25, 2026



LAUREN KWAPISZ
2026 FEATURED VENETIAN ARTIST

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Artist of Venetian ~ Lauren Kwapisz



Lauren Kwapisz is a multidisciplinary artist who enjoys working in both traditional and digital mediums. Inspired by the world around her, she creates artwork that focuses on capturing the depth, emotion, and life of three-dimensional subjects within two-dimensional spaces.

Working professionally as a graphic artist while also pursuing commissioned artwork as a personal passion, Lauren blends technical skill with artistic expression to create pieces that feel both vivid and personal. Her work is driven by a deep appreciation for observation, atmosphere, and the subtle details that bring a subject to life. Through painting, illustration, sculpting, writing, sewing, and digital art, she strives to create meaningful visual experiences that resonate with viewers and preserve the beauty she sees in everyday moments.

Painting will be auctioned on Wednesday, July 22, from East Park's Odmark Pavilion stage at 7 pm. To place a bid call Anne Golski 231-675-2164.

Community Service & Volunteer Fair Sunday, July 19, 2026 ~ 5:00 p.m.

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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.

Opening this year's Worship on the Water, the Community Reformed Church of Charlevoix will once again host a community resource fair in East Park. Over 20 regional nonprofits from Charlevoix, Antrim, and Emmet counties will be present with information



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.

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Dan Barron, Ron Bindi, Dean Davenport, Anne Golski, & John Winn
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2025 Miss Charlevoix Venetian Queen - Brooklin Schwenke



Chris, Brooklin, & Paul Schwenke

Charlevoix High School graduate, Brooklin Schwenke, daughter of Chris and Paul Schwenke, has already had a busy start to her next chapter at Northern Michigan University! Brooklin is currently studying psychology on a pre-occupational therapy track with hopes of one day earning her M.S. in Occupational Therapy, or a PhD in Neuroscience. Alongside her studies, Brooklin stays busy with student organizations including Cru, Cross Country, American Sign Language Club, His House Christian Fellowship, and Ripple Effect, an organization that helps to remove student obstacles throughout the year. Additionally, Brooklin volunteers at Lake Superior Life Care & Hospice, as well as Room at the Inn, a Marquette emergen-

cy homeless shelter. And if that wasn't enough, she also works at Queen City Running Company, and as a research assistant in the LaCrosse Neuroscience Lab working on a study looking at PTSD. While at CHS, Brooklin participated in numerous extracurricular activities, including Cross Country, Basketball, Soccer, Track & Field, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Student Council, Quizbowl, Zonta, Safe in Northern Michigan, Model United Nations, Green Team, and Peer 2 Peer. Brooklin states that her favorite part about the Miss Charlevoix competition was celebrating the amazing community she grew up in - "I am so grateful to represent my hometown and the people who make it so special" - we are grateful for you, too, Brooklin!

2026 Coronation Ceremony Wed, July 22, 7:15 pm ~ Odmark Pavilion

Meet the 2026 Charlevoix Venetian Queen's Court!



Jaslyn
Blanton



Nae
Carlson



Madelynn
Crandell



Mary
Crockett



Addison
Cunningham



Isabelle
Greensky



Olive
Grossi



Hanna
Miller



Jasmine
Peebles



Eloise
Poleys



Pascal
Wallis

Rhythms of Venetian

AQUAPALOOZA with AIR MARGARITAVILLE

Saturday, July 18 • Ferry Beach • 2 p.m.

Blown out flip flop? Lost shaker of salt? No worries! Frank Bama and Air Margaritaville are returning on a Banana Wind from St. Somewhere on Saturday, July 18 with your License to Chill! Join the old salts at Ferry Beach from 2-5 pm as Venetian celebrates its inaugural event – Aquapalooza! Come by land or sea and settle into your own “island escapism” with the premier Jimmy Buffet tribute band and three-time Detroit Music Award nominee, Air Margaritaville. You’ll quickly learn 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 MICAH TYLER

Sunday, July 19 • 7 p.m.

East Park Odmark Pavilion

Ministry is in his blood. At only 18, Micah Tyler graduated high school and became a youth pastor. At the same time, he found himself driving a sausage delivery truck to pay his bills. Micah has since journeyed onward to acclaim as a National Male Vocalist of the Year, inspired by the faithful truth that "God Did It." His pop-style music, enthusiasm, and engaging sense of humor have

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

notched five #1 songs, reaching out to all ages. "Praise the Lord" with Micah Tyler on Sunday, July 19 and you too may be "Walking Free."



VENETIAN TUESDAY with CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

July 21 • East Park Odmark Pavilion - 8 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.



Rhythms of Venetian

VENETIAN WEDNESDAY

July 22 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

PINTER WHITNICK

Venetian is eager to welcome Pinter Whitnick back to center stage!

The Detroit duo has expanded their reach of 80s and 90s magic, bringing back the nostalgia of that era to the Great Lakes State and beyond. Kayleigh and Alex have distilled even more of their favorite tunes into duo-sized editions that will have you groovin' and belting out that well-known chorus! Catch Pinter Whitnick on

center stage on Wednesday, July 22, immediately following the Queen Coronation, again as they open the main stage for WAR on Thursday, July 23, and one more time as the duo will provide live music at Depot

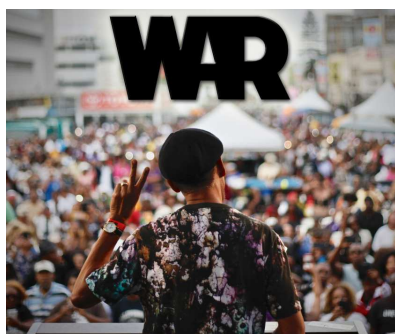
Beach prior to the Friday night fireworks!



VENETIAN THURSDAY

July 23 • East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

WAR



It's been 50 years since WAR wondered "Why Can't We Be Friends?" In fact, WAR called this very question at their last Venetian performance in 2010. The multicultural California funk band has attempted to "spread a message of brotherhood and harmony," through their unique musical blend of soul, Latin, jazz, blues, reggae and rock. After earning ten Top 10 Billboard hits, it is no surprise WAR found its star on the

Hollywood Walk of Fame last year. So, "Take a little trip, take a little trip, take a little trip with me..." to East Park on Thursday, July 23 as we welcome WAR back to the Venetian stage!



SHORT'S BREWING



NEW in 2026! Venetian teams up with Short's Brewing to serve up your favorite regional brews from Local's Light to Huma Lupa Licious! Starcut Ciders and BluDot Wines will also be available. Dance on in and drink on up!

Tiki Tent Rhythms

July 23-25 • North Side of East Park • 6pm-Midnight

THURSDAY 7/23 - LEVITATOR - Petoskey's six-piece psychedelic rock band has become a local favorite at venues across the state

FRIDAY 7/24 - ED'S DJ SERVICE - For over 40 years Ed has been professionally providing music from bowling alleys to castles across MI

SATURDAY 7/25 - ANAMARIA & ROSCOE - Claiming 13 Detroit Music Awards between them, this vocal and guitar duo bring you a mix of soul, rock and country covers performed in their own twisted way!

Rhythms of Venetian



VENETIAN FRIDAY

July 24 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

CHRIS CANAS

Chris Canas wasn't always Detroit's "Prince of the Blues". As a shy fifth grader, he started with the coronet, was soon promoted to the Jazz Band, then onto his enrollment at the Ann Arbor School for the Performing Arts. Jazz seemed to be his future, until the fateful day

this Prince was introduced to the music of a King - BB, that is! The thrill was found! He discovered and embraced multiple instruments and after learning all of BB's songs, Canas wrote his first album at only 15 years old! Today, he tours nationally and has released six albums. We welcome back to our main stage the Chris Canas band, who will open for Union Guns on Friday, July 24 in East Park!

VENETIAN FRIDAY HEADLINER

July 24 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

UNION GUNS

Union Guns is a four-piece band of blue-collar friends bringing explosive energy, massive singalongs, and full-concert intensity to every stage they hit. Blending country roots with rock, blues, pop, and soul influences, they create shows that feel loud, alive, and completely unforgettable. From high-octane party anthems to powerful crowd-



connected moments, Union Guns delivers the kind of night that keeps people singing long after the lights go out.



July 24 • 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 fireworks, with the Pine River Jazz Big Band.

July 24 • Depot Beach • 8:30 p.m.

PINTER WHITNICK

NEW in 2026! Live music at Depot Beach prior to the "Night Sky" Fireworks over Lake Charlevoix. Boogie to the beats at the beach with Pinter Whitnick!



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VENETIAN SATURDAY

July 25 • In Front of Town House Bar • 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

JOHN STONE

Y'all ready to Rock the Town House? This year's Saturday afternoon street concert will be spearheaded by Nashville veteran John Stone a/k/a "The King of Lower

Broadway." Stone, a former Army M-1 tank gunner, and his Trailer Park All Stars Band will take leave from Kid Rock's Big Ass Honky Tonk & Rock 'n' Roll Steakhouse, in Nashville, for a brief Venetian tour of duty on Saturday, July 25 from 3:30-6:00. Y'all up for a Nashville honky tonk? Well Hell Yeah!

East Park Odmark Pavilion • 7 p.m.

JILL JACK

This Michigander has been gracing the Venetian stage since 2000! Welcome back Jill Jack, who, since her humble beginnings all those years ago, has opened for Emmy Lou Harris, headlined South by Southwest, and even toured with Bob Seger! Over the past 30 years she has produced 12 award-winning CDs, documentary soundtracks, commercial jingles, and earned 51 awards from the Detroit Music Awards Foundation. Her storytelling-infused Americana music has served audiences of 20 to 20,000, and her heart for service has led her to one-on-one mentorships with new musicians, community service with local groups and multiple mission trips to Haiti. Welcome back, Jill - always a thrill! - on Saturday, July 25 opening for The Kenny Rogers Band.



VENETIAN SATURDAY HEADLINERS

July 25 • East Park Odmark Pavilion

THE KENNY ROGERS BAND

The dealing's not done, nor is this tribute band –THE original band which toured with the late Kenny Rogers for over 40 years! Rogers, recognized one of the best-selling musical artists of all time, had a career spanning seven decades and a style that spilled across genres, selling over 100 million

records in his lifetime. His band knew "when to hold 'em" and didn't run from the opportunity to continue the Kenny Rogers legacy. Vocals are led by Don Gatlin, a long-time fan who opened for Kenny himself on numerous occasions. Wondering what condition their condition is in? Drop in to East Park on Saturday, July 25 to celebrate the legendary Kenny Rogers, as Venetian wraps up another spectacular season!

Rhythms Seating Policy

Venetian's FREE concerts in East Park mean seating on a first-come, first-served basis. The Pavilion seating areas will be opened for entry each morning at 8 a.m., from Venetian Thursday through 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. Any items left in East Park overnight, or placed prior to 8 a.m., will be removed and discarded by the City.





2026 Event Schedule



Theme:
HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

Semiquincentennial



"pre-Venetian"

KLING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Stroud Park Courts

Begins: July 17, Finals: July 23
Singles & Doubles open to all ages



SATURDAY - 7/18

AQUAPALOOZA

Beach & Boating Party
Ferry Beach: Noon-6 pm
Music Commences @ 2pm

AIR MARGARITAVILLE

Jimmy Buffet Tribute - Detroit
"CORNETIAN" CORN TOSS

Ferry Beach: Noon

\$20/person, no double needed

VOLLEYBALL

Ferry Beach: 11 am

6 member co-ed, \$90/team

SUNDAY - 7/19

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

MICAH TYLER

Christian Rock - Buna, TX



MONDAY - 7/20

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 - 7/21

JUNIOR SAILING REGATTA (AGES 8-19)

Depot Beach - 10:30 am

***NEW* SING-O (Bingo w/ songs)**

Community Reformed Church - Noon

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

\$80/team

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Pavilion: 8 pm

CHARLEVOIX CITY BAND

WEDNESDAY - 7/22

3 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Charlevoix Municipal Course: 1 pm

Youth - \$17/player; Adult - \$30/player

SAILING REGATTA

Lake Charlevoix - Ferry Beach

Many Fleets: Personal boats and crews

Spectator Viewing 5:30 pm - dusk

WII BOWLING

American House Chx: 2 - 4 pm

Reg: venetianfestival.com/games

FOOD CONCESSIONS

East Park: Varies by vendor

Daily: Wed 7/22 - Sat 7/25

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 6-10 pm

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: 5-11 pm

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

VENETIAN ART AUCTION

MISS CHARLEVOIX CORONATION

PINTER WHITNICK

Classic Rock - Detroit, MI



THURSDAY - 7/23

CHARLEVOIX FARMER'S MARKET

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 - Sonic the Hedgehog

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

LEVITATOR

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

PINTER WHITNICK

Classic Rock - Detroit, MI

WAR

Funk/Soul/Rock - Long Beach, CA

FRIDAY - 7/24

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: Noon-11 pm

BRIDGE STREET BLOCK PARTY

Bridge Street at noon

FAMILY FUN ZONE

Bridge St - North of the light, Noon - 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

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: Noon - 10 pm

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

ED'S DJ SERVICES

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Ferry Beach: 7-10 pm

PINE RIVER JAZZ BIG BAND

Swing/Jazz - Charlevoix, MI

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Depot Beach: 8:30-10 pm

PINTER WHITNICK

Classic Rock - Detroit, MI

(Friday continued)

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

CHRIS CANAS

Blues - Detroit, MI

UNION GUNS

Country Rock - Grand Rapids, MI

"NIGHT SKY" WORLD CLASS FIREWORKS

Dusk on Lake Charlevoix

Ferry Beach, Depot Beach, East Park

SATURDAY - 7/25

DRENTH MEMORIAL FOOTRACE

Bridge St: 8:30 am (prior to Street Parade)

Family Mile, 5k & 10k - all ages

***NEW EVENT* HIGH SCHOOL MILES**

Bridge St: 10:00 am

RYAN SHAY MILE

Bridge St: 10:30 am

Championship competition by invitation only

VENETIAN MERCHANDISE

East Park: 10-8 pm

STREET PARADE

Bridge St: 11 am

ANDERSON CARNIVAL

Downtown: Noon-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

JOHN STONE

Country Rock - Nashville, TN

TIKI TENT

East Park: 6pm-Midnight

ANAMARIA & ROSCOE

VENETIAN RHYTHMS

Odmark East Park Pavilion: 7 pm

JILL JACK

Americana - Ferndale, MI

THE KENNY ROGERS BAND

Country Rock/Pop - Los Angeles, CA

VENETIAN LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

Dusk on Round Lake

SPECTACULAR HARBOR FIREWORKS

Immediately following the Boat Parade



Schedule subject to change - check out our website & Facebook page for the most up-to-date info
To register for the Venetian Games, visit www.venetianfestival.com/games



Kid's Day 2026

Thursday, July 23rd

10 am - 2 pm

Downtown Charlevoix



Some activities require a \$15 armband (not associated with the carnival)



Yard Games

(Hula Hoop Land, Pick-A-Duck, Lollipop Tree, Bubbleland)

Clark Lewis Stunt Juggler

Dan Hopkins Petting Zoo

Kookie the Clown

Twister Joe Balloon Man

Science Activities

Girl Scout Activity Table

Big Red Firetruck

Charlevoix County Ambulance

Charlevoix City Police

Charlevoix Health Department

(Rest & Relax Tent)

Dan Hopkins Pony Rides

Happy Snappy Photo Booth

Dunk Tank

Assorted Bounce Houses

Craft Tent

(Make a keepsake to take home)



All activities are subject to change due to staffing, availability, and weather.

Scholarships are available, contact Anell at (231) 881-3528 for more information. Want to start your day in a more relaxed fashion? Charlevoix Cinema III offers a free viewing of Sonic the Hedgehog at 10 a.m. Need more adrenaline? Anderson's Midway offers discounted carnival armbands from 12-5 p.m.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Please note that the ambulance garage at 210 State Street is open for shelter in case of inclement weather AND as a reunification place for lost persons.

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Venetian Block Party

Friday, July 24 • 12 Noon - 4pm • Bridge Street from Antrim - Park Ave

Venetian Car Show (South of light)

The street is closed, let's fill it with cars! Rads, Rods, Rats, Mods, Sports, Exotics, Vintage and Classics that is! The annual Venetian Car Show will return to Bridge Street from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026. Thanks to Jim Riehl's Friendly Ford of Charlevoix for their continued sponsorship! Have a car you'd like to show off? Contact latitude45detailing@gmail.com to pre-register your hot rod (space is limited).



Family Fun Zone (North of light)

Friday FREE Day! Once again Boy Scout Troop 15 will host an afternoon of free-admission activities including youth painting classes with Duncan Studios, a group painting project for all ages, bouncy obstacle courses, buskers, crafts and a celebration of USA's birthday with cake and music! (Cake is first come, first served) Join the Troop on Friday, July 24 from 1-4 p.m., north of the Bridge/Clinton traffic light.



VENETIAN FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURE

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

THURSDAY
7/23 @ 8AM

through

SATURDAY
7/25
AFTER
FIREWORKS

BRIDGE STREET WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC AT ALL OTHER TIMES



RE-ROUTING KEY

- Northbound
- Southbound
- Beaver Island/Bridge Access

Street Performers

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



Thursday, July 23, 3:30-6:30 pm
Villager Pub

Walnut Creek Cheeseballs

Friday, July 24, 3:30-6:30 pm
Villager Pub

Lou Thumser

Saturday, July 25, 3:30-6:30 pm
Townhouse Bar

John Stone

*Saturday, July 25 immediately following the Street Parade: **PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL STEEL DRUM BAND!**



Parades of Venetian



The wait is over! After a three-year hiatus, Venetian's much-loved finale to the Street Parade is back! The Petoskey High School Steel Drum Band will once again bring up the tail of the parade groovin' to modern melodies with Caribbean character. The annual Street Parade, sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices of Charlevoix,



kicks off at 11 a.m. Give a big Hip Hip Hooray for the USA as this year's theme celebrates America's 250th Birthday! Stick around after the conclusion of the parade for continued entertainment, and don't forget to order your famous Lion's Club grilled chicken before they run out!

Don't blow out all your candles - the Festival's oldest tradition is yet to commence! The 96th Annual Boat Parade will light up the night like America's candles on her 250th cake! Boats of all shapes and sizes adorned in lights, music and animation will circle Round Lake 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 that safety and presentation standards are met in order to participate. To register, or for more information, visit our website at www.venetianfestival.com.



Venetian Carnival

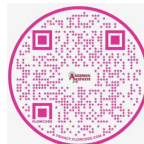


What better way to celebrate America's birthday than giving yourself a boost of adrenaline! You can do just that with Anderson Midways opening Wednesday, 7/22 at 5 p.m. in its usual position on Mason Street and the neighboring city parking lots to the north. Armbands (unlimited rides all day) can be 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. This year individual "tickets" (credits) will be digital, and for a one-time activation fee of \$2, ticket prices are \$1 each (e.g. 18 tickets for \$18), with discounts for larger purchases.



**NEW! Advanced
online ticket sales!**



CARNIVAL HOURS
Wed 7/22: 5-11pm
Thu 7/23: 12-11pm
Fri 7/24: 12-11pm
Sat 7/25: 12-11pm

Venetian Fireworks

Two Nights of Blinding Brilliance!

Friday, July 24 & Saturday, July 25

This year the Famous Frankie will reunite with Zambelli Fireworks to bring you yet another two nights of jaw-dropping night-sky blasts! Frankie Loffredo, Jr. has been playing with fire since the ripe age of 12, no doubt lured into the family tradition that originated in Naples, Italy, with his grandfather, Marco Loffredo. It's no coincidence that Antonio Zambelli's pyrotechnic recipes came from Italy too, as the Italians were the first Europeans to manufacture the fun-filled explosives, believed to have first been created in China in the second century B.C. Today, Zambelli's is run by Antonio's grandson, George Zambelli, Jr., much like Frankie is operating in the tradition of his grandfather – *che figata!*



"Night Sky" Fireworks - over Lake Charlevoix

Friday, July 24 • Dusk

Friday's display, as usual, will be launched from Lake Charlevoix offering a multitude of viewing platforms including Ferry Beach, which hosts pre-display entertainment by the Pine River Jazz Big Band, and Depot Beach, which (new this year!) will host live pre-display entertainment by duo Pinter Whitnick.



Harbor Fireworks - over Round Lake

Saturday, July 25 • Dusk

On Saturday the noted paesanos gather in Round Lake Harbor to stage Venetian's low aerial/high intensity pyrotechnic extravaganza rivaled only by such displays as Thunder over Louisville. Over 10,000 bursts shoot from the Venetian barge with blinding brilliance! And, if you've been to one of Frankie's displays before, you know he has a surprise up his sleeve! After 27 years of teaming up with Venetian, even Festival organizers are still "in the dark" until the final shell has burst! Now that's a celebration – HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA!

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Note: No Airshow this year, but you can stage your own! Jump from 10,500 feet over Lake Michigan and Charlevoix's coastline with Skydive Charlevoix, open daily at the Charlevoix Municipal Airport.



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 7/19 at the Charlevoix Middle-High School.

NEW Sing-O (Bingo with songs)

American House Senior Living hosts free Sing-O at Charlevoix Community Reformed Church at noon on 7/21. It's just like Bingo, but uses song clips instead of numbers. No registration required.

Bocce Ball

Bocce Ball at the Shanahan Field Glass Ball Diamond, 7/20, registration on-site at 6:00pm, no fee.

Corn Toss

Cornetian Corn Toss Tournament at Aquapalooza 7/18 at noon. Registration on-site at 10:30am, \$20/person. No double needed.

Peaches 'n Cream Corn Toss Tournament in Bridge Park 7/24 is \$40/team. On-site registration starts at noon, bags fly at 1:30pm.

Cottage Croquet Doubles

East Park hosts croquet 7/20 at 1:30pm, no fee or registration.

Disc Golf

Both advanced and amateur teams welcome at Mt. McSaub

7/19 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 7/25. Register at venetianraces.com, or at the First Congregational Church from 4-6pm 7/24, and 6-8am 7/25.

NEW Chx Running Company High School Miles - Fields of ten boys/girls race a road mile on Bridge Street at 10am 7/25.

The Ryan Shay Mile, a championship competition by invitation only, begins at 10:30am on 7/25. Shay is a Central Lake native and Olympic prospect who died in competition.

Golf

The municipal court hosts both the 3-Club and the 1-Club Tournaments on 7/22 at 9am.

Online pre-registration required. Cost is \$17/youth, \$30/adult.

Sailing

The Junior Sailing Regatta will take place at Depot Beach 7/21. Visit sail-charlevoix.org for registration and more information.

Soccer

Shanahan Field hosts 3-on-3 soccer 7/21 at 5:30pm, and finals (if needed) on 7/22. Online pre-registration required, cost is \$80/team.

Tennis

All ages welcome at Stroud Park Courts 7/17 at 9am, finals on 7/23.

Online pre-registration is required, cost is \$20/person/event.

Volleyball

Ferry Beach sand courts host this co-ed tournament 7/18 at 11am during Aquapalooza. Online pre-registration is required, \$90/team.

Wii Bowling

American House Senior Living will host Wii Bowling at its Charlevoix location on 7/22, from 2-4 pm. Email Charlevoix@AmericanHouse.com to pre-register (required).



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

And More!

Charlevoix Township Fire Department Open House

Tuesday 7/21

Did you know that the Charlevoix Township Blaze Busters provide service not only to Charlevoix Township North and South, but also to Eveline, Hayes, Marion and Norwood Townships, and the entire City of Charlevoix? Now that's HOT stuff! Come celebrate our fearless fire fighters on Tuesday, July 21, 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 7/23

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 moves 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 7/23

Charlevoix Cinema III will again offer a free-admission movie as part of Kid's Day, Thursday, July 23rd. Sonic the Hedgehog will begin at 10:00 a.m., and is sponsored by Charlevoix State Bank.

Charlevoix All Class Reunion

Saturday 7/25

Venetian has long been considered Charlevoix's Homecoming, so what better time to reunite with your old Rayder pals!? The annual CHS All Class Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 25th, immediately following the Venetian Street Parade, until 3 p.m. in the Tiki Tent in East Park. The reunion is a private event for alumni and their significant others. If you have memorabilia to share, please bring it with you. For questions or offers to volunteer, please email Sherrel Bergmann at rayderberg@aol.com.



What's Missing at Venetian?

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

Live entertainment? Nope, Charlevoix will be Low Riding with the Cisco Kid 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, 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.

New Donation Level since 2024 - Commander! \$5,000+

Donation levels are:

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- Visit the Venetian Merchandise Booth
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