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## Memorial Day Weekend 2023

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, is a day to honor, remember and mourn the U.S. military personnel who have died in the course of carrying out their duties or as a result of injuries incurred during battle. This day is one of remembrance and reflection on the ultimate cost of freedom in the United States of America.

### Memorial Day Cemetery Flags Placements:

**Thursday, May 25 at 8:00am & Friday, May 26 at 8:00am**

Elmwood Cemetery  
640 N Ridge Rd, Lorain, OH 44053  
American Legion Post 30

**Thursday, May 25 at 6:30pm & Friday, May 26**

Calvary Cemetery  
555 N Ridge Rd W, Lorain, OH 44053  
AMVETS Post 47, DAV Post 20, IAV Post 1

**Friday, May 26, 2023**

Lorain County Community College Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony : Friday, May 26th at 12:00, Reaser Grand Room in Spitzer  
Join us in commemorating Memorial Day by hearing from US Army Colonel (ret.) Ron Schwachenwald and US Coast Guard Commander (ret.) Rick DeChant on the true meaning of the holiday. Mr. John Haynes, a seasoned Elyria lawyer, will join them to recount the heroism he witnessed from US troops in England during the German blitzkrieg and WWII. LCCC Vice Presidents Dr. Jonathan Dryden and Dr. Marisa Vernon White will give opening and closing remarks, and light refreshments will be served. This event is open to the community.

**Saturday May 27, 2023**

Amherst Lorain County Vietnam Veterans Memorial  
36th Annual Reading of the names - 6:00pm. (Pinning signup for Veterans begins at 5:00pm)  
625 N Lake St. Amherst, OH  
*The Vietnam Veterans Memorial exists to remember and honor the 98 men from Lorain County who lost their lives in the Vietnam War. The reading of the names takes place every year.*

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Eaton Township Memorial Day Service at Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Eaton Township at 1:00 p.m. Guest speaker is Dr. Edward P. Horvath, combat physician and decorated Iraq War veteran. *(Call for volunteers to place America Flags on 500 veterans' graves at Butternut Ridge Cemetery, Eaton Township. Meet at cemetery's pole barn off Durkee Rd. at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27).*

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Kipton, Camden & Henrietta. Memorial Day Parade and Program Parade Line-up 1:30, Parade 2:00, Program 2:30 For more information Call: 419-921-6523 or email: KCHMemorial-Committee@gmail.com  
Rt. 511 will be closed for the Parade and Program in Kipton.

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Lorain Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 11:00 am. Italian American Veterans (IAV Post 1) Service held at St. Peters Church 3655 Oberlin Ave.

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Lorain Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 11:00 am Jewish War Veterans of Lorain County (JWV Post #22) Service held at Salem Cemetery 1461 North Ridge Road

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Brownhelm The Shortest Parade in Town is happening once again on the Sunday before Memorial Day. Parade participants line up by 1:30 p.m. with the parade leaving at 1:45 p.m. to head to the Brownhelm Cemetery. Participants should gather at the corners of North Ridge and Claus Road (south). The Amherst American Legion leads the parade followed by the Brownhelm Historical Association wagon, Brownhelm 4-H Club, antique cars, tractors & more! At the Veterans Memorial site, a short ceremony honoring our Veterans will follow. All are welcome to join in the parade or the presentation at the Brownhelm Cemetery.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**

Elyria South Baseball Club presents

## KIDS' SUMMER CAMPS

- Theater Camp (6/12 - 7/14)
- Sports Camp (7/17 - 8/11)
- STEAM Camp (6/12 - 8/11)

• Camps are no cost to families

• For children ages 6-15

• No camp July 3 - 7

• Breakfast, lunch and snacks

• Field Trips - Activities - Fun!

For more information and to pre-register go to:

**BIGLORAINCOUNTY.ORG** or  
call: (440) 277-6541



Summer Reading 2023

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the 3rd annual Memorial Day Parade and Barbecue. Meet at South at 9:00am to receive candy and organize. Leave at 9:30am to line up, parade starts at 10:00 am. Parade begins on Court Street to Broad Street east on Broad Street to Washington Avenue North on Washington Avenue to Harrison Street east on Harrison Street to Ridge Lawn Cemetery. Parade ends at Ridge Lawn Cemetery at the intersection of Harrison and Glenwood. After the Parade South Baseball Club members will meet at the Elyria Parks & Rec South Park for fun games and food.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
Vermilion Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony  
Memorial Day ceremonies take place in Vermilion, Ohio annually. A Vermilion Veterans Dedication takes place at Exchange Park, on the corner of Main Street and Liberty Avenue, at 8:30 am. At 9:15 am a Veterans Dedication takes place at Maple

Grove Cemetery at 8303 Cemetery Road. The Memorial Day Parade kicks off in downtown Vermilion at 10:30 am at Liberty Avenue, ending at Victory Park. At 11 am a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in Victory Park at the corner of Main Street and Ohio Street. A luncheon will follow at Vermilion Amvets, 1517 State Road. For additional information, call (440) 967-9681.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
The Amherst Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. Units will begin their march at Washington & Cleveland Ave. (by the High School). A ceremony will take place following the parade at city hall. *Please, no political displays. Contact Gerri Wrice 440-714-1213 for more information.*

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
Avon Memorial Day Parade will take place at 9AM. Parade will start at the Avon Senior Center and travel east down Detroit Rd and end at our Veterans Memorial, behind the Post Office.

Service will immediately follow the parade at our Memorial.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
Avon Lake  
The parade will kick off at 10:00 a.m. Avon Lake High School, 175 Avon Belden Road with a ceremony following at 10:45 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. 32756 Lake Road Avon Lake, OH

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
Florence Twp / Birmingham  
Monday, May 29 1:00 pm Come out and watch the Biggest Small-Town Parade and remember those that served that are no longer with us. Parade forms at 12:30 pm behind Birmingham Methodist Church. Services following parade in the Birmingham Cemetery.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
Lorain Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony Starting point will be at Black River Landing 10:00 am – Line up at Black River Landing. 11:00 am – Memorial Parade begins. 12:00 pm – Memorial Day Event at

Black River landing. All are invited to participate in the parade. Closing Ceremonies 6:00 pm at AMVETS 11:00 pm at DAV

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
North Ridgeville Memorial Day Parade and Service  
The parade will begin at 9:45am at the Senior Center and travel down Bainbridge Road and conclude at Ranger Stadium with the Memorial Service in association with the North Ridgeville Lions Club and VFW Post 9871.

**Monday, May 29, 2023**  
Oberlin Veterans organizations cordially invite the public to the 2023 Memorial Day Ceremony 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Monday, May 29, 2023 at Wright Memorial Park, 17 West Vine Street, Oberlin. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held inside Oberlin Elementary School, 210 North Park Street, Oberlin. The event will feature speakers, musical selections and other honors for veterans.



## Summertime at the Ritter Public Library

Here is just a small selection from the many programs we have this summer for all ages from baby to adult. All of our programs are free to attend, but some require registration. Visit [ritterpubliclibrary.org/events](http://ritterpubliclibrary.org/events) to view our full calendar or register online.

**Summer Reading Kick Off**  
Saturday, June 3  
Enjoy activities for all ages and register for our summer reading program, All Together Now, to earn rewards and grand prize entries throughout the summer as you read and complete bonus activities. Magic Show with Michael Mage (Family) 1:30 PM: Fun illusions for the whole family. Kindness Rocks! Rock Painting (Adult) 11 AM - 3 PM: Paint a rock for library staff to hide around town to spread a message of kindness. Little Free Fridge Grand Opening (Family) 2 PM - 4 PM: Help us decorate our new community fridge room.

**Storytimes**  
Monday – Thursday, June 5 - July 31  
Books, music, crafts and activities perfect for pre-k kids.  
Mondays at 6:30 PM: Twilight Storytime  
Tuesdays at 10 AM: All Together Now Storytime  
Wednesdays at 10 AM: Learn Through Play  
Thursdays at 10 AM: Storytime at Main Street Beach or Friendship Park (alternating weeks; will be held inside the library in the event of bad weather)

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**  
Drop off: June 26 - 29  
Pick up: June 30 - 31  
Ever wonder what your stuffed animals get up to when you're not around? We do, too! Kids can drop off their favorite stuffie for a night of mischief and mayhem - we'll provide photographic evidence when they pick their buddy up.

**Puzzle Palooza**  
Friday, June 30 2 PM

Compete as an individual or a group to assemble a puzzle the fastest! The top 3 winners will receive a special prize. Registration is required. All ages welcome.

**Terry Pluto on Cleveland Sports**  
Tuesday, July 25  
6 PM  
Long-time sports columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer Terry Pluto will visit the library to talk Cleveland sports and answer audience questions. Registration required.

**Inclusion Fair**  
Saturday, August 5  
1 PM - 4 PM  
At our first ever Inclusion Fair, we'll have stations set up throughout the building showcasing different organizations and adaptive devices. Discover resources for yourself, your family, and friends. All ages welcome.

**Local Author Fair**  
Sunday, August 13  
2 PM  
Meet local authors and purchase signed books, then enjoy local treats

while you listen to the authors read excerpts from their books. Authors in attendance include Liz Ferro (*Finish Line Feeling*), Angie Hockman (*Shipped*), Otto Borsich (*A Chef is Born*), Kate Norris (*When You and I Collide*), and Emilia Rosa (*Finding Cristina*). Registration required.





## 2023 LORAIN LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

Parking lot is located at 301 Lakeside Ave. Lorain, OH 44052

Tours of the Lorain Lighthouse are available during the summer months departing by boat from Dock "A" (Transit Dock) at the Oasis Marina at Port Lorain, north of the Erie Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

The Lighthouse is NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE and high heels are not recommended.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE TOUR BOAT.

Tickets for the boat ride and tour are \$20.00 for adults and children of all ages.

You may also make reservations for the Lighthouse Tours by calling 440-752-8955. Reservations have priority over walk-ins.

Proceeds go to the Lighthouse restoration and

maintenance. Financial support is always needed, and all donations are welcome.

Each boat will depart Dock A every 45 minutes as follows:

### JUNE

Saturday June 10 & Saturday June 17

11:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1:00 pm and 1:45 pm

### JULY

Saturday July 1, Saturday July 8, & Saturday, July 22

11:30 am, 12:15 pm, 1:00 pm and 1:45 pm

Wednesday, July 12 evening tours:

5:15 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:45 pm, & 7:30 pm

**Tours are also scheduled for August 6, 9, 19 & 26 and September 9 & 16**



## What is Main Street Vermilion?

Main Street Vermilion is a 501c3 non-profit organization governed by Heritage Ohio and Main Street America.

Through our work and programs such as Vermilion in Bloom, Vermilion Arts Guild and Public Art Vermilion, we 'add the extras' to our Historic Downtown by prioritizing Community Collaboration, Design and Preservation, Small Town Promotions and Economic Development.

We often say that they aren't building New, Historic Downtowns and we are dedicated to ours in Vermilion.

*How can you support our work?*

Become a Partner

Purchase MSV Merchandise

Volunteer your time & talents

Attend one of our many events

**All the information about MSV can be found on [www.mainstreetvermilion.org](http://www.mainstreetvermilion.org)**



## DINNER AT THE LORAIN LIGHTHOUSE

The 2023 Lorain Lighthouse Sunset Wine Dinners will start on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, and continue every Tuesday through September 12, 2023, except for July 4th (weather permitting for all). This is a fantastic way to celebrate a special occasion and catch one of Ohio's most beautiful sunsets. The evening includes a boat ride at the Oasis Marina at Port Lorain, north of the Erie Steak and Seafood Restaurant to and from the lighthouse and a brief guided tour of the lighthouse.

The Lighthouse is NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE and high heels are not recommended.

The dinner, including a wine paired with each course (or your choice of beer, soft drinks, or water) is catered by Erie Steak and Seafood Restaurant. The cost per person is \$150 (includes tip).

*Make reservations for the Sunset Dinners by calling 440-752-8955.*

*There is a limited number of 18 reservations available for each dinner.*

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF LORAIN COUNTY OFFERS

### FREE 2023 SUMMER THEATER, SPORTS AND STEAM CAMPS

Make this summer a time of fun, adventure, and discovery for your child or young teen by enrolling them in free, high-quality summer camps sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County and made possible through the generous funding of the Stocker Foundation and Lorain County Job and Family Services and the Lorain County Commissioners. Each camp is designed to bring out your child's best, building on their interests in theater, sports, or STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math – plus reading!)

All camps, regardless of their themes, are packed with project-based learning and a hands-on approach to help prevent summer learning loss; field trips to build their sense of adven-

ture; and fun opportunities to enjoy the company of other campers and grow and display their talents. Plus, youth will be provided a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack. Positive youth development including social and emotional learning activities will be emphasized. Moreover – this is NOT LIKE SCHOOL! The days are designed to be FUN, with opportunities to get outside and enjoy the summer weather.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide these very high-quality free camp opportunities to Lorain County children and youth," said BBBSLC President and CEO Holly Brinda. "These camps are designed to be fun, educational, and healthy alternatives to keep our kids engaged and learning this summer!"

Camp participants will be in good hands, with BBBSLC degreed child professionals and our summer staff that includes working and retired certified teachers and college students studying to be social workers and educators. Camp locations include BBBSLC headquarters in Lorain, West Park Recreation Center in Elyria, and Workshop Players Theatre in Amherst – in addition to a variety of field trip locations. All camps begin at 9:00am and run through 3:00pm, with before care and after care, and transportation, available upon request.

**STEAM Camp** is offered in eight one-week sessions from 9:00am – 3:00pm beginning June 12 and ending August 11 – with no camp the week of July 3 – 7. The camp is open to children

and youth ages 6 – 15.

**Theater Camp** begins June 12 and runs through July 14, with no camp the week of July 3 – 7. The camp is open to children and youth ages 8 – 15.

**Sports Camp** is offered in four one-week sessions and runs from July 17 – August 11, with no camp the week of July 3 – 7. The camp is open to children and youth ages 8 – 15.

Parents and guardians may register their children for up to two sessions of Sports Camp and two sessions of STEAM camp. For more detailed information about the camps and to pre-register, please visit the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County website at [www.bigloraincounty.org](http://www.bigloraincounty.org) or call (440) 277-6541. Registration is limited so please act now.

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## Summer Fun Is Back At Crocker Park

Make 2023 a Summer of fun at Crocker Park featuring exciting events, awesome attractions and the shopping and dining that keeps you coming back. Activities will kick off Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend and there is something for everyone to experience.

"Summertime at Crocker Park is always a lot of fun. We are thrilled to kick off the season with a full line up of fun, family programs and activities running all season long here," said Stacie Schmidt, Vice President of Marketing & Communications for Stark Enterprises. "We are especially excited for the return of our 3rd annual Crocker Block Party and Crocker Bark 5K on June 11, bringing a free, community party to Main Street featuring Westlake Police and Fire vehicles for the whole family to explore. It's all happening here - All Summer long!"

### WEEKLY EVENT LISTING:

- North Union Farmers Market presented by Westland Heating, Air Conditioning and Plumbing
- Saturdays 9am-1pm in the Fidelity Parking Lot at the corner of Detroit and Crocker Roads
- Stroller Strides Workout Classes provided by Fit4Mom Avon-Westlake
- Monday and Wednesday 9:30am-10:30am at Market Square at Crocker Park
- Crocker Kids with Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine

- Tuesday, May 9, June 6, July 11, August 8, 11am-1pm in West Park between Apple and Whimsy Willow
- Express Train sponsored by Birchwood School of Hawken
- Wednesday-Saturday 12pm-8pm & Sunday 12pm-6pm, beginning May 26
- Pick up location in front of Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- Splash Pad sponsored by Lake Ridge Academy
- Play time starts at 10am along with a nightly light show on Monday-Saturday 7pm-9pm opening May 26
- Music in the Park sponsored by Roche Wealth Management of Raymond James
- Friday & Saturday 6:30pm-8:30pm & Sunday 4pm-6pm, beginning May 26 in East Park between Cheesecake Factory and Wild Mango
- Movies in the Park sponsored by Birchwood Schools of Hawken
- Thursday evenings at dusk, beginning June 1 on the lawn by Market Square at Crocker Park
- Photo Opportunities sponsored by Hyatt Place Hotel and Horizon ATA
- Located at various locations throughout the property.
- Yoga in the Park hosted by Hope Yoga
- Wednesdays, May 31-September 27 on the lawn by Market Square
- Summer Lounge Furniture & Fire Place sponsored by Budget Heating

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## ROCKIN ON THE RIVER

2023 CONCERT SCHEDULE

GATES open at 5:30pm • SHOWS 6 - 11 PM

421 Black River Ln. Lorain, OH 44052

ALL SHOWS \$7 at the gate unless otherwise noted.

- Fri. May 26** King's Highway, Tom Petty Tribute with Invincible, Pat Benatar Tribute
- Fri. June 2** Disco Inferno with 1988, Tribute to 80's Rock
- Fri. June 9** Hotel California, The Original Eagles Tribute with My Drunk'n Uncle
- Fri. June 16** Garth Brooks & Shania Twain Tributes w/ Country Honk 70's 90's Country Rock
- SAT. June 17** E5C4P3, The Journey Tribute with Best of Times, A Tribute to Styx
- Fri. June 30** 24K Magic Bruno Mars Tribute with Monica Robins & the Whiskey Kings
- Fri. July 7** Dirty Deeds, Xtreme AC/DC with Back & Forth Foo Fighters Tribute
- SAT. July 8** Wish You Were Here, The Sight & Sound of Pink Floyd with Colin Dussault's Blues Project.  
TICKETS \$15 Advance / \$20 Day of Show
- Fri. July 14** Face 2 Face, Tribute to Elton John & Billy Joel w/ Zoo Station, Tribute to U2
- Fri. July 28** Queen Nation, a Tribute to Queen with Black River
- SAT. July 29** Bee Gees Gold, Bee Gees Tribute with Dancing Queen, An ABBA Salute and Special Guest, The Michael Weber Show TICKETS \$15 Advance / \$20 Day of Show
- Fri. Aug 4** Forever Seger, the Silver Bullet Experience with Moving in Stereo, Cars Tribute
- Fri. Aug 11** Double Vision, The Foreigner Experience with FM Project, Steely Dan Tribute
- Fri. Aug 18** Atomic Punks, Van Halen Tribute with Motley Inc., Motley Crue Tribute
- SAT. Aug 19** Who's Bad, Michael Jackson Experience with Shout! R&B, Motown, Rock, Pop, Funk & more - 60's to today
- Fri. Aug 25** Zoso, Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience with House Party, J Geils Tribute
- Fri. Sept 1** Fleetwood Gold, Fleetwood Mac Tribute with Harvest, Neil Young Tribute
- Fri. Sept 8** Revival, Music of the Allman Brothers w/ Freebird, Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute
- Fri. Sept 15** The Four Horsemen, Metallica Tribute with Billy Morris & The Sunset Strip

For more info [www.rockinontheriver.com](http://www.rockinontheriver.com)

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& Air Conditioning

- Take a load off and enjoy the ambiance at Crocker Park; Lounge furniture throughout property; Fire Place near Kiosks in East Park

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Hello Kitty Café Truck: Saturday, May 27, 9am-8pm
- Block Party & Crocker Bark 5K: Sunday June 11, 9:30am-3pm
- CLE Barbers Exhibition: Sunday July 16-17
- Red Cross Blood Drive at Market Square: Tuesday, July 18, 10-5pm
- Summer Handmade Market, Saturday, August 5, 11-6pm
- Back to School Sidewalk Sale, August 18-20
- Crocker Park Wine Festival: Friday, September 15, 4pm-10pm & Saturday, September 16, 2pm-10pm

For more information on all of Crocker Park's events, visit <https://crocker-park.com/play#summer> and be sure to follow @CrockerPark on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

# FIREFISH

## FIRE IN THE SKY 2023

### TRANSCENDING DARK AND LIGHT

#### Workshops for Youth & Families

##### "Art in the Park"

Wednesdays, 11 am - 2 pm  
 June 14th, Oakwood Park  
 June 21st, Johnnie Wilson Park  
 June 28th, Sargent Sam Felton Park  
 July 12th, Lakeview Park  
 July 19th, G Street Park  
 August 9th, Pawlawk Park

##### Lantern Making

The Lorain Public Library  
 Main Branch  
 Thursdays, June 22nd, July 13th,  
 & Saturday, August 5th, 1 pm  
 The Little Library at Lakeview Park  
 Tuesdays, June 20th, June 27th,  
 July 11th, & July 18th, 3 - 5 pm  
 Lakeview Beach  
 June 16th & July 15th, 2 - 4 pm

##### FireFish Festival

Downtown Lorain  
 Saturday, September 16, 2023  
 Fire In the Sky: Transcending  
 Dark & Light  
 NEW THIS YEAR! A youth,  
 community, & artist-created  
 Lantern Parade!



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#### Workshops for Artists & Makers

##### "Maker Mondays"

Lorain Public Library, Main Branch  
 Maker Space June 12th, July 17th,  
 & August 18th, 5:30-7:30 pm

##### Art Maker on the Move!

Workshops for Artists & Makers  
 August 2023

##### Festival Art Making Workshops

September 5th - 14th, 2023

#### Events for the Community

##### Fire It Up! Alley Party @ The Alley Project

Main Street Lorain's "First Fridays"  
 Downtown Lorain  
 June 2nd, July 7th, Aug 4th &  
 Sept 1st (FireFish Festival Preview Night)

##### The Alley Project

Broadway's Back Door  
 An art & event destination  
 between 5th & 6th street in  
 Lorain featuring murals and  
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### DEPARTURE LOCATION:

Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain Dock A  
310 Lakeside Avenue, Lorain, Ohio

Visit: [www.lorainport.com/rivernatureandmore/](http://www.lorainport.com/rivernatureandmore/)  
for full schedule & details

### RIVER NATURE TOURS

Cruise the shores of the beautiful Black River on an all-inclusive tour of Lorain's waterfront areas. This two-hour trip includes a tour of the river, harbor, and a pass by the historic Lorain Lighthouse. Learn about the wildlife that lives in the area, and maybe even catch a glimpse of a bald eagle, while listening to a narration provided by the captain! Cost: \$20  
Sunday, May 28 - 5pm  
Wednesday, May 31 - 5pm  
Thursday, June 1 - 5pm  
Sunday, June 11 - 5pm  
Wednesday, June 14 - 5pm  
Thursday, June 15 - 5pm

### KIDS RIVER CRUISES

Learn about Lorain's waterfront with your little one(s) while on this kid-centric river tour! The route and information mirror our River Nature Tour but is more kid-friendly featuring a round of eye-spy, bubbles to keep and a coloring page to take home. Cost: \$20 Tuesdays June 27, July 11 & 25 at 3:30pm

### HISTORY EXCURSION

Brush up on Lorain's past and learn the importance the waterways played in the development of the International City. This history tour is narrated by a Lorain Historical Society member and cruises past the Lorain Lighthouse and other landmarks along the Black River. Imagine what life was like in the early days of Lorain while passing the sites of industrial giants, American Shipbuilding and United States Steel, and witness the rebirth of wildlife preserves on the Black River. 2 hours Cost: \$20 Fridays and Sundays at 2pm. June 2, June 4, June 16, June 18, July 7.

### WALKIN ON WEDNESDAY 2023 AMHERST, OH

June 7, July 12, August 9 & September 13 • 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Come to historic downtown Amherst the second Wednesday of each month (June-September) from 4pm to 7:30pm and enjoy free, family-friendly entertainment while strolling the streets of the Historic District. There will be a Farmer's Market and a car show. Shops will remain open for your convenience.



### OHIO STATE FAIR

July 26 - August 6

717 East 17th Street, Columbus, Ohio

### CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIR

August 8 - 13

19201 East Bagley Rd, Middleburg Heights, Ohio

### ERIE COUNTY FAIR

August 8 - 13

3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, Ohio

### HURON COUNTY FAIR

August 14 - 19

940 Fair Road, Norwalk, Ohio

### LORAIN COUNTY FAIR

August 20 - 27

23000 Fairgrounds Road, Wellington, Ohio

### MEDINA COUNTY FAIR

July 31 - August 6

720 W. Smith Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256

## VERMILION'S DRIFTWOOD ART CONTEST



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SATURDAY, JULY 8

10AM - 3PM

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## Lorain County Metro Parks 2023 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

June - September FREE

Every summer season, the Lorain County Metro Parks' offers unique outdoor music experiences that cannot be found anywhere else! Visit the parks for a truly unique experience of basking in nature while enjoying some lively tunes! The full summer concert series schedule is listed below:

### MUSIC ON THE PATIO Miller Nature Preserve

2739 Center Road, Avon, Ohio 44011

All concerts on Thursdays evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a FREE outdoor concert from the patio or among the gardens on select Thursday evenings, 6:30-8 pm, June through August. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, courtesy of the Orchid Café.

Concerts are held rain (indoors) or shine (outdoors, preferred). Seating and parking are limited - so consider bringing a chair and carpooling with friends!

**June 15:** The Humfuckers

**June 29:** Scotty Kosmic and the Cool Cats

**July 13:** Furious George Hartwig

**July 27:** Hip to That

**Aug 10:** Front Porch Jammin

**Aug 24:** The Four Dad's Entertainment

*We'll see you on the patio!*

### LAKEVIEW SUNSET CONCERTS

1800 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052

All concerts on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

**July 7:** Wish Garden, Indie Rock

**July 14:** The RPJ Project ,70's Rock

**July 21:** Red Idle Rejects, Rock and Roll

**July 28:** Bethany Joy, Indie Soul/Jazz

### MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

Lakeview Park

1800 West Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052

Concerts on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

**August 6:** Chloe and the Steel Strings, Americana



**Sept 17:** TBD Check the website

### VERMILION RIVER RESERVATION

#### Summer Concert Series

#### Bacon Woods Amphitheatre

51211 North Ridge Road, Vermilion, OH 44089

All concerts on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

**June 11:** Backstreet Blues Band quartet

**June 18:** The Thor Platter Trio

**June 25:** Follow the Sun High-Energy 6-Piece Band

**July 2:** The New Barleycorn

**July 9:** Tim Blake & Michele

**July 16:** Summer of '65

**July 23:** Greg Moore & Friends

**July 30:** Zero to Sixty

**August 6:** Jesse Jukebox Special Children's Afternoon Concert \*Special Time: 4:00-5:00 pm

**August 13:** The RayBans



## VERMILION MARKET IN THE PARK

The 2023 Market in the Park every Saturday, (July 1 - August 26) in Victory Park from 10AM to 2PM. Every week features new vendors and new products to keep you coming back all summer. There's plenty of free parking next to and near the Market.

### WEEKLY SPECIAL EVENTS

Each Market in the Park features a special event, from music to crafts, dogs to exhibits.

**July 1:** Ritter Public Library Make it & Take It Kids Craft

**July 8:** All Washed Up & dig it up - Driftwood Art Competition, exhibit & kids dig for pirate treasure  
Touch a Truck 10 am - 1 pm

**July 15:** Vettevilion, Corvette Show

**July 22:** Northern Ohio Writers Guild - Meet the Authors

**July 29:** TBA

**Aug 5:** Chalk It Up

**Aug 12:** Lions Club Corn Roast

**Aug 19:** Canine Companions for Independence  
Lions Club Corn Roast

**Aug 26:** Free Treats courtesy of Kingston Residence of Vermilion



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## Lorain International Festival 2023



### Elyria Parks & Recreation Department 2023 Summer Music Concerts

Ely Square Park 400 Broad Street  
Elyria, Ohio

Every Thursday 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Food Trucks will be on sight.

**June 1:** MIKE GREGA

**June 8:** HIP TO THAT

**June 15:** GUY DENILLO

**June 22:** FIGURE "8"

**June 29:** BAKER'S BASEMENT

**July 6:** 732 ELECTRIC DUO

**July 13:** THE STAATS BROTHERS  
BAND

**July 20:** RHYTHM SYNDICATE

**July 27:** FRANKIE & FRIEND

#### Sacred Music

Join us in song as we kick-off festival week with our beloved tradition of sharing music with our community.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

St. Peter's Church

3655 Oberlin Ave.

Lorain, OH 44053

Free admission

#### Lorain International Breakfast

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

German's Villa

3330 Liberty Ave.,

Vermillion, OH 44089

#### Princess Pageant

Thursday, June 22, 2023

Lorain High School Auditorium

2600 Ashland Ave,

Lorain, OH 44053

#### Lorain International Festival and Bazaar

Friday June 23 - Sunday June 25

421 Black River Ln. Lorain, OH 44052

Admission is \$3/person at North and  
South Gate.

No pets, (including dogs) permitted  
on festival grounds.

#### PARKING

Parking can be found along Broadway  
Ave. and around the festival site.

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND WRISTBANDS

Wristbands will be provided for the

21+ Beer Tent near the North Side of  
the Festival.

#### SECURITY

City of Lorain police officers will pro-  
vide security for the event.

Sunday, June 26, 2022

Lorain International Parade

Downtown Lorain



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# July 4<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION TIME

## 2023 Independence Day Celebrations

Be sure to check out The Morning Journal, June 29th for updated listings.

### ELYRIA June 30

Fireworks Display  
West Park, 1200 Foster Ave., Elyria

### LORAIN July 4

Every year the Lorain Port and Finance Authority sponsors a magnificent Independence Day Fireworks Display for the residents and visitors of the City of Lorain to enjoy. The display is launched from the Mile-Long Pier, 301 Lakeside Avenue, on Lorain's East Side and begins whenever the sun completely sets. (This is usually around 10 p.m.)

### NORTH RIDGEVILLE July 3

The Freedom Festival and Fireworks will be held at Victory Park Ohio, 7777 Victory Lane, North Ridgeville on Monday, July 3, 2023.

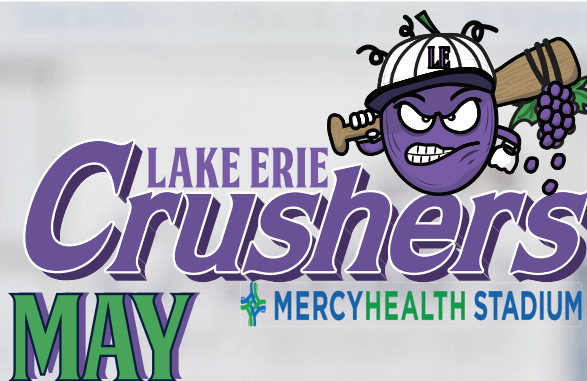
Gates open at 4 PM with activities, entertainment, food and beverages, and fireworks at approximately 10 PM. Tickets are per vehicle and can be purchased online in advance only by visiting [www.victoryparkohio.com](http://www.victoryparkohio.com).

### WELLINGTON July 3 & 4

Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration in the Park - two days of celebrating patriotism and the birthday of our nation.

Kid's activities, a parade, a band concert and an ice cream social and, of course, fireworks at the fairgrounds.

# 2023 GAME SCHEDULE



PRESENTED BY: Akron Children's Hospital

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 2:05 FLO	5	6 7:05 WSH
7	8	9	10	11	12 7:05 QC	13 6:05 QC
14 2:05 QC	15	16 11:05 ESG	17 11:05 ESG	18 11:05 ESG	19 7:05 FLO	20 6:05 FLO
21 2:05 FLO	22	23 3R	24 3R	25 3R	26 SC	27 SC
28 SC	29	30 6:35 GAT	31 1:05 GAT	<h1>JUNE</h1>		

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				1 6:35 GAT	2 WSH	3 WSH
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11 2:05 WC	12	13 TRI	14 TRI	15 TRI	16 NY	17 NY
18 NY	19	20 7:05 SCH	21 7:05 SCH	22 7:05 SCH	23 7:05 JOL	24 6:05 JOL
25 2:05 JOL	26	27 NJ	28 NJ	29 NJ	30 7:05 NY	

WEST		EAST	
EVN	EVANSVILLE OTTERS	ESG	EMPIRE STATE GREYS
FLO	FLORENCE Y'ALLS	NJ	NEW JERSEY JACKALS
GAT	GATEWAY GRIZZLIES	NY	NEW YORK BOULDERS
JOL	JOLIET SLAMMERS	OTT	OTTAWA TITANS
LE	LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS	QC	QUEBEC CAPITALES
SCH	SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS	SC	SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS
WSH	WASHINGTON WILD THINGS	TRI	TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS
WC	WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS	3R	TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES

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						1 6:05 NY
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30 2:05 TRI	31	<h1>AUGUST</h1>				

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		1 WC	2 WC	3 WC	4 JOL	5 JOL
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13 FLO	14	15 7:05 SCH	16 7:05 SCH	17 7:05 SCH	18 7:05 GAT	19 6:05 GAT
20 2:05 GAT	21	22 FLO	23 FLO	24 FLO	25 7:05 WSH	26 6:05 WSH
27 2:05 WSH	28	29 WC	30 WC	31 WC		

<h1>SEPTEMBER</h1>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 GAT	2 GAT
3 GAT						

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