

Lorain Port Press

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Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Although our stage top hibernates during the winter months, our staff and board of directors remain active planning projects, fostering partnerships, coordinating site rentals and maintenance, and providing information about the variety of **financing programs** we offer. As we gear up for busy spring and summer in Lorain, take a look at some of what is planned so far at Black River Landing!

Upcoming Activities & Events

Stage Top to Reemerge

It won't be long before the iconic stage top at Black River Landing (BRL) reemerges for the spring/summer season. We expect to have the stage top reinstalled sometime between late April and early May, depending on when the weather breaks. Although we love our eye-catching canopy, the reality is it is nearing the end of its useful life and we've already started to plan for the future. Be on the lookout for more information about our permanent stage top and sponsorship opportunities!



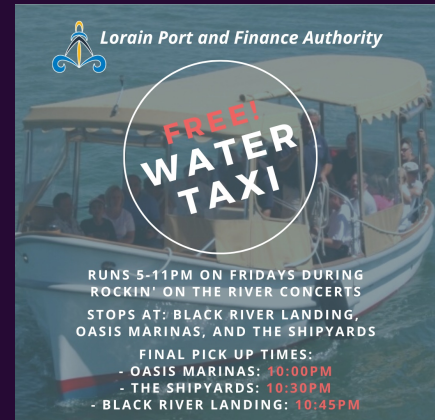
Rockin' on the River

Rockin' on the River will make its return to BRL on Friday, May 27! Memorial Day Weekend might seem far off, but the release of the concert schedule is not! Concert Promoters Bob and Sandy Earley usually announce the weekly summer line-up sometime in March.



Water Taxi

With the return of Rockin' on the River also brings the return of our Water Taxi! You can pick up our 18-passenger shuttle boat at either BRL, Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain or The Shipyards for a free ride between locations during the concert from 5-11 p.m. The Water Taxi will also be available during other events such as BrewFest Waterfront District.



Black River Shuttle Boat Tours

Starting in June, we'll once again be offering our Black River Shuttle Boat Tours, including the History Excursion in conjunction with the [Lorain Historical Society](#). Learn about the city from a different perspective as you pass by landmarks such as the steel mill and the Great Blue Heron Rookery. Tickets will be available for purchase through our [website](#) in the near future.



Lighthouse Tours & Dinners

Also starting back up in the month of June will be the [Lighthouse Tours and Sunset Wine Dinners](#) at the Historic Lorain Lighthouse. The tours and dinners are coordinated by the [Lorain Lighthouse Foundation](#). Click the link above for the 2022 schedule and to purchase tickets.



Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain

Are you in need of a slip to store your boat this upcoming season? Look no further than **Oasis Marinas at Port Lorain**! Transient slips as well as annual/seasonal dockage is available. Amenities include restroom/shower facilities, full-range Wi-Fi, laundry, pump-out, an on-site restaurant (**Erie Steak & Seafood**) and more. Click **HERE** to cook today.



Jet Express

We are SO excited to announce the **Jet Express** will be back in Lorain for a variety of trips this year! Although dependent on weather and lake conditions, we expect the Jet to offer a number of trips, such as a Brew Cruise, a trip or two to Put-in-Bay and the Boat to the Browns for the Cleveland Browns games. Stay tuned for the release of the schedule.



Lorain International Festival

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Lorain International Association is bringing the **Lorain International Festival and Bazaar** back to BRL this June! The three-day event will begin Friday, June 24 and continue through Sunday, June 26. Planning is underway for the event known for its wide variety of cultural cuisine options and entertainment. To get involved, email Chris Rewak at rewakcp@rewaklaw.com or Ben Maniaci at sublime130@live.com. Today (Feb. 28) is the last day to **apply** for the princess pageant!



Independence Day Fireworks Display

The 2022 Lorain Independence Day Fireworks Display will be on Monday, July 4. Launched from the Mile-Long Pier on the city's east side, the display begins around 10 p.m. or whenever the sun completely sets. Some tried and true locations to watch the show include Lakeside Landing, Riverside Park, Lakeview Beach and BRL.



The Summer Market

For the third year in a row, **The Summer Market** will be at BRL this July! On Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23, the unique outdoor shopping experience will fill the festival site with more than 100 vendors offering everything from furniture to architectural salvage to vintage finds, art & jewelry, coastal decor, fresh produce and more! This event serves as a fundraiser for the non-profit **Girls Give Back**, who uses the proceeds to help local families and organizations in need.



BrewFest WD

The craft beverage festival known as **BrewFest Waterfront District** will be back at BRL on Saturday, August 13! Enjoy a wide variety of craft beverages from local and regional breweries, wineries, cideries and meaderies, as well as food trucks, games and live music. More information on this year's festival will be available soon.



Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival

The **Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival** will take place at BRL on Sunday, September 18! Featuring dragon boat races, food trucks, vendors and a DJ, the **Cleveland Dragon Boat Association** aims to offer a fun day for all ages. Practice at Merwin's Wharf in Cleveland will begin in May. Follow the association's **Facebook page**, or email cdbainc@gmail.com for more information.

A flyer for the 2022 Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival. At the top, it says "The 2022 Cleveland Dragon Festival is Sunday, September 18" next to a logo of a dragon's head. Below that, it says "Join us for a day of dragon boating, competition and fun as we hold the Cleveland Dragon Boat Festival on the Black river in Lorain, Ohio!". There is a small photo of a dragon boat on the water. To the right of the photo, it says "We'll have a local DJ playing music with food trucks and vendors to enhance the race day experience." Below the photo, it says "Be there early to catch the legendary 'Awakening of the Dragon' ceremony! Registration 8am - races start at 9am". At the bottom, it gives the address: "Black River Landing, 421 Black River Lane, Lorain, OH 44052" and includes a small map showing the location.

Roads, Rails 'N Sales

The **Lorain Caboose Committee** will once again host its **Roads, Rails N' Sales** fundraiser event at BRL on Saturday, September 24. This event

features a flea market and a car, truck and motorcycle show, along with food trucks, raffles and a 50/50 drawing. All of the proceeds go toward the continuing restoration of Lorain's Caboose C-3855.



Past & Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings

February 2022

The Lorain Port and Finance Authority Board of Directors most recently met on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, for their regularly scheduled board meeting. Topics of discussion included the 2021 annual financial report, the reinstallation of the stage top, and the 2021 Strategic Plan Annual Report, among others.

March 2022

The next board of directors meeting is set for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the LPFA Office, 319 Black River Lane, in Lorain. Meetings are free and open to the public. To view prior meeting agendas and minutes, click [HERE](#).



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