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COAST GUARD FESTIVITIES (July 28-August 6)

Area Events

Cardboard Boat Race Competition

Saturday, July 29 | 1:30pm

1 N. Harbor Dr. | Waterfront Stadium | Grand Haven

Watch teams with their creatively designed cardboard boats as they race for the grand prize in this fun event.



Parade of Ships

Monday, July 31 | 1pm (Approx.)

Escanaba Park, 673 S. Harbor Dr., | Grand Haven

Welcome the USCGC MACKINAW, USCGC BRISTOL BAY and USCGC KATMAI BAY as they sail into the port of Grand Haven. Free ship tours throughout the week.

Brena Street Dance

Tuesday, August 1 | 8:30-10:30pm

Washington Ave. between 3rd & 4th St. | Grand Haven

Enjoy 80s & 90s, and NOW hits performed by popular cover band, Brena.

Carnival

Tuesday, August 1-5

Harbourfront, Covenant Life & Chinook Pier parking lot | Grand Haven

With over two dozen carnival rides, family-friendly games, and food concessions there is something for the whole family.

Coast Guard Craft Fair

Friday, August 4 & Saturday, August 5 | 9am - 5pm

Washington Ave. & 5th St. | Central Park | Grand Haven

Gather your friends and plan to attend the beloved craft fair which features over 170 artists displaying their creations throughout Central Park.

Grand Parade

Saturday, August 5 | 11:45am

Washington Ave., Grand Haven

See more than 100 entries salute the men & women of the USCG.

Coast Guard Firework Extravaganza

Saturday, August 5 | Dark

1 N. Harbor Dr. | Waterfront Stadium | Grand Haven

The spectacular fireworks show, accompanied by the musical fountain, begins at dark & is viewable from the waterfront.

*For full listing of Coast Guard events go to: tickets.coastguardfest.org

Coopersville Car Show

Friday, August 11 | 4pm - 12am

Main St. | Coopersville

[Website](https://www.coopersvillecarshow.com) | (616) 916-2760

Experience the Rotary Club of Coopersville's annual Car Show. One of the largest linear car shows in West Michigan.

Coopersville Summerfest

Saturday, August 12 | 7am - 5pm

Main St. | Coopersville

[Website](https://www.coopersvillesummerfest.com) | (616) 916-2760

Pancake breakfast, arts and crafts show, entertainment and much more!

Grand Haven Beach Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, August 12 & Sunday, August 13 | 8am - 5pm

1001 S. Harbor Dr. | Grand Haven State Park

[Website](https://www.grandhavenbeachvolleyball.com)

Watch or sign up to participate in this annual beach volleyball tournament.

40th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest

Saturday, August 12 | 9am - 1pm

1149 S. Harbor Dr. | Grand Haven City Beach

[Website](https://www.grandhaven.org/sand-sculpture-contest) | (616) 842-4910

Watch or join in on this family-friendly contest and sculpt the sand into unique creations. All skill levels welcome. Registration required. All skill levels welcome. Registration required.

Art on the Riverfront

Saturday, August 19 | 10am - 5pm

101 N. Harbor Dr. | Chinook Pier | Grand Haven

[Website](https://www.grandhaven.org/art-on-the-riverfront) | (616) 842-4910

Attend this juried fine art fair located on the north end of the boardwalk where you can browse and purchase fine art.

Battle on the Boardwalk

Thursday, August 24 & Friday, August 25

1 N. Harbor Dr. | Waterfront Stadium | Grand Haven

[Website](https://www.grandhaven.org/battle-on-the-boardwalk)

Cheer on local high schools as they "battle" against each other in the 11th annual volleyball tournament on the boardwalk near the waterfront.

OTTAWA COUNTY PARKS EVENTS

Nature Education Center | 8115 West Olive Rd., West Olive [miottawa.org/parks](https://www.miottawa.org/parks) | (616) 786-4847

July 31-Aug 18

Storywalk: The Hike | Hemlock Crossing

Aug | 9:30-11:30pm

Astronomy | Public Observing at Observatory

Aug 5 | 10-11:30am

Intro to Nature Journaling | Hemlock Crossing

Aug 13 | 3-4:30pm

Wildlife Encounters | Grand River Park

Aug 6 | 9:30am-1:30pm

Paddle the Pigeon: Kayak Trip | Hemlock Crossings

Aug 20 | 1-4pm

Weaver House Open House | Pine Bend Park

Aug 12 | 10-11:30am

Nature Journaling Club | Kirk Park

Aug 27 | 3-4:30pm

Wildlife Encounters | Hemlock Crossing

Visitors Center New Location | 512 Washington Ave., Grand Haven

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Monday - Friday 9am-5pm | Closed Weekends & Holidays

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Note: Event dates & times are subject to change. Please call to confirm or to obtain event details.

For a complete calendar of events: VisitGrandHaven.com or call 616.842.4499

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

6:30-8:30pm **Praise By The Pier** | Live music and worship at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium.
1 N. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven | praisebythepier@gmail.com | [Facebook Page](#) | Free Admission

TUESDAYS

6-8:30pm **Jam Night** | Acoustic jams with the Homemade Jam Band! First and third Tuesday of every month.
375 Main St., Coopersville | info@coopersvillefarmmuseum.org | [Website](#) | Free Admission

6:30-9pm **Vinyl Night-Grand Armory Brewing** | Feel free to bring your own vinyl while DJ Donz spins all your favorite records.
17 S. 2nd St., Grand Haven | (616) 414-7822 | [Website](#)

7-8:30pm **Sounds of Summer Concerts** | Enjoy live concerts at Bolt Park during the Bolt Park Market.
Pennoyer & Beechtree St., Grand Haven | osu4536@gmail.com | [Facebook Page](#) | Free Admission

WEDNESDAYS

8am-1pm **Grand Haven Farmers Market** | Local farmers & merchants selling unique products, delicious goodies and fresh fruit & veggies at Chinook Pier.
301 N. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven | (616) 842-4910 | [Facebook Page](#)

4-6:30pm **Coopersville Farmers Market** | Locally grown and locally made food can be purchased in one place.
Randall St., Coopersville | (616) 997-1938 | [Website](#)

6:30-9pm **Music On The Grand** | Live music and dancing at Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium.
1 N. Harbor, Grand Haven | gracenotesgm@gmail.com | [Facebook Page](#) | Free Admission

6-8pm **Summer Time Fun Concerts*** | Live music and food trucks.
William Ferry Park, Ferrysburg | (616) 842-5803 | [Facebook Page](#) | Free Admission
Every third Wednesday

THURSDAYS

9am-2pm **Spring Lake Farmers Market** | Buy fresh, Michigan grown and/or produced foods directly from the growers.
312 Exchange St., Spring Lake | (616) 842-1393 | [Website](#) | Free Admission

6-9pm **Jazz at Sandy Point Beach House** | Enjoy live jazz from a variety of musicians every Thursday night at SPBH.
7175 Lakeshore Dr., West Olive | (616) 796-8210 | [Website](#) | Free Admission

SATURDAYS

8am-1pm **Grand Haven Farmers Market** | Local farmers & merchants selling unique products, delicious goodies and fresh fruit & veggies at Chinook Pier.
301 N. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven | (616) 842-4910 | [Facebook Page](#)

10:00am **Live! On the Lakeshore** | Bringing literature, art, and history to life with a series of live demonstrations.
407 Columbus Ave., Grand Haven | (616) 895-6912 | [Facebook Page](#)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Musical Fountain

The Musical Fountain is a 20-minute synchronized water and light show that begins every evening at dusk.

101 N. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven
www.ghfountain.org | (616) 935-3272

Beach Express Service

Park at one of the four locations and ride to the Grand Haven State Park or the City Beach for free.

Look for the blue Beach Express Flag!
harbortransit.org | (616) 842-3200

Midwest Miniatures Museum

Browse fine quality miniatures displayed for enthusiasts, curious visitors, and families.

20 S. 5th St., Grand Haven
midwestminiaturesmuseum.com | (616) 414-5809

Tri-Cities Historical Museum

Browse the Play Ball exhibit along with other permanent and rotating exhibits.

200 Washington Ave., Grand Haven
tri-citiesmuseum.org | (616) 842-0700

Lakeshore Trolley

The Lakeshore Trolley runs from the day after Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend. Ride either the Laker or the Buccaneer Loop for free.

harbortransit.org | (616) 842-3200

Grand Haven & Spring Lake Social District

Enjoy adult beverages from local establishments outside within the boundaries of the marked social district and common area.

downtowngh.com | springlakevillage.org

BEER, WINE & HARD CIDER TASTING

12 Corners Winery • Wine Tastings Daily
41 Washington Ave., Ste. 144, Grand Haven | 12corners.com | (616) 414-7070

Burzuk Brewing Company • Microbrewery
1442 Washington Ave., Grand Haven | burzukbrewing.com | (616) 414-7775

Coopersville Brewing Company • Microbrewery
1275 Randall St., Coopersville | coopersvillebrewing.com | (616) 384-3364

Farmhaus Cider Company • Cider Mill
5025 Stanton St., Hudsonville | farmhauscider.com | (616) 920-1867

J-Dub's • Market & Wine Shop
705 Washington Ave., Grand Haven | jdubsmarket.com | (616) 607-2600

Odd Side Ales • Microbrewery
41 Washington Ave., Grand Haven | oddsidaales.com | (616) 935-7326

Grand Armory Brewing Company • Microbrewery
17 S. 2nd St., Grand Haven | grandarmorybrewing.com | (616) 414-7822

Trail Point Brewing Company • Microbrewery
6035 Lake Michigan Dr., Allendale | trailpointbrewing.com | (616) 895-2739

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