



This Month's Highlight: GRand JazzFest

GRandJazzFest presented by DTE Energy Foundation is a free one-day event on Saturday, Aug. 18, from noon until 10 pm, featuring jazz artists with Michigan ties! Jazz guitarist Tim Bowman headlines GRandJazzFest. Additional acts include saxophonist Phil Denny, Grupo Ayé, Grand Rapids Jazz Orchestra, Walt Gutowski & The Bridge Street Band and The Steve Hilger Jazz Quintet. GRandJazzFest is being held at Rosa Parks Circle, a central location in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, where attendees can enjoy music, support local businesses and visit other Grand Rapids attractions. The music festival celebrates jazz's incredible range and diversity. The event is free, open to the public and family friendly! www.grandjazzfest.org

Miles for Hope

Come run or walk with us for the 2nd Annual Moving Towards a Cure for Brain Tumor Awareness on August 4th, at Comstock Riverside Park in honor of those who have lost their lives to this disease and who are currently battling. Event starts at 5 pm until 7 pm. Awards will be given. Please visit www.milesforhope.org for more information.

Summer Reading Program

Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program on Saturday, August 2, 2012, from 2 pm to 4 pm on Library Street in front of the library. WaZoBia and Little Nell's Family Flea Circus will be performing. Get your face painted by Grandma Turtle, listen to stories, dance to music, and be amazed by juggling. Admission is free for children 10 and under; and the event is open to the public.

Color Run

The annual Color Run is going down in Grand Rapids, Michigan on August 5th, 2012. The only question is "Are you ready for the craziest, colorful, 5K of your life?" You bet you are. Race it solo or form a "color team" of 4+ members. Teams will be running the 5K through downtown Grand Rapids and while running, volunteers will be "coloring" you as you pass by each 1K mark. All colors are 100% natural and safe. Wear your white t-shirt and we will meet you at the starting line at Calder Plaza. Please visit www.thecolorrun.com/grandrapids for more information.

August Events

- Q Elite Summer Distance - 1st-2nd
- New Teacher Orientation - 2nd
- Miles for Hope - 4th
- Summer Reading Program - 4th
- Color Run - 5th
- National Night Out - 7th
- 5/3rd NASCAR Showcase - 10th
- Grandwich - 11th
- ChurchDub - 12th
- Classic Car Night - 14th
- Pere Marquette's Master Your Fly Cast and Fly Tying - 16th -17th
- City Lights Music Festival - 17th-18th
- GRand JazzFest - 18th
- Festival of Roses - 18th-19th
- Steeple Fest - 18th
- Westside Reunion - 18th
- Oxford House Picnic - 18th
- Rock the Rapids - 20th-25th
- Open Air Service - 21st
- American Quilters Show - 22nd
- Green Gala - 23rd
- Polish Festival - 24th-26th
- Yassou Festival - 25th-26th
- 28th St. Metro Cruise - 25th



Master Your Fly Casting and Fly Tying

Master your Fly Casting and Fly Tying event is a free event to the public. Here at the Pere Marquette River Lodge, we felt that it was a great way to give back to the community by putting on free casting and fly tying demonstrations to the public. We will be having casting contests with a chance to win free hats and shirts, and we also will be raffling off two free half-day guide trips for those who sign up for our monthly newsletter. It would be a great time to take a break from the office work and get a group of co-workers together and come on down to have little casting contest between co-workers. Our event is during the day and located in Rosa Parks Circle from 11 am to 5:30 pm August 16th and 17th. So come down and see us.

City Lights Music Festival

City Lights Music Festival, Grand Rapids' largest electronic dance music (EDM) festival, will be held at Calder Plaza in downtown Grand Rapids on August 17 and 18. Expanding to a two-day festival with more stages, City Lights will feature local and global talent, including headliners Casey 3 pm Clark, Dano, Darude, DJ Jenna Brown, Flipside, Godfather, DJ Ikey, Kalendr, Kenneth Thomas, Louis Dee & Bam Bam, Milk & Cookies, Mixin Marc, Revolvr, and Scooter & Lavelle. Tickets are available now with prices ranging from \$10 for single-day general admission to \$35 for two-day VIP passes, and can be purchased through Showclix. For more information, visit www.citylightsmusicfestival.com.

Steeple Fest

Steeplefest 2012 will be held on Saturday, August 18th from 12-9 pm in the heart of the West Side at Stocking and Fifth Streets. Featured for the day are live bands (Blues, Contemporary, Rock) a chili cook-off, craft booths, beverage tent, and food from local restaurants. All proceeds to benefit programs at Steepletown Neighborhood Services. Please visit us at www.steepletowncenter.org.

Green Gala

The Green Gala, held on August 23, 2012, is Friends of Grand Rapids Parks' annual fundraiser to support our ongoing mission to protect, enhance and expand parks and public spaces in the City. The gala is held at Plante & Moran/Christman Bldg and Fishladder Park at 7 pm. Ticket price is \$75.00. Visit www.green-gala.com and www.friendsofgrparks.org for additional information. Guests will be treated to our free signature cocktail, and an amazing locally sourced food. An assortment of Michigan beers, wines, and mixed drinks will be available at the cash bar. Guests will have the opportunity to win some amazing prize packages, capture the event at our interactive photo booth, and be entertained by the THE HOUNDS BELOW.

August Events (cont.)

- Cattle Barrons Ball - 25th
- Traffic Stop 5K - 25th
- Cornsacker Tournament - 25th
- Amway New Platinum Concert - 26th, 29th
- Eat. Pray. Run - 26th
- Waiter/Waitress Race - 26th

September Events

- Soul of the City - 1st
- Labor Fest - 3rd
- GFS Sales Conference - 5th
- Hispanic Festival - 7th-8th
- Celebration on the Grand - 7th-8th
- Grand Valley Pow Wow - 8th-9th
- GPNA Arts and Crafts Sale - 8th
- Ducky Dash - 8th
- Walk to Defeat ALS - 9th
- Mexican Festival - 14th-16th
- Walk to Cure Diabetes - 15th
- GR Bridge Run - 16th
- Cottage Bar Chili Cook-off - 15th
- Creston Car Show - 15th
- Dog Day in the Park - 15th
- Eastown St. Fair - 15th
- Hoptober Fest - 15th
- Pagan Pride Festival - 15th
- Grand Crossings - 15th
- ArtPrize - 17th- Oct 7th
- Food Allergy Walk - 22nd
- KrissCross Cyclocross - 22nd, 30th
- United Way/Steelcase 5K - 23rd
- Walk for Farm Animals - 23rd
- Beacon Hill/Eastgate N.A. 5K - 25th
- Grand River Regatta - 29th
- KOZ Softball Tournament - 29th
- Summer Urban Adventure Race: ArtPrize Edition - 29th
- Kids ArtFest - 30th



Rock the Rapids

This year's Rock the Rapids will be held from August 20th through 25th, downtown Grand Rapids in Area 4 Oakes St. (North); Bus. I31 entrance ramp to southbound I31 (East, closed during event); Cherry St. (South); and Grandville Ave. (West). Acts performing will include: Miranda Lambert, Shinedown, Godsmack, Staind, Papa Roach, Adelitas Way, Toby Keith, Evanescence, Chevelle, Cavo, New Medicine, Big Boi, B.o.B., and more! All acts start at 8 pm. Buy your tickets online at www.rocktherapids.org.

Dozynki Polish Festival

The Polish Heritage Society of Grand Rapids presents the annual Dozynki Polish Festival, a three day celebration held at Rosa Parks Circle from August 24th through 26th. The festival will feature cultural displays, traditional music and dance, food and beverage. Festivities start on Friday from 11 am.

Ritz Koney Fall Cornsacker Tournament

The 4th Annual Ritz Koney Fall Cornsacker Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 25th, 2012, on Ionia Street in front of Ritz Koney Bar and Grille. Check in time starts at 11 am. Tournament begins at 12:45 pm. There will be a DJ, cash prizes, and awards with an after party ceremony. Pre-registration is \$40 per team and \$50 for the day of.

Traffic Stop 5K

The Traffic Stop 5K will be held Saturday, August 25th, at Comstock Riverside Park. The purpose of this walk/run is to spread awareness about human trafficking, and all proceeds benefit Women At Risk, International. The race begins at 8:30 am, and more information can be found at our website us at www.traffickstop5k.com. Hope to see you there!

Eat. Pray. Run. 5K

All Saints Academy invites you to join us as we eat, pray, and run together at the 2nd annual ASA 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, August 26th, at Riverside Park in Grand Rapids. We will begin the morning with an outdoor mass at 9:30 am followed by the 5K Run and a 5K Walk. There will be a 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk for those interested in a shorter distance. A delicious picnic lunch and other family activities will round out the day. Online registration is available at www.signmeup.com/85648. To learn more please visit www.asagr.org or email asaeatprayrun@gmail.com.

Rosa Parks Circle Weekly Schedule

Mondays

What: Zumba

When: 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

Tuesdays

What: Swing Dancing

When: Tuesdays 7 pm to 10 pm

Wednesday

What: Free Blues on the Mall

When: 6 pm to 9:30 pm

Thursdays

What: Line Dancing

When: 7 pm to 10 pm

Friday

What: WERQ

When: 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm

What: GRAM on the Green

When: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

What: Ball Room Dancing

When: 8:30 pm to 10 pm

Farmers Market's Weekly Schedule

Spectrum Health

Where: 301 Bostwick Ave. NE

When: Tuesdays 11 a.m-4 p.m.

Healthy Street

Where: Maple St.

When: Thursdays 11 a.m-5 p.m.

Fulton Street

Where: 1147 E. Fulton St.

When: Saturdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

South East Area

Where: 2006 Jefferson SE

When: Saturdays 10 a.m-3 p.m.



Waiter/Waitress Race

The 25th Annual Waiter/Waitress Race will be held in front of the old 25 Kitchen on Ottawa between Fulton and Weston on August 26, 2012, from 12 pm to 5 pm. Local area restaurant staff members will compete in various contests with all funds being donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The event will include music, food, games beverages, and awards.

* Content has been provided by the event.

“Grand Crossings”

You don't have to go all the way to the Mackinac Bridge to join the annual Labor Day Bridge Walk.

Join your neighbors, invite your friends. Participants can walk as many as five miles, the equivalent of the Mackinac Bridge, and cross more than just one bridge.

The route is wheelchair accessible and appropriate for all fitness levels. No sign-up is necessary. Please make sure you are physically able to participate. Mayor George K. Heartwell will lead the walk.

Grand Crossings steps off Labor Day, Monday September 3, 2012, at 8 am, at Ah-Nab-Awen Park, near the corner of Pearl and Scribner, as part of the Active Michigan Summer initiative organized by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports.

For more information on events, visit our [website](#) or [facebook](#) page.