EAST CHICAGO life

YOUR LOCAL SOURCE FOR EAST CHICAGO NEWS AND EVENTS

"From lakefront water sports to outdoor festivals, East Chicago summers offer something for everyone"

When I watch our local clergy pray for safe harbor for our boaters and swimmers as they bless the waters of Lake Michigan on Memorial Day, I know it's time to welcome summer.

While the water isn't really warm enough for swimming until mid-July, there is plenty to do at the lakefront in the meantime – kayaking and paddle-boarding are among the new activities at Jeorse Park Beach.

We have become a haven for water-sports enthusiasts. Try one. Try them all. Invest a few dollars in lessons from the pros before your start. It's another way we try to keep residents and visitors safe every summer.



CHECK OUT THE LORAX ...

June is the perfect time to watch our newest tree artist bring The Lorax sculpture to life. This is our second year of commissioning artists to transform the trunks of dead trees into art we can all enjoy. It seems fitting to have the beloved Dr. Seuss character – who "speaks for the trees" – watching over ours.

PARDON OUR DUST ...

Summer in the city means road construction. Please, leave a few extra minutes on your commutes and excuse any inconvenience. Like you, I don't like delays. However, when it comes to repairing and replacing streets, we are fortunate to invest in our collective future. Street by street we are replacing infrastructure – some of which predates World War II – to keep our city moving forward.

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS ...

Over the next few weeks, our crews will finish a major initiative to plant flowers and greenery throughout our business districts. Summer is an incredibly short season packed with outdoor activities including a festival to suit every taste. Enjoy!

ANTHONY COPELAND
Mayor City of East Chicago

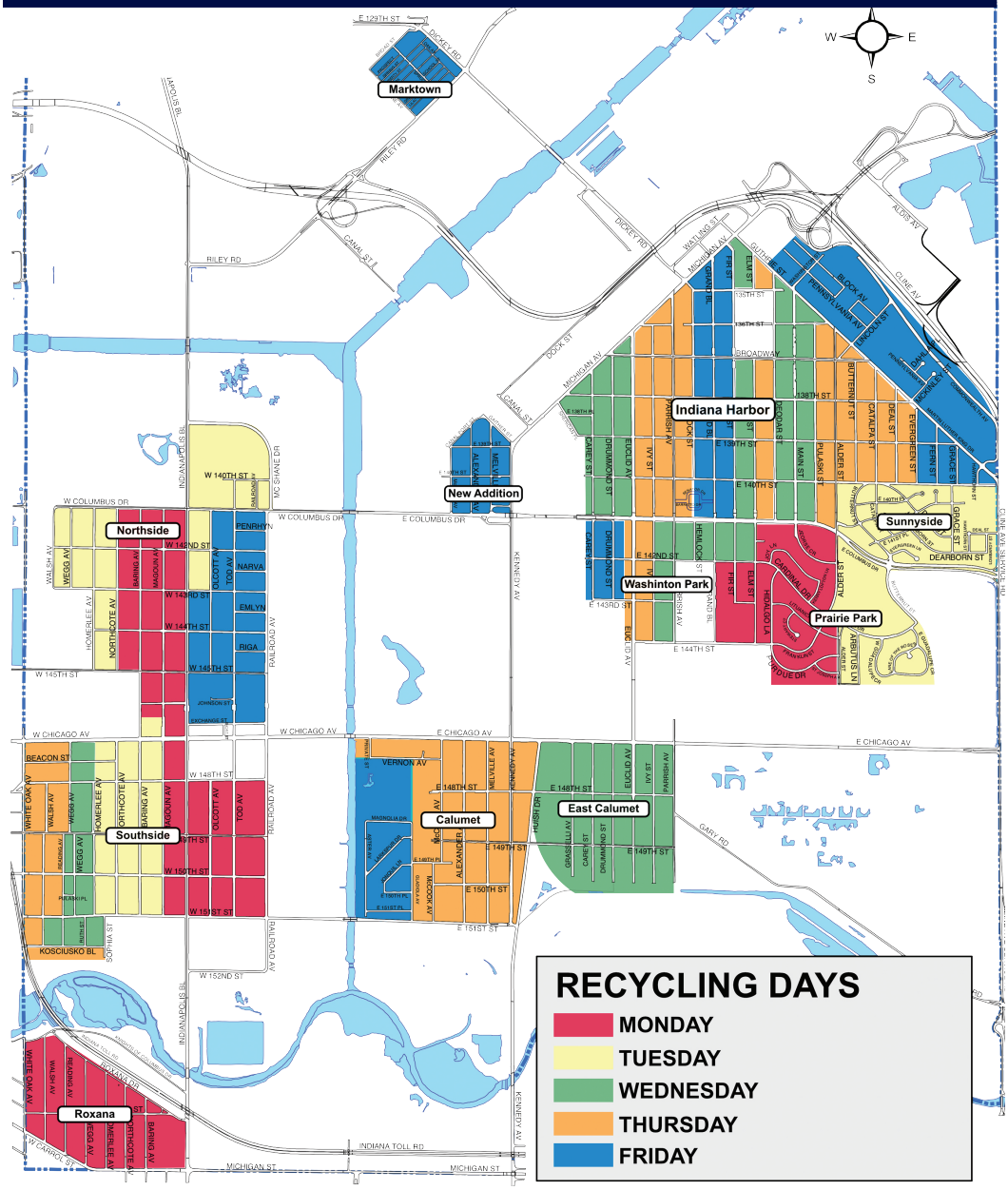
DIVE AGAINST DEBRIS ...

A cadre of scuba divers is set to converge at the East Chicago Marina in July to comb the lake bottom in search of foreign objects that could pose threats to underwater wildlife.

Divers organized as part of the city's first-ever Project Aware event will be working toward their Dive Against Debris certification. Scuba divers and other volunteers interested in participating, please stop by Scuba Emporium in Orland Park, Ill. or please call (708) 226-1614.

Spectators are welcome from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 14 at the marina.

EAST CHICAGO RECYCLING COLLECTION ROUTES



RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

When it comes to recycling and yard-waste participation, East Chicago residents are rockstars.

Public Works Director Keith Selvie said the city has been able to keep thousands of tons of material out of landfills because residents have embraced alternatives, like composting.

East Chicago is also one of the few communities in the region to offer weekly recycling.

"Our goal is to provide our residents the best solid waste services to continue improving our environment and quality of life," Selvie said.

"We want to keep these programs top-of-mind. They are good for our city and good for the earth."

QUESTIONS? Please call the East Chicago Public Works Department at (219) 391-8463.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Garbage and recycling containers are allowed on sidewalks and curbs only on collection days. They must be removed promptly afterward and remain on private property – never on fire escapes, streets or sidewalks. If you place your container abutting a neighboring property, you must first get written permission.

SPRAYING FOR WEEDS

When Public Works sprays for unsightly weeds, please keep away from those with blue on them. The dye is there to make residents aware that spraying has taken place. The chemical is harmless to humans after it dries, which takes about 20 minutes. **Accidental contact:** wash with a mild soap and water for 20 seconds. **INFO:** Call (219) 391-8463.



HYDROFLIGHT & CHARTERS

Looking for the ultimate thrill? Experience flying 30 feet over Lake Michigan at East Chicago's Marina on your very own X-Board or Jetpack. For the second year, the city is partnering with H2Oh, the region's only ultimate water sports rental center. The pros at H2Oh put safe fun in play. Experienced instructors provide preflight safety debriefings and tips to get you flying. Rentals include helmet, life jacket and wetsuit. **What's Next?** If tooling around in a boat is more your speed, stay tuned! Luxury yacht charters are coming soon!



WATER RENTALS

East Chicago Marina and Jeorse Park Beach

Feeling a bit more like staying closer to the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan? Get up close and personal with your choice of paddle boards, kayaks, paddle boats, and WaveRunners. All are available for rental by the hour. Don't know how to kayak or paddleboard? Expert instructors from the city's partner – H2Oh – will show you how. Once you get used to the feel of the board, you can always take it a step further, getting your zen on with paddle board yoga.

INFO: For more info about hydroflight, water rentals, pricing and hours, visit www.h2ohwatersports.com.



CITY POOLS OPEN JUNE 17 - AUGUST 9 ... weather permitting!

Located at Washington and Kosciuszko parks, our beautiful city pools feature slides and certified lifeguards. DAILY PASSES: $5 residents / $10 nonresidents. SEASON PASSES: $10 residents / $20 nonresidents. HOURS: 1-7 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. INFO: Pools are also available for private parties. Call (219) 391-8474.

FRIDAY | AUG 2

Join us Friday night as we pay tribute to the '80s with a House and Freestyle concert featuring:


PENNISTON


SWEET SENSATION


ORGE LAMOND


CORO


DIAMOND GIRL


ROB BASE


DJ TIM SCHOMMER

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FUSIC FEST

MAYOR ANTHONY COPELAND

FREE CONCERT WEEKEND

FOOD | FUN | MUSIC

5 PM - 11 PM
AUGUST 2-3-4

JEORSE PARK BEACH

Sponsored by:

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Community Healthcare System ST. CATHERINE Hospital

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

East Chicago is looking for food trucks or other self-contained food service vendors for the city's summer festivals. Vendors selling food must comply with county health regulations and provide valid proof of insurance and current ServSafe certifications for all employees.

INTERESTED? Please call the Special Events Team at (219) 391-8482.

SATURDAY | AUG 3

This '90s beach party features R&B artists Case & Dru Hill with Sisqó .. and we'll top it off with Hip Hop artist Juvenile!

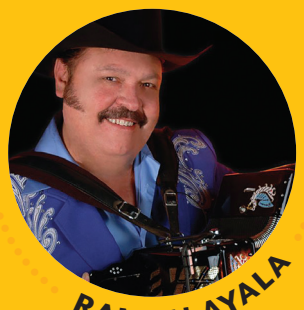

CASE


DRU HILL


JUVENILE

SUNDAY | AUG 4

Head to Jeorse Park Beach for Latin Night featuring Ramón Ayala – a Mexican musician and songwriter of Norteño and Conjunto music. Stay tuned! More entertainment will be announced soon!


RAMON AYALA

INFORMATION

For festival information, please call (219) 391-8206. For directions, please visit **www.jeorseparkbeach.com**.



EL CHARRO GROCERY MARKET

4926 Kennedy Avenue, East Chicago | (219) 354-0813

When Martin Flores moved back to East Chicago, he saw a need for a local grocery store in his Calumet neighborhood. With the help of Economic Development, Flores found the perfect location and began stocking his store with fresh vegetables, fruits, non-perishables, meats – even over-the-counter medications. "This has been a long time coming," Mayor Anthony Copeland said. "We planted a seed in this neighborhood and now we are watching it grow and flourish."



NOONIES FAMOUS JERK & THINGS

3931 Main Street, East Chicago | (219) 354-0901

When the Ward family went looking for a just-right cuisine to offer at their start-up, they embraced the jerk craze and chose Noonies Famous Jerk & Things. The franchise, which started in Minneapolis, brings yet another flavor explosion to the city. Part of the growing North Harbor neighborhood, Mayor Anthony Copeland said, "Local business is the heart of our economy. Welcome to the Ward family and congratulations for bringing Noonies to East Chicago."



LAS TRES PALMAS TAQUERIA

502 West 151 Street, East Chicago | (219) 354-0581

When Ishmael Ariaga and his two brothers decided their Railroad Avenue neighborhood needed a spectacular taqueria and mercado, they set out to create one. The family got the help they needed from East Chicago. "We all talk about wanting to be able to walk our neighborhoods and stopping to get some great food," Mayor Anthony Copeland said. "They just opened in May. I've been there and love the $1 tacos. Las Tres Palmas has it all."

WANT TO OPEN A BUSINESS IN EAST CHICAGO?

When it comes to helping businesses get established, Economic Development Director Milton Reed said East Chicago makes the process seamless. "We make it easy and guarantee we are accessible. Our office is bilingual and we are never too busy to take time to help." **INFO:** Call Planning and Economic Development at (219) 391-8205.

SPIRITS AT MACARTHUR

Join us for an evening of live entertainment and unlimited golf and spirits. Food, beer and wine available for purchase.

WHEN: 5-9 p.m. **June 21**

WHERE: MacArthur Golf Course

TICKETS: $10 at eventbrite.com or call (219) 391-8474.

JUNE MOVIE NIGHT

Grab a lawn chair and head to the park to watch "The Lego Movie 2" on the big screen. Family fun awaits!

WHEN: 7 p.m. (dusk) **June 27**
WHERE: Washington Park

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Join us for an Independence Day Celebration featuring music by Maggie Speaks.

WHEN: 5-10 p.m. **July 3**
WHERE: East Chicago Marina and Jeorse Park Beach

ECPD DAY WITH OUR YOUTH

Join us for games, snacks, bike raffle, face painting, bounce house, super heroes, public awareness and more!

WHEN: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **July 13**
WHERE: East Chicago Police Department, 2301 East Columbus Drive

MILITARY DAY AT THE BEACH

Family activities for active and veteran military members and all their families.

WHEN: 11 a.m.-4 p.m. **July 20**
WHERE: Jeorse Beach Park

JULY MOVIE NIGHT

Grab a lawn chair and head to the park to watch "How to Train a Dragon 3" on the big screen. Family fun awaits!

WHEN: 7 p.m. (dusk) **July 25**
WHERE: Kosciuszko Park

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JUNE 15

5-10 PM

BRING A CHAIR



MUSIC BY: DJ MAL

T.L. WILLIAMS

"Gettin' Mo Money Than You"

Rhythm & Soul Fest

TOUCHSTONE ENTERTAINMENT TRIBUTES

Smokey Robinson | Minnie Riperton
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WASHINGTON PARK | 142ND & PARRISH