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Enjoy these Fun Events for the Whole Family!

The historic city of Little Falls, situated on the banks of the Erie Canal and the Mohawk River, comes alive with culture, history and family fun during the week of the Annual **Canal Celebration**, from August 5th thru August 11th in 2019!

Sponsored by the businesses and not-for-profit agencies serving Little Falls, the **Canal Celebration** offers a full range of activities, with highlights including a grand parade, a community picnic with fireworks, antique car shows, carnival rides, road races, craft and novelty vendors, and lots of great food. On this page you will find the schedule of some of our favorite fun events ... there is something here for everyone!

For your convenience, download a printable [summary](#) of Canal Celebration highlights.

Wednesday, Aug. 7

Community Picnic in Rotary Park

Join us at Rotary Park as we kick-off the Canal Celebration with a fun Community Picnic in Rotary Park!

- ★ Chicken and Ribs BBQ sponsored by Elks, 5pm til sold-out.
- ★ The Happy Hags Dance Troupe.
- ★ Great regional band - The **Grit N Grace**, sponsored by ARC Herkimer.
- ★ Utica Zoo-Mobile, sponsored by LF Rotary.
- ★ Food booths and delicious home-made pie, by local non-profits and churches.
- ★ Youth fun paddle, sponsored by the Little Falls Family YMCA.
- ★ Duck Dash for Great Prizes, sponsored by Little Falls Rotary.
- ★ Thunder on the River Fireworks Show, starts at 9pm.

- ★ Golumpki sale at the Polish Home.

☐ Thursday, Aug. 8

Fun Thursday Events

Fishing, biking, Shakespeare, car shows and beauty pageants ... This is what summer is all about!

- ★ Big kids and adults Fishing Derby, at Rotary Park from 4pm-to-8pm; \$5 entry fee.
- ★ Summer Cruise-Inn Car Show, at Rotary Park from 5pm-to-8pm; DJ, food vendors, and car parade at 8pm.
- ★ Youth Beauty Pageant, 5pm at the Benton Hall Auditorium; [register](#) by August 5.
- ★ Double Dog Dare cross country bike/run, at the Little Falls Watershed (use the Top Notch entrance); free registration.
- ★ Little Falls Public Library book sale from 9am-to-8pm.
- ★ **Holiday City** plays from 7pm-to-10pm in the bar at the Elks Lodge on North Ann Street.

☐ Friday, Aug. 9

Grand Parade and MORE!

The Canal Celebration swings into full gear with an epic Grand Parade on Friday, followed by great music and a carnival!

- ★ Meeples Mug House grand opening on Main Street, at 2pm.
- ★ Grand Parade, starts at 6pm on Main Street - 5 divisions, floats, bands, prizes, and trophies!
- ★ Carnival, country craft-fair and farmers market, midway and food court at Eastern Park, starting at 2pm.
- ★ Book signing at LF Public Library, by local author Pamela Daniell.
- ★ Special exhibits at the Historical Society Museum - where community history lives.
- ★ MVCA Art Show in Canal Place.
- ★ Emmanuel Episcopal Church Cookout from 4pm-8pm.
- ★ Little Falls Public Library book sale from 9am-to-5pm.
- ★ Golumpki sale at the Polish Community Club.
- ★ Sidewalk sales by participating Little Falls merchants all day.

Be sure to enjoy these awesome local bands that play on Friday night:

- ★ **Maria DeSantis Group** plays from 7pm-to-9:30pm in Eastern Park.
- ★ **Jennie and the Buckshot Five** plays from 7pm-to-11pm at the American Legion, 100 West Main Street.
- ★ **Northern Outlaws** plays from 7pm-to-11pm on the porch at the Elks Lodge on North Ann Street.

☐ **Saturday, Aug. 10**

Great Fun in Little Falls on Saturday!

Enjoy a splendid summer Saturday in Little Falls, with a great carnival, craft fairs, road races, golf, and more awesome music by local bands!

- ★ Little Falls Public Library book sale from 10am-to-3pm.
- ★ The carnival continues all day in Eastern Park, with rides, midway games, food court, arts and crafts sales, entertainment and demonstrations.
- ★ Canal Celebration Golf Tournament, sponsored by Little Falls Rotary, starts at 9am at the Mohawk Valley Country Club.
- ★ Don't miss out on the "superheroes" appearing for the delight of all at Eastern Park.
- ★ Chicks along the Canal offers a craft fair and flea market with woman-only vendors, in Canal Place.
- ★ John Serow Memorial Youth Fishing Derby, from 8am-to-11am at Lock 17; \$2 registration fee.
- ★ YMCA/LF Lumber Freedom Run, at the YMCA by Western Park. This is a 10K, 2 Mile Run and 2 Mile Walk, with t-shirts to the first 125 registrants. Check-in at 7:45am, race starts at 8:30am. Entry fee is \$20.
- ★ Special exhibits at the Historical Society Museum - where community history lives.
- ★ Sherriff Farber's Kid Fun Run, a non-competitive half-mile run for children up to age 10. Starts at the YMCA; check-in at 9:30am, run starts at 9:45am. Free entry, tshirt is \$6.
- ★ Golumpki sale at the Polish Community Club.
- ★ Rock climbing at Moss Island from 12pm-to-4pm.
- ★ Canoe and Kayak Fun Paddle at the Rotary Park launch from 12pm-to-2:30pm.
- ★ Ethnic Polish food sale at the Holy Spirit Polish National Church on Gansevoort street at 11am.
- ★ Growing Up on the Southside, a walking tour into the past, starts at Rotary Park at the Marina at 10:30am.
- ★ Iron Man Classic raw-power lifting meet, 8:30am at the YMCA.
- ★ Tours of the esteemable Herkimer Home estate.

- ★ Farmer's Market at M&T Bank parking lot from 8am-to-12pm.
- ★ Sidewalk sales by participating Little Falls merchants all day.
- ★ Pause for All Paws booth in Eastern Park, starting at 10am.
- ★ Tractor Pull at 1355 Shells Bush Road, at 11am.

Check out these fantastic local bands that play on Saturday:

- ★ A variety of local musicians from 10am-to-1pm in Eastern Park.
- ★ **Vinyl Logic** plays from 3pm-to-6pm in Eastern Park.
- ★ **Whiskey Honey Pie** plays from 11am-to-1pm at Canal Place.
- ★ **Helen Isom** plays from 1:30pm-to-3:30pm at Canal Place.
- ★ **Vada March** plays from 4pm-to-6pm at Canal Place.
- ★ **Midnight Riders** plays from 7pm-to-10pm in Eastern Park.
- ★ **Pine Ridge Mountain Band** plays from 7pm-to-11pm at the Elk's Lodge.
- ★ **One Sweet Ride** plays from 7pm-to-11pm at the American Legion.

☐ Sunday, Aug. 11

Classic Fun on Sunday in Little Falls!

Wrap-up Canal Celebration on Sunday in Little Falls, with more great fun at the carnival, an awesome antique and classic car show, and still more wonderful music by local bands!

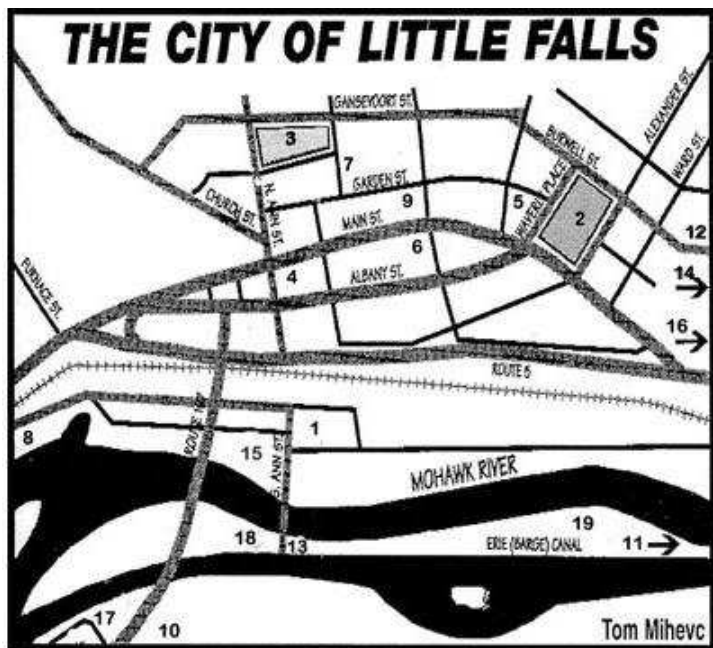
- ★ Antique and Clasic Car Show, from 8am-to-Noon in Western Park; 21 classes, pre-registration is \$7, \$10 at the park. Food, music and vendors.
- ★ Famous chicken and rib BBQ at the Elks Lodge with music on the porch.
- ★ Cub Scout bake sale at Western Park.
- ★ The carnival continues all day in Eastern Park, with rides, midway games, food court, arts and crafts sales, entertainment and demonstrations.
- ★ Chicks along the Canal continues to offer a spendid craft fair and flea market with woman-only vendors, in Canal Place.

Listen to these super local bands that play on Sunday:

- ★ A variety of local musicians from 11am-to-1pm in Eastern Park.
- ★ **Bar Room Neon Project** plays from 2pm-to-4pm in Eastern Park.
- ★ **Heard and the Wonderfish** plays from 11am-to-1:30pm in Canal Place.

- ★ **Helen's Dixielanders** plays from 2pm-to-4pm at Canal Place.
- ★ **K.O. Grainger, formerly Squirrel Murphy Band** plays from 4pm-to-8pm at the American Legion, 100 West Main Street.

☐ Canal Days Map



1. Canal Place
2. Eastern Park
3. Burke Park
4. LF Historical Society Museum
5. LF Public Library
6. City Hall / Police / Fire
7. YMCA / WCA
8. 1795 Western Inland Canal Guard Lock
9. Downtown
10. Rotary Park
11. Lock 17 / Moss Island
12. LF Hospital
13. Walking Path to Moss Island
14. Vets Park / Burwell St.
15. Sterziner Park
16. General Herkimer Home
(2 miles East on Rt. 169 near Thruway)
17. Columbus Park
18. Benton's Landing
19. Hydro Power Plant

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