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The Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse (*Below*) will be turning 100 in 2025! Follow them on Facebook for information about their 2025 Open House! The Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse (*Above*) will be celebrating its 200th Birthday in 2025. Follow them on Facebook for information on their birthday gala and more!

@FairportHarborWestLighthouse
📷 Daniel Wolfe





Greetings

From the Mayor

Welcome! We are excited you chose Fairport Harbor as your destination! We are a historic Village located 30 minutes from Downtown Cleveland, Ohio, boasting two Historic Lighthouses. It is 69 short steps to the top of the Grand River Lighthouse offering spectacular 360 degree views! We have a world class beach, a safe harbor for boaters with a breakwall that makes enjoying Lake Eries South Shores safe and enjoyable for all ages. We offer a walkable village that includes shopping, dining and the best homemade ice cream at the Fairport Creamery! Come stay the weekend, the week or longer and tell your friends and relatives about the great Village you discovered!

**Mayor,
Tim Manross**



Step aboard and explore the charming streets of Fairport Harbor Village in our 8 passenger electric car. Enjoy a quiet, comfortable ride with easy access for all, while a knowledgeable tour guide shares the rich history, cultural highlights, and notable landmarks that make our harbor town truly unique.

- Tour operates Memorial Day through September 30th. Tours operate during light rain. In the event of heavy rain the tour may be rescheduled.
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Fairport Harbor Information



Village of Fairport Harbor
www.fairportharbor.org/

Fairport Harbor Tourism Council
www.fairportharbortourism.com/

Fairport Harbor Arts & Culture Alliance
www.fhaca.org/

Lake County Information

Tour Lake County
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Fairport Harbor, Ohio,

is a charming village with a rich maritime history and vibrant community spirit. Founded in 1812, this small town became a vital port in the Great Lakes region, welcoming ships, immigrants, and industry over the centuries. Today, Fairport Harbor offers a delightful mix of historical attractions, natural beauty, and small-town charm.

Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park is a standout destination, featuring a sandy beach perfect for swimming, picnicking, and soaking in stunning sunsets. Visitors can enjoy water sports like paddleboarding and kayaking, or simply relax to the soothing sounds of Lake Erie's waves. With its sandy beach and shoreline, playground, and concession stand, it is the perfect destination for your next beach vacation!

For history buffs, the **Fairport Harbor Marine Museum and Lighthouse**, the oldest marine museum in the Great Lakes, offers a fascinating glimpse into the region's nautical past. Climb the iconic lighthouse tower for breathtaking views of the harbor. A short distance away, the **Finnish Heritage Museum** celebrates the contributions of Finnish immigrants to the area, showcasing exhibits and events that preserve this unique cultural legacy.

Explore Fairport Harbor's quaint downtown, where **local shops** offer unique gifts, artisan creations, and antiques. Savor delicious meals at a variety of dining spots, ranging from cozy **cafés to lakeside eateries**. Golf carts are a popular mode of transportation here, adding to the town's relaxed and friendly vibe.

For boating and fishing enthusiasts, Fairport Harbor is a true paradise. The **Fairport Harbor Port Authority** provides ample docking and launch facilities and also has a large fishing pier to its north. Whether you're angling for walleye on Lake Erie or cruising the picturesque Grand River, the area offers incredible opportunities for water adventures. **Grand River Landing** is a favorite spot for launching boats, fishing, and enjoying scenic views of the river.

Whether you're drawn by the beach, history, fishing, or community charm, Fairport Harbor is a destination that invites you to unwind, explore, and create lasting memories.

Fairport Harbor Accommodations

AirBNB's

- Lighthouse Cottage
- The Blue Fence BnB
- Lake Breeze Cottage
- Fairport Harbor Beach House
- Fairport Lake House
- Totally Renovated Large Family Getaway
- Bumble Bee Suite
- Skipper's Cottage

- Fairport Harbor Retreat
- Upscale-Beach Cottage
- Harbor Cottage
- Roomy Two Bedroom Unit
- Hideaway Lakes
- Home Away From Home
- Back House Bungalow
- The Daisy Suite
- Modern 3 Bedroom Home

Multiple Units

- The Suites @ Fairport Harbor
- Cottages at Fairport Harbor
- The Arlington in Fairport Harbor

Area Hotels

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- Hampton Inn& Suites
- Extended Stay America
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Visit the Fairport Harbor Marine Museum & Lighthouse



The Fairport Harbor Marine Museum is the first Great Lakes Lighthouse Marine Museum in the State of Ohio as well as the United States. The Museum was founded in 1945 by the Fairport Harbor Historical Society and is devoted to preserving and perpetuating historic tradition and sentiment in Fairport Harbor and the Great Lakes Area.

Mystery of the Ghost Cat "Sentinel"

Since its discovery in 2000, the mummified cat has lent credence to the legend of Mary Babcock's 'ghost cat.' This famous cat "Sentinel" has been featured on many cable shows including the Travel Channel and A&E.



Attached to the dwelling is the former Pilothouse from the Great Lakes carrier Frontenac. It is fully equipped with all the proper appointments for its time.

**Open - Wednesday, Friday, Saturday,
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**Memorial Day - Mid September
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Tour the Museum



The original third-order Fresnel Lens from the tower is on display in the Fairport Room of the Museum. It could be seen 17 miles out on Lake Erie.

Climb the Tower



Climb the 69 wrought iron spiral steps to the top of the tower for a unique view of the village, the lake, the harbor and the surrounding area.

***Unique Gift Shop
Located in the
Museum***





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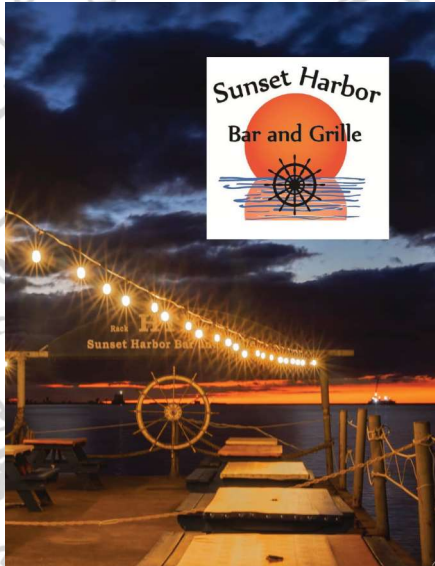
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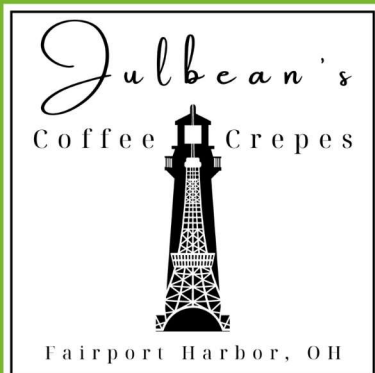
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Dining in
Fairport Harbor

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The Pompadour is a vibrant culinary destination in Fairport Harbor, Ohio, offering an eclectic menu of handcrafted small plates and expertly crafted cocktails. Nestled in the heart of the community, Pompadour combines a welcoming atmosphere with a flair for creativity, making it the perfect spot for casual get-togethers or special occasions. The menu features a fusion of global flavors, utilizing fresh, locally sourced ingredients to create dishes that delight the senses. Whether you're enjoying a cozy evening indoors or soaking in the charm of Fairport Harbor on the patio, Pompadour delivers a unique dining experience that celebrates great food, drinks, and connections. Award-winning restaurant including consistently listed as a Top 25 Cleveland Restaurant since 2019.

Reservations recommended. **Menu/Reservations:** thepompadourbar.com



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North Fairport Harbor

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- My World Better
- Hungarian Culture Club
- Rich Lanes and 10 Pin Tavern
- Flowers by Julie
- Something Special Gift Shop
- Highwater Tavern
- Fairport Harbor Rod and Reel Club
- La Abejita Michoacana Paleteria & Neveria
- Harbor Bait & Tackle

SHOPPING

Fairport Harbor is renowned for its unique shops and boutiques. The charming downtown area offers a walkable route to shopping and dining, just steps from the beach. Whether you're here to soak up the sun or attending a local event, be sure to visit our vibrant small businesses and experience the best of what our community has to offer.

Something Special Gift Shop is a delightful destination for unique, handmade treasures. The shop features a carefully curated selection of gifts, home decor, and custom made items.

Flowers by Julie is your go-to floral shop for beautiful, handcrafted arrangements tailored to every occasion. Known for its personal touch and artistic designs, Julie's creations bring elegance and charm to weddings, events, and everyday moments.

Daveron Builders is a trusted name in custom home construction and remodeling. With years of expertise and a commitment to quality craftsmanship, Daveron

Builders specializes in creating beautifully designed spaces that meet the unique needs of their clients.

My World Better is dedicated to inspiring positive change through thoughtful, eco-conscious products and services. With a mission to make the world a better place, they offer free classes and events that revolve around art and body.

War Paint Studios specializes in handcrafted, custom designs, the studio offers a variety of services, including tattoos, paintings, jewelry, and custom gifts all within an amazingly friendly atmosphere.

Finnish Treasures Gift Shop celebrates the rich Finnish heritage of the community through a curated selection of unique gifts and cultural items. From traditional Finnish crafts and decor to books and specialty goods, the shop offers something for everyone.

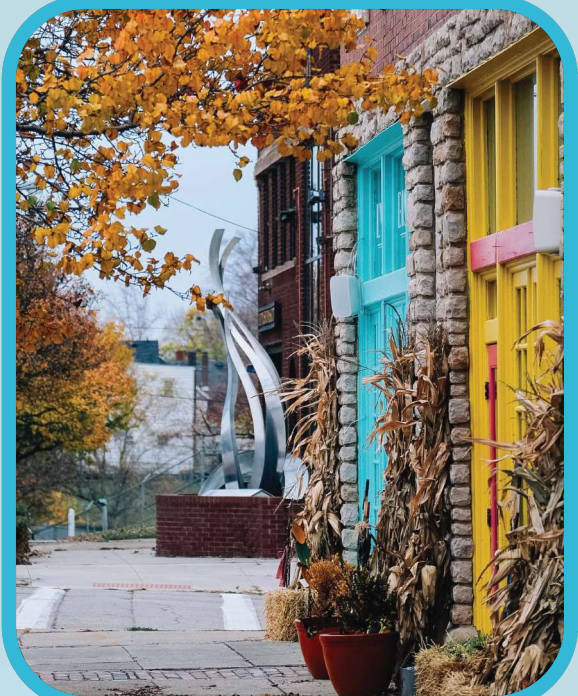
Junie Balloonie brings joy and creativity with custom work for any occasion. From gorgeous paper flowers to custom etched glasses, hand painted earrings to cake toppers. This is the best stop for any special day!

Old Familiar Ways is a holistic shop specializing in all natural certified organic, wild-crafted products, handmade, and locally made. Bulk herbs, hand blended teas, bath & body products, tea accessories, and salves.

Free Spirit Bottle Shop specializes in high-quality non-alcoholic beverages that cater to those who seek exceptional taste without the alcohol.

Beth Lynne Studio is a specialty art gallery and boutique featuring unique artwork, hand crafted Lake Erie, Fairport themed, and other custom designed apparel, home decor and collectibles.

Harbor Candy Company (Coming Spring 2025!)



**Shopping in
Fairport Harbor**



📷 Heather Korb

EVENT VENUES



American Slovenian Club
(440) 357-5046

Fairport Harbor Creamery
(440) 898-0030

Fairport Mini Golf
206 High Street

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(440) 354-3674

Fairport Harbor VFW 7754
(440) 352-1123

Hungarian Culture Club
(216) 317-1846

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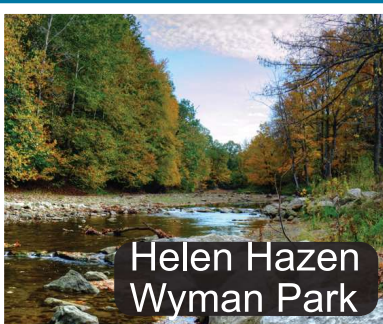
Follow the Grand River from Lake Erie to the Grand River Valley and Beyond!

The 102-mile Grand River begins in Geauga County, flows east through Trumbull County, and then turns north into Ashtabula County before meandering west toward Lake Erie. Its final 10 miles pass through Painesville, Fairport Harbor, and the village of Grand River, with its mouth at Fairport Harbor. The 712-square-mile Grand River Watershed spans parts of Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage, and Trumbull counties.

Mentor Marsh, a National Natural Landmark and former Grand River channel, lies west of the river's current mouth. Erosion created a new outlet, leaving the 673-acre Mentor Marsh State Nature Preserve as one of Lake Erie's largest natural marshes.

The Grand River Valley, designated as an American Viticultural Area, is renowned for grape growing thanks to its favorable micro-climate, extended growing season, and well-drained slopes. In Ashtabula County, three historic covered bridges span the river, including the Harpersfield Bridge, Ohio's second longest, and the Mechanicsville Road Bridge, its oldest.

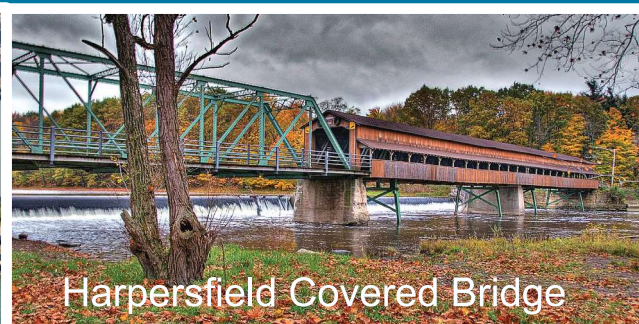
Designated as a State Scenic and Wild River, the Grand River is popular for steelhead and muskellunge fishing, making it a prized natural resource in Ohio.



Helen Hazen
Wyman Park



Fairport Harbor Port Authority



Harpersfield Covered Bridge



The Grand River in Fairport Harbor: A Ship Watcher's Haven

The Grand River is a bustling port on Lake Erie, vital for shipping limestone, salt, and sand. It's a prime spot for ship watchers, offering views of freighters, tugboats, and recreational vessels against the scenic backdrop of the historic lighthouse.



Fairport Harbor
West Breakwall
Lighthouse

Headlands Beach State Park in Mentor, Ohio, is a must-visit destination with its mile-long sandy beach—the largest in Ohio. Perfect for swimming, picnicking, and birdwatching, it offers stunning views of Lake Erie and the nearby Fairport Harbor West Breakwater Lighthouse, an iconic landmark accessible by a scenic breakwater walk.

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Just Across the River!

After exploring the area, satisfy your seafood cravings at two local dining favorites. Brennan's Fish House, located in Grand River, is renowned for its fresh fish and classic maritime ambiance, serving up local perch, walleye, and hearty chowders. Just across the street, Pickle Bill's Lobster House, located directly on the Grand River, offers a quirky, fun atmosphere with an expansive menu featuring everything from crab legs to all-you-can-eat feasts.

Village of Grand River



Together, these spots are just minutes away from Fairport Harbor, highlight the natural beauty, history, and unique dining experiences that make the Fairport Harbor area a fantastic destination.

Vineyards & Award Winning Wine

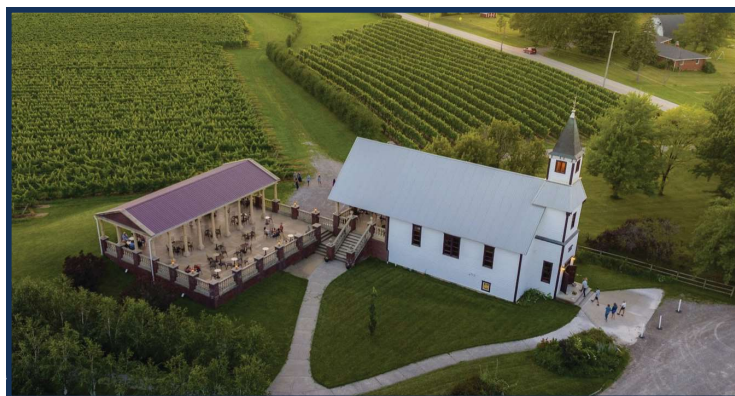
Follow the Grand River to wineries and covered bridges! Discover over 30+ wineries in Northeast Ohio, all conveniently located within a 30-minute drive from Fairport Harbor. The grape-growing regions of Ashtabula and Lake County are responsible for producing the majority of Ohio's wine grapes, earning local vineyards a well-deserved reputation as the best in the state.

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Find more information at the Ohio Wine Producers Association website: ohiowines.org/

Fairport Harbor Arts and Culture Alliance Presents:

Live at the Lighthouse



All Events in
Fairport Harbor



FAIRPORT HARBOR ANNUAL FREE CONCERTS

The Fairport Harbor Arts & Culture Alliance (FHACA) is a nonprofit dedicated to enriching arts, culture, and community life in Fairport Harbor, Ohio. FHACA organizes events, supports local art, and creates opportunities for connection through the arts.

A highlight of FHACA's work is its free 1-day festivals, featuring live music in welcoming settings like Veterans Memorial Park and Lighthouse Hill. These events showcase diverse musical styles and local talent, bringing the community together.

Collaborating with local businesses, Fairport Harbor schools, and civic groups, FHACA strengthens Fairport Harbor's identity as a vibrant, inspiring, and welcoming destination.

For more information about the organization, follow them on social media @FHACAlliance or FHACA.ORG.



Reggae in the Harbor 2024



Harboritaville 2024

2025 FHACA EVENTS

January 1
'Port Plunge

May 31
Evening at the
Gazebo

July 12
Reggae in
the Harbor

August 9
Jam by the Sand

August 31
Harboritaville



206 High St. Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077
FairportMiniGolf.com

Fairport Mini Golf is Lake County's newest attraction, offering a 9-hole, par-23 miniature golf course. Located next to a cozy clubhouse that also serves as a snack and soda shop with indoor seating, it's an ideal spot for family fun. As an extension of the Fairport Harbor Creamery, it perfectly combines mini-golf with treats for all ages. Kids can enjoy ice cream while adults can indulge in boozy milkshakes and beverages, making it a destination for everyone to enjoy.

Soda & Snack Shoppe



Fairport Mini Golf's clubhouse is a charming soda shack that brings old-fashioned nostalgia to life, offering a delightful selection of treats for visitors of all ages. Inside, guests can enjoy handcrafted sodas, along with a variety of classic snacks like hot dogs, pretzels, and nachos.

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BUCKET LIST



FAIRPORT HARBOR CREAMERY

For the past 5 years, the Fairport Harbor Creamery has been a staple in Lake County. Located at the entrance of Fairport Harbor Lakefront Park and overlooking the mouth of the Grand River, Lake Erie, and the Fairport Harbor Marine Museum & Lighthouse, this picturesque location provides the best atmosphere for any treat. Known for their "Boozy Milkshakes" and artisan house made ice cream, the Creamery also sells pastries, seasonal baked goods, and desserts.

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