

THE CITY OF Eaton Rapids MICHIGAN

May - 2026

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Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center OPEN

The Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center will open for the 2026 Season on Saturday, May 25, 2026!

Located at Mill Pointe Park, 114 Mill Street (behind Quality Dairy), we will be open Friday-Sunday, 10:00AM-5:00PM. We are excited to help you with your kayaking and canoe rental needs. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 517-719-0287. Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center for up-to-date information and unexpected business closures due to inclement weather or extreme water conditions.



Eaton Rapids Plant & Seed Exchange



Join us for the 6th Annual Eaton Rapids Plant & Seed Exchange hosted by the City of Eaton Rapids Parks, Recreation & Events Board on Sunday, May 4, 2026, from 9:00AM-12:00PM at Howe Memorial Park Pavilion #2! This is a FREE event! Bring a plant to trade, or just come out to learn something new!

Local Road Construction Projects

As the weather improves, the City of Eaton Rapids has several road projects underway and scheduled throughout the year. For up-to-date alerts, please follow the City of Eaton Rapids on Facebook, or visit www.cityofeatonrapids.gov.



MAYOR'S CORNER



I hope you are getting ready for a busy but fun spring in Eaton Rapids! We have many projects and events planned for this month.

E. Knight Street resurfacing from Main to East starts May 11th, weather permitting. This work could take until June 30th to complete. Please use caution traveling this street and use any detours that may be in place. We know it's an inconvenience, but it will be well worth it to get this street resurfaced.

Memorial Day activities start on Saturday, May 23 at 9am at Rosehill Cemetery where we will be placing flags at veteran's graves. If you would like to help, meet us at the back of the cemetery where the maintenance shop is located. ER Lions Club will be doing a clean-up of the Perennial Park in the cemetery on Wednesday, May 20th at 5pm. If anyone wants to join them, just show up with a rake and gloves.

On Monday, May 25th we will have the annual Memorial Day Ceremonial Parade starting at 11am. Please Note: the parade route has changed. Participants will line up on S. River Street, proceeding to State Street, then to Main Street, and proceed north on Main to E. Knight (pending construction). Residents who typically view the parade south of State Street are encouraged to relocate closer to downtown, or you will miss the parade.

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Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Parade, hosted by the GAR Memorial Hall and Museum will be on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 11:00AM along Main Street from State Street to Knight Street with a ceremony stop at the Blue Star Memorial and a traditional ceremony to follow at GAR Island Park.

Utility Bill Assistance

Scan the QR Code here if you are in need of assistance paying your utility bill. There are programs to help!



MONTHLY EVENTS & MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS AT CITY HALL
200 S MAIN ST.

RECREATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

5/1/26, 7:15AM

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

5/4/26, 7:00PM

DDA MEETING

5/8/26, 7:00AM

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

5/11/26, 5:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING

5/11/26, 7:00PM

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

5/12/26, 4:00PM

ARTS COUNCIL MEETING

5/12/26, 5:30PM

PARKS & RECREATION & EVENTS BOARD MEETING

5/12/26, 7:00PM

ZBA MEETING

5/13/26, 7:00PM

LDFA MEETING

5/15/26, 7:30AM

COUNCIL WORKSESSION

5/27/26, 5:00PM

COUNCIL MEETING

5/27/26, 7:00PM



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EVENT CALENDAR



THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

- 9:00a-1:00p Airstream Parking on Main Street
- 6:30p - 9:00p Grand River Event Tent & Bar Open
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 7:00p - 9:00p Twilight Memories Big Band - Live Music
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH

- 9:00a - 4:00p Eaton Rapids Historical Society Miller Farm Tours
Eaton Rapids Historical Society/Miller Farm - 635 State St.
- 10:00a - 4:00p G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum Tours
224 S. Main St.
- 12:00p - 4:00p Central Michigan Model T's Car Show
Pettit Hardware Parking Lot - 150 E. Hamlin St.
- 12:00p - 5:00p Stimson Hospital Medical Oddities Museum
Stimson Hospital - 101 W. Plain St.
- 2:00p Pettit Hardware 140th Anniversary Celebration
Pettit Hardware - 141 S. Main St.
- 2:00p Let's Talk with Fox47
Corner of W. Hamlin St. & Main St.
- 3:30p Mineral Water Springs Historical Walking Tour
Corner of Main St & Knight St. - 101 S. Main St.
- All Evening Eat Local!
Find Dinner at a local Eaton Rapids Restaurant!
- 5:30p - 7:00p Fox47 on the Road
Corner of W. Hamlin St. & Main St.
- 6:00p - 11:00p Grand River Event Tent & Bar Open
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 7:00p - 9:00p Tommy Foster - Live Music
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 9:00p - 11:00p The Stan Craig Band
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

- 10:00a - 11:00a Talent Show with the Eaton Rapids Teen Space
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 10:00a - 12:30p Free Kayaking around GAR Island Park
Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center - 114 Mill St.
- 10:00a - 2:00p Eaton Rapids Wooden Boat Show
GAR Island Park - 150 E. Hamlin St
- 10:00a - 2:00p Helena Lost - Live Music
GAR Island Park - 150 E. Hamlin St
- 10:00a - 4:00p G.A.R. Memorial Hall & Museum Tours
224 S Main St.
- 11:00a - 2:00p Urban Air Kids Zone
Howe Memorial Park - 100 Howe Dr.
 - Bounce it out Inflatables
 - Petting Zoo
- 12:00p - 5:00p Stimson Hospital Medical Oddities Museum
Stimson Hospital - 101 W. Plain St.
- 12:00p - 2:00p Mother's Day Flower Pot Painting with ER Arts Council
Upstairs City Hall - 200 S. Main St.
- 12:00p-4:00p Pimp Your Blimp - Trailer Decorating and Raffle for Prizes
Throughout Downtown Eaton Rapids
- 1:00p The Grand Paddle - Kayak Race
Registration/Check-in at Mill Pointe Park - 114 Mill St
- 2:00p Rosehill Cemetary Guided Tour - A Walk Through History
Rosehill Cemetary - 1210 West St.
- 5:00p-6:00p Urban Air Happy Hour & Raffle
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 5:00p - 11:00p Grand River Event Tent & Bar Open
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 6:00p-7:30p Mark Grinnell - Live Music
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.
- 7:30p-11:00p Universe Band - Live Music
Grand River Event Tent - 210 Hall St.

EVENT INFORMATION

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

- 9:00a Farewell to Airstreams
Downtown Eaton Rapids

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