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Fish Ladder Music Park Grand Opening Weekend Kicks Off 2026 Riverfront Event Lineup

Full calendar of events at LansingRiverfront.org

LANSING, MICH. — The Capital Region Community Foundation will kick off the 2026 riverfront event lineup with a Grand Opening concert weekend at Fish Ladder Music Park on May 29 and 30.

Opening night on Friday, May 29 will feature Starfarm and DJ DAV, along with food trucks and a beverage tent sponsored by Lansing 5:01. The celebration continues Saturday, May 30 with the Good Vibrations Celebration, featuring live '70s music and costume contest at Fish Ladder Music Park. These events are free to the public, sponsored by the Community Foundation.

The opening weekend launches this year's full lineup of concerts, festivals, family activities, and community programming taking place at key riverfront destinations, including Fish Ladder Music Park, Adado Riverfront Park, Rotary Park, Lansing Shuffle, and MP Social. The full event calendar can be found at LansingRiverfront.org.

"A vibrant downtown riverfront is a game-changer for cities like Lansing," said Laurie Strauss Kuerbitz. "We're thrilled to activate the parks we've built over the last eight years and continue creating the dynamic riverfront our community wants."

The activation of our riverfront parks continues the Foundation's placemaking work, which began in 2017. Community feedback gathered in 2025 is guiding strategic improvements through 2028, with activation, safety, and maintenance identified as top priorities.

The Foundation expects LansingRiverfront.org to continue growing as a resource as riverfront programming expands.

The Community Foundation is passionate about creating vibrant, thriving communities throughout Michigan's capital region. The Foundation serves donors to meet their unique charitable goals, supports area nonprofits with grants and coaching, and leads innovative projects that drive community growth. The Community Foundation (also known as the Capital Region Community Foundation) is a tax-exempt public charity whose mission is to lead philanthropic solutions that build vibrant communities in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties.