



**LITTLE FALLS**  
30th Annual Canal Celebration  
2018

Commemorating the  
**200th ANNIVERSARY**  
of the New York State  
**ERIE CANAL**  
August 6 - 12, 2018

**Merchant Sales**  
Commemorative T-shirt Sales  
Family Fun Rides - Entertainment

**Sponsored by:**  
The Canal Celebration Committee

The City of Little Falls  
Mark Blask, Mayor

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This Annual Canal Celebration 2018, spanning 31 consecutive years, represents our recognition of the community, our heritage and the spirit that makes Little Falls a unique place in the Mohawk Valley. Canal Celebration has welcomed thousands of visitors to Little Falls, attending dozens of family oriented community programs, held throughout the week. These programs are made possible through the dedicated efforts, of approximately a hundred plus individuals, representing local Organizations, Businesses and Industries as well as the employees of the [City of Little Falls](#).

Canal Celebration turns 31 this year(2018). 31 successive, independently funded years promoting and supporting a full week of community activities, presented by volunteers characterizing the entire community. The activities speak for themselves, not as a tourist destination, but as a means to showcase Little Falls as a community with vigor and pride. Take a stroll or bring your bike, enjoy our great architecture, parks and friendly neighborhoods or the Canal bike trail. View the escarpments highlighting the gorge, or bring the little ones to catch a fish in the mighty Mohawk. You might see a canal boat locking [E17](#), the highest lift on the [NYS Canal System](#).

The Barge Canal opened in 1917, following the original Erie (Albany to Buffalo) route, while incorporating the states natural water ways. (*Horse Power replacing Mule Power*) The Barge Canal became known as the [Erie Canal](#) after 1992. (*Marketing Power replacing HP*)

Don't forget, 2017 also Commemorates the [1817 groundbreaking](#), commencing the original Erie big dig. Where would we be today, if it were not for that?

- [The Canal That Made America](#)
- [Low Bridge Everybody Down by Billy Murray](#)

Canal Celebration Theme for 2018 is presently under development.

Our 2017 week started with a Blood Drive sponsored by the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, followed the next day with a Community Picnic at Rotary Park Marina with food, water front activities, music, fireworks and neighborly comradery. All are welcome.

Thursday there is a Big Kids Fishing Contest, Youth Pageant, Cross Country Biking, plus a Car show and Shakespeare on the Canal . Friday @ 6 everyone likes a parade. Let the weekend begin:

MVCA Fine Arts  
13 Music Venues  
Shakespeare  
LF Museum  
Arts and Crafts  
Farmers Market  
Adopt-A-Pawlooza

Book Sale  
Junk-in-the-trunk sale  
Girl Entrepreneurs  
Family Fun Rides  
City Park Displays  
Hoops on Main St.  
Southside Tour

Youth Fishing  
Cross Country biking  
Kid Fun Run  
Big Kids Fishing  
Cross Country Runs  
Iron Man Classic  
Ethnic Food

Kayaking Lock17  
Rock Climbing  
Moss Island Tour  
Gulf Tournament  
Car Show  
Great Restaurants

Your welcome to check out the [Supporting Sponsors, Business and Industries](#) that have contributed to the 2017 Festival.

**New Volunteers** 🗳️ and **Programs** 🗳️ are always welcome!

For additional information contact: Canal Celebration Chairperson;

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*Canal Celebration information compiled by volunteer Gary Van Veghten & the volunteer staff of LittleFallsNY.com*

## Special Events For The Week



### [Canal Celebration Music Entertainment - 2017](#)

#### Monday (7th) - Sunday (13th)

- Canal Celebration merchant sidewalk sales and special celebration promotions.
- Commemorative "T" Shirts sponsored by Adirondack Bank on sale (Pre-Event) at Shops at 25 West in Canal Place; and at the Community Co-op, Downtown during the Celebration, shirts will also be on sale at the Canal Info Booth in Eastern Park. ALL SIZES - \$15 each. Shirts produced locally by All-Events Engraving.
- The Little Falls Historical Society Museum will feature tours plus major exhibits of the bicentennial of the 1817 ground breaking of the Erie Canal and a History of music in Little Falls, WWII and the Korean War and Myjava, Slovakia, [Little Falls Sister City](#). Tues, Wed & Thurs: 1-4p, Fri: 10a-6p, Sat: 9a-4p and Sun: 9a-Noon
- The Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts, 401 South Ann Street in Canal Place will hold their annual regional juried art exhibit all week long. Free
- RV "dry camping" overnight sites available. Free parking at two locations; Boat launch area at the end of Industrial Park road and Vet's Park parking lot accessed from Loomis Street extension.
- [General Herkimer Home State Historic Site](#); State Rt. 169 South (near T-way Exit 29 A) Visitor Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Fee charged for Home tours: Fri., Sat., Sun. Free Picnic ground area / Free Parking / Grounds open for free viewing.

*Canal Celebration Free Shuttle Bus Service – Sat: Noon-5 PM, Sun: Noon-4 PM with Stops at: Canal Place, Downtown, Ward Square (Eastern Park), Burke Park and Rotary Park Marina. Shuttle compliments of the Little Falls City School District.*

### Wednesday - August 8

**Kick-Off Community Picnic at Rotary Park**

**Picnic - Pie Sales - Cold Drinks - Fireworks - Music - Free Parking**

**Music - Pending**  
6 PM - Dark

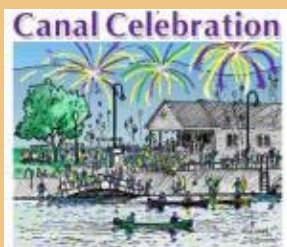
**Chicken 'N' Ribs BBQ**  
Sponsored by the L.F Elks; 5 PM - ?

**Food Booth/ Hot Dogs**  
L.F. Rotary Club 6 - 9 PM



**Homemade Pie Social**  
Sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church to benefit  
Community Outreach Programs and Canal Celebration  
6 - 9:00 PM

**Funnel Cakes,  
Snow Cones & Lemonade**  
Benefits Canal Celebration Activities.



**Youth Fun Paddle**  
Sponsored by the  
L.F. Family YMCA

**Duck Dash for Prizes**  
Sponsored by the Rotary Club

**Grande Fireworks - 9  
pm**

**Pulled Pork Sandwiches**  
Little Falls Youth Football 6-9 PM



**Thursday - August 9**



**Big Kids Adult Fishing Derby**  
Fish the Mohawk River/Erie Canal between locks 17 & 18  
Reg. 3 - 4pm; Derby 4 - 8pm from Rotary Park  
\$5 Entry Fee - Several categories in prizes; Register on Site

**Double Dog Dare**  
LF Watershed - Top Notch Rd. Entrance  
6 PM ; Reg. Free; Souvenir Workout Towel \$10  
5 miles of running; biking the trails on cross country  
terrain Individual and Team events. [Application](#)

**Summer Cruise - Inn Car Show**  
Rotary Park Marina 5-8 PM  
DJ/ Food/ Parade at 8 PM

**Shakespeare In The Park - (Pending) - Bentons Landing at Canal Place - 7PM**

**Annual Canal Celebration 2018 Youth Pageant**  
Beauty Pageant 5 pm/5:30 pm - Several Ages - Awards - *pre-application required*  
Benton Hall Academy Auditorium

**Friday - August 10**

**Grande Parade 6 PM**  
5 Divisions - Bands - Floats - Prizes - Trophies - Fun

**Music - pending**  
LF Elks Lodge #42



**Music - Pending**  
Legion Post #31 - 91 W. Main Street  
7 - 11 PM; Food at Noon

On the Lawn; Burke Park  
7 - 11 PM



After the Parade

Food Court - Arts & Crafts - Entertainment - Rides - Ward Square & Albany St.



Command Performance - 7PM  
[The DeSantis Orchestra](#)



MVCA "Art Show" - Canal Place

**Saturday - August 11**



**Annual John Serow Memorial - Youth Fishing Derby**

Lock 17 (Under the Wind bridge) 8 - 11 AM; Youth's 1-15 yrs w/Adult --- \$2.00 fee --- Register on site  
The only event held on the water, specifically for Children

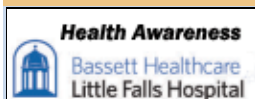
**Annual YMCA/L. F. Lumber Co. - Freedom Run**

Burk Park (YMCA) 8:30 AM - Check in 7:45 AM  
10 K, 2 Mile Run and the 2 Mile walk ---T-shirts to first 125 registered - Entry fee \$20 - [Application](#)

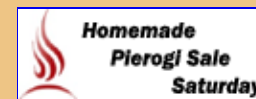
**Sheriff Farber's - Kid Fun Run**

Noncompetitive half mile run for children up to age 10. Entry free of charge; T-shirt \$6.  
Burke Park (YMCA) Check in 9:30 AM; Run 9:45 AM; Start & Finish at YMCA - [Application](#)

**Growing Up on the Southside #2; 1957-1970 - Walking tour into the past!**  
Start and end at Ann St. Market at 10:30 AM for 2 hour walk down memory lane, South of the tracks  
4 - 5 mile guided tour, with moderate to vigorous physical activity; Dress accordingly



**Annual Canal Celebration - Golf Tournament**  
Mohawk Valley Country Club - Benefit Rotary Club Scholarship Program  
9 AM Shotgun Start; 4 Person Scramble; Individual & Team



LF Elks Lodge #42 "Music - Pending " on the lawn - Burke Park, 7 - 11 pm

**Saturday & Sunday All Day**



- Ward Square -  
Rides  
Food Court





[Arts & Crafts Sales](#)   
Entertainment  
Demonstrations



- Canal Place -  
[Chicks Along The Canal](#)  
Entertainment  
Food



Sunday - August 12

29th Annual Antique & Classic Car Show



**Burke Park**  
21 Classes  
Reg. 8 am - Noon - \$10  
Pre-Reg. \$7



Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Places  
Best of Show  
Car Show Chairmen's Award  
Peoples Choice  
Food - Music - Vendors



Car Related Vendor Spaces  
Information/Entry form  
Email: [Canaldays@hotmail.com](mailto:Canaldays@hotmail.com)

**Chicken & Rib BBQ - NASCAR on wide screen**  
LF Elks Lodge #42 ----- Burke Park ----- 11 AM - Gone

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