



# Downtown News

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## Performance Pavilion to open July 20!

*Petoskey Steel Drum Band, Starfarm to open new entertainment venue*

The last stone has been mortared and the final piece of sod has been placed. It's time to open northern Michigan newest and most unique outdoor performance venue! Following 15 months of construction, the state-of-the-art East Park Performance Pavilion will host its first concert on Sunday, July 20 when the Charlevoix Concert Series features perennial regional favorite Petoskey Steel Drum Band and one of Michigan's favorite 80's retro bands, Starfarm.

The Charlevoix Concert Series is sponsored by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and Bosman's Mercantile. The series' first two Sunday evening engagements were held in Bridge Park while the finishing touches were put on the performance pavilion and the surrounding grounds.

The Petoskey Steel Drum Band/Starfarm performance will immediately follow a short ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of the performance pavilion scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Sunday, July 20. The event will also serve as the unofficial kickoff to the "Rhythms of Venetian" music festival, a six-day musical celebration featuring acts from across Michigan and the United States.

"We're pleased that the East Park Performance Pavilion will be able to host our 'heart of summer' activities," said City Manager Rob Straebel. "City staff and construction crews have been working very hard to make sure the new East Park will be able to accommodate as many events as possible this summer."

For a full schedule of the Charlevoix Concert Series sponsored by the Charlevoix Downtown Development Authority and Bosman's Mercantile, please visit [www.DowntownCharlevoix.com](http://www.DowntownCharlevoix.com).

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