**What’s New in Erie 2020**

* **Erie Axe Throwing** - Scott Enterprises has revealed an exciting new activity, Erie Axe Throwing! Erie Axe Throwing (at Quaker Steak & Lube) is the first facility of its kind in Erie. Guests can master the art of axe throwing, an activity which has been growing in popularity across America. Guests can sharpen their throwing technique with one of the legendary Axe Masters before splitting their group into teams and aiming for their highest score in a side-by-side competition. Open Thursdays & Fridays from 5PM until 11PM and then on Saturdays and Sundays from 12PM until 11PM. [www.ErieAxes.com](http://www.ErieAxes.com)
* **‘Hello Erie’ App Trip Planner Update** - Planning the perfect day just got much easier with our NEW integrated mobile app…Map out everything you don’t want to miss in Erie! This tool provides a new way to explore what the area has to offer, including upcoming events, popular restaurants, area hot spots, shopping, and points of interest. View it all at once or search by categories See an upcoming Event, Restaurant or Attraction you don’t want to miss? Click “Add” and it will be added to your plan. Want to invite some friends? Share your plan with them directly or via social media, email or SMS. Available FREE for Apple and Android devices.
* **Experiential Tours with VisitErie!** Looking to try new things, be immersed in unique local activities, and create memories? We’ve got just the thing for you adventurous, hands-on types. Pottery Making, Whiskey Barrel Tasting, Erie Food Tours, Winery Tours and Horse-back riding. Find them all at VisitErie.com/Explore
* **Waldameer Amusement Park & Water World** is growing yet again! “Waldameer and Water World is racing into Summer 2020 with an exciting 6-lane Rally Racer waterslide debuting in Water World. Racers will collect their racing mat at ground level and make their way up to the starting line atop a 50 ft tower. From the start line, racers will spiral down headfirst on their mats in enclosed tubes that meet and form an open-flume “rally section.” Then, racers will spiral again in enclosed tubes until they meet in a final rally section with a drop into finish line. The amusement park wasn’t left out for 2020, as a new family spinning coaster, Whirlwind, will offer pint-size thrills for children and their families.” [www.waldamer.com](http://www.waldamer.com)
* **U.S. Aerial Historic Adventures** - Climb aboard the U.S. Ariel and experience Erie’s role in the Battle of Lake Erie first-hand. Venture onto Presque Isle Bay and tour key historical locations: Cascade Creek Inlet • Dobbins Landing • Misery Bay • Perry’s Monument. Knowledgeable guides identify and describe points of interest while they supply enlightening information about the area’s history. Learning history has never been this fun! Take part in on-board activities (including water cannon battles) and feel what it was like to be a sailor on a tall ship at war. [www.USAerial.com](http://www.USAerial.com)
* **Asbury Woods Nature Center** – A new boardwalk and teaching pavilion were recently completed after a 10-year planning process. The new boardwalk is 8 feet wide, 2,000 feet long, lighted and includes handrails on each side and is fully accessible for wheelchairs. The teaching pavilion is on the edge of a wetlands on nature center grounds. Both provide a unique outdoor learning experience for children and visitors. [www.asburywoods.org](http://www.asburywoods.org)
* **Lot 10** - There’s a new spot downtown where you can step out to enjoy some fresh air. Lot 10, located off of East 5 Street between the Erie Art Museum and expERIEnce Children’s Museum has recently transformed into a unique new garden setting for Erie. Whether you’re looking to just sit and relax to enjoy the day, or even to host a meeting to catch up on work, there is something for everyone in the newly renovated lot. The Lot’s one-of-a kind hut, archway and trashcans were designed by local artist Evan Everhart and made out of recycled materials.
* **John Russell Brewing Company –** Formerly known as the U Pick 6 Beer Store on upper Peach Street, this brewery will brew on-site house recipes and feature a wide variety of craft beers. Coming Winter 2019. [www.upick6.com](http://www.upick6.com)
* **The Bay House Restaurant & Rooftop Bar –** This new venue will feature indoor & outdoor panoramic views of Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie, seafood-forward menu with raw bar, private dining, upper mezzanine, fire pits and more. Coming Summer 2020. [www.upick6.com](http://www.upick6.com)
* **Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park & Resort** has undergone a major expansion! New features include the Flow Rider indoor surfing machine, expanded arcade, improved food service and additional space for guests. The indoor surf machine, **The Flow Rider** has riders to begin by kneeling on a body board, learning to balance and maneuver as water rushes over a trampoline-like tensioned fabric surface. Guests will learn tricks on the body board including spins and flips before graduating to standing and surfing the wave on a specially designed flow board. The Flow Rider is built for two simultaneous riders and can accommodate as many as 200 riders in an hour. The water park will also offer private surf lessons. The project also includes the construction of a large elevated balcony with seating for guests which will overlook the new Flow Rider and the popular Wild Waters Wave pool and will feature a new food service area and bar. In conjunction with the launch of the thrilling new attraction, the water park will also expand the existing Treasure Island Arcade at Splash Lagoon by 2,500 square feet. The additional space will house approximately forty new arcade games, bringing the total number of arcade games to over 100. The space will also offer an area for groups & birthday parties. [www.splashlagoon.com](http://www.splashlagoon.com)
* **Hampton Inn Bayfront Hotel & Oliver’s Rooftop Bar** – Erie's newest hotel, a Hampton Inn & Suites along Erie's Bayfront opens in early 2020! Featuring stunning views of Presque Isle Bay, including panoramic views from Oliver's Rooftop restaurant on the hotel's eighth floor. The hotel's interior design pays tribute to the Erie region's rich naval history and is inspired by Oliver Hazard Perry, a naval commander in the War of 1812.​ [www.visitscott.com](http://www.visitscott.com)
* **Sneaky Pete’s Tapas Bar & Restaurant**- One of Erie’s hidden gems has expanded! Step back into days gone by with Tiffany lamps, Waterford crystal, wood burning fireplace, good drinks & food, specializing in Imported CharcutERIE! Make the trip to check out their new outdoor patio and bocce court! [www.sneakypeteserie.com](http://www.sneakypeteserie.com)
* **Presque Isle Downs & Casino Bet America Sportsbook** – Featuring 50 state-of-the-art sports wagering kiosks. BetAmerica is an online and retail sportsbook, casino, advance-deposit wagering website and mobile app offering a world-class, full-spectrum solution for betting on sports, casino games and horseracing. Around-the-clock pre-match and live sports betting are available on professional football, college football and basketball, hockey, golf, tennis, soccer, combat sports, auto racing and dozens of other sporting events. [www.presqueisledowns.com](http://www.presqueisledowns.com)
* **Erie County Historical Society** - Watch for the new exhibit building on the campus of the Hagen History Center which will provide 6000 square feet of new exhibit space. The construction of the building should be completed in Fall 2019 and the first floor exhibit should be completed by Spring 2020.  [www.eriehistory.org](http://www.eriehistory.org)
* **New Mural at Dobbins Landing** – One of the most popular spots on Erie’s Bayfront got a face lift! Designed by internationally-known street artist SatOne, the eye-popping abstract mural covers the observation deck at Dobbins Landing (foot of State Street). The best way to view the complete mural is from the top of the Bicentennial Tower. This public art project is a collaboration between Erie Arts & Culture and the [Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority](https://www.facebook.com/EriePortAuthority/?__tn__=K-R&eid=ARC2Y8tOQ5scMogm_OMinc4vpELnda8STBiewsQcdQClzt_IPghUISMVfWUlIMj0nBbii81TyJGUwBX1&fref=mentions&__xts__%5B0%5D=68.ARBx7qp4jsxIRFY4_G6Faej93-uEUXRY619-WyF72fBGnBkIYrE3d6V9sgj1LyuY81nqRWPqXvZe0fx_cMST_A4TLLSYmNLOQZC7U1wQc5RZKy7Y7Nti_uDxCx9ezNSMPjG-BWRgbUkEYLZmkcoZSAvn91Xmv1zRyYxT3G-WqpLOZNUY9xCzv6g2bFKRSGpN-PqJLGNS8UJnAEP4JzMo4TBo1ZEtWM_fnaK56X64N1nuFHAOn9vBWFbnKZM4nDb9lr3rcJaPXC4sAtFc4_PE9Nl1-uv_kbqXAqlUX0CksY4zUyy2r47XwI7uaPuAkT584057xOp7uM6oSp6IPg).
* **Arrowhead Wine Cellars** recently unveiled their new tasting room and retail space. Celebrating over 20 years of success, Arrowhead still features their award-winning wines along with some new varieties. [www.arrowheadwine.com](http://www.arrowheadwine.com)
* **UPMC Park -** The final stage of the 16 million dollar renovation project at UPMC Park is underway. Fans can enjoy a new entrance plaza being on East 9th Street that will also house a fan store for both the Erie SeaWolves AA Baseball team and the Otters OHL Hockey team. Completion early 2020. [www.erieevents.com](http://www.erieevents.com)
* **New Fishing Pier (foot of Holland Street)** - East Dobbins Landing will get a makeover and anglers will get a new place to fish at the foot of Holland Street. With help from the state and other organizations, the Erie-Western Port Authority is proceeding with a project to fix the dock wall and make other improvements to East Dobbins Landing and another project to add a fishing pier to the Holland Street pier, behind the Port Authority’s offices. Late Summer 2020 [www.porterie.org](http://www.porterie.org)