



The Erie Canal Reopens

Friday, May 17th!



The 2025 Erie Canal navigation season begins on Friday, May 17th. According to a study prepared by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, canal related events and tours throughout the state have a \$1.3 Billion impact each year. We look forward to welcoming boaters, kayakers, and Great Loopers, and another great season for the Colonial Belle tour boat!

Our restaurants, retail, and services businesses make the Village of Fairport a top destination for travelers who appreciate the Village's distinctive character and culture.

The Fairport Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED) believes our existing businesses are the foundation of our economic growth. We support our local business community

with a variety of programs. In 2024 alone, our Facade grant program has approved more than \$75,000 in grants to help commercial property owners upgrade their storefronts, making them more attractive, welcoming and accessible.

To learn more about how we support local businesses:
fairportoced.org/business/

FLDC Community Support - 2024 Plein Air Festival



We're excited to share that the **Fairport Local Development Corporation (FLDC)** has been awarded a 2024 NYS Canal System Event Grant by the NYS Canal Corporation and Erie Canalway to support the third annual Fairport Reimagine the Canal Plein Air Festival.

In addition to the \$2,000 grant, we have pledged an additional \$1,500 to the Fairport Public Arts Committee to offset costs of this event, which brings in regional artists who paint their vision of our community. The exhibition that follows provides an opportunity to purchase these wonderful paintings that showcase the Village of Fairport.

We are pleased to support events that invite more people to explore the Erie Canal and the Village of Fairport! To learn more about how we support our local community:

[fairportced.org/community/](https://www.fairportced.org/community/)

And save the date for Fairport Reimagine the Canal Plein Air Festival to be held on September 28, 2024.

<https://www.fairportpleinair.org/>



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