



## Match on Main Grant Round Announced

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) has announced a new round of Match on Main reimbursement grants of up to \$25,000. For consideration, your application must be completed and returned to the Ionia Downtown Development Authority office by **4:00PM Wednesday, February 15, 2023**. All applications and supporting documents will be reviewed by a committee with one or two candidates moving forward to the second round. Being selected to move forward does not guarantee a grant award as there are multiple levels of review and acceptance measures by MEDC.

The Match on Main program can provide up to \$25,000 in funding reimbursements for eligible activities. The focus of Match on Main is to support place-based businesses as they seek to launch and grow on Main Street, create and retain jobs, leverage private investment, and activate vacant or underutilized space. Small businesses are the cornerstone of what makes Michigan downtowns unique and authentic. Please note that one of the eligibility requirements is that you are a retail business with a storefront on Main Street located between Kidd and Dexter. For a copy of the program description and application, please contact the DDA office at [lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us) or by calling (616) 527-1420.

## Downtown Vintage Opening Soon

Downtown Vintage will be opening March 1st! Located at 221 West Main Street, the retail shop will sell beautifully repurposed and used furniture, collectibles, décor, and more. If you are currently a new or existing business seeking additional booth space, please contact Jennifer for vendor information as space is available within Downtown Vintage. Join us as we welcome Jennifer Loudenbeck and Downtown Vintage to our downtown as she is relocating her business from the Mount Pleasant area. To speak with Jennifer regarding inventory or vendor booth information, please call (989) 289-5854.



## DDA Business Spotlight

If you would like to see your DDA business or organization showcased in the Spotlight, please contact the office for details. Call (616) 527-1420 or email at [lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us)

# Ionia Downtown Development Authority

## 2023 Board of Directors

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If you have an interest in serving on the DDA Board of Directors, an application can be accessed on the City of Ionia website.

## 2023 Meeting Schedule

Regularly scheduled meetings of the DDA are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:00AM at City Hall located at 114 North Kidd Street. The public is welcome to attend.

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

## Upcoming Special Events

### Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th

### Ionia Cruisin' Classic Car Show

Saturday, June 3rd

### Cow Pie Classic

### Michigan Gravel Series Bike Race

To be announced

### Ionia Fireworks Display

Thursday, June 29th with a rain date of Friday, July 7th

### Ionia Free Fair

July 13 - 22, 2023

(Thursday, July 13th is a preview night opening at 5pm with limited midway, concessions and exhibits).

## Street Closure Requests

If you have an upcoming event or special activity that may require street closures, use of barricades or planned use of the Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Trail system, you must complete the proper application forms and receive prior approval. If you are planning a construction project that includes placing equipment, trailers or dumpsters in the downtown district, a permit must be submitted for the same. Each require a certificate of liability insurance. We also request all applications / permits be submitted 60 days in advance of the actual event or start of project. For more information, contact the DDA office at (616) 527-1420.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

With the winter months upon us, please keep the sidewalk areas along your business storefront and exits clear of snow and ice. **All** entrances and exits must be clear of snow for easy access. Shoppers may avoid your business if an icy sidewalk restricts their safety. When clearing your parking areas, please do not pile snow in front of the dumpster enclosures or any drive entrances and / or exits.

## WION I-1430 Radio

Tune into WION 1430 AM or at 92.7 FM Radio for the latest weather and school closings reports this winter season. Streaming is courtesy of the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Ionia. Special thanks to owner Jim Carlyle for continuing our local coverage.

# Lunch & Movie Matinee!

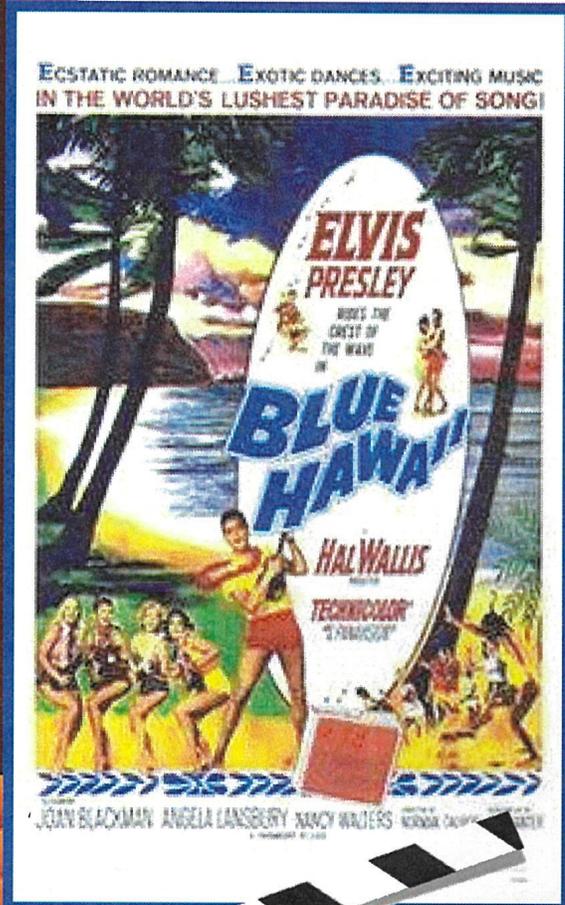
Join us for good food, camaraderie, and an ELVIS film:

## Thursday, Feb. 9

Come for lunch at 11:30am at the ICCOA and join us after for the 1961 musical romantic comedy/drama **"BLUE HAWAII"** movie (featuring ELVIS PRESLEY) at the historic IONIA THEATRE at 1:30PM.

ICCOA Senior Center: 115 Hudson St, IONIA MI 48846.

Please RSVP by NOON on the FRIDAY BEFORE for meal:  
Call (616) 527-5365.



### MOVIE LUNCHEON MENU:

Hawaiian Sweet & Sour Meatballs,  
Rice Pilaf with Vegetables,  
Oriental Blend Vegetables, Assorted  
Dinner Rolls, Pineapple Dessert.



Suggested donation of \$3 for meal. Movie ticket is additional, to be purchased at Ionia Theatre box office, 205 W. Main St., IONIA MI 48846. Box office phone: (616) 527-3860.

Hosted by Ionia County Commission on Aging and the Ionia Theatre

