



VFW Post 12082 Memorial Day Parade

The annual Memorial Day Parade kicks off at 10:00AM on Monday, May 30th and will travel Main Street from Dexter to the Courthouse. Hosted by VFW Post 12082, this year's event will have added entries, special programming and more. Join the community on the Courthouse lawn immediately following the parade for a full gun salute, guest speaker, and dedication. Zion Methodist Church is hosting a children's bike decorating program prior to the Parade in their parking lot located on Washington Street. Once the bikes are decorated, children may ride in the Memorial Day Parade with parent's approval. Orion Manufacturing is hosting a free movie at the Ionia Theatre following the courthouse presentations. 'The Great Escape' starring Steve McQueen will begin at noon. Please note that Main Street will be closed for the Parade, so plan accordingly.

First Thursday On The Bricks

Don't miss First Thursday on the Bricks from 5:00PM to 8:00PM on June 2nd. Downtown merchants will have extended hours, in-store specials and of course, that amazing hometown customer service. Vendors will also be on site selling their wares including handcrafted gifts, sweet treats and more. For more information on becoming a vendor, contact Heather at The Jewel Box or Karlee from Brick Street Photography.

Ionia Cruisin' Classic Car Show

Organizers are on target to host another award winning Classic Car Show Saturday, June 4th from 9:00AM to 3:00PM in downtown Ionia. The event is free to spectators and only \$10 to register a vehicle. Dash plaques will be presented to the first 200 cars. Top Ten Awards will be determined by participant votes and include Best of Show for Car, Truck, and Bike. Registration is available the day of from 8:00AM to 10:00AM. To register prior to the show, visit www.ioniacruisinclassics.com. All proceeds support local Ionia County Food Pantries. This is a rain or shine event! For more information, contact Missy at (616) 780-2254. "Like" the show on FB at Ionia Cruisin' Classics. Please note that Main Street from Dexter to the Courthouse will be closed beginning at 5:00AM. If you are a property owner and have tenants who reside within this area, please notify them not to park street side. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.



Ionia Harvest Market



Opening Saturday June 4th, the community farmers' market will feature garden fresh produce, arts, crafts and more. Ionia Harvest Marketplace will be open each Saturday, June 4th through October 1st from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Ionia Rotary Hoppough Farm Market Pavilion located on the corner of Adams and Steele streets. Senior Project Fresh, Project Fresh / WIC and Snap coupons will be accepted. Vendor applications are posted on their official FB site - Ionia Harvest Marketplace. Vendors have the option of a discounted seasonal pass or single visit fee. For additional information, contact Elizabeth at (616) 302-4615 or by email at wabasiscreekfarms@yahoo.com. **An application is included in this newsletter - register now!** Watch for news on the upcoming 'End of Summer Celebration' scheduled for Saturday, August 27th supporting the Ionia Harvest Market. Proceeds to support the farm market program.

Cow Pie Classic Race Returns

The Cow Pie Classic returns on Saturday, June 11th with a starting and finish line in the downtown. An estimated 750 riders will peddle their way through the area's countryside. The famed Michigan gravel grinder bike race offers four distance rides from 3 to 66 miles. From gravel roads to a scenic tour through farm pastures, your skills will be tested. A special youth ride has been added making this a true family affair. Proceeds support local charities. Visit www.ridecowpie.com for registration and additional information. Special thanks to Joe Cantwell and family for this amazing event.



Music On The Green Concert Schedule

The Music On The Green concert series is set to begin on Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the First United Methodist Church located at 105 East Main Street. All concerts are dedicated to the community's front line workers as a special thank you for their dedication to residents during the COVID Pandemic. Bring your lawn chair and join us for a musical celebration. There will not be a cover charge, however donations are welcome.

June 8th featuring A. J. and the Drifters honoring Ionia Public Schools

June 15th featuring Flashback honoring Healthcare Professionals

June 22nd featuring 3 Husbands on the Loose honoring Law Enforcement & Public Safety employees

July 13th featuring Joel Kilgore and The Trommaters honoring Communities of Faith

July 27th featuring Brian Brill Trio honoring our local business community (in the sanctuary)

August 3rd featuring Harmony honoring friends and loved ones lost and good Samaritans (in the sanctuary)

Ionia Fireworks Display



One of Ionia's most anticipated events is the annual fireworks display. Friends and families gather downtown and the fairgrounds to view the spectacular pyrotechnic presentation. This year, the fireworks are currently planned for Thursday, June 30th so not to interfere with your holiday plans. A rain date of Friday, July 8th has been secured. The DDA invites you and / or your business to become a partner of this dazzling display and celebration. A full sponsorship form is included in this newsletter for your review. For more information, call the DDA office at (616) 527-1420. Event subject to change.

Michigan Wizard of Oz Returns to Ionia

The DDA is proud to announce the return of the ever popular Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival. Scheduled for Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st. Downtown will come alive with the Official Characters, contests, arts and crafts, Glinda's Tea Party, and of course, the movie that started it all! The amazing Oz committee is adding a 5K Run / Walk and a Murder Mystery event to the line up of special activities. This year, we are dedicating the Festival to the memory of Mary Ellen St Aubin who graced us with her presence as our beloved Celebrity Guest each year. Mary Ellen was married to the love of her life Parnell, who was the smallest actor on the set of the original movie "Wizard of Oz". We will always treasure her visits, beautiful smile, quick wit and her kind heart. If you have an interest in becoming a member of the Committee, please contact the DDA office for details. Vendor applications will be mailed soon. If you would like to be added to the list, please call (616) 527-1420.



Floral Building Fundraiser

Don't miss the upcoming fundraiser for the Floral Building on May 24th beginning at 4pm at the Lamplight Grill. The Lamplight Grill will be donating 10% of all food sales to the cause. The 'fair themed' dinner menu options include steak tips, mashed potatoes, Ionia Free Fair Burger, and deep fried Oreos for dessert. You can order take out or dine in. Musical artist Shannon Hughes kicks off the evening entertainment at 6pm. Join in the fun filled evening while supporting the picturesque historic Floral Building located at the Ionia Fairgrounds. If you would like to rent the Floral Building for family events, celebrations, weddings or other special occasions, contact the Ionia Free Fair office by calling (616) 527-1310.

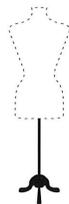


SMAT Community Days Slated for Saturday, June 18th

Don't miss the annual Community Day celebration at the Ionia Airport featuring a business showcase, concessions, vendors, pancake breakfast, Kids Zone play area, flight simulators, door prizes, tours, airplane rides and more! Sponsored by SMAT and the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce, this day will be filled with fun for the entire family. For more information, contact the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce at (616) 527-2560 or SMAT at (616) 537-4160.

Thread, White and Blue & Grand Ionia Antiques

Two great shopping experiences at one location - 313 W Main Street in downtown Ionia. Clothing, jewelry, western bags, shoes, décor, furniture, antiques, vintage treasures, artwork, and so much more. Adding to the amazing inventory is a 10% off sale. Gift certificates available. For more information, call (616) 523-6133.



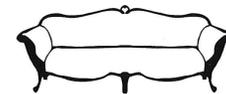
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- ESTATE SALE SERVICES



313 W Main St Downtown Ionia

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616-523-6133

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2022 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. COVID 19 guidelines will be maintained.

June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

DDA Committees

The DDA welcomes new members to their respective committees. If you have an interest in special events, promotion and marketing or business development, please contact us by calling (616) 527-1420.

Upcoming Special Events

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 30th

1st Thursday on the Bricks

Thursday, June 2nd 5-8pm

Ionia Classic Car Show

Saturday, June 4th

Ionia Harvest Marketplace

Each Saturday

June 4th to October 1st

The Cow Pie Classic

Michigan Gravel Race Series

Saturday, June 11th

SMAT Community Day

Saturday, June 18th

Ionia Fireworks Display

Thursday, June 30th

Rain date of Friday, July 8th

Ionia Free Fair

July 15th to July 23rd

Ionia Free Fair Grand Parade

Saturday, July 16th



* all events subject to change

Street Closure Requests

If you have an upcoming event or special activity that may require street closures, 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 barricades, 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.

Sign Ordinance Update

If you are considering replacing or creating new signage for your business, please refer to the Sign Ordinance located in the City of Ionia Code of Ordinances - Chapter 1284. This revised ordinance located in the City of Ionia website will provide you with full descriptions, illustrations and content to guide you through the process. For more information, contact the Assistant to the City Manager Jonathon Bowman at (616) 527-5147.

City of Ionia Fireworks Display

Thursday, June 30th at 10:10PM

Launched from the Ionia Fairgrounds.

Your support of this annual tradition is greatly appreciated.

Business / Organization: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration date: _____

3 digit code: _____ Name listed on card: _____

Signature of cardholder: _____

Address of cardholder: _____

△ Platinum Sponsor \$1,200

△ Gold Sponsor \$1,000

△ Silver Sponsor \$ 750

△ Bronze Sponsor \$ 500

△ Supporting Sponsor \$300

△ Investment Sponsor \$100 - \$275

△ Friend - \$25 or more \$ _____

△ In Honor of OR In Memory of:



All responses received prior to June 15, 2022 will be acknowledged in event promotional materials. Please contact the City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority at (616) 527-1420 for more information. Please make your check payable to:

City of Ionia DDA
P.O. Box 496
Ionia, MI 48846

Thank you for your generous support!

Rain date scheduled for July 8th. Event subject to change.



Ionia Rotary Club Robert Hoppough Pavilion

Corner of Adams and Steele Street

2022 Vendor Application



Applicant Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

The items we are planning to offer at the Ionia Harvest Marketplace include:

Vegetables Flowers, trees and / or potted plants Fruit

Honey / Jams / Maple Syrup Herbs Baked goods Meats

Crafts (please describe): _____

Other (please describe): _____

* Please see requirements and regulations for food items.

The Ionia Harvest Marketplace utilizes vendor fees to offset promotional and program costs. Vendor fees are based Seasonal and on single day sales and can be paid on the day of service or in advance. Checks shall be made payable to the Ionia Harvest Marketplace. Note: There will be a \$40 service fee for all returned checks.

Seasonal: \$90 Payable in advance or two installments of \$45 each. Daily: \$10 Due at set up. Concession: \$180 seasonal or \$20 Due at set up. Receipts shall be issued to vendors for tax purposes.

As a vendor participating in the Ionia Harvest Marketplace, I assume all risks of injury suffered while on and/or upon the premises of the Market. I release and agree not to sue the Ionia Harvest Marketplace, its agents, servants, associations, employees, or anyone connected with the Ionia Harvest Marketplace for any claim, damages, costs, or cause of action which I may, or in the future, have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred while on and/or upon the premises of the Ionia Harvest Marketplace as a vendor participating in the Ionia Harvest Marketplace. By signing below, I

_____ (print name) acknowledge that I have read the waiver of liability above, as well as the attached rules and regulations for the Ionia Harvest Marketplace, understand and agree to abide by them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Farm name / DBA: _____

Saturdays

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13, 20, 27

September 3, 10, 17, 24

Ionia Harvest Marketplace

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