



# Downtown Development Authority

## Newsletter

June 2023

### First Thursday On The Bricks

Don't miss tonight's First Thursday on the Bricks celebration in downtown Ionia. Businesses will have extended hours, in-store specials and of course, that amazing hometown customer service. Vendors will also be on hand selling their wares including handcrafted gifts, sweet treats and more. For information on becoming a vendor, contact Heather at The Jewel Box or Karlee from Brick Street Photography.



### Ionia Cruisin' Classic Car, Truck & Bike Show

Mark your calendars for the Ionia Cruisin' Classic Car, Truck & Bike Show held on Main Street Saturday, June 3rd from 9am to 3pm. Up to 250 vehicles will be on display in addition to specialty food concessions, and more! Registration is available the day of from 8am to 10am or prior to the show at [www.ioniacruisinclassics.com](http://www.ioniacruisinclassics.com). As in the past, registration remains at only \$10! The Top 10 in addition to Best of Show Car / Truck / Bike will be awarded. Proceeds support local food pantries. For more information, contact Missy at (616) 780-2254. Stop by the airconditioned Ionia Theatre for concessions!

### Ionia Harvest Marketplace & Farmers' Market

Opening Saturday, June 3rd, the community's farmers market will feature garden fresh produce, scrumptious baked goods, seasonal fruits, arts, crafts, and more. Ionia Harvest Marketplace will be open each Saturday, June 3rd through October 7th from 9am to 2pm at the Ionia Rotary Club / Robert Hoppough Memorial 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". For additional information, contact Elizabeth at (616) 302-4615 or by email at [wabasiscreekfarms@yahoo.com](mailto:wabasiscreekfarms@yahoo.com).

### Annual Cow Pie Classic



The Cow Pie Classic returns on Saturday, June 10th with a start and finish line in the downtown. An estimated 1,000 riders will peddle their way through the area's countryside. This famed Michigan gravel grinder bike race offers four distance rides from 3 to 62 miles. From gravel roads to a scenic tour through farm pastures, rider skills will be tested. The Cow Pie is now recognized as one of the top cycling events in the nation. Proceeds support local charities. Visit [www.ridecowpie.com](http://www.ridecowpie.com) for registration and additional information. Special thanks to Joe Cantwell and family for this amazing event.

As always, be mindful of cyclists on any roadway.

## Music On The Green Concert Schedule

The Music On The Green concert series is set to begin on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 8:30pm at the First United Methodist Church located at 105 East Main Street. There will not be a cover charge, however donations are welcome. Bring you lawn chair and invite your friends to join you for an evening of music. Don't worry about the weather - if rain is in the forecast, we will move indoors. The First United Methodist Church - celebrating 150 years of praise and fellowship on the corner of Main and Hudson Streets.

June 13h featuring Ionia High School Jazz Band

June 20th featuring The Hagens

June 27th featuring Flashback

July 11th featuring We Three Strings and Rob Pearson

July 18th featuring A.J. & The Drifters

July 25th featuring Harmony

## 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 planned for Thursday, June 29th so not to interfere with your holiday plans. The DDA invites you and / or your business to become a partner of this dazzling display and celebration. For more information, call the DDA office at (616) 527-1420. Event subject to change. A rain date of Friday, July 7th has been secured.

**Your support of this annual tradition is greatly appreciated.**

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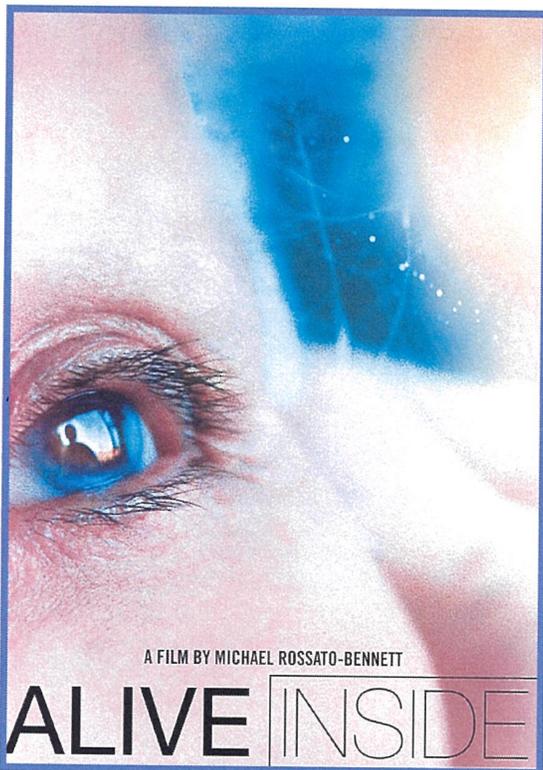
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*Ionia County Commission on Aging, Ionia Theatre  
and Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter present  
a special documentary and joyous exploration  
of music's capacity to reawaken our souls*

# ALIVE INSIDE: A Movie of Music and Memory



Join us for this important  
**FREE** event on **THURSDAY,**  
**JUNE 22** at 6:30pm  
at the **IONIA THEATRE**  
205 W. Main St. Ionia MI 48846

2014  
SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

Winner of the 2014 Sundance Film Festival AUDIENCE AWARD for U.S. Documentary

Seniors 60+ are welcome to join us prior to the movie for a 5pm dinner at the Ionia County Commission on Aging Senior Center, 115 Hudson St in Ionia.  
*RSVP for MEAL by NOON on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Call (616) 527-5365 to RSVP.*

**MENU:** Nacho Bar (Homemade Nachos & Salsa), Fresh Melon, Sweet Treat.  
Suggested donation of \$3 for meal.

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# Join us for a SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT! Sunday, Aug. 13 at 4pm



ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST  
**JAKE SLATER**

returns for a special  
**LIVE performance ON STAGE**  
at the Ionia Theatre with the  
**JOSH RAMSES BAND!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 at 4PM.**

*Doors open at 3PM.*

**TICKETS:**



**\$10 in advance.**

**\$15 day of show.**



*A silent auction of Elvis collectibles  
will be held concurrent with event.*

*Net proceeds go to  
Ionia County Commission  
on Aging!*

Tickets may be purchased at the Ionia Theatre box office at 205 West Main St. in Ionia (or online [www.ionia-theatre.com](http://www.ionia-theatre.com)). Call (616) 527-3860 for info. Tickets may also be purchased at Ionia County Commission on Aging at 115 Hudson St. in Ionia (cash or check only) Monday-Friday 8:30AM-5PM. **NOTE: The Ionia Theatre is fully accessible.**

