

# **Ionia Downtown Development Authority**

## **Newsletter and Updates      Mid-June 2022**

As summer rolls in, so does the number of special events and activities for the community. Please view the flyers and information showcasing the events and don't forget to mark your calendar to attend each!

### **Annual Cow Pie Classic Bike Race**

The Cow Pie Classic returns on Saturday, June 11th with a starting and finish line in the downtown. An estimated 800 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](http://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** **Dedicated to Front Line Workers and Community Residents**

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 commitment to residents during the COVID Pandemic. Bring a 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 Trommeters 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 Harvest Market**

The Ionia Harvest Market is now open each Saturday June to October from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Located at the Rotary Club R. Hoppough Memorial Pavilion, vendors fill the aisles with fresh produce, arts, crafts, handcrafted gifts, greeting cards and more. The Market accepts SNAP, Project Fresh and Senior Project Fresh coupons and cards. Watch for details on a special 'End of Season Celebration' at the Market on August 27th. A fun filled day for every member of the family.

### **SMAT and Chamber Community Days**

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.

### **Ionia Theatre**

Check out Ionia Theatre's FB site or the City of Ionia website for a list of upcoming movie releases!

THE IONIA THEATER

**PRESENTS**

**A NIGHT OF MUSIC FROM THE 60's**

with

***Glad All Over***

&

**WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS**

**The  
LIVERPOOL  
EXPERIENCE**

**A JOURNEY THROUGH THE AGE OF BEATLEMANIA**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022**

**3:00PM MATINEE / DOORS OPEN AT 2PM**

**7:00PM EVENING / DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

**TICKETS**

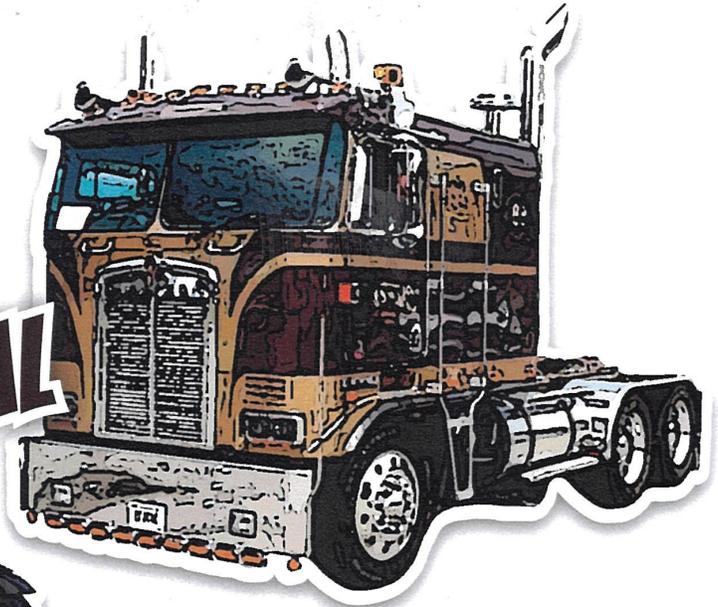
**\$10.00- ADULTS**

**\$5.00- 12 & UNDER**

**FREE- 6 & UNDER**

**AT THE DOOR OR ONLINE AT <https://cityofionia.org/ioniatheater>**

# 5TH ANNUAL



## SAM & BERT LETTS MEMORIAL

### WORKING TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW JUNE 24, 25, 26 · IONIA, MI · FREE EVENT

Proceeds benefitting Ionia Area Hospice & a local trucker fighting cancer

This is a free event for the public at the Ionia Fairgrounds. Truckers, motorcyclists, and their families will be given wristbands for free meals provided by the show. New this year: Memorial Awards. Each family will judge and present their award to the driver of their choice. Also new this year is a Competitors Award where the winner will be chosen by YOU, the truckers! Motorcycles will be judged for 1st and 2nd places.

#### Friday, June 24

12 pm: Trucks & motorcycles arrive  
5:30pm: Ice cream social

#### Saturday, June 25 The fun begins!

10am: Trucks & motorcycles in place, fees paid  
8am-10am: Breakfast for truckers, motorcyclists, & families - please have wristbands on  
9am-5pm: Silent Auction - winners need not be present to win  
12pm-1pm: Lunch begins  
5:30pm: Awards for truckers & motorcycles  
5:30pm: Silent Auction winners pay & collect  
6:00pm: Supper begins  
7pm-9pm: Live band for your entertainment  
9pm: Light up the Town - 1st & 2nd place will be chosen for best lighted trucks! Competitors award will be presented then also. Motorcycles welcome to join.  
12am: Shut down. Trucks & Motorcycles are free to leave any time following final awards.

#### Sunday, June 26

Truckers & Motorcycles move out - clean up!

#### FEES:

Trucks: \$50.00  
Motorcycles: \$25.00

**A representative from Ionia Area Hospice will be on site to collect the fees from judging classes, which will go directly to Ionia Area Hospice.**

#### SILENT AUCTION:

9am - 5:30pm  
Winners need not be present to win  
**Proceeds from the silent auction will go to Howard Christensen, a local trucker who is fighting cancer.**

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#### Camping is available!

Please contact Tim or Kim for info.

# Join us for a SPECIAL FUNDRAISER EVENT!

## Sunday, JUNE 26 from 3-5pm

HE'S BACK! Ionia's favorite  
ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST

**JAKE SLATER**

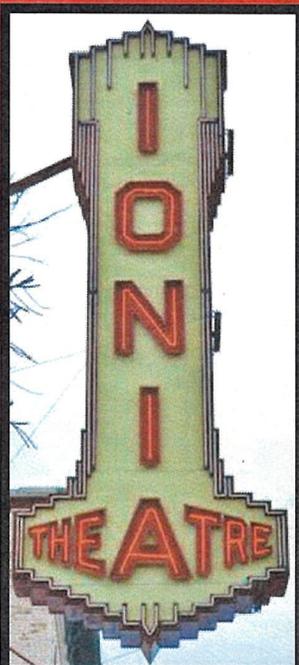
returns for a special  
performance LIVE onstage  
at the IONIA THEATER  
Sunday JUNE 26 from 3-5pm.

*All net proceeds go to Ionia  
County Commission on Aging.*

*This event hosted by LINDA CIANGI & the Elvis Girls.*

### REMINDER:

The new "ELVIS" film is COMING  
SOON to the IONIA THEATRE!



All general admission tickets are \$10 each. Purchase advance tickets at ICCOA or Ionia Theater box office. Special theater seating for SENIORS & disabled.

The Ionia Theatre is fully accessible. Tickets on sale during show times at the Ionia Theatre box office, or online at <https://cityofionia.org/ionia-theatre.php>

**IONIA THEATRE, 205 West Main Street, Ionia MI 48846 (616) 527-3860.**



**City of Ionia Fireworks Display**  
**Thursday, June 30th**  
**Launched from the**  
**Fairgrounds at 10:10PM.**

Music, concessions and more kick-off at 6:00PM.

Event courtesy of the Ionia DDA  
and generous sponsors.

Don't miss the Rotary Club's Uncle Sam Jam  
opening at 6:00PM on the lawn between  
Independent Bank and Michigan 1 Community Credit  
Union. Food, live music, and children's face painting.

\*Rain date of Friday, July 8th.

