

Happy Thanksgiving

Small Business Saturday Slated for November 26th

American Express created Small Business Saturday in 2010 as a counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday for small town USA. This special day encourages holiday shoppers to patronize local brick and mortar businesses rather than traveling distances or using on-line purchasing. As the merchants celebrate this special shopping day, many will be offering in-store specials, gift wrapping, contests and more. Become an inspirational shopper and create a “tourist in your own town” experience for you and your friends. Shop local and support your community. Many businesses are operated by friends, neighbors and in some cases even family. To ensure a strong business district, we all need to remember to shop local. Plan now for your Ionia shopping experience as we kick off Small Business Saturday on November 26th.



Hometown Holiday Kick-off Friday, December 2nd

Join us for the Hometown Holiday Celebration set for Friday, December 2nd including the official Tree Lighting and Caroling starting at 6pm with the Parade following at 6:30pm. Visit Santa at the Armory Community Center prior to and following the Parade. Live Local Realty's Annual Free Movie is set for 8pm at the Ionia Theatre. The Mrs. Claus Bazaar returns on Saturday, December 3rd from 9am to 4pm at the Ionia Middle School. Don't miss the Hometown Holiday Celebration by attending the many events and shopping local!

Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Celebration & Awards

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual celebration and awards night on Saturday, January 14th at Shadow Ridge Golf Course. Nominations are currently underway for the following award categories:

Community Partner of the Year Award
Small Business Achievement Award
Large Business Achievement Award
Nonprofit of the Year Award
Emerging Business of the Year Award
The Business Person of the Year Award
Citizen of the Year Award

For more information on the nomination process, reserving your tickets or becoming a valued sponsor, contact the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce by calling (616) 527-2560.

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2022 DDA Board 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.

November 16th

December 21st

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 527-1420.



Upcoming Special Events

Thursday, November 24th

Thanksgiving
(City offices will be closed
November 24th and 25th)

Saturday, November 26th

Small Business Saturday
SHOP LOCAL!

Thursday, December 1st

Commission on Aging
Senior Dinner & Movie Night
Call (616) 527-5365 for details

Friday, December 2nd

Hometown Holidays Parade
& Tree Lighting
Free Movie sponsored by
Live Local in cooperation Ionia Parks
& Recreation at the Ionia Theatre

Saturday, January 14th

Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce
Awards Ceremony and Celebration

* events subject to change

Street Closure Requests

If you or your organization 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 current certificate of liability insurance. We also request all applications / permits be submitted 30 days in advance of the actual event or start of the project. For more information, contact the DDA office at (616) 527-1420.

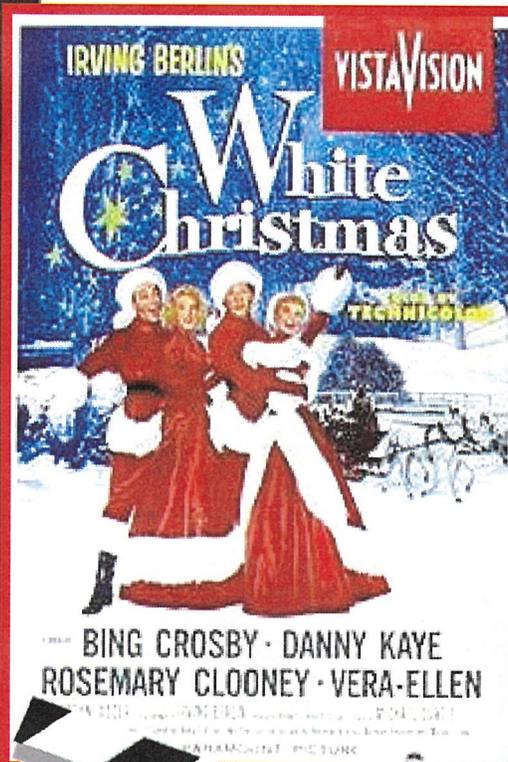


Lamppost Garland Sponsorships Announced

This holiday season, please join the Downtown Development Authority in continuing the long tradition of decorating the historical lampposts that line the streets of the business district. Sponsoring a fresh garland wrap is a wonderful way to recognize an organization, business, individual or honor a special event. To be acknowledged with a gift card placed on a garland wrap, sponsorships must be received by **December 7th**. Requests to decorate specific lampposts cannot be accommodated. For additional information, please contact the Downtown Development Authority office at (616) 527-1420 or by email at lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us. A form has been included in this newsletter to accommodate your sponsorship request.

Senior Dinner & Movie Night!

Join us for good food, camaraderie, and a CLASSIC film:



Thursday, DEC. 1

Come for dinner at 5PM at the ICCOA and join us after for the CLASSIC holiday movie "WHITE CHRISTMAS" at the historic IONIA THEATRE at 7PM.

ICCOA Senior Center: 115 Hudson St, IONIA MI 48846.
Please RSVP by 5pm on FRIDAY, NOV. 14 for the meal:
Call (616) 527-5365.

Bring the whole family to the movie, but please note dinner is for Seniors only.

NOTE: MEAL is for SENIORS only.

BUFFET MENU:

Steamed Cod with Cream Sauce,
Southern Fried Chicken, Herbed Whipped
Potatoes, Baby Carrots, House Salad,
Fresh Baked Breads, Assorted Cheesecake.

Suggested donation of \$3 for meal for SENIORS 60+ and their caregivers. Movie ticket is additional to be purchased at Ionia Theatre box office, 205 W. Main St. IONIA MI 48846.

Ionia Theatre box office phone: (616) 527-3860.

Hosted by Ionia County Commission on Aging and the Ionia Theatre





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I would like to sponsor _____ lamppost(s) at \$20 each.

Please list my sponsorship under the following name / business / organization:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

I would like to pay by: Visa Master Card Check

Name listed on card: _____

Address of card holder: _____

Card Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

3 Digit Code found on the back of your card: _____

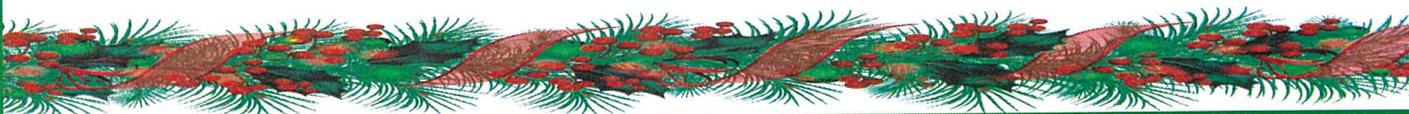
Signature: _____ Today's date: _____

Please enclose your payment with this form. Checks can be made payable to the City of Ionia DDA.

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

To be acknowledged with a gift card placed on a garland wrap, sponsorships must be received by **December 7, 2022**. Requests to decorate specific lampposts cannot be accommodated. For additional information, please contact the Downtown Development Authority office at 616.527.1420.

Thank you for your support.





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WITH US ON SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY[®]

NOV 26

AND ALL HOLIDAY SEASON LONG

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