



Ionia Downtown Development Authority Newsletter April 2023

Ionia Harvest Marketplace

Opening soon, 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.



Ionia Fireworks Display

One of the community's most anticipated events is the annual fireworks display. Friends and families gather downtown or 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. A rain date of Friday, July 7th has been secured in case of inclement weather. 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 527-1420. The City of Ionia appreciates the community's support allowing us to continue this annual tradition.



Dumpster Guidelines



Only businesses on file with the City of Ionia Dumpster Program are allowed access to the units. If you are a member of the program, you have been provided a key to the assigned unit's padlock and are advised to keep the enclosures locked and secured once your allowable garbage has been placed in the unit. This is the responsibility of all enrollees. The DDA has been receiving numerous complaints of illegal dumping of trash, construction materials, furniture, appliances, commercial display units, landscaping debris in addition to trash from other locations. **If non-compliant issues continue, the program may be discontinued.**

Downtown Beautification

Downtown is welcoming spring with flowerbeds beginning to pop with a host of colorful perennials. Trees are budding and will soon be in full bloom. This is also great time to celebrate the new season with fresh storefront window displays. The DDA encourages business owners to sweep sidewalks along their storefront areas. Each year, residents and visitors alike are in awe of our picturesque downtown - one we are proud of.



City Offices Closes for Holiday

City of Ionia offices will be closed on Good Friday - April 7th in honor of the Easter Holiday. This notice also includes the Downtown Development Authority office. Regular hours return Monday, April 10th.

Ionia Downtown Development Authority

2023 Board of Directors

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John Krueger, Vice Chairperson
Margot Cook, Secretary
Chris Hyzer, Treasurer
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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. The 2022 Downtown Development Authority Annual Report is available for review 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.

April 19th

May 17th

June 21st

July 19th

August 16th

September 20th

October 18th

November 15th

December 20th



Upcoming Special Events

First Thursdays on the Bricks

Watch for details!

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 29th

Ionia Cruisin' Classic Car Show

Saturday, June 3rd

Cow Pie Classic

Michigan Gravel Series

Bike Race

Saturday, June 10th

Ionia Fireworks Display

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

Ionia Free Fair

July 13th - 22nd, 2023

(Thursday, July 13th opening at 5pm)

Michigan Wizard of Oz Festival

Saturday, September 23rd
in downtown Ionia

**Events subject to change.

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.

Shopping District Parking Reminder

Please note the parking zone signs providing notice of short term limits. Main Street parking spaces allow for a customer friendly downtown encouraging shopping and dining. The City maintained lots located along Adams Street also have time limitations. Extended parking of enclosed trailers and / or flatbed trailers is not allowed. For additional information, contact the DDA office at (616) 527-1420.

City of Ionia Fireworks Display

Thursday, June 29th 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 \$1,400

△ Gold Sponsor \$1,200

△ Silver Sponsor \$1,000

△ Bronze Sponsor \$ 750

△ Supporting Sponsor \$500

△ Investment Sponsor \$100 - \$400

△ Friend - \$25 or more \$ _____

△ In Honor of OR In Memory of:



All responses received prior to June 9, 2023 will be acknowledged in event promotional materials. Please contact the Ionia DDA 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!

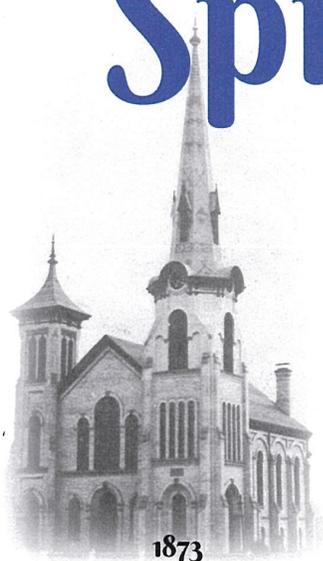
Rain date scheduled for July 7th. Event subject to change.

The Award-Winning
Great Lakes Men's Chorus



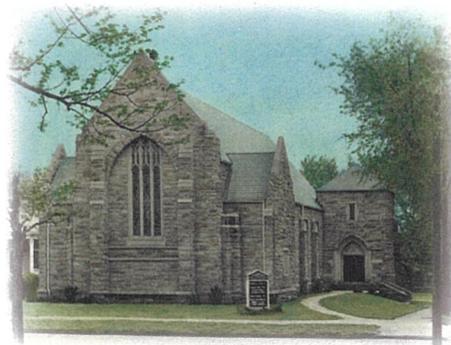
Spring Concert

and
Refreshments



1873
M.E. Church

*Join us to Celebrate the
150th Anniversary of
Praise and Fellowship
On the same corner.*



2023
Ionia First

Sunday, May 7th 3 P.M.

First United Methodist Church
105 East Main St. Ionia

Tickets: \$10 in advance or **\$12** @ the door

Sanctuary and Balcony Seating

Call to reserve 616.527.1860

www.ioniafirst.com