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Our historic, red brick Main Street is lined with a combination of gift and antique stores, clothing and traditional shops. You will have no problem finding what you need here including a great meal – our restaurants are the best around.

As for recreation, Ionia offers a variety of options. There are multiple parks and tennis courts, a golf course, walking path, bike trails, and a State Park that features camping, a beach and lake. Because we are nestled along the Grand River, you can launch your boat, kayak or tubes and enjoy the day fishing and relaxing.

Our Historical Society is dedicated to sharing Ionia’s fascinating heritage through programs for the general public, special presentations for schools and other organizations and they have souvenirs and publications that showcase Ionia’s unique stories.

Ionia hosts a variety of events throughout the year including The Community EXPO, The Ionia Area Chamber Golf Classic, Ionia Cruisin’ Classics Car, Truck and Bike Show and beer tent, The Ionia Free Fair, End of Summer Farm To Table Event, Grand River Tour de Ionia bike ride, Autumn Celebration, our Hometown Holiday Parade just to name a few.

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Sparrow Ionia Hospital’s state-of-the-art health care facility is located just south of the Ionia County Airport and a handful of miles from I-96. The mission of the Sparrow team is to improve the health of the people in our communities by providing quality, compassionate care to everyone, every time.

While you are here, stop by the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce office, located in the historic Armory Building on Main Street. Let us show you how we are reaching higher standards. We look forward to meeting you.

Bobbie Edlin  
Executive Director

Kelsey Miller  
Membership and Event Coordinator
MISSION STATEMENT:
To provide resources to help our members achieve their potential.

VISION STATEMENT:
The Ionia Chamber of Commerce serves as a voice for its members to promote growth and a vibrant local economy. It’s programing provides resources for networking and business development, works to attract new business and residents to the area, and advocates for the success of its members.

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1. RELATIONSHIPS
This is beyond networking—this is about gaining associates, advocates and even friends. As you attend events, serve on committees and interact with people outside your normal routines, you create opportunity to produce better relationship building skills that can crossover to improve non-business aspects of your life as well.

2. VISIBILITY
While many companies are looking to be seen in the cyber world and are doing a very good job of it, nothing sells your business better than being in front of people face to face. Business is so much more than simple transactions of money for goods and services.

Chambers provide so many opportunities to spend time with potential clients in non-transaction-based functions, developing relationships. This will keep you top of mind when they or someone they know is looking for your product or service.

3. PROMOTION
The Chamber offers a wide range of advertising options and sponsorship packages. A business can sponsor entire programs or events through the chamber. Beyond the paid advertising options, chambers also have ways to provide additional business promotion for free through monthly and annual awards, social media, regular newsletters and printed materials. Our chamber even has an ability to provide a free landing page online for your business with any level of membership.

4. COMMUNITY CONNECTION
Businesses and their employees are very much a part of the local economy, regardless of the number of franchise locations they have in other states. By creating a community connection, you are showing your customers and employees that your business or organization cares about the growth and advancements of the area. Plus, what a great way to cultivate pride for the Ionia area.

5. TRAINING AND EDUCATION
Chambers provide an inexpensive way to bridge the gap between no training and topic-expert training. They can provide relevant speakers and guest trainers in a timely manner, and the Ionia Chamber can provide speakers at events or links to expert articles through emails and newsletters that members specifically request.

6. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
Your membership with the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce provides access to all its programs and events. Chamber events include business training luncheons, networking specific events, awards banquets, golf tournaments, and a growing list of much more. All of these events are designed to build your business in some fashion, whether through training, promotion, networking or community service.

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ATTEND – 8 TIMES
Pick out 8 events that you will attend this year. With many events already scheduled, there are plenty of opportunities to grow your network.

VOCALIZE – 4 TIMES
Share the news about your business or tell us what you think 4 times. This could be the membership survey, sharing an announcement in the e-member Edge e-blast, or submitting an event on the calendar. These are all great ways to keep your business front on mind.

VOLUNTEER – 2 TIMES
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INVEST – 1 TIME
There are so many ways to dig deeper with your marketing and gain that extra exposure. The chamber offers multiple advertising opportunities, shop local campaigns, and events where we can highlight your business as a community partner!

COMMIT.
If you want your chamber membership to be a successful part of your marketing and business, then you’ll need to use it.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Third Tuesday of Every Month at 8 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE COFFEE
Fourth Monday of every month with Summer Recess
Spring Session: January 22, February 26, March 26, April 23, May 28
Fall Session: September 24, October 22, November 26
Learn what YOUR state Senators and Representatives are working on at this FREE to the public monthly meeting! Local county, city and township officials, including commissioners and city officials are also in attendance to provide updates. Question & answer period at the end.

BREAKFAST CONNECT
Fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:15 a.m.

COMMUNITY AWARDS
Last Saturday in January
As a community we have so much to celebrate, as individuals as well as businesses. Each year the recognition grows and gives us much more to look forward to.

EXPO
Beginning of March
Includes Fire Department Pancake Breakfast.

CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC
Every May
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**YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS**

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### Important Ionia Co. Websites

- Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce
  - ioniachamber.org
- City of Ionia
  - ci.ionia.mi.us
- Downtown Development Authority
  - ci.ionia.mi.us
- Ionia Free Fair
  - ioniafreefair.com
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For more information visit: greatstartionia.org
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Lakewood Public Schools
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Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools
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September

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Ionia County is a central feature to the already acclaimed 5th longest rail trail in America. Our trail connects us north to Alma, and east to Owosso for a total of 125 scenic miles encompassing Gratiot, Montcalm, Kent, Ionia, Clinton and Shiawasee counties.

The trail that runs through Ionia travels along the Grand River, through the Ionia State Recreational Area, crosses Prairie Creek, and visits the Maple River for a peaceful, serene commune with nature. Wildlife sightings abound, including deer, turkey, owls, eagles and many water-fowl.

For ease of use, access to communities of Saranac, Ionia, Muir, Lyons and Pewamo are typically less than 8 miles apart. We hope you’ll join us every season!

There’s so much to enjoy in Ionia County – hike, hunt, fish, camp. Name your outdoor pleasure. Water recreation and sports are always within 6 miles.
City of Ionia Parks & Recreation

439 West Main St., Ionia
(616) 523-1800
cityofionia.org/parks-and-recreation.php

City of Ionia

Providing a comprehensive system of year-round quality recreation and leisure services designed to meet the needs of the community, its residents and visitors physically, mentally and socially in a clean and safe environment that reflects the highest ideals of integrity, pride and leadership in the community.

Ionia State Recreation Area

2880 West David Highway
Ionia, MI 48846
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(616) 527-3750 or (800) 447-2757

Rolling hills, babbling brooks, open meadows, forested ridges, a lake nestled in the hills and a river winding its way through woods and fields -- that’s Ionia Recreation Area. The 4,500 acres of flat to rolling terrain is a mixture of open field, mature hardwood forest and pine plantations. Four miles of Grand River floodplain follow the river course on the north border of the park. Dammed waterfowl floodings and other wetlands dot the park. Wildflowers abound. Birding is excellent with more than 199 species identified by the Audubon Society.

Modern and rustic camping, a swimming beach, good fishing in Sessions Lake, hunting, 3.5 miles of hiking trails looped within the park, nine miles designated for mountain bike trails, 15 miles of horse trails and a boat launch. We also have three designated trail loops for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling when there is four inches or more of snow. Additional amenities include a dog trail area and metal detecting area.

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Portland’s rich history gives us pride, a true sense of accomplishment and belonging. We are pleased and proud to share this history and sense of place with our guests throughout our 150th Year. Welcome to Portland!

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We have everything you could ask for in Mid Michigan’s Favorite Small Town—dining, shopping, community, faith, activity, and entertainment. Portland is located in the South-East corner of Ionia County, which makes it a convenient home for commuting as well as spending leisure time. Residents love the combination of country and small-town atmosphere.

Portland boasts a rich history, filled with work ethic and community pride, much of it reflected in the buildings located in the historic Kent Street area. We work with purpose and direction to preserve that history and facilitate a vibrant, charming area for residents and visitors to gather.

It’s not easy to describe this community’s sense of pride and unity. The way our residents value service, help neighbors, and donate time in many selfless acts that seem almost automatic and instinctive. Our volunteers span generations . . . and bridge them.

Portland is a rewarding place to live and raise a family, and a fun place for visitors and residents to connect and linger for a while. Featuring a sustainable economy to operate or grow a business, our city is on the cusp of incredible growth. We have many development projects recently completed, and several in the beginning stages.

We work collaboratively with government, community, and state organizations to enhance projects that improve and sustain the vibrancy of our community and our central business district. Portland Downtown Development Authority is proud to be designated a Master Level Main Street Community.

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PORTLAND FEATURES

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The boardwalk offers scenic views of the Grand River and access to many businesses and apartments downtown.

PARKS
Portland features a dozen parks to enjoy.
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Veterans Memorial Bridge Built in 1890, this beautifully preserved bridge serves as the gateway to the city on Bridge St.
Burroughs Street Bridge Built in 1905, this extremely rare two-span pony truss was moved from Kent County.
Kent Street Bridge Built in 1907, this large pinned Parker truss is one of only three such highway structures in Michigan.
Portland Railroad Bridge Built in 1899, it rests on an 1880 substructure and is a two-span pin-connected railroad bridge, which is now part of a rail-trail.

RED MILL PAVILION
The initial construction of this 4,080 square foot timber-framed pavilion structure was completed in fall 2016 through the leadership of the Friends of the Red Mill. The Pavilion project began when Boy Scout Troop 58 disbanded. The 80 year old troop wanted to give back to the community and decided to use the money in its coffers to build a community pavilion on city land adjacent to the Red Mill, an old farmer’s co-op building that was renovated into Portland’s Farmer’s Market.
The initial pavilion was completed through fundraising, community and government connectivity, donations, grants, and ongoing volunteer work including hundreds of people from the community.
Belding Area Chamber of Commerce
progress through people.

Our Mission
Our mission is to actively support and promote the businesses within the Belding area by creating strong relationships with all members of this community.

CONNECTING BUSINESS TO COMMUNITY
THROUGH CHAMBER HOSTED EVENTS

SPRING:
Best of Belding Business Expo

SUMMER:
Golf Outing

FALL:
Belding’s Got Talent • Labor Day 5k
Labor Day Ice Cream Social

WINTER:
Home for the Holidays

Networking Opportunities:
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Belding Area Chamber of Commerce

2019 & 2020 SPONSORED EVENTS

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April 27, 2019 & April 25, 2020  
Belding High School

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING  
June 2019 & June 2020  
Locations To Be Determined  
Join us in kicking off the golf season with a 4-man scramble.

LABOR DAY 5K  
August 31, 2019 & September 5, 2020  
Join us for a family friendly 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run over Labor Day weekend.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND TALENT SHOW  
August 31 & September 2, 2019  
September 5 & 7, 2020  
Come watch some of the best talent in the area!

LABOR DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
September 2, 2019  
September 7, 2020  
Cool off after the parade with FREE ice cream under the tent!

ANNUAL CHAMBER MEMBER DINNER  
October 2019 & October 2020  
Celebrate the award winners for Bettering Belding, Being Belding and Building Belding.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION  
December 7, 2019 & December 5, 2020  
From decorating cookies and ornaments, to visiting Santa Clause or watching the evening Electric Parade, we will have plenty of fun things to do for the whole family!

Become a Belding Area of Commerce Member for only $150 annual investment. Post job openings, upcoming events, celebrate milestones, and network with fellow chamber members.

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Towns & Villages in Ionia County

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CLARKSVILLE
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Clarksville is located adjacent to hard-working small farms and offers easy access to larger urban areas. Today, it maintains a block-long main street section with several stores, churches, a bank and a local fire hall. It is located is southwestern Ionia County.

HUBBARDSTON
(989) 981-6141
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The Village of Hubbardston is located in the northeast corner of Ionia County, bordering Clinton, Gratiot and Montcalm counties. The Village is comprised of residents who are mainly of Irish and German descent. The Village is divided by the waters of Fish Creek that flow through town and also attract many fishermen is the spring and fall.
Towns & Villages in Ionia County

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Lake Odessa offers a relaxed, small-town atmosphere in the heart of Mid Michigan. On the shore of beautiful Jordan Lake, Lake Odessa provides a fun variety of activities all year round. Covering 430 acres, Jordan Lake boasts fishermen, swimmers and boaters in the summer and snowmobilers and skaters in the winter. The beach, playground and pavilion offer public access for families to enjoy a day on the water.

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lyonsvillage.org
Village of Muir
122 Superior St., Muir
(989) 855-2144
As you cross from Lyons to Muir, where the two rivers meet, the flat lands were once inhabited by the largest encampment of Native Americans in the state. Green View Point Park is located east of the Village of Lyons on Kimball Rd. The park offers wonderful views of the Grand River several hundred feet below and features an overlook deck and a stairway leading to the Grand River.

PEWAMO
130 East Main St., Pewamo
(989) 593-2553
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Pewamo prides itself as a family friendly community where visitors can enjoy small-town living with big city access. Pewamo is surrounded by agriculturally rich lands and wooded lots, and also features both the Maple River and Stoney Creek, offering outdoor enthusiasts an abundance of fish and other game.

Recreation opportunities abound in Pewamo. We have a nine acre Village park with ball fields, tennis courts, pavilions and lots of playground equipment.

PORTLAND
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The “City of Two Rivers” is located at the confluence of the Grand and Looking Glass Rivers, about midway between Lansing and Grand Rapids on I-96. Residents enjoy a wide variety of recreational opportunities on the rivers, our many athletic fields and parks, and our growing “rails-to-trails” system. Our Riverwalk loops the entire city, connecting all of our schools and parks.

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Just inside Ionia County’s western border, and just west of the Ionia State Recreational Area, the Village of Saranac is located on the south bank of the Grand River at the mouth of Lake Creek.
Built in 1907, the Depot served the Grand Trunk and Western Railroad. June 5, 1961 was the final scheduled run of a steam locomotive into the Saranac Depot. Moved to its present location in 1994, the Depot is now home to the Boston-Saranac Historical Society’s museum.
A short walk south of the Depot, into the heart of the Village, you’ll find no shortage of places to eat. On Main Street, there’s Joe’s Place Food & Liquor, Bridge Street Pasty Shop, Gino’s Pizza and inside the Village’s coin-operated laundromat, and the Corner Ice Cream Shop.
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Welcome from Superintendent Ron Wilson

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Our community has blessed us with a stadium for football, soccer, marching band and track. The IHS sports complex is equipped with 3 full basketball courts, a natatorium, weight room and numerous other amenities.

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- Highly Qualified Teachers
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