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Welcome to Ionia County!

Whether you are in town for business or vacation, or have lived in our community for years, we welcome you and hope you enjoy all our area has to offer. Using this guide, you will discover that Ionia County has something for everyone.

Located directly between Grand Rapids and Lansing, Ionia is a dynamic community located in the center of it all. Our County is a collection of small communities linked together through scenic countryside and filled to the brim with hometown charm.

Our proximity to nature, culture and commerce makes Ionia a fantastic destination for family fun, exploring, outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, and more. Each of our small towns proudly boasts an identity, culture, and flare that is its own... we encourage you to explore the local hotspots and hidden gems that await.

In the heart of our County lies the City of Ionia featuring a beautiful historic downtown district that is home to our signature red brick Main Street which offers a unique blend of shops, eateries, services and amenities. Our community is proud to boast a fascinating heritage that our Historical Society is dedicated to sharing through a variety of programs and events.

As for recreation, Ionia County offers a variety of options. Whether you want to attend events, walk along the Grand River or our extensive rail trails, enjoy our neighborhood parks and sport facilities or hit the links at one of several golf courses, it is available to you in Ionia. There are several access points to the Grand River so you can launch your boat, kayak or tubes and enjoy the day fishing and relaxing. The Ionia State Park and Recreation Area features camping, a beach, a lake, and so much more.

In recent years, Ionia has become a hot spot of revitalization, investment and development and is on the cusp of significant growth. We are positioned for a bright future; hard-work and innovation are cherished, and opportunities are unlimited.

We are a hub of industry-leading manufacturing and agricultural activity. Our area offers world class educational programs and a spectrum of state-of-the-art health care services. Government, Retail, Construction, and Business & Professional Services are some of the other leading industries in our area.

While you are here, we hope you contact us at the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce. We proudly represent nearly 300 businesses and organizations and are the "go-to" resource to get connected in our area. We can't wait to introduce you to our community!

Kat Reed
Executive Director

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Brick Street Studio, Ionia*



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MISSION STATEMENT:

To help our members achieve their potential.

VISION STATEMENT:

To serve our members by being a positive force and promoting a vibrant community. The Ionia Chamber of Commerce is known as the resource for business information in the Ionia area. Our programming provides networking, promotion and business development, collaborates with local entities to attract visitors to the area, and advocates for the success of our members.

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Ionia

Large enough for city advantages...

A rich heritage, a prosperous present and a bright future.

Ionia is a great place to visit, work, play, and live. This guide to our city is merely an introduction to the many outstanding features of the Ionia area.

Big enough to provide shopping alternatives, near enough to buy produce right off the farm.

Located in the Michigan heartland, Ionia residents have a variety of shopping options. The Main Street Business District provides an interesting mix of specialty shops and services, owned and operated by your neighbors. We invite you to shop for fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers' Market beginning in June and running through September. The M-66 retail corridor offers additional shopping to compliment the historic downtown.

Close enough to enjoy outstanding recreation areas, quiet enough to play on the sidewalk.

Ionia is fortunate to be located where all kinds of sports and outdoor activities are close at hand. Whether your pleasure is summer activities, winter fun or just relaxing, you will find it in Ionia. Six inland lakes surround Ionia and Lake Michigan is a pleasant drive away. From golf courses to campgrounds, all are close enough to be accessible and far enough away for relaxation. We invite you to visit the Ionia State Recreation Area, Bertha Brock Park, and a number of beautiful city parks.



Big enough to provide cultural richness, small enough to walk to the movies.

Settlers arrived in 1833 determined to establish a good life in the Michigan heartland. They began a pattern of productivity and family values that continues today. Visual reminders of that period are the heritage homes, still beautiful, still a useful part of life in Ionia. One such historic mansion now houses the Ionia County Historical Society and Museum. A landmark of a different kind is the Ionia Theatre built in 1931. The facility is host to movies, stage performances, concerts and theatrical presentations. With the addition of state of the art digital technology, the Ionia Theatre continues to be the entertainment anchor of the downtown providing first run movies and a leader in the industry.

Big enough for a mansion, small enough for a condominium.

You will feel right at home in Ionia in the type of neighborhood you like best. There are little houses for small families, big houses for larger ones, heritage homes for the traditionalists, and ranch homes built for comfort. There is land to build on and contractors to do the building. Restored second floor apartments and lofts in the downtown offer the best of both worlds. Something for everyone - the young, the retirees and the families.



small enough to know your neighbors.



Large enough to provide an excellent school system, small enough to keep the individual approach.

Public education is not limited to K-12 in Ionia but continues to college level. Private schools, pre-schools and nursery schools are also available in the community. Education does not end with high school graduation. For credit courses are available for those enrolled in the Ionia County Career Center providing a solid foundation for continuing on a college pathway.

Large enough for city advantages, small enough to know your neighbors.

All the tradition of small city living continues in Ionia. This is no sleepy small town but an active growing community dedicated to adding the rich mix of family values and strong work ethic. Residents treasure this lifestyle - the quiet family oriented atmosphere that has existed since the city's founding in 1833. Today, Ionia improves and adapts as new residents and businesses contribute to the strong foundation of honesty and faith that will continue to make the community a home in the heartland.

Big enough to host world class events, small enough to ride the merry go round.

The Ionia Free Fair has been host to a variety of attractions including concerts, auto races, sporting events and more. Once noted as the world's largest free fair, it presents the ten best days of the summer. From 4 - H live and still exhibits to nationally known performers, the Ionia Free Fair has it all.

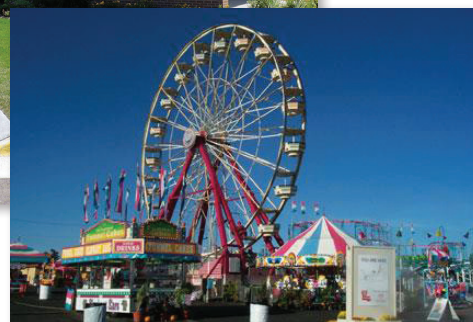


Big enough for outstanding medical facilities, small enough to provide every patient with special individual care.

Sparrow Ionia Hospital, an acute care hospital, opened in June 2015, and is proudly recognized by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Sparrow Ionia Hospital is a full service hospital, that includes 18 private inpatient rooms and outpatient services that include: Radiology, Respiratory, Laboratory, state of the art Surgical Department with full-time Orthopedic and General Surgery, Cardiology clinic 5 days a week, Oncology/Hematology and Urology Clinic on-site, and a 24 hour, emergency trained, physician led, Emergency Department with 12 private patient rooms.

Big enough to provide an experienced work force, small enough so you will know their families.

Business owners find it is more than the quiet setting, the recreational areas and the schools that contribute to the community's special qualities, it is the ready for business attitude you find here. Ionia offers the Orchard View Industrial Park and Main Street storefronts. With easy access to Lansing, Grand Rapids, Detroit and Chicago, Ionia is all that you have dreamed of without the congestion and traffic jams.



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Health & Nutrition Programs: Presentations & hands-on classes to promote healthy food choices, menu planning, cooking skills, smart shopping and healthy snacks. Ask for Tammy Fletcher for further details.

Beef Programs: Bringing knowledge to life about beef cow-calf and feedlot business systems, bull evaluation, breeding soundness and ultrasound scanning program. Ask for Kevin Gould.

Homeownership Education & Housing Counseling: Make informed choices about the true costs of homeownership. Course completion can help you qualify for down-payment and other assistance programs. **Money Management Programs:** Learn about common money struggles and best practices for creating & managing a spending plan, credit & debit management. Ask for Brenda Long.

Foreclosure: & Post-Foreclosure: One-on-one mortgage or property tax foreclosure prevention services with a certified housing counselor. Along with resources to help homeowners who have experienced foreclosure. Ask for Brenda Long.

CWD (Chronic Waste Disease) Education: MSU AgBioResearch scientists and the Michigan D.N.R. have been working on a plan to identify areas of the state that are at high risk for CWD based on deer behavior. If you have questions please call Katie Ockert.

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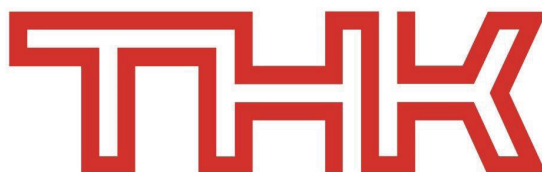
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Village of Lyons
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Important Ionia Co. Websites

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ioniachamber.org

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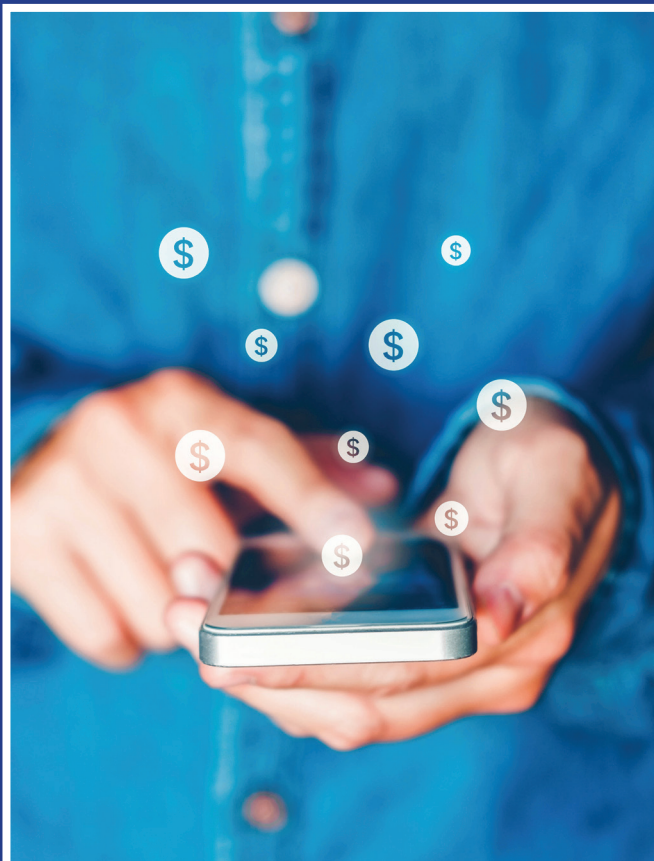
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May

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IONIA FREE FAIR

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July

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August

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September

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October

WIZARD OF OZ FESTIVAL

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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November

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December

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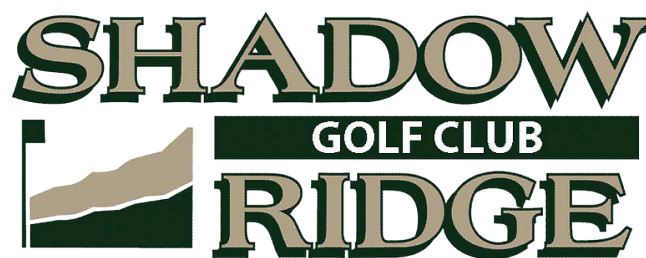
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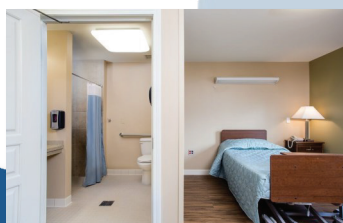
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Ionia Free Fair Grounds

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Ionia City Parks

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Prairie Creek

Sport fishing

Sessions Lake – Ionia State Recreation Area

Swimming, fishing, hiking and camping

LAKE ODESSA

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Swimming, picnic grounds and pavilion

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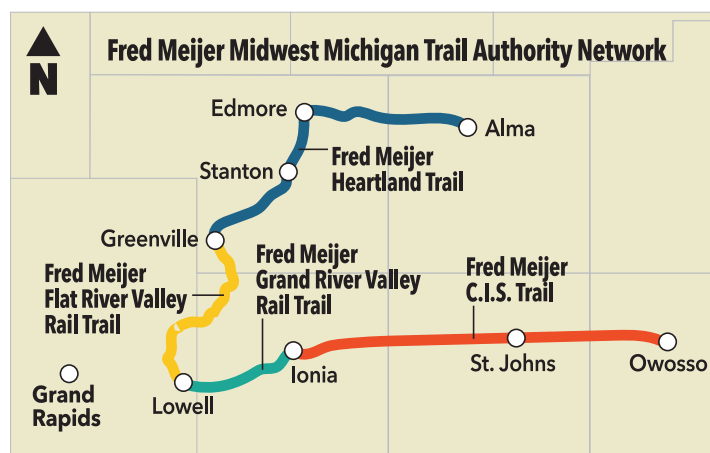
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The trail that runs through Ionia travels along the Grand River, through the Ionia State Recreational Area, crosses Prairie Creek, and visits the Maple River for a peaceful, serene commune with nature. Wildlife sightings abound, including deer, turkey,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

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Ionia State Recreation Area

2880 West David Highway
Ionia, MI 48846
www.michigan.org/property/ionia-state-recreation-area
(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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TRAILS

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Ionia-Equestrian Trails Length: 15.00 (Miles)

Ionia-Hiking Length: 3.50 (Miles)

City of Ionia Parks & Recreation



CITY OF IONIA

439 West Main St., Ionia
(616) 523-1800

cityofionia.org/parks-and-recreation.php

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Portland Riverwalk Access

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1 Portland High School	Yes	No	No
2 Bogue Flats Recreation Area	Yes	Yes	Yes
3 Thompson Field	Yes	Portable	No
4 Powers Park	Yes	Yes	Yes
5 Two Rivers Park	Yes	Portable	No
6 Community Lake Park	Yes	Yes	Yes

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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.

There is a nearly sixty acre recreation area, that is connected to the Portland River Trail and features access to the Grand River. These parks are perfect for the whole family to enjoy with playgrounds, basketball courts, softball fields, and open areas to explore walking, biking or strolling and access to Portland's two rivers. Six of them feature River Access, and six are connected to the trail system. Enjoy outdoor Portland in every season.

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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.

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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 in southwestern Ionia County.



HUBBARDSTON

(989) 981-6141

hubbardston.org

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 in the spring and fall.

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LYONS-MUIR

Village of Lyons

212 Water St., Lyons

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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

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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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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.

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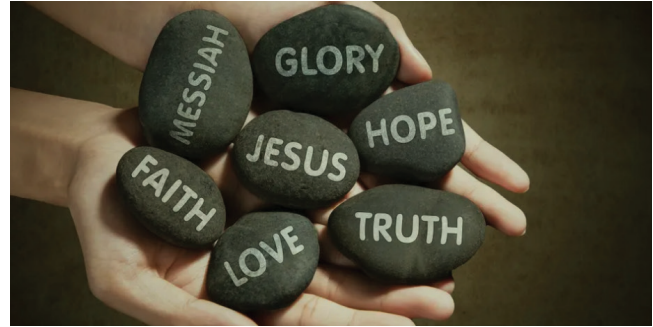
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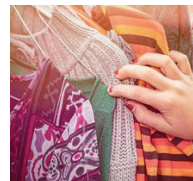
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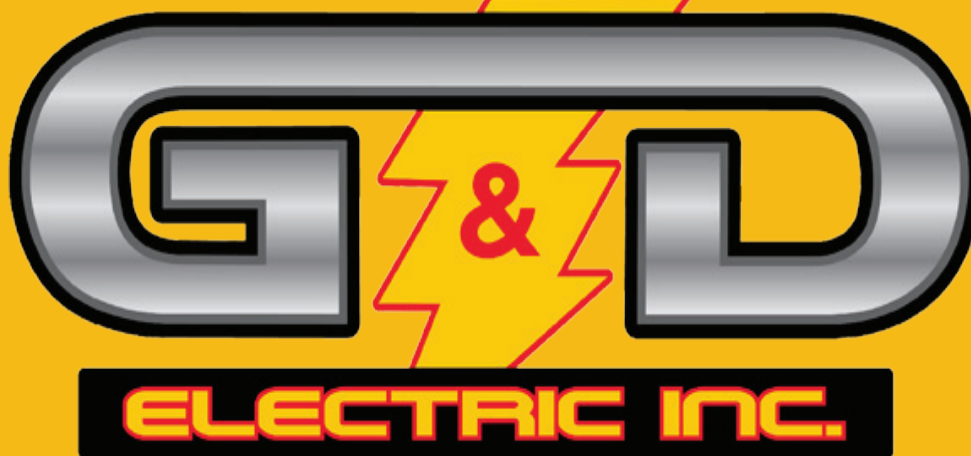
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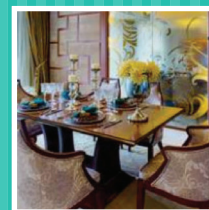
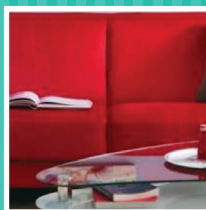
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Because of the key role small businesses play, including employing millions of people throughout the world, it is essential that small businesses thrive and prosper. There is much the public can do to help small businesses be successful, but there also are steps small business owners can take to assist one another.

- **Pass along opportunities.** As a business owner, if you come across a resource or an opportunity that may not be the ideal fit for your own company, consider sharing the information with another small business owner or recommending another firm that might make for a more suitable partner.
- **Promote one another.** Make sure there is a prominent and visible collection of business cards or promotional materials available in your facility. For example, if you are a local real estate agent, you can promote and recommend mortgage brokers, home inspectors, interior designers, and moving companies. If you own a store, enable other businesses to advertise their own stores and services.

- **Organize networking and meeting opportunities.** Networking and meeting with others in the industry is a great way to share ideas to see what may be working for others and what is not. Networking meetings also provide great opportunities to work on potential collaborations.
- **Consider sharing resources.** Certain businesses may benefit from sharing facilities, equipment or even supplies and other resources as cost-saving measures. This also may open up opportunities to collaborate.
- **Use one another's services.** One of the simplest ways to help another small business is to be their customer. This is the ultimate show of support and can help validate your recommendation.
- **Explore co-branding or co-marketing.** Some businesses support each other by working together. Finding ways to work together can be effective, especially in similar industries. For example, pet store owners can work exclusively with a nearby dog trainer, and both can market their services together.
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According to the Small Business Economic Impact Study from American Express, an average of two-thirds of every dollar spent at small businesses in the United States stays in the local community. That support can be especially valuable as the world tries to work its way out of a global recession brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unemployment rates rose significantly within a month of the World Health Organization declaring a pandemic as the COVID-19 virus rapidly spread across the globe. While large



international corporations were in better position to avoid layoffs, small, locally owned businesses faced an uphill battle as they tried to remain in operation and retain their staffs. That's another way shopping local can benefit local communities. The Business Alliance for Local Living Economies reports that, for every \$10 million spent locally, 57 new jobs are created at local businesses. That's an important factor to remember as the world tries to recover from the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.



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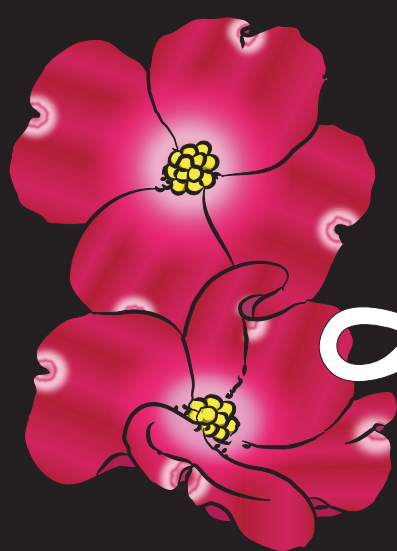
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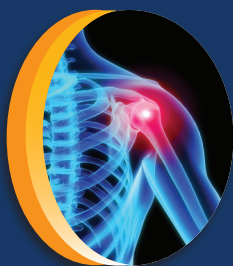
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