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HOW TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY IN 8 EASY WAYS

1

Shop in Your Community

Buy goods and services from locally owned businesses to strengthen our local economy and create employment opportunities.

2

Volunteer

Offer your time and talents to a local organization. It's also a great opportunity to learn new skills and make connections.

3

Donate

Find an organization close to home, and close to your heart to donate money, supplies, services, etc.

4

Use Social Media for Good

Share positive community news, events, business reviews with your friends and family.

Take Part in Your Political Process

Vote for your local representatives and if you feel inclined get the word out about your preferred candidate.

5

Support Community Events

Use your local resources to find fun community events. Supporting these events will keep your community fun and vibrant.

6

Be Friendly

Talk to your neighbors, smile at someone and look after someone's home or pet if they are away.

7

Clean Up Your Neighborhood

Keep your neighborhood beautiful and clean up in front of your home, or organize a community cleaning event.

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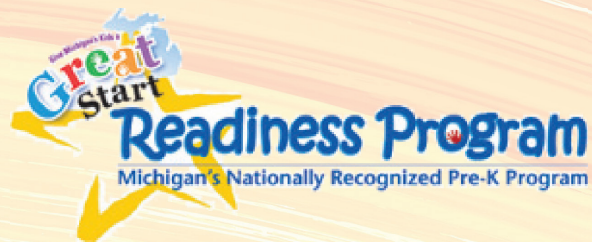


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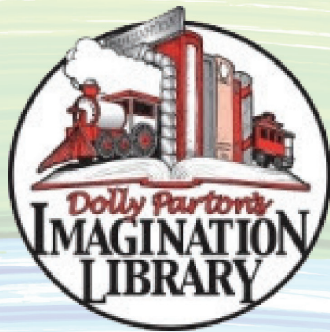
The Ionia County Great Start Collaborative is dedicated to making sure that all children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track birth to 3rd grade. The programs below help us do that.



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For more information visit: greatstartionia.org

Ionía

Large enough for city advantages...

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

Ionía 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 Ionía area.

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

Located in the Michigan heartland, Ionía 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 complement the historic downtown.

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

Ionía 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 Ionía. Six inland lakes surround Ionía 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 Ionía 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 Ionía. One such historic mansion now houses the Ionía County Historical Society and Museum. A landmark of a different kind is the Ionía 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 Ionía 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 Ionía 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 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.





CITY OF IONIA

BUS HOURS OF OPERATION:

M-F 6:15a – 4:45p

Sat 9:15a – 12:45p

SENIOR HOURS

M-F 10a – 11a

& 1p – 2p

Sat 10:30a – 11:30a

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Ionia Dial-A-Ride

is a public transportation service.

We provide demand response transportation for Community Events, Education, Employment, Enhanced Mobility for Independent Living, Recreation, Retail, Services and Health and Wellness.

We service all of the City of Ionia & Easton Township along with portions of Berlin/Orange/Ionia Townships including service to all South Ionia Businesses.

For Dial-A-Ride Service Phone

(616) 527-4000



Attractions

- Bertha Brock Park (Ionia)
- Dozens of lakes and river access points for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, tubing, etc.
- Double RR Ranch (Belding) offers camping, 9-hole golf course, horseback riding, canoeing, kayaking and more
- Farm Markets, Roadside Farms and Pick-Your-Own
- Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee Trail is 41.4 miles from Ionia to Owosso (asphalt and crushed stone)
- Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail is 15.5 miles from Ionia to Lowell (asphalt, ballast, crushed stone), and continues into the Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Rail Trail and Fred Meijer Heartland Trail (pg 12)
- Fred Thwaites Grand River Trail (Ionia) 3.2 miles (asphalt)
- Green View Point Park (Lyons) offers a wonderful view of the Grand River from the comfort of your car, the overlook deck, or several hundred feet below the park by wooden staircase.
- Historic Downtown Main Street (Ionia)
- Historical landmarks, buildings, and districts
- I-96 Speedway (Lake Odessa)
- Ionia State Recreation Area & Sessions Lake (Ionia)
- Ionia Theatre (Ionia)
- Lake Odessa Antique Mall is open on Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday from 10 AM - 5 PM
- Lake Odessa Village Park (Lake Odessa)
- Mid Michigan Raceway Park (Fenwick)
- Portland Riverwalk (Portland)
- Trailhead Park (Ionia) features a playground, splash pad, covered pavilion and access to the Fred Meijer Grand River Rail Trail
- The First Roadside Table Historical Landmark (Saranac)
- Two Rivers Park (Portland) is home to ½ mile of trail along the Grand and Looking Glass Rivers, a 9-11 Memorial, band shell, Canoe Launch and pedestrian bridge over the Grand River
- Small Town USA - so many unique and locally owned places to dine and shop, check out our member directory beginning on page 42
- Veteran's Memorial Park (Belding)
- Walter RC Park (Saranac)
- White's Covered Bridge (Smyrna)

2022-2023 SEASON



Ionia Harvest Marketplace

"Enjoy Local. Live Well."

SATURDAYS

June thru October from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Robert Hoppough Farm Market Pavilion
120 S. Steele St., Ionia

Fresh Produce
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Candles
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Wood Crafts
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Soaps
Fresh Flowers

**WIC Project
Fresh**

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Fresh**

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Email ioniaharvestmarketplace@gmail.com for more information!



Day Trips

NORTH

- Mid-Michigan Motorplex in Stanton, Crystal Motor Speedway, and Grattan Raceway are just a few racing venues
- Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort (Mt. Pleasant)
- Ferris State University and Central Michigan University both deliver great programming and sporting events
- Anderson & Girls is a family owned and operated seasonal farm market, ice cream parlor, cider mill and petting zoo
- Amish countryside offering quilts, cheese houses, bakeries, furniture and working farms.
- Deer Track Junctions is a Family owned and operated Agri-tourism business located just north-west of Ionia County. Visit this animal park, where you will get to interact with all kinds of great farm animals like pigs, goats, donkeys, camels, alpacas, and so much more

SOUTH

- Gun Lake Casino (Wayland)
- Gilmore Car Museum (Hickory Corners)
- Kellogg Manor House (Hickory Corners)
- MOO-ville Creamery is a family owned and operated farm that raises growth-hormone free cows to make milk, ice cream, cheese and butter. They offer four ice cream and retail stores through-out Central & West

Michigan, including Ionia, "The Udder Store", but their headquarters and seasonal petting farm is located at their headquarter in Nashville

EAST

- Corrigan Oil (Spartan) Speedway (Mason)
- Wharton Center (East Lansing) hosts Broadway Performances
- Minor league baseball, Lansing Lugnuts
- Michigan State University (East Lansing) offering performing arts and sporting events, a planetarium, horticulture gardens, several museums and more
- Michigan State Capitol (Lansing)
- Impression 5 Science Center (Lansing)
- Michigan History Center (Lansing)
- Potter Park Zoo (Lansing)
- R.E. Olds Transportation Museum

WEST

- Lake Michigan is just over an hour away. Grand Haven and Holland are a few of the favorite places to visit by locals and visitors alike but there are miles and miles of beaches and fresh water access to choose from on Lake Michigan's east coast.
- ArtPrize – the world's largest, radically open Art Contest (Grand Rapids)
- Berlin Raceway and Entertainment Complex (Marne)
- Midwest Miniatures Museum (Grand Haven)
- Grand Valley State University (Allendale & Grand Rapids)
- Big name entertainment at Van Andel Arena (Grand Rapids)
- Devos Performance Showplace (Grand Rapids) hosts Broadway shows, the Grand Rapids Symphony, Grand Rapids Ballet Company and other live entertainment.
- Frederick Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park (Grand Rapids) is 158-acre botanical garden, art museum, and outdoor sculpture park
- John Ball Zoo (Grand Rapids)
- Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park (Alto) hosts a distinct collection of exotic animals and reptile, offering a unique, hands-on experience for the entire family.
- Minor League Sports: Grand Rapids Griffins Hockey, West Michigan Whitecaps Baseball, Grand Rapids Drive Basketball
- Art, historical and children's museums (Grand Rapids)
- Michigan's Adventure is a great amusement & water park (Muskegon)
- Muskegon Luge Adventure Sports Park (Muskegon) is home to one of only four luge tracks in the U.S., 3 skating and hockey rinks, lighted XC ski track, snowshoe trails and more.

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Ionia Fairs, Festivals & Events

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May

FIRST THURSDAY ON THE BRICKS DOWNTOWN IONIA

First Thursday May - October

IONIA CRUISIN' CLASSICS CAR TRUCK AND BIKE SHOW

First Saturday of June

BELDING BEATNIK BAZAAR

Second Saturday of June - October

COWPIE CLASSIC GRAVEL RACE SERIES

June

IONIA FARM POWER SHOW

June

LAKE ODESSA FAIR

June

SMAT COMMUNITY DAY

June

UNCLE SAM JAM AND 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

Thursday prior to Independence Day

IONIA FREE FAIR

July

PORTLAND BEER FEST ON THE BRIDGE

August

SARANAC BRIDGEFEST

August

BELDING LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

September

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PURPLE WEEK

September

IONIA ROTARY TOUR DE IONIA BIKE RIDE

September

WIZARD OF OZ FESTIVAL

September/October

AUTUMN CELEBRATION / CHILI DOG CHALLENGE

October

SARANAC HARVEST FESTIVAL

October

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November

CHRISTMAS 'ROUND THE TOWN IN LAKE ODESSA

November

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING

December

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December

MRS. CLAUS BAZAAR

December

PORTLAND HOLIDAY FEST

December

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE PARADE IN LAKE ODESSA

December

BELDING'S HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December

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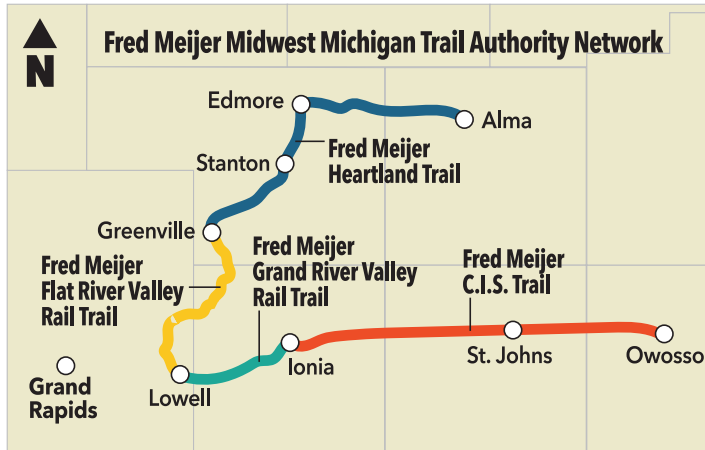
The Jewel Box of Ionia

Fred Meijer Midwest Michigan Regional Rail Trail Network

**2880 West David Highway
Ionia, MI 48846**

www.michigan.org/property/ionia-state-recreation-area

(616) 527-3750 or (800) 447-2757



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.

From downtowns that are vibrant with events, to specialty shopping and extraordinary service, your adventure awaits.

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.

CAMPGROUNDS

Ionia Equestrian-Rustic 800-447-2757 - \$20

Ionia-Camper Cabins 800-447-2757 - \$101

Ionia-Group Use Area 616-527-3750

Ionia-Modern 800-447-2757 - \$22 or \$20 (off-season)

TRAILS

Ionia-Chief Cob-Moo-Sa Trail Length: 9.00 (Miles)

Ionia-Cross-Country Ski Trails Length: 10.50 (Miles)

Ionia-Equestrian Trails Length: 15.00 (Miles)

Ionia-Hiking Length: 3.50 (Miles)

Ionia County Golf Courses

ARROWHEAD GOLF COURSE

2170 Alden Nash NE, Lowell

616-897-7264

www.arrowheadontheweb.com

The course offers 18 unique holes in a relaxing environment. Just minutes from Grand Rapids and around the corner from Ionia. Welcome to one of the most unique and intriguing courses you will ever play.

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616-794-1580

www.candlestoneresort.com

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HUCKLEBERRY CREEK GOLF COURSE

2900 N. Hubbardston Rd., Pewamo

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MORRISON LAKE GOLF CLUB

6425 Portland Rd., Saranac

616-642-9528

www.golfmorrisonlake.com

Morrison Lake Golf Club is an 18-hole full-service golf course which sits adjacent to Morrison Lake in Saranac. Located conveniently off I-96 just minutes from Grand Rapids, Lansing, Lowell, Hastings and Ionia. The par 70 golf course has a rating of 65.7 and a slope of 102.

SHADOW RIDGE - ROLLING HILLS

1244 Kelsey Highway, Ionia

616-523-6704

www.shadowridgegolfclub.com

Locals consider this course as the "poor man's Augusta." The mature trees lining the fairways provide a lot of character to the course. Play 18 holes by combining with Rolling Hills right across the street.

WILLOW WOOD COUNTRY CLUB

12227 Sanborn Rd., Portland

517-647-1984

www.willowwoodgc.com

The 18-hole golf course is thoughtfully carved out of the rolling hills and mature woodlands and features creeks, wetlands, ponds, expansive meadows and gently contoured hills, with several pronounced elevation changes.

OTHER AREA GOLF COURSES:

Hickory Hills Golf - Fenwick

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Ionia County Hunt, Fish & Camp

If you love the great outdoors, then planning visits to the Ionia County area for our year-round attractions is a must. In fact, we think you will be so busy enjoying all the outdoor recreation opportunities available to you and your family, we are sure to see you often. Of course, you don't have to have kids to enjoy all that we have to offer, but if you've got 'em, then by all means bring 'em! We promise to tire them out for a good night's sleep.

PARKS

IONIA

Bertha Brock Park

Hiking, camping, picnic area, sledding, skiing and tennis

Ionia River Trail

3 miles of paved scenic trail

Ionia Free Fair Grounds

Outdoor entertainment and camping

Ionia City Parks

Multiple parks within city limits. Call Ionia Parks & Recreation Dept. at 616-523-1800.

Prairie Creek

Sport fishing

Sessions Lake - Ionia State Recreation Area

Swimming, fishing, hiking and camping

LAKE ODESSA

Jordan Lake Public Beach

Swimming, picnic grounds and pavilion

LYONS

Hazel DeVore Island

Picnic grounds and fishing

PORTLAND

Riverwalk

8 miles of paved scenic trail

CAMPGROUNDS

IONIA

Alice Springs RV Park & Resort

5087 Alice Court

616-527-1608

alicespringsrvpark.com

Bertha Brock Park

2311 W. Bluewater Hwy. (M-21)

616-522-7275

ioniacounty.org/parks-recreation

Ionia Free Fair Grounds

317 S. Dexter St.

616-527-1310

ioniafreefair.com

Ionia State Recreation Area

2880 W. David Hwy.

616-527-3750

dnr.state.mi.us

Lakeside Resort Campground

750 E. Grand River

616-527-3216

lakesideresortcampground.com

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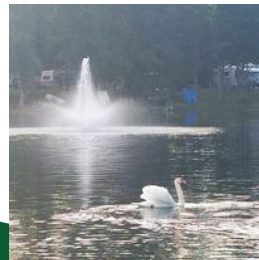
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Historical Preservation

The attractiveness of our beautiful farms and picturesque landscapes, dotted here and there with neat and substantial residences and modern farm buildings is what makes Ionia County what it is today. The largest river in Michigan, the Grand River, and its tributaries, the Maple, Flatt, and Looking Glass, are rivers that have seen the development of the land here from the start of Ionia County.

The first settlers came from New York, led by Samuel Dexter in 1831, from there Ionia County was platted in 1841, Ionia among others was incorporated as a village in 1865 and was organized into a city in 1873.

While there are only three cities in Ionia County; Belding, Ionia, and Portland, there are diverse villages that include Clarksville, Hubbardston, Lake Odessa, Lyons, Muir, Palo, Pewamo, and Saranac. There are also many townships within these cities and villages.

CLAIM TO FAME

Ionia County hosts what is said to be the world's largest free-admission fair each year in July. This event brings in more than 300,000 visitors annually with about 40-45 percent coming from the Lansing and West Michigan areas. The Ionia Free Fair was founded in 1915 by Ionia Mayor Fred Green and co-founder Fred Chapman. Ionia also has many buildings made of Ionia sandstone, a resource that was once mined in the county. The history of this material, along with the beauty keeps the city of Ionia full of history and unique buildings.

HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Ionia County houses two historic districts, Portland Downtown Historic District and Ionia Historic District. Both districts are rich with historic landmark buildings and architecture filled with history and beauty.

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND MUSEUMS

- The John C. Blanchard House is a historical landmark in Ionia and housed with the Ionia Historical Society. This resource provides information on the history of the house and its architecture along with some of the history of the City of Ionia.

- The Boston-Saranac Historical Society and Saranac GT Railroad Depot are a good place to learn more about the history in Saranac and how it developed into what it is today.
- The Lake Odessa Area Historic Society and Lake Odessa PM Railroad Depot were created to preserve and represent the history of Lake Odessa.
- The Belding Museum provides history and the foundation of Belding with artifacts and exhibits depicting many facets of early life in Belding. The Alvah N. Belding Memorial Library provides history both on the shelves and in the hallways.
- The Lyons-Muir Historical Museum has exhibits depicting the lifestyle and history of the Lyons-Muir Area.

GENEALOGY

The Ionia County Genealogical Society located in Lake Odessa and the Ionia Community Library offer a genealogy room to help you trace your roots and discover your own personal history.

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Ionia Community Theatre

The mission of the Ionia Community Theatre is to enrich the community by providing exceptional live theatre for individuals of all ages. They mentor the next generation of theatre lovers and produce shows for the enjoyment of their audiences and volunteers. Visit ioniaact.com for upcoming shows and events.

Local Public School Systems

Check out each local public school for events for theatre, music, art, and more

Dance & Music Studios

Dance expands social and cultural interaction, and provides an overall community feeling of well-being and togetherness. We support several dance/music studios locally. For information on local studios visit the business directory at ioniachamber.org.

Ionia Theatre

The Ionia Theatre in downtown Ionia brings the current movies to the big screen along with historic and traditional design for guests to enjoy. The Theatre also is the host to community theatre acts and events throughout the community.

Local Artisans

Ionia county is rich with local artisans that showcase their works in downtown shops and community events throughout the year. Check out the downtown areas or events to see the uniquely crafted items.

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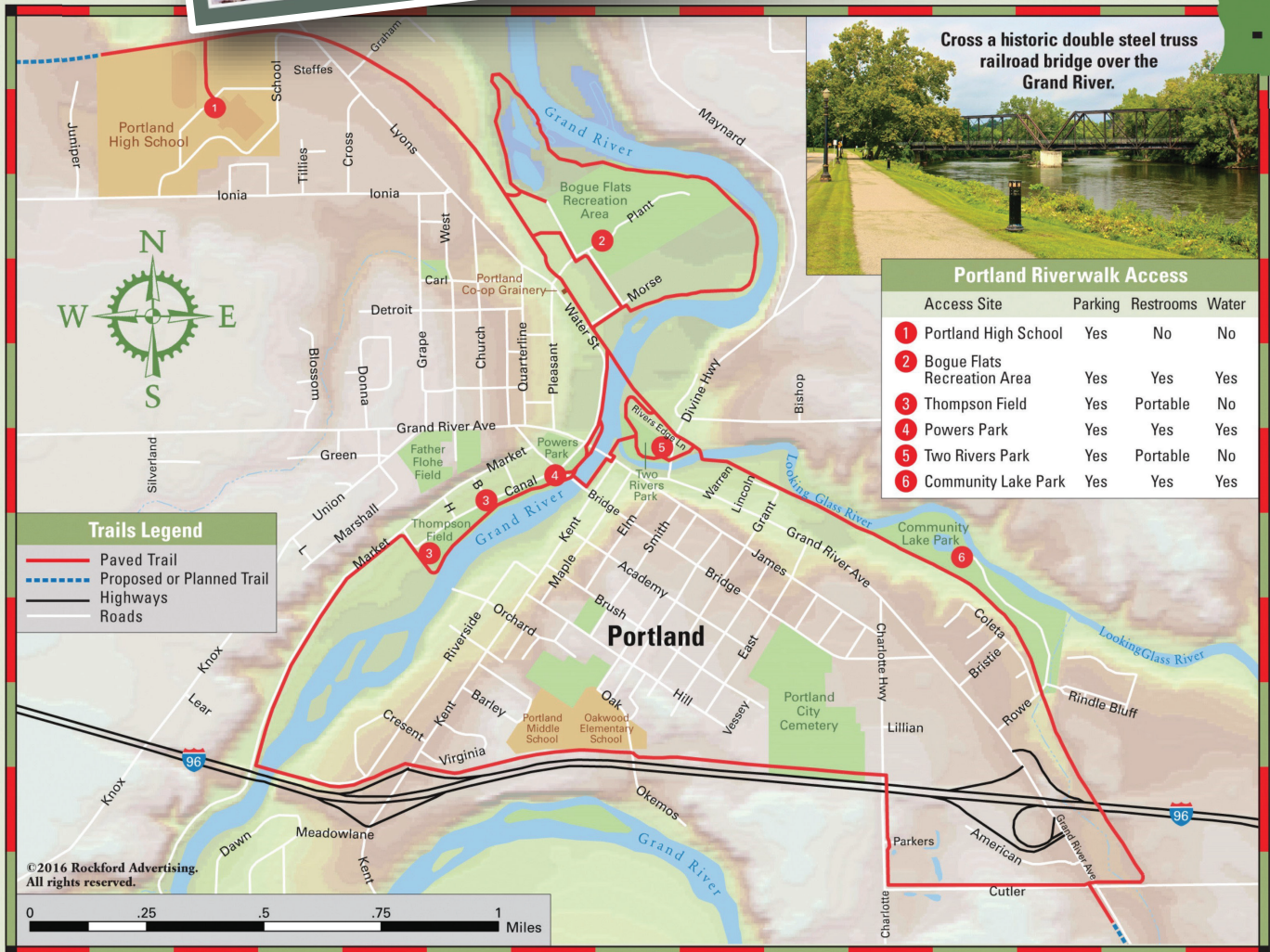


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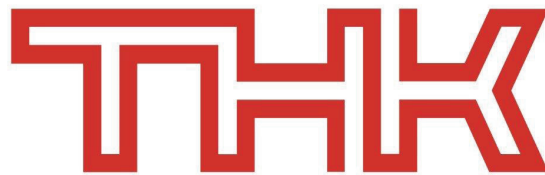
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Kent Street Bridge Built in 1907, this large pinned Parker truss is one of only three such highway structures in Michigan.

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.

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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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ioniachamber.org

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HUBBARDSTON

(989) 981-6141
hubbardston.org

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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.

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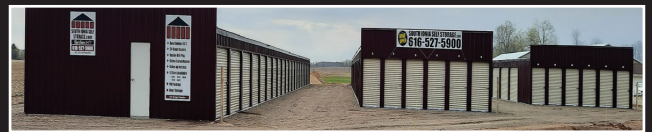
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Ionia County Health Department

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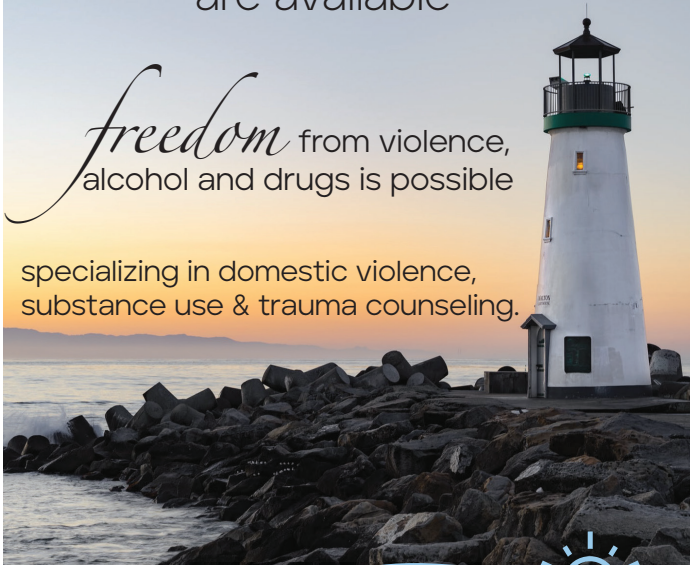
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Who are We?

The Chamber of Commerce has the responsibility of enriching the economic wellbeing of its community, preserving the business system and promoting business growth and development. The Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic organization comprised of people devoted to the betterment of their area.

It is primarily an organization of business and professional members who have joined together to work for collaborative solutions for commercial and business challenges.

There is a distinct need for an organized group such as the Chamber of Commerce. There are many problems and opportunities which an individual alone, cannot overcome. The Chamber provides a forum and united front for collaboration and the combination of time and resources, so that important accomplishments can be achieved.

In brief, the Chamber of Commerce is an institution in which volunteer manpower works effectively to make the community a better place in which to live and work. It is the community's "department of progress."

The Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce has served Ionia County for more than 75 years. It is the **ONLY** staffed Chamber in the County and the foremost champion for businesses in the county.

Get to know your Chamber at www.ioniachamber.org

STAFF



KAT REED
.....
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



What's Our Job?

As employees of the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce, we serve in jobs covering most of the disciplines found in other small businesses - communications, finance, marketing, customer service, sales, event planning and more. Additional responsibilities include supporting business and professional development, championing for our business community, providing educational opportunities, serving as an information hub for the community and visitors, encouraging local spending tourism, the list goes on and on...

In general, we tend to focus on four primary goals: Promoting a vibrant local economy; Developing business relationships; Serving as a champion for our Members; and Promoting our great community.

Businesses join our organization by paying annual dues and are, in turn, listed in our directories, linked to our website, referred to inquiring parties, offered business-related educational, networking and promotional opportunities throughout the year, amongst many other benefits.

The Chamber of Commerce seeks to arm business owners with tools that help them thrive and partners with organizations offering tools and resources that pertain to businesses, including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center, the Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM), and more. SBAM provides all Chamber members with a slew of additional benefits; the Chamber pays the SBAM membership for each of our regular members. SBAM also provides speakers and email communications that update our members on a variety of issues.

A common misconception is that the Chamber is a governmental entity, but we are actually a 501 (C)(6) non-profit organization and while we work closely with various municipalities, business teams, Ionia County and the State, we are not charged with public service tasks. Our role is primarily business development, retention, promotion, and advocacy.

The Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce is a catalyst...a common vehicle through which the mutual interests of all segments of the business community work together for the common good of the total community.

If you would like more information about the function of the Chamber or available resources, please contact us and as always, if there is anything we can do for you, please do not hesitate to ask!



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Our priority is to give our members a competitive edge. We offer legislative, networking, and educational events, advertising and promotional opportunities, and can provide solutions to start and grow a business, attract & retain employees, & aid in finding legal & HR legal solutions.



VISIBILITY

Members can reach hundreds of potential customers through their business listing alone, included in our membership directory - printed & online. Promoting Chamber members is our mission, which is why we offer many ways for your business to get noticed.



TOOLS & RESOURCES

The Member Information Center is our online portal that gives members access to add company news, events, job, deals to our website, as well as update their company profile. Members may also receive free mailing labels (1/year). Additional tools and resources are available to members through our partnership with the Small Business Association of Michigan.



COMMUNITY

Businesses and their employees are very much a part of the local economy. 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 and cultivates pride for the Ionia area. Committee service is a great way to have an impact in your community.



DISCOUNTS & SAVINGS

Members receive discounted or free event registration and promotional opportunities as well as opportunities to save on business expenses (insurance, merchant services, shipping & office supplies, etc.), tools for talent attraction & retention, and HR & Legal resources.



CREDIBILITY

Reputation is important, and being an active member of the Chamber of Commerce helps to strengthen yours. Did you know that the average consumer is 44% more likely to think highly of your business and 63% more likely to purchase your product or service when you are a Chamber Member?



INFORMATION & SUPPORT

We provide valuable information TO YOU about the community and business opportunities and share information ABOUT YOU to the community leveraging a balance of our relationships, email, social media, newspaper, radio, television, print, & more.

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Business Referrals - The Chamber receives countless inquiries via mail, email, phone and walk-in visits and always refers our members first.

Chamber Website - Our site includes a searchable directory, calendar of community and Chamber events, member-to-member discounts, community deals, member news, job postings and direct links to member websites. You can keep your site updated by adding your events, videos, discounts, links and more.

Community Cash - Community Cash can be purchased in \$5, \$10, \$20, & \$25 denominations. They may be customized to reflect the name of the person receiving the certificate, the name of the giver, or brief message, and redeemed at a member businesses. Merchant sign up fee is waived for Chamber members (\$100) and member participants receive 100% reimbursement (92% non-member)

Electronic Newsletter - This is sent out to all members, their employees, interested community members each month. It serves as an information piece, keeping readers up to date on area happenings, events and general area information; members are encouraged to include their upcoming events.

Discover Ionia County Guide - Member information is listed in an annual publication that is distributed through the year to our members, visitors, community members, Michigan rest areas, and at various events, expos, in our office and mailed by request. Additional advertising opportunities available.

Information - As the community information hub, the Chamber houses business promotional materials as well as community and regional information. Members are encouraged to display their promotions and business cards in the office and at Chamber events.

Discounts - Members receive discounted or free event registration and promotional opportunities as well as opportunities to save on business expenses and tools for employee attraction & retention through SBAM.

Educational Opportunities - The Chamber holds events and programs such as Lunch & Learns, Educational Speakers, Legislative Updaes, and partner webinars to help further the success of your business.

Membership List - Current membership list is available to members via email free of charge (email addresses are not available). Alternatively, members may pick up a set of printed mailing labels.

SCORE - (Senior Corp of Retired Executives) connects future and current small business owners to mentors, free of charge, which can assist you with your success in a variety of areas.

SBAM - As a member of the Small Business Association of Michigan we are able to combine forces to increase the buying and political power of our memberships to save you time and money, and further help your business succeed. The Chamber pays the dues for each of our members (excluding individual members) to join SBAM, which allows them to take advantage of many more benefits (\$195 value)

Advocacy - The Chamber serves as the primary business champion for our members with local, regional, State and Federal entities. Members are informed of issues that may affect their business and are kept apprised of impending changes in legislation. Legislative Update offered monthly, with the exception of July & December.

Networking Opportunities - Wake Up Shake Up Breakfast, Business After Hours, Community Expo, Annual Chamber Dinner & Awards Celebration, Annual Golf Classic, Autumn Celebration, Hometown Holiday, ribbon cuttings and more. The Chamber offers additional networking and "focus" groups, such as the Ionia Area Chamber Ambassadors and Aging Well Ionia County. Members receive discounted vendor rates for all applicable events.

Promotional Opportunities - Members are offered promotional and sponsorship opportunities first and are encouraged to promote themselves at Chamber functions. Members may host networking events and/or educational sessions at their place of business.

Additional Opportunities - If you need any service not listed here, please ask. We will be happy to help or find someone who can.



YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS

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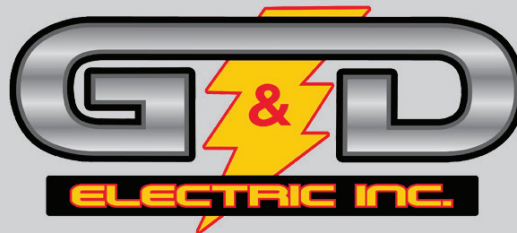
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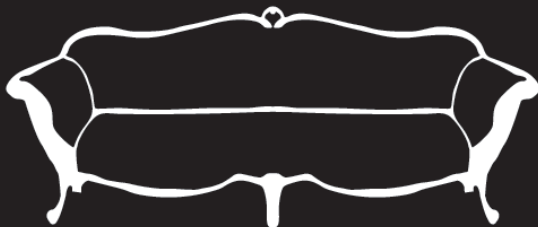
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Legislative Update

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March

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April

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Business After Hours -
Mega Mixer

May

Legislative Update

Networking Breakfast

Networking Lunch

June

Golf Classic
SMAT Community
Day Vendor Showcase
Legislative Update
Networking Breakfast
Networking Lunch

July

Networking Breakfast

Networking Lunch

August

Member Appreciation
Picnic

Legislative Update
Networking Breakfast
Networking Lunch

September

MI Pitch Competition
& Tri-Chamber After Hours
Expo Block Party
Legislative Update
Networking Breakfast
Networking Lunch

October

Legislative Update

Networking Breakfast

Networking Lunch

Autumn Celebration

November

Legislative Update
Networking Breakfast
Networking Lunch
Small Business Saturday/
Shop Local Campaign

December

Hometown Holiday
Celebration
Business After Hours -
Holiday Social
Twinkle Town Holiday
Decorating Contest

ANNUAL Calendar of Events

Events are subject to change/cancellation.

Additional networking, educational and business events may be added through-out the year.

Visit our event calendar at www.ioniachamber.org to stay up to date with all of our events, as well as additional events hosted in our community and by our Members.

CHAMBER EVENTS

CHAMBER ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



One of the best Fridays in Spring!
From novice to advanced we have something for everyone!
There are 18 holes of golf with a cart, meal, contests and more...

This event typically has 128 players and 12 volunteers helping to fund raise to fulfill the Chamber's mission of providing resources for businesses and promoting a vibrant community image. If you are unable to attend, there are many ways to have your business represented at the event through donations & sponsorships!

The Ionia County & Montcalm Economic Alliance partner with the Ionia, Belding & Greenville Chambers annually to drive entrepreneurial growth via a business pitch competition. Submissions open during the summer and the top 5 finalists will present to a panel of judges at for a chance to win cash prizes to help bring their ideas to life.

The event is hosted at Candlestone Golf Resort in Belding.



MI PITCH & TRI-CHAMBER AFTER HRS.

AUTUMN CELEBRATION

The season comes alive in downtown Ionia during the Autumn Celebration. The week leading up to the event features Scare Crow Alley with frightening & creative designs lining lampposts on Main Street.

This event includes trunk or treat, food trucks, costume contests, and a carnival! There are many ways for members to participate and support this local family favorite event.



A monthly event that is free for Chamber Members, prospective members are invited to attend up to (2) free networking breakfasts to learn more about membership! Bring your business cards, brochures and flyers. Conversation, leads, referrals, info-sharing and more to KICK-START your day!

WAKE UP SHAKE UP NETWORKING



ANNUAL DINNER & CHAMBER AWARDS



The Chamber Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony is held annually in January and celebrates the achievements of our members. Organizations are recognized for their impact on the community, service, and entrepreneurial spirit. With nearly 200 guests in attendance each year, this is an event you don't want to miss.

These events allow the host to showcase its business, services, and facilities to the business community and offers chamber investors the chance to meet one another and network in a casual and relaxed atmosphere. The Chamber hosts one After Hours event per quarter and offers openings for member-hosted After Hours events in the alternate months.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

An event that helps you begin the joy of the holiday season. Picture yourself in the first weekend in December, there's a chill in the air and a warmth in your heart because you've come to visit downtown Ionia for our Annual Hometown Holiday Celebration in our own "Hallmark" hometown.

Events include visit with Santa, community caroling and Christmas Tree lighting, Christmas Parade, and a free family movie at the Ionia Theater.



Annually in June, the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) and the Ionia Airport host Community Day, beginning with a 5k race, and airplane fly-in. The day continues with airplane rides, kids activities, door prizes, facility tours, lots of food (for a nominal fee), and a Vendor Showcase complete with local business, organizations and artisans.

COMMUNITY DAY SHOWCASE



COMMUNITY EXPO

This year's Community Expo is a Block Party in Downtown Ionia! The Community Expo brings local businesses, vendors, and organizations FRONT & CENTER of the community! This event is also FREE admission!

The Ionia Expo Block Party has entertainment for the whole family!



This event is to celebrate our members for everything they do! The Sizzlin' Summer Picnic is free to attend with light refreshments provided.

SIZZLIN' SUMMER PICNIC



TWINKLE TOWN

Bring some holiday cheer to your neighborhood by decorating the outside of your business or home! This event means it's time to pull out your lights, inflatables, and other decorations and deck out your house/yard to compete to win \$200 in cash (just in time for Christmas!).

Local families - Grab your family, snacks, and blankets, load up the car, crank the Christmas music, and spend the evening driving around looking at all of the creativity and magic of the season.



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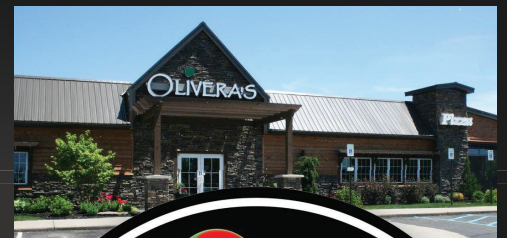
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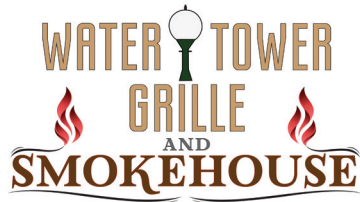
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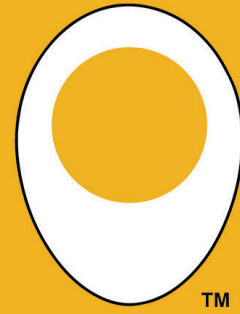
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