

MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE



Official Welcome Package

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The Ionia Area Chamber of
Commerce & our partners

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A large, brightly lit Christmas tree stands in the center of a snowy town square at night. The tree is covered in numerous colorful lights (red, green, blue, and white) and a large star on top. The square is surrounded by historic brick buildings with lit windows. The ground is covered in snow, and the overall atmosphere is festive and warm.

WELCOME HOME

Ionia County

Click on any image / ad for more
information about the events &
businesses contained within!

On behalf of the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce, allow us to extend a warm welcome and an invitation for you to savor the simple pleasures of life in the your new hometown and discover the many benefits our community has to offer.

MICHIGAN'S MIDDLE

Ionia County is a family-friendly community in the heart of Michigan. While we are conveniently located in the center of the state with a big city advantages just a short distance away, our small town values and friendliness make Ionia County a great place to live, work, and play.

Our blend of past, present and future, combined with our proximity to nature and culture makes Ionia the perfect destination for family fun, exploring, outdoor recreation, shopping, dining, and more.

HISTORY

Our community is proud to boast a fascinating heritage that our Historical Society is dedicated to sharing through a variety of programs and events. ioniahistory.org.

RECREATION

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 County. 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.

Discover countless opportunities to enjoy live theatre, museums, farm and craft markets, music in the park, community athletic events, our annual events like the Ionia Free Fair, Cruisin' Classics Car Show, Autumn Celebration & Chili Dawg Challenge, and many other cultural events. Check out the full "Discover Ionia County" guide. ioniachamber.org.

INDUSTRY

Ionia County is 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.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU CONNECT

When you need a reliable plumber, florist, or a church that feels like home, the Ionia Chamber is happy to make business referrals and provide community info. business.ioniachamber.org/list or call 616-527-2560

We proudly represent nearly 300 businesses and organizations and can't wait to introduce you to our community.

Enjoy exploring greater Ionia. Start by taking advantage of the free gifts and valuable services featured below. It's our way of helping you get settled in your new home. We're glad you are here!

Annual Community Events

JANUARY

Annual Celebration & Awards

MAY

Memorial Day & Celebration

JUNE

Ionia Chamber Golf Classic

Ionia Cruisin' Classics

Cowpie Classic Gravel Race Series

Ionia Farm Power Show

SMAT Community Day

Lake Odessa Fair

Uncle Sam Jam & City of Ionia Fireworks

JULY

Ionia Free Fair

AUGUST

Triple J's Car Show

Portland Beerfest on the Bridge

Saranac Bridgefest

SEPTEMBER

EXPO Block Party

OCTOBER

Autumn Celebration & Chili Dawg Challenge

DECEMBER

Hometown Holidays

Twinkle Town Holiday Light Fest

SEASONAL

First Thursday on the Bricks (Downtown Ionia)

Ionia Harvest Marketplace

Belding Beatnik Bazaar

MORE AT [IONIACHAMBER.ORG/EVENTS](https://ioniachamber.org/events)

Important Numbers

City of Ionia

616-527-4170

Ionia Housing

Commission

616-527-9060

Sparrow Ionia Hospital

616-523-1400

Ionia Public Safety

(non-emergency)

616-527-4431

Ionia County Health

Department

616-527-5341

County Administration

616-527-5300

Ionia Parks & Recreation

616-523-1800

Ionia Library

616-527-3680

County Clerk and

Courthouse

616-527-5322

Ionia Dial-a-ride

616-527-4000

Ionia Public Schools

616-527-9280

City of Belding

616-794-3297

Ionia County

Commission on Aging

616-527-5365

Ionia County ISD

616-527-4900

City of Portland

517-647-7531

EMERGENCY ONLY: 911 | Essential Needs/Resources: 211 | Suicide Prevention: 988

Upcoming Events



3rd Annual
Fall into the Holidays
Craft Show

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023
from 9am-3pm
Banner Event Venue
608 Peterson Rd, Ionia

Free Admission * Food Truck * Door Prizes

Home Decor • Baked Goods • Tumblers
Cotton Candy • Freeze Dried Candy • Jewelry
..and so much more!

Find something for EVERYONE on your Christmas list!



PORTLAND CIVIC PLAYERS PRESENT

GUYS & DOLLS

NOVEMBER 2023



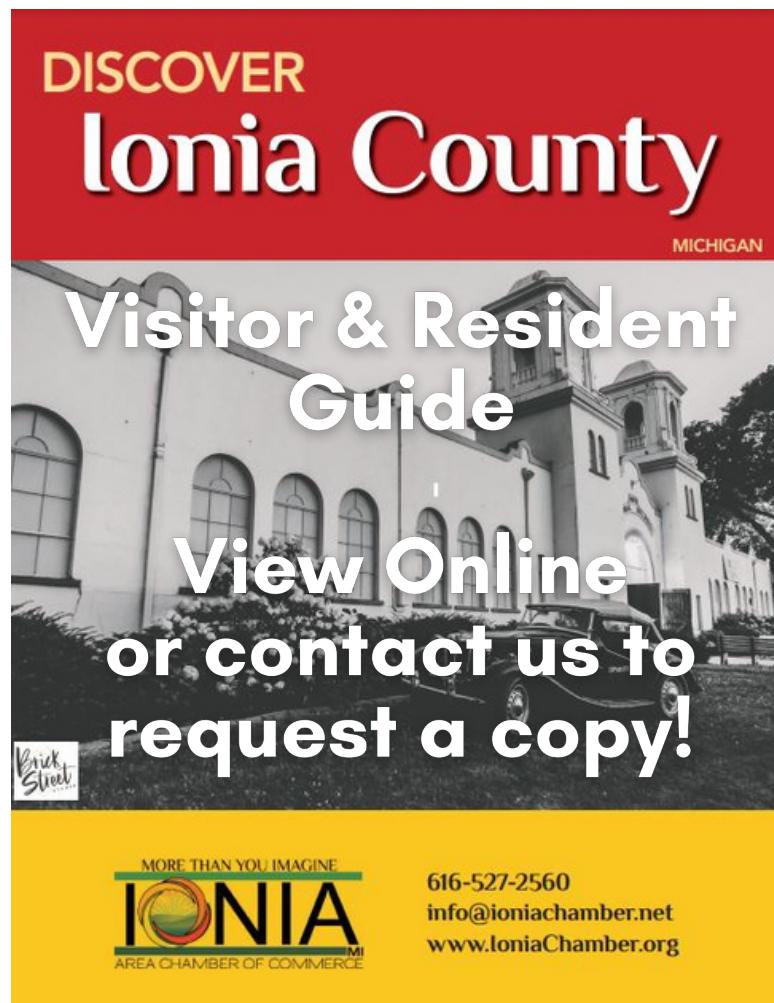
IONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HONORING VETERANS

VETERANS LUNCH
Friday, Nov 10 at noon
IHS room 304 - Veterans Eat Free

VETERANS CEREMONY
Friday, Nov 10 at 7 pm
IHS gym

Contact 616-527-9280 to have a veteran honored in our ceremony or with questions



DISCOVER Ionia County
MICHIGAN

Visitor & Resident Guide

**View Online
or contact us to
request a copy!**

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Upcoming Events

Christmas in Ionia!

SEVEN WEEKS OF LOCAL SHOPPING & DINING

November 10th thru January 1st

Ask for a passport and get stamps for every purchase at a participating merchant.

Fill an entire passport and be entered to win 1 of 2 Grand Prize Packages valued at over \$1,000 each!



Twinkle Town Self-Guided Light Tour (Homes)
Add YOUR Home or View Listing & Map



Twinkle Downtown Storefront Contest
Vote after 12pm on Dec. 1

December 1 thru 31



SANTA'S MAILBOX

Presented by City of Ionia
Parks & Recreation

Located in front of the
Ionia Armory Community Center

Drop off your letters
Nov. 17 - Dec. 18

SEASONS OF CARING

Collection Box at the Chamber office for:

Fruit Snacks & Hot Cocoa Packets

Ionia Armory Community Center
439 W. Main St. Ionia



Goal: 1 week of food supply for 700 food insecure
students & 300 homebound seniors

Visit www.liveunitedm-i.org/season-caring to learn more

Upcoming Events



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Visits with Santa | 4-6pm & after parade until 8:30pm
Presented by City of Ionia Parks & Recreation

Dance Performance Showcase | 5:00pm
Presented by Main Street Dance Academy

Tree Lighting & Caroling | 6:00pm
Presented by the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce

Twinkle Town Christmas Parade | 6:30pm
Presented by City of Ionia DDA & Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce

Free Movie at the Ionia Theatre | 8:00 pm
Presented by Live Local Realty

Mrs. Claus Bazaar | 9am - 3pm
At the Ionia Middle School
438 Union St, Ionia
Presented by the Ionia County Commission on Aging

Pancake Breakfast | 9am - 11am
At the Ionia Armory Community Center
439 W. Main St. Ionia
Presented by the Knights of Columbus



JOIN US for Mrs. Claus' Annual
BAZAAR & CRAFT SHOW
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 from 9am-3pm
At the Ionia Middle School. 438 Union St., Ionia

Upcoming Events



BELDING AREA
CHAMBER of COMMERCE
EST. 1944

December 9th, 2023
Belding High School

HOME for the HOLIDAYS

Stay Tuned for Updates



**JOIN US at 1PM on
Sunday, DECEMBER 10:**

As a special thanks to Ionia
County residents, COA hosts
"WHITE CHRISTMAS" at the
Ionia Theatre **FREE to ALL!**

Please look for details in our December newsletter.



CHRISTMAS MARKET

PORTLAND

OLD RED MILL
FARMERS MARKET

December 9th
Saturday • 9am - 1pm

450 N. Water St. Portland, MI 48875

Santa at the Red Mill

Christmas Tree Lane



Holiday fest

2ND SATURDAY IN DECEMBER



IONIA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS

December 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

**THE WIZARD
of OZ**

BY L. FRANK BAUM
WITH MUSIC AND LYRICS BY HAROLD ARLEN AND E. Y. HARBURG
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31st Annual Christmas 'Round the Town
November 24, 2023 9am-5pm
November 25, 2023 9am-2pm

Throughout the Lakewood Area



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Questions? Contact Marnie Thomas at director@lakewoodareacoc.org or by telephone @ (616) 374-0766



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WE'RE SOCIAL!

Did you know that the Ionia Area Chamber of Commerce is on social media? Give us a follow if you want to stay up to date on:

- Local jobs, news, events, and deals
- Chamber Members & new business openings
- What we are doing in the community
- Business Education and networking opportunities
- Business Resources
- and much more!



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