



Ionia Downtown Development Authority Newsletter June 12, 2017

Wizard of Oz Festival Listed in Top Ten Small Town Festivals in Michigan

We are proud to announce the Wizard of Oz Festival was recently listed in the “Top Ten Small Town Festivals in Michigan to Visit in 2017.” The dedicated committee and sponsors are to be congratulated on their hard work which resulted in the recognition as being number nine on the list. The Festival is filled with special activities that will be of interest to visitors of all ages. For a copy of the official brochure, contact the DDA office or visit our sponsor locations. Listed below is just a small sampling of great activities scheduled.

8:30am - 9:30am	Kids & Characters Breakfast at Burger King
9am	Race to Oz 2 Mile Walk / Run (benefiting the canine support program for Veterans)
9am - 5pm	Citywide Garage Sale (register now to be listed on the map)
10am	Wizard of Oz Parade (Still time to register. All participants receive a movie ticket)
10am - 4pm	Auntie Em’s Quilt Show at St. John the Apostle Episcopal Church
10am - 6pm	Flying Monkey Flea Market & Craft Show (vendor spaces available)
10am - 6pm	Travel Trailer & RV Show (welcoming vintage travel trailers - still time to register)
11am - 2pm	Corvette Car Show sponsored by the Greenville Corvette Car Club
11:30am - 1pm	Kids & Characters Lunch at McDonalds
1pm	Greater Ionia Downhill Derby (Soap Box Derby style racing)
1pm - 3pm	Sears - WION Radio remote and ticket giveaway (free movie tickets)
2pm	Costume Contests, Wicked Witch Cackling Contest - Ionia Theatre
3:30pm	Wizard of Oz movie at the Ionia Theatre
6pm - 10pm	Live music at the Main Street Music Brick Street Stage

There is still time to register to be included in the Oz Parade, Flying Monkey Flea Market & Craft Show, Vintage Travel Trailer & RV Show, and the Citywide Garage Sale. For more information, contact the DDA office by calling (616) 527-1420. Visit us on FB at Wizard of Oz Festival - Ionia

Ionia Fireworks Display

One of the most anticipated events in Ionia is the annual fireworks display. Thousands gather in the downtown area and fairgrounds to view the spectacular pyrotechnic presentation. This year, the fireworks are planned for Monday, July 3rd so not to interfere with your holiday plans. A rain date of Wednesday, July 5th has also been secured. The DDA invites you or your business to assist in presenting this dazzling display to our community. For more information, call the DDA office at 527-1420. Please see the attached sponsorship form for more details.

Soaring Above - Ionia Teen Center

Join us at “Soaring Above” located at 410 West Main Street for the official ribbon cutting of the teen center on Thursday, June 15th at 6pm. The center is host to over 300 teens each week and provides them with a meeting place, counseling, meals and more. The programming is provided free of charge with the Center being supported by donations. Co-founder Ken Baker will be speaking on the Center’s vision and several teens will be sharing their positive experiences since attending Soaring Above. Don’t miss this Open House - area teens need our support.

DDA District Commercial Properties for Sale and Lease

View these great property opportunities located within the DDA District. For more information on each, please contact your local realtor or the listing agent. To have your property included in future newsletters, forward details to the DDA office at lcurtis@ci.ionia.mi.us



120 Dexter Street - Ben M. Muller Realty Company

New neighborhood retail center for lease. Located at the corner of Dexter Street and Adams Street adjacent to City Hall, the pedestrian bridge and the Grand River Valley Rail Trail Trailhead Park. Available suites range in size from 1,300 – 6,000 SF with drive-up opportunity. Pricing ranges from \$16.50 - \$17.50 per square foot. For more information, please contact Victoria Hansen at 616.456.7114.



309 West Adams Street. \$800,000

With 8,820 square feet, the uses are endless. This one story brick ranch includes handicap accessible entrance, multiple offices and conference rooms, kitchen area, and 3 restrooms. Almost an acre of paved parking lot. Vacant and can be viewed at any time. Call Maria Blackmer of Live Local Realty at (616)



Central Michigan Printers \$110,000

Equipment and office furniture only. Building not for sale - currently leased. Local printing shop for over 43 years. Seller to assist new owner with start up training. Contact Greenridge Realty at (616) 527-3720.



313 West Main Street \$214,000

Commercial property features main floor retail space; upper level has two apartments. Great investment property. One of the downtowns most beautiful buildings. Contact Coldwell Banker Weir Manual Hoppough Realty at (616) 527-2800.

Music on the Green Kicks Off!

The Music on the Green summer series kicks off on Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church. Bring your lawn chair and settle in for an evening of great entertainment. Listed below is the schedule of the upcoming performances. Special thanks to the generous sponsors who make the series possible.

Tuesday, June 12th - Ionia School Jazz Band

Tuesday, June 20th - Tom, Cheri, and Kayla Hagen, Kenzie Carrera

Tuesday, June 27th - Ionia Community Band

Tuesday, July 11th - Three Husbands on the Loose and Mindy Hensley & Daughters

Tuesday, July 25th - Local area Praise Bands

Tuesday, August 1st - An evening of inspirational music with Harmony and area artists

City of Ionia Fireworks Display

Monday, July 3rd at dusk.

Launched from the Ionia Fairgrounds.

Become a Friend of the Fireworks!

Your support of this annual tradition is greatly appreciated.

Business / Organization: _____

Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration date: _____

3 digit code: _____ Name listed on card: _____

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△ Platinum Sponsor \$1,200

△ Supporting Sponsor \$300

△ Gold Sponsor \$1,000

△ Investment Sponsor \$100 - \$275

△ Silver Sponsor \$ 750

△ Friend - \$20 or more \$ _____

△ Bronze Sponsor \$ 500

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All responses received prior to June 15, 2017 will be acknowledged in event promotional materials. Please contact the City of Ionia Downtown Development Authority at (616) 527-1420 for more information. Please make your check payable to:

City of Ionia
P.O. Box 496
Ionia, MI 48846

Thank you for your generous support!

Rain date: Wednesday, July 5th.