



YOUR DOWNTOWN CONNECTION

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MAY 2023

CHEERS TO A BEAUTIFUL PORTLAND ! SPRING CLEANUP + SUMMER MAINTENANCE = COMMUNITY PRIDE!



FAÇADE INCENTIVE PITCH COMPETITION

YOU can participate and help determine what project is awarded \$10,000 which gets \$5,000, and which receives \$3,000 at their completion.

3 Projects will pitch their plans for top dollar:

- Courageous Coffee
- Civic Theatre
- Fabiano's River House

We have 6 official judges—completing a diverse group of knowledge with connections to Historic Downtown—and the community (you) voting

WEDNESDAY MAY 31

CONFLUXCITY BREWING COMPANY

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30
PITCHES START PROMPTLY AT 6:30PM
AWARDS ANNOUNCED 7:45PM

Life in general, strolls, shopping and dining out are all more quaint, picturesque and enjoyable in areas that are clean, neat, tidy and well kept.

It takes planning and follow through on all of our parts for regular cleaning and seasonal maintenance. If 'it takes a village to raise a child', the same applies to an inviting, vibrant downtown community.

You'll see us working in the next month to do our part. We'll have things ready for Memorial Day and continue maintaining through the summer into fall. Like laundry, it's never done!

It's time to take a weekly fresh look at your property. Check out your entryways, sweep and clear cobwebs regularly. Clean and repair awnings, don't forget the windows, remove/replace planters in disrepair, and pull the darn weeds :) THANKS !!



FRIDAY - JUNE 30, 2023

We're looking forward to celebrating with you!

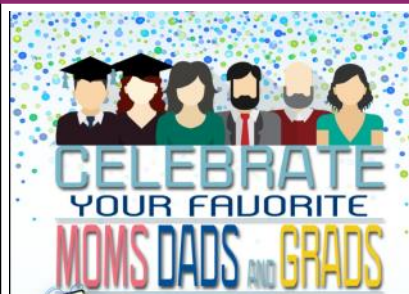
It takes volunteers (less than 1 hour per task) and sponsors to keep us 'fired up' each summer. Are you able to help?

Grab a friend or family member and **volunteer** here:

SignUpGenius.com—Portland Fireworks Assist!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CABA92AA7FB6-portland1>

Help **FUND** the \$10,000 cost: <https://www.miporland.org/events/sponsor-opportunities>



Here's an opportunity... make your GIFTING more heartfelt. You can help by Shopping Local, or selecting Gift Cards directly from local businesses, OR, when you choose **Portland Prime**, your MOM, GRAD or DAD also

gets something to look forward to ~ choosing where to spend it!! locally :) www.miporland.org/prime-giftcertificate

2nd SATURDAY in AUGUST

Enjoyed on Portland's Veterans Memorial Bridge



MI CRAFT

**BEER
WINE
CIDER**

FOOD and LIVE MUSIC



BeerOnBridge.com

All Available @ miporland.org/beerfest-on-the-bridge

Tickets on Sale

Sponsorships Ready

Volunteer Sign up



Our freedom came with a price. Never Forget, Forever Honor. VFW-4090 will again host the Memorial Day PARADE at 10am. The traditional Methodist Church CHICKEN DINNER will be hosted by the VFW this year 11a-2p Please reach out to the VFW for details.

Let us keep all who served and are serving in our thoughts.



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here to help celebrate

MOMS, DADS, GRADS & YOU

OLIVERA'S
IONIA • PORTLAND
ESTD 2002

THE OLI'S DIFFERENCE
WE BELIEVE FRESH IS BEST

FEATURED BUSINESS BY: **KURT FEDEWA** Olivera's is an Italian restaurant with a location in Portland. Chris Cathey and Andrew Delgado serve as managers of the establishment.

"Riccardo and Halina Biella started the business in Ionia in 2002," said Cathey. "They opened the Portland location 2016."

As a family-owned business, Olivera's promotes a family culture among its employees and customers. "We are a tight -knit organization," said Cathey. "We regard our staff as our own family. Owners and managers are very involved in helping our staff to grow personally and professionally. Because of this, we have been able to avoid the high level of employee turnover that is typical of the restaurant industry."

Olivera's specializes in Italian recipes but it also features other offerings including American and Mexican dishes. "Olivera's has something for everyone, said Cathey, offering a variety of price ranges along with new weekly specials that allow people to try something different. This gives our kitchen an outlet for creativity and it gives our regular customers a variety of choices."

Olivera's is very involved in promoting Portland. "We are active in the community," said Cathey. "We donate funds to various local organizations and we volunteer for local causes. For Easter Sunday 2020 we utilized volunteers from both of our locations to prepare Easter dinners which we gave to whomever needed them—no questions asked. We did this because we knew that the pandemic had adversely affected people and we want to do what we can to help. This is representative of the family culture that we strive to promote."

Olivera's is thankful for the opportunity to be in Portland. "We are grateful to be in Portland and of how the community has supported us," said Cathey. "We seek to strengthen our relationships here as we plan to serve the community for many years to come."

Find Olivera's catering menu at oliverasrestaurant.com and learn about bi-weekly specials by following Olivera's on Facebook at Olivera's Restaurant-Portland.



Riccardo & Halina Biella

1417 E. Grand River Ave.
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MEGA Mixer
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 | 6 - 8 PM
@ THE BOWLING ALLEY | 420 N. DEXTER ST. IONIA
APPETIZERS | CASH BAR | DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES
NETWORKING & BUSINESS CONNECTIONS
ALL MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME!
Bring a door prize and receive 1 minute at the "mic." to promote your business
Bring plenty of business cards
TICKET PRICE (NO BOWLING) **W/ UNLIMITED BOWLING**
\$15 / CHAMBER MEMBERS \$25 / CHAMBER MEMBERS
(\$20 OTHERS) (\$30 OTHERS)
ADD \$10 DAY OF / AT THE DOOR
MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE
IONIA ADD A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CITY OF IONIA
IONIA AMBASSADORS
Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce
DOWNTOWN PORTLAND
Ionia Innovators
Rotary
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QUESTIONS? CALL 616.527.2560 OR EMAIL OFFICE@IONIACHAMBER.NET

RECITAL 2023
OPERA BLOCK May 13, 2023 2:00 PM
PERFORMING Grand Ledge
Arts Center High School Auditorium
TICKETS ONLINE NOW

5/19 FRI 9a to 7p **Community**
5/20 SAT 9a to 2p **GARAGE SALE**

For Details on these Events & More
Visit miportland.org/
Events Calendar

OLD RED MILL FARMERS MARKET
14th Annual
PORCH & GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA
SATURDAY MAY 20 9AM-1PM
RED MILL PAVILION 450 Water Street Portland, MI

Memorial Day Parade & BBQ
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