



# City of Ionia 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration



## Friday, October 6, 2023

- 6pm Check Presentation to Community Food Pantry and Community Dinner Project presented by Jeremy and Candy Gomez of Generation Entertainment at the Fairgrounds
- 7pm Ionia High School Varsity Football Game (*Home*) and 'Presentation of the Anniversary Flags'

## Saturday, October 7, 2023

- 11am - Noon at City Hall located at 114 North Kidd Street. Official Commemorative Ceremony. Activities to include Proclamation by Honorable Mayor Balice, State of Michigan Tribute by Senator Outman, Community Band performance, and tours of City Hall. A special tribute to Ionia's first Honorable Mayor Frederick Hall and family. In honor of Marion Hall-Fowler, books will be distributed to children attending the event. Visit the Ionia Public Schools WOW (Words on Wheels) Bus on site.
- 10am - 2pm Ionia Community Library - Open
- 11am - 7pm Ionia Apple Festival & Food Truck Rally  
Food trucks, vendors, and special activities for the entire family hosted by Generation Entertainment at the Fairgrounds. Bring 1 or 2 cans of non-perishable food items and receive \$1 off your parking fee. All proceeds to Ionia Food Pantry and Community Dinner Project.
- 1pm - 3pm Collection of Short Films showcasing Ionia's Past Including a film produced by the First United Methodist Church titled "It Happened in Ionia." Presented by Ionia Theatre and Ionia County Historical Society at the Ionia Theatre
- 2pm - 4pm Ice Cream & Cake Social. Join us for complimentary ice cream and cake at 302 West Main Street — former Mercantile Bank building.
- 340 West Main Street tour of the first floor restoration.

## Sunday, October 8, 2023

- 11am Ionia County Commission on Aging Walk to End Alzheimer's. A two mile walking tour of Downtown Shopping District and historic neighborhoods. Funds raised benefit the Alzheimer's Association and their efforts. Registration beginning at 10am at the Ionia County Commission on Aging located at 115 Hudson Street.
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- Noon - 3pm Ionia Community Library open for tours.
- Noon - 4pm Community Church Tours.
- Noon - 1pm Restore Church
  - 1pm - 2pm St. John's Episcopal Church
  - 1pm - 2pm First Presbyterian Church
  - 2pm - 3pm S. S. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
  - 3pm - 4pm The Well Church
- 1pm - 6pm Blanchard House activities to include WW II Scrapbook Display by Blue Star Mothers, vintage vehicles and carriages on display, antique quilt display, salute to local women program, vintage lawn games for the entire family and tours of the Blanchard House. Hosted by the Ionia County Historical Society and Woman's Literary Club.