



Honorable Mayor Daniel A. Balice

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the City of Ionia website! Whether you are an Ionia citizen looking for information on meetings, public events, or general information, or a potential visitor checking out what Ionia has to offer, I hope you'll find what you're looking for on this site.

The City of Ionia has some of the most beautiful, historic building stock in the State of Michigan, has a renovated downtown business district which evokes memories of Ionia's historic past, has a modernized industrial center featuring light, medium, and heavy manufacturing, and has some of the friendliest citizens in America. I hope that you are able to take time to enjoy Ionia's scenic beauty, and to experience the variety and history of one of Michigan's best kept secrets.

Ionia is nestled in the heart of the Grand River Valley, and is, as most people know, the home of Michigan's Greatest Outdoor Event – the Ionia Free Fair. The history and scenic beauty of Ionia are unparalleled, from the beautiful County Courthouse and Community Library, which are both built of Ionia sandstone, to Ionia's red brick Main Street, Italianate homes, bike trails, park system, and the one-of-a-kind, fully restored Ionia Theater, which is beautifully maintained in the Art Deco style and hosts over 100,000 people per year for first run movies, live shows, and meetings.

Sparrow Ionia Hospital is a state-of-the-art, critical access hospital, the Ionia Educational Center, public schools, and parochial schools provide an outstanding educational experience for Ionia's youth, and the Ionia Parks and Recreation Department has programs and activities for all ages, interests, and skill levels.

In short, we often say in Ionia that we are "proud of our past and confident of our future", and I am certain that once you take the time to look us over and experience the many things that Ionia has to offer, you will understand why we take such great pride in our community. Thanks for checking us out!

Daniel A. Balice
Mayor, City of Ionia

