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Calendar of Events

May 31, 2024

Summer Workshop
Holy Childhood of Jesus Christ Community Center
150 West Main Street
Harbor Springs, MI
08:00 AM - 04:30 PM EST
The Summer Workshop will be held on Friday, May 31, 2024, in beautiful downtown Harbor Springs. The event will be held at the Holy Childhood of Jesus Community Center, 150 West Main Street, Harbor Springs.

Continental Breakfast and lunch during the Workshop and a networking event held on Thursday, May 30, in downtown Harbor Springs and is included in the registration fee.

Members before May 24, $150
Non Members before May 24, $175

Members after May 24, $175
Non Members after May 24, $205

In-person and virtual attendance options are available. The registration cost for virtual attendance is the same as our in-person fee. Sorry, no refunds. Details are available as you move through the registration process.

A special rate at a local hotel will be available soon.

September 10, 2024

Annual Award Submission Deadline

Due at 5pm

The deadline to submit a project for the 2024 MDA Annual Awards is Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

The Michigan Downtown Association is asking for nominations for its eigth annual MDA Awards. Winners will receive their awards during the MDA's Annual Statewide Michigan Downtowns Conference, held November 7-8, 2024, in Downtown Ann Arbor. The deadline for award nominations is Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Email nominations to director@michigandowntowns.com with "MDA Award Nominations" in the subject or post- marked letters sent to Michigan Downtown Association, P.O. Box 3591, North Branch, MI 48461.

There are two categories for awards:
Downtown Projects & Downtown Organization of the Year

Downtown Projects can fall into any of the following categories. Nominated projects can be completed by a downtown organization, city, or private developer within a member community and will be evaluated for their impact on downtown and on the community.

Placemaking
Promotions & Marketing
Redevelopment Project

Downtown Organization of the Year is an award given to an MDA member whose leadership was exemplary in the year 2023 through their organization and execution of a project(s).

September 26, 2024

Walking Tour & Networking in Downtown Lapeer

04:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

Downtown Walking Tour & Networking
Join us in historic downtown Lapeer on Thursday, September 26, for a walking tour and networking event. Members of the MDA and downtown stakeholders from Michigan communities, are welcome to join us for this complimentary event. More details will soon be available but plan on the activities to begin around 4pm on Thursday, September 26.

September 28, 2024

Downtown Day

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM EST

Communities across the State of Michigan will celebrate the Michigan Downtown Association's 5th Annual Downtown Day on Saturday, September 28, 2024. If you are a member of the MDA, please see the special member-only resource folder specifically designed to help you celebrate Downtown Day!

Downtown Day is the fourth Saturday of September and is a day dedicated to Michigan Downtowns. Celebrating is easy! Simply shop, dine, and support your downtown establishments. Go for a stroll down Main Street or enjoy the park.

November 7, 2024 - November 8, 2024

Annual Conference

The Graduate Ann Arbor

10:00 AM - 04:15 PM EST

Join us in vibrant downtown Ann Arbor for our 2-day Annual Conference! The event will be held at The Graduate, 615 East Huron Street.
The event will feature a variety of sessions dedicated to downtown management and plenty of networking opportunities.

Member cost before November 2, $275
Non Member cost before November 2, $295

Member cost after November 2, $295
Non Member cost after November 2, $315

A LIMITED NUMBER OF special hotel rates are available at:
Residence Inn Ann Arbor Downtown, $229 (plus tax and fees)
Bell Tower Hotel, $219 (plus tax and fees)
The Graduate Hotel, $299 (plus tax and fees)

A virtual and in-person attendance option is available for the same registration fee.