

Calendar of Events

March 3, 2026

MDA Advocacy Day

Mackinac Room

Anderson House Building

Lansing, MI 48933

10:00 AM - 03:00 PM EST

The MDA will host its annual Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Mackinac Room in the Anderson House Building, Lansing, MI.

Join us for casual conversations during a luncheon with legislators representing our Michigan downtowns. Our friends at Midwest Strategy Group will provide a legislative update for our members followed by a buffet lunch with our invited guests from Michigan's House of Representatives and Senate. In the afternoon, small groups will have private meetings in our legislators' offices.

The cost for the one-day event is \$60 and includes the lunch buffet.

Are you also planning to attend the Annual Spring Workshop on Wednesday, March 4 in East Lansing? Please use the Workshop registration link to register for both events if you are planning to attend both the Workshop and Advocacy Day.

March 4, 2026

MDA Spring Workshop

Kellogg Center

219 S. Harrison Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

08:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST

Join us at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing for our annual Spring Workshop, Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

The day will be filled with educational and networking opportunities for downtown stakeholders.

A complete agenda will be available soon but topics include:

Re-evaluating Events

Planning for the Future

Thoughtful Interior and Exterior Design

Intro to Historic Preservation & Architecture- Fundamentals for Thriving Downtowns

Learning from Your Mistakes

Workshop Member Rate Before March 1= \$150

Workshop Non Member Rate Before March 1= \$175

Workshop Member Rate After March 1= \$175

Workshop Non Member Rate After March 1= \$195

A special rate for our attendees is being offered at the Kellogg Center for March 3. Please use Group ID 1080 when reserving your room.

The MDA will host its annual Advocacy Day on Tuesday, March 3, in Lansing.

Members of the MDA are encouraged to join us for this event and meet your legislators during a casual luncheon and special afternoon meetings. The cost to attend Advocacy Day is \$60. There is an opportunity to register for Advocacy Day during the Workshop registration process.