

SUMMER 2008



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NEW LOOK DOWNTOWN!

The Almont DDA has recently purchased new seasonal banners for the downtown. Working with Project Graphics, the new DDA banners serve to welcome people to the Almont community as well as promote local events. Additional banners direct downtown visitors to municipal parking. The summer banner series includes banners promoting the Farmers Market, Concerts in the Park and Flea Market. The Four County Community Foundation generously provided a \$1,000 grant to assist in the purchase of the Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park banners. Each banner highlights the new DDA web site where people can go for further information about downtown Almont.

Also in progress is our sidewalk replacement project. Due to wear and tear and the passage of time and harsh weather conditions, the brick pavers and adjoining con-

crete have settled crack and buckled. This has presented an unsightly and hazardous condition. After careful consideration, the DDA Board approved moving forward with the installation of stamped concrete in these areas. All inscribed pavers have been stored and will be relocated in the DDA district in the near future.



WWW.ALMONTDDA.COM

Joining the ranks of other vibrant communities, the Almont DDA is now represented on the world wide web. Highlighting the many advantages of Almont as a great place to work, live and shop—our new web site serves as a great marketing tool for downtown.

Valuable links provide prospective business owners as well as the local community instant information on current events, community resources, downtown business assistance and the many opportunities that Almont has to offer. We will be expanding the web site to offer real estate listings and a business directory among other things.

To make this tool completely effective—we need YOUR help. Please contact the DDA office with your business information so that we can include you on the DDA directory. If you are planning a special event—let us help market these opportunities by having it listed on our web site.

Web site design & hosting provided by: Accunet web services of Milford, MI

DID YOU KNOW?

PRIMARY TRADE AREA PROFILE

(2000 CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS)

- Primary trade area has a population of 40,000 with 13,600 households.
- 82% of housing is owner occupied.
- The average median household income is \$53,802 which is \$5,000 over the state average.
- The largest occupational group for the area is classified as Management/Professional at 27% of the employed population.
- The majority of the labor force is employed in the manufacturing industry, with educational/health/social services being second.
- The average age is 34.
- Over 26,000 cars pass through downtown Almont each day.
- The Village has 2.34 miles of Major Streets, 5.22 miles of Local Streets and 1 mile of State Trunk line.

ALMONT FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL—SEPT.27 –OCT. 5TH



Makes plans to visit downtown Almont this fall! The Almont Fall Heritage Festival will kick off a week of activities celebrating our rural roots and character. The DDA is joining forces with community groups such as the Almont Lion’s Club, Almont Area Chamber of Commerce, Almont Farmers Market as well as others. Festivities kick off on Saturday, September 27th.

The highlight of this event will feature a performance by the German band, "Spass." Other activities being planned include an "Almont's Got Talent" contest, business window decorating contest, and beer and food concessions.

The week's celebration will also include an encore of a "Taste of Almont." Once again people will be able to experience the many culinary choices available in downtown Almont. Participating businesses will feature menu choices celebrating locally grown fall produce and recipes. The Almont Fall Heritage Festival will conclude the weekend of October 4 & 5 with the annual Country Heritage Tour.

The Almont DDA is looking for community organizations and individuals interested in participating in the planning of this event. The work of many volunteers will make this event a success.

Contact the DDA office at: 798-8125 and find out how you can be involved!

BIZ NEWZ

Coming Soon:

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Almont Country Coney Andrea Bryant
(next to Kommunity Kracker Barrel)

Petals and Bows Tammy Jenks
(former Tattooz location by Charlie Brown's)

Happy Anniversary

Almont Dollar Store—1 year Tom and Diane Bishop

Parking Lot Improvements

The DDA is currently soliciting bids for municipal parking lot improvements. We will be contracting for crack sealing, seal coating and layout and striping in the seven municipally owned and licensed lots downtown. We anticipate this project being completed by late summer.

Almont Area Chamber of Commerce

We're open for business!!



The Almont Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to creating a positive economic environment for business. We will ensure that your shopping experience in Almont is comfortable, warm, friendly, safe, and welcoming. Almont will continue to grow and prosper.

The Board of Directors are as follows: **President:** Terri Rogulski 586-206-4888 **Vice President:** Joe Bratkowski 810-798-3274 **Secretary:** Chris Gannon 810-798-8240 **Treasurer:** Jim Gostomski 810-798-3907 **Board Member:** Patty Madding 810-834-2687.

Please visit www.AlmontChamber.com Your Community Chamber is working hard for you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 10 Concerts in the Park
- 17 Concerts in the Park
- 24 Concerts in the Park
- 25-27 AYBA Baseball Tournament
- 31 Concerts in the Park

August

- 7 Concerts in the Park

14 Wake-Up Almont Chamber Breakfast

14 Final Concert in the Park

September

27 Almont Fall Heritage Festival

October

4-5 Country Heritage Tour

Meet us at the Corner:

Saturdays

Almont Farmers Market 9:00-2:00

Sundays

Almont Flea Market 8:00-4:00



FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM

Business and property owners continue to take advantage of the DDA Façade Grant Program and people are noticing the results! Funding has been increased to support the renewed interest in this program..

Landlords and tenants are able to apply for funds to cover improvements to the exterior of their buildings.

Each building location is eligible for up to two grants per year to cover paint, windows, doors, awnings, and signs.

This is a 50/50 grant program with the DDA reimbursing costs up to \$1,500/grant.

Recent Grant awardees include:

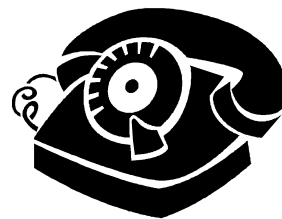
Dr. Kamego—Landscaping and door portico

Kracker Barrel—New windows.

Applications are available on-line at: almontdda.com or at the DDA office

Stop by the DDA Office and see what we can do for you!

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SUGGESTIONS? THE DDA WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Call 798-8125

Summer schedule varies.

YES! Please contact me regarding ways I can become involved in Downtown Almont.

NAME: _____

BUSINESS NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I'm interested in volunteering for the following:

- Special Events/Programming
- Marketing/Newsletter
- Downtown Beautification Committee
- General Volunteer Opportunities

Please return to: **Almont DDA, P.O. Box 226, 134 N. Main St., Almont, MI 48003**

DDA Board Meetings

The Almont Downtown Development Authority Board meetings are open to the public and are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Almont Village Offices
817 N. Main Street

Next Meeting: August 27

www.AlmontDDA.com

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