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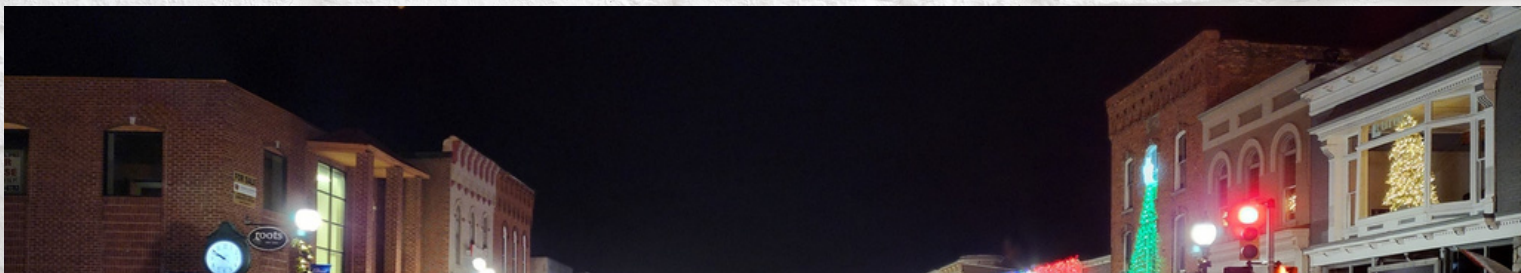
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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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THE STATE REQUIRES DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES TO HOLD TWO INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ANNUALLY. INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS ARE MEETINGS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING THE PUBLIC OF THE GOALS AND DIRECTION OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE COMING YEAR.

THEY ARE NOT FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON POLICY, BUDGETS OR OTHER OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

THE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE AUTHORITY OR MUNICIPALITY.

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TIF & DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- THE GOALS AND DIRECTION OF THE ALMONT DDA ARE DEFINED BY THE TIF AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FIRST CREATED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1984 AND THE PLANS WERE AMENDED IN 1992 AND 1998. THIS AMENDMENT EXTENDS THE LIFE OF THE PLAN TO 2034 OR UNTIL ALL DEBTS ARE RETIRED.
- THE FULL DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW. FIND IT HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.ALMONTDDA.COM/WP-CONTENT/UPLOADS/2019/05/DDATIFPLAN.PDF](https://www.almontdda.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/DDATIFPLAN.PDF)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ANDY ROOSA - CHAIRMAN

HOLLIE MILLER - VICE CHAIRMAN/ TREASURER

TRICIA FELDMAN- SECRETARY

MELISSA SCHNEIDER- BOARD MEMBER

KRISTA BOOS - BOARD MEMBER

STEVE SCHNEIDER— VILLAGE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ANGELA EDWARDS — DDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Almont DDA Mission

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To provide direction and resources to downtown business owners to maximize Almont's potential and create a lively downtown. It strives for the economic advancement of the downtown through promotion of its businesses and events while maintaining Almont's historic roots and strong sense of community. Its goal is to collaborate with other local public and private entities to enrich the collective community experience through a vibrant downtown district.

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“Almont DDA Vision
An economically vibrant and
historically preserved downtown
shared by our village and
township residents, that
supports the community at all
times, in a way that is
sustainable and forward
thinking.”



GOALS & DIRECTION

- FACILITATE IMPROVEMENTS, RENOVATIONS, AND REDEVELOPMENT OF INTERIORS AND EXTERIORS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS
- PROMOTE SECOND-STORY COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SPACE TO INCREASE OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTIES AND MORE APPROPRIATE USAGE OF BUILDINGS.
- OFFER ASSISTANCE AND ENCOURAGE OUTSIDE SIGNAGE THAT FOSTERS PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED LIGHTING AND VISIBILITY.
- ACQUIRE MORE BUILDINGS AND LAND TO EITHER RENOVATE AND RENT OR CREATE MORE PARKING AND COMMUNITY ORIENTATED SPACES.
- INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AS WELL AS COMPLIANCE
- CREATE AND INCREASE COLLOBORATION WITH THE VILLAGE AND OTHER FACETS OF THE COMMUNITY
- HOST & PROMOTE MONTHLY EVENTS TO BRING BUSINESS DOWNTOWN
- CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A CHRISTMAS LIGHT FACADE GRANT TO LIGHT UP THE DISTRICT FOR THE HOLIDAYS

FUTURE PLANS

- **WELCOME SIGNS TO DOWNTOWN ALMONT**
- **PARKING LOT SIGNS**
- **FARMERS MARKET**
- **NEW HISTORICAL MARKERS**
- **CLEAR/ CONCISE BRANDING**
- **INCREASED MARKETING**
- **CHRISTMAS LIGHT FACADE GRANT**
- **ADDITIONAL EVENTS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



MEETINGS

**THE DDA HOLDS MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS ON THE
FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING AT 7PM.**

**THE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT
MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**MEETING DATE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2024 ARE:
JANUARY 24 — FEBRUARY 28 — MARCH 27 — APRIL 24
— MAY 22 — JUNE 26**

PROJECTS IN 2023

- PICNIC TABLES IN FOUNTAIN PARK (WITH ONE MORE TO COME IN THE SPRING)
- LIGHTED UMBRELLAS FOR THE TABLES
- NEW TRASH RECEPTACLES
- MASONRY REPAIRS COMPLETED ON THE FOUNTAIN AND DUMPSTER CORRAL
- WINDOW TINT ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM TO PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS
- NEW WINDOW AND PAINTING ON THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
- SNOWFLAKES REFURBISHED
- NEW SEASONAL BANNERS



Events

HOSTED BY THE DDA

THE DDA HOLDS ITS ANNUAL HERITAGE FESTIVAL/CLASSIC CAR SHOW IN SEPTEMBER. THIS YEAR WE HAD OVER 400 CARS LINING VAN DYKE, 30 VENDORS, 8 FOOD TRUCKS, AND TWO INCREDIBLE BANDS THAT BROUGHT IN ENORMOUS CROWDS!

ON THE FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER THE DDA HOLDS ITS ANNUAL HOLLY DAY LIGHT FESTIVAL. THE 2023 HOLLY DAY PARADE HAD 30 PARADE ENTRIES. RESIDENTS LINE THE STREETS WITH THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO WATCH THE MAGIC AS THE PARADE USHERS IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND SPIRIT INTO THE DOWNTOWN.



HISTORIC PRESERVATION

FAÇADE GRANTS – THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AND REVITALIZATION TO THE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WITHIN THE DDA DISTRICT. THE PROGRAM PROMOTES PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMERCIAL FAÇADES VISIBLE FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF DOWNTOWN ALMONT BY IMPROVING THE EXTERIOR PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF THE BUILDINGS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE HISTORICAL CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDINGS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

FACADE GRANT

The background of the image is a photograph of a historic wooden building facade. The building has horizontal wooden siding and several windows. Two signs are visible: one on the left that says 'ALMONA'S' and 'BRUNCH - LUNCH', and another on the right that says 'BRUNCH - LUNCH'. The building appears to be made of weathered wood. In the foreground, there are some orange pumpkins and hay bales, suggesting a fall or autumn theme.

THIS YEAR THE DDA UPDATED THE FACADE GRANT APPLICATION, MAKING IT MORE FLEXIBLE FOR BUSINESSES AS WELL AS DOUBLED THE AWARD AMOUNT.

WE ARE HONORED TO SAY THAT ALMOST \$35,000 HAS BEEN AWARDED THIS YEAR, TO IMPROVE THE LOOK AND PRESERVATION OF OUR DOWNTOWN DISTRICT.

NEW BUSINESS

- BRUNCH @ JOE'S
- SENOR VICTOR'S
- MIKEY'S
- A NEW MOON 22
- THE VILLAGE SHIRT COMPANY
- GOOD GROUNDS

NEW EVENTS

**THE DDA HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO ADVERTISING FOR ALL
EVENTS HOSTED BY BUSINESSES IN THE DDA DISTRICT.**

**RECENT EVENTS HAVE BEEN DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREATING,
A SKELETON CONTEST FOR THE BUSINESSES, SMALL
BUSINESS SATURDAY, JEEP/CRUISE/ BIKE NIGHTS AND MANY
MORE PLANNED FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR!**

What have we been up to lately?

Facade Grants:

So glad you asked!

This last calendar year alone we have awarded Downtown Almont businesses with facade grants totaling over **\$28,000!**

Grand Openings:

There have been **2** Downtown Almont Grand Openings this year, with at least **3** more on the 2023 horizon!

Streetscape Improvements:

Our Downtown is ever improving! We have added new **light poles**, new **trash receptacles**, new **picnic tables** with **umbrellas** in Fountain Park, and gave our clock and arch a much needed face lift!

Community Involvement:

We have had a record breaking number of **volunteer hours** clocked this year in Downtown Almont! From Downtown Cleanup to Heritage Festival and everything in between, our community has continued to show up and out!

Business Generosity:

The heartbeat of our community is our small businesses. They have continuously supported us through **sponsorships** and **donations** for all of our events, from Heritage Festival to cornhole board! The endless generosity is awe inspiring!

Community Engagement:

This year has been one for record breaking! Our **Holly Day Parade** had more floats than ever before, our **Heritage Festival** shut down M-53 and had a record breaking number of cars registered as well as attendees! We have also added **Jeep Night**, **Cruise Night** and **Bike Night** with more events on the horizon to keep Downtown Almont vibrant!



RE-DEVELOPED BUILDINGS

**THE OLD THEATER HAS BEEN PURCHASED AND IS
ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING BUILDINGS IN
DOWNTOWN ALMONT THAT REQUIRES
SIGNIFICANT REDEVELOPMENT. OUR DOWNTOWN
IS MORE VIBRANT THAN IT HAS BEEN IN DECADES!**

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

GOAL: ECONOMIC STIMULATION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

DDA

- PRIMARY REVENUE FROM TAXES
- ALL BUSINESSES LOCATED IN DISTRICT ARE REPRESENTED
- FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- PRIMARY REVENUE FROM DUES COLLECTED
- ONLY BUSINESSES THAT PAY DUES ARE REPRESENTED
- FOCUSED ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH NETWORKING

MARKETING, ADVERTISING, HOSTING EVENTS, INCREASING VISIBILITY AND PROMOTING LOCAL BUSINESS INTERESTS.

COMMUNICATIONS



THE DDA HAS A NUMBER OF WAYS THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY:

- A. DDA WEBSITE: WWW.ALMONTDDA.COM
- B. DDA FACEBOOK PAGE: DOWNTOWN ALMONT
- C. THE VILLAGE OF ALMONT WEBSITE HAS A LINK TO THE DDA WEB PAGE -
[HTTPS://WWW.ALMONTMICHIGAN.GOV/](https://WWW.ALMONTMICHIGAN.GOV/)
- D. THE DDA WILL PUT NOTICES IN THE TRI-CITY TIMES NEWSPAPER
- E. YOUTUBE CHANNEL: ALMONT DDA

CONTACT INFORMATION

DURING THIS INFORMATIONAL MEETING, BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY CAN
NOT BE CONDUCTED.

IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE FOR SOMEONE TO USE THE INFORMATIONAL
MEETING AS A FORUM TO DISCUSS DDA BUSINESS

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DDA, PLEASE CONTACT:

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A NEW MOON 22

ALMONT AUTO WASH

ALMONT BAKING & DONUT CO

ALMONT DOWNTOWN DENTISTRY

ALMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ALMONT PET SALON

ARISTOCRAT

AURORA REALTY GROUP

BUCCILLIS

CENTURY 21 AAA NORTH

CHARLIE BROWNS

CHICKY'S

CHINA ONE

CREEKSID HEARTH

DOCTORS OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

ELEVATION CONTRACTING

ENVY HOME

EDWARDS JONES

FAMILY FARM AND HOME

FIRST INDEPENDENT

FRENCH DRAIN MAN

GASS-BECKER

GEAR MASTER

GRANDER REALTY

GREAT LAKES LEGAL

GREAT LAKES DENTAL

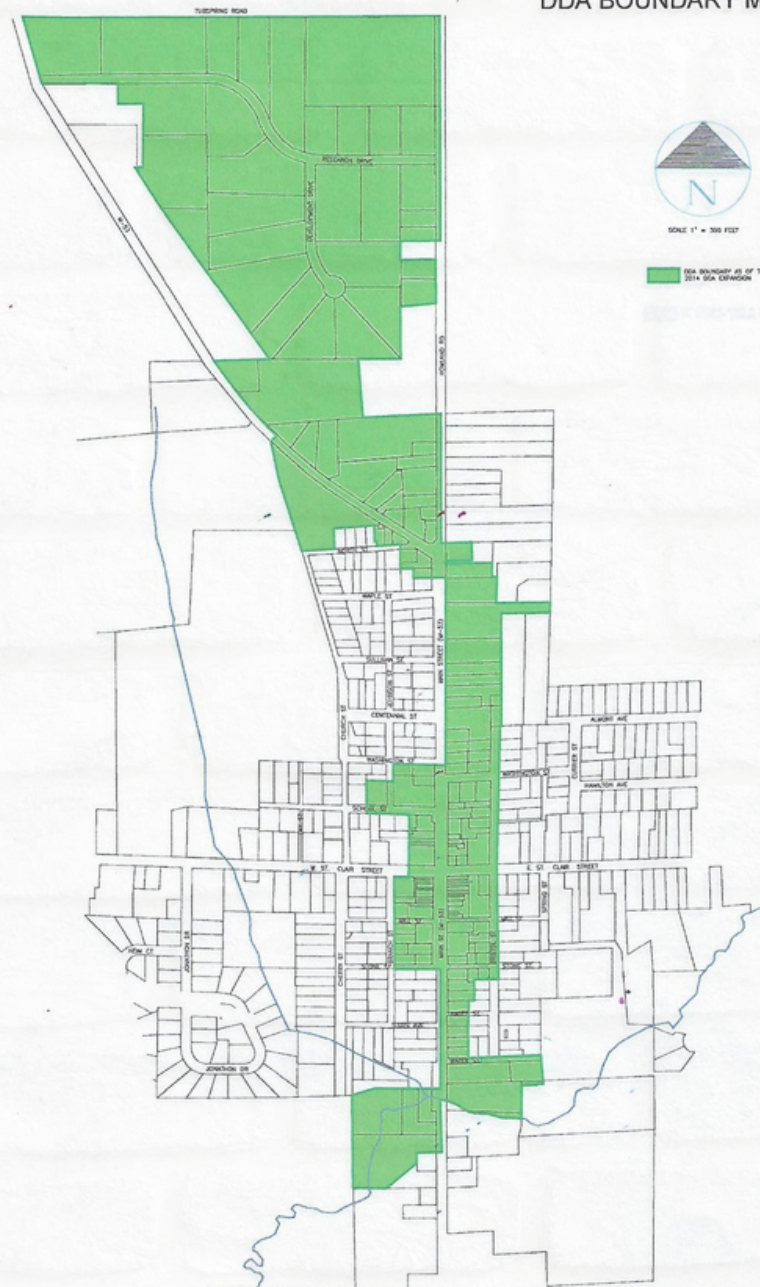
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H&R BLOCK

HIDEAWAY LANES

VILLAGE OF ALMONT

DDA BOUNDARY MAP



NOTE:
The tax parcel lines shown on this map
are for general reference only and

HOWARD'S AUTOMOTIVE

HUNGRY HOWIE'S

KAMEGO CHIROPRACTIC

JOCELYN'S SCHOOL OF DANCE

LAW OFFICES OF STEVE SCHNEIDER

KOMMUNITY-KRACKER BARREL

MARIA'S PLACE

MANDY J FLORIST

MARJEANNES CREATIONS

MCDONALD'S

MIKES ANTIQUARY

MIKEY'S

MUIR BROTHERS

BUNCH @ JOE'S

RANDAZZO JEWELER

RELITERATION USED BOOKS

RITE AID

ROZAS PIZZA

ROOTS

SENIOR VICTOR'S

SPEEDWAY

SHERRI'S BARBER SHOP

SHEAR DESIGN HAIR STUDIO-

SPRING DYNAMICS

SPEEDY Q

SUBWAY

STATE FARM

TEMPEST AIR

THE RUSTIC BLUEBIRD

THE VILLAGE SHIRT CO

TRI COUNTY BANK

TRI COUNTY INSURANCE

YARBROUGH INSURANCE GROUP

