

Community Events Calendar*

RECURRING:

Nature Connections:

- 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Embrace the opportunity to know the forest in a new way by focusing on an individual species of tree or shrub each month. Through exploration and guided experiences, participants will come to know a section of CNC's land throughout the seasons to make a meaningful, personal connection with nature.
- Quiet reflection, photography, journaling, exploration, history, and folklore will engage the mind and heart during this casual walk which includes group and solo time. Meet at the Visitor Center.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free – Age 18+
- **2024 Nature Connections Schedule:**
 - **Thurs, May 9, 5-7 pm - Service Berry**
 - **Thurs, June 13, 6-8 pm - Basswood**
 - **Thurs, July 11, 6-8 pm - Elderberry**
 - **Thurs, August 1, 6-8 pm - Sassafras**
 - **Thurs, Sept 12, 6-8 pm - American Chestnut**
 - **Thurs, Oct 24, 5-7 pm - Witch Hazel**
 - **Thurs, Nov 14, 4-6 pm - American Beech**
 - **Thurs, Dec 12, 4-6 pm – Oak**

Bird Walk: EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY

- 8:00am – 10:00am
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Spring migration is underway with new birds arriving every day! CNC's variety of habitats support over 200 bird species, making this an excellent wildlife hotspot.
- Learn to identify birds by using field marks, listening for songs and calls, watching flight patterns and using habitat clues. Birders of all experience levels are welcome. Loaner binoculars are available or bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Center.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free – Age 9+

May 2nd, 2024 – Thursday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Affordable Housing Alliance**
 - 3:30pm – 4:00pm
 - Location: Affordable Housing Alliance – 3400 Isabella Rd, Midland
 - Join us for a celebration of the Affordable Housing Alliance and their new brand!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Cardio Drumming**
 - 7:00pm
 - Location: NutritionNow Parking Lot, 4979 Eastman Ave Midland
 - Cardio drumming is a full body workout using a bucket, a stability ball and a set of drumsticks.
 - Cost is by donation for those that can afford it, this allows us to offer it free for those that can't.
 - Contact Information: Julie Dopp. 989 631-4107 or 989 948-8198
 - Fees/Admission: Donation for the class. Equipment rental is \$5

May 3rd, 2024 – Friday

- **WakeUp! Midland – April 2024**
 - 7:30am – 9:00pm
 - 7:15am: Registration Opens
 - 7:15-7:30am: Early Bird Networking
 - 7:30am: Program Begins
 - Location: Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center, 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland
 - Talk Show Topic: The MBA's Flood Resiliency Initiative
 - Contact Information: Heather Watson: hwatson@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission:
 - Member Registration: \$20
 - Walk-In/Future Member Registration: \$25

- **Bird Walk**
 - 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 - Location: Midland Center for the Arts
 - As we celebrate Jeri Hollister's work in our exhibit, "Abiding Inspiration," we encourage you to see her distinctive equine sculptures and hear from her about her journey and process as an artist during a private cocktail hour. This is your only chance to meet the artist in discussion for this remarkable exhibition!
 - Contact Information: Kyra Macomber macomber@midlandcenter.org (517)983-3610
 - Fees/Admission: \$25 Public / \$20 Member / \$12 Students

May 4th, 2024 – Saturday

- **Spring Fever**
 - 11:00am – 4:00pm
 - Location: Down Midland – Main St, Midland
 - Spring into action early this year and kick off Mother’s Day a week early by treating your mom to an afternoon in our beautiful downtown. Participating retailers and restaurants will be in full bloom featuring new seasonal merchandise, special services, new menu features, and more for you and your mom to enjoy.
 - Contact Information: downtownmidland.com/events/spring-fever/
 - Fees/Admission: Free to the public

May 7th, 2024 – Tuesday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Adoption Option**
 - 4:30pm – 5:00pm
 - Location: 4008 W Wackerly St, Midland
 - Come celebrate Adoption Option's 20th anniversary! Plan to park across the street at Calvary Baptist, 6100 Perrine Rd. in the parking lot off Wackerly St
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

May 8th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **MYPros Grub Club - TBD**
 - 11:30am – 1:00pm
 - Location: Reach out to contact information
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Ribbon Cutting – Lead**
 - 4:00pm – 4:30pm
 - Location: 705 Bayliss St. STE 400, Midland
 - This ribbon cutting will celebrate Self Love Beauty’s official rebrand to Lead.
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

May 10th, 2024 – Friday

- **Wee Stroll**
 - 9:30am – 10:30am
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd Midland
 - This program is designed for parents to take a guided walk with their child, learn about the outdoors and learn ways to introduce children to the natural world around them. Meet at the Visitor Center.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

May 15th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **Business After Hours – Midland Daily News**
 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Location: 219 E Main St.
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free to MBA Members

May 18th, 2024 – Saturday

- **Grit Your Grief 5k – Run, Walk, Roll and Color Run**
 - 8:00am
 - Location: MBS International Airport – 8500 Garfield Rd, Freeland
 - Contact Information: The Children's Grief Center - 989-495-9335
 - Fees/Admission: Visit Website for details - <https://childrensgriefglbr.org/>

- **Tawas Area Birding**
 - 6:00am – 6:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd Midland
 - Tawas Point State Park is one of Michigan's best areas for bird watching during spring migration. Join a CNC Interpretive Naturalist to see warblers, vireos, sparrows, hawks, bitterns, shorebirds and more!
 - Transportation in a CNC van is provided. Bring a lunch and snacks. Loaner binoculars will be available or feel free to bring your own
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Registration Required - \$50/Person

May 22nd, 2024 – Wednesday

- **Full Moon Stroll**
 - 8:30pm – 10:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Join an Interpretive Naturalist for a hike to enjoy this month's full moon. Learn how the tradition of naming moons began and what makes each month special. Please wear dark colors and bring a flashlight. Meet at the Visitor Center.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

May 30th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Silverlace Memory Care at Primrose Retirement Community**
 - 2:00pm – 2:30pm
 - Location: 5600 Waldo Rd, Midland
 - Come celebrate the new Silverlace Memory Care at Primrose Retirement Community!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free to all MBA Members

May 31st, 2024 – Friday

- **MyPros PerkUp!**
 - 8:00am – 10:00am
 - Location: Reach out to contact information
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

June 1st, 2024 – Saturday

- **Greater Midland Dow Run/Walk**
 - 7:30am – 10:30am
 - Location: Greater Midland Community Center, Midland
 - The historic Dow RunWalk opens the Greater Midland race season with a community race in the heart of your community!
 - We run Rain or Shine! RunWalk Expo and Packet pickup; Friday, May 31 (3:30 – 6:30PM). Packet Pick up will resume race morning at 6:45AM until race time at the Midland Community Center.
 - Start Times*: 5K Run (7:45AM), 5K Walk (7:50AM) and 10K Run (8:30AM). GIRLS on the RUN Celebration 5K will START at 8:40AM and the 1 Mile Run takes off at 8:50AM followed by the Tot Trot at 9:20AM
 - Contact Information: Jennifer Adamcik Race Director 989-832-7937 x 2221
 - Fees/Admission: Registration open through Race Day.

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