

Community Events Calendar*

RECURRING:

MIDLAND AREA FARMERS MARKET: Wednesdays & Saturdays

- MAY 4 – OCTOBER 26
 - 7:00am – 1:00pm
- FIRST THREE SATURDAYS IN NOVEMBER
 - 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Location: Dow Diamond
- There are **No Animals** Allowed at the Farmers Market. The MAFM is not a safe space for pets of any kind due to the crowds and food safety concerns, please leave your pets at home. Trained Service Dogs are welcome. Sorry, Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) and Therapy Dogs are not ADA Service Animals

Nature Connections: Select Thursdays

- 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:**
 - **Oct 24, 5-7 pm - Witch Hazel**
 - **Nov 14, 4-6 pm - American Beech**
 - **Dec 12, 4-6 pm – Oak**

Wee Stroll

- October 11th
 - 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.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 4th, 2024 – Friday

- **WakeUp! Midland - September**
 - 7:30am – 9:00am
 - Location: Dow Diamond – 825 E Main St, Midland
 - Talk Show Topic: Key Insights into Midland County Schools
 - Contact Information: Becca Pleiman - rpleiman@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission:
 - Member Registration: \$20
 - Walk-In / Future Member Registration: \$25
 - *Updated Invoicing Policy: When registering for an event (advance or walk-in), payment is expected at that time. Invoicing will no longer be offered.
 - *Per MBA policy, all event registration cancellations must be made at least 48-hours in advance of the event date for a refund.

October 8th, 2024 – Tuesday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Wellness Within Family Chiropractic**
 - 1:00pm – 1:30pm
 - Location: 1106 S. Saginaw Rd, Midland
 - Join us in celebrating the new location and remodeled space of Wellness Within Family Chiropractic!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 9th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **Hot Takes on Housing: 2024 MBA Economic Development & Housing Event**
 - 9:00am – 11:30am
 - Location: Grace A Dow Memorial Library – Auditorium – 1710 W Saint Andrews Rd, Midland
 - Contact Information: Nicole Wilson - nwilson@mbami.org
 - Gain valuable insights from expert discussions and a keynote by Charles Marohn of Strong Towns on tackling the root causes of America’s housing crises and building resilient, community-driven solutions.
 - Fees/Admission: Free
- **Ribbon Cutting – Burger King**
 - 11:00am – 11:30am
 - Location: 2029 S Saginaw Rd, Midland
 - Join us to celebrate the newly renovated Burger King in Midland!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 10th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Rosewood Medical Spa**
 - 11:00am – 11:30am
 - Location: 900 W Wackerly, Midland
 - Come celebrate Rosewood Medical Spa under their new ownership!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 11th, 2024 – Friday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Gilden Woods Midland**
 - 10:30am – 11:00am
 - Location: 5305 Perrine Rd, Midland
 - This is the first new construction Gilden Woods location and we are thrilled to be opening here in Midland! The ribbon cutting is to celebrate the grand opening!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 12th, 2024 – Saturday

- **Fall Color Tour by Kayak**
 - 9:00am – 12:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
 - Enjoy a leisurely autumn kayak trip down the Chippewa River when fall color will (hopefully) be at its peak!
 - We will travel by CNC van to the Universal Access launch, ending our paddle back at CNC. CNC will provide a kayak, paddle and life jacket for each participant. Meet at the Visitor Center.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 14th, 2024 – Monday

- **Birdability Birding Golf Cart Tour**
 - 9:00am – 11:00am
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
 - Tag along with two Interpretive Naturalists as we take you to different areas of CNC's property on golf carts.
 - This trip is designed to be intentionally inclusive and accessible for beginner and advanced birders who experience accessibility challenges. Meet at the Visitor Center and dress for the weather.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 16th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **October Business After Hours – Windemuller**
 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Location: 3405 Centennial Dr, Midland
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free to all MBA Members

October 17th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Ribbon Cutting – CR Miles Industrial Park**
 - 3:00pm – 3:30pm
 - Location: CR Miles Industrial Park Miles Parkway, Coleman
 - Join us in celebrating the significant infrastructure improvements made to the CR Miles Industrial Park!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

October 19th, 2024 – Saturday

- **Grapevine Wreath Making Workshop**
 - 1:00pm – 3:30pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
 - With a keen eye, your imagination, and using nothing more than hand pruners, you can make a wreath to bring autumn cheer into your home.
 - Jeanne Henderson will lead participants in this simple workshop to collect all-natural materials and weave a grapevine wreath. Meet at the Homestead timber frame barn.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: \$25/person

- **Halloween Movie in the Park - Dracula**
 - 7:30pm
 - Location: Currie Gold Course – 1300 Currie Prkwy
 - Celebrate Halloween by joining us for an old-time thriller! In this free event from Midland Parks and Recreation, viewers can see the movie in carpool cinema format and listen via FM transmitter or bring blankets and chairs and chill in the parking lot.
 - Gladys the Taco Truck and What About Waffles will be on hand for your favorite local goodies while you scare yourself in our beautiful, wooded park.

October 22nd, 2024 – Tuesday

- **Fall Colors Golf Cart Tour**

- 1:00pm – 2:30pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
- Meet in front of the Visitor Center to catch a tour that will take you around the prime locations on CNC's property to catch a glimpse of the autumn beauty.
- Personal mobility equipment may be safely stored in the Visitor Center for the duration of the program. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

October 25th, 2024 – Friday

- **Nature at Night**

- 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
- Come find out who wakes up when you go to bed! Visitors to this family-friendly event will discover the wonderful world of Michigan's nocturnal wildlife.
- Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite animal as they make crafts, play games, participate in activities, conquer an outdoor obstacle course, enjoy fireside stories, watch a puppet show and walk a jack-o-lantern trail. Activities available from 4-7 pm and Jack-o-lantern trail open from 6-8 pm.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

October 27th, 2024 – Sunday

- **Nature Play!**

- 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
- Whether we're making pies in the mud kitchen, building forts, constructing rivers, lounging in hammocks or creating nature art, this hour of play is sure to engage everyone! Meet in The Woods Nature Play Area near Arbury Trail.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

- **Nature Book Club**

- 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
- October's book is A Sand County Almanac by Aldo Leopold. Meet at the Visitor Center
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

October 29th, 2024 – Tuesday

- **Fall Colors Golf Cart Tour**

- 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center – 400 S Badour, Midland
- Join a Chippewa Nature Center Naturalist for an adventure into the nighttime world of owls.
- Meet at Little Fork Conservancy's Riverview Natural Area parking lot off North Homer Road in Midland. **Directions: From Downtown Midland, take M-20 west for 4.2 miles, then turn right onto N Homer Rd. Drive 2 miles, then follow the curve to the left onto E Wheeler Rd. The parking area is ¼ mile down on E Wheeler Rd on the right.**
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

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