

# **Community Events Calendar**

## **RECURRING:**

### **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](mailto:info@chippewanaturecenter.org)
- Fees/Admission: Free – Age 18+
- **2024 Nature Connections Schedule:**
  - Dec 12, 4-6 pm – Oak

### **Holly Jolly Days: 12/6, 12/7, 12/8**

- 10:00am – 11:00pm
- Location: Downtown Midland
- Find special holiday shopping deals, view beautifully-painted holiday window displays, cozy up by the outdoor fireplaces while enjoying a Commons beverage, and participate in family festivities.

### **Toddler Time: 12/5/24 – 04/05/25 – Tuesdays & Thursday**

- 9:00am – 11:00am
- Location: Greater Midland Coleman Family Center – 4839 Coleman Schools Dr, Coleman
- Need to get the wiggles out during the cold months? Drop in for a play session in our gym!
- A variety of age-appropriate toys will be available, including climbing toys to build large motor skills. Parents must supervise children at all times.

**For More Events Please Check Out: Max Loves Midland!:**

**<https://www.maxlovesmidland.com/community-calendar>**

## December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Thursday

- **Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk**
  - 6:30pm – 8:00pm
  - Location: Corner of Ashman and Main St, Midland
  - It's not a timed race, so people of all ages are welcome to take their time and come dressed in their best festive gear (holiday sweaters, Santa hats, cool socks, etc.).
  - All registered participants will receive a jingle bell bracelet to wear during the event. Furry friends and strollers are welcome – the more, the merrier!
  - Instead of a registration fee, participants are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to Midland County Food Assistance Network for the holidays. This local pantry can always use peanut butter, crackers, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, any soups, spaghetti sauce & noodles, cereal & canned fruits.
  - Contact Information: [2024 Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk Tickets, Thu, Dec 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)
  - Fees/Admission: Free
  
- **Game Night**
  - 5:30pm – 8:00pm
  - Location: Journeys Coffeehouse 1550 S Poseyville Rd.
  - Bring along your favorite board game or dive into our extensive collection of games available for all to enjoy. From classic favorites to modern gems, there's something for every taste and skill level.
  - Gather your friends, family, or come solo – everyone is welcome to join in the fun!
  - And while you're gaming, indulge in Journeys menu offerings, from a variety of coffees, teas, and fountain drinks along with paninis, sandwiches, toasted tacos, salads, and snacks.
  - Fees/Admission: Free

## December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Friday

- **WakeUp! Midland - December**
  - 7:30am – 9:00am
  - Location: Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center - 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland
  - Talk Show Topic: Season Wrap Up: Gifts, Giving, and Holiday Magic!
  - Contact Information: Becca Pleiman - [rpleiman@mbami.org](mailto: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.

- **Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl**

- 7:00pm – 11:59pm
- Location: Downtown Midland
- Celebrate Holly Jolly Days and support your local bars and pubs during our third annual Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl.
- Visit participating businesses and purchase specialty beverages all while in your ugliest Christmas gear! The event is free to attend, and you must be 21+ to consume and purchase alcohol.

- **Winterdaze at the Library**

- 3:30pm – 7:30pm
- Location: Grace A. Dow Memorial Library, 1710 West Saint Andrews Road, Midland
- Get ready to get your Grinch on this Winterdaze. Our winter celebration will definitely not stink, stank, stunk as we do all things Grinch and Whoville.
- Although we won't have roast beast we will have yummy cookies and hot chocolate, crafts, activities, and a visit from jolly St. Nick. Get into the Grinchy mood and wear your favorite Grinch or Whoville apparel.
- **\*\*NOTE: Parking for Winterdaze will be challenging due to the Dow Gardens Christmas Walk and "The Nutcracker" at the Midland Center for the Arts. We recommend carpooling and attending the Winterdaze event as early as possible due to limited parking.\*\***

- **Paint and Sip (21+)**

- 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Location: Cozy Cats Cafe, 330 Saginaw Road, Sanford
- Join us for a purrfect evening of creativity, wine, and feline cuddles! Enjoy painting with friends, sipping wine (or chugging, we don't judge!), and snuggling with adorable kitties (always optional).
- Don't miss out on this delightful deal! \*\*\*The cats are on a separate ventilation system, from the cafe.\*\*\*
- Fees/Admission: \$25 per person, All supplies included

## December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Saturday

- **Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk**

- 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church 10020 East Monroe Rd, Wheeler MI 48662
- It will feature the Cookie Walk, baked goods, candy, and outside vendors.
- Contact Information: Deb Barrett 989-842-3459
- Fees/Admission: Free

- **Great Big Family Christmas**

- 7:00pm – 9:30pm
- Location: Midland Evangelical Free Church 7221 N Jefferson Ave. Midland, MI 48642
- Great Big Family Productions presents Sidewalk Prophet's "Great Big Family Christmas". Join Dove Award winning band Sidewalk Prophet's as they welcome you out from the cold of winter, and into the warmth of the Great Big Family Room.
- The Great Big Family Christmas is all about making Christmas memories, and most importantly celebrating the birth of Christ. The night features a joy-filled Christmas concert featuring Sidewalk Prophet's original Christmas music, as well as, the hit songs that you know and love.
- <https://gbfc24-midland.eventbrite.com>

## December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Wednesday

- **2024 MBA Holiday Party**
  - 5:00pm – 7:00pm
  - Location: Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center - 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland
  - Contact Information: Becca Pleiman - [rpleiman@mbami.org](mailto:rpleiman@mbami.org)
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- **MYPros Unwind – H Hotel Courtyard**
  - 7:00pm – 9:30pm
  - Location: 111 W Main St, Midland, MI 48640
  - Join your fellow MYPros for an evening of networking and relaxation at the beautiful H Hotel Courtyard. Enjoy drinks from the Oxygen Bar and connect with other professionals in both indoor and outdoor common spaces.
  - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - [mpenkala@mbami.org](mailto:mpenkala@mbami.org)
  
- **Movie Matinee at the Library – Encounters at the End of the World (2007)**
  - 1:00pm
  - Location: Grace A. Dow Memorial Library - Auditorium, 1710 West Saint Andrews Road, Midland
  - A documentary that follows a filmmaker as he travels to Antarctica to capture the continent's beauty. Rated G, 99 minutes.
  - This is a drop-in program, registration is not required.
  
- **Christmas Canvas! Dappled Pine**
  - 6:30pm – 8:30pm
  - Location: Creative 360, 5501 Jefferson Avenue, Midland
  - Join us for festive holiday fun! Grab a friend, bring a date, celebrate a girls' night out, or come and make new friends! You don't even need to be artistic
  - All materials needed to make your holiday shiny and bright with a 9x12 canvas.
  - Contact Kristi Tefft - 989-837-1885
  - Fees/Admission: Preregistration Required. \$30 per person. BYOB

## December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Monday

- **2024 December Issues & Answers: We Voted, Now What?**
  - 11:30am – 1:00pm
  - Location: Holiday Inn – 810 Cinema Dr, Midland
  - Join us for a special year-end Issues & Answers program to learn the impact of the 2024 General Election.
  - Wendy Block, the Michigan Chamber's Senior VP of Business Advocacy, will help us explore the potential impacts of November's state elections on businesses, focusing on how potential policy changes and new leadership could influence key areas of legislation.
  - Contact Information: Diane Middleton - [dmiddleton@mbami.org](mailto:dmiddleton@mbami.org)
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## December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Wednesday

- **December Business After Hours – H Hotel**
  - 5:00pm – 7:00pm
  - Location: 111 W Main St, Midland
  - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - [mpenkala@mbami.org](mailto:mpenkala@mbami.org)
  - Fees/Admission: Free to MBA Members

## December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Friday

- **Holiday Rush**

- 12:00am – 11:00pm
- Location: Downtown Midland
- All your needs are covered whether you plan in advance or procrastinate with your holiday shopping! Participating businesses have special stations and offers on December 20 to give any last-minute shoppers a little helping hand as they hurdle towards the finish!
- Stop by downtown businesses during the holiday season and pick up a paper wish list and jot down what you'd like. Give that list to someone and they can use it to get you the perfect gifts. Bring that wish list back during Holiday Rush and you'll be put into a drawing for a chance to win one of many prizes donated by a downtown business!

- **Participating businesses:**

- **Ace Hardware & Sports**
- **Aviator Cookie** - Deals on merch, discounts on half-dozen/dozen cookie orders!
- **Blu Midland** - Try a gourmet hot cocoa flight!
- **Bookmarks**
- **Brinstar Arcade Bar & Grill** - \$5 certificate when you buy \$25 gift certificates
- **Coyer Candle Co.**
- **Craft Hemp Company** - Wrap your purchases with our DIY wrapping station!
- **FILL** - Gift wrapping station, purchase a \$25 gift card and get a \$5 gift card!
- **Grape Beginnings Winery** - Shop special bottle sales and merchandise sales!
- **Health Hut**
- **Heather 'n Holly**
- **Joyful Tantrum & Serendipity Road**
  - Enjoy a gift box building station with tissue paper to top off your purchases and get them ready for the holidays! Additionally, earn \$5 of Moxie Money with every \$50 purchase!
- **Little Forks Outfitters** - Shop and use our free gift-wrapping station!
- **Nor'East Outdoors**
  - BOGO FREE trip voucher for the 2025 season! 50% off any winter 2024/2025 classes! Enjoy an outdoor-themed card-making station too!
- **Peel 'n Pare**
- **Pizza Baker** - Offering gift cards for purchase.
- **Pizza Sam's** - Get a \$25 Pizza Sam's gift card for \$20!
- **Proper Taco**
- **Sassy 'n Chic** - New merchandise, stocking stuffer bar, and other specials!
- **Tavern on Main** - Try a holiday-themed drink special!
- **Three Bridges Distillery & Taproom**
  - Come do your gift-wrapping here while enjoying holiday-themed adult beverages!
- **WhichCraft Taproom**
  - Come in for free hot cocoa! There will also be adult versions available for purchase.

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