

Kingsley DDA Update

2024 DDA
Meeting Schedule

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) / Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Meeting Schedule

(The BRA meets once a year with
additional meetings as needed. New
meeting dates set in December.)

February 5, 2024
April 1, 2024
June 3, 2024
August 5, 2024
October 7, 2024
December 2, 2024

All meetings begin at
6 pm in the Village Community
Room unless otherwise posted.
The public is invited and
encouraged to attend.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) / Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Board Members

Max Anderson - Chair
Michael Ascione - Vice Chair
Marc McKellar - Treasurer
Jess Ashmore - Secretary
Mary Lajko - Village Council
Representative
Stacy Allman
Gabe Bogart
Erik Burke
Jackie Steele

Newsletter: Jena Van Wagner

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Greetings from your DDA!

It's been an eventful twelve months in downtown Kingsley. Your DDA has been hard at work, focused on making some changes to the main corner of town. Earlier this year, in cooperation with the Grand Traverse County Land Bank Authority, we closed on the John's Auto properties. These were the final pieces of land in a years-long effort to secure four parcels on M-113 that essentially serve as a welcome banner to our downtown. We are excited to gather community input and start putting the plan together for what they will look like in the future and how they will serve our community.

We are proud to have worked alongside several local business owners to improve their buildings and create a more economically diverse and inviting downtown for all to enjoy. The farmers market, sponsored by the DDA, was again a huge success and we look forward to continuing that tradition for years to come.

The DDA has seen some changes in the last year, welcoming new board members and saying farewell to one of our long-time leaders, Scott Sieffert. Scott resigned in early 2024 to focus on supporting Kingsley from the county level as a county commissioner, member of the Land Bank Authority, and other key strategic partners. We want to thank Scott for his years of dedicated service to our DDA!

Looking into the future, we are well-positioned to continue our mission of improving our already welcoming downtown and supporting our community through close partnerships with the Village and other important stakeholders. Kingsley is truly a wonderful place to do business, live, work and play.

We welcome your input and participation as we head into a year that will help craft the next chapter of the downtown Kingsley story. Our meetings are open to the public and details can be found on our website at KingsleyDDA.com. We hope to see you soon!

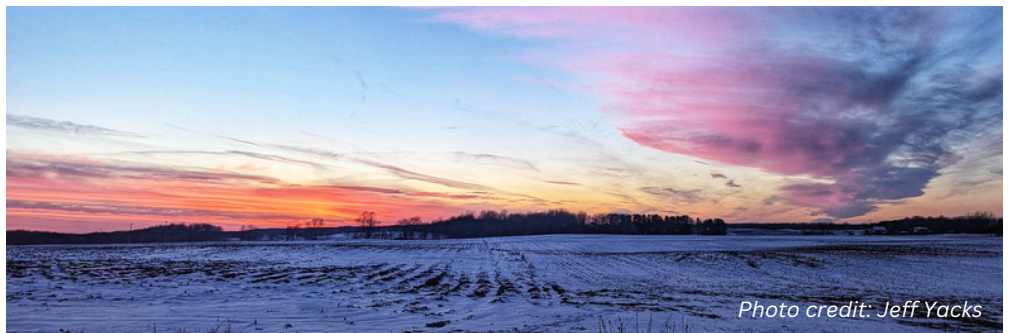


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Visit our website to check out the DDA Business
Directory and see all the great resources available
in downtown Kingsley!

Every Day is a Party at the Kingsley Inn!



Celebrating a year in business, the Kingsley Inn has fast established itself as a great place to have a meal and a drink and to hang out with friends. But this building and the name itself already had a history in Kingsley.

Owner/Operators Max McAllister and Jacob Draper explained how they decided to keep the historic name.

“We aren’t from Kingsley, but when we first started looking at this everyone kept calling it the KI – and at the time it had been Judson’s. We realized that whatever we called it, it would still be the KI to everyone, so decided not to fight it!” explained Max.

Jake agreed, “The history of it is so important. We have people bringing in items from the past all the time. We’re got a lead on an old sign that used to hang out front and the other day a gentleman brought in the original liquor license from 1903!”

Running a restaurant isn’t without challenges, but the duo and their staff are up to it. Max’s background growing up at the Hoffbrau in Interlochen and Jake’s experience in the military prepared them to create the next chapter with the Kingsley Inn.

“We love Kingsley,” they both said. “It’s been great and so friendly. Everyone is very neighborly and looks out for each other. There have been a few surprises – like how hard it is to get staff – but we’re really hitting our stride now.”

Although the restaurant does see a little jump from tourists, the majority of the customers are locals drawn in by the quality food and specials. From “Cheap Ass Steak Night” to the Friday fish fry (their most popular item) to trivia, live music and more, there’s always a reason to go to the KI. Mealtimes are very family friendly with large booths, kid’s menus and highchairs. After meal hours (the kitchen closes at 10) bar patrons enjoy the big screen televisions and comfortable atmosphere until midnight Sunday through Thursday and 2 am on Friday and Saturday.

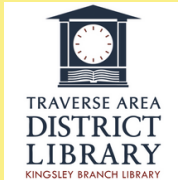
“We’re really excited to be part of Kingsley,” said Max. “We had watch parties for the football games here, then had the whole state championship team in. We’ve done track fundraisers, Project Graduation fundraisers and more.”

So, what’s next? This summer they are looking to add to their specials with a few things including a burger night as well as expand the outdoor dining.

They invite to you come on in to the Kingsley Inn where every day is a party!



DDA Events and Happenings



Kingsley Branch Library

Wigglers Storytime for ages 0-5 every Tues and Wed at 10:30 am (except with Kingsley Schools are closed)

Big Kids Storytime every Thurs at 11 am

Teen Dungeons & Dragons April 4, 18, 3:30-6:45 pm

Kingsley Library's 15th Birthday Party April 11th, 3:30-5 pm

14th Annual Art Attack Exhibition with Kingsley Schools, April 25, 6:30-8 pm



The Rock

Open during the school year
M-F 3:30 - 6 pm

Rock Locker: Gently used clothes, outdoor gear and shoes for youth and young adults. Open Tuesday or by appointment.

Senior Network: Wednesdays and Fridays

Rock N' Jam: Live music held the second Saturday of every month from 5 to 8 pm, January through October. Public welcome!



Ice Cream Nest is opening on May 3rd. This is located in the Chickadees building at 108 W Main.



K-Town Youth Center

Located right in downtown Kingsley, K-Town offers a variety of medical and mental health services for anyone ages 10-21. Primary healthcare services include, but are not limited to, sick visits, sports physicals, reproductive health, and immunizations.

In addition, K-Town also has a licensed counselor on site offering a variety of mental health services as well.

K-Town staff work hard to offer a safe, comfortable, and inclusive clinic environment for everyone that comes in.

All types of insurance are accepted! If uninsured, K-Town operates on a sliding-scale fee. No one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Call or walk-in to make an appointment for a sports physical, primary care, or counseling visit



Big news for Kingsley Dance Company!

We are moving to 100 Clark St! This will allow us to offer even more to the community including additional adult classes, gymnastics and more! Make sure to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates and be on the look out for our Grand Opening celebration in April!



Kingsley Family Vision Care

New from KFVC: Optilight is a light-based treatment that uses precise, intense broad spectrum light to address dry eye disease due to meibomian gland dysfunction (MGD). MGD is the most common cause of dry eye disease, accounting for about 86% of cases. This is the only FDA approved intense pulse light (IPL) therapy for dry eye disease.

We are the only office in our area offering such technology for this condition. Some details are still being finalized, but this treatment will be officially offered beginning the spring the of 2024.

<https://lumenis.com/vision/products/optilight/>

We will also be offering minor facial and skin treatments with the device allowing us to remove age spots and treat redness caused by rosacea as well as other fun things.



Kingsley United Methodist Church

Events:

Community Dinner - March 20th & April 17th @ 5 PM at the church.

Easter Egg Hunt - March 23rd @ 1:30PM at Brownson Memorial Park

Easter Services -
Good Friday - 7 PM

Sunrise Service - 7:30 AM
Breakfast Easter Sunday - 8:30AM
Easter Worship - 10:00AM

Kingsley DDA Business Directory



ABS Building Solutions
263-8300
M-F 7am-4pm

Adcock & Nemeskal Accounting
263-7444
M-F 8am-4pm

Anytime Restoration Services
(855) 350-0333
24 hours

Beacon Cremation and Funeral Services
263-5522
By appointment

Bob Mitchell & Associates
263-5463
M-F 8am-5pm

Brookside Veterinary Hospital
263-PETS (7387)
M-W 8am-5pm
Th 8am-7pm F 8am-2pm



Cherrywood Village Farms
263-7929
M-F 9am-4pm

Chickadees Gift Shop
263-8046
W 11am-1pm
Th-F 10am-5pm

Crystal Lake Health Center
263-0700
M-F 8am-8pm
Sa 9am-1pm



Dollar General
(989) 217-6132
Every day 8am-9pm

Dr. Bubbles Car Wash
(231) 360-3143
24 hours

Dr. James Hall Dentist
263-7331
By appointment

Dr. Katy Gorman Chiropractic
(231) 715-1353
Tu 1-6pm
Th 9am-12pm

Forest Area Credit Union
(231) 879-4151
M-Th 8:30am-5pm
F 8:30am-5:30pm
Sa 9am-1pm

H&R Block
(231) 486-5055
M-F 9am-7:30pm
Sa-Su 9am-6:30pm

Huntington Bank
263-5263
M-F 9am-5pm
Sa 9am-12pm Drive Up

K-Town Youth Care Clinic
263-5895
M-Th 8:30am-4:30pm



Kingsley Branch Library
263-5484
M-W&F 9am-5pm
Th 9am-7pm
Sa 9am-3pm

Kingsley Dance Company
(231) 492-0990
Class times vary

Kingsley Family Vision Care
263-8172
W-Th 8am-5pm



Kingsley United Methodist Church
263-5278
Worship Su 9am
Office Tu, W, F 9am-12noon

Kingsley Inn
263-8128
Kitchen 11am-10pm
Bar open until Midnight M-Th & Su
F-Sa 2am

Kingsley Local Brewing
M-Th 3-10pm
F-Sa Noon-11pm
Su Noon-10pm

Kingsley Lumber & Hardware
(231) 354-2453
M-F 8am-4pm



Kingsley Market
(231) 620-3297
Seasonal

Kingsley United Methodist Church Food Pantry
263-5278
W-F 9am-12noon



Kingsley Pharmacy and Compounding Center
263-7701
M-F 9am-6pm
Sa 9am-1pm

Kingsley Physical Therapy
263-1001
M-Th 8am-6pm
F 8am-3pm

Kingsley Post Office
(800) 275-8777
M-F 9am-12:30pm
1:30-4:30pm
Sa 9-11am

Kingsley Self Storage
(231) 942-2412
M-F 9am-5pm

Law Office of Michael Horowitz
263-8333
By appointment

Michigan Tool Technology
(231) 645-4644
M-F 7am-5pm

Mojo's Coffee
(231) 944-0222
M-F 6am-5pm

Northland Foods
263-5671
Every day 7am-10pm

Northland Speed Mart
263-8030
M-Sa 4:30am-11:30pm
Su 5:30am-11:30pm

Olds Floral & Design
263-7290
M-Th 9am-2pm



Paradise Tattoo Studio
M-F 9am-5pm

Papa John's Pizza
(231) 421-7222
Su-Th 11am-10pm
Fr-Sa 11am-11pm

Papanos Pizza
263-1400
Su 11am-9pm
M-Th 3-9pm
Fr-Sa 11am-10pm

Peaceful Touch Therapy & Massage
(231) 715-1353
Tu-Th
By appointment



Pitter Patter Preschool & Childcare
263-8330
M-F 7am-5:55pm

Redefined
263-8189
M-F 10am-6pm
Sa 10am-4pm

Salon Hairmony
263-0006
Tu-Sa
Appointment only

SBS Smart Building Services
(231) 357-1650



Stag Dental
(231) 642-2042
M-F 8:30am-4pm

Subway
263-1008
M-F 8am-8pm
Sa-Su 10am-8pm

Team Jo Services
(231) 590-7964
M-Sa 8am-5pm

The Rock of Kingsley Youth Center
263-7000
School days 3:30-6pm

Thirlyby Automotive
263-5558
M-F 8am-6pm
Sa 8am-3pm

Whispering Needles
263-5902
M-Th 8am-5pm