

Community Events Calendar*

Nature Story Hour – Recurring Event

- Every Thursday
 - 9:30 – 10:30am and then repeats from 11 am-12 pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Come discover the magic of nature through stories, hands-on activities and art with unique themes to match the season. Children and their caregiver(s) are invited to play and connect during this guided program. Weather-permitting, a portion of the time will be spent outdoors.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 1st, 2023 - Wednesday

- Native American Heritage Month: Kick Off Celebration
 - 4:30pm – 8:00pm
 - Location: Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum
 - Native American Heritage Month with a Native American Graves Protection and Reparation Presentation by the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture & Lifeways
 - followed by a film screening of Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice with director Audrey Geyer
 - Warrior Lawyers: Defenders of Sacred Justice is a PBS documentary that focuses on the stories of Michigan Native American Lawyers and Tribal Judges who work with Native Nations, their citizens, and mainstream institutions to achieve healing and Sacred Justice.
 - Registration recommended, not required
 - Contact Information: mfsm@svsu.edu
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 2nd, 2023 – Thursday

- Regional YPN Night at Dow Tennis Classic
 - 5:00pm – 10:30pm
 - Location: Greater Midland Tennis Center, 900 E. Wackerly St. Midland
 - Are you looking for an exclusive opportunity to watch the one of a kind women's professional tennis tournament hosted in Midland each Fall?
 - Your \$15 ticket gets you a general admission ticket and entry into the Grand Slam Dining area. Grand Slam Dining is open from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. While the food is done at 6:45, feel free to go to Grand Slam Dining through the event for drinks. Feature match begins at 7:00.
 - Contact Information: Heather Watson - hwatson@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Tickets cost \$15 and pre registration is required

- **A Chocolate Affair**
 - 6:00pm – 9:30pm
 - Location: HORIZONS Conference Center in Saginaw
 - A Chocolate Affair! Meet Possible Dream students, dance to live music by Jedi Mind Trip, enjoy great food, drinks, and amazing desserts, and spend an unforgettable evening with friends and colleagues.
 - A Chocolate Affair is the sole fundraiser for the Possible Dream Program, which provides cultural, educational, and mentorship opportunities to sixth through twelfth grade members. Once these students graduate, they are also eligible to apply for the two-year Possible Dream Scholarship to attend Delta College, which is also funded from A Chocolate Affair proceeds.
 - Contact Information: Becky Barber – 989-686-9224
 - Fees/Admission: There are two ticket prices and times:
 - Patron ticket from 6-9:30 p.m. per person for \$135
 - General Admission from 7-9:30 p.m. for \$75 per person.

November 3rd, 2023 – Friday

- **WakeUp! Midland – November 2023**
 - 7:30am – 9:00am
 - 7:15am: Registration Opens
 - 7:15-7:30am: Early Bird Networking
 - 7:30am: Program Begins
 - Location: Dow Diamond. 825 E Main St, Midland
 - Join us for WakeUp! Midland, a content-driven, early morning program that is attended by over 250+ business professionals each month.
 - It's a great opportunity to make business contacts, have breakfast, register for door prizes and get networking! Don't forget to bring your business cards.
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 - Fees/Admission:
 - Member Early Bird Registration: \$15
 - Member Registration: \$20
 - Future Member Registration: \$25

- **Ribbon Cutting: City of Midland Dial A Ride**
 - 1:00pm – 2:00pm
 - City of Midland will be doing a ribbon cutting to celebrate their two new electric transit vans and their charging stations. Mayor Donker will do a short speech. They will offer tours of the transit vans with rides around the facility.
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 4th & 5th, 2023 – Saturday & Sunday

- **Mid-Michigan Rock Club Annual Rock Show**
 - 10:00am – 5:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - The **29th annual Mid-Michigan Rock Show** returns to the Chippewa Nature Center!
 - The show will include educational displays, presentations, and activities for all ages related to identification and collection of rocks and fossils.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 7th, 2023 - Tuesday

- **2023 MYPros Annual Meeting**
 - 11:30am – 1:30pm
 - Location: Midland Country Club
 - We will be sharing our Year in Review, awarding several MYPros accomplishments, and hosting a panel of young industry leaders that will discuss what we can expect in 2024.
 - Contact Information: Heather Watson - hwatson@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission:
 - Member Early Bird Registration: \$30
 - Member Registration: \$35 (Opens one week prior to the event)
 - Future Member Registration: \$40

- **Nocturnal Animal Search**
 - 5:30 – 7:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Join us on a quiet stroll to look for the nocturnal animals that call CNC's property home. From flying animals to ones that swim, we will be in search of them all! Wear dark colors and bring a red flashlight. Meet at the Visitor Center.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 9th, 2023 - Thursday

- **November Business After Hours**
 - 5:00 – 7:00pm
 - Location: 7400 Bay Rd, University Center, MI
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free to MBA Members

November 10th & 11th, 2023 – Friday & Saturday

- **Holiday Open House – Friday & Saturday**
 - 6:00am – 10:00pm
 - Location: Downtown Midland
 - Downtown Midland retailers and restaurants will be featuring new merchandise, interesting holiday items, special services, new menu features, and more to get you in the holiday spirit.
 - Shoppers can register to win uniquely decorated holiday wreaths created by participating businesses. Visit each participating store to see the wreath on display. The wreaths will be given away at the end of the event.
 - While visiting Downtown Midland, keep an eye open for Brush Monkeys as they are returning for their fifth season of painting unique holiday scenes on Downtown windows. Guests can see them in action over the weekend, painting holiday cheer over 30 businesses.

- **Pine Cone Wreath Making Workshop - Saturday**
 - 1:00 – 3:30pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Start preparing for the holidays by creating your own pine cone wreath using cones from pines, spruces, firs, seed pods and nuts. Jeanne Henderson will provide information about the materials, lead you through the process and you'll leave with a beautiful wreath to take home.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: \$35/ Person

November 12th, 2023 - Sunday

- **Going Geocaching**
 - 12:30 – 4:30pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Geocaches are small containers hidden in nature that can be found using GPS units and the coordinates that we provide. Join the world's largest scavenger hunt as you work at your own pace to conquer as many of the geocache series as you desire!
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Nature Play!**
 - 2:00 – 4:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, 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! Come make some new friends as you enjoy an afternoon outdoors. Caregivers must remain with children during this program. This program will be facilitated by volunteer host families. Meet in The Woods Nature Play Area near Arbury Trail. Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 16th, 2023 - Thursday

- **2023 State of the Business Community Luncheon**
 - 11:30am – 1:00pm
 - Location: Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center, 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland
 - Date/Time Information:
 - Registration Opens: 11:15am
 - Lunch is Available: 11:30am
 - Program Begins: 11:45am
 - Contact Information: Heather Watson - hwatson@mbami.org
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 - Member Registration: \$40 (Opens one week prior to the event)
 - Future Member Registration: \$45

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 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 18th, 2023 - Saturday

- **Bee Hotel 101: Fall Care**
 - 1:00 – 3:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Cocoa Crawl**
 - 12:00 – 2:00pm
 - Location: Downtown Midland
 - Stick around Downtown Midland after the Midland Santa Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 18 from 12-2 p.m. as the Midland Downtown Business Association presents the jolliest after-party you've ever seen: Cocoa Crawl!
 - Enjoy a complimentary tasting while browsing the shops or stopping for lunch. You will be able to vote for your favorite cocoa and help one lucky downtown business win bragging rights for the season, as well as the desired Golden Mug Trophy!
 - Fees/Admission: Free

November 19th, 2023 – Sunday

- **Turkey Talk & Walk**

- 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Thanksgiving is just around the corner, so we'll be talking everything turkey! Join CNC staff to look for wild turkeys, make turkey sounds and learn about these unique birds. Meet at the Visitor Center.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

- **Nature Book Club**

- 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Join us for a book club chat and naturalist led hike! Meet at the Visitor Center.
- November's book is
 - Rooted: Life at the Crossroads of Science, Nature, and Spirit, by Lyanda Lynn Haupt.
- In Rooted, cutting-edge science supports a truth that poets, artists, mystics, and earth-based cultures across the world have proclaimed over millennia: life on this planet is radically interconnected. Our bodies, thoughts, minds, and spirits are affected by the whole of nature, and they affect this whole in return. In this time of crisis, how can we best live upon our imperiled, beloved earth?
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

November 25th, 2023 - Saturday

- **Small Business Saturday**

- 6:30pm
- Location: Downtown Midland
- Help encourage the community to shop local by participating with Serendipity Road in Small Business Saturday.
- Sign up on the form or reach out to Julia Kepler to learn more about how you can participate in this event: shop@serendipityraod.net
- Fees/Admission: Free

November 30th, 2023 - Saturday

- **Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk**

- 6:30pm
- Location: Downtown Midland
- This fun, free 1-mile run or walk begins at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Ashman and Main Streets in Downtown 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 necklace to wear during the event. Furry friends and strollers are welcome – the more, the merrier! To register or to learn more, visit <https://jinglebellfunrunwalk2022.eventbrite.com>.
- Fees/Admission: Free

December 1st, 2023 - Friday

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- **Holly Jolly Days – Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

- 10:00am – 11:00pm
- Location: Downtown Midland
- Make your shopping experience extra special during Holly Jolly Days in Downtown Midland. On December 1-3, guests can 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.
- Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be available Friday, December 1 from 5-9 p.m. and Saturday & Sunday, December 2-3 from 12-4 p.m. Pick-up will be located in front of the H Hotel.
- Join Downtown Midland bars for our second annual Ugly Sweater Bar Crawl on Friday, December 1 starting at 7 p.m.!
- Fees/Admission: Free

- **Ribbon Cutting: Allied Group Fitness**

- 4:00pm – 4:30pm
- Join us in celebrating our 1-year anniversary at our new location on 420 Waldo Avenue! Allied Group Fitness, a welcoming fitness and yoga studio for all body types and fitness levels, invites both current and potential clients to explore our space and discover all that we have to offer.
- Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

December 2nd, 2023 – Saturday

- **Nature Art Show & Sale**

- 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Nature photography, painting and woodcarving are just a few of the many types of artwork that will be on display and for sale. Come enjoy the work of talented artists and bring your holiday shopping list to shop for that perfect gift. A silent auction will be held.
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- Fees/Admission: Free

December 3rd, 2023 – Sunday

- **Nature Art Show & Sale**

- 1:00pm – 5:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center. 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- The sound of sleigh bells, the scent of peppermint and warm spices will bring to mind thoughts of the holidays. Explore the Homestead Cabin and Timber Frame Barn all dressed for an 1870s celebration. Learn about holiday customs and traditions and create some crafts to take home.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

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