

Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce

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The Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce has already begun planning for the summer's best free community event, Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights! Live auditions were recently held at Ugly Dog Distillery and were open to the public for a summer fun, sneak peak.



Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights will run for eight weeks, every Thursday evening, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in June and July. There will be 11 stages this year, located all through historic downtown Chelsea, from Palmer Commons to the Rumpus Room. There will also be a special Hometown Halloween edition of Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights on Oct 24th, 2024.

Attendees can expect to experience an eclectic and exciting range of "Sounds" and "Sights." This year will see music ranging from Classic Rock, Blues, Jazz, Singer Songwriters, Country, Hip Hop, and the return of the Alt-Rock Stage. Don't forget to check out the Whoa Silent Disco happening at the Glazier Building, kid

performers at CDL's Katie's Corner, chalk art at Palmer Commons, a new sculpture selfie contest, and cornhole on West Middle each week.

Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights is now a rain or shine event! With the help of our many great businesses, we have alternate locations for any performances that can be moved indoors when necessary due to weather. So don't worry about any dark clouds, we'll be here!









The Sounds & Sights Festival will close the season with a two-day event, happening July 26 and 27. Attendees can expect all their favorite festival events, such as the Classic Car Show, Art Market, Chalk Art Contest, KidZone, TeenZone, Farmers Market, and Sidewalk Sales.

This year's social tent will be relocated and reinvigorated! Food and live music will move to the Palmer Commons – or Social Commons – for Festival weekend. And the musical lineup for the weekend follows a decades theme.

The Social Commons will open Friday at 6pm (\$10 cash entry) and music will begin at 7pm with Magic Bus - The Songs...the Look...the Feel of the Woodstock Era. And the Square Pegz will close the night, dancing away with the tunes of the 80s.

Saturday continues to rock with music throughout the afternoon (Noon-5pm FREE admission) featuring Fox&Hare, Scotty Karate, Bret Maynard, and Blaine Luis. Starting at 6pm, the Social Commons will reopen (\$10 cash cover) and music will continue on the main stage starting with the 90s musical styling of Project 90. And the CRASHERZ return to close out the night with all your favorite dance tunes from 2k to current!



None of this would be possible without the support and generosity of so many, like our 2024 Presenting Sponsor Rick Taylor | Reinhart Realtors. A sponsor since the event's inception, he became the presenting sponsor in 2018.

"He has been a huge supporter of Sounds & Sights for years, and we truly appreciate all he does. These events are not possible without people like Rick, and he is a constant reminder of how one person can make such a huge difference," said Terris Ahrens, Executive Director of the Chamber.

"The Chelsea community benefits greatly from Sounds & Sights. Visitors from near and far get an opportunity to meet the residents, business owners, and experience the arts in many shapes and forms," Taylor said, adding, "I only play a very small role in this beautiful thing we call Sounds & Sights. I want to thank the Chelsea Chamber for their innovative thinking and passion, and for making Sounds & Sights a destination for its local residents and visitors alike."

If you see him out and about his summer, make sure to tell him thanks for helping to make Sounds & Sights possible.

These events have a major impact on the economic development of Chelsea, and align perfectly with the Chelsea Area Chamber of Commerce's mission to maintain Chelsea as the premier place to live, work, and recreate. So, gather your friends and family, and join us this summer for what is always an inspiring, unique, and all around fun time!

View the following links or visit <u>ChelseaMich.com</u> for information regarding <u>Sounds & Sights on Thursday Nights</u>, the <u>Sounds & Sights Festival</u>, and all things Chelsea!

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