

GI Chamber: 28th annual KidBz

The Grand Island Chamber of Commerce announced its 28th KidBiz Young Entrepreneur Program will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 20, in the Grand Island Town Commons.

Organizers said, "We had over 2,500 local shoppers last year who browsed and purchased all kinds of different items from the 188 young entrepreneurs who ran 105 individual businesses for the day. The kids learned various aspects of running their own business, including topics covering pricing, marketing and customer service."

"We try to make this event as close to a real business scenario as possible. Each young business owner is charged a rental space fee and receives a special 'KidBiz permit' to be eligible to sell at the event. All of our young entrepreneurs also receive loan agreement paperwork to cover any resources they might have to borrow from their parents."

Moreover, "The Chamber's goal for sponsorships is to give you as much positive exposure to the Grand Island community as possible, while helping fund the operations of this truly special and unique program."

For more, email info@gichamber.org or call 716-773-3651

2026 Grand Island Garden Walk

Gardening season is here. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 12, to check out some of the beautiful gardens across Grand Island. The 10th annual Grand Island Garden Walk returns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., providing visitors a chance to explore a variety of garden landscapes and themes open to the public. Visit the Town Commons Gazebo (2255 Baseline Road) to pick up a garden map and go for a drive, or a bike ride, and check out the many unique gardens shared by hard-working gardeners.



Have events that you would like considered for publication?

Please send notices via email to dispatch@wnypapers.com

Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. Monday of the week in which you would like your announcement to be published.



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Our Mission Statement
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

We are an all volunteer organization providing confidential food assistance to our Grand Island Neighbors through the generosity of individuals, churches and other groups who donate funds and non-perishable goods.

If you are an Island resident and interested in sharing your garden, come join the fun as a participant. The Garden Walk is free for participating gardeners, and all types and sizes of gardens can participate. Applications will be being accepted until June 19. For more, email grandislandgardenwalk@gmail.com or contact Jan at 716-465-7396. This event is possible through the support of individuals and local businesses. For those interested in donating to this community tradition, checks can be made payable to Bridgeview Garden Club and mailed to 3280 Stony Point Road, Grand Island, NY 14072.

5 p.m. Monday and Friday; 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; Saturday and Sunday closed. For more information, call 716-773-7124 or visit www.buffalolib.org.

•Book a technology trainer – Available sessions are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, July 17. Free and open to library patrons age 17 and over, available topics include Android basics, email, cloud services, internet basics, iPhone/iPad basics, Microsoft Office basics (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.), files and folders, sample digital editing online (audio and photos), social media (Facebook, X, Instagram, etc.), using Google and Windows basics. Call 716-773-7124 or stop in to register for a 45-minute, one-on-one session with a tech trainer. For more computer training and other events, visit www.BuffaloLib.org.

•Grand Island Book Club 2026, afternoons, meets 1-3 p.m. The

featured book will be "Memorial Days," by Geraldine Brooks. Physical copies will be available to borrow. The book club will not meet in July or August. Book club, evenings, meets at 6 p.m., Tuesdays, July 14 and Aug. 11. The featured book for July is "The House on Mango Street" by Sandra Cisneros; for August, it's "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. Physical copies will be available to borrow. Call the library at 716-773-7124 for more information.

•M&T presents "Planning for your retirement" from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Join in for an informative "M&T Money Mentor" workshop on laying the groundwork for a financially secure and active retirement. Registration is required. Call 716-773-7124.

•Explore Buffalo: Buffalo buildings by famous architects, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24. Featured will be photos and information about architects Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Sullivan, D.H. Burnham and others. The program will cover their signature buildings along with lesser-known Buffalo sites. Presented by Explore Buffalo. Funding for this program is provided by the Island United Presbyterian Church. Registration is required. Call 716-773-7124.

•Fun with fusion: adult cooking class – 6-7 p.m., Thursday, June 25. Fusion food seems to be everywhere today, but what is it? In this class, participants will take something from one cuisine and blend it with an item from another cuisine. Viola! Fusion food! Examples include Italian tacos or Asian five spice Rice Krispie treats. It may sound strange, but it tastes great! Join us to try a few delicious combos. Hosted by Liz Bauld, the Storybook cook. Registration is limited. Call 716-773-7124 to reserve a place.

•Itty bitty lap sit and story time with Miss Stefanie, 10-11 a.m. Thursday, June 25. Includes play time and social time for young

participants. Registration is required. Call 716-773-7124.

•Toddler story time with Miss Stefanie, 10-11 a.m. Friday, June 26. This program is for children (roughly) ages 18 months to 3 years old, with parent or caretaker. Toddler story time is designed specifically for little ones who are now mobile and ready to explore the world through motion. There will be an emphasis on early childhood literacy, achieved through reading, storytelling, music, movement and singing. The activity includes "learn-through-play" toys and puzzles, and a social time for kids and adults. Call 716-773-7124 to reserve your place.

•"They did WHAT!?" meets 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 2. This program will explore the interesting (and sometimes scandalous) lives of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Join us in celebrating America's 250th birthday as Theresa Wiater presents "They Did WHAT!?" Registration is required. Call 716-773-7124.

•Foam fest, summer 2026 kick-off event, 1 p.m. Monday, July 6, for ages 3-17. Join us for a foam dance party. There will be music, dancing and bubbles everywhere. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 716-773-7124 to reserve a place.

•Ice cream social and bubble bash summer reading 2026 kick-off party, 2 p.m., Monday, July 6, open to all ages. The Friends of Grand Island Memorial Library will host this event. Join us for bubbles, crafts, activities, lawn games and, of course, ice cream (while supplies last). No registration required. Be sure to wear your bathing suits, flip-flops – and remember to bring a towel.

•"Mario game night," 6-7 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, or ages 8-12. Join us to play some "Mario Party" and "Mario Kart" at the library. Snacks will be provided. There are limited openings and registration is required. Call 716-773-7124.

Grand Island CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Sunday School at 9:30 AM

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Regular Service at Bible Fellowship.....8:30 & 10:15am
Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays.....10:00am
Prayer and Bible Study - Wednesdays6:30pm
Precept Bible Study - Thursdays8:15am

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Sunday Morning Worship Service.....10:00am
(Nursery and Children's Church Provided)

Sunday Evening Service6:30pm

Saturday "The Last Trump" WDCX 99.5..8:30-9:30pm

Saturday "Cross Eyed Radio" WDCX 99.5. 9:30-10:30pm

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Sunday School-Classes for all ages9:30am

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(Nursery, Children's Church)

Evening Worship Service.....6:00pm

Wednesday

AWANA - 3 yrs old thru Gr 8 during school year.....

6:30pm-8:15pm

24/7 program for Sr. High youth.6:30pm-8:15pm

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting7:00pm

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