

## **CALL FOR ARTS COMMISSION MEMBERS**

In an effort to strengthen civic identity and community, and create a cultural economy, the Village of Dimondale recently adopted a public arts ordinance. With that, we now seek to establish an Arts Commission for the Village and are looking for public art enthusiasts to serve as commissioners. It is a well-accepted principle, that the placement of public art contributes to a community's identity, fosters a sense of pride and belonging, and enhances the quality of life. Arts and culture can enliven, awaken, and stimulate a space and the people around that space, thus creating a deeper sense of community and "place". A desire to strengthen this attachment for residents and visitors and an appreciation for Dimondale's unique character, drive the effort to introduce public art in Dimondale.

The Commission will consist of three to seven individuals appointed by the Village Council. Applicants are not required to live in the Village, although over fifty percent of the commissioners must be Village residents. We are seeking those with varying backgrounds with the intention of reflecting the full diversity of the arts community and community as a whole. Commissioners are uncompensated and serve a five-year term. For more information see Ordinance 284 Public Art and Arts Commission (visit: [bit.ly/DimondaleAC2020](https://bit.ly/DimondaleAC2020)).

All applicants must complete a Citizen Involvement Application (available at [villageofdimondale.org](https://villageofdimondale.org)) and submit it to the Village Office by October 15th. Applications will be evaluated by the Recreation Committee and appointments will be made at the regular Village Council meeting on November 9th.