



# CITY OF ALBION

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## MEMO

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Haley Snyder, City Manager

**DATE:** June 3, 2021

**RE:** City Manager's Report – June 7, 2021

**2021 Parks & Recreation Community Survey** – The Parks & Recreation Community Survey is live! The survey seeks feedback from Albion residents on the city's park spaces and recreation programs. Hard copies of the survey are available at City Hall as well as a survey link on the city's website. The survey is open until June 30, 2021.

**Albion YMCA Programs** – June Programs schedule is attached for your reference.

**Albion Farmers Market** – The Wednesday markets are off to a great start! The market has been reauthorized to accept SNAP and Double Up Bucks. A new electronic device to debit SNAP cards has been ordered – the market hopes to begin to accept benefits at the June 9<sup>th</sup> market. Wednesday markets are scheduled to run from 4p-7p through September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Update** – I met with the Calhoun County Land Bank on Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the following:

- 1000 W. Erie Street – Appraisal has been completed. Will be listed within the next 2 weeks.
- 205 Austin Avenue – Will be demolished on September 1, 2021.
- 111 W. Elm Street – Current transform this home project.
- 131 N. Superior – Received \$200,000 grant from State Land Bank to do remediation work. The grant has a very tight timeline and all work must be completed by September 1, 2021.

**American Rescue Plan** – The U.S. Department of Treasury released official guidance for non-entitlement units on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. For Michigan, these non-entitlement units are scheduled to receive more than \$644 million in federal aid that will be distributed through the State of Michigan. The anticipated allocated amount for the City of Albion is \$829,600. According to language in the American Rescue Plan, the state is required to forward these dollars within 30 days of receipt from the federal government. A state appropriation bill must be passed to distribute the \$644 million to all 1,724 eligible non-entitlement units in Michigan.

**Joint Work Session for Comprehensive Plan Update** – Reminder: A joint work session for City Council and the Planning Commission has been scheduled for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9a-1p at the Ludington Center. The work session will kick-off the process of updating the city's Comprehensive Plan.

**Community Wide Clean-Up** – The community wide bulk item cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9a-3p. Drop off locations – Ketchum & Harris Fields. Reminder – the current Granger contract includes once a month bulk item pick-up.

**City Hall Operations** – City Hall’s front lobby continues to remain open to the public Monday-Friday from 10a-3p. Residents are encouraged to continue to utilize the front drop box (**no cash payments allowed**) and online payment option for property tax and utility billing payments. Residents can call anytime during regular business hours to schedule an appointment to handle any other department business.