

# Naturally Connected

## Albion COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Last grant round of the year is September 15th at 4PM. For more information visit [albionfoundation.org/grants](http://albionfoundation.org/grants)

## GREATER ALBION Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homestead Savings Bank, Cascarelli's of Albion, Consumers Energy, SEMCO Energy Gas Co., and Albion College are celebrating being members in 1923 and 2023



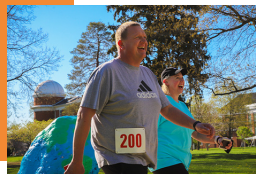
## The City of ALBION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Now until Labor Day City Hall will be open Monday-Thursday 7AM to 5PM, and Friday 8AM to 12PM
- The drop box and online payment options will be available during non-working hours
- Granger yard waste collection has begun, every Wednesday through November 29th
- McIntosh Splash Pad opened on Friday, May 26th.
  - Open daily from 10AM to 8PM through September 5th



## #CASTER Cares ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Swingin' at the Shell summer concert series kicks off July 23rd at Victory Park. For the full lineup visit [swinginattsheshell.com](http://swinginattsheshell.com)
- The next Run Albion 5K is the History Hustle on June 23rd to learn more visit [runalbion.com](http://runalbion.com)





# Summer Activities for Kids!

Keep the kids involved this summer with amazing activities and opportunities.

## "All Together Now" at Albion District Library!

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Open to all ages!

Track your progress through READsquared, an online and app-based system. Visit [albionlibrary.readsquared.com/Default.aspx](http://albionlibrary.readsquared.com/Default.aspx) to register.

## Get outside at Whitehouse Nature Center



Summer Camp!  
Daily learning opportunities filled with science, art, friends, adventure, outdoors, and memories in July.

Ages: 8-13

\$25/week

Visit the Whitehouse Nature Center Facebook to sign-up.

## Continue learning at INNOVATE Albion!

Classes in coding to robotics, there is something for every kid. STEM Saturdays every third Saturday of the month.

Ages: 2nd - 12th grade

For more information visit [innovatealbion.org](http://innovatealbion.org)



## Make a splash at McIntosh Park!

Keep the kids cool all summer long with the amazing splash pad at McIntosh Park.

Open daily 10AM - 8PM through September 5th.



## Get hands on with Kids 'N' Stuff!

Music at the Museum is starting in July with weekly music therapy classes for infants to preschool ages.

For more events visit [kidsnstuff.org](http://kidsnstuff.org) or Facebook.

Open Wed. - Sat. 10AM - 4PM

Sun. 12PM - 4PM

## Free Film Saturdays at The Bohm Theatre!

Visit the Bohm every Saturday for FREE family friendly films at 10AM.



## The Battle Creek YMCA presents, Albion Recreation Summer Sports Camp!

Move, play, and learn new skills.

Monday through Friday 9AM - 2PM at the Albion Opportunity School

Ages: 5-13

Visit the Albion Recreation page on Facebook to learn more or register.

## Stay active with Smart Strength!

First ever kids clinic.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

11AM - 12PM

Ages: K - 5th grade

\$60 for 3 weeks

Contact Erin at Smart Strength to reserve a spot.



## Move with Play Right Sports Academy!

Offering open gym, golf with the Marshall Country Club, tennis, and weight training with The Body Shop.

For more information visit [playrightsports.org](http://playrightsports.org)



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To submit feedback or information contact [ambassador@albionfoundation.org](mailto:ambassador@albionfoundation.org).

# For Adults!

Albion is filled with opportunities for all ages, here are a few options available to adults this summer.



Move with Albion Recreation through the YMCA of Battle Creek. Whether it's "Walk & Talk" Tuesdays and Fridays at 9AM, Water Aerobics Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:15PM, or looking to Line Dance at 6PM on Fridays. The Y has plenty of options; visit the Albion Recreation page on Facebook to see all the opportunities.

Summer Reading isn't just for the youth. Compete in the Summer Reading Challenge through the Albion District Library. Track your progress through READsquared, an online and app-based system. Visit [albionlibrary.readsquared.com/Default.aspx](http://albionlibrary.readsquared.com/Default.aspx) to register.

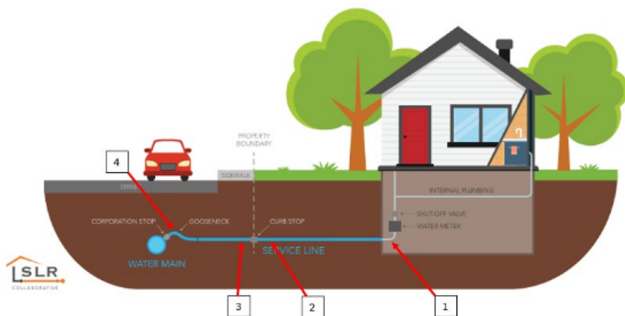
Shop local every Wednesday at the Farmer's Market at Stoffer's Plaza from 4PM - 7PM. From baked goods to fresh produce, the Market is a great way to spend your Wednesday evenings.

Live music is everywhere this summer from Blues at the Bohm, concerts every Monday at Albion Malleable Brewing Co., and Swingin' at the Shell Starting in mid-July.



## NOTICE: Water Service Material Inspection

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requires public water suppliers to inventory the existing water service line materials within their system to eliminate lead water services. To do this, a sample of customer service lines has been selected for inspection.



The City of Albion was awarded a grant from EGLE to inspect 355 of the 2,811 services. Inspections include uncovering the water service to visually inspect, photograph, and document the service line material. Inspections include visually identifying the water service within 18 inches of the building. The diagram shows the locations required for inspection.

Letters have been sent to residents and businesses whose water services have been randomly selected for inspection.



## Grant Round One Recipients

South Michigan Food Bank received \$10,000 from the Fund for Greater Albion to purchase fresh food for Albion residents. This grant will help with the costs of produce and pantry staples for a year.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan received \$2,500 for "Blood Saves Lives" project from the Fund for Greater Albion. This funding will support the cost of two community blood drives to be held in Albion.

Play Right Sports Academy received \$3,000 from the Kingsley Fund and \$2,500 from the Youth Fund. These grants will support after-school programming for Albion's youth.

Substance Abuse Prevention Services received \$2,750 from the Youth Fund. This grant will help fund "Strong Families, Safe Children" focused on giving Albion families opportunities to explore Albion.



Substance Abuse Prevention Services check presentation  
Harry Bonner Sr., Christopher Gibson, Shane Williamson

INNOVATE Albion received \$1,000 from the Kingsley Fund and \$1,500 from the Youth Fund. These grants will support STEM Saturdays Everywhere, a monthly program to give children hands-on STEM activities in Calhoun County.

## Youth Advisory Committee in Action!

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) has been hard at work in 2023 with monthly meetings including reviewing grant applications for two grant rounds. They have been learning about philanthropy, decision making, and how to make an impact.

YAC is currently planning for an information and recruitment booth at the French Market on June 21st.



YACers making round two decisions in the late May meeting at The Office Albion.



# The Renovation of the Victory Park Bandshell



In an effort to improve the parks through the Christie and Tony de Nicola Family Gift to the Albion Community Foundation, the William and Karen Dobbins Family Foundation, and Caster Cares, the bandshell is getting a face lift.

Built in 1941, the bandshell is an unofficial historic landmark. It is an iconic part of our community and home to Swingin' at the Shell.

An approximately \$110,000 renovation is under way to make repairs and improvements to the bandshell. The structure has been power wash and repaired, along with a fresh coat of paint. Channeling 1941, the bandshell is going all white with the iconic sculptures gold. In efforts to make the location a more accessible venue, concrete paths are paved throughout the lawn for easier access to seating closer to the action.



The project should be completed by mid-July for the first Swingin' at the Shell concert on Sunday, July 23rd at 6PM with Phillip Michael Scales kicking off the summer series.

## Activites for the Little Ones!

Swingin' at the Shell partnered with Harmony Garden Music Therapy Services and Kids 'N' Stuff to host a free family friendly concert at Kids 'N' Stuff.



On Sunday, June 11th, kids danced, sang, and played! Due to the weather, the event was moved from McIntosh Park to Kids 'N' Stuff, but the kids still had a blast celebrating with free live music and activities.

Everyone loves music, especially the youth, so what a fun way to kick off summer though this special community concert celebrating our youth and our amazing Albion resources.



# Celebration of Membership

Highlighting members century membership with Homestead Savings Bank during Albion After Hours.



Homestead Savings Bank is not only celebrating their 134th anniversary but also being Chamber of Commerce members in 1923 and 2023. Throughout their membership Homestead has been able to connect with more businesses and community events, strengthen existing bonds and creating new ones.



With the connections through the Chamber of Commerce, Homestead was able to expand into commercial lending. In finance, Homestead has more than just local competitors, so the Chamber assists with the notion of "shop local" even in the banking realm.

On June 21st at 5PM Homestead will be celebrating their 134th anniversary and century celebration during "Albion After Hours".



## Culture, Community, & Connections June 21st

June 21st is a full day of immersive French activities from the French Market to Fête de la Musique!

The annual French Market hosted by the Sister City Committee, in association with the weekly Farmer's Market, is June 21st. The French Market helps raise money and awareness for the Sister City Committee. The money helps connection Albion citizens to Noisy-le-Roi and Bailly citizens through travel, internships, and more. The bake sale money is specifically supporting the 2024 youth trip.

This year's French Market also falls on the same day as Fête de la Musique, a celebration to promote music as a universal language on the longest day of the year. Albion's celebration will be from 5PM to 9PM on Superior Street in downtown Albion.

In coordination with these events, Galazio of Albion is having a Soirée from 6PM to 9PM, including immersive French culture through cuisine and wine pairings.

Have a full French night, right here in Albion!



# Mark Your Calendars



## June

**17th:** 10AM - 12PM STEM Saturday at INNOVATE Albion free to all, 11AM Juneteenth Celebration parade, 12PM Festival Event at Holland Park

**21st:** 11AM - 1PM Wildflower Crossing Ribbon Cutting, 4PM - 7PM French Market, 5PM - 6PM Albion After Hours at Homestead Savings Bank, 5PM - 9PM Fête de la Musique

**22nd:** 6PM - 7PM Tiny Tots Art at the Albion District Library

**23rd:** Run Albion- History Hustle

**24th:** 8AM - 1PM Residential Clean-up

**26th:** 3PM Friendship Zipper Pulls & Keychains at the Albion District Library

**30th:** 4PM - 8 PM Red, White and Blue Cruise-In "On the Bricks"

## July

**1st:** 12PM Black Squirrel Bluegrass & American Music Festival at Albion Malleable Brewing Co.

**3rd:** At Dusk the Annual Fourth of July Celebration

**8th:** 11AM - 2PM Celebration Saturday: Explore Electricity at Kids 'N' Stuff

**10th:** 7PM - 10PM Blues at the Bohm- Harper & Midwest Kind

**16th:** 11AM - 12PM Sensory Friendly Hours at Kids 'N' Stuff



## August

**5th:** 11AM - 2PM Celebration Saturday: Make Your Own Black Hole at Kids 'N' Stuff, 1PM - 3PM Blues Workshop at Dickerson Music Co.

**7th:** 7PM - 10PM Blues at the Bohm- Reveren Peyton's Big Damn Band

**18th:** Play Right Sports Academy Golf Outing

**20th:** 11AM - 12PM Sensory Friendly Hours at Kids 'N' Stuff

## Reoccurring Events

### Mondays:

7PM - 9PM Live Music at Albion Malleable Brewing Co.

### Wednesdays:

4PM - 7PM The Farmer's Market at Stoffer Plaza through September 27th

### Fridays:

7PM - 9PM Trivia Night with Patrick Lopez at Stirling Books & Brew

### Sundays:

Starting July 23rd - September 10th 6PM Swingin' at the Shell free concerts

For more events visit  
[downtownalbion.com/events/](http://downtownalbion.com/events/)  
[greateralbionchamber.org/events/calendar](http://greateralbionchamber.org/events/calendar)