

# BC City Connection

Bi-monthly newsletter for the Battle Creek community

## City Manager's Corner with Rebecca Fleury



The end of summer is near, and many students will be **back to school** this month. Please remember to watch for school buses and pedestrians. Also remember to stop for flashing red school bus lights, and crossing guards — let's make this is a safe school year!

Some students will head back after **Labor Day**, the last summer holiday. Remember with me why we observe Labor Day, a day that honors the American labor movement and the contributions workers have made to the growth and development of our country.

Many great organizations will compete in the 2019 **Corporate Cup** in September, including our City of Battle Creek team. Come out and root for your favorites in events like golf, volleyball, biking, basketball, and tug of war. This is a great way to encourage healthy activities, and friendly competition.

A big thank you to our neighbors who attended **City Fair** on July 10. What a beautiful day to visit with neighbors, and share the services we provide. This is an annual July event for us, and we hope to see you next year!

Though many are thinking about back-to-school activities, summer is not over yet! Watch for exciting **events** in August, like Food Truck Friday, Movies in the Park, the Battle Creek Farmers Market, Vibe@5, Cruise the Gut, International Summerfest, and Backyard Burgers and Brewsfest.

And that's not the entire list! Be sure to check local event calendars for all dates and details.

Watch in late September for a great community event that will celebrate that Battle Creek is an **All-America City!** We are thrilled by and proud of this honor, and cannot wait to celebrate with the entire Battle Creek community.

### City Calendar

For more, visit [www.battlecreekmi.gov](http://www.battlecreekmi.gov)

- **Board of Appeals**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 18, Oct. 16
- **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 3 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 19, Oct. 17
- **City Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15
- **City Commission town hall** on economic development, Sept. 30, 6 p.m., Grace Health, 181 W. Emmett
- **Civil Service Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 23, Oct. 28
- **Dangerous Buildings**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 11, Oct. 9
- **Historic District Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 9, Oct. 14
- **Human Relations Board**, 3:30 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 18, Oct. 16
- **Planning Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 25, Oct. 23
- **Police/Fire Retirement System Board**, 10 a.m., City Hall: Sept. 16, Oct. 21
- **Sustainable BC Committee**, 1 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 23, Oct. 28
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 4 p.m., City Hall: Sept. 10, Oct. 8
- City offices **CLOSED** for Labor Day: Sept. 2. Transit bus/van services canceled; Waste Management closed, with one-day delay rest of week.
- **Scrap tire** collection—must live in Calhoun County. Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Athens Township, 130 E. Burr Oak St. Free; up to 10 passenger tires. More info at [calhouncountyrecycling.com](http://calhouncountyrecycling.com).
- **Fall cleanup**—city limits only, Sept. 16-20. Place bulk waste and up to 10 cubic yards of construction waste for curbside pickup on your regular trash day.
- **Household Hazardous Waste** collection—Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Calhoun County building, Marshall. Details on what is accepted, [calhouncountyrecycling.com](http://calhouncountyrecycling.com)
- **Krazy for the Kazoo** river cleanup—Oct. 5 in the morning, Bailey Park. More details to come.
- **Scrap tire** collection—city limits only, Oct. 8, 4-7 p.m., city Dept. of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall. Free; up to 10 passenger vehicle tires. More info at 269-966-3355 ext. 1889.
- **Yard waste** curbside pickup (city limits only), March 25-Nov. 29

Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019



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...at a city building, like Public Works or City Hall!

...at your favorite park or summer fun spot!

Join the city by snapping selfies in your favorite Battle Creek spots! Tag us on all social media or share at [publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov](mailto:publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov).

Stay tuned for more info!



...on the job!

...with all your friends!



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- Code Compliance**, 269-966-3387
- Fire Department** administration,  
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- Police Department**, 34 N. Division  
St., 269-966-3322
- Non-emergency**, 269-781-0911
- Department of Public Works**, 150  
S. Kendall St., 269-966-3343
- Recreation/Full Blast**, 35 Hamblin  
Ave., 269-966-3431
- Transit**, 339 W. Michigan Ave.,  
269-966-3474
- Utility Billing**, 269-966-3366
- W.K. Kellogg Airport**, 15551 S.  
Airport Road, 269-966-3470

**City Commission 2017-2020**

- Mayor Mark Behnke, at-large  
269-441-7663
- Vice Mayor Sherry Sofia, at-large  
269-967-8272
- John Griffin, Ward 1  
269-358-4756
- Lynn Ward Gray, Ward 2  
269-830-2456
- Kate Flores, Ward 3  
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- Christopher Simmons, Ward 4  
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- Jim Lance, Ward 5  
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Learn more about city departments and services on Commissioner Lynn Ward Gray's AccessVision TV show, *Keeping You Informed*. It appears on Comcast 17/917 and AT&T 99 at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, and online, [accessvision.tv](http://accessvision.tv).

**August:** Economic development update  
**September:** How to — ride the bus

## Spotlight on: Emmett/North roundabout proposal

The city has created a Frequently Asked Questions list about the proposed design for a roundabout at the intersection of Emmett Street and North Avenue, designed with traffic and pedestrian safety in mind. **View this online at [battlecreekmi.gov](http://battlecreekmi.gov); scroll down to the City Spotlight**, or call the Department of Public Works at 269-966-3343 for more info.

A sampling of the information:

**Q:** Where would the city local pedestrian crossings at a roundabout?

**A:** Currently, the intersection has a fair number of

jaywalkers, crossing at points further away from the intersection. When asked why, they said they felt safer this way. The roundabout crosswalks would be positioned in similar areas, a distance away from the roundabout. This setup allows drivers and pedestrians more time to recognize each other than the 90-degree angles at a typical intersection.

**Q:** How much will this project cost?

**A:** The total cost is approximately \$1 million. The project is eligible for two grants, which would leave about \$150,000 to come from the city's regular road program funds.

## Spotlight on: Neighbor feedback

City officials want to hear your thoughts on three issues — this year's City Fair event on July 10, your engagement with City Commission meetings, and how you prefer to get information from us.

Please complete these questions and send the survey back with your water bill payment. You also can drop it off at the Treasurer's window when you pay your bill in person, email us at [publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov](mailto:publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov), or share your City Fair-specific thoughts online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F3YZQDW>.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to share. We value your feedback and want to help you better engage with your city team.

### City Fair — July 10, 2019 — Please circle your responses.

This event brings city staff downtown to offer information, education, and fun to Battle Creek neighbors, with face-to-face, casual interaction.

1. How did you hear about City Fair?  
City website    City social media    Local media  
From other local agency    City newsletter    I did not hear about it
2. Did you attend City Fair?    Yes    No
3. If no, why not?  
I did not know about it    The day (Wed.) is not convenient  
The time (9-1) is not convenient    I was not interested
4. Will you attend City Fair in the future?    Yes    No    Maybe

### City Commission Meetings — Please circle your responses.

Our City Commission holds its regular business meeting at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at City Hall, 10 N. Division St.

1. What would encourage you to attend a City Commission meeting?  
Location closer to me    Different day    Different time  
Topic of interest to me on the agenda    Nothing
2. Would you watch/engage in the meeting on Facebook Live?  
Yes    No    I don't use Facebook
3. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is your age group?  
Under 18    18-24    25-34    35-44    45-54  
55-64    65+

### How do you prefer to get information from the city?

In person    Social media    Website    Email  
AccessVision    Water bill/on paper    Local newspaper/TV