

Battle Creek Current



June 2015

City Manager's Corner



City Manager Rebecca Fleury

Summer is fast approaching and there are many exciting events and venues to visit! I encourage all of you to visit city parks and facilities many times this summer! Slide down a slide, swing, play ball, have a picnic, get out and enjoy this beautiful city and be active.

You also can't miss a trip to [Flash Flood Water Park!](#) This is a great way to cool down on a hot day.

If you are a golf enthusiast, there are many courses in the city to try. Whether a beginner or professional, you will find a course that suits your needs.

Summer is also a time to remember safety. Fireworks are fun, but also can be dangerous. Be sure your friends and family understand the rules for using fireworks in the city and follow all safety procedures.

Don't forget to visit the new [Festival Market Square](#) downtown. The Farmers Market is there Wednesday and Saturday mornings, plus watch for many other fun events or just come out and relax!

Be a part of all the city has to offer!

June/July Calendar —

- **City Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall — June 2 and 16; July 7 and 21
City Commission work session, 5:30 p.m., City Hall — June 16
- **Sustainable BC Committee**, 4 p.m., Dept. of Public Works Room 204, 150 S. Kendall St. — June 3
- **What's Brewing in Battle Creek** with mayor/vice mayor, 5:30 p.m. June 4, Addington Hills Café, 295 E. Emmett St.
- **Historic District Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall — June 8, July 13
- **BC Transit LCC**, 1:30 p.m., Dept. of Public Works — June 9
BC Transit LAC, approx. 2 p.m., Dept. of Public Works — June 9
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**, 4 p.m., City Hall — June 9, July 14
- **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 3 p.m., City Hall — June 18, July 16
- **Zoning Board & Historic District** petition deadlines — June 19; July 17
- **Civil Service Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall — June 22, July 27
- **Planning Commission**, 4 p.m., City Hall — June 24, July 22
- **Planning Commission** petition deadline — June 26, July 31
- City offices **CLOSED** — July 3
- No BC Transit bus/van services — July 3 and 4

Mayor Deb Owens holds office hours from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in City Hall Room 202.

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Staying safe, mindful of others this Fourth of July

The city wants to remind residents of our ordinance requirements for setting off fireworks, as we near the July 4 holiday.

Consumer fireworks use by the general public is allowed only on the day before, day of and day after a national holiday. In this case, that would be July 3, 4 and 5.



Other restrictions are:

- Fireworks may not be used between midnight and 7 a.m., even on the permitted days—maximum \$500 fine.
- Fireworks may not be used on public, school or church property, or that of another person without permission—maximum \$500 fine.
- Fireworks may not be used in any park or playground in the city—

maximum \$500 fine.

- Fireworks may not be used by an individual who is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance—misdemeanor offense; maximum \$1,000 fine, 30 days in jail.

- Other penalties include fireworks use causing property damage—misdemeanor, maximum \$5,000 fine, 90 days in jail; fireworks use causing serious injury—felony, maximum \$5,000 fine, five years in prison; and fireworks causing death—felony, maximum \$15,000 fine, 15 years in prison.

Please be safe and enjoy July 4 and the rest of your summer!

Calhoun County Recycling events:

- June 6—Household Hazardous Waste collection, 10 a.m. to noon, 315 W. Green St., Marshall
- June 20—Rain Barrel pickup, 9 to 11 a.m., city Department of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall St.
- June 27—Scrap Tire collection, 9 a.m. to noon, 537 N. Church St., Tekonsha
- July 25—Scrap Tire collection, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 1203 E. North St., Albion
- July 31—Kalamazoo River Watershed photo contest ends



Visit calhouncountyrecycling.com and www.bcwater.org for more information.



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195 E. Michigan Ave., (269) 966-3519

Police Department, 20 N. Division
St., (269) 966-3322

Non-emergency, (269) 781-0911

Department of Public Works, 150
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**Parks & Recreation/Full Blast Fit-
ness Center**, 35 Hamblin Ave., (269)
966-3431

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June: Parks & Recreation
July: Animal Control

Get to know: Parks & Recreation

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The [Parks & Recreation Department](#) offers numerous recreation programs and services designed to encourage physical activity and healthy lifestyles for residents of all ages.

The park system features 29 parks and 26 miles of paved pathways in the Linear Park. Special facilities include the Binder Park Golf Course, Bailey Park, Willard Beach Park on Goguc Lake and Kellogg Arena. Administrative offices are located at 35 Hamblin Ave., also the home of Full Blast Recreation Center and Flash Flood Water Park.

* The water park opened for the summer on Memorial Day weekend and will be open daily until Labor Day weekend—Sept. 7. Check out our online calendar for daily hours and special admission (see box for June and July). Water park daily rates are \$9 per person, with kids 2 and under free. Check out our summer fun passes—\$65 per

person or family-of-four passes for \$220. Both include fun freebies and coupons.

* Willard Beach Park is open for the season, but the beach won't open until early July. We are relocating the beach and swimming area to improve safety. It will be moved to the north side of the current lower area, moving swimmers further away from boat traffic areas.

Along with the new beach location, the park will have three new pavilions, a sand volleyball court, decorative fencing and a path that connects the swimming area to the main entrance.

The park is open during construction and fees are \$2 per person or \$5 per vehicle with three or more people.

* Sign up at our website, www.bcparks.org, for the "Notify Me" service related to various sports and activities, including cancellations. Every 50th person to sign up will win a \$25 gift certificate toward any Parks & Recreation program or service.

June/July Flash Flood Water Park specials

~Twilight Night, \$5 admission after 5 p.m.—June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27

~Happy 18th Anniversary, BOGO admission—June 9

~Preschool Day, free admission for kids 5 and under—June 16, July 14

~YMCA Member Appreciation Day, BOGO admission—June 23

~Shamrock Baseball Day, \$2 of Superblast upgrades go to Shamrock Baseball—June 25

~Grandparents Day, free admission for grandparents with purchase of child admission—June 30, July 21

~Armed Forces Day, BOGO admission with military ID—July 3

~Community Appreciation Day, free admission 4 to 7 p.m.—July 6

~National Hot Dog Day, \$1 hot dogs, contests and more—July 23

~Food Bank Day, BOGO admission with four non-perishable food items—July 28

~Boys & Girls Club Day, \$2 of Superblast upgrades go to Boys & Girls Club of Battle Creek—July 30

