



## April 2026 Director's Report

The second annual Small Business Workshop is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Clio Fire Department. Speakers include representatives from MEDC, SBDC, Metro Community Development, Sequelle HR Suite, U of M Flint, and Guiles Media.

The Social Media Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 pm at the BDA office. This three-part series begins with the basics and builds skills as the workshops progress.

A meeting is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Flint and Genesee Economic Alliance Group and MEDC to begin discussing financial opportunities/resources for the Circus Park Property.

### Business News:

- Big Chicken closed unexpectedly on or around March 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Lila Fence, located at 13481 N. Saginaw Road recently opened.
- State Farm - Bob Love Agency, located at 5092 West Vienna Road, will open on May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hope Urgent Care is now open at 5150 West Vienna Road (Near Biggby Coffee).
- Uptown Girls, a new hair salon at 11508 N. Saginaw Road, is set to open in the near future (Next to Tuffy Muffler).
- Sol Sister Studio has outgrown their Saginaw Road location and is moving to 2186 W. Vienna Road, the former location of the Eastern MI Free Methodist church.
  - State Farm, Uptown Girls and Sol Sister are applying for property improvement grants.

The 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States will be celebrated throughout the community on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Businesses/organizations will be directed to send information on all activities taking place that day to the BDA, which will then be shared with the public.

Meridian Land Survey scheduled a survey of the Circus Park property for Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Plante Moran is once again conducting the annual audit of the BDA. Most of the pre-audit work is completed, and the auditors will be on site the week of April 13, 2026.