



## March 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 2026 Property Improvement Grant and Landscaping Grant are now online and advertised via Facebook and Constant Contact. We have received some inquiries about both grants.

The closing date for the purchase of the Circus Park property is May 2, 2026. A memorandum of understanding for the existing sign on the property will be drawn up soon. Next, an RFP for an architect will be sent out, with the firm chosen by the board meeting with the board to plan the vision for the property.

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. Thank you to the board of directors for approving what will be a very nice display of banners, flags and lighted decor commemorating the event. LeClerc Display will have everything in place by Memorial weekend.

RFP's for the following services have been sent out: Flower bed/pot maintenance, a stake survey at Circus Park, weed control, and engineering services for a sidewalk on the south side of M-57.

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.

The Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Lunch and Learn on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at the Clio Area Fire Department. Matthew Sawicki of MJS Tax Service is the featured speaker.