



May 2025 Director's Report

As of May 7th, AMI will be grading the parking lot at the CYSC and hopes to have part of it paved by May 8th. If it is not completed by then, work will resume the following week. We are working with volunteers at the complex to try to accommodate tournament schedules. Unfortunately, this can change as the weather changes.

The pickleball courts will open when the parking lot is completed, and the safety toppers are installed on the fencing between the courts.

The Spring Cleanup at Bridge Park scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 from 10 am – 2pm has been cancelled. The butterfly garden is in good shape and does not need a cleanup.

Representatives from MDOT, Flint, Birch Run and Saginaw met with Clio Area Chamber President Paul St. Louis and me on May 6th to continue coordinating the Pure MI Byway/M-54 Designation. The purpose is to recognize and protect resources along the route, promote greater awareness and tourism, and leverage grant funds for projects along the route. A large part of the BDA district runs along the route.

While at the Pure MI Byway meeting, I connected with Dawn Stableford, Tourism Manager of Explore Flint, who will add our community events to the northern Flint and Genesee County monthly calendar, which goes out to over 1,000 people.

Freeman Gardening Services has started cleaning the flower beds throughout the district. Jenny B's is hoping to plant flowers mid-May.

New Business News:

- BDA staff attended the Family Farm and Home Grand Opening last month. Each new business is given a welcome packet.
- The owner of the property at 4465 W. Vienna (bet. Applebee's and Big Boy) is renovating the gas station and will be utilizing our Property Improvement Grant to help with the cost of exterior improvements, up to \$10,000.
- Arrowhead Upfitters relocated from Davison to 11240 North Saginaw and will be the "Business Spotlight" of the week.
- Enzo's Pizza is remodeling the space at 4254 W. Vienna Road.
- An entire list of businesses in the district will now be included on the back side of the quarterly newsletter.