



Festival Market Square is located at 25 S. McCamly Street in downtown Battle Creek. AL LASSEN/FOR THE ENQUIRER

## Market

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farm-to-table staples such as fresh locally grown produce, meats and eggs, as well as honey, flowers, and artisanal and craft products.

The Battle Creek farmers market will no longer have a master exchange table for currency as it did last year, but transactions can still be done using debit, credit, SNAP Bridge and Pandemic EBT cards. There is no limit on purchases using the state's Double Up Food Buck program. The market is also participating in the state's Senior Project FRESH/Market FRESH program and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band Potawatomi Elders Nutrition Program.

Festival Market Square has proven to help local eateries grow their brands and introduce their food to area customers. Notably, Umami Ramen launched in 2015 at the Springfield and Battle Creek farmers markets and recently moved into a downtown brick and mortar location.

Leach said there is added excitement around Food Truck Fridays with Festival Market Square now part of the city's recently expanded social district, where patrons of participating establishments can enjoy alcohol on city property that

### BATTLE CREEK FARMERS MARKET

- **Where:** 25 S. McCamly Street (Festival Market Square)
- **When:** Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (through October); Fridays 5 p.m.-8 p.m. (through August)

### ALBION FARMERS MARKET

- **Where:** 211 Market Place (Stoffer Memorial Plaza)
- **When:** Wednesday, May 19 through September 29, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

### MARSHALL AREA FARMERS MARKET

- **Where:** 125 W. Green (city parking lot across Marshall District Library)
- **When:** Saturdays (May to October), 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

falls within its boundaries.

"If we can help make downtown Battle Creek and the new social district fun and exciting, then we want to be part of that," Leach said.

For more information, visit [battlecreekfarmersmarket.com](http://battlecreekfarmersmarket.com) or call 269-720-2279.

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Registered Nurse Precious McCormick administers a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to a Detroit resident outside of the Neighborhood Service Organization in Detroit on April 28. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

## Vaccine

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Michiganers got COVID-19 vaccines, to the week ending May 1, when 302,395 got shots, according to state data.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced a plan last week that ties the easing of pandemic public health restrictions to specific COVID-19 vaccination thresholds, saying the state can't get back to normal unless people get their shots.

The plan would allow employees to return to in-person work in all sectors of the state's economy two weeks after 55% of Michiganans 16 and older (4.45 million people) initiate the COVID-19 vaccination process by getting at least one dose.

Whitmer projected last week that the state could hit the 55% mark by the end of this week, "meaning we could reach step one just two weeks later, before the end of May. But it's counting on all of us to keep pushing to make sure we get vaccinated."

Two weeks after 60% of Michiganans 16 and older get at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, Whitmer said her administration will:

- Increase indoor capacity at sports stadiums to 25%.
- Increase indoor capacity at confer-

ence centers/banquet halls/funeral homes to 25%.

- Increase capacity at exercise facilities and gyms to 50%.
- Lift the curfew on restaurants and bars.

And two weeks after the state hits the threshold of 65% of residents who've gotten at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, Whitmer's plan would lift all indoor capacity limits, but still require social distancing. Limits on social gatherings at people's homes also would be relaxed.

Once two weeks have passed after the state hits its target of vaccinating 70% of the state's 16 and older population — 5,667,842 residents — the administration's plan would no longer require face masks or other mitigation measures except in "unanticipated circumstances," which could include the spread of vaccine-resistant variants.

On Monday, the state's COVID-19 trends continued to improve, as the state's COVID-19 case rate, hospitalizations and percentage of positive tests continued to fall after the third surge peaked in mid-April. Since the pandemic began, nearly 850,000 Michiganans have contracted the virus and 17,771 have died.

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## Police seeking person of interest in weekend homicide

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A person of interest is identified in the weekend shooting death of a Battle Creek man.

Detective Sgt. Joel Case, supervisor of the Battle Creek Police Department Detective Bureau, said Monday afternoon detectives want to speak to a person about the death of Daniel A. Murray.

The 62-year-old man was found dead Saturday at his home at 51 N. Broad St. in the Piper Park Neighborhood on the city's north east side.

Case said Murray was shot four times with a handgun.

His body was found after family members called police at 10:53 a.m. and asked officers to enter the home for a welfare check.

Case said Murray lived alone in the house and family members who live away from Battle Creek last spoke with him on Monday, April 26.

Case said detectives working during the weekend developed the person of interest but said police are still trying to locate that person. He declined to say any more about the person or why investigators want to speak with the person.

Members of the department's crime lab were at the house Saturday and Sunday morning.

Case said a motive for the killing remains unknown but that the killer "is believed to be someone he knew."

When officers arrived they did not find any signs of forced entry into the home, which city records show Murray purchased in December.

"This was not a random act," Case said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Battle Creek Police at 269-781-0911 or Silent Observer at 269-964-3888.

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## POLICE & FIRE

### Man with guns questioned in Homer

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**HOMER GUNMAN:** A man openly carrying two handguns on his belt and a rifle across his chest was contacted by Calhoun County Sheriff Department deputies in Homer on Monday. Deputies were called at 2:30 p.m. said the man from Litchfield was wearing camouflage clothes and walking downtown and in residential neighborhoods. The man was about four blocks from Homer Community Schools, which was placed on lock down as a precaution. When deputies arrived the man began recording them and said he was conducting a Second Amendment Audit about the law enforcement response. He said the deputies passed and was apologetic when deputies explained that the schools were concerned because it was near their release time. The man gave his weapons to deputies and the school locked the lock down and then the guns were returned, officials said. He later posted the encounter on YouTube.

**DOMESTIC ASSAULT:** Battle Creek police have reported the following cases:

- A warrant is being sought for a man, 40, after his girlfriend, 40, said she was assaulted in the 500 block of North Avenue at 1 p.m. Sunday.

- A warrant is being sought for a man, 27, after his former girlfriend, 26, said she was assaulted in the 5700 block of Duria Drive at 2:41 p.m. Sunday.

- A warrant for stalking is being sought for a man, 53, after police said he repeatedly attempted to contact a woman, 41. Police were called at 4:15 p.m. Sunday.

**ASSAULTS:** Battle Creek police have reported the following cases:

- A warrant is being sought for a man, 24, after a friend, 26, said he was assaulted on North Avenue at 11:04 p.m. Sunday.

- A girl, 16, was taken to the ground by two children at a playground in Homer and Jordan



Two children, both 13-year-old girls, were taken to Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo after a two-vehicle crash on M-66 near Taylor Trace in Pennfield Township.

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dan Street. Officers were called at 9:10 p.m. Friday after the girl went home and reported the incident to her father. Another girl slapped the victim, believing she was called a name by the victim. Then a young boy stopped the victim from walking home by picking her up and throwing her to the ground. The girl's father said the same children have harassed his daughter before.

- A man, 40, told officers he was assaulted by a man and woman outside his home in the first block of Arlington Drive in Bedford Township at 3:09 p.m. Saturday. The man said the couple were angry because the victim had given another man a ride to a party and that man caused some problems. The victim said the man and woman kicked and punched him and then ran off. The victim was not able to identify the couple and police were unable to find them.

**HOME INVASION:** A man, 26, was arrested after he kicked a door and entered a residence in the 500 block of West Jackson Street at 3:13 a.m. Monday. Police said the man was intoxicated and believed he was entering the home of a friend.

Call Silent Observer at 269-964-3888 or text CRIMES (274637) SOTIP or see [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) with information about crimes.

### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

THE BATTLE CREEK AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (BCATS) HEREBY GIVES NOTICE of opportunity for public involvement in the twelfth amendment to its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years (FYs) 2020-2023 (10/1/19-9/30/23), consisting of the following proposed changes: 1) Deleting the City of Battle Creek's planned 2021 replacement of the signalized intersection of North Ave and Emmett St with a roundabout, at a total estimated cost of \$956,940 (\$600,000 Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP); \$257,713 Fed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), and \$99,227 City); 2) Adding a 2021 Battle Creek Transit (BCT) project for bus stop shelter relocation and fixed-route redesign, marketing/outreach, and fare subsidies for "clean air" (high ozone) days. Total budgeted amount \$322,141 (\$257,713 Fed CMAQ (from deleted North Ave/Emmett St roundabout project), and \$64,428 State of Michigan Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF)); 3) Adding a 2021 BCT project to replace up to 25 bus stop shelters. Total budgeted amount \$468,750 (\$375,000 Fed Highway Infrastructure Program - COVID Relief, and \$93,750 State CTF); and 4) Delete the preliminary engineering phase (PE), as determined not needed, from the Michigan Dept of Transportation's 2021 Durable Pavement Marking Application on State trunklines in the BCATS metropolitan planning area. PE phase \$450, construction phase \$36,000; both 90% Fed HSIP, 10% State of Michigan Betterment "M" funds. Further details of the above listed changes, and other projects in the TIP, can be provided upon request and may also be found online at [www.bcatsmpo.org](http://www.bcatsmpo.org). Public comment by e-mail to [bcats@bcatsmpo.org](mailto:bcats@bcatsmpo.org) is encouraged before Policy Committee action on 5/26/21. Due to restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, regular Committee meetings are being held electronically in a virtual setting; details on how to access and participate in the 5/12/21 Technical Committee meeting and the 5/26/21 Policy Committee meeting are posted on BCATS' home page at [www.bcatsmpo.org](http://www.bcatsmpo.org). Comments will be accepted thru May 26th. Direct questions and/or comments to: BCATS, 601 Avenue A, Springfield, MI 49037; phone 269/963-1158, fax 269/963-4951, e-mail [bcats@bcatsmpo.org](mailto:bcats@bcatsmpo.org).