

Summer is in Full Swing!

MICAH COMMUNITY



Dear Tintern,

Summer is here! I am sure you've noticed rising temperatures, kids riding bikes up and down the street at different hours. Maybe your summer kids sports schedule has already started or you're anxiously awaiting your National Park road trip.

Things at Micah 6 are full go! Summer is our busiest time with gardens, kids programs, big projects and our interns. We wanted to take a quick moment to give you a snapshot of all that is happening at Micah 6 Community and share a few ways you can support.

Enjoy!

Gardens are going!

Gardening season here really starts in mid-March thanks to our amazing four-season greenhouse. For a second year, we were able to open the door to our growing friends at Growing Pontiac and The Farm at Trinity Oakland to help start their growing season early as well. Together, we started close to 10,000 seedlings together. This head start is already paying off for all of our organizations since we are harvesting our first crops now.

Volunteers are important to the success of those gardens! If you're looking for opportunities for yourself, your family, your National Honor Society Students, etc, we'd love to have you out any Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday from 9 am-noon.



Summer Youth Employment!

One of the things that we started last year and have been thrilled to get back to in 2024 is our Summer Youth Employment Program. This program is a partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that hires students to engage in careers in the outdoors. Last year we hired six students as our trial-run of the program and spent the year taking the lessons learned to create an event better program this year.

This year, our program was able to expand and we hired nine teens, two of them returning from last year. One of the best parts about our work is that we have known most of these students since they were in grade school and it is a real honor to continue getting to know them as we provide some of their first jobs.

This summer our teens will learn how to canoe and kayak, assisting in clean ups in hard-to-reach places on the Clinton River. They'll assist with invasive species remediation. They'll help to balance pond biomes and learn about sampling and testing water. They'll contribute to projects to improve area State Parks and visit a dark sky park. They have a full summer ahead of them!



Summer Kids Programs Have Stared!

Now that school is out, we are in full-on summer kids programs mode. Swim lessons, field trips, baseball games, water wars, Meet Up and Eat Up, bike fix-its, and more are all up and going.

We are incredibly grateful for so many partners who make it all possible including sponsors Lutheran Church of the Master and the Women in Faith at [Birmingham First](#). We

love our partners at [Goldfish Swim School of Birmingham](#), and our transportation partners [Kirk in the Hills](#) and [Christ Church Cranbrook](#).

Kids this summer will spend time at the lake, and go on great trips like the zoo, Hands on Museum, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Dodge State Park and more.



Summer Interns Are Here!

Each summer, we are joined by amazing students from all over the country who take the time to come and serve for a summer. These interns come from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and have future plans that are just as different. This year's group is studying nonprofit management, dietetics, social work and engineering. They come from Boston, Tennessee, Texas, Ohio and right here in southeast Michigan.

We tell all of our interns that our work is absolutely impossible without them. They are the hands and feet of our work in the summer and their impact on our community cannot be overstated.



Progress at Webster

We could not be happier with all the progress happening at Webster. Construction started in April and we are already a number of weeks ahead of schedule. Interior demolition is finished. HVAC, electrical and brick guys are already working on their parts, and we are excited to see it all coming together. While we are sure that we'll see that three week buffer evaporate at some point, we are enjoying it while it lasts.

Timeline is still holding that construction will finish in June of next year with July being for inspections and tweeks, then tenants can move-in during the month of August. We are excited for the progress!



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