

July 2016



The Albert Month-Lea

Freeborn Bank Building



The City has entered into an agreement with Cohen-Esrey for redeveloping the Freeborn Bank and Jacobson Buildings. The agreement is contingent upon Cohen-Esrey receiving historic and housing tax credits from the state of Minnesota. The buildings are eligible for tax credits because of their historic status.

The redevelopment plan calls for 21 income limited rental units on the second through fourth floors of both buildings. The plan would keep the Interchange on the first floor of the Jacobson building. A tentative agreement between Cohen-Esrey and the Albert Lea Art Center would have the art center on the first floor of the Freeborn Bank Building and would allow for the public to use the space for special events.

Receiving the housing tax credits is necessary to the financial success of the project. The building needs all new plumbing, electrical, heating and air conditioning systems along with the renovations. The city estimates that the total cost of the renovations would be \$4-6 million. Cohen-Esrey applied for housing tax credits and deferred loans from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency during two previous grant cycles and didn't receive funding. The grant process has become very competitive due to the large amount of applications.

The City and Cohen-Esrey will find out October 1st whether or not tax credits will be awarded for the project. If credits are received, the project work will begin in 2017 with occupancy early in 2018.

Show us your catch!



We'd love to see what fish you're catching in our lakes! Share your images to social media with the hashtag #fishalbertlea and we'll share them on our Facebook and Twitter pages. The 4-5 lb. bass above was caught in Fountain Lake. We're also seeing large Northern and Catfish.

Budgeting has Begun

City staff have begun working on the 2017 budget. The City Council is planning on holding an open house July 21st at 5:30 p.m. so the public can review the preliminary plan and offer their input into the process. More public input will be taken when the Council considers the preliminary levy September 12th.

Parks and Recreation Summer Fun!

Play Day at the Pool! Power 96 will be broadcasting LIVE!

Games and chances to win
awesome prize packages!

Friday, July 8

Albert Lea Aquatic Center



Summer Carnival

Join us for an afternoon of carnival
games, face painting, bouncies,
and so much more! Bring your
camera for our photo booth!

Wednesday, July 13

Wedgewood Park • 4-7 pm

Fee \$2.00

Includes all games

Children 2 and under FREE

Food & beverages available for purchase



Beach Luau

Enjoy limbo and hula hoop
contests, scooter races, giant
volleyball, sand bowling, a
sandcastle contest, bonfire, smores
and DJ! Sandcastle judging
will begin at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27 - City Beach

FREE!

Food & beverages available for purchase



Movies in the Park

Join us at Edgewater Park Bandshell
for great family movies.

Friday, July 29

"Shaun the Sheep"

8:30 pm

FREE!

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church,
Albert Lea Family YMCA and Park and Rec



Albert Lea Public Library

(507) 377-4350 * 211 E. Clark St. * www.alplonline.org

Hours: Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Thu.: 9 a.m.-7 p.m.,
Fri.: 1-6 p.m. Closed Sat.

THURSDAY *Special Events*

7/7: BINGO at 2 p.m.

7/14: Jim Jayes' Puppet Show at 2 & 3 p.m.

7/21: ZooMan at 2 & 3 p.m.

**ON YOUR MARK,
GET SET...**

READ!



The teen & children's summer reading
programs continue until July 21. Visit us
online or stop by the circulation desk to
learn more and sign up. Read books and
earn prizes!



Tuesday,
July 5
at 2 p.m.

Weekly Events Through July 21

Storytime: Mon. & Tue. at 10:30 a.m.

Science Blast: Tue. at 2 p.m.

Art Zones: Wed. at 10:30 a.m.

Music & Movement: Thu. at 10:30 a.m.

Night-time Storytime: Thu. at 6 p.m.

Upcoming Event: Conquering the Odds:
Journey of a Shepherd Girl presented by
author Habibo Haji Aug. 15 at 6:30 p.m.