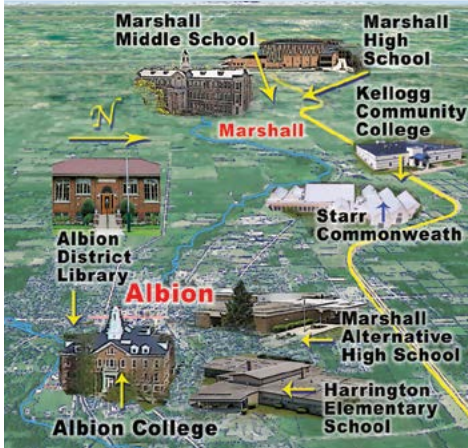


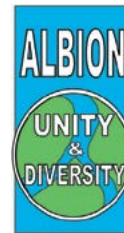
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If you are new to Albion, we want to welcome you. Albion has more educational institutions than most cities. The map to the left shows the educational resources we have now for the residents of Albion. We have Albion College, Kellogg Community College - Eastern Academic Campus, Starr Commonwealth, and -- our public schools, which have changed a lot. On May 3, 2016 the residents of the Albion Public School district including the City of Albion, voted to have Albion Public Schools annexed with Marshall Public Schools. This was a difficult decision. Much of the newly enlarged school district is about 12 miles from Albion. Next, learn about a fun day in Albion.

Albion is a diverse community. We have a wide variety of talents and viewpoints, but everyone agrees that we all want what is best for our young people in Albion. One day of the year we all come together to walk on our historic brick main street and celebrate our unity & diversity. Saturday, September 17th, 2016 is the 50th anniversary of the Festival of the Forks. Albion was founded by the forks of the Kalamazoo River. Come to Albion, enjoy Friday's cruise-in, Saturday's parade, music, ethnic foods, arts and crafts. See what is most special about Albion - our people!



SEPTEMBER 2016						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
September is Library Card Sign-up month! Parents, students, care-givers, anyone can take this big step toward learning.				1	2	Bandshell Music 3
Bandshell Music 4	Labor Day Trail Walk 5	Public School Starts 6	7	8	Marshall Home Tour also Sun. 9	Back to School @ Farmers Market 10
Bandshell Music 11	Blues @ the Bohm 12	13	Farmers' Market pm 14	Full Moon 15	50th Festival of the Forks Cruise In, Music, Food 16	17
18	19	20	21	First day of Fall 22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	Farmers' Market Saturdays a.m.

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General Guide Education Edition features traditional back to school topics, and also new areas. Here we highlight three big stories: VISTA, Pathways, and EastEnd. Visit GeneralGuide.net for more information about these stories, and more!

AmeriCorps VISTA members are in Albion for a 3-5 year program to improve the quality of life for people in Albion. Say hello if you see the “Volunteers In Service To America” around town either in Albion or in Marshall. The VISTA Focus Areas are: Healthy Futures, Education, and Economic Opportunities.



A booklet called “Pathways to Opportunity” was distributed to homes and businesses in the City of Albion, the City of Marshall, and the rest of the newly enlarged Marshall Public Schools District. Pathways shows many of the options for students to learn, including the Build Albion Fellows program, where select Albion residents can get an Albion College education in exchange for their civic service. The booklet includes many photos of students including those from Albion.

Art Education - EastEnd Studio & Gallery in Marshall offers after school youth art classes. Regular and scholarship students (and donations) are now being accepted! Connector rides available, including to Albion! See link at top or listing below.



Please support these area businesses who make possible the General Guide:

Area codes are (517) unless otherwise indicated.

AlbionAutoMart.com - Pre-owned cars - 629-2611
AlbionBigRead.org - Coming to Albion in October
Albion College - Albion.edu - 629-1000
Albion Community Foundation - AlbionFoundation.org
AlbionDesign.com - Art & Marketing - 629-3840
AlbionEDC.org - Home of Albion Food Hub and Albion Farmers Market - 629-3343
Albion Heritage - AlbionHeritage.com - 629-3550
Albion Library - Albionlibrary.org - 629-3993
AlbionEnews.com - Sign up now for daily news
AlbionMich.net - Art, Outdoors, and Community
BattleCreekHearingAids.com - 269-979-6455
BayberryHouseInteriors.com - Marshall - 269-781-7777
Bohm Theatre - BohmTheatre.org - 517-343-2116
BooksAndMoreOfAlbion.com - Espresso - 629-7560
Cascarelli's - www.CascarellisAlbion.com - 629-3675
Charlie's - CharliesTavernAlbion.com - 629-9582
ChooseMarshall.com - Marshall Chamber - 269-781-5163
City Hall - CityofAlbionmi.gov - 629-5535
College Chevy - CollegeChevy.com - 629-2151
DickersonMusicCo.com - Music store - 629-8570
DoorsUnlimitedMichigan.com - Garage doors
EastEndStudioAndGallery.com - Michigan artists

Family Fare - Groceries, deli and more - 629-6313
FirstMerit Bank - FirstMerit.com - 629-9406
Five Points Vet Hospital - 5pointsvet.com - 629-5549
Gina's Pizza & Deli - GinasPizzaDeli.com - 629-9330
GreaterAlbionChamber.org - Visitors bureau - 629-5533
HodgePodgeCleaning.com - Insured - 517-499-2939
HollandParkTransformation.com - Black history
JollyGreenJunction.net - Gardening, gifts - 629-6546
Kellogg Community College East - 517- 630-8169
LittleRedLunchBoxAlbion.com - 629-9753
Lopez Taco House - LopezTacoHouse.com - 629-2800
MarshallMich.net - Art, Outdoors and Community
Marshall Schools - Marshall.k12.mi.us - 269-781-1250
MoleHoleMarshall.com - Gift Shop - 269-781-5923
Morning Star - SalesmanPublications.com - 629-2127
MowrerAgency.com Insurance - train depot - 629-4600
MunierHeatingandCooling.com - 629-6369
NAPA Auto Parts - 317 Austin Avenue - 629-2157
Parks Drugs - ParksDrugStoreAlbion.com - 629-9481
PS Food Mart/CITGO - psFoodMart.com - 629-9233
SchulerArts.com - Ceramic Art Workshops - 629-8293
SchulersRestaurant.com - Fine Dining - 269-781-0600
Starr Commonwealth - starr.org - 800-837-5591
Swingin' at the Shell - SwinginatheShell.com