#### May 2023



#### **County Parks Director:** Anna Hall



Hired as Antrim County's Parks Coordinator in April 2022, Anna Hall was promoted to Parks Director in November 2022.

Ms. Hall is a Grand Valley State University graduate with a degree in Natural Resource Management.

"I appreciate the variety of parks and recreational opportunities in Antrim County," Ms. Hall said.

Under the supervision of the County Administrator, the Parks Director coordinates and directs overall management and operation of the Parks Department.

Ms. Hall said she is "looking forward to a fun-filled season of camping at Barnes Park!"

### **County Building Parking:** July 2023 to early 2024

The renovations to the exterior of the County Building are scheduled to start immediately after the Fourth of July. The first visible sign of the project will be a 6' tall fence around the entire building. The primary intent of this construction fence is to keep everyone safe.

The fence will, however, severely limit parking around the County Building for the duration of the project. Some public parking spaces will remain available in the Cayuga Street lot. Maps and additional information regarding parking are expected to be released in June.

# **Update: Proposed Public Safety Center**

Three concept site plans have been presented. A fourth is being drafted. At this point, no decisions have been made. A Proposed Public Safety Center webpage has been created inside **HOW DO I** at the top of www.antrimcounty.org under "Get Information" or through this link.

We expect to be answering many Frequently Asked Questions in the coming weeks. If you have a question you'd like answered, please contact us at 231-533-6265 or countyadmin@antrimcounty.org. Here's a sample FAQ:

#### Q: Wouldn't adding to the existing jail be cheaper than building something new?

A: Most of the existing jail is nearly 70 years old, well past its expected life span. Bringing a 1955 jail into full compliance would have a substantial cost; plumbing repairs and replacement alone were estimated at \$750,000 -\$2,000,000 in 2022. There are significantly more complicated and costly issues as well, particularly issues with safety for corrections officers, staff, and inmates.

## **Petoskey Stone Festival** Saturday, May 27

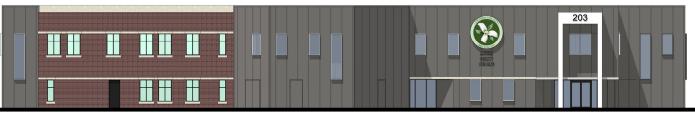
The 17th Annual Petoskey Stone Festival will be held on Saturday, May 27th at Barnes Park from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be food trucks, 40 to 50 vendors, a trout fishing pond for the kids, and live entertainment by Kenny Thompson. Special events throughout the day will include a Coast Guard demonstration, an Antrim County K9 Unit demonstration, and a comedy stunt show. A full schedule of events can be found at www.petoskeystonefestival.com.

## County Building Exterior Renovations: May 2023 Update

The project is currently on track to begin in July 2023 and be completed in early 2024. [Please see the article above titled County Building Parking: July 2023 to January 2024.] Interior demolition is anticipated to start in mid-July.

Site and foundation work are expected to start in late July, and the removal of the exterior panels to start the end of August. Some offices will be relocated during the project; signs will be onsite to help direct people.



View from Cayuga St.