MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Hello Berkley!

April is a tricky month. Not just because it opens with a celebration of pranks on April Fools Day but because it will be warm and sunny on one day and cold and breezy the next.

Think you can wear shorts today? Gotcha! It’s 40 degrees and rainy. Oh, that’s a nice jacket - Boom! it’s 75 degrees today! You just can’t depend on April...

One thing you can always depend on, however, are the good times to be had in the City of Berkley. As you’ll see in this month’s newsletter, we have fun (and safe) events happening downtown, tremendous programs hosted through the Library, and a plethora of outdoor classes and summer camp starting up with the Parks & Recreation Department.

This issue is jammed packed with reasons to love our community - No Fooling!!

As always, have a great month and stay safe.
STRAIGHT FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE

Petition Packets Available

Petition packets for those interested in running for local office are available at the City Clerk's Office by appointment. During the Tuesday, November 2, 2021 election, residents will elect one mayor to serve a two-year term and three councilmembers to serve four-year terms.

Garage Sale Permits
The warmer weather is upon us and we would like to remind residents that a permit is required to hold a garage sale in the City of Berkley. Permits are available online or by contacting the Clerk's Office.

Questions? Email clerk@berkleymich.net or call 248-658-3310.

FINANCE UPDATE

It’s Budget Season!
The Berkley 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget will have a different look and feel starting this year. Utilizing a new service called ClearGov, we will have a Digital Budget Book for residents and businesses to read the City’s budget more easily.

Please look for a link to the final budget format on the Berkley website after the City Council approves the budget in May 2021.

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/treasury.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Master Plan Update
We had over 50 people attend the Open House and provide valuable feedback on Housing Types and Commercial Corridor Expansion. We have had several individuals contact us with questions and thoughts who were unable to attend the Open House. We continue to incorporate their thoughts and opinions. A summary report will be provided to the Master Plan Steering Committee and Planning Commission at their upcoming work sessions.

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/masterplan.
BERKLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Colorized Photo of the 1928 Berkley Village Hall
The photo below was taken shortly after the opening of the 1928 Berkley Village Hall (where the Historical Museum currently resides). We hope to restore the building to look as much like the original appearance as possible. A computer program was used to try to get an idea of the original colors. The City is also planning to restore the light fixtures that used to be on both sides of the Coolidge entrance.

When the building first opened, the fire and police departments were on the ground floor. The second floor had all of the other village offices. Before elevators existed, residents would face a long flight of stairs to get upstairs to pay their taxes, attend a council meeting, or take care of any other village business.

![Colorized Photo of the 1928 Berkley Village Hall](image)

IMPORTANT DATES - HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

The City will be closed on the following day(s):

- **04/02/2021** - In Observance of Good Friday

Public Safety will continue to provide 24-hour operations and support to the community.

![Sign indicating closed](image)
The office for the Department of Public Works remains closed to the public. DPW is still available via phone at 248-658-3490 during standard work hours (7 AM - 3:30 PM) or email at publicworks@berkleymich.net. All DPW team members are working.

2021 Yard Waste Collection Schedule Now on the Website
Yard waste collection information, including the full schedule, is posted on the City’s website here: www.berkleymich.org/yardwaste. Free pickup of yard bags or labeled cans (50 lbs. limit) starts the first full week of April (April 6) and runs through November 26.

Chipper Service Reminder
The branch chipper service runs once a month starting the 3rd Monday of each month. Please note the chipper service will only accept branches over 4’ in length and over 2” in diameter.

Smaller branches must be placed in yard waste bags/cans for FREE weekly pickup on garbage day. Residents can sign up using the online request form here: bit.ly/BerkleyChipper or they continue to contact the DPW if the chipper service is needed at 248-658-3490.

Building a Better Berkley
Construction season is quickly approaching. Several projects are scheduled to take place around the City in 2021. This includes the Annual Sewer Lining Program, Concrete Road Section Improvements, and Sidewalk Slab Replacements. Consumers Energy will also be replacing natural gas lines on numerous streets north of 12 Mile. For more details and the most current updates, please visit www.berkleymich.org/construction.

Need a New Trash Bin?
96-gallon trash toters are available for purchase for $60 each. These are wheeled cans with attached lids that are dumped mechanically by the City refuse hauler. Please contact the DPW for more details.

- Please Note: There are no changes to the garbage and recycling pick-up for the month of April. They will occur on regularly scheduled days.

Questions?
Please refer to the City website at www.berkleymich.org/dpw or call the Berkley DPW at 248-658-3490.
March into Downtown Berkley
This event continues through Friday, April 2, 2021!

Receive $20 in Downtown Berkley Bucks for every $40 spent at select downtown businesses!

How does this promotion work?
1. From March 15 to April 2 shop or dine at select downtown businesses.
2. Submit receipts and your mailing address to marketing@downtownberkley.com by April 3 to receive your Downtown Berkley Bucks.
3. Spend your Downtown Berkley Bucks at participating businesses by May 14.

Residents can learn more about this event at www.downtownberkley.com/march-into-berkley.

Ladies Night Out: Take Me Out to Berkley

Happening April 1 and April 2, 2021, from 5 PM to 9 PM both nights, the DDA is hosting a ‘Take Me Out To Berkley’ Ladies Night Out (LNO) which will look and feel the same as our other LNO events over the past year. We want to make sure everyone stays as safe as possible.

Residents can learn more about this event and our COVID-19 social distancing FAQs, head to www.downtownberkley.com/ladies-night-take-me-out-to-berkley.
Berkley Local Podcast
Learn and support local Berkley businesses by tuning into our Berkley Local podcast!

Discover the story behind our amazing Berkley businesses. Available wherever you listen to podcasts or at https://anchor.fm/berkelylocal.

This podcast is produced by the Berkley Area Chamber and sponsored by Downtown Berkley.

Berkley University Series
Register for the next Berkley Chamber Berkley U webinar on April 23 at 8 AM.

It’s a social space! It’s augmented reality. It’s a marketplace. The Digital Community Network (DCN) is here to pave the way for our community and local businesses to interact and stay relevant post COVID.

If you’re looking for a new way to be relatable to people online and grow your business through digital interaction, TAG MultiMedia has an innovative solution. Michelle Armstrong, President of TAG MultiMedia is the featured speaker and will show you what is new in this field.

She brings a way for small businesses to compete online. She included a way for the community to engage each other in a safe, familiar way so we can socialize and shop like we did pre-COVID. This virtual presentation is open to small business owners and people of the community who want to see the latest and greatest. Bring a curious mind to this fresh approach to making the internet work for you. Register at www.berkleychamber.com.

Zoom link will be sent once registered. This Berkley U event is sponsored by Vibe Credit Union.
Berkley Public Library Curbside Pickup & Delivery Service

The library building remains closed to the public. However, curbside pickup and delivery in Berkley are available on the following days:

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM

To schedule a pickup or delivery, call the library at 248-658-3440.

Dive Into Our Digital Resources at Home!
We encourage you to visit our website (www.berkleymich.org/elibrary) to access our digital resources from home. You will need your library card number as well as your PIN. Your PIN is typically 1234 or the last four digits of your phone number.

Need to Connect to the Internet?
The library's WiFi is available 24/7 outside our building. You should be able to connect from the parking lot or around the perimeter of the building.

Need a Library Card?
Head over to www.berkleymich.org/librarycard to fill out an application and we will get you registered for a card!

Need something printed?
Send your print job to libraryprinter@berkleymich.net and we'll get it printed for you and notify you when it’s available.

New Resource Alert!
Pronunciator
Pronunciator is a fun and free way to learn any of 163 languages with personalized courses, movies, music, and more. You’ll need your Berkley library card to get started. Register first if you want to track your progress or use a mobile device. Get started at www.berkleymich.org/elibrary.
APRIL PROGRAMS

⚫ Requires Registration at http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar or 248-658-3440.

ADULT PROGRAMS

National Library Week Book Raffle
April 5 to April 10

Enter your name for a chance to win a free book from the library in honor of National Library Week! You can fill out an entry slip during all of our curbside hours this week.

Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
This month’s selection is Magic Hour by Kristin Hannah. This title is available for curbside pickup or Berkley delivery.

That They Lived, An Evening with Rochelle Riley
Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
In February 2017, Rochelle Riley was reading Twitter posts and came across a series of black-and-white photos of four-year-old Lola dressed up as different African American women who had made history. Rochelle, a former Detroit Free Press columnist, was immediately smitten. She was so proud to see this little girl so powerfully honor the struggle and achievement of women several decades her senior. Rochelle reached out to Lola’s mom, Cristi Smith-Jones, and asked to pair her writing with Smith-Jones’s incredible photographs for a book. The goal?

To teach children on the cusp of puberty that they could be anything they aspired to be, that every famous person was once a child who, in some cases, overcame great obstacles to achieve. Join us for a conversation designed to inspire readers ages 9 to 90!

Ranked Choice Voting: More choices, more voices?
Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
Join Wayne State Professor Kevin Deegan-Krause and RankMIVote to learn more about how a simple change to how we vote and ensure winning candidates have majority support, with less negative campaigning and more representation.

TEEN PROGRAMS

National Library Week Book Raffle
April 5 to April 10

Enter your name for a chance to win a free book from the library in honor of National Library Week! You can fill out an entry slip during all of our curbside hours this week.

Gardening Take-Home Kit
Tuesday, April 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sign up for a bag of flower, plant, & dirt-related activities to try at home!
YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Weekly Take-Home Activities**
Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Stop by each week for a new activity to try at home. Activities will vary but may include a science experiment, a craft, a game, or other activity ideas. As supplies last. No registration required.

**Weekly Online Storytime**
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Join us for a story and a craft! We will stream on the [Library's Facebook page](#) at the scheduled time, and the video will stay up for 1-2 days. Craft supplies can be picked up during our curbside hours beginning Wednesdays at 10 am, as supplies last.

**Tale on the Trail at Jaycee Park**
April 22 through May 14

Stroll through Jaycee Park and enjoy the book *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom.

The pages will be displayed spread out throughout the park. Stop by Jaycee park anytime between April 22 and May 14 and enjoy the story at your own pace.

Presented with Berkley Parks & Recreation.

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**Earth Day Take & Make**
Thursday, April 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Make an Earth sun-catcher in honor of Earth Day!

**Gardening Take-Home Kit**
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PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

Public Safety Department Seeks Donations for the Launch of a K-9 Program
We would like to announce the launch of our newest division, the K-9 unit, and we are inviting families and businesses to support our campaign to raise $30,000. K-9 units are typically funded entirely by donations from the community. The purpose of this fundraiser is to aid in raising the start-up costs of the program which equals about two years’ worth of expenses.

**Ways to Donate**
- Donations can also be made via check payable to "Berkley Public Safety Department" and entering "K-9 Fund" on the memo line. You can drop off your donation via the City Hall secure dropbox (located at 3338 Coolidge Hwy. Berkley MI 48072).
- You can also donate via our [Fundly page here](#).

To learn more about the K-9 Program, visit [www.berkleymich.org/k9program](http://www.berkleymich.org/k9program)
PARKS AND RECREATION

(248) 658-3470 | Email: parks@berkleymich.net | Facebook: @BerkleyParksandRec

Park Updates
We are excited to see Berkley’s parks continue to update and grow. As we head into Spring and Summer, we can’t wait to enjoy these spaces together and look forward to the coming year!

Oxford/Merchants Park
Completion of the long-awaited development at Oxford/Merchants Park will happen in the last week of April or first week of May. Again, the City will update the opening date once the park is complete. The splash pad at this park will open after Memorial Day. We will keep you posted on the opening for this park amenity as well.

Tot Lot Park
A new play structure will be installed at Tot Lot Park in early May 2021. We will post the closure dates for the park once we have the date for installation. The park will be closed for 7-10 days during this time.

2021 Summer Camp Registration
Early Bird Summer Day Camp registration is now open. There is a full Summer option ONLY at this time.
Dates: Monday, June 21, 2021, through Thursday, August 12, 2021 (8 weeks) *NO CAMP on Monday, July 5, 2021*

Cost:
- Early Bird Rate:
  - Resident- $1,250
  - Non-Resident- $1,375

Camp hours: 8:45 am – 5:00 pm *NO am or pm extended hours

APRIL PROGRAMS

Senior Programs
Virtual Chair Yoga

Adult Outdoor Programs
Outdoor Guitar Lessons
Sanchin Ryu Karate
Yoga in the Park
Dog Obedience

Youth Outdoor Programs
Mini Hawks Multi-Sport
Outdoor Guitar Lessons
Outdoor Lacrosse
Sanchin Ryu Karate
Skyhawks Soccer

Tennis
Adult & Teen
Pee Wee
Try Tennis- Free
Youth Tennis

Summer Specialty Camp Registration Open
Kiddie Soccer
Preschooler Soccer Starters
Skyhawks Beginner Golf
Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Baseball & Soccer
Skyhawks Multi-Sport Baseball & Soccer
Skyhawks Soccer
Sports Starter
Tee-Ball

To register for programs or camp visit berkley.maxgalaxy.net
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APRIL MEETINGS

Due to COVID-19 and the local State of Emergency, all governing and advisory boards & commission meetings will be virtual. Additionally, the advisory boards & commissions have moved to a bi-monthly schedule. Governing boards will continue with a monthly schedule.

Visit our calendar page on the website for more details and to stay up-to-date with our boards & commissions.

APRIL 02: City Offices Closed in Observance of Good Friday

APRIL 05:
● 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

APRIL 06:
● 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Work Session Meeting

APRIL 07:
● 7:00 PM - Citizen's Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

APRIL 08:
● 7:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

APRIL 12:
● 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

APRIL 13:
● 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

APRIL 14:
● 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting

APRIL 19:
● 4:00 PM - Public Safety Pension Board Meeting
● 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

APRIL 20:
● 7:00 PM - Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

APRIL 21:
● 6:30 PM - Technology Advisory Committee Meeting
● 6:30 PM - Library Board Meeting

APRIL 27:
● 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

APRIL 28:
● 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting