MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

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Hello, Berkley community,

Welcome to the eighth month of the year, truly the most August of them all.

We are excited to bring you a full lineup of events and useful information happening in our community.

This has been a rainy summer and, as I write this, there are more storms to come. So far, the impact of these storms has been blunted by the work that our Public Works Department has done to slow the flow of water into our sewer system. This work started a long time ago but the last decade has seemed very different than the ones that came before. In the last ten years, we have installed more restricted covers on private and public property, enforced more downspout disconnections, and required more detention systems for new, private developments. In addition to this, the pipes underground are cleaned, inspected, relined, and reinforced to the tune of nearly half a million dollars a year.

All of this would help me sleep soundly through each and every storm if not for the fact that rainfalls are growing more extreme with each passing year. The frequency of storms and the intensity of rainfalls are both increasing and local governments are working on inventive ways to deal with this reality but, as we have said in the past, there will always be a bigger storm on the horizon. Thankfully we are not alone in this and local and county governments across our great nation are sharing best practices and ideas on how to manage these flows. We need to advocate for the resources to make these great ideas as much of a reality as our changing climate is. This will be a team effort. Not just for us as a municipality, but for our surrounding communities, and with you, our residents. While I or the City cannot provide specific directions for your household, I would like to share some helpful steps you can take as a homeowner to: Protect Your Home from Flooding (provided by FEMA).

Yet, I would not be doing my pun right by ending on this note. I am so excited to see the return of two great events for the community we serve.

First, the Chamber's Berkley Street Art Fest on Coolidge Hwy. This event is typically held in July but you know... COVID. This year has a great lineup with the return of chalk art, mural painting, and my favorite, the food. This event is on August 7 from 11 AM to 5 PM.

CruiseFest on Twelve Mile is also happening this year! This is our 25th Car Parade and event. For those who have never experienced this event, it's 300 to 400 antique, cool, and unique vehicles from across the region parading along Twelve Mile from Woodward to Greenfield. After the parade, Greenfield to Coolidge remains closed for a mile-long community block party including music, food, dancing, and merriment! It's a great chance to experience Berkley at its best. If this sounds like your cup of tea (or brew, your choice) then "park" your calendar for Friday, August 20 at 6:30 PM.

These two events are a great reminder of the true spirit of Berkley, and it is a great reminder for me of the amount of pride and strength this community has that we work so hard to improve.
Election Season Is Almost Here (...again)!

Absentee ballot applications for the November 2 General Election will be **mailed out the second week of August**.

If you would like to receive an application or be added to the permanent absentee ballot list, please contact the Clerk's Office.

The deadline to register as a write-in candidate for the November 2 General Election is 4 p.m. on October 22, 2021.

In November, voters will choose one mayor and three city council members.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Master Plan Update
At the July 19, 2021 meeting, the City Council approved the release of the draft Master Plan to adjacent communities, public utilities, reviewing agencies, and the general public for 63 days, as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

The draft Plan is available on the City website and hard copies are available for viewing at City Hall, Parks and Recreation, Senior Center, Public Safety, Public Works, and the Library.

Comments may be submitted until September 23, 2021.

You can email your comments to masterplan@berkleymich.net or send them to the Community Development Department at 3338 Coolidge Hwy, Berkley, MI 48072.

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/masterplan.

AquaTots Update
The multi-tenant development at the former Farina's Banquet Hall is moving forward!

Commonly referred to as the AquaTots development - the project is underway. City staff has met with the developer and contractor for the pre-construction meeting to go over the details of the project, including the overall timeline for construction. Fencing has been installed to secure the site and the building will be demolished in the coming days.
Berkley Digital Budget Book
Look for the Berkley Digital Budget Book on the Berkley website in August.

This is a new format to present our annual budget and we hope it presents our numbers in an easier to understand format.

Also, please look for the ability to pay your taxes via the same BS & A Online Portal that you can currently pay your water bill. You can pay your taxes via credit card or your bank account for a small fee. Both will be available via a link on our website in August.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

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Thank You for coming to Ladies Night Out!
Thank you to the community members who came out to shop downtown Berkley for Ladies Night Out in July.

Our downtown retailers and small business owners definitely felt the local love. In August, the DDA is excited to again support the dynamic downtown traditions of Berkley Street Art Fest and the Cruisefest and, in September, the Berkley Art Bash.

DDA Interactive Booth at Street Art Fest
During the Saturday, August 7th Street Art Fest, come see the Berkley DDA at their interactive booth. That day we'll also be celebrating the new business Grand Opening of Pinspiration, the first such location in Michigan. Their celebration runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at their location, 2733 Coolidge Highway in dynamic downtown Berkley -- the community is invited and encouraged to attend.
Summer fun is here and the Chamber has opportunities for you to participate!

**Berkley Street Art Fest**

Berkley Street Art Fest presented by MSU Federal Credit Union opens to the public from 11 am to 5 pm on August 7, 2021. The area of the festival has been expanded to spread everything out with the streets closing on Coolidge between Catalpa and Beverly.

- Note the actual road closure begins at 5 am on August 7th with the street opening back up at 8 pm on August 7th.

There are still openings to participate in the Chalk Art Contest for a chance to win prize money. Internationally renowned chalk artist David Zinn will be back at the festival, creating his fun masterpieces. There will be an array of free opportunities for people to create their own art too.

And, you can shop! New this year is the Shop for Good Village, a small curated collection of handmade product makers and sellers, with a primary focus of "Doing Good" on a local or global scale. In addition, many of the Coolidge businesses will be having sidewalk sales too.

**Want to Volunteer?**
We also need volunteers for the day of the event. To register to be in the chalk artist contest, volunteer, or details of the event visit [www.berkleystreetartfest.com](http://www.berkleystreetartfest.com).

**Get your 25th Anniversary CruiseFest shirt!**
Starting the week of August 9th you can purchase the shirt ahead of time at Vitrine on Coolidge or Coco Fairfield’s on 12 Mile Rd. Or visit us under the Marquee during CruiseFest.

**Berkley Art Bash**
Berkley Art Bash opens to the public from 10 am to 6 pm on September 11, 2021. This art fair will have over 100 artists, makers, and food vendors.

It will be spaced out more than in the past for social distancing fun with 12 Mile Rd. being closed from Coolidge Hwy to Buckingham. There will be a kid zone area thanks to Vibe Credit Union and Pinspirations. Children can pick a fun art/craft kit to make at the festival or take it home with them.

**Want to Volunteer?**
We are also looking for volunteers for this event too. Please visit [www.berkleychamber.com](http://www.berkleychamber.com) to sign up if interested in volunteering.
The Department of Public Works (DPW) is open to the public!

Not comfortable coming into the building? 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.

Building a Better Berkley
Construction continues in Berkley. For the latest updates and information on these projects, you can check out the Infrastructure Projects page on the City website. Each project has details on schedule, contacts, etc. Learn more here: www.berkleymich.org/constructionprojects

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.

Yard Waste Collection
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) runs through November 26.

• GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK-UP REMINDER: Monday, September 6 is a holiday for the City’s refuse and recycling contractor (Tringali). As a result, pick up that week will be delayed by one day (Tuesday moves to Wednesday and Friday moves to Saturday).

Grass Clippings Reminder
As a reminder, please do not blow or place yard clippings in the street.

The grass clippings can negatively impact the sewer system and create a hazard for motorcyclists.

Compost Available
Compost is available for residents. A stockpile is located just outside the DPW yard on Beverly between Bacon and Phillips.

Questions?
Please refer to the City website at www.berkleymich.org/dpw or call the Berkley DPW at 248-658-3490.
Berkley Public Library Expanded Hours

Starting on Monday, August 2, the library’s hours will be expanded to:

- Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm
- Friday from 10 am to 5 pm
- Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm

Friends Mini Pop-Up Book Sale
Saturday, August 7 from 10 am to 3 pm

Join the Friends of the Berkley Public Library for an outdoor Pop-Up Book Sale! Donate what you think is fair for your purchase. Cash or check accepted.

This sale will take place during the Berkley Street Art Fest so the library parking lot will be closed for the day.
AUGUST PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation
Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
Most people tend to live their lives with a wandering mind, worried or consumed by past or future events. This introduction to meditation tries to open up a world of the present moment, the most important time of our lives. We will start with a short introduction followed by a 30 minute guided, sitting meditation, then close the session with questions, answers, and interesting experiences. Session led by Greg Sherburn.

Summer Reading ends on August 7!
Be sure to turn in your reading forms to be entered in a raffle for prizes.

Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, August 10 at 12:30 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and WWII by Robert Matzen.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Summer Reading ends on August 7!
Be sure to submit the online form or bring in your reading log to the library by the end of August to receive your final prize! The online form will be emailed to all registrants during the first week of August.

T-Shirt Tote Bags
Week of August 2

Upcycle old T-shirts into cool bags! Kits can be picked up during our open hours Monday 8/2 through Saturday 8/7. There will be a demo video posted to the library’s Facebook page Monday morning.

Pop Can Pencil Cases
Week of August 23

Get ready for school by recycling a pop can box into a place to keep all your new pencils! Kits can be picked up during our open hours Monday 8/23 through Saturday 8/28.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Reading ends on August 7!
Be sure to submit the online form or bring in your reading log to the library by the end of August to receive your final prize! The online form will be emailed to all registrants during the first week of August.

Story & A Craft (Facebook Live)
Wednesday, August 4 at 11:00 am

Join us for a story and a craft! The video will stream live at 11:00 am and will be available to watch for several days.

Bags of craft supplies can be picked up starting Wednesday morning at 10 am, as supplies last.

Ark Animal Encounters (Zoom)
Wednesday, August 4 at 6:30 pm

Join us for an interactive animal experience! We’ll observe several animals up-close and learn all about them.

1st Day of School Time Capsule Kit
Week of August 23

Pick up a bag of supplies to create a time capsule you can open at the end of the school year to see how you’ve grown!

Pickup will be during our open hours Monday 8/23-Saturday 8/28.
Department #Feature of the Month
On June 18, a Berkley resident suffered a cardiac arrest, meaning his breathing and heart stopped. Fortunately, his wife called 911 immediately and Berkley Department of Public Safety Officers, along with our Advance Life Support (ALS) partners at Alliance Mobile Health were dispatched.

Upon arrival, Berkley officers Greg Betts, Brian Gothard, and Robert Kwecinski immediately began to treat the resident. Utilizing a LUCAS Device (a CPR machine) and an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), the officers were able to revive the resident’s heart.

Alliance Mobile Health quickly arrived and administered ALS care. He was then transported to Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak, where he received further treatment. On July 3, the resident was released from Beaumont Hospital and returned home.

Congrats to Chief Koehn!

Congratulations to Chief Matt Koehn who was sworn into the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) Executive Board as the 2nd District (Oakland County) Representative.

Chief Koehn was elected by his Oakland County peers to represent them at the state association. The Berkley Department of Public Safety strongly believes in professional development, following best practices, and succession planning, and MACP is an outstanding asset for assisting the Department in meeting these goals.

Other MACP members within our Department include Det./Lt. Andrew Hadfield, Lt. Corey Miller, and Lt. Jordan Kobernick.

Welcome K-9 Officer Bear
We are proud to share that Officer K-9 Bear has passed the K-9 Academy and can begin working in an official capacity at the Department.
Berkley CruiseFest is Happening Friday, August 20 at 6:30 PM!
The Berkley CruiseFest is on Friday, August 20, 2021. The classic car parade will begin around 6:30 pm followed by music from Darron Moore & the 14th Floor around 7:30 pm.

**New for 2021** We are excited to host an outdoor movie in front of the Neighbor’s Shoppe. GREASE is the word and it will begin following the parade. We look forward to seeing everyone again for the 25th Anniversary of the Berkley CruiseFest.

Be on the Lookout for more Activities in September!
We are excited to share that Senior casino trips, lunch outings, and other scheduled outings are coming back very soon! Please stay tuned for the September newsletter.

AUGUST PROGRAMS

**Senior Programs**
- Virtual and In-person Chair Yoga

**Adult Outdoor Programs**
- Yoga in the Park
- Sanchin Ryu Karate

**Youth Programs**
- Sanchin Ryu Karate

**Tennis**
- PeeWee
- Youth
- Adult & Teen

**Specialty Camp**
- Kidde Soccer
- Self Defense and Safety
- Sports Starters

To register for programs, visit berkley.maxgalaxy.net
AUGUST EVENTS

SummerFest:

**Outdoor Movie**
- Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021
- Location: Oxford Park
- Time: 7:00 PM

**Movie is TBD**

**Outdoor Ice Cream Social**
- Date: Tuesday, August 24, 2021
- Location: Community Park
- Time: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Oxford Park Splash Pad Now Open

Splash Pad Rules & Hours
- Open daily from 11 AM - 8 PM**
- Splash Pad runs Memorial Day through Labor Day**
- **Play at your own risk**
- **NO** running
- **NO** glass, food, or pets
- **NO** bikes, skateboards, or rollerblades
- Children under 12 must have adult supervision
- Splash pad is **UNSUPERVISED**
- Children in diapers MUST wear swim diapers
- Clear the splash pad during inclement weather
- **For emergencies, call 9-1-1**
- For non-emergencies, call Parks & Recreation at 248-658-3470

**Days and Hours are subject to change.**
The Berkley Historical Museum Is 31 Years Old This Year!
It is fitting that one of the first collections visitors will discover when they enter from Coolidge is a collection of maps. One of the best ways to scan the history of an area is by taking a close look at historical maps. There are maps that show the original farms and Berkley's first established streets. When you look carefully at the street maps you will find a lot of name changes and even some streets that no longer exist!

The map below shows the Berkley area in 1925. For a better look stop by the museum and do watch for an announcement about an event marking our birthday!

Learn more about the Historical Museum at www.berkleymich.org/museum.
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.

**AUGUST 04**
- 7:00 PM - Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

**AUGUST 07**: BERKLEY STREET ART FEST FROM 11 AM to 5 PM

**AUGUST 09**:
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

**AUGUST 10**:
- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Meeting

**AUGUST 11**:
- 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

**AUGUST 12**:
- 7:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

**AUGUST 18**:
- 6:30 PM - Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

**AUGUST 20**: BERKLEY CRUISEFEST STARTING AT 6:30 PM

**AUGUST 24**:
- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

**AUGUST 25**:
- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting