MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER
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Hello, Berkley community,

Happy New Year!! No, I didn’t reuse my January post, July 1st starts a new fiscal year for our City government.

Getting to this day takes a lot of planning and work from our dedicated staff and City Council. Each year in January, we begin creating and establishing goals for the City. We then work to allocate resources for programs, initiatives, and projects that would benefit Berkley.

We do our best to forecast the revenues we might have and how we can invest them into a high standard of living for our residents. It is not an easy task to make predictions for July 1st to June 30th of the next year but we’re guided by experience, know-how, and, most importantly, a wonderful community. So I would like to raise a glass to a New Year and all the good that will come to our community!

I would also like to say hello to a new group in our community called the Berkley Gardeners. What started as a Facebook group soon bloomed (yes, plant puns) into a community of people with a love of gardening who encourage new gardeners and help one another’s gardens blossom beautifully. They are planning to showcase their hard work through a community tour this summer so please keep an eye out for that good news. Come grow with them!
STRAIGHT FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE

Licenses From the Clerk’s Office
The moratorium on issuing Peddler’s Licenses is lifted this month. Anyone interested in receiving a Peddler’s License, including for the Woodward Dream Cruise, may contact the Clerk’s Office at 248-658-3310 or via email at clerk@berkleymich.net.

Election Petition Packets Available
Petition packets for those interested in running for local office are available at the City Clerk’s Office and must be returned by 4 p.m. July 20th.

Residents will elect one mayor to serve a two-year term and three council members to serve four-year terms during the November 2, 2021, General Election.

Absentee ballot applications for the November 2, 2021, General Election will be mailed in early August. If you would like to register to vote or be placed on the PermanentAbsentee Ballot List, please contact the Clerk’s Office at 248-658-3310 or via email at clerk@berkleymich.net.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Looking to Open a Business in Berkley?
Community Development has updated its Business Licensing information for Berkley. In addition to updating the business license application, we have also created a Land Use Matrix and a 7-Step Guide for new business owners along with an interactive presentation on the website. We hope that this will better aid the public when they look to open a business in Berkley. Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/openforbusiness.
Master Plan Update
The draft Master Plan has been reviewed by the Master Plan Steering Committee and the Planning Commission. The next step will be City Council reviewing the document and, if appropriate, will release the document to the public for the required 63-day public comment period. The document will also be sent to surrounding communities and public utilities and agencies. Stay up to date at www.berkleymich.org/masterplan.

Aqua Tots Update
The developer is finalizing the last items needed by the City. We hope to schedule a pre-construction meeting in the next couple of weeks.

FINANCE UPDATE

2021 Sidewalk Program Invoices
Invoices and payment details for the 2021 sidewalk program will be mailed after the program ends later this year.

Residents will have extra time to pay those sidewalk bills.

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/citysidewalks.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OPENING
The Berkley Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) currently has an opening for an alternate board member position. Apply today at www.berkleymich.org/getinvolved!

INTERESTED IN APPLYING?
Apply today at berkleymich.org/getinvolved!
DEADLINE to submit your application is July 8.

JOIN THE BERKLEY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Save the Date for the Street Art Fest!
Berkley Street Art Fest is back this year although in August instead of July. The celebration takes place on August 7, 2021, from 11 am to 5 pm on Coolidge Hwy. between Catalpa and Beverly.

The event includes the return of professional and aspiring chalk artists, who will create colorful street art with chances to win cash prizes, a DJ, and an exploration of Downtown Berkley’s many murals. People throughout metro Detroit will have the opportunity to watch these artists as their masterpieces come to life.

New this year is the Shop for Good Village, a curated collection of handmade product makers and sellers, with a primary focus of “Doing Good” on a local or global scale. Shop for Good Village will offer upcycled/recycled items, ethically produced handmade global products, vegan and/or organic handmade products, and handmade products benefitting local at-risk and special-needs communities.

To register for the chalk art contest, become a sponsor, have a vendor booth, support the event with a purchase of a lawn sign, be a volunteer at the event, or find out more about this free event, visit www.berkleystreetartfest.com.
The Department of Public Works (DPW) has re-opened 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 is here in Berkley. Several projects have started and more will be starting soon in the City. 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 and recycling pick-up for the month of July will occur on regularly scheduled days (no changes).

Need a 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.

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.
Downtown Berkley Updates
The DDA has contracted with DCAM, inc. who will be restriping the municipal parking lots in the downtown area along Twelve Mile and Coolidge Hwy in late July 2021. We are looking forward to this project as it will enhance the aesthetic appearance of our downtown.

You can read more about this project here: www.downtownberkley.com/downtown-municipal-lot-restriping

Ladies Night Out Events
It's time for our annual Summer Ladies Night Out! Come shop, dine, and play in Downtown Berkley on Thursday, July 15 from 5 - 9 pm. Plus, we'll be giving away a GRAND PRIZE of a basket filled with local goodies and Downtown Berkley Bucks. More details about this event can be found here: www.downtownberkley.com/july-ladies-night-out

Facade Improvements & Murals
The DDA is also excited about some fantastic upcoming facade improvements and murals. Look out for a special announcement about where you can find those in the next few weeks.

IMPORTANT DATES - HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES
The City will be closed on the following day(s):

- 07/05/2021 - In Observance of Independence Day

Public Safety will continue to provide 24-hour operations and support to the community.
Berkley Public Library Expanded Hours

Starting Tuesday, July 6, the library’s hours will be expanded to:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 am to 4 pm
- Tuesday and Thursday from 1 pm to 7 pm
- Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm

JULY PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

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

Zoom—Registration required.  
The Color Purple by Alice Walker.

Summer Reading Challenge

Read and win prizes! Sign up for the reading challenge at www.berkleymich.org/summerreading.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Summer Reading is Here!  
Visit www.berkleymich.org/summerreading to get started!

MiLibrary Quest, June 1st - July 31st
Participate in a digital animal scavenger hunt put on by libraries across the state of Michigan. Enter by finding animal descriptions on library websites, and inputting those animals into the MiLibraryQuest entry form to be entered for a chance to win a prize! Visit www.mi.gov/milibraryquest to get started!

String Art, Week of July 5  
Curbside Pickup—Registration required.

Create a design with wood, nails, and colored string. We’ll post a how-to video on our Facebook page Monday morning. Kits can be picked up during all curbside hours July 5-10.

Dinner and a Movie
Curbside Pickup—Registration required.
Thursday, July 15 from 10 am to 7 pm

Use the Google form on our website (www.berkleymich.org/summerreading) to select a movie to check out, then pick it up along with a bag of popcorn and other treats for a weekend movie night!

Snuffleballs—Make to Donate, Week of July 19
Curbside Pickup—Registration required.

A snuffleball is a layered fleece ball used to hide dog treats inside to create a puzzle game for a dog. We will donate these to the Humane Society. We’ll post a how-to video on our Facebook page Monday morning. Kits can be picked up during all curbside hours July 19-24.

Completed snuffleballs can be returned to the donation bin during all curbside hours July 26-31.
Harry Potter’s Birthday ⚫
Curbside Pickup—Registration required.
Saturday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Take home a bag of Hogwarts-themed fun to celebrate the birthday of everyone’s favorite wizard!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Reading is Here!
Visit [www.berkleymich.org/summerreading](http://www.berkleymich.org/summerreading) to get started!

Online Story & A Craft
*Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (July 7, 14, 21, & 28)*

Tune in for a story and a craft! Each Wednesday morning of Summer Reading we’ll post a storytime video on our Facebook page and have craft kits available for pickup as supplies last.
No registration required.

All About Animals ⚫
*Zoom—Registration required. Wednesday, July 7 at 6:30 p.m.*

Mad Science Detroit will teach us all about animal life cycles, camouflage, and more! Each family will also receive a kit to make animal tracks at home. Thanks to Vibe Credit Union for sponsoring this program!

Dinner and a Movie ⚫
Curbside Pickup—Registration required.
*Thursday, July 15 from 10 am to 7 pm*

Use the Google form on our website ([www.berkleymich.org/summerreading](http://www.berkleymich.org/summerreading)) to select an animal-themed movie to check out, then pick it up along with a bag of popcorn and other treats for a family weekend movie night!

Zoom Book Club
*Zoom—Registration required. Saturday, July 17 at 2:00 p.m.*

We will be discussing *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon.

Camp PencilPoint
*Facebook Live—No registration needed. Thursday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m.*

Get ready to draw with nonsense and tomfoolery! Hone your drawing skills, creativity, and silliness in this drawing workshop. No registration required. Thanks to Vibe Credit Union for sponsoring this program!

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PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

Public Safety Lobby Construction Update
The Public Safety lobby project continues to make progress. It is anticipated our lobby will be open to the public by Tuesday, July 6, 2021. Stay tuned for photos in the August newsletter.

City Fireworks Ordinance Reminder
A reminder that Michigan Fireworks Law and Berkley City Ordinance only allows fireworks to be used June 29 - July 4 from 11:00 am until 11:45 pm. Fireworks may NOT be used on public property (which includes streets), school property, or any other property without the owner’s permission. Sky lanterns are still prohibited and consumers may not use fireworks while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and pets and be safe.
July is National Parks & Recreation Month!
We hope you find time to visit your favorite Berkley park and engage in a fun recreational activity throughout the month of July. Summer is a great time of year to get outside, visit new parks and explore our great State of Michigan.

Oxford Park Grand Opening was a Success
Thank you to everyone who attended the Oxford Park Grand Opening! We couldn’t have asked for a better day to celebrate with the community.

Since the opening, the park has been filled with smiling faces enjoying the new play structure, splash pad, and walkways. We have received such wonderful and positive feedback from adults and children of all ages about how much they love and frequent the new park. We are excited and thrilled to hear these compliments and look forward to the additional features we have planned for this space and other parks throughout Berkley.

JULY PROGRAMS

Senior Programs
Virtual and In-person Chair Yoga

Adult Outdoor Programs
Yoga in the Park
Tai Chi
Sanchin Ryu Karate

Youth Programs
Sanchin Ryu Karate

Tennis
PeeWee
Youth
Adult & Teen

Specialty Camp
Boys Basketball Camp
Preschooler Soccer Starters Camp
Skyhawks Beginner Golf Camp
Skyhawks Multi-Sport Baseball & Soccer Camp
Tee-Ball Camp

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

SummerFest:

Jaycee Jamboree
- Date: Thursday, July 22, 2021
- Location: Jaycee Park
- Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Concert in the Park
- Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021
- Location: Oxford Park
- Time: 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.
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.

**JULY 05:**
City Offices, Community Center, and Library closed in observance of Independence Day

**JULY 07**
- 7:00 PM - Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

**JULY 12:**
- 7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Meeting

**JULY 13:**
- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

**JULY 14:**
- 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting

**JULY 15:**
- 7:00 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

**JULY 19:**
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

**JULY 27:**
- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

**JULY 28:**
- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Committee Meeting