MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Hello, Berkley community,

As I sit down to write my newsletter message, I sometimes have two parallel themes running through my head.

As we take important steps toward regular operations and re-opening city facilities to the public once again, I have both the 1990 LL Cool J classic “Don’t call it a comeback” and the theme from Welcome Back Kotter in my head.

Opportunities abound for the mashup hit of the summer aside, our staff will continue to be here for you in person just as we have been all throughout the last 15 months. We ask for patience as we react to the changing rules and guidance from federal, state, and county officials and move toward the end of restrictions as of July 1st.

Each of our buildings has to address different challenges and will reopen at different speeds. As you enter our buildings, you will likely see staff and fellow residents choosing to wear masks. We will not be requiring masks for employees or residents as they visit our buildings but anyone of us can still make that personal choice.

They are doing what is right for them at that moment as they provide service to the public or take advantage of the City’s wonderful services. If you see someone with or without a mask on, please treat them with kindness. Without fully realizing it, each of us will carry some new habit forward from this shared experience. Maybe you’ll wash your hands longer or more often, perhaps you’ll use your foot to open doors, or it might be that you’ll choose to continue to wear a mask past the requirement. Whatever it is, I hope it makes you happier and offers a bit of personal peace of mind.

[Signature]
STRAIGHT FROM THE CLERK’S OFFICE

Licenses From the Clerk’s Office
The moratorium on Peddler's Licenses will be lifted on July 1st. Anyone interested in receiving a peddler's license may begin applying on June 14th.

Election 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 council members to serve four-year terms.

Garage Sale Permits
Free permits are required to hold a garage sale and may be found on the Clerk's website or by emailing clerk@berkleymich.net.

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

FINANCE UPDATE

Upcoming FY Budget has Been Approved
With the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget now complete and approved by City Council, look for a copy of the final approved budget and resolutions on the City of Berkley website on the Finance page.

We will also be releasing a Digital Budget from ClearGov before the end of June 2021 with a different look at how your tax dollars are spent.

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/treasury.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Looking to Open a Business in Berkley?
We will be providing new ways for the public to access information related to opening a new business in the City. We have a new brochure that outlines the steps, as well as a Land Use Matrix that will better assist in determining where a type of business is permitted in the City. The new platform will be launched in June.

Master Plan Update
The Master Plan continues to move forward. Carlisle Wortman Associates have been hard at work incorporating the feedback from stakeholders, residents, and business owners into a complete document. Stay up to date at www.berkleymich.org/masterplan.
Save the Date!
Berkley Street Art Fest and Berkley Art Bash will be back in 2021! The footprint has increased for both of these events to provide a safe, spaced-out place for some outdoor fun!

On Saturday, August 7, 2021, the 4th Berkley Street Art Fest presented by MSU Federal Credit Union takes place on Coolidge Hwy. between Catalpa and Beverly. Come down between 11 am and 5 pm to watch chalk artists create colorful street art with chances to win prizes. New this year will be the Shop for Good Village, a curated collection of handmade product makers and sellers, with a primary focus on "Doing Good" on a local or global scale. Plus, special socially distanced chalk spaces for families who don't want to be part of the contest can create some of their own street art. For more information and to sign up to be part of the chalk art contest visit www.berkleystreetartfest.com.

The 19th Berkley Art Bash will take place on Saturday, September 11, 2021, on 12 Mile Rd. between Buckingham Ave. and Coolidge Hwy. Between 10 am and 6 pm, find hip handmade wares from over 150 artists and makers and enjoy street eats and fun kid activities. For more information or to have a booth at the fair visit www.berkleyartbash.com.
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.

Building a Better Berkley
Construction season is here! 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.

Questions about the 2021 Sidewalk Replacement Program?
We are continuing with the multi-year, City-wide Sidewalk Replacement Program and Phase 2 will include the East, Central, and Southwest sections of the City. Information regarding this program can be found at www.berkleymich.org/citysidewalks.

Additional questions? Please send an email to sidewalks@berkleymich.net and a City representative will assist you.

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 can continue to contact the DPW if the chipper service is needed at 248-658-3490.

Yard Waste Collection & Trash Bins
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.

- As a reminder, please do not blow or place yard clippings in the street. Grass clippings can negatively impact the sewer system and create a hazard for motorcyclists.

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
Phase 1 of Wayfinding Signs has been installed. Over the next few weeks, we'll ensure the sites are clean, any issues are addressed, and make sure these signs are 100% perfect.

Spring is here! With that comes the lovely flowers planted and hung throughout the Downtown. Over the next few weeks, you'll see beautiful flowers popping up around town and some other spring cleaning initiatives.

Ladies Night Out Events
Please save the date for Ladies Night Out: July 15 and October 7.

Interested in Volunteering?
We are looking for people passionate about Downtown Berkley to help the DDA! This volunteer opportunity could have you serving on a committee, helping out with a specific initiative/event, or spending a few hours a month passing out posters and flyers in the downtown area. Please pass the word along, and email jfinney@berkleymich.net if you're interested.

BERKLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Thank You For Your Donations!
This globe and stand have been donated to the Berkley Historical Museum by Annette Cleghorn. It had been gifted to the Berkley Public Library in 1960 in honor of her grandmother, June Vernia.

There is a plaque that says it's from the students of Pattengill Elementary School where she worked. June had passed away unexpectedly of a brain aneurysm. She was beloved by all. Annette would show it to family and friends anytime they would visit the library until it made a home here in the museum.

As always, please consider donating historical Berkley items to the museum when you are looking for a new home for your Berkley treasures.

Learn more about the museum at www.berkleymich.org/museum.
Berkley Public Library Opens June 7 for Grab & Go Service!
We’re pleased to announce the library will reopen to the public on Monday, June 7 for Grab & Go service. You’ll be able to browse the collections, make your selections, and check them out at the front desk. Curbside pickup will continue to be available. Additional details will be shared soon.

Grab & Go and curbside hours will continue to be Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 3 pm to 7 pm.

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.
JUNE PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, June 8 at 12:30 p.m.
Zoom—Registration required.
Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages That Shaped Our Recent History by Kati Martin.

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

TEEN PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Starts June 14!
Visit www.berkleymich.org/summerreading to get signed up!

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 Bag Painting, Week of June 14.
⚫ Pick up a cloth bag and some fabric paint to create your own customized tote.
Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Marbled Mugs, Week of June 21.
⚫ Use nail polish to create a marbled pattern on a coffee mug. We’ll post a short tutorial video on our Facebook page Monday morning that will stay up all Summer.

Tattooed Rocks, Week of June 28.
⚫ Ink a rock! Transfer temporary tattoos to rocks for a new take on rock painting.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Summer Reading starts June 14.
Visit www.berkleymich.org/summerreading to get signed up!

Online Story & A Craft
Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. (June 16, 23, & 30)
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.

Animal Trivia
Facebook Live—No registration needed.
Thursday, June 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Test your knowledge and learn some wild and wacky things about animals. Questions will be based on the book What Breathes Through its Butt? by Dr. Emily Grossman, and participants will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of the book! No registration required. Tune in to the live stream on our Facebook page. The video will be viewable afterward, but only live participants will be eligible to win the prize.

Cooks & Books: If You Give a Pig a Pancake
⚫ Zoom—Registration required.
Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Vibe Credit Union.
Sticky Fingers Cooking will be sharing If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff and showing us how to cook buttermilk slab pancakes, berry syrup, and sparkling orange juice! We'll email the recipe in advance so you can be sure to have the ingredients you'll need ready to go. There is a limit to how many devices can be logged in to the Zoom meeting, so please register as one person even if multiple family members will be participating.

In-Home Scavenger Hunt
⚫ Zoom—Registration required.
Wednesday, June 30 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for some friendly competition—race your friends to see who can search the house for a series of items and return the fastest!
PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

Public Safety Lobby Construction Update
The DPS lobby project continues to progress. Demolition has been completed and construction has begun. You will see more activity outside of the building as the new entrance is constructed and the walk leading to the door is made ADA compliant.

As a reminder, we are asking citizens to call 248-658-3380 BEFORE coming to the station (or from the lot) for assistance.

Mark Your Calendars!
The Berkley Public Safety Golf Outing is July 26th at the Red Run Golf Club. See www.berkleypublicsafety.org/golf-outing for additional info on the fun event for a great cause.
Community Center Opens June 1
We are happy to announce that the Community Center will be reopening on Tuesday, June 1, 2021:
- Indoor and outdoor programs will continue following the guidelines from the CDC and State Health Department.
- Room/space rentals will resume abiding by the State’s COVID-19 capacity guidelines.
- Summer Camp will continue following Michigan’s Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Guidelines for Safe Child Care Operations during COVID-19.
- Learn more at [www.berkleymich.org/parks](http://www.berkleymich.org/parks)

Park Updates
**Oxford/Merchants:** The park and playground are now open. The splash pad and restrooms will be open in June. Please stay tuned for official opening dates.
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** Grass seed has been placed near walkways, splash pad, and play structure and is cautioned off.

**Tot Lot:** The new play structure at Tot Lot will be open at the beginning of June. Stay tuned for an official announcement.

**Summer Day Camp**
Day Camp begins on June 21st. For registration please visit: [Berkley.maxgalaxy.net](http://Berkley.maxgalaxy.net)

**JUNE PROGRAMS**

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

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

**Youth Outdoor Programs**
Outdoor Guitar Lessons
Sanchin Ryu Karate

**Tennis**
PeeWee
Youth
Adult & Teen

**Specialty Camp**
Skyhawks Soccer Camp
Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp Baseball & Soccer

To register for programs or camp visit [berkley.maxgalaxy.net](http://berkley.maxgalaxy.net)
JUNE EVENTS

SummerFest:
Senior “To Go” Picnic
June 9, 11:30 AM - Community Center Lawn
Call the Parks & Recreation office to register: 248-658-3470

Outdoor Movie
June 22, 7:00 PM - Community Center Lawn
*Movie TBD

City Wide Garage Sale
June 18 & 19
Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/citygaragesale
Call the Parks & Recreation office to register: 248-658-3470
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.

JUNE 01:
- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Work Session Meeting

JUNE 07:
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

JUNE 09:
- 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

JUNE 10:
- 7:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

JUNE 11:
- 4:00 PM - Park Grand Opening

JUNE 14:
- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - CANCELLED

JUNE 15:
- 7:00 PM - Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

JUNE 16:
- 6:30 PM - Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

JUNE 21:
- 4:00 PM - Public Safety Pension Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

JUNE 22:
- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

JUNE 23:
- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting