MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER
Matthew Baumgarten

Hello Berkley!

There is so much to love about May.

There are silly and fun pop-culture references like the Justin Timberlake memes, Star Wars Day, and Cinco de Mayo.

There are also touching tributes to the amazing women who gave us life and make our lives better during Mother’s Day. Then the month ends by honoring those that sacrificed and made our way of life possible on Memorial Day.

In addition to all those great holidays, we also have our own wonderful things happening in Berkley this month (including a birthday). Take a look at the newsletter and see for yourself what an action-packed month our departments have to offer.

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

Licenses From the Clerk’s Office
The penalty on all pet licenses continues to be waived while City Hall is closed to the public. Anyone requiring a pet license may place the form, proof of vaccination, and payment in the secure drop box located at City Hall (3338 Coolidge Hwy.)

The moratorium on issuing Peddler's Licenses has been extended to last through June 2021. City staff will review the moratorium at that time.

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 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

Budget Season is Here!
The 2021-2022 Budget will be reviewed by City Council during workshops the week of May 10, 2021.

Following the workshops, Council will then decide whether to approve the budget and millage rates at the City Council meeting on May 17, 2021.

Point & Pay
Look for Point and Pay to pay via credit card or direct charge to your bank account to be available in May 2021.

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/treasury.

IMPORTANT DATES - HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

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

- 05/31/2021 - In Observance of Memorial Day

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

Master Plan Update
We have transitioned into the Drafting Phase of the Master Plan.

Our planning consultants have taken all the amazing feedback from Berkley residents, property owners, and community members and have begun drafting the document.

We thank everyone for taking their time to attend our webinars and virtual Open House, community surveys, as well as, give your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. This has been a wonderful process and could not have been done without you!

Stay up to date at www.berklemich.org/masterplan.

BERKLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Thank You For Your Donations!
The Berkley Historical Museum's collection continues to grow even through these difficult COVID-19 days when the museum is closed. This is due to the generous donations of so many people who live or have lived in our terrific city.

In the photo below, are Edie and Roger Watson who donated a baseball shirt from a team sponsored by the Spaghetti Factory. The Spaghetti Factory was located in the former Northwood Inn building. In addition to this shirt, they donated a large collection of the classic children's Golden Books series.

Please remember us when you are looking for a home for items that help tell the story of Berkley's past. Mostly, what we are looking for are items that relate directly to Berkley. Any more team jerseys out there that you no longer want?
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.

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

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.

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.

- Please Note: Monday, May 31 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 moved to Wednesday and Friday moved to Saturday).

Questions?
Please refer to the City website at www.berkleymich.org/dpw or call the Berkley DPW at 248-658-3490.
Downtown Berkley Events
Thank you to all who participated in our March into Berkley & Ladies Night Out: Take Me Out To Berkley events and supporting our Downtown Berkley businesses. As a reminder, the last day to use your Berkley Bucks is Friday, May 14.

Looking for ways to get involved in the community?
We are always looking for more volunteers on all of our DDA committees. Please reach out if you are interested in any capacity!

New Event Coming This Summer!
The DDA will be presenting a new outdoor event this August. We will continue our traditions celebrating local and public art with Art Night Market. We are still finalizing the details for this event, so stay tuned!

Residents can learn more and stay up to date about these events at www.downtownberkley.com.

Happy 89th Birthday to the City of Berkley!
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](http://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](http://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.
MAY PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

An Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation ●
Wednesday, May 5 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.

Afternoon Book Club ●
Tuesday, May 11 at 12:30 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
This month’s selection is I, Eliza Hamilton by Susan Holloway Scott. This title is available on Libby/Overdrive, Hoopla, curbside pickup, or Berkley delivery.

Yooper Talk: Dialect as Identity in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula ●
Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom—Registration required.
Presented by Kathryn Remlinger, author of Yooper Talk: Dialect as Identity in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. In this presentation, Kathryn will show how dialect, place, and identity are connected, and in particular, how sounding like a Yooper and what it means to be a Yooper are inextricably linked.

She will demonstrate how this connection has developed over time and is a result of economics, such as the tourism industry, our beliefs about who is and who is not a “real” Yooper, and our ideas about what a Yooper should sound like. Kathryn will provide many examples that she has collected over the past 19 years, including tourist souvenirs, signs in public spaces, movies, and social media.

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, craft, game, or other activity ideas. As supplies last. No registration required.

Home Learning Bags ●
Tuesday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Great Start Collaborative has provided us with another batch of their awesome activity bags for young children. We have a limited number, so we are limiting it to one per family. Please choose either the toddler or preschool bag. These bags are identical to the Great Start bags we distributed in October.

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.
PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

Public Safety Lobby CLOSED for Construction

The Public Safety lobby will be closed in May and June for construction/renovation.

We are asking citizens to call 248-658-3380 BEFORE coming to the station (or from the lot) for assistance.

These renovation updates will make the entryway and lobby ADA compliant.

Please see the map below regarding the layout while we are under construction.

CONSTRUCTION MAP

Save The Dates!

- Public Safety “Golf Outing” is scheduled for July 26, 2021
- Due to Covid, the combined “Lids for Kids” (normally held in the Spring) and “Fire Open House” are scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021, from 10 AM to 2 PM.
PARKS AND RECREATION
(248) 658-3470 | Email: parks@berkleymich.net | Facebook: @BerkleyParksandRec

Park Updates
The new play structure at Tot Lot and park development at Oxford/Merchants will be open sometime this month! Stay tuned for updates on these projects, as well as, official opening dates. Announcements will be made via the City of Berkley website and the Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

2021 WEEKLY Summer Camp Registration
Weekly Summer Day Camp registration opens May 1, 2021. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Dates: Monday, June 21, 2021, through Thursday, August 12, 2021 (8 weeks) *NO CAMP on Monday, July 5, 2021*
Cost:
- Weekly rates:
  - Resident: $170
  - Non-resident: $185
Camp hours: 8:45 am – 5:00 pm **NO am or pm extended hours**

MAY PROGRAMS

Senior Programs
Virtual Chair Yoga

Adult Outdoor Programs
Outdoor Guitar Lessons
Sanchin Ryu Karate for Adults & Teens (14 & up)
Yoga in the Park

Youth Outdoor Programs
Mini Hawks Multi-Sport
Outdoor Guitar Lessons
Outdoor Lacrosse
Sanchin Ryu Karate for Families or K-8
Skyhawks Soccer

Tennis
Pee Wee
Youth Tennis
Adult & Teen Teen

Summer Specialty Camp Registration Open
2021 Summer Specialty Camps are open for registration online at www.berkley.maxgalaxy.net

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

**MAY 03:**
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

**MAY 10:**
- 6:00 PM - Council Budget Work Session Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting

**MAY 11:**
- 6:00 PM - Council Budget Work Session Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

**MAY 12:**
- 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting
- 6:00 PM - Council Budget Work Session Meeting

**MAY 11:**
- 6:00 PM - Council Budget Work Session Meeting *(if needed)*

**MAY 15:**
- 8:00 AM - SOCRRA Special Collection Event

**MAY 17:**
- 4:00 PM - Public Safety Pension Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

**MAY 18:**
- 7:00 PM - Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting

**MAY 20:**
- 6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

**MAY 23: Happy 89th Birthday to the City of Berkley!**

**MAY 25:**
- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

**MAY 26:**
- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting

**MAY 31: City Offices & Library Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**