MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Hey Berkley,

Great things are happening in October! The weather is turning and Fall is certainly upon us.

Soon, we’ll be raking leaves to the curb for our fantastic Department of Public Works (DPW) crews to collect. Curbside leaf pick-up is one of our most popular services, and we are happy to offer this service to our residents again this year.

We are also going to have a frighteningly good time here in Berkley. Throughout the entire month, there are a variety of great opportunities for fun with the Library, Parks & Recreation, and Downtown Berkley. In this issue, you will find the full details about all of those family-friendly, spooky events.

Lastly, I would like to call attention to a big local event occurring next month, the November 2, 2021, General Election. Wondering what will be on the ballot this year? Voters will get to choose one (1) mayor to serve a 2-year term, and three (3) city council members to serve 4-year terms. You might also be thinking, what’s so important about this election, and that’s a great question to ask!

Local elections are the grassroots of democracy. By exercising your right to vote, you get to choose local officials who vote and make policy decisions on the city budget and city legislation. Additionally, city council members and the mayor are the voice of our community.

While these elections don’t get as much attention as other elections, the work we do on the local level is extremely impactful. Please take time to exercise your right to vote on November 2.

Enjoy the impending cool crisp weather, and have a wonderful October, Berkley!
Election Day is Next Month!

The November 2, 2021 General Election is right around the corner. During this election, Berkley residents will choose one (1) mayor and three (3) city council members.

Those wishing to vote via absentee ballot may contact the City Clerk’s Office at clerk@berkleymich.net or 248-658-3310.

With the success of last year, the Clerk’s Office is offering extended hours in October for those needing to take care of election-related business. There will be a ballot drop-off, drive-thru event on Thursday, October 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. The Department will also be open on Saturday, October 30 from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

12 Mile & Griffith Road Closure Update
The Griffith Rd. closure at 12 Mile along with the temporary outdoor dining, sales, and service area has been extended until December 31, 2022.

This extension is intended to continue to help local businesses thrive through the pandemic and through the recovery phase.

It’s also allowing City staff to review ordinances, programs, and policies related to the outdoors to see how we can further assist local businesses in the future. Additionally, City staff is also exploring the possibility of creating a permanent outdoor plaza at 12 Mile and Griffith Rd.

Master Plan Update
At the September 28 meeting, the Berkley Planning Commission (PC) reviewed all comments received during the 63-day public comment period for the Master Plan. They set the Public Hearing for the October 26 PC meeting.

Members of the public are still able to comment on the plan and may submit comments to masterplan@berkleymich.net, or may speak at the public hearing at the October PC meeting.

After the public hearing, PC will make a recommendation to City Council.

THANK YOU to everyone who has participated in the development of the Master Plan. Your comments, ideas, and suggestions have been invaluable to this project!
The City of Berkley Budget Book
The Digital Budget Book is now complete and will be available both online and in PDF form. You can find it here: www.berkleymich.org/finance

Sidewalk Replacement Program Invoices
Sidewalk invoices for the 2021 sidewalk program will be generated and mailed out this Fall. Residents will have up to one (1) year to pay those invoices without additional fees.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

Downtown Berkley is Getting BOO!KLEY This October with Spooky Events All Month Long!
Mark your calendars for the DDA's inaugural BOO!KLEY Nights with lots of opportunities for family fun, shopping and dining, and Halloween festivities.

DOWNTOWN SCAVENGER HUNT - October 1-29

RESTAURANT WEEKEND* - October 1-2
*in collaboration with our stellar Berkley Area Chamber partners

NIGHT MARKET - October 2 (5 to 9 pm)
Featuring Free Trolley Rides, Light Installations, Tote Bags & More

LADIES NIGHT OUT - October 14 (5 to 9 pm)

TRICK OR TREAT STROLL - October 30 (12 to 3 pm)

MONSTER MASH - October 30 (2 to 6 pm)

Visit www.downtownberkley.com/bookley for more information, and make sure to follow BOO!KLEY Nights on Facebook and Instagram for updates.
Berkley Area Restaurant Weekend
We’re kicking off October by partnering with the Berkley DDA to bring you the first-ever Berkley Area Restaurant Weekend on October 1 and 2. Nine (9) local restaurants are offering specials on food and drinks, and include Casa Amado (Atomic Dawg space), Fresh Collective, Coco Fairfield’s, Amici’s Kitchen & Living Room, Green Lantern Pizza Berkley, Berkley Common, Crispelli’s, Oak Park Social, and Dog & Pony Show Brewing. We encourage you to stop during the weekend so you can try all the delicious restaurants Berkley has to offer!

2021 State of the Cities and Best of Berkley Awards
Similar to last year, the State of the Cities will be virtual again this year. Taking place on October 28 at 4 pm, this event allows local government entities including the City of Berkley, City of Huntington Woods, Berkley School District, the Berkley DDA, and the Berkley Chamber to showcase their accomplishments from over the past year. Additionally, you’ll hear exciting programs, events, and projects coming up for the next year. Throughout the evening, the Chamber honors business people and organizations that are supportive of the community.

To register for this event, visit our website at www.berkleychamber.com and you’ll receive the Zoom link to watch.

Special THANK YOU to CMNtv for producing this year’s State of the Cities and Best of Berkley Awards event and to Beaumont Health for your sponsorship.
Public Works Seasonal Reminders
(248) 658-3490 | Email: publicworks@berkleymich.net | Hours: Monday - Friday (7 AM - 3:30 PM)

Construction Update
Several major construction projects are ongoing around the City. For more details and the most current updates, please visit the City web page dedicated to these projects: www.berkleymich.org/constructionprojects.

Chipper Service Reminder
The branch chipper service runs once a month starting the 3rd Monday of each month, and it often takes a full week to complete. **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 DPW at 248-658-3490.

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.

Yard Waste Collection
Yard waste collection information, including the full schedule, is posted on the City’s website here: www.berkleymich.org/yardwaste.

**Friendly reminder:** Free pickup of yard bags or labeled cans (50 lbs. limit) runs through November 26, 2021.

Curbside Leaf Pick Up
Curbside leaf pick-up begins October 18, 2021. Until leaf volumes get heavy, we recommend residents utilize yard waste bags for weekly disposal which helps keep the streets both clean and clear.

Trash Bins
96-gallon trash toters can be purchased 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.

Questions?
Please refer to the City website at www.berkleymich.org/dpw or call the Berkley DPW at 248-658-3490.
Berkley Public Library October 2021 Hours
Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OCTOBER PROGRAMS

_requires Registration at http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar or you can call 248-658-3440._

ADULT PROGRAMS
Afternoon Book Club
Tuesday, October 12 at 12:30 p.m.
Zoom—Registration required.
The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict.

Electric Cars: Past, Present, & Future
Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Zoom—Registration required.
Hear about the history of electric cars, including Ford and Edison’s early attempts. Learn about what cars are coming out now and about auto companies’ plans for the future from presenter Russell Dore.

TEEN PROGRAMS
Halloween Movie Night Kit
Thursday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Choose a spooky movie for the weekend and we'll set you up with the popcorn and candy! Sign up here https://forms.gle/kCraH2iBwSCexJgMA to choose which movie you’d like to check out and claim your bag.

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Outdoor Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Jaycee Park (October 5, 12, 19, & 26)
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes! Jaycee Park is located at Bacon and Webster. We'll meet under the pavilion.

Halloween Movie Night Kit
Thursday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Cozy up with a movie, popcorn, and candy for the weekend! Sign up here https://forms.gle/rs6AytkDjfeQf9g57 to choose which movie you'd like to check out and claim your bag.

Tale on the Trail at Jaycee Park
Thursday, October 21 at 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, & 7:15 p.m.
Presented with Berkley Parks & Recreation
Get ready! Tale on the Trail is back. We're partnering with Parks and Rec again for a fun evening of stories and candy! Don't forget to bring a bag of candy. Costumes are also encouraged! Thank you to the Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation for donating candy for this event.
Fire Escape Planning Facts and Safety Tips
Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

SAFETY TIPS
- **MAKE** a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- **KNOW** at least two (2) ways to get out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside are open easily.
- **HAVE** an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone can meet.
- **PRACTICE** your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- **PRACTICE** using different ways out.
- **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
- **CLOSE** doors behind as you leave.

If the alarm sounds:
- If the smoke alarm sounds, **GET OUT AND STAY OUT**. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** under the smoke on your way out.
- **CALL** the fire department from outside your home.

FIRE FACTS
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms inside every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- According to a National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **47%** of those have practiced it.
- **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!
NEW PARKS & RECREATION ONLINE REGISTRATION PORTAL ALERT

The new program registration portal launched on September 1. The update to the new platform was due to the old platform (MaxGalaxy) being discontinued. You will need to create a new user account for RecPro.

Please visit [www.berkleymich.org/parks](http://www.berkleymich.org/parks) for instructions and more information or go directly to: [recreation.berkleymich.org](http://recreation.berkleymich.org) to register!

BOO!

October is filled with fun, spooky, and treat-filled events throughout our parks. Join the festivities all month long at Parks & Pumpkins, Tale on the Trail, or BooFest. Registration is required and can be done at [recreation.berkleymich.org](http://recreation.berkleymich.org). We hope everyone enjoys the Fall season and that you have a very safe and Happy Halloween.

**OCTOBER PROGRAMS**

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**SPECIAL EVENTS***

*registration required, space is limited

- **Parks & Pumpkins** - Thursday, October 7 at Community Park 3:30 - 5:00 pm
- **Tale on the Trail** - Thursday, October 21 at Jaycee Park 6:00 - 7:15 pm (staggered start times)
- **BooFest** - Monday, October 25 at Community Park 4:30 - 6:30 pm

To register for programs, visit [recreation.berkleymich.org](http://recreation.berkleymich.org)
The Berkley Historical Committee has published its first issue of their new quarterly newsletter: The Museum Corner.

It contains articles about Berkley's history and the museum's holdings and news.

The City will be making this available electronically on both their website and Facebook page. Paper copies are also available at the library, museum, and city hall.

We certainly hope you enjoy this new publication.

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

Happy Halloween!

The City of Berkley would like to wish everyone a safe and fun Halloween.
BOARDs & COMMISSIONs OCTOBER MEETINGS

Advisory Boards & Commissions have moved to a bi-monthly schedule, and meet in person.

Governing boards will continue with a monthly schedule.
Note: All governing boards meetings will be in person; however, the City of Berkley offers a hybrid option for residents to attend meetings virtually.

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

OCTOBER 01:
- 5:00 PM - Berkley American Legion: Steak Friday Fundraisers
- DDA Downtown Scavenger Hunt*
  *Runs from October 1 to October 29, 2021
- DDA and the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Weekend

OCTOBER 02:
- 10:00 AM - Berkley Cares Food Pantry “Pack the Pantry” Event
- 2:00 PM - USS Okahomna Sailor (Rice, I.) to be Buried at Roseland Park Cemetery
- 5:00 PM - DDA Night Market
- DDA and the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce Restaurant Weekend

OCTOBER 04:
- 7:00 PM - City Council

OCTOBER 06:
- 7:00 PM - Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

OCTOBER 07:
- 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - The City Clerk's Office Ballot Drop-off, Drive-Thru Event
- 6:30 PM - DDA Monster Movie Night at Berkley First

OCTOBER 08:
- 5:00 PM - Berkley American Legion: Steak Friday Fundraisers

OCTOBER 11:
- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

OCTOBER 12:
- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

OCTOBER 13:
- 8:30 AM - DDA Meeting
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OCTOBER MEETINGS CONTINUED

OCTOBER 14:
- 5:00 PM - DDA Ladies Night Out
- 6:30 PM - DDA Monster Movie Night at Berkley First
- 7:00 PM - Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

OCTOBER 15:
- 5:00 PM - Berkley American Legion: Steak Friday Fundraisers

OCTOBER 18:
- 4:00 PM - Public Safety Pension Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

OCTOBER 20:
- 6:30 PM - Tech Advisory Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm - Library Board Meeting

OCTOBER 21:
- 6:30 PM - DDA Monster Movie Night at Berkley First

OCTOBER 22:
- 5:00 PM - Berkley American Legion: Steak Friday Fundraisers

OCTOBER 26:
- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 27:
- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Committee Meeting

OCTOBER 29:
- 5:00 PM - Berkley American Legion: Steak Friday Fundraisers

OCTOBER 30:
- 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM - The City Clerk’s Office Extended Hours
- 12:00 PM - DDA Downtown Trick or Treat Stroll
- 2:00 PM - DDA Monster Mash