



# CITY OF BERKLEY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

*Matthew Baumgarten*

### Hey Berkley,

What's new, '22? Here we are again looking forward to another year while thinking, "well, it can't be worse right?"

We can, at the very least, be grateful that we do not find ourselves in the universe of the film *Soylent Green* which was set in 2022. Thankfully we can hope that a brightly lit future of flying cars and sassy robot maids is just around the corner as this year marks the canonical birth of George Jetson from *The Jetsons* tv show.

As I have said in past updates, there is plenty of good to be found in the world and especially in our City.

If you haven't already, be sure to take a look at the Berkley Buzz to see what our dedicated City staff and partners have worked to bring forth this quarter. I am pleased to see that we are starting the new year strong with great programs, events, and new opportunities for residents and businesses.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Matt Baumgarten".

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

(248) 658-3320 | Email: [building@berkleymich.net](mailto:building@berkleymich.net) | Monday - Friday (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, *closed for lunch from 1-2 PM*)

### WHAT IS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?



### Did You Know ...

Community Development works with residents and businesses to complete building expansions and improvements, facilitate new developments in the city, and ensure that residential and commercial properties are maintained in compliance with city and state ordinances?

This department includes planning, building, and code enforcement functions of the City. Please feel free to contact us for the following:

#### Business Permits

Starting a new business? Moving into a new space in the City? We can help you make sure everything is in order! Please view the [How to Open a Business in Berkley guide](#) and e-mail [building@berkleymich.net](mailto:building@berkleymich.net) or call 248-658-3320.

#### Building & Zoning Permits

Building or zoning permits are required for most projects from fences to new plumbing. Learn more about when you need a permit and download the most frequently needed forms at our Building Permits page found here: [www.berkleymich.org/permits](http://www.berkleymich.org/permits), and e-mail [building@berkleymich.net](mailto:building@berkleymich.net) or call 248-658-3320.

#### Planning

Keep in touch with new developments in the City by checking out the [Planning Commission](#) and seeing the vision for Berkley in the newly adopted [Master Plan](#). This sector of Community Development also involves exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance, granted by the [Zoning Board of Appeals \(ZBA\)](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Community Development Director at [comdirector@berkleymich.net](mailto:comdirector@berkleymich.net) or call 248-658-3329.

#### Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for ensuring that properties are maintained in compliance with the City ordinances. If you have a question about a particular property, please call 248-658-3320 (during business hours of 8:30 AM to 5 PM) or email [codeofficer@berkleymich.net](mailto:codeofficer@berkleymich.net). Quick facts about property code enforcement can be found [HERE](#).

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## FINANCE UPDATE

(248) 658-3340 | Email: [treasury@berkleymich.net](mailto:treasury@berkleymich.net) | Monday - Friday (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, *closed for lunch from 1-2 PM*)

### The Berkley Annual Consolidated Financial Report (ACFR) is Now Complete

Residents can view a PDF version of this report on the City's website at:

[www.berkleymich.org/FinancialReport](http://www.berkleymich.org/FinancialReport).

The ACFR has all of our financial data from the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2021. Additionally, it contains a section called Management Discussion and Analysis that lists some of the major highlights in an easy-to-understand format.

### 2022-2023 Budget Season Begins this Month!

We will begin working with each Department on the City's July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, Fiscal Year Budget. The City Council will review and approve the budget in May.



### New Digital Budget Book

We have our Digital Budget Book on the City's website! It provides a graphical representation of our annual budgets for each fund. We look forward to improving the Digital Budget Book for the upcoming fiscal year. Learn more at [www.berkleymich.org/budget](http://www.berkleymich.org/budget).

## PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL REMINDERS

(248) 658-3490 | Email: [publicworks@berkleymich.net](mailto:publicworks@berkleymich.net) | Hours: Monday - Friday (7 AM - 3:30 PM)



### Yard Waste Collection

Both curbside leaf pickup and bagged yard waste collection have ended. Residents with any yard waste bags can take them to the SOCRRRA facility on Coolidge in Troy at no charge. Please note there is a 10 bag limit and no appointment is necessary for SOCRRRA residents.

### Chipper Service

Branch chipper service runs once a month starting the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 AM (weather permitting). **The chipper service is for branches over 4' in length and over 2" in diameter.** Residents should continue to contact the DPW if chipper service is needed at 248-658-3490. Please note, it often takes a full week to get through the entire City.

### Christmas Tree Removal

DPW crews will be picking up Christmas trees after the holiday. All decorations, lights, strands, etc. need to be removed before placement at the curb. We will not pick up any plastic bags or stands.

### Trash and Recycling Pick Up Notice

**Garbage and recycling pick-up for January will occur on regularly scheduled days (no changes).**

### Need a New Trash Bin?

96-gallon trash toters can be purchased from the DPW for \$70 each. These are wheeled cans with attached lids that are dumped mechanically by the City refuse hauler (Tringali). Please contact the DPW for more details.

## NEED A NEW TRASH BIN?

#### About this product:

- 96-gallon trash toters
- Wheeled cans with attached lids
- \$70 each

Contact Public Works at  
**248-658-3490** for more details.

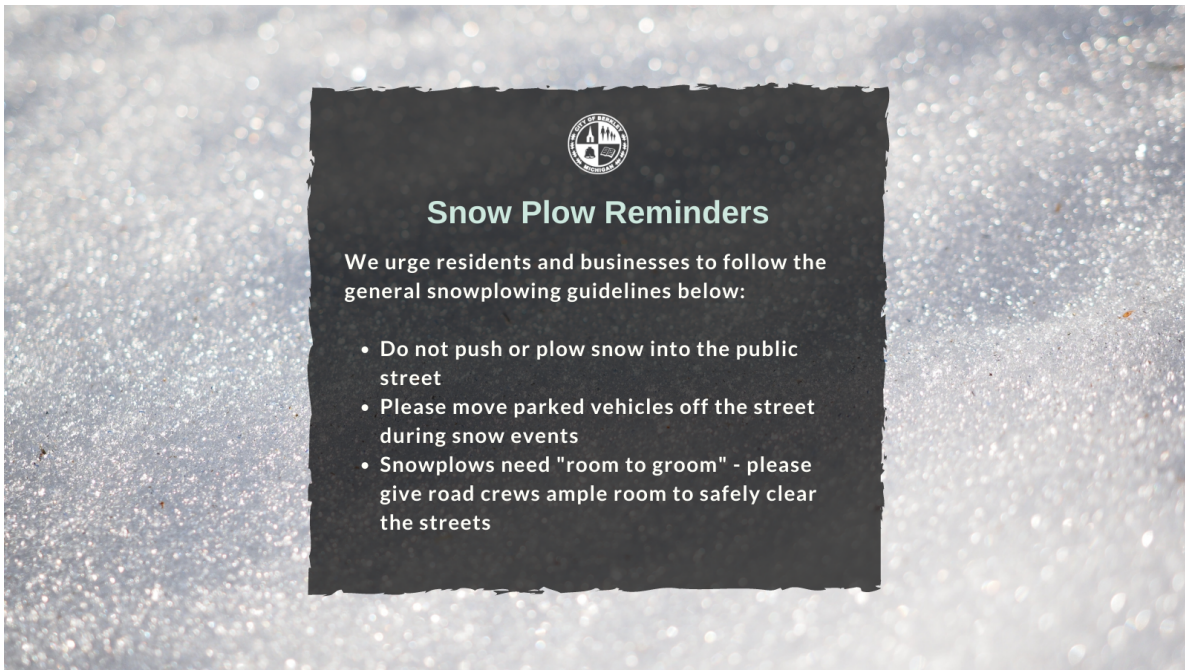




## Snow Removal Reminders

We urge all residents and businesses to follow the general snow plowing guidelines below:

- Do not push or plow snow into the public street
- Please move parked vehicles off the street during snow events
- Snowplows need "Room to Groom" - please give road crews ample room to safely clear the streets



## Don't Crowd the Plow

Snowplow reminders:

- **Never pass a plow on the right.** Plows push snow to the right shoulder and may use a wing (often 6 to 8 feet long) which is difficult to see.
- **Don't assume the plow driver can see your vehicle.** The driver's field of vision is limited. You may see the driver, but the driver might not see you.
- **Trucks release salt and sand from the back of the truck.** If you're too close to the truck, materials could hit your windshield and obstruct visibility.
- **Plow trucks travel between 25 - 35 mph.** Allow enough time and space to safely stop or slow down.

## Traveling over the Winter Months?

Any homeowners leaving the City during the winter months are encouraged to contact the DPW to temporarily change the mailing address for utility bills and shut off the water service at the curb to limit the possibility of pipes freezing.

## Questions?

Please refer to the City website at [www.berkleymich.org/dpw](http://www.berkleymich.org/dpw) or call the Berkley DPW at 248-658-3490.

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## BERKLEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

EMERGENCIES: Dial 9-1-1 | Non-Emergencies: 248-658-3380 | Facebook: [@BerkleyDPS](#)



### A Quick Message from Public Safety About Snow Emergencies

Public Safety is always here to help, but we are typically very busy during inclement weather. We can assist you if you are stuck or broken down by calling a tow truck or driving you to the station, but we won't be able to wait with you.

#### ***As a reminder, our Snow Emergency Ordinance states:***

It shall be unlawful for a person to park or leave any vehicle on a street or municipal parking lot in the city of Berkley after a snow emergency has been declared.

The city shall publicly announce a declaration of a snow emergency on social media, the city's website, and by means of broadcasts and/or telecasts from stations with a normal operating range covering the City, including cable television.

After a snow emergency has been declared, the parking prohibition under this article shall remain in effect until terminated by public announcement by the city.

Ordinance enacted: January 6, 2020

To learn more about our Snow Emergency Ordinance, visit [www.berkleymich.org/cityordinances](http://www.berkleymich.org/cityordinances).

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## VIRTUAL MEETINGS UPDATE

The City of Berkley will **no longer be offering a hybrid option for residents** to attend governing meetings virtually.

Those looking to participate in meetings are welcome to attend the City's governing board meetings in person or submit an email until 5 PM on the board's designated meeting date.

#### **Residents can still tune in and watch our City meetings in the following ways:**

- In-person at City Hall in the Council Chambers (3338 Coolidge Hwy.)
- Channel 10 for both Comcast and WOW
- [www.youtube.com/CityofBerkley](http://www.youtube.com/CityofBerkley)
- [www.berkleymich.org/livestream](http://www.berkleymich.org/livestream)

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## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS JANUARY MEETINGS

Please visit our [calendar page](#) on our City website for more details and to stay up-to-date with all our boards & commissions.

### JANUARY 3:

- **City Office Closed in Observance of New Year's\***

*\*Trash collection will NOT be delayed this week*

### JANUARY 10:

- **7:00 PM - City Council**

### JANUARY 11:

- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting
- **7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting**

### JANUARY 12:

- **8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting**
- 7:00 PM - Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

### JANUARY 17:

- **City Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Berkley & Royal Oak MLK Day Event**

### JANUARY 19:

- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

### JANUARY 20:

- 6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

### JANUARY 24:

- 4:00 PM - Public Safety Pension Board Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting

### JANUARY 25:

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

### JANUARY 28:

- **City Offices and Library Closed for In-Service Training**