MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Hello to the new fiscal year, Berkley!

As the father of two 7-year-old boys, the month of July makes me appreciate our school system. Summer vacations are a time-honored tradition of youth and wishing for school to return is a time-honored tradition of parents.

I hope our local teachers and school administrators are getting some well-deserved rest and relaxation after such a successful school year. The value that Berkley schools bring to our community cannot be overstated.

As you’ll see in this issue, City departments are also working hard to fill the month of July with a whole bunch of awesomeness (sorry teachers, I know that is not an actual word). We have both outdoor events for the sun lovers and indoor events for the A/C lovers.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun Independence Day celebration. I ask that our community never forgets that it took people from many different and diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and interests to come together to declare that we are the United States and would, forevermore, be free from the rule of the British Empire. That important step in our history eventually gave us the opportunity to form a country and a Constitution which, in its preamble, lists its first goal as the creation of “a more perfect union.”

I have said this before but we are still reaching toward that bar. Progress ebbs and flows but, it is my hope, that it will continue to move forward as we properly expand our definition of “We the people” to ensure everyone can truly benefit from the same freedoms and protections as their neighbors.

I commend all those who are working to right the wrongs of the distant and now recent past. Thank you for being truly American.

Have a great July,

– Matt
2022 Elections … #BerkleyVotes
The General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Visit the Clerk’s Office today to register to vote or sign up to receive an absentee ballot.

- **NOTE:** Lots of changes happening this year including new voter ID cards and redistricting for our community. We will be providing more information to residents in the coming weeks.

ADDITIONAL ELECTION DATES
The State Primary Election will take place on August 2, 2022.

The Clerk’s Office will hold additional hours for election purposes ONLY from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2022.

For all election-related needs contact the Clerk’s Office by calling 248-658-3310 or via email at clerk@berkleymich.net.

Learn more about voting in Berkley at www.berkleymich.org/vote.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE - INDEPENDENCE DAY
City offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022, in observance of Independence Day.

*Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.*

Public Safety will continue to provide 24-hour operations and support to the community.
Public Works Seasonal Reminders

We’re Hiring!
We have several positions open including a mechanic, laborer, and seasonal work.

Like to work with your hands? Each position opening performs a wide range of maintenance duties and manual labor assignments.

Learn more and apply today at www.berkleymich.org/employment.

Reminder: Garbage Pick-up Delayed Week Of July 4
Friendly reminder that garbage and recycling collection will be delayed by one day the week of July 4, 2022, due to the holiday. For more detail and info on the city’s holiday pickup schedule, visit www.berkleymich.org/trashcollection.

Details can also be found on the calendar page on the city’s website.

Lead Service Line Replacement Program
Public Works is partnering with the community to get the lead out! We regularly test the water supply and take steps to protect customers from lead in drinking water, but customers have a role to play as well.

The City of Berkley has implemented a lead service line replacement program to meet the new requirements of the State of Michigan. We are currently booking August through September dates and have some openings for this year.

Check out our webpage below for tips and photos to assist in material identification as well as the next steps if you find a lead pipe. An access agreement was drafted by the City Attorney and will need to be signed by the homeowner before any work begins.

Learn what you can do at www.berkleymich.org/cleanwater.

Upcoming Summer Construction Projects Set To Begin
Construction is here in Berkley. Several projects have started and more will be starting soon in the City. Those projects include the Kenmore and Cornwall Water Main & Pavement Replacement Project, City-wide Road Patching in Sections 3 and 4 of the city, and our Sidewalk Replacement Program.

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. To learn more about these projects, visit our page: www.berkleymich.org/construction.
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 fun recreational activities.
July Programming

Senior Programs:
- Chair Yoga
  - Date: Monday - ongoing
  - Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
  - Cost: $7 drop-in

Oakland County Senior Day at Independence Oaks County Park
- Date: July 20th
- Time: 9:00 AM – 3:15 PM
- Cost: $8

Adult Programs:
- PiYo in the Park
- Yoga in the Park
- Sanchin Ryu Karate in the Park
- Beginner Tai Chi

Youth Programs:
- Sanchin Ryu Karate in the Park
- Certified Babysitter CPR/First Aid

Summer Day Camp
Summer Day Camp and Specialty Camps are offered throughout the summer.
For more information and to register visit www.recreation.berkleymich.org

Special Events - SummerFest & Berkley Beats!

Looking for activities to do this summer? Berkley Parks & Recreation presents its summer 2022 SummerFest activities and the first-ever summer concert series, Berkley Beats.

Check out this month’s schedule below:
- Berkley Beats Summer Concert Series – July 13th and July 27th (All showtimes begin at 7 PM)
- Movies in the Park – July 19th at Oxford Park at 7:00 PM
- Jaycee Jamboree – July 21st at Jaycee Park, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

For more information please visit www.berkleymich.org/summerfest or www.berkleymich.org/berkleybeats
Downtown Berkley Updates
A huge thank you to Berkley Public Works for their installation of the first round of new DDA-purchased bike racks for our downtown. Likewise, thank you to them for their help removing the rusted older benches from along Coolidge in recent weeks, making way for our newer benches and bistro tables.

Successes All-Around For The Inaugural Pride Block Party Celebration!
The DDA held the first Berkley Pride celebration, as part of our Downtown Block Party series, and it was a huge success.

It took place on June 26 at Robina Avenue, north of 12 Mile Road, though there were many happy visitors along 12 Mile shopping and dining that day as well. We estimate that there were over 1,500 attendees.

So many departments and staff helped the DDA make the event come to life and, on behalf of the many DDA volunteers who made it happen, we say thank you very much.

Save The Dates For BOO!KLEY Nights In Berkley
Planning is actively underway for an epic second year of our BOO!KLEY season in downtown Berkley.

The biggest event element will be the Trick or Treat Stroll and the Monster Mash Block Party, happening on the Saturday before Halloween (October 29).
Celebrating Art In Berkley!

On July 16, 2022, from 11 AM to 5 PM the Annual Berkley Street Art Fest presented by MSU Federal Credit Union will take place on Coolidge between Catalpa and Beverly.

Participate in the chalk art contest for a chance to win prizes, watch David Zinn create his cute chalk creations, participate in the creation of a community art piece, and shop at our Shop for Good vendors.

For more information and to sign up for the chalk art contest visit www.berkleystreetartfest.com.
JULY MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

JULY 04: City offices closed in observance of Independence Day
  ● Trash collection is delayed by a day all week

JULY 06:
  ● 6:30 PM - Library Board Meeting

JULY 11:
  ● 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

JULY 12:
  ● 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting - CANCELLED

JULY 13:
  ● 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority Meeting
  ● 7:00 PM - Citizens Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting
  ● 7:00 PM - Technology Advisory Committee Meeting
  ● Berkley Beats Summer Concert Series - Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave (All showtimes begin at 7 PM)

JULY 16: Berkley Street Art Fest

JULY 15:
  ● 4:00 PM - Public Safety Pension Board Meeting
  ● 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

JULY 19:
  ● SummerFest Events - Movies in the Park @ Oxford Park (All movies begin at 7 PM)

JULY 20:
  ● 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

JULY 21:
  ● SummerFest Events - Jaycee Jamboree- from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM @ Jaycee Park
  ● 6:30 PM - Environment Advisory Committee Meeting

JULY 22: City Offices are Closed for In-Service Training

JULY 26:
  ● 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

JULY 27:
  ● 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting
  ● Berkley Beats Summer Concert Series - Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon Ave (All showtimes begin at 7 PM)

ALL JULY: Berkley Public Library's Summer Reading programs are back with Oceans of Possibilities!
Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/summerreading