



CITY OF BERKLEY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Fun, meet Sun. Sun, this is Fun.

June is the month where summer makes its official appearance (even though we've already seen the thermostat top 90 degrees this year).

Since it's summer in Berkley, I wanted to put out some reminders.

First, summer means vacation for our school-age kids. They will be out in droves enjoying the freedom that comes with their time in between the school years. Please be mindful of our kids when they are out and around in the community. They could be crossing streets, playing games, or riding bikes. Please be on the lookout when driving and make sure you are paying attention at all times.

Second, there is a sizeable portion of our community that cools their home via open windows. This is what drives our ban on firepits and burning in Berkley. It's not the fire but the smoke that can impact your neighbors in a close neighborhood. Be mindful of the impact you could have on those around you. Grilling and cooking fires are (of course) allowed.

Summer also has several holidays which are celebrated with fireworks. We are several years into them being legally enjoyed across Michigan so I hope we can all use them responsibly. After the fun, be sure they have cooled and are safe before throwing them in the trash to avoid a potential fire hazard.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our high school graduates who will now go on to make the world a better place. You'll make your hometown proud with all that you will accomplish.

Have a fun and safe summer, Berkley!

– Matt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Baumgarten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL REMINDERS

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

Compost Location Sites



Public Works will periodically drop off compost at the following locations:

1. Community Center on the west end of the south parking lot
 - Note: This location will have a delayed start this year due to conflicting events.
2. Lazenby Field on Oxford between Berkley & Henley
3. Jaycee Park on Webster between Bacon & Phillips
4. Angell Elementary School on Wiltshire between Bacon and Cummings

Please remember to **ONLY pick up compost**. These locations are **NOT a drop-off for unwanted** or hazardous materials. This includes trash, sod, or yard waste.

Lastly, this is a communal compost site for residents. **Please only take what you need** (e.g. no equipment or heavy machinery to pick up large no loads). Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/compost.

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.

The web page below provides 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.



BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

(248) 658-3440 | www.berkley.lib.mi.us | Facebook: [@BerkleyPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/BerkleyPublicLibrary)



Summer Reading Is Back With Oceans Of Possibilities



Berkley Public Library's Summer Reading programs are back! Many thanks to the Friends of Berkley Public Library and Vibe Credit Union for sponsoring this summer's activities.

Youth Reading Challenge

Sign up for the reading challenge to receive your reading log, then keep track of each day you spend time reading and stop in for a prize after 18, 36, & 54 days!

If you read for at least 54 days, you'll be entered into the grand prize drawing. This year, we will be raffling 3 bikes donated by the Berkley Masonic Lodge and one set of family tickets to Sea Life Michigan Aquarium!

Registration and logging begin Thursday, June 16.

Teen Reading Challenge

Sign up for the reading challenge to receive your reading log, then log any combination of 3 activities to win a book and any additional 3 activities to complete the program and receive the final prize pack (including a Clark's Ice Cream coupon!).

Adult Reading Challenge

Read and win prizes! Register at the library for this year's reading challenge! Earn points this summer by reading, attending library programs, and doing summer activities!

Earn 500 points, turn in your game card, get another, and keep going! Each completed game card will get you in the prize drawing.

For more information on the library's Summer Reading programs and events, please visit www.berkleymich.org/summerreading.

PARKS AND RECREATION

(248) 658-3470 | Email: parks@berkleymich.net | Facebook: [@BerkleyParksandRec](https://www.facebook.com/BerkleyParksandRec)



Parks & Recreation Programming

Senior Programs:

- Chair Yoga
 - Date: Monday -ongoing
 - Time: 11:00 AM -12:00 PM
 - Cost: \$7 drop-in

Senior Fitness:

- Date: Tuesdays and Fridays - ongoing
- Time: Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:00 AM Fridays 9:30 – 10:30 AM
- Cost: \$2 per class Drop-in

Senior Lunch Outing:

- Shield's
 - Date: Friday, June 24th
 - Time: 10:45 AM
 - Cost: \$6 -Lunch on your own

Senior Events:

- Senior Picnic at Jaycee Park
 - Date: Wednesday, June 8th
 - Time: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 - Cost: FREE
- Celebrating America BINGO
 - Date: Wednesday, June 29th
 - Time: 12:00- 2:00 PM
 - Cost: \$10 (includes lunch and two BINGO cards)

Senior Trips:

- DSO: Summer Blockbusters
 - Date: Friday, June 3rd
 - Time: 9:45 AM
 - Cost: \$55

Adult Programs:

- PiYo in the Park
- Yoga in the Park
- Zumba in the Park
- Sanchin Ryu Karate

Youth Programs:

- Sanchin Ryu Karate in the Park
- Storytime in the Park - June 15th at Jaycee Park, 10 - 11 AM

Spring Tennis:

- PeeWee
- Youth
- Adult

Summer Specialty Camp:

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Skyhawks Soccer
- Be a STEMgineer
- Jump-A-Rama Ninja Training
- Skyhawks Mini-Hawk
- Baseball Academy

Oakland County:

- Oakland County Tea Party
 - Date: Thursday, June 16th
 - Time: 9:45 AM
 - Cost: \$28

Splash Pad Opens June 10th!

The splash pad at Oxford Park is scheduled to reopen on Friday, June 10th. The hours of operation will remain the same, daily 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/oxfordpark.

Summer Day Camp



Weekly registration options. To register, visit www.recreation.berkleymich.org

****We are hiring Summer Day Camp Staff****

If you are interested in applying please contact Scott Jennex at 248-658-3470 or visit the [City's website](#).

Special Events - SummerFest & Berkley Beats!

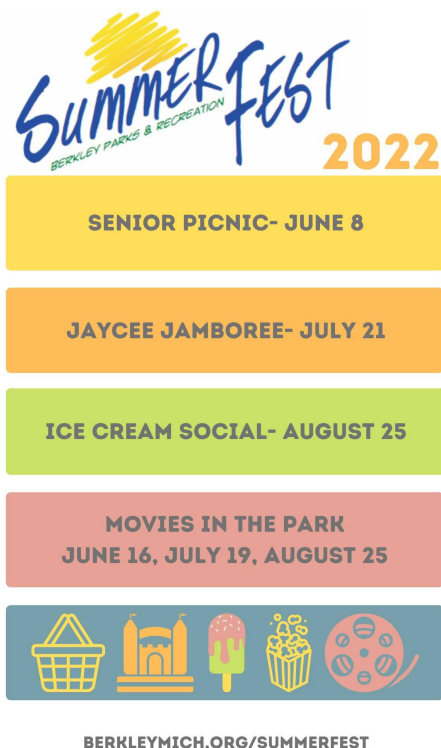
- Senior Picnic - June 8th at Jaycee Park from 11 AM – 1 PM. Registration is required.
- Movies in the Park - June 16th on the Community Center Lawn at 7 PM
- Berkley Beats - Music by The Royal Oak Concert Band & The Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra: June 22nd on the Community Center Lawn at 7 PM

For more information please visit www.berkleymich.org/summerfest or www.berkleymich.org/berkleybeats

City-Wide Garage Sale

The City-Wide Garage Sale is June 23-26. Registration can be done online or by calling the Parks & Recreation Department.

Everyone MUST register to have their address placed on the map of participating homes. To register, visit www.recreation.berkleymich.org





DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)

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Welcome to Berkley

We've welcome quick a few new businesses in Downtown Berkley. Recently, we've had ribbon cuttings for these new businesses including Little Lou's Hot Chicken at 2626 Coolidge and Flipside Records at 3099 Coolidge.

In June, we anticipate the ribbon cuttings for Hard Luck Barbershop (at 3435 Robina), The Artsy Umbrella renovations (at 3017 Twelve Mile), Reduex Market (at 2966 Twelve Mile), Casa Amado Taqueria (at 2705 Coolidge), and more!

Mark Your Calendars - Summer Events Are Here!

Our next **Ladies Night Out** is **Thursday, June 2nd from 5 to 9 PM**, the annual Berkley Art Bash is Saturday, June 11th along Twelve Mile, and the **Berkley Pride Block Party** is **Sunday, June 26th from 12 to 4 PM** at Robina north of Twelve Mile. Join the excitement in our dynamic downtown!



Upgrades To Our Downtown Streetscape

We continue to invest in the Downtown Berkley streetscape with additional mural installations, bistro seating, bike racks, and related additional enhancements planned.

Hopefully, you've noticed the American flags hanging along Coolidge and Twelve Mile, which we are delighted to help sponsor in partnership with the Berkley Department of Public Works team. The hanging flower baskets are going up along Coolidge, and the flower beds along Twelve Mile have been refreshed.

BERKLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Two Events Full of Art This Summer In Berkley!



Berkley Art Bash

Artisan finds, food, and fun will be at the **20th Annual Berkley Art Bash on June 11, 2022**. Over 140 artists, plus food trucks and kid activities will fill 12 Mile Rd. from Coolidge Hwy. to Buckingham. **The Art Bash is open to the public from 10 AM to 6 PM.**

Kids have a grand time too with creative craft projects, giant chalk the walk space, free face painting, and balloon sculptures (a small fee). Special thank you to Vibe Credit Union and Shaffer and Associates for sponsoring this year's Kid Zone.

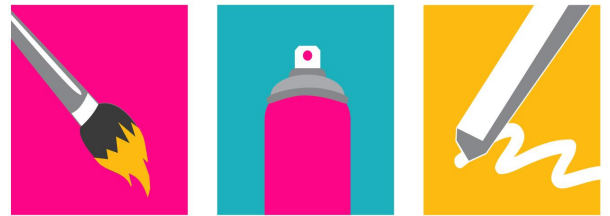
For more information on artists and other details visit www.berkleyartbash.com.

Berkley Street Art Fest

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.



BERKLEY STREET ART FEST

BERKLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

www.berkleymich.org/museum | Facebook: [@BerkleyHistoricalMusuem](https://www.facebook.com/BerkleyHistoricalMusuem) | Email: museum@berkleymich.net

Celebrating 100 Years As A Village!

Next year is going to be an exciting time for Berkley. Berkley will be 100 years old! We became a village in 1923. Before that Berkley was part of Royal Oak Township.

The Berkley Historical Museum is planning a variety of ways to celebrate our centennial. One of our projects will be to bury a time capsule that could be opened 100 years later! We are looking for suggestions from the Berkley community.

What should we put in it that will show future generations what life in Berkley was like in 2023?

The first suggestion we received was to include a face mask! Think about it and let us know. Stop by, call or email us with your ideas, and get ready to celebrate!



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS JUNE 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.

JUNE 06:

- 7:00 PM - City Council Meeting

JUNE 07:

- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Work Session Meeting

JUNE 08:

- 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting
- SummerFest Events - Senior Picnic - June 8 (11 AM - 1 PM @ Jaycee Park)

JUNE 09

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

JUNE 11: Berkley Art Bash & Lids 4 Kids from 10 AM - 6 PM

JUNE 13:

- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

JUNE 14:

- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

JUNE 15:

- 7:00 PM - Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

JUNE 16:

- 6:30 PM - Environment Advisory Committee Meeting
- SummerFest Events - Movies in the Park June 16 @ Community Center Lawn (*All movies begin at 7 PM*)

JUNE 20:

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

JUNE 22:

- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting
- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting
- Berkley Beats Summer Concert Series - Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave (*All showtimes begin at 7 PM*)

JUNE 23: Edge Your Sidewalk Campaign

JUNE 23 - 26: City-Wide Garage Sale

- Residents can sign up for the **FREE** city-wide garage sale by contacting Parks & Recreation at **248-658-3470**

JUNE 25: Berkley Garden Walk 2022

JUNE 24: City Offices are Closed for In-Service Training

JUNE 25: Berkley Garden Walk 2022 from 10 AM - 3 PM

JUNE 26: Berkley Pride Block Party from 12 PM - 4 PM

June 28:

- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting