



# CITY OF BERKLEY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

*Matthew Baumgarten*

**Hey Berkley,**

We are looking forward to the early signs of spring as the harshness of winter begins to fade and sprouts of green make their annual debut.

Berkley is nearing a full century since the founding of the Village of Berkley (May 1923), but it was actually 90 years ago this month that those hardy villagers braved the 10-degree temperatures to cast their ballots on the question of whether the village should take the step of becoming a City. **\*SPOILER ALERT\*** The 'yeses' won! The villagers voted in favor of cityhood by a margin of 392 to 300 and that fateful election would set our wonderful community on the path to adopting a charter and forever being known as the City of Berkley.

Nine decades later, we are still enjoying the fruits of that election as our City boasts its high quality of living, reliable services, and seasonal events.

Everyone knows about the great job the Public Works Department (DPW) does with snow removal each year. But did you know that frigid winter temperatures create a layer of frost that can be several feet deep at times? When this happens the ground itself moves and causes water mains to stress and break. Normally no one would want to be wet and cold at the same time but our DPW crews respond in these very conditions to ensure these breaks are repaired quickly and vital water service is restored within hours. It's unpleasant but necessary work to keep our water infrastructure operating in service of our community.

I would like to give them a special shout-out given the frigid winter we've had this past couple of months. Thank you, DPW!

Have a great March, Berkley!

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

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## STRAIGHT FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

(248) 658-3310 | Email: [clerk@berkleymich.net](mailto:clerk@berkleymich.net) | Monday - Friday (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, *closed for lunch from 1-2 PM*)

### 2022 Elections ... #BerkleyVotes

The City of Berkley will be holding an election for Berkley Public Schools on **May 3, 2022**.

To learn more about the district's millage proposal, please contact Berkley Public Schools. Six precinct locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., or residents may request an absentee ballot.

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

### 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](mailto:clerk@berkleymich.net).

Learn more about voting in Berkley at [www.berkleymich.org/vote](http://www.berkleymich.org/vote).

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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*)

### Property Owner Tax Appeals

The Treasury/Finance Office is hard at work with the March Board of Review for property owner tax appeals. Please check the [City of Berkley calendar page](#) for dates and times if you have not yet scheduled an appointment.

### 2022-2023 Budget is Underway!

We are now officially in the early stages of preparing the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. City Council will discuss uses of the American Rescue Plan funds received through the Federal Government and conveyed through the State of Michigan.

**Please join us for budget discussions in May 2022.**  
**Check the Berkley website for more information.**



## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MARCH MEETINGS**

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

### **MARCH 01:**

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

### **MARCH 02:**

- 7:00 PM - Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee Meeting

### **MARCH 07:**

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

### **MARCH 08:**

- Board of Reviews Meetings
- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

### **MARCH 09:**

- **8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board Meeting**

### **MARCH 10:**

- Board of Reviews Meetings

### **MARCH 14:**

- Board of Reviews Meetings
- **7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting**

### **MARCH 15:**

- Board of Reviews Meetings

### **MARCH 16:**

- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

### **MARCH 17:**

- 6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

## **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MARCH MEETINGS CONTINUED**

### **MARCH 21:**

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

### **MARCH 22:**

- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

### **MARCH 25:**

- City Offices & Library Closed for In-Service Training

### **MARCH 28:**

- 7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting