



CITY OF BERKLEY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Happy May Berkley!

May is the gateway to a great summer in Berkley! We certainly have some great stuff coming up this month and I cannot help but look forward to the next several months as well.

In May, we'll see the return of Berkley Days! This event is put on by a group of dedicated volunteers who are led by Denise Downen. Thank you to her and the committee for putting on this great event. So many fun times packed into May 12th through the 15th. Check out www.berkleydays.org for event information!

In June, we'll see the ArtBash back in full force along 12 Mile thanks to the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce. They will once again bring hundreds of unique vendors and artists from all over the region and beyond to our community. It's a bash!! This is a one day event on June 11th and you can find more information at www.berkleyartbash.com.

The Berkley Chamber of Commerce then comes right back the very next month with the Berkley Street Art Fest on July 16th. This event makes artists out of us all with chalk art, activities, and, of course, the chance to see all the great businesses we have along Coolidge. They have a full line up which can be found at www.berkleystreetartfest.com.

And finally, we'll bid goodbye to summer in August with our annual Cruisefest Classic Car Parade on Friday August 19th and Woodward Dream Cruise on August 20th. Classic cars and a citywide block party along 12 Mile makes this one of the best nights in Berkley!

If you weren't already excited about Summer in Berkley, I hope you are now. I will be eagerly counting down the days and I hope you will too!

Have a great month and stay safe,
Matt

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

STRAIGHT FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

(248) 658-3310 | Email: 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.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR BERKLEY DAYS



The festivities take place from May 12th to May 15th at 2400 Robina in Berkley, MI. As always, you can expect a fabulously fun midway, packed with rides, games, and fair foods galore!

Berkley Days is happy to celebrate its 96th year and return from a two-year shutdown. Please visit www.berkleydays.org to stay up to date on the most current events.

BERKLEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

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



Spring/Summer Weather Safety Tips

Public Safety Department would like to remind you of the following safety tips:

TORNADO SAFETY

If you are under a severe weather warning, follow NOAA Weather Radio and your local news or official social media accounts for updated emergency information. One way to know a tornado is coming is by the loud, almost freight-like sound they can make. If there is a tornado warning, you should take shelter immediately.

To stay safe during a tornado, follow these steps:

1. Immediately go to a safe location such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar or a small interior room on the lowest level of a sturdy building.
2. Stay away from windows, doors, and outside walls.
3. Protect yourself by covering your head or neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around or on top of you.
4. If you're in your car, do not try to outrun a tornado.
5. Do not go under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low, flat location.
6. Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death. Even after a tornado passes, it's important to stay alert and use caution when clearing debris.
7. Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.
8. Wear appropriate gear during clean-up, such as thick-soled shoes, long pants, and work gloves, and use appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris.
9. Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told they are safe.



For more information on how to prepare for tornadoes, build a safe room or clean up after a disaster visit, www.ready.gov.



DON'T IGNORE THUNDER

As the saying goes, "When thunder roars, go indoors." While the odds of being hit by lightning are one in a million annually, it's still not a good idea to hang outdoors during a thunderstorm.

Remember The 30-30 Rule.

Once you see lightning, count to 30. If thunder claps happen before you hit 30, go inside. Suspend outdoor activities for at least 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder.

Additionally, avoid bathing in the shower or bath tub during thunderstorms as lightning can travel through plumbing. Learn more at www.ready.gov.

WEAR DAILY SUNSCREEN

Reduce your skin cancer risk (and the early onset of wrinkles) by wearing sunscreen daily!

Most people spend more time outdoors enjoying summer activities, making it easy to forget to apply sunscreen. People with sensitive skin are most likely to burn easily in the sun.

The American Academy of Dermatology recommends applying sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Since no sunscreen can block all of the sun's UVB rays, be sure to wear sunglasses, a hat, and cool, long-sleeved clothing when outdoors for long periods of time.

GRILLING SAFETY

Grilling food is so popular that more than three-quarters of U.S. adults have used a grill — yet, grilling sparks more than 10,000 home fires on average each year.

To avoid this, the Red Cross offers these grilling safety tips:

1. Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use. Don't add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.
2. Never grill indoors — not in the house, camper, tent or any enclosed area.
3. Make sure everyone, including pets, stays away from the grill.
4. Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, deck, tree branches or anything that could catch fire.
5. Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to help keep the chef safe.



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS MAY 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.

MAY 01:

- 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM - Downtown Berkley Block Party

MAY 03:

- ELECTION DAY

MAY 04:

- 7:00 PM - Citizen Engagement Advisory Committee

MAY 09

- 6:00 PM - City Budget Work Sessions
- 7:00 PM - Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

MAY 10:

- 6:00 PM - City Budget Work Sessions
- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

MAY 11:

- 8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting
- 6:00 PM - City Budget Work Sessions (*if needed*)

MAY 12 - 15:

- BERKLEY DAYS

MAY 16:

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

MAY 18:

- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

MAY 19:

- 6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Board Meeting

MAY 23:

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY BERKLEY!
- 7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting

MAY 24:

- 7:00 PM - Planning Commission Meeting

MAY 25:

- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting

MAY 30:

- City Offices & Library Closed in observance of Memorial Day