



# CITY OF BERKLEY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

*Matthew Baumgarten*

Hello all and welcome to Fall, Berkley!

It's my favorite time of year. The air is crisp and cool, football is in full swing and, as I am writing this the Detroit Lions are looking great (if you are reading this at the end of October... shh, don't tell me how it ends). I hope you are having a great season so far!

I wanted to spend this month talking about community engagement.

I heard a term a while back that has stuck in my brain in the worse way possible. The term was "survey fatigue" and I was surprised that, as someone who is old enough to have had social media for about fifteen years, someone would ever tire of expressing their opinion.

For someone who works for a government that is for the people and by the people, there is a sweet spot we work to maintain. Talking to empty rooms is dangerous but so is finding yourself anywhere in which everyone agrees with one another. In short, we avoid bubbles and echo chambers. That is why Berkley depends on conversation and dialogue when making decisions. Please keep it coming. We work for you.

The ultimate customer feedback survey is coming up on November 8th. Whatever your opinion may be, please remember to exercise it on or before election day. I say before because there are absentee voting options available to all residents in case you cannot make it in person. Be sure to check out the Clerk's Corner for more information!

Have a great October Berkley,

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

– 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 General Election will take place on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. All seven precincts will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

#### Interested in Voting Absentee?

Visit the Clerk's Office today to register to vote or sign up to receive an absentee ballot.

Residents wishing to complete an application to receive an absentee ballot may do so by **contacting the Clerk's Office at 248-658-3310 or via email at [clerk@berkleymich.net](mailto:clerk@berkleymich.net)**.

Electronic absentee ballot applications can also be completed at [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

- **NOTE:** A lot of changes are happening this year including **new voter ID cards and redistricting for our community**. Be sure to review your new voter registration and what district you are in.

#### Want to see a Sample Ballot?

Sample ballots are available in the Clerk's Office and online at [www.berkleymich.org/vote](http://www.berkleymich.org/vote) or [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote).

- **NOTE:** The Clerk's Office does not have enough absentee ballots on hand to use as a sample ballot. Once absentee ballots are completed, feel free to drop them in the mail, place them in the City's secure drop box, or bring them to the Clerk's Office at your earliest convenience. Although it is very helpful for the Clerk's Office to receive your absentee ballots before Election Day, voters have until 8 PM on November 8, 2022, to turn them in.

#### ELECTION EXTENDED HOURS

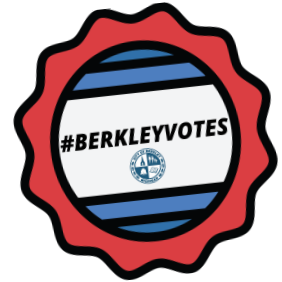
We want to ensure that Berkley voters have ample opportunity to make their voices heard in the upcoming election.

The Clerk's Office has extended its hours for **election business only** on the following days (**no appointment needed**):

Date:	Time:
Saturday, October 1, 2022	9 AM to 1 PM
Thursday, October 13, 2022 ( <i>drive-thru</i> )	5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Thursday, October 20, 2022	5 PM to 7 PM
Saturday, November 5, 2022	8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

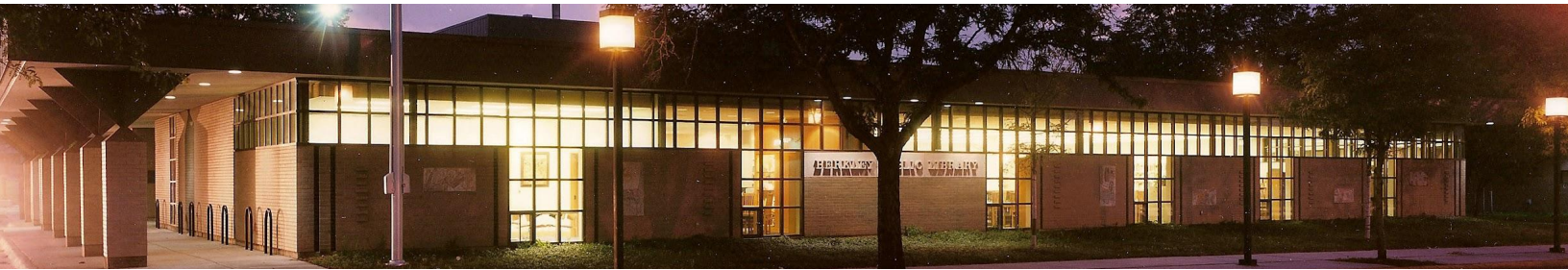
Residents will be allowed into City Hall **AFTER** normal business hours to do the following:

- Register to vote
- Vote absentee ballot
- Drop off absentee ballots in-person
  - **NOTE: Residents can still drop off their ballots via the secure Dropbox located at City Hall**
- Spoil ballots



# BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



## Berkley Public Library Hours

Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Fall Programming

● Requires Registration at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar> or you can call 248-658-3440.

### An Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation ●

Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

In person at Berkley Public Library

Most people tend to live their lives with a wandering mind, worried or consumed by past or future events. This introduction to meditation tries to open up a world of the present moment, the most important time of our lives. We will start with a short introduction followed by a 30 minute guided, sitting meditation, then close the session with questions, answers and interesting experiences. Session led by Greg Sherburn.

### Afternoon Book Club ●

Tuesday, October 11 at 12:30 p.m.

In person at Berkley Public Library

There, There by Tommy Orange.

### Older Adult Money Scams: Tips for Stopping Elder Financial Exploitation ●

Tuesday, October 18 at 2:30 p.m.

This presentation will help older adults identify the types of scams perpetrators of financial abuse use. Information and materials shared in the seminar will help seniors reduce the risk to their financial and personal security. Every participant will receive a free copy of the Money Smart for Older Adults resource guide. This program was developed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the FDIC.

### LGBTQ+ Book Club ●

Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Calling all rainbow readers and allies! This book club is for anyone who wants to see themselves represented in courageous and tenacious stories of the LGBTQ+ community. For our inaugural discussion, we'll be reading Fun Home, a graphic novel by Alison Bechdel. Read the book ahead of time and bring a question and favorite quote to prompt some colorful conversation. Category is: reading rainbow realness!

### Afternoon Book Club ●

Tuesday, November 8 at 12:30 p.m.

In person at Berkley Public Library

Eternal by Lisa Scottoline.

### How to Use Your Air Fryer ●

Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Mary Spencer will teach you what to cook and what not to cook in your air fryer and how to adapt your recipes to the air fryer. She will also offer suggestions to help you choose the best fryer for you. You'll receive lots of cooking tips and samples of two recipes that will be demonstrated in the class.

### Family Storytime

Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 11/29

Join us for stories, rhymes, and songs! Activities will focus on ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome.

### Baby Playtime

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 11/10, 11/17

Enjoy open-ended play with your infant and social interaction with other families. Our toys are best suited for 6 months-2 years. Siblings welcome.

### Vision Screening ●

Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Royal Oak Lions Club will provide free vision screenings for children at the library.

### Paper Airplane Competition ●

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn about how planes fly, then fold your own paper airplane and compete for the longest flight distance and most hang time.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

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



### Fall Programs

Fall programming and events are underway! To register for Parks & Recreation programs, visit [www.recreation.berkleymich.org](http://www.recreation.berkleymich.org)

#### Adult Programs:

- Hunter Safety
- Sanchin Ryu Karate
- PiYo
- Yoga Blend
- Beginner Tai Chi
- Dog Obedience

#### Youth Programs:

- Pillo Polo Grades K-3
- Free Drop-in Play at the Community Center (returns Wednesday mornings 9-11 am on October 12th)
- Skyhawks SoccerTots
- Sanchin Ryu Karate
- Indoor Lacrosse

#### Tennis:

- PeeWee and Youth indoor

### Special Events

#### Tale on the Trail

Thursday, October 20th at Oxford Park  
Time slots are available beginning at 4:15 pm and space is limited. **Registration is required to participate.**  
Register online at [www.recreation.berkleymich.org](http://www.recreation.berkleymich.org)

**\*\*Follow the path to a Halloween-inspired story. Start at the Oxford park sign-off of Bacon Ave. Dress up and don't forget to bring a bag for tricks and treats along the way.\*\***

#### Halloween Photo Station

The DDA Monster Mash is on Saturday, October 29th in Downtown Berkley! Find the Parks & Recreation spooky fun photo station to take a picture on your smartphone. Happy Halloween!

**She Wanted to Be HAUNTED**  
Marcus Ewert  
Illustrated by Susie Ghahremani

**TALE ON THE TRAIL**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH  
AT OXFORD PARK  
2100 BACON AVE.

**FOLLOW THE PATH TO THIS HALLOWEEN INSPIRED STORY....**

- START - OXFORD PARK SIGN OFF OF BACON AVE.
- DRESS UP AND BRING A BAG FOR TRICKS & TREATS
- REGISTER FOR A TIME SLOT: RECREATION.BERKLEYMICH.ORG

**SPACE IS LIMITED & REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**  
4:15, 4:30, 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00 PM

**Senior Programs:**

- Senior Fitness at the Community Center
- Date: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30-10:30 am
- Cost: \$2 drop-in

**Chair Yoga:**

- Date: Monday -ongoing
- Time: 11:00 am -12:00 pm
- Cost: \$7 drop-in

**Zumba Gold:**

- Date: Monday, October 24th
- Time: 10:00- 10:45 am
- Cost: \$66 or drop-in for \$12

**Senior Classes:**

- Know Your Pain
  - Class Types
    - Neck Pain - October 19
    - Knee Pain - November 16
    - Shoulder Pain - December 21
  - Time: 12:30 pm
  - Cost: \$12 per class

**Older Adult Money Scams\***

- Date: Tuesday, October 18th at the Berkley Public Library
- Time: 2:30 pm
- Cost: FREE

***\*Senior transportation will be available upon request for this class***

**Senior Trips:**

- Little Shop of Horrors at Meadowbrook
- Date: Wednesday, October 26th
- Time: 11:00 am
- Cost: \$85 (includes lunch from Kruse and Muer)



## BERKLEY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

EMERGENCIES: Dial 9-1-1 | Non-Emergencies: 248-658-3380 | Facebook: [@BerkleyDPS](https://www.facebook.com/BerkleyDPS)



### Halloween Safety Tips

It's the SPOOKIEST time of the year! With that, we would like to share with you some helpful HALLOWEEN tips:

- **H**old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- **A**lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.
- **L**ook both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- **L**ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- **O**nly walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- **W**ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- **E**at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.
- **E**nter homes **ONLY** if you're with a trusted adult. **ONLY** visit well-lit houses. **NEVER** accept rides from strangers.
- **N**ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

**NOTE:** The City does not regulate start/end times for Halloween. However, we see ghouls and goblins out and about around 6 PM. If you do not wish to participate in the festivities, be sure to turn off your outside lights and close your curtains to avoid any confusion.

## GOT A SPOOKY HOUSE?

Beginning in October, we will be kicking the Halloween season with a **#ResidentFeature** contest!

The rules are simple:

- ✓ Follow us on our social pages (City of Berkley)
- ✓ Like this post!
- ✓ Inbox us a picture of your Halloween-decorated house and be **FEATURED** on all of City's social pages!



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## FINANCE / TREASURY UPDATE

248-658-3360 | Email: [treasury@berkleymich.net](mailto:treasury@berkleymich.net) | Monday - Friday (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, *closed for lunch from 1-2 PM*)

### The Sidewalk Program Continues in Berkley

Property owners having sidewalks replaced in October 2022 will have until the end of September 2023 (9-30-2023) to pay their invoice in full to avoid having the amount rolled onto their winter and summer tax bills.

Paying the invoice in full avoids a special assessment fee that would be added to amounts rolled onto tax bills.

If a property owner chooses to have the sidewalk invoice rolled onto taxes, it will be split in half. So 50% of your bill will go on the winter 2023 tax bill and 50% of the bill will go on the summer 2024 tax bill. Each bill would have a \$20.00 special assessment administrative fee added to the total.

### Digital Budget Book

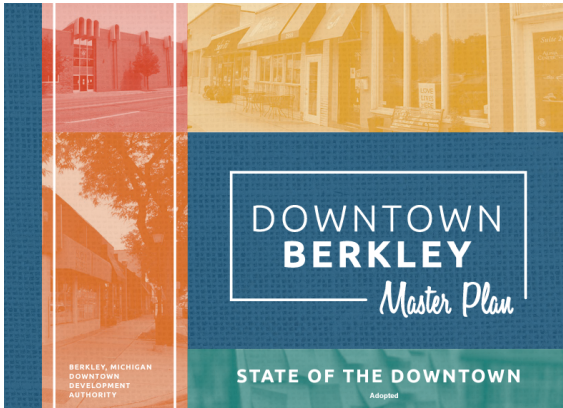
The 2022-2023 Digital Budget is available for review on the City's website! It provides a graphical representation of our annual budgets for each fund. Learn more at [www.berkleymich.org/budget](http://www.berkleymich.org/budget).



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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*)



### Downtown Master Plan Has Been Adopted

The Downtown Master Plan has been adopted!

This document is a companion piece to the City-wide Master Plan that was adopted late last year and will be used as a basis for the continued development/redevelopment of the downtown.

Both the City-wide Master Plan and the Downtown Master Plan can be viewed at [www.berkleymich.org/masterplan](http://www.berkleymich.org/masterplan).

### Construction Updates

Lots of moving and shaking is happening in our downtown including the additions of Welcome to Eleven 21 Mixology and congratulations to Peninsulas on the renovation of their new space.

### Did you know...

Friendly reminder to residents that renovations may require building and trade permits. Information on permitting requirements can be found at [www.berkleymich.org/permits](http://www.berkleymich.org/permits).

Any questions can be directed to the Community Development Department at 248-658-3320.



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## PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL REMINDERS

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



### Curbside Leaf Pick Up

Curbside leaf pickup begins this month! Starting in mid-to-late October, leaves can be placed curbside for collection by Public Works staff. Other yard waste items will still need to be placed in a bag or a marked yard waste can for weekly pickup on your trash day. We will post continuous updates regarding leaf pick-up on our webpage [www.berkleymich.org/leafpickup](http://www.berkleymich.org/leafpickup).

### 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 can sign up using the online request form here: [bit.ly/BerkleyChipper](https://bit.ly/BerkleyChipper) or they can continue to contact DPW at 248-658-3490. Please note, it often takes a full week to get through the entire City.

### Lead Service Line Replacement Program

Having safe, clean, healthy drinking water is a top priority for the City. That is why we are asking all residents to submit photos of their water service line near the meter for verification. We are currently replacing lead services based on these photos. You can learn more about the program and submit your photo at [www.berkleymich.org/cleanwater](http://www.berkleymich.org/cleanwater).

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## City-Wide Staff In-Service Happening Friday, October 7, 2022

City Departments will be closed for a **HALF DAY on Friday, October 7, 2022**, for a staff in-service day.

The building hours are as follows:

- City Hall: Open to the public until 12 PM.
  - Residents can still drop off their absentee ballots via the secure Dropbox located at City Hall.
  - Any Treasury payments can be done by check via the secure Dropbox or online at [www.berkleymich.org/paymybill](http://www.berkleymich.org/paymybill).
    - Note: Cash is **NO LONGER ACCEPTED** via dropbox or mail.
- Library: Open to the public from 10 AM to 12 PM
- Public Works: Open to the public until 12 PM.
- Community Center: Open to the public until 12 PM.
- Public Safety: Will continue to provide 24-hour operations and support to the community.



**Normal hours will resume on Monday, October 10, 2022.**

If you have any questions or inquiries, the best form of contact is email but if you leave a voice message on the Department line(s), staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Visit our ["Contact Us" page](#) for details.



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## Downtown Berkley is Getting BOO!KLEY This October with Spooky Events All Month Long!

Mark your calendars for the DDA's BOO!KLEY Nights with lots of opportunities for family fun, shopping and dining, and Halloween festivities.

- **SPOOKY STOREFRONTS (All Month)**
- **RESTAURANT WEEKEND\* - Friday, September 30 to Saturday, October 1**
  - In partnership with the Berkley Area Chamber see the participating restaurants at [www.berkleychamber.com/Restaurant\\_Weekend](http://www.berkleychamber.com/Restaurant_Weekend).
- **WITCHES NIGHT OUT - Thursday, October 13 from 5 PM to 9 PM**
  - Featuring free downtown trolley rides.
- **BOO!KLEY GHOST CHASE - Friday, October 21 from 6 PM to 9 PM**
  - This will be a mix between a Road Rally, the Amazing Race, and spooky fun.
- **TRICK OR TREAT STROLL - Saturday, October 29 from 12 PM to 3 PM**
  - Dress up in your costumes and collect candy at participating downtown businesses.
- **MONSTER MASH - Saturday, October 29 from 2 PM to 6 PM**
  - Join us for a Boo!kley block park along Coolidge Hwy, between 12 Mile and Catalpa.

This free month of stimulating fun will highlight the retro feel and metro appeal of charming Downtown Berkley, Michigan.

Join us and embrace the best of local art and shopping, right in the middle of it all in Downtown Berkley!

Visit [www.downtownberkley.com/bookley](http://www.downtownberkley.com/bookley) for more information, and make sure to follow BOO!KLEY Nights on Facebook and Instagram for updates.



## OCTOBER 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.

### OCTOBER 01:

- **Boo!kley Nights: Restaurant Weekend**
- **Touch-A-Truck from 10 AM to 12 PM @ the Community Center (2400 Robina Ave)**
  - *A sensory-friendly half-hour begins at 9:30 AM.*

### OCTOBER 03:

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

### OCTOBER 07:

- **City Offices & Library Closed for Staff In-Service from 12 PM to 5 PM**

### OCTOBER 10:

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

### OCTOBER 11:

- **7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting**
- **7:00 PM - Planning Commission Special Meeting**

### OCTOBER 12:

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

### OCTOBER 13:

- **Boo!kley Nights: Witches Night Out from 5 PM to 9 PM**
- **7:00 PM - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting**

### OCTOBER 17:

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

### OCTOBER 19:

- **7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting**

### OCTOBER 20:

- **Tale on the Trail beginning at 4:15 PM @ Oxford Park (2100 Bacon Ave)**
  - **Registration is REQUIRED.**
- **6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

### OCTOBER 21:

- **Boo!kley Nights: Ghost Chase from 6 PM to 9 PM**

### OCTOBER 24:

- **7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting**

### OCTOBER 25:

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

### OCTOBER 26:

- **6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting**

### OCTOBER 29:

- **Boo!kley Nights: Trick-Or-Treat Stroll from 12 PM to 3 PM**
- **Boo!kley Nights: Monster Mash from 2 PM to 6 PM**