



# CITY OF BERKLEY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

*Matthew Baumgarten*

### **Hello, and happy February Berkley.**

I look forward to a great month even if it is a mere 28 days long. We have had some big changes to your City Council in the past few months that I would like to share with you!

I would like to congratulate Mayor Bridget Dean, Mayor Pro Tem Ross Gavin, and Council Members Mike Dooley and Greg Patterson. Mayor Dean and Mayor Pro Tem Gavin have both served Berkley as Councilmembers since early 2018 before being appointed and elected to their new leadership roles.

Your new Councilmembers Dooley and Patterson both served on our Recreation Advisory Board together prior to their appointment. Mr. Patterson, in addition to his service on the Rec board, also served for many years on our Planning Commission and was integral to the success of the City's 2021 Master Plan. Both will make great additions to the City Council as they finish terms ending in November of this year.

– Matt Baumgarten

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## BERKLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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### Get Your Berk Perk Discount Card Today!

The Chamber has a new Berk Perk discount card available for purchase at local chamber member businesses including Berkley City Hall and Berkley Public Library!

Cardholders are able to take advantage of exclusive discounts from their favorite spots around town using a QR code.

The cards are only \$30 and cardholders will be able to use the perks without limit through December 31, 2023. In addition, school groups and nonprofit organizations can sell these cards as a new fundraising avenue opportunity.

Visit [www.berkleychamber.com](http://www.berkleychamber.com) for a list of discounts, locations where cards are available to purchase, and more information about fundraising opportunities!

2023 **berk perk**  
BERKLEY AREA CHAMBER  
DISCOUNT CARD

**\$30 EACH**

RECEIVE DISCOUNTS AT PARTICIPATING BERKLEY CHAMBER BUSINESSES!

Scan to view discounts from Woodward Corner Market & many more!

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## FINANCE UPDATE

Finance: (248) 658-3340; Email: [finance@berkleymich.net](mailto:finance@berkleymich.net) | Treasury: (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)

### Sidewalk Replacement Program Update

The City of Berkley continues to replace the sidewalks around the city that are in the worst condition.

While paying to replace sidewalks is never a fun proposition, it makes our city safer for everyone and increases the value of our property at the same time. When it comes time to pay your sidewalk invoice, please note that our City Council has approved giving residents extra time to pay their bills without added interest fees.

**Sidewalk Invoices for the 2022 Fall Sidewalk Program will be created and mailed this month.**

Property owners will have until October 31, 2023, to pay their invoice without it rolling onto the winter tax bill. If they wish to have it roll onto winter tax it will be split 50/50 on their winter 2023 and summer 2024 with an additional fee of \$20 for each tax bill.



For more information on the Sidewalk Program visit, [www.berkleymich.org/citysidewalks](http://www.berkleymich.org/citysidewalks).

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## PARKS AND RECREATION

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



## SPECIAL EVENTS - WINTERFEST



Our annual WinterFest event is **Sunday, Feb 5 from 12 PM to 2 PM**. The event will be completely outdoors like last year behind the Community Center at 2400 Robina. The event will be completely outdoors behind the Community Center at 2400 Robina.

Complimentary hot chocolate and donuts will be offered inside while supplies last only. Indoor restrooms will also be open. Activities this year include ice sculptures, ice skating (weather permitting), bouncers, fowling, tabletop curling, a petting farm with unicorn rides, a cake walk, fire pit s'mores, and more! **WinterFest is a completely FREE event**. We hope to see everyone celebrate the Winter Season with us and the Community.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to our WinterFest Sponsors: Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation, Berkley Moms' Club, Berkley Dads' Club, Berkley Steelers, Berkley/Huntington Woods Youth Assistance, SMART, HRC, Gobie Appliance, and South Oakland County Soccer

## AARP Free Senior Tax-Aide Service

AARP volunteers will be in our building on Thursdays beginning February 2nd through April 13th. **This service is by appointment only**. Space is limited and appointments can be made by calling the Parks & Recreation office at 248-658-3470.

## February Programming

### Youth Programs:

- Drop-in Play
- Crafts with Samantha
- Grandparent & Me Craft
- Certified Babysitter/CPR/First Aid
- Parent-Tot Playgroup
- Sanchin Ryu Karate
- Jump-A-Rama Gymnastics
- Jump-A-Rama Tumble Tots
- Mad Science- Fantastic Forces & Flight
- Self Defense for Children

### Winter Vacation Camp:

- Location: Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave
- Ages: Grades K-8th
- Dates: February 21-24
- Cost: \$155 Resident \$175 Non-resident
- Time: 8:45 am – 5:00 pm (AM/PM extended available)

### Adult Programs:

- Yoga Blend
- Beginner Tai Chi
- PiYo
- Self Defense for Women
- Sanchin Ryu Karate

### 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: 9:30-10:30 am
  - Cost: \$2 per class, drop-in
- Zumba Gold
  - Date: Monday - ongoing
  - Time: 10:00- 10:50 am
  - Cost: \$12 drop-in

### Senior Trip:

- Hollywood Casino at Greektown
  - Date: Thursday, February 16th
  - Time: 9:30 am
  - Cost: \$15

### Senior Event:

- Valentine's Day BINGO Celebration
  - Date: Tuesday, February 14th
  - Time: 12:30-2:30 pm
  - Cost: \$10 (includes lunch and two bingo cards)

For more information on all programs and to register, please visit

[www.recreation.berklemich.org](http://www.recreation.berklemich.org)

## Summer Day Camp

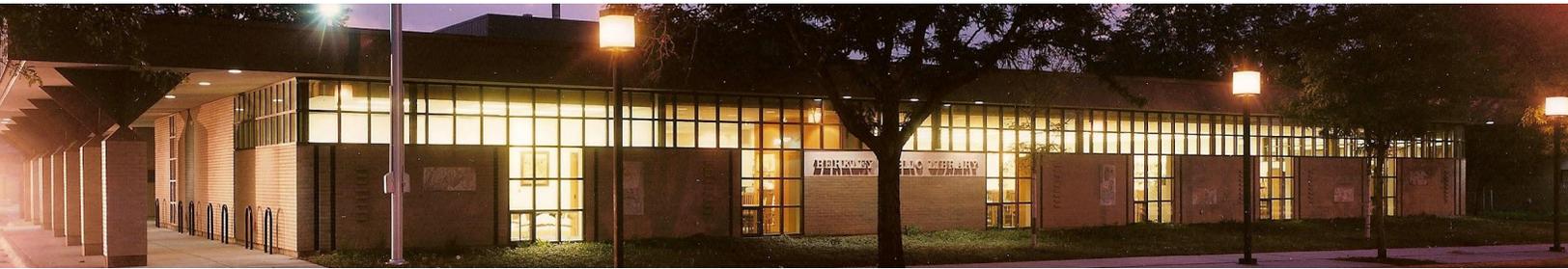
Our 2023 Summer Day Camp registration is NOW OPEN for the Early Bird Full Summer option only.

Please visit [recreation.berklemich.org](http://recreation.berklemich.org) to register your child today!

A colorful promotional graphic for the 2023 Summer Day Camp. The graphic features a collage of photos showing children engaged in various activities like playing with a large elephant, drawing, and participating in sports. Large yellow arrows point towards the text. The text includes: "2023 SUMMER DAY CAMP", "8 WEEKS", "JUNE 20 - AUGUST 10", "KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE", "CAMP HOURS 8:45 AM - 5:00 PM AM/PM EXTENDED AVAILABLE", "NO CAMP - 7/3, 7/4", and "PRICING & REGISTRATION RECREATION.BERKLEMICH.ORG". At the bottom, a banner reads "EARLY BIRD FULL SUMMER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!".

## BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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



### #SAVETHEDATE Friends Book Sale

The Friends of Berkley Public Library will host an indoor book sale on **Saturday, March 18 from 10 am to 3 pm** at the library.

Lots of quality items are available for purchase!

Proceeds from the sale support the library's programs and events.



### COVID Tests & Masks Available

Free COVID tests and masks are available at the library. Stop by the front desk to pick them up.

### African-Americans and Jewish Americans: Their Historic Social and Political Bond

**Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m.**

Historically, African-American and Jewish-American populations have shared much in common, particularly in the Detroit area. Author and historian Ken Coleman is a senior reporter at the Michigan Advance who has written several books about Black life in Metro Detroit, and he will speak about the bonds between these two communities. Join us as we honor Black History Month and learn about a topic that remains relevant today.

Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

An event poster with a dark, textured background. The text is white and yellow. The title "African-Americans and Jewish Americans: Their Historic Social and Political Bond" is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Below the title, the date and time "Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m." is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for "FRIENDS of the Berkley Library" which consists of a stylized white graphic of a book or a fan-like shape above the text "FRIENDS of the Berkley Library" in white. In the bottom right corner, the text "Register online at www.berkleymich.org/library" is written in white, sans-serif font.

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## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS FEBRUARY MEETINGS

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

### FEBRUARY 5:

- **12:00 PM - Berkley Parks & Recreation WinterFest @ the Community Center (2400 Robina)**

### FEBRUARY 6:

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

### FEBRUARY 8:

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

### FEBRUARY 9:

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

### FEBRUARY 13:

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

### FEBRUARY 15:

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

### FEBRUARY 16:

- **6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

### FEBRUARY 20:

- **City Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents Day**

### FEBRUARY 21:

- **7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting**

### FEBRUARY 27:

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

### FEBRUARY 28:

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