

ISSUE 7



# THE BERKLEY BUZZ

WINTER 2024

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# Berkley Buzz



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



**T**he online world, particularly social media, has offered us opportunities to connect in ways past generations never could have imagined. This was especially true during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic when we limited our interactions with people outside our homes to help keep everyone safe.

Unfortunately, though, social media has also created feelings of loneliness and isolation, according to well-documented scientific research. These feelings can sometimes turn into anger and aggressive behavior online, which many of us have seen on our own social media pages as well as those of the City and other organizations. Sometimes, this looks like a post or comment written in all capital letters and filled with anger and hate.

The next time you see anger and hate on social media, I encourage you to invite the person expressing it to join you for a conversation. We have many welcoming spaces in our city, including our enhanced greenspaces, the ArtSpace on Coolidge or even one of our many coffee shops or bistros downtown, where you can meet in real life. Face-to-face conversations have a much greater impact and contribute to more productive solutions than 100 social media comments ever can. As the saying goes, people are hard to hate up close.

I also invite you to join us at the January zoning ordinance workshops, spring budget work

sessions and our regular City Council, boards and commissions meetings. More information about all of these opportunities is available on our website: [berkleymich.org](http://berkleymich.org).

Additionally, my door is always open to connect and hear your thoughts on all things Berkley. Feel free to reach out to me at [cmo@berkleymich.net](mailto:cmo@berkleymich.net) or (248) 658-3350.

I look forward to hearing from you and serving our community in the new year.

***Matt Baumgarten, Berkley City Manager***



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# Official State of Michigan HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED

**O**n Oct. 14, the Berkley Historical Committee hosted a celebration for our city's 100th anniversary and unveiled Berkley's second state of Michigan historical marker on the front of the building facing Coolidge Highway. Another exciting part of the event was the dedication of a time

capsule filled with Berkley memories to be opened by residents in 2123. A special thank you to Berkley's Department of Public Works for the installation of the marker as well as Berkley Mayor Bridget Dean for her assistance in unveiling the marker.



## BERKLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sundays 2-4 p.m.  
3338 Coolidge Hwy. Berkley, MI 48072 | [berkleymich.org/museum](http://berkleymich.org/museum)

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR OF THE MUSEUM CORNER



Hi. My name is Don Callihan, and I am the editor of The Museum Corner, the newsletter of the Berkley

Historical Museum. I grew up in Berkley and attended Pattengill School through the eighth grade, as Anderson Middle School had not yet opened. I went on to graduate from Berkley High School.

I have a passion for history and like to preserve past experiences and observations. As a kid, I went to the Saturday matinees at the Berkley Theatre almost every week. You could spend just 25 cents on a nice afternoon: 14 cents got you admitted, 5 cents got you a box of popcorn and 6

cents bought a candy bar. It didn't take long to realize that a candy bar could be purchased at the local store for 5 cents, and you could get penny candy, too.

An interesting fact about the Berkley Theatre was its back row of seats for individuals who were hard of hearing. A jack on the seat support allowed an earphone to be plugged into the sound system. You can read about it in the very first edition of The Museum Corner at [berkleyhistory.org](http://berkleyhistory.org). Scroll past the latest edition of The Museum Corner to where it reads: "To check out previous issues, [CLICK HERE](#)." After clicking, click on "2021 Newsletters" and then click on "The Museum Corner Newsletter September 2021."

I like writing stories where I have a personal connection. The Museum

Corner newsletter for March 2023 featured the story "Berkley, WE CARE." I personally experienced much of this story, and I hope you will check it out.

The Museum Corner is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. It is available for distribution at the Berkley Historical Museum, City Hall and the Berkley Public Library. If you wish to receive an emailed copy of The Museum Corner each time it is published, please put your name and email address in the body of an email and enter the phrase "The Museum Corner" in the subject line. Send the email to [museum@berkleymich.net](mailto:museum@berkleymich.net).

*Don Callihan*  
Editor, The Museum Corner



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**Berkley's Beginnings**  
**Incorporating a Village or Making Sausage\*?**  
by Don Callihan

Henry Ford

At the turn of the century, 19th to 20th, the area in Royal Oak Township that would become Berkley was a collection of rural family farms. Then, on September 27, 1908, the first Ford Model T left the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant in Detroit. It was the beginning of a revolution that would change the world and speed the development of the land on either side of Woodward Avenue from Detroit to Pontiac.

Soon, the demand for the Model T outstripped Ford's manufacturing capacity, and work began on a new manufacturing plant along Woodward in Highland Park, seven miles to the southeast of the area that would become Berkley. The first Model Ts rolled out of the plant on January 3, 1910. Three years later, on October 7, 1913, the first moving assembly line went into operation. Then, on January 5, 1914, Henry Ford stunned the world when he announced that his workers would be paid \$5 per day. These events attracted workers worldwide to Detroit, and many settled along the Woodward corridor. The Detroit Urban Railway ran along this corridor, and it was thus convenient to live within walking distance of Woodward. Housing demand in the Woodward vicinity increased dramatically.

**Development Begins**

Developers were soon purchasing the area's farms and turning them into subdivisions. In 1916, the area that would become Berkley had less than 50 inhabitants. By 1922, that number had swelled to more than 3,000 with more than 20 places of business.

Prospective buyers wanted modern homes with running water, flush toilets, electricity, and telephones. Utility companies provided electricity and telephones, but water systems and sewer lines were municipal services that an unevenly populated township was unlikely to offer. Some subdivision developers provided running water to each home through distribution systems from subdivision wells. Wells tended to be shallow and, thus, more susceptible to contamination. Distribution systems utilized small-diameter pipes that could not meet peak demands, especially when needed to fight a fire.

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**Upcoming Events**

- Sept. 29, *The Berkley Theater at the Redford Theater*
- Sept 30, *Kit Home Tour*
- Oct 14, *Berkley Village & Fire Hall Historical Marker Unveiling*
- *Commemorate Your Berkley Home*

Scan Here for Events



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# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



**A**s we usher in a new year, I first want to wish you a wonderful 2024 filled with joy, hope and good health. I also want to thank voters for their continued confidence as I begin another term on the City Council. I remain honored and humbled to serve as your Mayor and help lead our amazing city toward a bright future.

In reflecting on the past year, I am proud of what we have accomplished as a community. From the committed City Council to the dedicated City staff to caring residents, business owners and other community members, we have begun forging a path toward building a Berkley we all love living in, working in and exploring in. Check out our 2023 State of the City video on our YouTube channel to learn more: [youtube.com/cityofberkley](https://www.youtube.com/cityofberkley).

One of the ways we achieved this was through the inaugural Mayor's Academy, which brought together residents for a deep dive into City services, how they are provided and the employees who deliver them, the challenges departments face and City budgets. This resulted in tremendous learning, innovative ideas and productive conversations around opportunities and enhanced partnerships. We look forward to offering another Mayor's Academy in 2024. Watch for details and how to apply on the City's website – [berkleymich.org](https://berkleymich.org) – and social media.

Great communities have engaged residents, and I am incredibly grateful we have so many individuals in Berkley who are involved in making a difference. I also am thankful we have a City Council and a City administration who are committed to listening to and valuing community feedback. Make sure you share your thoughts as we rebuild Berkley's Zoning Ordinance. For information on how you can get involved, visit [berkleymich.org/zoningordinance](https://berkleymich.org/zoningordinance).

As always, I encourage you to stay informed and engaged with the City by signing up for our monthly e-newsletter and following us on social media. Visit [berkleymich.org/stay\\_informed](https://berkleymich.org/stay_informed) for details.

***Bridget Dean, Berkley Mayor***



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# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## CONTACT INFORMATION

3238 Bacon Ave., Berkley, MI 48072 | (248) 658-3390 phone | (248) 658-3391 fax | [publicworks@berklemich.net](mailto:publicworks@berklemich.net)

## PUBLIC WORKS SNOW PLOW REMINDERS

We urge residents and businesses to follow the general snowplowing guidelines below:

- Do not push or plow snow into the public street
- Please move parked vehicles off the street during snow events
- Snowplows need "room to groom" - please give road crews ample room to safely clear the streets

### SECRET TO AVOIDING THE "SECOND SHOVEL"

As you look at your driveway from the road, clear out the right corner as much as possible.

Place more snow on the left side of the driveway. This will create a place for passing snow from the snow plow to go (instead of the end of your driveway).



## Winter Is Main Break Season

Our city sees an average of nearly 20 main breaks each year. If you notice a water main break, please call Public Works immediately at (248) 658-3490. Note: The same crews who clear our roads of ice and snow also repair water main breaks, so there may be additional time needed for repairs during storm events.



## Traveling for the Winter?

We encourage residents who plan to be out of town for the winter months to call us and arrange for a seasonal water shutoff, which helps limit the possibility of pipes freezing. Call (248) 658-3490 to request a winter water shutoff.



## Paperless Billing

Go paperless! Sign up to receive an emailed paperless water bill from the City of Berkley at [berklemich.org/paperless](http://berklemich.org/paperless).

# CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.,  
closed for lunch from 1-2 p.m.)

3338 Coolidge Hwy.  
Berkley, MI 48072

(248) 658-3310  
clerk@berkleymich.net



## 2024 ELECTIONS

The Clerk's Office is gearing up for a busy presidential election year in 2024! If you're interested in working on Election Day at a precinct in Berkley or during the nine days of early voting, please complete an Election Inspector application.

**DOWNLOAD AN ELECTION INSPECTOR APPLICATION HERE**



Anyone interested in becoming an election worker is invited to contact the City Clerk's Office via email at clerk@berkleymich.net, by calling (248) 658-3310 or by stopping by City Hall during regular business hours. Registered voters in the state of Michigan are urged to apply along with students 16 and older.

## Early Voting

Early voting will be available for nine days preceding every election. Early voting is available through the Sunday before Election Day from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. except Thursday, when it is offered noon-8 p.m. Berkley voters can vote early at the Oak Park Community Center – our regional early voting site – or the Waterford Oaks Activity Center (central early voting site). For more information about early voting, visit [berkleymich.org/vote](http://berkleymich.org/vote).

## Presidential Primary

Visit [berkleymich.org/vote](http://berkleymich.org/vote) for the latest information on the 2024 presidential primary.



# PARKS AND RECREATION YOUTH PROGRAMS

(248) 658-3470 | parks@berkleymich.net  
recreation.berkleymich.org  
Facebook.com/BerkleyParksandRec



## Kindermusik® Sing. Move. Bond. Grow.

Educators accommodate powerful and enjoyable music and movement activities for all stages of development, so that everyone is comfortable, engaged, and learning!

Families build connections, grownups learn ideas for music exploration and play at home, and there's room for everyone to grow.

Tuition includes streaming books and music access. This semester covers two different units, Around the Farm and Home Sweet Home.

Age: Mixed age 0 - 7 yrs.  
Date: January 22, Monday  
Time: 9:30 - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 11:15 am  
Cost: \$160 Resident and Non-Resident

Wednesdays  
9-11 am

\$2 resident  
\$3 non resident  
\*per child

**Weekly Drop In Play**  
at the Community Center - 2400 Robina  
(parent or guardian must be present during drop in)  
Register in person or online: recreation.berkleymich.org

## Pillo Polo

Boys and Girls don't miss out on this great floor-hockey type team sport! Hockey rules with foam sticks & ball.

Team: Bears - 7 weeks of practice/6 weeks of games  
Age: K-1st grade  
Date: Practice, January 22, Mondays  
Time: Practice, 4:00 - 4:30 pm  
Game: 4:00 - 4:45 pm, Fridays beginning February 2  
Cost: \$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident

Team: Wings - 7 weeks of practice/6 weeks of games  
Age: K-1st grade  
Date: Practice, January 24, Wednesdays  
Time: Practice, 4:45 - 5:15 pm  
Game: 4:00 - 4:45 pm, Fridays beginning February 2  
Cost: \$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident

Team: Spartans - 7 weeks of practice/6 weeks of games  
Age: 2-3rd grade  
Date: Practice, January 24, Wednesdays  
Time: Practice, 4:00 - 4:45 pm  
Game: 5:00 - 5:45 pm, Fridays beginning February 2  
Cost: \$75 Resident \$80 Non-Resident

Team: Wolverines - 7 weeks of practice/6 weeks of games  
Age: 2-3rd grade  
Date: Practice, January 22, Mondays  
Time: Practice, 4:30 - 5:15 pm  
Game: 5:00 - 5:45 pm, Fridays beginning February 2  
Cost: \$75 Resident \$80 Non-Resident

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

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



## Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation

The Friends of Berkley Parks and Recreation is a non-profit organization consisting of community members working to enhance and promote Berkley's recreation facilities & parks.

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK!**



**For more info or to volunteer, please contact us at:**

[friendsofberkleypandr@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofberkleypandr@gmail.com)

### BERKLEY PARKS & RECREATION 2024 WINTER VACATION CAMP

JANUARY 3-5 & FEBRUARY 20-23

@ THE COMMUNITY CENTER  
8:45 AM - 5:00 PM  
AM/PM Extended available



For pricing and to register:  
[recreation.berklemich.org](http://recreation.berklemich.org)

### Youth Sports Contacts

**Berkley Dad's Club**  
David Schmidt  
[www.berkleydadsclub.org](http://www.berkleydadsclub.org)



**Berkley Hoops**  
Scott Rowlett (248) 229-3420  
[www.berkleyhoops.com](http://www.berkleyhoops.com)



**Berkley Mom's Club**  
Corrina Campbell (248) 255-6263  
[www.berkleysoftball.com](http://www.berkleysoftball.com)



**Berkley Steelers Cheer**  
Michelle Rowlett (248) 224-2743  
[www.berkleysteelers.net](http://www.berkleysteelers.net)



**Berkley Steelers Football**  
Andrew Hadfield (248) 506-2464  
[www.berkleysteelers.net](http://www.berkleysteelers.net)



**South Oakland County Soccer**  
Mike Egnotovich  
[www.socscf.com](http://www.socscf.com)

## Berkley Steelers Travel Youth Football & Cheerleading Registration

[www.berkleysteelers.net](http://www.berkleysteelers.net)

Returning Player Registration - April 1  
 New Players Registration In-District - April 15  
 New Players Out of District Registration May 1  
 Summer Camps - May - July  
 Season Start - August 5th, 2024  
 Season End - November 5th, 2024

**FOR MORE INFO**

Cheer GM - Michelle Rowlett - 248-224-2743  
[berkleysteelercheer@gmail.com](mailto:berkleysteelercheer@gmail.com)  
  
 Football GM - Andrew Hadfield 248-506-2464  
[berkleysteelersfbc@gmail.com](mailto:berkleysteelersfbc@gmail.com)

Flag - 6/7 yrs  
Freshman - 8/9 yrs  
JV - 10/11 yrs  
Varsity - 12/13 yrs  
\*As of Sept 1, 2024



# SOUTH OAKLAND COUNTY SOCCER

BERKLEY'S RECREATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAMS

[SOCSFC.COM/SIGNUP](http://SOCSFC.COM/SIGNUP)

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

**Junior Mini-Kickers (U3) | \$84**

Led by professionally licensed coaches

**Mini-Kickers (U4) | \$84**

Led by professionally licensed coaches

**U5/U6 In-house program | \$119**

Game day training & games led by professional staff

**U7-U19 program | \$124**

Volunteer run practices and game season

### OTHER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- FREE Professionally led technical training nights + Detroit City FC Professional Player visits
- FREE Professionally led goalkeeper training
- FREE Professionally led coaches educational clinics + curriculum
- DISCOUNTED Detroit City FC Men's and Women's professional team tickets



Spring 2024 registration begins in December



Join the clear pathway to success from recreational soccer to the DCFC South Oakland travel program and beyond!



## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF YOUTH SPORTS

The Berkley Dads' Club offers youth baseball in the Summer for 4-16 year olds and Fall to kids ages 8-16.

- ⊗ Summer Registration opens in January ⊗
- ⊗ Fall Registration opens in July ⊗

The Berkley Cubs Travel program is also part of the BDC and has teams ranging from 8U to 16U for the 2024 Season. The Berkley Dads' Club along with the Berkley Cubs host the Berkley Summer Classic Baseball Tournament during the last weekend in June.

THE BERKLEY DADS' CLUB IS A PROUD SUPPORTER OF BERKLEY PARKS & REC  
get connected: @BerkleyDadsClub BerkleyDadsClub.net

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

## Certified Babysitter/CPR/ First Aid

Topics include: First aid, when and how to call 911, CPR with mannequin practice, choking, and more!

Instructor: Live Safe Academy

Age: 9-16 yrs.  
Date: January 21, Sunday  
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$70 Resident \$75 Non-Resident

Date: January 21  
Certified Pet Sitter add on  
Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
Cost: \$15

\*Class held at Huntington Woods  
Recreation Center

Date: February 13, Tuesday  
Time: 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Cost: \$50 Resident \$55 Non-Resident

\*Class held at Berkley Community Center

## Self Defense for Children

This fun, interactive and age appropriate workshop teaches essential, lifesaving information about the threats facing our children, strategies for prevention and real-world techniques designed to reduce their risk of abductions, assaults and other forms of violence.

Instructor: Live Safe Academy

\*Class held at Huntington Woods  
Recreation Center

Age: 6-10 yrs.  
Date: March 5, Tuesday  
Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$20 Resident \$25 Non-Resident



**REGISTER FOR WINTER PROGRAMS:**

**[RECREATION.BERKLEYMICH.ORG](http://RECREATION.BERKLEYMICH.ORG)**

# YOUTH/ADULT PROGRAMS



**GUITAR LESSONS**  
**AGES 8 & UP**

Start Date: January 22, Mondays  
Start Times: 2:00 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:15 pm, 5:00 pm

One participant per time slot

\$150 for six lessons

## First Aid/CPR/AED

Be prepared when seconds count! You might save a life, but only if you know what to do. Learn how to respond effectively to adult, child and infant cardiac and choking emergencies, sudden illness, bleeding, and other life-threatening conditions from the American Red Cross programs that set the national standard. You will also learn how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and your vital role in the chain of survival.

Date: January 30, Tuesday  
Time: 6:00 - 9:30 pm  
Cost: \$95

## Self Defense for Women

Can you defend yourself against a violent attack? Do you have the knowledge, skill and confidence to defend your family? Learn simple, lifesaving skills from programs designed to increase your safety after only one class!

Date: March 5, Tuesday  
Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Cost: \$40 resident \$45 non-resident

Held at Gillham Recreation Center in Huntington Woods

## Pet CPR and First Aid

What would you do if your dog or cat got hurt? Learn how to respond to common emergency situations, first-aid techniques and animal CPR (hands-on lab to include animal CPR on a dog/cat mannequin). Ages 16 and up.

Date: February 6, Tuesday  
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$33

Date: February 27, Tuesday  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Cost: \$33

Date: March 19, Tuesday  
Time: 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Cost: \$33



BERKLEY PARKS & RECREATION  
PRESENTS  
**Winter Fest**

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
12:00 - 2:00 PM

FREE & FUN outdoor activities for the whole family on the Community Center lawn.

2400 Robina  
Berkley, MI 48072

# ADULT PROGRAMS



**SMOTC DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

Winter Classes  
 AKC Star Puppy - January 22  
 Introduction to Dog Obedience - January 24  
 Intermediate Dog Obedience/Canine Good Citizen - January 24  
 Therapy Dog Obedience - January 22

Spring Classes  
 AKC Star Puppy - March 18  
 Introduction to Dog Obedience - March 13  
 Advanced Dog Obedience - March 13  
 Therapy Dog Obedience - March 18

**Southern Michigan SMOTC Obedience Training Club**

For more information or to register visit [recreation.berklemich.org](http://recreation.berklemich.org)

## ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

<p><b>ZUMBA - WINTER I</b>  <b>JANUARY 22, MONDAYS</b>          6:15 - 7:15 PM</p> <p><b>\$66 RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$71 NON-RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$12 DROP-IN</b></p> <p><b>WINTER II</b>  <b>MARCH 18</b></p>	<p><b>YOGA BLEND - WINTER I</b>  <b>JANUARY 9, TUESDAYS</b>          6:00 - 6:55 PM</p> <p><b>\$50 RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$55 NON-RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$9 DROP IN</b></p> <p><b>WINTER II</b>  <b>FEBRUARY 20</b></p>
<p><b>PIYO LIVE - MONDAYS</b>  <b>JANUARY 8</b>          6:00 - 6:55 PM</p> <p><b>\$51 RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$56 NON-RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$12 DROP IN</b></p>	<p><b>PIYO LIVE - THURSDAYS</b>  <b>JANUARY 11</b>          6:00 - 6:55 PM</p> <p><b>\$51 RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$56 NON-RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$12 DROP IN</b></p>
<p><b>PIYO LIVE - MONDAYS</b>  <b>FEBRUARY 26</b>          6:00 - 6:55 PM</p> <p><b>\$61 RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$66 NON-RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$12 DROP IN</b></p>	<p><b>PIYO LIVE - THURSDAYS</b>  <b>FEBRUARY 29</b>          6:00 - 6:55 PM</p> <p><b>\$61 RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$66 NON-RESIDENTS</b>  <b>\$12 DROP IN</b></p>

## Beginner Tai Chi

Learn Wu Style Tai Chi Chuan, an invigorating exercise for health and peace of mind. Careful practice will improve coordination and increase relaxation. Improve your health and concentration and learn to deal with stress more effectively.

Date: January 24, Wednesdays  
 March 6  
 Time: 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
 Cost: \$45 residents \$50 non-residents  
 \$9 Drop-in



**REGISTER FOR WINTER PROGRAMS:**  
[RECREATION.BERKLEYMICH.ORG](http://RECREATION.BERKLEYMICH.ORG)

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## DAY TRIPS

**FATHER OF THE BRIDE**  
MEADOWBROOK THEATRE  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31  
\$90  
LUNCH & TOUR OF MEADOWBROOK HALL

**A LITTLE MORE ALIVE**  
MEADOWBROOK THEATRE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6  
\$85  
LUNCH AT KRUSE AND MUER INCLUDED

## BINGO CELEBRATIONS

**RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR**  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9  
\$15

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG**  
TUESDAY, MARCH 26  
\$15

INCLUDES LUNCH AND TWO BINGO CARDS  
ADDITIONAL CARDS CAN BE PURCHED FOR  
\$0.50

## SENIOR FITNESS

	TUESDAYS	FRIDAYS
DATE:	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 19
TIME:	9:30 - 10:30 AM (BOTH DAYS)	
COST:	\$3 PER CLASS	

PUNCH CARDS NOW AVAILABLE  
10 CLASSES FOR \$25

## CASINO TRIPS

**HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT GREEKTOWN**  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17  
MONDAY, MARCH 11  
\$15

**MGM CASINO**  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10  
\$15

## TRIVIA TUESDAYS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
\$15

TUESDAY, APRIL 16  
\$15

GRAB SOME FRIENDS AND COME TEST YOUR  
KNOWLEDGE. TRIVIA TUESDAY WILL FEATURE 6  
ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS, BONUS ROUNDS AND  
MORE.

## ZUMBA GOLD

PERFECT FOR:  
ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A  
MODIFIED ZUMBA CLASS THAT RECREATES THE  
ORIGINAL MOVES YOU LOVE AT A LOWER  
INTENSITY.

DATE:	JANUARY 22, MONDAYS
	MARCH 11
TIME:	10:00 - 10:45 AM
COST:	\$66 FOR SIX CLASSES \$12 DROP-IN

# Berkley Area CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Darlene Rothman, Executive Director | [darlene@berkleychamber.com](mailto:darlene@berkleychamber.com)  
[berkleychamber.com](http://berkleychamber.com) | P.O. Box 72-1253, Berkley, MI 48072



## 2024 BERK PERK DISCOUNT CARDS ON SALE NOW!

The Berk Perk Discount Card gives you money-saving deals at Woodward Corner Market, Mongers' Provisions, Urge Juice, Crispelli's, The Neighbor's Shoppe, Berkley Common and so many more. Berk Perk Discount Cards are on sale now at Woodward Corner Market, Berkley City Hall, Berkley Public Library and the Chamber's website – [berkleychamber.com](http://berkleychamber.com) – for \$35 each. For each card sold online, \$15 will go toward the Berkley Education Foundation. Burton Elementary PTA and Pattengill Elementary PTA are selling the cards, too!

## BERKLEY BULLHORN: AMPLIFYING CHAMBER BUSINESSES

Want to know what's going on with your favorite businesses in the community? The Berkley Bullhorn amplifies new business ribbon cuttings, upcoming events, behind-the-scenes features of local owners, Berk Perk discounts and more. Subscribe to the Berkley Bullhorn at [berkleychamber.com/Berkley\\_Bullhorn](http://berkleychamber.com/Berkley_Bullhorn) and like and follow the Berkley Chamber on Facebook and Instagram.

# DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

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## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these fun community events. Note: Dates are subject to change, so please check the calendar at [berklemich.org](http://berklemich.org) and follow Downtown Berkley on Facebook for updates.

- **Downtown Leprechauns Scavenger Hunt:** March
- **Food Truck Fridays at Berkley ArtSpace:** Spring
- **Berkley Farmers Market series returns:** Spring
- **Leia's Night Out:** May 4
- **Berkley Days:** May 8-12



# Berkley Public LIBRARY

(248) 658-3440 | [library@berkleymich.net](mailto:library@berkleymich.net) | [berkley.lib.mi.us](http://berkley.lib.mi.us)  
Facebook: @BerkleyPublicLibrary

The library is open Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested in supporting the library? The Friends of Berkley Public Library would love to hear from you! The Friends is a nonprofit group that raises funds to support the library's programs and services. For more information about the Friends and how to join, visit [berkleymich.org/libraryfriends](http://berkleymich.org/libraryfriends).

## ADULTS

### Afternoon Book Club

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m.

"The Thread Collectors" by Shaunna J. Edwards.

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

Tuesday, March 12 at 12:30 p.m.

"Maame" by Jessica George.

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



## ADULTS CONT.

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### Mexican Mole Making Class with Casa Amado

Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Mole is a delicious Mexican sauce that has over 15 ingredients and is a labor of love to prepare. Chef Amado Lopez of Berkley's Casa Amado will show you how to make your own Oaxacan mole, offer the history around this classic sauce and explain the different varieties of moles around Mexico. Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Registration required at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

### Where the Sidewalk Ends: Choosing Resilient Trees for Tomorrow's Urban Environments

Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Ash, elm and chestnut trees once were as common in cities as the streets that bear their names. Our tree canopy today is much less diverse due to insects, disease, invasive species and poor species selection. Join Lawrence Sobson, Michigan Department of Natural Resources urban forester and partnership coordinator, to discover some ideal urban tree species, learn how to assess urban sites and find out how to ensure the trees you choose can live for the next hundred years. Presented by the Berkley Tree Board. Registration optional at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

### End of the Trail: A Life Well Spent Walking in the Woods and Sleeping on the Ground

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

In his final presentation, local travel and outdoor author Jim DuFresne will highlight his best adventures from a life of wandering the wilderness, ranging from the mountains of New Zealand and glaciated bays of Alaska to Michigan's own Isle Royale National Park. Jim will wrap up his 40-year career having written more than 20 titles, including "Isle Royale National Park: Foot Trails & Water Routes," "Tramping in New Zealand," "The Trails of M-22," "Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park" and "50 Hikes In Michigan." Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Registration optional at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.



## TEENS

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### Teen Book Club

Second Monday of the month at 4:45 p.m.  
Feb. 12, March 11

This is a book club by and for teens! Check the library's website for the book selections.

### Snow Day Movie Kit

Pick up at library Jan. 29-Feb. 3

We can't guarantee a snow day, but we can guarantee a fun movie break plus hot chocolate and popcorn! Sign up and choose which movie you'd like to check out through the Google form on our online event calendar. Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

### Blind Date with a Book

All of February

Find a new crush-worthy novel! Choose a wrapped book to check out and take home. The mystery books will be on display on the wall in the teen room during the month of February.

## TEENS CONT.

### Pizza Taste Testing

Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Try out pizza from Berkley pizzerias, vote on your favorites and then find out which restaurant comes out on top! Open to fourth- through eighth-graders. Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

### Book Face Contest

All of March

Replace your face with a book's cover! Take a picture of your bookface creation and email it to [youth@berkleymich.net](mailto:youth@berkleymich.net) – make sure to include your age and grade. We will post entries on our social media, where you can vote by liking your favorite entries. Search #bookfacefriday for examples.

### Teen Book End Art Kit

Pick up at library March 11-16

Decorate a book end to spruce up your bookshelf! Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.



# YOUTH

### Family Storytime. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6, Feb. 13

Session 2: March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9

Join us for stories, rhymes and songs! Activities will focus on ages 2-6, but all ages are welcome. No registration required.

### Baby Playtime. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Session 1: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15

Session 2: March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11

Enjoy open-ended play with your infant and social interaction with other families. Our toys are best suited for 6 months-3 years. Siblings welcome. No registration required.

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# YOUTH CONT.

## Mystery Books

All of February

Looking for a little adventure? Choose a wrapped mystery book to check out! Mystery books will be on display on the train during the month of February.



## The Magic of Reading

Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Baffling Bill the Magician and Gus the Bunny for a fun night of magic and laughter! Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

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## Read to a Dog

Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, March 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 16 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Reading Month by sharing a book with a friendly dog! Bonnie is a certified therapy dog who will be at the library several days and times during March. Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

## Games of Madness

Monday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Compete in a mini tournament of minute-to-win-it style games. There will be prizes! Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Register at <http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.





# PUBLIC SAFETY

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## Driving in Winter Weather: The Basics

Slow down! It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. In fact, in 2020, there were an estimated 119,000 police-reported crashes that occurred in winter conditions. On the road, increase your following distance enough so you have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

Don't crowd a snow plow or travel right next to the truck. Snow plows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes and exit the road frequently. If you find yourself behind a snow plow, allow plenty of room between it and your vehicle and use caution if you pass the plow.

## What to Do in an Emergency

If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car and your surroundings.

Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.  
Let your car be seen. Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light on.

Be mindful of carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your exhaust pipe is clear of any snow and run your car only sporadically – just long enough to stay warm. Don't run your car for long periods of time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.





# Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

## HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet (1 metre) away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

## Types of electric space heaters

### Oil or water-filled radiator

Heated oil or water travels through the heater.

### Fan-forced heater

A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

### Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

### Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.

## Fact

Two in five deaths in space heater fires involve portable electric space heaters.



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# ZONING ORDINANCE

Berkley

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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**W**e're rebuilding the City's Zoning Ordinance word by word! Last updated in 1993, the Zoning Ordinance regulates land use, building size and placement, parking and landscaping. These regulations, using "zones," allow different uses and buildings in different places.

City staff, consultants and officials need your input in the rebuilding of our Zoning Ordinance. Your feedback is crucial to ensure the Zoning Ordinance reflects how we work, shop, move and play in the 21st century. Join the conversation and share your vision at the remaining public open house workshops in January.

### Here's the schedule and topics for the workshops:



**JAN. 24**

**Parking:**  
The Berkley shuffle



**JAN. 31**

**Development review:**  
How a plan becomes a building

Each workshop takes place 6-8 p.m. in the Berkley High School Collaborative Center, 2325 Catalpa Drive, and begins with a presentation at 6:15 p.m. Come for the full two hours or drop in at your convenience.

Please join us for one or both sessions to share your vision for a better Berkley. General questions and comments about the rebuilding of our Zoning Ordinance can be sent to [planning@berkleymich.net](mailto:planning@berkleymich.net).

Earlier January workshops focused on zoning districts and duplexes and multifamily housing.

For more information about the rebuilding of our Zoning Ordinance, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit [berkleymich.org/zoningordinance](http://berkleymich.org/zoningordinance).

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# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you know a Berkley community member exemplifying our “We Care” tagline? Maybe your neighbor spends their free time restocking little free libraries, your friend builds shelters for stray cats, or your sibling writes cards to hospital patients.

Please reach out to [communications@berklemich.net](mailto:communications@berklemich.net) to nominate your caring community member to be featured in a future issue of the Berkley Buzz!





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