



CITY OF BERKLEY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Happy June, Berkley!

I hope everyone is looking forward to the sunshine and summer fun. As we celebrate Pride Month and recognize the lives and contributions of our LGBTQ+ community members, please join our Downtown Development Authority for the second annual Berkley Pride Block Party. This all-ages community event will take place noon-4 p.m. Sunday, June 25 at 12 Mile Road and Robina Avenue. It's a great opportunity to celebrate Pride Month with friends, loved ones and neighbors with games, entertainment and food. More details are [here](#).

This month, we're also recognizing Juneteenth, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans long after many enslaved people were not granted freedom through the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863. At the City of Berkley, we acknowledge and learn from our country's history – and honor the freedom of all members of our community.

As you've probably already noticed with the warmer weather, more children are outside playing and enjoying nature. We'll see even more kids outside this month with the school year ending and summer vacation starting. Please be cautious of bicycles, tricycles and our little people as you make your way through our community. You'll also see more youth and teens enjoying our parks, restaurants and other community amenities that make Berkley amazing, so please be mindful of them as well.

For more information about activities in our community for children of all ages, please visit our [Berkley Public Library](#) and [Parks and Recreation Department](#).

Summer is known for beautiful days, relaxing moments and road construction. The Wiltshire Road water main and pavement replacement project between Coolidge and Woodward starts June 12, so please be patient and plan ahead. This improvement project will include replacement of the road, driveway approaches, sidewalks, ADA ramps and much more. If you want more information, please visit our [website](#).

All the best to you and yours this summer!

– Matt Baumgarten



PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

BERKLEY BEATS

2023 CONCERT DATES

Detroit Social Club
(Blues/Classic Soul & Motown)

JUNE 28 Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon Ave

The Royal Oak Concert Band & Woodward Avenue Jazz Orchestra

JULY 12 Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave

Sonic Freeway
(Popular dance hits covering the 60s to the present)

JULY 26 Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon Ave

Harmonic Swell and the Bridge of Reverberation
(Popular, Classic Rock)

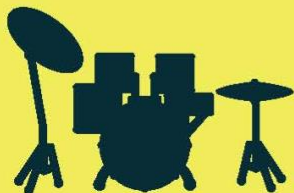
AUGUST 9 Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon Ave

Lisa Mary Band
(Modern and Classic Country with a mix of Southern Rock)

AUGUST 30 Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon Ave

ALL SHOWTIMES BEGIN @ 7 PM

www.berkleymich.org/berkleybeats



CLERK'S OFFICE

(248) 658-3310 | Email: clerk@berkleymich.net | Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch)

Garage sale permits – The City requires anyone interested in having a yard sale to obtain a garage sale permit. Permits are available online at berkleymich.org/departments/city_clerk/documents.php or at City Hall, 3338 Coolidge Hwy.

Special election – The City of Berkley will mail out absentee ballot applications for the Aug. 8 special Berkley Schools election at the beginning of this month. Please note all absentee ballot applications now include return postage following the passage of Michigan Proposal 2 in 2022. Learn more about voting in Berkley at berkleymich.org/vote.

FINANCE UPDATE

(248) 658-3340 | Email: treasury@berkleymich.net | Monday-Friday (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., closed 1-2 p.m. for lunch)

The City's Finance Department has completed the budget process for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 and is working on the City Council-adopted budget book. Please watch for the budget book in the near future on the City's website at berkleymich.org/budget.

BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Ice Cream Social

Join the Friends of the Berkley Public Library for its annual Ice Cream Social to kick off the start of Summer Reading. The social will take place at 6 p.m. Monday, June 19 at the library and run as long as ice cream is available. Sign up for the youth or teen Summer Reading challenge: berkleymich.org/departments/library/summerreading.php.

Summer Hours

Between the Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends, the library will be closed on Saturdays. The library will reopen Saturdays starting Sept. 9.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

It now costs 23 cents per kilowatt-hour to use one of our four electric vehicle chargers at the Berkley Public Library. Users will need to download the EV Connect app on their smart phone and create an account. They'll then choose the charging station within the EV Connect app based on location, station ID, availability, provided power level and accessibility. To initiate an EV vehicle charge, users will scan the QR code on the station through the EV Connect app. For more information about the EV Connect process and our EV chargers, visit berkleymich.org/boards_and_commissions/ev_charging_in_berkley.php.

BERKLEY *Pride*

DOWNTOWN BERKLEY **BLOCK PARTY**

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This year will be twice as big and twice as fun
with a stellar selection of activities for all ages!

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - 12-4PM

Downtown Berkley /// Robina at 12 Mile



**VISIT BERKLEYPRIDE.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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PARKS AND RECREATION

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

Berkley Beats

Detroit Social Club playing blues, classic soul and Motown

Wednesday, June 28 at 7 p.m. at Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon St.

For more information about these events, visit berkleymich.org/summerfest or berkleymich.org/berkeleybeats.

The City-Wide Garage Sale is June 22-25.

If you want your address on the map of participating homes, please register for the sale by Friday, June 16 at recreation.berkleymich.org. The maps will be available at the Community Center, City Hall and berkleymich.org/hot_topics/city_garage_sale.php.



Movies in the Park

"Rookie of the Year" – Thursday, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Oxford Park, 2100 Bacon Ave.



SummerFest

Senior Picnic (registration required)
Wednesday, June 14 at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave.

Ongoing Senior Programs

Senior Fitness ends June 30 for the summer and returns in September.

Senior Trips

Noises off at Meadowbrook, June 21
MGM Casino, June 26

Senior Lunch Trip

Ottava Via, June 23

Adult Programs

Beginner Tai Chi
Sanchin Ryu Karate in the Park
Guitar lessons
Yoga in the Park
PiYo in the Park

Specialty Camps

Boys basketball
Girls basketball
Be a STEMgineer
Amazing Athletes
ABCs of Engineering
Little Ninjas Warriors Camp

Youth Programs

Sanchin Ryu Karate in the Park

Summer Tennis

Youth tennis
Adult tennis and pickleball

For more information on all programs and to register, please visit recreation.berkleymich.org.

BERKLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Art Bash

June 10

The Berkley Art Bash has been turning 12 Mile Road into an art-filled street party since 2001. Explore handmade wares from over 150 artists and makers, listen to live music and enjoy street eats and fun kid activities. Also, check out storefronts and restaurants along 12 Mile during this quintessential event.

Berkley Street Art Fest

July 15

Chalk art fills Coolidge Highway during the Berkley Street Art Fest. This all-ages event provides free activities for the kiddos plus the Shop for Good Village, which features a wide variety of vendors and food purveyors. This year's Street Art Fest will be the biggest yet.

For more information about these events, visit berkleychamber.com.

**DOWNTOWN
BERKLEY
FARMERS
MARKET
THURSDAYS
9 AM - 3 PM**

**S. Robina
at 12 Mile
June - Oct.**

berkleyfarmersmarket.com



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Like people, mice and rats need food, water and shelter to survive. Take the following steps to prevent rats and mice in and around your property:

- Use rodent-proof garbage cans with tight-fitting lids to eliminate food supply.
- Don't leave pet food out overnight.
- Clean up pet droppings daily.
- If you have a bird feeder, place it at least 48 inches above ground level. It should be kept clean and never be overfilled.
- Remove material and tall vegetation that could be used for shelter. Trim weeds and brush and keep grass short to minimize cover and food sources.
- All building materials, lumber, boxes, firewood and similar items should be stored either on rat-proof paved areas or stacked 18 inches above the ground.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Did you know the Berkley Department of Public Safety is in the home stretch of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police/Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission accreditation process? This is a voluntary process where departments need to meet and prove they are following 108 standards.

Why accreditation?

- Accreditation is a proactive and ongoing "health check" of the organization's defined processes and its execution.
- It supports a culture of continuous improvement through voluntary commitment to review best practices and how organizations choose to apply them.
- It can identify areas of professional excellence and where organizational growth is needed.
- Clearly defining organizational expectations supports strong service delivery and creates sustainability during succession.
- Internal reviews and the external validation by outside parties increases trust and transparency with those who the organization serves and department members.

As of now, there are 58 accredited agencies and another 60, including BDPS, in the process out of 844 law enforcement agencies in Michigan. The BDPS "mock" assessment took place on April 25, and we anticipate the actual assessment taking place later this summer.

This has been a multiyear process that includes many updates to policies, procedures and the physical building. We look forward to continuing this process to better serve our community.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APRIL MEETINGS

Please visit our [calendar page](#) for more details and to stay up to date on all of our Boards and Commissions.

June 5

- 7 p.m. – City Council

June 8

- 7 p.m. – Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 13

- 7 p.m. – Historical Committee

June 14

- 8:30 a.m. – Downtown Development Authority

June 19

- 4 p.m. – Public Safety Pension Board
- 7 p.m. – City Council

June 20

- 6:30 p.m. – Environmental Advisory Committee

June 21

- 7 p.m. – Library Board

June 27

- 7 p.m. – Planning Commission

June 28

- 6:30 p.m. – Beautification Advisory Commission
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