



CITY OF BERKLEY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Matthew Baumgarten

Hello Berkley!

Welcome to November! It's a month that starts with making your voice heard at the ballot box and ends with giving thanks for all the many ways in which we are fortunate.

Just as with years past, Berkley is in a friendly competition with its surrounding communities to see who will have the highest voter turnout.

In the 2020 election, we had a fantastic 80.56% voter turnout and narrowly lost 2nd place to Pleasant Ridge's 80.90%. I know we can not only beat our best but also stand out amongst our peer communities!

Our thanks to Dr. Nat Pernick who developed and sponsors the competition. This is the **third challenge** he has hosted and this year the prizes are \$1000, \$500, and \$250 for the cities that have the highest voter turnout. As a bonus to drive voter turnout, any city that has at least a 75% turnout will get \$250 and any city with an 80% turnout will get \$500, but cities can only get one award. The prize will come in the form of a donation to local non-profit groups. Let's Go, Voters!!

November is also the official kick-off of the holiday season. It closes out a great month-long celebration of all things Halloween with Boo!kley. Special thanks to the many DDA volunteers, board members, Director McGuinness, and all those who decorated skeletons for making it a memorable month. You all are certainly on my list of reasons to be thankful that I live in, work in, and serve in Berkley.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Baumgarten". The signature is fluid and cursive.

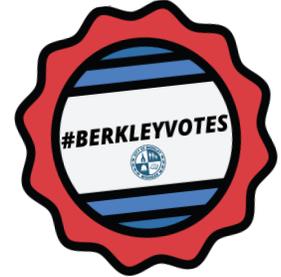
– Matt Baumgarten

STRAIGHT FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

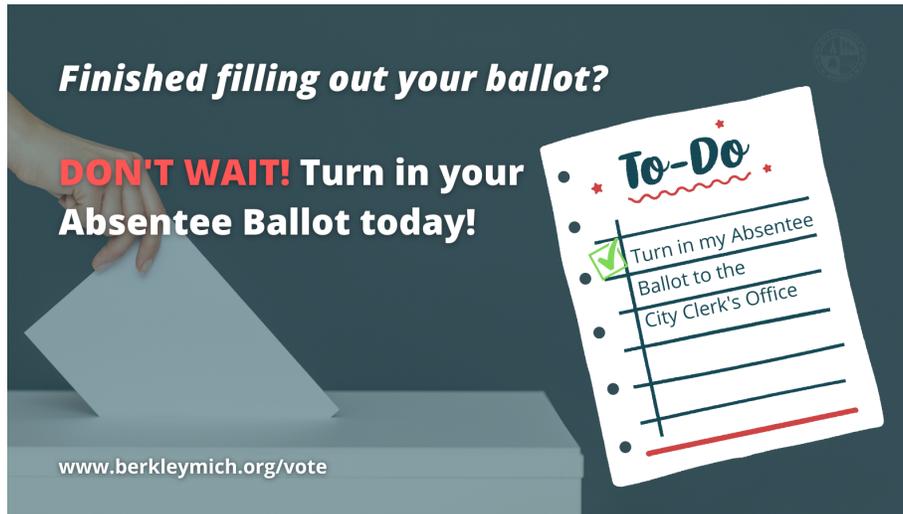
248-658-3310 | Email: clerk@berkleymich.net | Monday - Friday (8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, closed for lunch from 1-2 PM)

ELECTION DAY IS ONE WEEK FROM TODAY!

The General Election will take place on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022**. All seven precincts will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM and anyone wanting to register to vote can do so by coming to City Hall with proof of residency. We are expecting a very high turnout and the Clerk's Office will be open to the public for **ELECTION BUSINESS ONLY** that day.



- Please note: The rest of City Hall services will be open during normal business hours. With higher traffic volumes in person, we are asking everyone to be patient with us. **Not comfortable coming into the office?** Accessing many of our City services CAN STILL BE DONE via phone, email, a dropbox submission, or US mail.



Want to see a Sample Ballot?

Sample ballots are available in the Clerk's Office and online at www.berkleymich.org/vote or 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.

Come to our Extended Service Hours!

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

Date:	Time:
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

Learn more at www.berkleymich.org/vote.

HAVE A SAFE THANKSGIVING ~REMEMBER TURKEY!~



T

Thaw turkey at a safe temperature – 40°F or below



U

Use extra caution when frying a turkey and oil-free fryers if possible



R

Remember to clean all cooking surfaces regularly



K

Keep children away from hot foods and surfaces, and kitchen utensils



E

Ensure turkey is cooked and has reached minimum temperature of 165°F



Y

Your smoke detector should be tested prior to cooking



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12 Days of Fire Safety

Information provided by the Toronto Community Housing

Day 1



Create and practise an escape plan so everyone in your home can evacuate safely in case of emergency.

Day 2



Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.

Day 3



If your smoke alarm is not working, call the Client Care Centre at 416-981-5500 or speak to your superintendent.

Day 4



Stay in the kitchen when cooking. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires.

Day 5



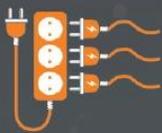
Make sure you check decorations for frayed wires or damaged cords before using them.

Day 6



If you're going to smoke, do it outside. Put out your cigarette using a large, deep ashtray.

Day 7



Limit the number of cords plugged into electrical outlets. Too many can cause a fire.

Day 8



Keep radiators and space heaters away from anything that can catch fire, like curtains or blankets.

Day 9



Carbon monoxide alarms are installed in your home. Speak to your superintendent if you're not sure where it is.

Day 10



Blow out candles before leaving the room and keep them away from children, pets and anything that can burn.

Day 11



Prepare an emergency kit with essential items like a flashlight, first aid materials, blankets and water.

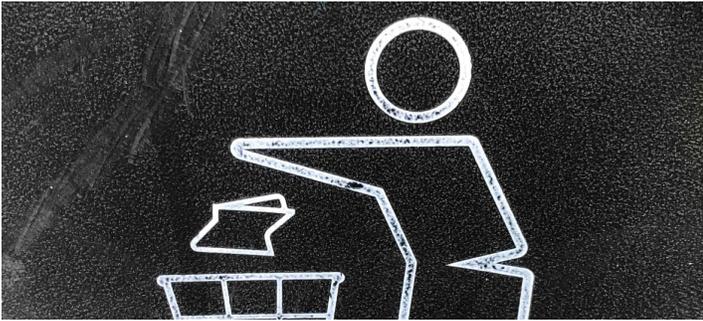
Day 12



Place festive decorations away from heat sources like candles, fireplaces, heaters or radiators.

PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL REMINDERS

248-658-3490 | Email: 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.

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 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.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- **Veterans Day - Friday, November 11, 2022**
 - *Normal hours will resume on Monday, November 14, 2022*
- **Thanksgiving Holiday - Thursday (November 24) & Friday (November 25)**
 - *Normal hours will resume on Monday, November 28, 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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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 for a list of discounts, locations where cards are available to purchase, and more information about fundraising opportunities!

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Trivia Night

Tuesday, November 15th

5:30pm-9:30pm

What's happening...

- Come play trivia with us at **24 Seconds**, 3071 Twelve Mile Road, in Berkley on the upper/heated deck! Free parking.
- Two trivia games will be played (at 6:30 and 7:45).
- 20% of all food and drink sales to benefit the Friends of Berkley Parks & Recreation!
- Raffle and 50/50 (prizes include a Vizio 40" LED Smart TV and Ninja Auto-iQ Blender)!

Thank you to our sponsors!



BERKLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

248-658-3335 | Email: museum@berkleymich.net | Website: www.berkleymich.org/museum

Remember Pay Phones?

The Berkley Historical Museum is about to obtain a pay phone booth that was in Pattengill Elementary School for several decades. It was located in the hall near the office.

It was removed in late 1978 so that a handicapped-accessible phone could be installed.

The booth was taken by Judith Barry who was for many years the school secretary. It is solid oak and beautiful. It also still has a phone and light in it.

The Barry family had it in their Berkley home for many years. When they moved to Pennsylvania they took it with them and then they moved it again to Brooklyn, Michigan.

They are now donating it to the Berkley Historical Museum. The museum is currently in the process of raising enough money to have it shipped to Berkley.



NOVEMBER 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.

NOVEMBER 09:

- **8:30 AM - Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Meeting**
- 7:00 PM - Citizens Engagement Advisory Committee & Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER 11:

- **City Offices & Library Closed in observance of Veteran's Day**

NOVEMBER 14:

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

NOVEMBER 15:

- 7:00 PM - Historical Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER 16:

- 7:00 PM - Library Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 17:

- 6:30 PM - Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

NOVEMBER 21:

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

NOVEMBER 22:

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

NOVEMBER 23:

- 6:30 PM - Beautification Advisory Commission Meeting

NOVEMBER 24 & NOVEMBER 25:

- **City Offices & Library Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday**
 - ***Note: Trash Collection will be delayed by one day.***

NOVEMBER 28:

- 7:00 PM - Tree Board Meeting