

THE BERKLEY BUZZ

WINTER 2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



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**.

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 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 HISTORIGAL MARKER UNVEILED

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

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. 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.

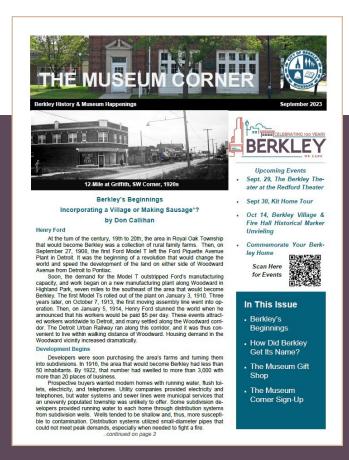
The Museum Corner is published quarterly in March, June, September and December. It is available for distribution at the Berkley Historical Museum, City Hall and the Berkley Public Library. If you wish to receive an emailed copy of The Museum Corner each time it is published, please put your name and 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.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

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.

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** – 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**.

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** for details.

Bridget Dean, Berkley Mayor



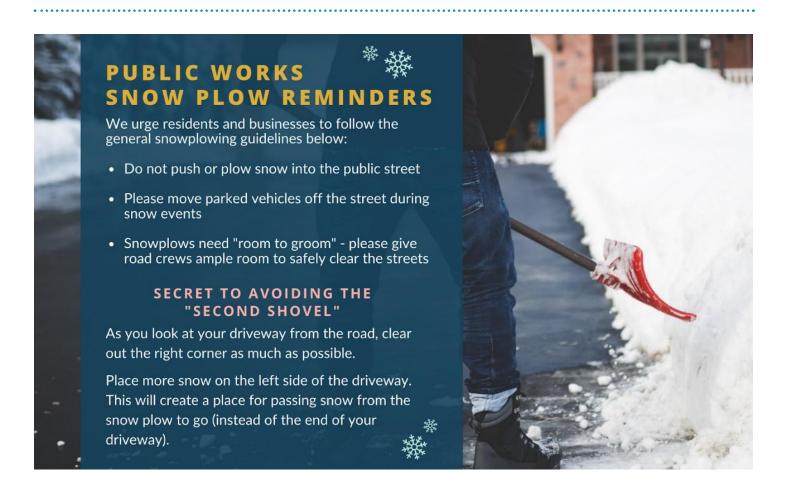


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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CONTACT INFORMATION

3238 Bacon Ave., Berkley, MI 48072 | (248) 658-3390 phone | (248) 658-3391 fax | publicworks@berkleymich.net





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 turnoff, which helps limit the possibility of pipes freezing. Call (248) 658-3490 to request a winter water turnoff.



Paperless Billing

Go paperless! Sign up to receive an emailed paperless water bill from the City of Berkley at **berkleymich.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.

Presidential Primary

Visit **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





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.

Mixed age 0 - 7 yrs. Age: Date: January 22, Monday

Time: 9:30 - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 11:15 am Cost: \$160 Resident and Non-Resident



Pillo Polo

Boys and Girls don't miss out on this great floorhockey 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

2-3rd grade Age:

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.berkleymich.org



BERKLEY PARKS & RECREATION



Friends of Berkley





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

Youth Sports Contacts

Berkley Dad's Club David Schmidt www.berkleydadsclub.org

Berkley Hoops Scott Rowlett (248) 229-3420 www.berkleyhoops.com

Berkley Mom's Club Corrina Campbell (248) 255-6263 www.berkleysoftball.com

Berkley Steelers Cheer Michelle Rowlett (248) 224-2743 www.berkleysteelers.net

Berkley Steelers Football Andrew Hadfield (248) 506-2464 www.berkleysteelers.net

South Oakland County Soccer Mike Egnotovich www.socsfc.com















SOUTH OAKLAND COUNTY SOCCER

BERKLEY'S RECREATIONAL YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAMS

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





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:

(1) @BerkleyDadsClub @ BerkleyDadsClub.net

YOUTH PROGRAMS

recreation.berkleymich.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.

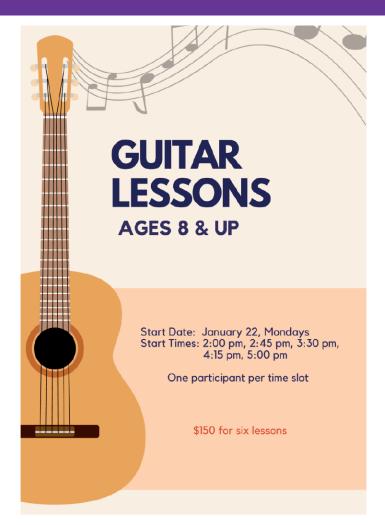
Date: March 5, Tuesday Time: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Cost: \$20 Resident \$25 Non-Resident





YOUTH/ADULT PROGRAMS



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

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 lifethreatening 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



ADULT PROGRAMS



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





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

DAY TRIPS

FATHER OF THE BRIDE

MEADOWBROOK THEATRE WEDNESDAY, JANAURY 31 \$90

LUNCH & TOUR OF MEADOWBROOK HALL

A LITTLE MORE ALIVE

MEADOWBROOK THEATRE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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, JANAURY 17
MONDAY, MARCH 11

\$15

MGM CASINO

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

TRIVIA TUESDAYS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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 GHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT INFORMATION

Darlene Rothman, Executive Director | darlene@berkleychamber.com 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 – 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 and like and follow the Berkley Chamber on Facebook and Instagram.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

CONTACT INFORMATION

(248) 658-3353 phone | (248) 658-3301 fax | director@downtownberkley.com

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these fun community events. Note: Dates are subject to change, so please check the calendar at **berkleymich.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 | berkley.lib.mi.us Facebook: @BerkleyPublicLibrary

he 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.



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.

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

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 eighthgraders. Sponsored by the Friends of Berkley Library. Register at http://berkleylib.evanced.info/signup/calendar.

Book Face ContestAll of March

Replace your face with a book's cover!
Take a picture of your bookface
creation and email it to 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.



















CONTACT INFORMATION

2395 12 Mile Road, Berkley, MI 48072 | (248) 658-3380 phone (248) 658-3381 fax | EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911

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 wintery 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.



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

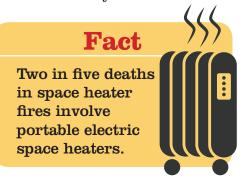
A fan blows warm air over metal coils.

Ceramic heater

Air is warmed over a ceramic heating element.

Infrared heaters

Heat is created by infrared bulbs.







Rebuilding Berkley's

ZONING ORDINANCE

Berkley

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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 Berklev 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.

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**.

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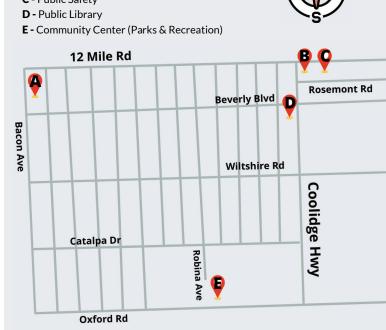
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- A Public Works
- **B** City Hall & Downtown Development Authority
- C Public Safety



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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.

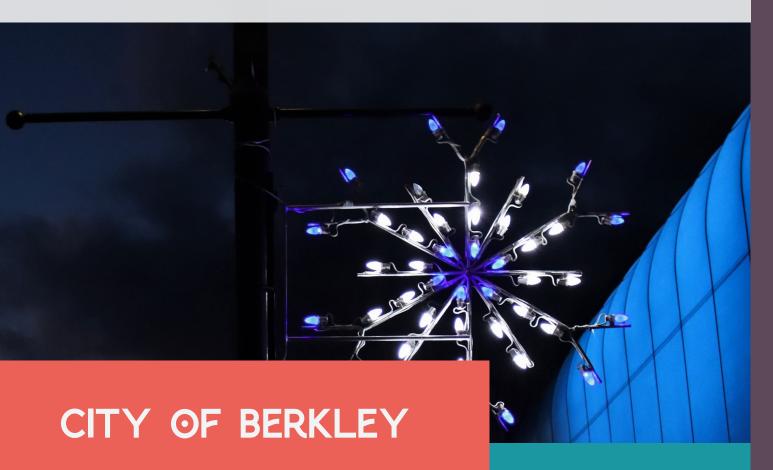
Please reach out to communications@berkleymich.net to nominate your caring community member to be featured in a future issue of the Berkley Buzz!







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