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CITY MANAGER

As temperatures become cooler and leaves start falling, it is amazing to look back at all that has been accomplished in Birmingham during the spring and summer months. This newsletter includes information about many of the projects and initiatives we have been working on, and there is much more on the horizon as we approach the busy holiday season.

If you have walked or driven through downtown Birmingham lately, you have seen the beautiful transformation along South Old Woodward between Brown and Landon. City staff, construction crews and contractors have my sincere appreciation for their work on this essential project. This completes the third and final phase of downtown infrastructure improvements that began in 2018 in the Central Business District. Learn about the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 project on page 11 of this newsletter.

The Department of Public Services has been working on projects made possible through the Parks and Recreation Bond. I highly recommend visiting Adams Park, which was redeveloped over the summer. Learn about the new park features and enhancements on page 12.

On my many walks through town, I frequently pass by Crestview Park, home to the city's first pickleball courts. While the current two courts are temporary, plans are underway for six permanent courts (also a result of the Parks and Recreation Bond) to be installed by spring of next year. It is wonderful to see people having fun and smiling on the courts. Pickleball is a very social activity and I enjoy seeing neighbors conversing while playing. If you haven't played, I encourage you to try it before winter sets in.

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As we plan for the future, we are also reviewing the third and final draft of the Citywide Master Plan for 2040. This plan will set goals and guide decision-making on land use, development standards, transportation, housing, community facilities and more. We anticipate the plan will be adopted early next year. Learn more about the Citywide Master Plan on page 5.

The City Clerk's Office is gearing up for another busy election season. I encourage you to vote in the November 8 Statewide General Election. Find important dates, absentee voting updates, and information about a proposed charter amendment on page 6.

Fall and winter are truly special seasons in Birmingham, thanks in part to our treasured community events. After a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Birmingham Fire Department will hold their Open House event on October 8. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the Fire Station during this educational event. As we gear up for the holidays, you have likely already seen Department of Public Services workers stringing white lights all throughout the downtown area. Adding to the festive atmosphere, residents and visitors will enjoy carriage rides, the Birmingham Winter Markt, Tree Lighting and more. Learn about these activities on pages 7 through 9.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends, and encourage you to enjoy all that Birmingham has to offer this fall and winter. If I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at tmarkus@bhamgov.org or 248-530-1809.



*Sincerely,
Tom Markus
City Manager*

WHAT'S NEW

VOTE! 2023 CALENDAR COVER

Photographers of all ages and skill levels were invited to submit a photo for the cover of the 2023 City of Birmingham calendar. Submissions are in and there are many beautiful images to choose from! Visit engage.bhamgov.org to vote for your favorite image. Hurry, voting ends soon.



PERMANENT PICKLEBALL COURTS COMING SOON

Earlier this year, two temporary pickleball courts were installed at Crestview Park. Soon, six permanent pickleball courts will be available at Crestview. This priority project is part of the Parks and Recreation Bond and the City is pleased to offer this increasingly popular recreational activity to the community. Visit the Pickleball Courts Project page on engage.bhamgov.org for additional information regarding this exciting new offering.



USER-FRIENDLY EQUIPMENT COMING SOON AT PARKING STRUCTURES



Following a thorough review of the City's parking structures, new equipment will soon be installed to create an easy-in, easy-out experience for all parkers. The cloud-based, maintenance-free equipment will offer a user-friendly, contactless entry with a variety of convenient payment options. Learn more about this project at www.bhamgov.org/parking.

CITY SERVICES & MEETINGS

The City Hall (151 Martin Street) lobby remains accessible to the public through the Martin Street entrance during regular business hours, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Main floor services, including the Clerk's and Treasurer's offices, are accessible. Necessary in-person meetings between City Hall employees and the public take place at a designated location on the main floor of City Hall.

The Police Department lobby entrance on Pierce Street continues to operate as the point of contact for all off-hour requests.

CITY MEETINGS

City Commission and other City boards meet in-person, most with a virtual option available to the public. Those who prefer to attend meetings virtually may learn how to participate at www.bhamgov.org/participate. You may also watch many City meetings on your local cable access channel and by web streaming on the City's Vimeo channel.

CONTACT US

Visit www.bhamgov.org/contacts to view a list of department contact numbers for services needed.

STAY IN TOUCH

SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS USING GOVALERT APP

Submit non-emergency concerns or questions directly to the City of Birmingham using the GovAlert Mobile app! Simply download the free app, available for both iOS and Android devices, and follow the user-friendly prompts. Watch this video to learn more: www.bhamgov.org/govalert.

Don't want to use the app? That's OK! Submit your request at www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests.



AROUND TOWN E-NEWSLETTER



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WHAT'S NEW



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

CITYWIDE MASTER PLAN FOR 2040 NEARS COMPLETION

Members of the community are encouraged to review and submit feedback on the third and final draft of the Citywide Master Plan for 2040, available at www.thebirminghamplan.com.

2040

Date	Meeting Type	Action Needed
October 3, 2022	City Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Vote to authorize the 63-day distribution period for the final, draft Master Plan.
<i>Required 63-Day Public Notice Period</i>		
December 14, 2022	Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review final draft and present / discuss comments received during the distribution period.Set public hearing date.
January 11, 2023	Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Present the final Plan and hold a public hearing. Further discuss comments received during the distribution period as needed.Adopt plan; recommend to the City Commission for adoption.
February 2023 (Exact Date TBD)	City Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Present the final Plan and hold a public hearing.If prepared to do so, the City Commission may adopt the Plan by resolution.

All of the documents related to the 2040 Plan remain available at www.thebirminghamplan.com. The community may visit the site to submit comments directly to the consultant team, and also submit comments directly to the Planning Division to be placed in the next available Planning Board agenda.

We want to hear your opinion, preferences, and vision for the community's future. You are encouraged to share your feedback at www.thebirminghamplan.com.

BIRMINGHAM'S STRATEGIC PLAN IDENTIFIES GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

Following a comprehensive strategic planning process, the City will soon finalize a strategic plan that will direct the City's efforts and resources toward a clearly defined vision for its future. The process included extensive public engagement through a workshop series and public engagement on Engage Birmingham, and was led by facilitator Dr. Lewis G. Bender. Dr. Bender has decades of experience working with municipalities in Michigan, Illinois and others to create strategic plans.

The strategic plan will include short- and long-term strategic goals and objectives with measurable performance indicators. Strategic plans are flexible to changes (challenges and opportunities) and used to ensure future projects and decisions align with the vision and goals established within the plan.

Keep an eye on www.bhamgov.org/citymanager to view the strategic plan coming soon.

CLERK'S OFFICE

MICHIGAN GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The State General Election will be Tuesday, November 8. Some items on the ballot are State Governor, State Senator for District 8, Representative in Congress for District 11, Representative in State Legislature for Districts 5, 19 and 56, and County Commissioner for Districts 1 and 19. Visit mi.gov/vote to view the ballot.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Are you registered to vote in Birmingham? If you're not certain, need to register or change your address, visit mi.gov/vote. This website is a great tool for these tasks and more, including finding the location of your polling place and tracking your absentee ballot mailing and received dates.

ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION

Voters who previously submitted an absentee ballot application for the November election will receive an absentee ballot after September 24th. If something has changed since you submitted the absentee ballot application, please let the City Clerk's office know so we can be sure to send your ballot to the correct place. This is very important as absentee ballots cannot be forwarded to a different address through the postal service.

Registered voters who have not applied for an absentee ballot can still request one for November. You can do this online at mi.gov/vote, or with a signed application returned to the City Clerk's Office in person, by post mail, in the City Hall dropbox, or to elections@bhamgov.org. After 5 p.m. on November 4, you can only obtain an absentee ballot in-person at the Clerk's Office.

When it is time to return your absentee ballot or application for an absentee ballot, Birmingham's City Hall drop boxes are a secure, 24-hour option. Drive-up and walk-up ballot boxes are located behind City Hall.



OVERSEAS VOTING

Voters who will be overseas and unable to vote in person at their precinct must fill out a Federal Voting Application Postcard to receive a Military and Overseas Voter ballot. You can obtain these forms at fvap.gov and the Birmingham Clerk's Office is more than happy to answer any questions at elections@bhamgov.org.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- October 24 — Last day to register to vote by mail or at mi.gov/vote.
- October 24–November 8 — Unregistered voters must register in person with the Clerk's Office with identification.
- November 4 by 5 p.m. — Last day to request a mailed absentee ballot.
- November 5 — Clerk's Office open at City Hall from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- November 7 at 4 p.m. — Deadline for obtaining an absentee ballot in person at the Clerk's Office.
- November 8 — Election Day. The Clerk's Office and Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- November 8 by 8 p.m. — Deadline for all absentee ballots to be received and processed at the Clerk's Office. Any absentee ballots received after 8 p.m. on Election Day will not be counted.



These smiling faces are ready to assist you with your election needs. Contact the Clerk's Office at 248-530-1880.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

On November 8, Birmingham residents will vote on a proposed amendment to the City's charter language. Visit www.bhamgov.org/charteramendment to view questions and answers regarding the proposed amendment, and ballot language.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

For the latest on events happening downtown, visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/enews to subscribe and follow us on Facebook [@BirminghamShoppingDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict) and Instagram [@bhamshopping](https://www.instagram.com/bhamshopping).

BIRMINGHAM ART WALK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 5 P.M.-8 P.M.
DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham Shopping District is partnering with the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center for this brand new event! Participating businesses will host a local artist within their shop and offer extended evening hours during this strolling event. Some merchants may also offer special promotions, discounts, light refreshments and more! Visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/events for details.



BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET END OF SEASON CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

PUBLIC PARKING LOT 6, 660 NORTH OLD WOODWARD AVENUE



Join us as we celebrate the final market of the season! Find bountiful fall produce, flowers, Halloween-themed decor and more. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and stop by vendors for a special treat. We look forward to seeing you! Visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/farmersmarket.

For more information and a local produce guide, visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/FarmersMarket, like us on Facebook [@BIRMINGHAMFARMERSMARKET](https://www.facebook.com/BIRMINGHAMFARMERSMARKET) and follow us on Instagram [@bhamfarmmkt](https://www.instagram.com/bhamfarmmkt).

SANTA HOUSE* AND CARRIAGE RIDES

**WEEKENDS — NOVEMBER 26 -
DECEMBER 24: SHAIN PARK**

Make an appointment to visit Santa at his quaint home in Shain Park this holiday season. Hop aboard a horse-drawn carriage ride for a tour of beautiful downtown Birmingham. As always, Santa House and carriage rides are complimentary and all are welcome!

*Santa visits are by appointment only except during Winter Markt. Visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/events for details and to register starting November 1.



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY AND SANTA WALK

NOVEMBER 26, 9:30 A.M.
DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Find great deals and incentives as you shop local during Small Business Saturday! Register to participate in the Birmingham Santa Walk, schedule a visit with Santa* and take a free horse-drawn carriage ride around Shain Park to celebrate the start of the holiday season! Parking is free in structures all day.

*Santa visits are by appointment only except during Winter Markt. Visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/events for details and to register starting November 1.



BIRMINGHAM WINTER MARKT AND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

DECEMBER 2-4,
SHAIN PARK

- Friday, December 2, 4 p.m.-9 p.m. (Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 p.m.)
- Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Sunday, December 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Experience the magic of the holidays at the annual Birmingham Winter Markt, featuring displays from local artists and vendors, European cuisine, thousands of holiday lights, ice sculptures, live entertainment, complimentary carriage rides and more. Warming stations, Santa House, live reindeer and the Kinderhaus children's activity area are sure to please visitors of all ages! Opening night, Friday, December 2, will feature the Holiday Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. All are invited to join Santa and Birmingham's mayor for live caroling and the lighting of the 41-foot holiday tree adorned with over 40,000 LED lights! Learn more at www.ALLINBirmingham.com/wintermarkt.



BIRMINGHAM RESTAURANT WEEK RETURNS!

DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

The much-anticipated Birmingham Restaurant Week event returns in late January, with special menus from your favorite downtown restaurants. Visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/restaurantweek for details.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



What: Birmingham Fire Department Open House

Where: Fire Station 1, 572 South Adams

When: Saturday, October 8, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY AT OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Mark your calendar for an interactive, behind-the-scenes look at the Birmingham Fire Department during their annual Open House event on Saturday, October 8, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Birmingham Fire Station 1, located at 572 South Adams.

This hands-on event offers attendees an opportunity to operate a fire hose, try on a fire coat and learn about fire safety. Little ones can climb on and explore an inflatable obstacle course. Watch as firefighters demonstrate how to put out a kitchen grease fire, and enjoy portable fire extinguisher demonstrations. View an EMS and vehicle extrication simulation with air bag deployments, along with HAZMAT apparatus and equipment.

Bring your camera along for some great photo opportunities at this event! The City's historic first water pumping fire truck from 1924 will be on display. Michigan State Police Bomb Squad and a Birmingham police vehicle and officer will be on site to display equipment and answer questions. Enter a raffle to win fire safety equipment for your home and enjoy firehouse chili, hot dogs, popcorn, face painting and much more at this family-friendly event.

For more information, contact the Birmingham Fire Department at 248-530-1906.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK — FIRE STATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Birmingham remains committed to maintaining its public safety and critical infrastructure. In August, the City Commission approved several important building and technology improvements to Birmingham Fire Station 1 (previously known as the Adams Station). Fire Station 1, which was built in 1997, is having its aging red metal roof replaced. The replacement of the roof will also include updated insulation that will almost double the current R-value. This improvement will help save heating and cooling costs over the next few decades.



The Commission also approved the replacement of the major components of the HVAC system at Fire Station 1. The boiler and two rooftop air conditioning units will be replaced with new, more efficient equipment. Additionally, the station will be adding an air humidification system that will aid in improving the air quality during the winter months for the firefighter personnel working 24-hour shifts.

Keeping up with new technology advancements, the Fire Department will replace the training room smart monitor at Fire Station 1. A 98-inch smart monitor will be added and used in conjunction with a new 70-inch monitor at Fire Station 2. This upgrade in technology will allow daily training sessions and briefings to occur between both stations while keeping apparatus in quarters. Eliminating unnecessary movement of apparatus will reduce any potential delays in emergency response. The Birmingham Police Department and the public will also use the new technology at Fire Station 1 during CPR and first aid training sessions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



MEET COMMUNITY RESOURCE OFFICER, GINA MOODY

My name is Officer Gina Moody and I am the newest Community Resource Officer for the City of Birmingham Police Department. I have been with the department for 19 years and have been trained in many different positions, including evidence technician, field training officer, dispatcher and as a member of the Crisis Intervention Team.

I am a certified ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) active shooter instructor who can assist the community with training their business staff, school staff/attendees and community groups on how to stay safe in these tragic events. I am in the process of completing my Crime Prevention Specialist certification which will allow me to complete security surveys of local businesses, residences, and places of worship. These surveys can help educate on how to prevent crime from occurring not just at your home or business but in your neighborhood.

Recently, I coordinated with the Birmingham Fire Department to offer a free Babysitting/Home Alone Safety Class to the youngest members of our community, and I have spoken to parent groups about their general concern for child safety. I am often around town with Therapy K9 Bella! Bella and I love traveling to speaking engagements on various topics such as stranger danger and bicycle safety, and we enjoy walking the downtown visiting with residents and guests of Birmingham. If you know of an event or activity that you would like me or Bella to attend, email me at gmoody@bhamgov.org.

Over the past few months we have received an increase in calls involving stolen vehicles and items stolen from vehicles. After parking your vehicle, please take the simple step of removing valuables, locking doors and taking your keys with you! A majority of our reports involve doors being left unlocked with the keys left inside. Very few reports involve forced entry, such as breaking out a window, and it was usually because something very valuable was left within view. Taking the step of securing your property can help us reduce these crimes of opportunity.

You can also help the Police Department by calling immediately if you see someone or something suspicious. Often times we get some great information from our community that comes in too late, such as someone calling at 8 a.m. to report glass breaking at 2 a.m.

I look forward to meeting more members of this great community and providing helpful tips on how we can keep our city a safe place to live and work.



Birmingham Police Officer Gina Moody



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

ENHANCEMENTS ALONG SOUTH OLD WOODWARD NEARING COMPLETION

We are in the home stretch of the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 Project. Over the past six months, staff members and construction crews have worked hard to complete this important phase of downtown infrastructure improvements spanning South Old Woodward between Brown and Landon.

In addition to new water and sewer mains, the area now features:

- Curb bumpouts at each intersection to improve crosswalks for pedestrians
- Mid-block crosswalks, raised planter beds and landscape features
- Exposed aggregate concrete
- Granite bench seating areas
- New street lights

Improved on-street accessible parking spaces are each served with an individual sidewalk ramp to improve conditions for those needing accommodations. The City would like to thank the residents and business owners for their patience throughout this project. Learn more at www.bhamgov.org/oldwoodwardphase3.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

GRANDFATHERING AND NON-CONFORMING USES

The Building Department receives a lot of questions about grandfathering and what types of projects may fall into this provision. When using the term grandfathered in reference to property or construction, you are referring to a legal non-conforming use. This occurs when a structure, or the use thereof, was legally established according to all zoning and building codes of that time but may not meet the current zoning and building regulations. Zoning laws are not retroactive and therefore cannot be enforced on existing structures or uses that complied with prior regulations.

Although legal non-conforming uses are necessary and unavoidable, the ultimate goal of zoning is to achieve uniformity and define districts. Therefore, there are limitations in place for the continuation of nonconformities. For example, an existing non-conforming building cannot be altered, enlarged or otherwise modified and be in violation of current ordinances. So if a change to the Zoning Ordinance results in your home no longer complying with minimum setback requirements, the home now becomes legally non-conforming. You are not obligated to bring your existing home into compliance with the new ordinance, however future construction will need to be done in accordance with the current regulations.

Learn more about the "Zoning Ordinance Article 6: Nonconformance" on the Codes and Ordinances page of the City's website at www.bhamgov.org/code.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building Department at 248-530-1850.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

VISIT THE BEAUTIFUL NEW ADAMS PARK

You may not recognize Adams Park the next time you see it. Over the past few months, the 1.46-acre green space has been completely transformed. The brand new Adams Park boasts a significant play area, a garden seating plaza, beautiful landscaping improvements with many new trees, an open grassy area for field sports, a basketball court, shot put, discus, and a long jump area. This Parks and Recreation bond project offers a phenomenal community destination for all to enjoy. Learn more about the project at engage.bhamgov.org/adams-park.



FALL GOLF EVENTS & DISCOUNTED RATES



DISCOUNTED RATES

Birmingham Golf Course staff would like to thank members and guests for their continued support this year! Now through the end of the season, discounted fall rates are in effect and the courses are open to everyone - no membership required.

TURKEY SHOOT CHARITY CLASSIC EVENT

November 5, 10 a.m. Registration / 11 a.m. Shotgun Start
Hit the links for a good cause at this annual event benefitting Lighthouse!

This event will take place on Saturday, November 5 at Lincoln Hills Golf Course. The entry fee is \$35/person (receive a \$10 discount by donating a frozen turkey or other non-perishable food items). Teams consist of two players and the format is a backwards scramble. We look forward

to another successful event – snow or shine!

For Turkey Shoot event registration and to schedule fall tee times, visit www.golfbirmingham.org or contact the Lincoln Hills Clubhouse at (248) 530-1670.

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM

MUSEUM'S LOCAL HISTORY LECTURE SERIES RESUMES

This season's Birmingham Museum monthly history lecture series will run from October through March on the second Thursday of each month from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Baldwin Public Library. Presentations are free, but registration is required at www.baldwinlib.org/calendar/#/events. Programs will be held both in person and via Zoom. More info: bhamgov.org/museum.

- **October 13 - Threads: A Tapestry of Birmingham's Historic Diversity.** Learn about our local cultural heritage and Birmingham's racial and ethnic past.
- **November 10 - Buried Past: Birmingham's Indigenous People and Archaeological Heritage.** What archaeological finds have occurred in the area and what became of Oakland County's indigenous people?
- **December 8 - Carlos Lopez and the Controversial Birmingham Post Office Mural of 1942.** A discussion of how this mural ignited racial and cultural controversy.
- **January 12 - Minoru Yamasaki and Asian Americans in Birmingham.** This gifted architect was not alone in facing housing discrimination in post-World War II Birmingham.



Carlos Lopez's 1942 design for the Birmingham Post Office mural ignited a racial and cultural controversy when first unveiled. Photo: Birmingham Museum Collection, c/o The Surnow Company.

- **February 9 - Early Abolitionists and the Local Underground Railroad Network.** How Underground Railroad activists in the Birmingham area helped hundreds attain freedom.
- **March 9 - The Levinsons: First Jews in Birmingham.** The Levinsons overcame many obstacles to succeed in Birmingham, and descendants Carl and Sander Levin took their legacy forward.

Contact the museum at 248-530-1682, or museum@bhamgov.org. Check out our friendly and fun Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste collection will end on December 16. After that date, yard waste may be taken to the SOCRRA Troy Transfer Station (located at 14 Mile and Coolidge) at no charge during the winter months.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash collection will be delayed one day for Thursday and Friday (Wednesday pickup not affected). Trash collection remains on schedule for Christmas and New Year's.

CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPER SCHEDULE

Chipper service for Christmas trees will be offered during the month of January. Place your bare Christmas tree on the easement (between the sidewalk and curb).

BE AWARE OF SNOW ORDINANCE

1. You are required to clear all snow and ice from all public sidewalks adjoining your property.
2. When a Snow Emergency is declared and/or when there are 4 inches of snow or more, residents must remove their cars from the streets so the snow plows can get through. Cars in violation will be ticketed.

To view the complete ordinance, visit www.bhamgov.org/code.

BRUSH CHIPPER

Beginning the third week of November, brush chipping is by request only.

BULKY ITEMS:

Couches (under 8 feet), fridges (take doors off), stoves, washers, dryers, mattresses, box springs, carpeting (rolled and tied under 4 feet) and toilets may all be placed at your curb by 7 a.m. on your trash day.

Call Car Trucking at 586-791-8480 in advance to pay for pick up of these items: cast iron tubs or sinks, hot tubs, trampolines, play structures, pianos and large amounts of trash.

We do not pick up: privacy fences, decks, sheds, roofing material, railroad ties, bricks or cement.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

SOCRRA'S recycling drop-off center is open by appointment only. If you have any hazardous materials or liquids that you need to dispose of, please visit SOCRRA.org to schedule an appointment.

BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY FALL 2022 USED BOOK AND MEDIA SALE

LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL

- Friday, October 28 from 7-9 p.m. – Member Preview Night: Friends Memberships available at the door.
- Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 30 from Noon-4 p.m. – Half Price Day!
- Monday, October 31 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Bag Day: Buy a bag for \$5 and stuff it to the brim with books.



STAY ENTERTAINED WITH BPL RESOURCES!

As the weather turns chilly, keep yourself entertained with all the fun you can access using your BPL card! Play the NYT suite of games, stream movies with Kanopy or Hoopla, learn a language with Mango, or craft with CreativeBug or the Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center. All of these and more can be found at baldwinlib.org/a-to-z-databases.



CURBSIDE PICKUP CONTINUES

Curbside pickup remains an option for collecting your library items. Simply pull into the marked space on Bates Street, call the number on the sign and have your items delivered to your vehicle.



Follow Progress of the Front Entrance and Circulation Area Renovation at www.baldwinlib.org/renovation/.

Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham. Visit us online at baldwinlib.org or call 248-647-1700.

ADULT SERVICES



YOUR 50-PLUS COMMUNITY CENTER

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- Fitness
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- Travel
- Enrichment
- Intergenerational
- Discussion groups
- Book clubs/cards
- Health and wellness
- Support services
- Camaraderie
- Friendship

BIRMINGHAM'S BIG NIGHT OUT WITH THE MARK RANDISI BAND!

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION IN THE SPIRIT OF THE 1940'S
BIG BAND ERA TO BENEFIT NEXT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:30 P.M. AT THE DAXTON HOTEL

Think of bands like Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie or Glenn Miller, and crooners like Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Dean Martin. Then imagine a community event reminiscent of the nightclub scene that was popular starting in the 1930s to the 1950s with clubs such as the Copacabana,



the Chi Chi Room and the Rainbow Room. When Andrea Bocelli first heard Mark Randisi sing, he believed he was listening to a Frank Sinatra recording. Mark's devotion to music is apparent and you'll be swept up in the emotion he brings to each of his quality performances. Tickets and more information are available on the Next website, www.BirminghamNext.org.

WHERE TO GET ANSWERS

EMERGENCY: Police, Fire, Medical.....911
 After Hours (non-emergency) —
 To report a concern that needs immediate attention 248-530-1870
 For TDD use, contact 911.

CITY GOVERNMENT

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 Clerk's Office 248-530-1880
 Community Development 248-530-1850
 Engineering 248-530-1850
 Finance 248-530-1820
 Fire Department 248-530-1900
 Human Resources..... 248-530-1810
 Information Technology..... 248-530-1888
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 Treasurer's Office 248-530-1890

CITY SERVICES

Birmingham Museum 248-530-1928
 Birmingham Shopping District 248-530-1200
 Citizen Notification/Concern Line 248-530-1805
 City Hall Main 248-530-1800
 Code Assistance 248-530-1859
 Building & Permit Information..... 248-530-1850
 E-mail..... website@bhamgov.org
 Fire Marshal 248-530-1903
 Fire Services 248-530-1900
 Golf Course — Lincoln Hills..... 248-530-1670
 Golf Course — Springdale 248-530-1660
 Golf Course Website golfbirmingham.org
 Greenwood Cemetery 248-530-1880
 Historical Preservation 248-530-1850
 Ice Sports Arena 248-530-1640
 Mayor (Clerk's Office or Voice Mailbox)..... 248-530-1801
 Parking Lots & Garages..... 248-530-1840
 Parking Violations..... 248-530-1890
 Parks & Recreation..... 248-530-1640
 Passport Information 248- 530-1880
 Planning and Zoning Information..... 248-530-1850
 Police Services (non-emergency)..... 248-530-1870
 Property/Assessing Information 248-530-1899
 Skate Park 248-530-1640
 Trash Collection & Recycling information..... 248-530-1700
 Voting Information..... 248-530-1880
 Water Service & Billing..... 248-530-1830
 Water & Sewer Line/Main Repair..... 248-530-1700
 Water & Sewer Main Repair (after hours) 248-530-1870
 Street & Water/Sewer Line Maintenance 248-530-1700
 Sidewalk, Street & Bridge Construction Projects 248-530-1840
 Website Questions (www.bhamgov.org) 248-530-1812

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COMMUNICATION TOOLS

City Website www.bhamgov.org
 Citywide Email Sign-Up bhamgov.org/enews
 Nixle Emergency Alerts..... www.nixle.com
 City News & Information www.bhamgov.org/news
 Citizen Requests..... www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests
 Public Notices..... www.bhamgov.org/publicnotices
 Agenda Enotify..... www.bhamgov.org/agendasandminutes
 City Forms and Payments... www.bhamgov.org/formsandpayments
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 Police Department Facebook..... <http://bit.ly/bhamPDFacebook>
 Police Department Twitter..... [@BirminghamMi_PD](https://twitter.com/BirminghamMi_PD)
 Museum Facebook..... www.facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum
 Museum Twitter..... [@bham_museum](https://twitter.com/bham_museum)
 Museum Instagram..... [@birmingham_museum_mi](https://www.instagram.com/birmingham_museum_mi)
Birmingham Shopping District (BSD)
 BSD Website www.AllinBirmingham.com
 BSD Facebook... www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict
 BSD Instagram & Twitter..... [@BhamShopping](https://www.instagram.com/BhamShopping)
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