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# CITY MANAGER

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The welcome arrival of spring brings anticipation for projects and activities soon to be underway in Birmingham. After the lengthy planning process, we can now look forward to seeing projects come to fruition as we enhance our wonderful city.

The South Old Woodward Phase 3 project between Brown and Landon will begin by early June. Scheduled infrastructure improvements will pave the way for a safer and aesthetically pleasing experience for pedestrians and vehicles. See page 9 for detailed information about this project.

As an avid walker throughout Birmingham, and given the vehicle-pedestrian accidents that occurred last year, pedestrian safety is a significant concern of mine and something I take very seriously. We continue to work toward making Woodward Avenue safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and the motoring public by calming speeds, reducing lanes, adding more green landscape and improvements, and making crossings safer. It is our hope that we will see the Woodward Avenue road diet in Birmingham and we are in the process of working with MDOT to achieve that goal. See page 12 for an article with driver and pedestrian safety tips.

As we work to improve the experience for those traveling through Birmingham, our efforts extend to those who utilize the City's parking structures. The addition of the parking manager position has already proved advantageous with shorter wait times, new illuminated structure signage, and research underway for new parking structure equipment that will create an easy-in, easy-out experience for all. Learn more about this initiative on page 3.

In addition to the aforementioned scheduled improvements throughout the City, an extensive renovation project recently concluded at the Birmingham Ice Arena. I encourage you to stop by the beautiful facility to see the improvements, and learn about new arena features and technology on page 5. Residents made this project possible when they approved the Parks and Recreation Bond, which will also fund improvements at Adams Park, the addition of pickleball courts and more.

In an effort to meet the needs of the community in the most efficient way possible, we recently initiated the implementation of a citizen request app, GovAlert. The app enables the community to submit a concern or question to the City in seconds. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to take advantage of the free mobile app for expedited service.

With cautious optimism about the easing pandemic, we are pleased to bring back treasured community events this spring and summer. This newsletter has all the details regarding the Department of Public Services Open House, the Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade, In the Park Summer Concerts, Movie Nights and more. Some of these events are returning after a three-year hiatus, and we are happy to once again offer safe community events that bring us together and build camaraderie.



In closing I would like to remind you to visit our public engagement platform, Engage Birmingham, at [engage.bhamgov.org](https://engage.bhamgov.org), to submit feedback about City projects and activities. Your voice matters and we want to hear from each and every one of you.

If I can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact me at [tmarkus@bhamgov.org](mailto:tmarkus@bhamgov.org) or 248-530-1809.

Sincerely,

Tom Markus  
City Manager

# COVID-19 UPDATES

## COVID-19 UPDATES — CITY SERVICES, MEETINGS & MORE

At the time of this publication, masks are required in City offices and the City Hall lobby remains accessible to the public through the Martin Street entrance on the north side of City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit [www.bhamgov.org/contacts](http://www.bhamgov.org/contacts) to view a list of department contact numbers for services needed.

Most City forms, applications and payment submissions are available at [www.bhamgov.org/formsandpayments](http://www.bhamgov.org/formsandpayments), and may also be submitted 24/7 via the drop boxes on the south side of City Hall.

City Commission and other City boards meet in-person with a virtual option available to the public. Individuals who would like to attend meetings in person can access City Hall from the Martin Street entrance during normal business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For meetings that occur after hours, visitors can access City Hall through the Police Department lobby entrance on Pierce Street. Members of the public who prefer to attend meetings virtually may learn how to participate at [www.bhamgov.org/participate](http://www.bhamgov.org/participate). You may also watch many City meetings on your local cable access channel and by webstreaming on the City's Vimeo channel.



## WHAT'S NEW

### NEW PARKING STRUCTURE EQUIPMENT COMING SOON

Big changes are in the works at Birmingham's parking structures. The City recently hired a parking systems manager, Ryan Weingartz, who is evaluating the current system and will soon recommend new equipment for all five of the city's structures.

Concerns with the current parking structure equipment include: traffic backups, loss of internet connection, long response time for those requesting assistance, long monthly permit wait list, capacity issues, and the equipment is not user-friendly. New cloud-based, maintenance-free equipment being considered offers user-friendly, contactless entry with options such as text to pay, scan a QR code to pay, pre-purchase passes, etc. The City's goal is to create an easy-in, easy-out experience for all parkers.

Learn more about this initiative at [www.bhamgov.org/parking](http://www.bhamgov.org/parking).



### SUBMIT A REQUEST IN SECONDS WITH GOVALERT MOBILE APP

Did you know you can submit a concern or question to the City in the time it takes to send a text using the GovAlert mobile app? Use the app to submit your request in seconds. The request is geo-tagged to help us pinpoint your location for expedited service. A submission form is also located on the city's website at [www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests](http://www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests). Enjoy fast, efficient service with GovAlert!





# LET'S CONNECT!



## YOU'RE ONLINE, AND SO ARE WE. LET'S CONNECT!


We have important information to share with our residents, and we don't want you to miss a thing!


Follow us on socials and join our email list for the latest news, events, emergencies and more!

 Citywide Email – [bhamgov.org/eneews](mailto:bhamgov.org/eneews)

 Facebook – City Government of Birmingham, MI

  Twitter & Instagram - [@bhamgov](https://www.instagram.com/bhamgov)

 Nextdoor – City of Birmingham

 Nixle – Police & Fire emergency alerts. Text 48009 to 888777 or visit [nixle.com](http://nixle.com).



## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON ENGAGE BIRMINGHAM

Nearly 2,000 people have already embraced the city's newest public engagement platform, Engage Birmingham. Last year participation was high as the community shared feedback about a variety of topics including food trucks, outdoor dining and pickleball courts. This year the community can look forward to projects regarding parking, parks and recreation, public art, planning and more. To register and share feedback, visit <http://engage.bhamgov.org>.

# PARKS & RECREATION BOND UPDATES

## COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM PARKS & RECREATION BOND PROJECTS THIS YEAR

The Parks & Recreation bond has paved the way for improvements at Birmingham's parks and recreation facilities. The community can look forward to the following exciting projects this year:

### BIRMINGHAM ICE ARENA RENOVATION PROJECT

An extensive renovation project was completed earlier this year at the Birmingham Ice Arena, located at 2300 East Lincoln. Improvements include: locker room expansion and remodel of existing locker rooms, the addition of a fifth locker room and team locker room, new observation area and meeting room space (birthday parties welcome!), and new concession area upgrades. Visit [www.bhamgov.org/icearena](http://www.bhamgov.org/icearena) for more information.

### INTRODUCING LIVEBARN AT THE BIRMINGHAM ICE ARENA

Never miss a moment! Stream hockey games and other activities happening at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena on your computer, tablet or mobile device anytime, anywhere using LiveBarn! LiveBarn is a subscription-based service currently in use at over 1,000 ice arenas nationwide. Subscribers receive viewing



access to all LiveBarn arenas, and the ability to download games for review/archive and share highlights via email or social media. For more information and to subscribe, click the LiveBarn button at [www.bhamgov.org/icearena](http://www.bhamgov.org/icearena).

### PICKLEBALL COURTS

Keep an eye on [www.bhamgov.org/parksbond](http://www.bhamgov.org/parksbond) for updates about plans for Pickleball Courts in Birmingham.

### ADAMS PARK

Using feedback received from the community, Roeper School and Neighborhood Associations, a design and concept plan is now in the final stages for Adams Park.

Enhancements to Adams Park will include a significant play area, a garden seating plaza, beautiful landscaping improvements with many new trees, an open grassy area large enough for a soccer field, a basketball court, and a shot put, discus throw and long jump area. Construction will take place this summer, with anticipated completion in August.

Learn more about these and other parks bond projects at [www.bhamgov.org/parks-bond](http://www.bhamgov.org/parks-bond).



For more information or to subscribe, visit [www.bhamgov.org/icearena](http://www.bhamgov.org/icearena)



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES OPEN HOUSE TENTATIVELY SET FOR MAY 14

Learn about behind-the-scenes happenings at the Department of Public Services during their Open House event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 851 South Eton. Pending the status of COVID-19 cases and safety measures, the event will take place featuring fire trucks, plow trucks, vacuators and more on display. A special thank you to the DPS employees, Birmingham Fire and Police Departments, Engineering Department and many others who work hard to offer this free and fun event to the community. Learn about the status of the event and other event details at [www.bhamgov.org/dpsopenhouse](http://www.bhamgov.org/dpsopenhouse).



## TREASURED COMMUNITY EVENTS RESUME — BIRMINGHAM HOMETOWN PARADE & IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERTS

### CELEBRATE BIRMINGHAM HOMETOWN PARADE AND AFTER PARTY

Planning is picking up steam for the 2022 Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade on Sunday, May 15, at 1 p.m. Community groups, local businesses, dance teams, scout troops, children and adults of all ages are encouraged to march in this year's parade. It's a great opportunity to spotlight your group.

Sponsors are still welcome to join the 2022 festivities. Being a sponsor is another way for a business, a group, organization or individual to be recognized as part of this family-friendly event which reflects the hometown feel of Birmingham. The Hometown



Parade is televised by Bloomfield Community Television and is covered by traditional and social media, giving sponsors a good PR opportunity.

Visit [www.bhamgov.org/parade](http://www.bhamgov.org/parade) for registration forms and sponsorship packages.

### IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Following a hiatus due to COVID-19, the community can expect a full season of In the Park Summer Concerts this year. Concerts are held in Shain Park and typically run from mid-June through mid-August on Wednesday evenings. Keep an eye on [www.bhamgov.org/summerconcerts](http://www.bhamgov.org/summerconcerts) for the complete schedule and concert lineup coming soon.



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM OFFERS GOLF LESSONS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS

### ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS MAY 7

The City of Birmingham's Junior Golf Program, at Lincoln Hills Golf Course, offers an opportunity for friendship, instruction, participation and fun competition for children ages 6 to 16. There are three programs to engage junior golfers of all skills and abilities:

- **The Birdies** – For children ages 6 to 13 with little to no experience
- **The Eagles** – For children ages 6 to 13 with some experience playing and who want to improve their skills
- **Junior League** – This program focuses on playing golf with "on course" sessions and fun competition in a group setting



Each session will have two instructors and a maximum of 12 students. The Junior Golf Program will adhere to all health and safety guidelines in place at the time of the lesson.

Online registration begins Saturday, May 7. Visit [www.golfbirmingham.org/junior-golf-program](http://www.golfbirmingham.org/junior-golf-program) for information and to download the 2022 brochure. Lincoln Hills Golf Course is located at 2666 West 14 Mile Road.

# BIRMINGHAM SHOPPING DISTRICT

## BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET CELEBRATES ITS 20TH SEASON!

EVERY SUNDAY, MAY 1-OCTOBER 30 • 9 A.M.-2 P.M.

PUBLIC PARKING LOT 6, 660 N. OLD WOODWARD

Visit the Birmingham Farmers Market every Sunday, May 1 through October 30, and you will be met with colorful displays, the aroma of fresh foods and the bustle of the lively, outdoor market. Enjoy live music, delicious foods and the festive atmosphere while you shop for local produce, meat and dairy, and other artisan goods. The market proudly offers Michigan-grown produce subject to Michigan growing patterns. By late-spring, find early organic vegetables, strawberries, tomatoes, peppers, beans, leafy greens and more. In addition, shoppers will find unique and stunning floral bouquets, hanging baskets and other plants.

To celebrate its 20th season, the Birmingham Farmers Market has a fun line-up of family-friendly events planned, starting with the Opening Day Celebration on May 1. For events and information, visit [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/farmersmarket](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/farmersmarket). For weekly updates on what's happening at the market, follow us on Facebook [@BIRMINGHAMFARMERSMARKET](https://www.facebook.com/BIRMINGHAMFARMERSMARKET) and Instagram [@BhamFarmMkt](https://www.instagram.com/BhamFarmMkt). We look forward to welcoming you this spring!



# BIRMINGHAM SHOPPING DISTRICT

## ENJOY A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS AT BOOTH PARK THIS SUMMER

### BOOTH PARK, DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Grab a blanket and join us for some free outdoor fun during Birmingham Movie Nights! Head to Booth Park and experience the award-winning playscape, family-friendly pre-show entertainment and a movie on the big screen. What's not to love about this summertime tradition? Mark your calendar now for upcoming Birmingham Movie Nights:

**June 10 • July 15 • August 12**

Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m.; movies begin at 7:30 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, movie nights will be held the following evening (Saturday). For more information and featured presentations visit [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/events](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/events) and follow us on Facebook [@BirminghamShoppingDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict) and Instagram [@bhamshopping](https://www.instagram.com/bhamshopping).



## SHOP & DINE LOCAL IN BIRMINGHAM

Did you know? Birmingham's lively, pedestrian-friendly downtown offers one of the Midwest's premier shopping districts! Comprised of nearly 300 merchants, the Birmingham Shopping District offers a diverse assortment of local and national brands. With fashion boutiques, restaurants, gift shops, jewelers, salons, spas, fitness centers, antique shops and art galleries — there's lots to explore right here in your own backyard. Movie theaters, centrally located parks and festive community events provide year-long entertainment for all ages. For shopping, dining and service directories, and the event calendar, visit our website at [www.ALLINBirmingham.com](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com).

In need of a great gift idea? Keep your dollars local and purchase a "Birmingham Bucks" e-gift card that can be used at over 70 retailers and restaurants downtown. It's the perfect gift for birthdays, teachers, Mother's Day, graduation and more! For more information, visit [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/birminghambucks](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/birminghambucks).





# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Downtown Infrastructure Improvements Set to Continue During 2022 South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 Project

Downtown infrastructure improvements will continue this year with the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 project between Brown and Landon. It is a continuation of the work completed in 2018 on other areas along Old Woodward, and in 2020 on Maple.

The reconstruction project will result in new underground infrastructure and new streetscape between Brown and Landon. Construction will begin in late May or early June.

Design features will include:

- Curb bumpouts at each intersection to improve crosswalks for pedestrians, mid-block crosswalks, raised planter beds and landscape features.
- Enhancements such as: exposed aggregate concrete, granite bench seating areas and new streetlights.
- Improved on-street accessible parking spaces, each served with an individual sidewalk ramp to improve conditions for those needing accommodations.

Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 Constant Contact group at [bit.ly/bhamnews](https://bit.ly/bhamnews) to receive updates throughout the project. More information about the project can be found at [bhamgov.org/enews](https://bhamgov.org/enews).



## PAVING THE WAY TO A MORE BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN

We're paving the way to a more beautiful downtown! While South Old Woodward Avenue receives important infrastructure upgrades during Phase 3 of the Reconstruction Project, the Birmingham Shopping District is continuing to support downtown businesses and the community by offering the following incentives throughout the project:

- Birmingham Bucks – Earn money for shopping with downtown merchants!
- FREE Valet Parking
- Shopping Incentives
- Public Art Opportunities
- Special Events

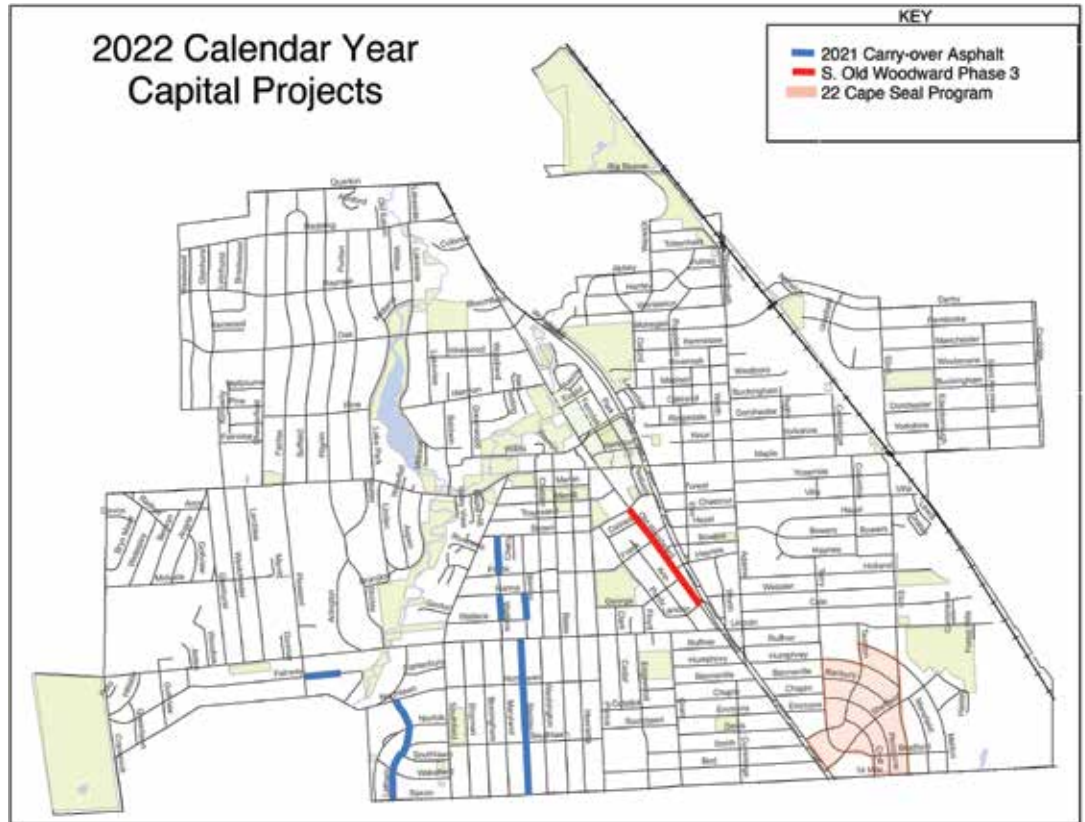
Learn more about these incentives and the project at [www.bhamgov.org/oldwoodwardphase3](https://www.bhamgov.org/oldwoodwardphase3).



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## ASPHALT RESURFACING PROGRAM UPDATE

This spring and summer work will continue on the Asphalt Resurfacing Program. Last year, crews focused on completing asphalt repairs and trench maintenance for water and sewer taps throughout the city. This year, crews will complete localized repairs on Adams Road, south of the bridge to Maple. Asphalt resurfacing will occur on the following street sections: Latham - Saxon to Northlawn, Stanley - Lincoln to 14 Mile, Stanley - Hanna to Wallace, Watkins - Brown to Frank, and Watkins - Hanna to Wallace.



## CAPE SEAL PROGRAM UPDATE

Cape seal is a two-stage roadway surface treatment that provides unimproved roads with a moisture-resistant seal and a smoother driving surface. The process involves rolling stone chips into a layer of liquid asphalt emulsion, followed later by an application of a slurry micro-surface. The Department of Public Services maintains nearly 26 miles of unimproved roadways through cape seal surface treatment. The next round of cape seal application will take place on the following streets this year: Taunton, Melton (between Taunton and Eton), Humphrey, Banbury, Penistone, Sheffield (between Woodward and Eton), Croft, and Bradford (between Eton and Emmons). Learn more at [www.bhamgov.org/cape seal](http://www.bhamgov.org/cape seal).



## CITYWIDE MASTER PLAN FOR 2040

**The Citywide Master Plan for 2040 will shape the future of Birmingham for the next 20 years.**

After an extensive public review and engagement process, the Planning Board recently wrapped up a second draft review. A joint meeting of the City Commission and Planning Board will be held this spring to finalize the second draft and authorize distribution of the plan for review by entities required by state planning law.

2040

Later this year, a final draft of the 2040 Plan will be reviewed using the formal public hearing process. Keep an eye on [www.thebirminghamplan.com](http://www.thebirminghamplan.com) for project updates, engagement opportunities and meeting dates.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### BIRMINGHAM GREEN

Rain gardens help protect our nearby water bodies by storing and filtering water back into the ground. For a modest 1,500-square-foot home, as much as 5,000 gallons of water from a 1-inch rainstorm can run off the roof, driveway, patio and even lawns. A simple, low maintenance and easy to construct rain garden can capture much of that runoff, similar to how the natural environment would function. Without a rain garden, urban rainwater runoff goes into storm pipes, or ditches, both of which can go straight to natural water bodies such as the Rouge River or Quarton Lake. Rain gardens not only filter water, they replenish the groundwater with clean, cool water.



The City of Birmingham is making a push to include rain gardens in municipal projects on public land, which creates dual-purpose areas that contribute to beautification and serve an infrastructure function. Keep an eye out for new rain gardens planned at Adams Park and along S. Old Woodward as a part of their reconstruction projects.

Are you interested in a rain garden for your property? The City would like to talk to you about it! For information and resources on where to start, contact Nick Dupuis, Planning Director, at 248-530-1856 or by email at [ndupuis@bhamgov.org](mailto:ndupuis@bhamgov.org).

*By Nicholas J. Dupuis, Planning Director*

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### SEASONAL RENOVATIONS

As we say farewell to the snow and welcome back the beautiful Michigan colors, you may find yourself ready to shake off the cabin fever from enduring another long winter. If you are also looking to test all of that HGTV knowledge that you acquired during hibernation (and likely a couple of quarantines), please do not run to the lumberyard or home improvement center just yet. There are a few things that the Building Department would like you to know before you begin your spring and summer renovating.



· Patios, deck and pergolas are all popular spring projects that seem simple enough but actually require a lot of planning. A zoning review is required to confirm that setbacks are maintained, the maximum allowable lot coverage is not exceeded and your project meets our minimum open space requirements. Though patios are generally applied for as an impervious surface project, if you are also installing steps and railings, a building permit is required instead.

- Driveway installations DO require a permit — even if you are just replacing the existing one without making any changes to the footprint. We need to verify that minimum open space is maintained and in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
- A drainage review may be required depending on the scope of work and the proximity to property lines. This review identifies potential flooding risks to neighboring properties.
- Any proposed exterior changes for commercial, multi-family or historic properties require approval from the Planning Department prior to review from the Building Department.

We are here to help!

The Building Department has permit technicians, plan reviewers and inspectors here to help you understand and navigate construction codes, State regulations and City Ordinances. Do not hesitate to call us at 248-530-1850 if you need help with the preparation of your project submission. Project requirements, instructional guides and all of our permit applications are on the Building Department's page of the City's website at [www.bhamgov.org](http://www.bhamgov.org).



# POLICE DEPARTMENT



As we enter the warmer months, the Birmingham Police Department would like to remind you to be aware of the increase in alternative modes of transportation while you are driving around town.

While we all enjoy getting outside and enjoying the spring weather, when driving we must remember to yield the right of way to pedestrians. This includes people walking, jogging, hiking, skateboarding, pushing strollers and more. Keep an eye out for pedestrians when entering a street from a driveway or alley, at stop signs, traffic signals, crosswalks and intersections.

At crosswalks located at intersections that are controlled by traffic signals, pedestrians must follow the direction of pedestrian crossing signals and/or the traffic signals in the event no crossing signals are installed.

Some confusion exists at mid-block crossings when crosswalks are located at places that vehicular traffic flow is not controlled. In these situations, the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code states:

When traffic-control signals are not in place, or are not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way (slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield) to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is on the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling. Or, when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger. A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into a path of a vehicle that is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.



*The Cities Multi-Modal Transportation Board (MMTB) reviews all road improvements to ensure they are multi-modal friendly with everyone's safety in mind. To see what the MMTB is working on, or to get involved, please head to this link: [www.bhamgov.org/about\\_birmingham/city\\_government/boards\\_commissions/multi-modal\\_transportation\\_board.php](http://www.bhamgov.org/about_birmingham/city_government/boards_commissions/multi-modal_transportation_board.php)*

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## GIVE BACK TO YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT



Did you know you can donate your home or commercial business that is going to be demolished for essential firefighter training exercises? Training inside a home enables firefighters to witness first hand not only what it's like to be in a home filled with (simulated) smoke, but also several other fire safety and rescue situations. These exercises are great for teaching:

- Real-world scenarios, like search-and-rescue
- How to size up a fire
- Best ways to advance hose lines through an area
- Roof operations and ventilation procedures
- Firefighter survival emergency wall breach maneuver

Your project will not be held up by donating your home or commercial business. No real fire or smoke is used in the training process. Any amount of time helps, so donating becomes flexible to your schedule. Donating your house to the fire department for training helps firefighters save lives in a real-life situation. For more information, please reach out to Battalion Chief and Training Officer Tom Hughes at [Thughes@bhamgov.org](mailto:Thughes@bhamgov.org) or 248-530-1918.

# BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM

## Calling all gardeners! Trade your perennial plants and divisions at Museum's heritage plant exchange June 4!

The Birmingham Museum has been working toward improving public access and improvements to the museum grounds in the past year, with the goal to reconstruct the character of the Allens' original gardens from 1926. The final phase involves planting the main garden bed with heritage perennial flowers, many of which are still available today, and found in local gardens. And because spring is the time for dividing and thinning perennials, the museum board has planned a fun event to invite the public to get in on the perennial garden project in a first-ever community Heritage Plant Exchange at the Birmingham Museum at 556 W. Maple Road.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, the public is invited to bring a healthy plant (or two) to trade with others and/or place in the Allen House perennial garden. There is no charge for the exchange—leave a plant, take a plant. Get something new for your garden, and meet fellow green thumbs! Museum board member and master gardener Jay Shell will be on hand to answer gardening questions, and the museum will be open for visitors (regular admission applies) during the event.

All plants must be labeled; blank labels will be available on site. A plant list specified by the historic landscape architect will be published in March at the museum's Facebook page, ([www.facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum)), website ([www.bhamgov.org/museumprograms](https://www.bhamgov.org/museumprograms)) and also at Engage Birmingham (<https://engage.bhamgov.org/>).

Or, contact the Birmingham Museum at 248-530-1682 or [museum@bhamgov.org](mailto:museum@bhamgov.org).



*Windflower/Japanese anemone (anemone tomentosum), is one of the perennials sought for the heritage garden at the Allen House.*

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

### AVOID FINES — KEEP GRASS, WEEDS BELOW 8 INCHES

Please be aware of Birmingham's grass and weed ordinance. We require your grass and weeds to be kept below 8 inches high. Poison ivy, ragweed or any other poisonous, noxious or unhealthy growths are prohibited. Access the entire Grass and Noxious Weed ordinance on the City's website at [www.bhamgov.org/code](https://www.bhamgov.org/code).

### BRUSH CHIPPING

The chipper truck resumed its routine cycle in April. It takes the chipper seven to 10 business days to cycle the city, depending on weather conditions (chipper doesn't run in the rain) and the volume of brush out for chipping.

Brush and limbs that are at least 4 feet long and up to 4-5 inches in diameter should be stacked at the curb with all of the cut ends going in the same direction.

### AFFIX YARD WASTE DECAL TO CONTAINERS

Acceptable yard waste containers are trash cans with "yard waste" decals (decals available at City offices inside the Police Department entrance off of Pierce Street) or 30-gallon paper yard waste bags. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected. Yard waste containers must weigh less than 50 pounds and yard waste must be small enough (under 4 feet in length) to fit in the designated container.

Curbside collection is provided from Wednesday, April 6, through the third Friday in December.

### BULKY ITEMS — CURBSIDE OR SPECIAL PICK-UP?

Wondering what items you can place at the curb and what items would require a "special pick-up" fee? Couches (under 8 feet), fridges (take doors off), stoves, washers, dryers, mattresses, box springs, carpeting (rolled and tied under 4 feet) and toilets are all acceptable items to place at your curb by 7 a.m. on your trash day (no additional fee required).

The following items require advanced notice and a fee to pick them up: Cast iron items such as tubs or sinks, hot tubs, trampolines, play structures, basketball metal hoops, pianos, chain link, wood and PVC fences, decks, sheds, roofing material, railroad ties and more than normal large amounts of trash (usually move outs). Please call Car Trucking at 586-791-8480 in advance to pay for and arrange pick-up of those items.

### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

The City's offices will be closed on Friday, April 15, to observe Good Friday (normal refuse collection that day), and Monday, May 30, to observe Memorial Day (refuse collection delayed one day that week).

# BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

Visit [baldwinlib.org/calendar](http://baldwinlib.org/calendar) to view our upcoming programs for all ages. Find event descriptions, locations and registration links for each program by clicking on the titles listed on the calendar dates.

You can also have our newsletter delivered to your inbox each month by signing up at [baldwinlib.org/library-newsletter](http://baldwinlib.org/library-newsletter).

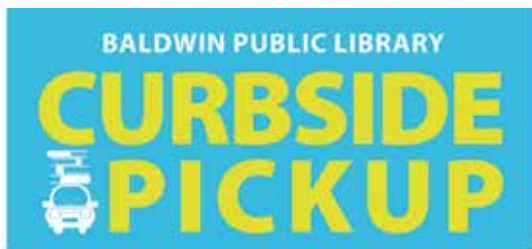


## SUMMER READING 2022: OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

Start your summer off right by joining our annual Summer Reading program. Enjoy crafts, games, and more! Readers of all ages are encouraged to participate to earn chances at great prizes all summer long. Find details and register at [baldwinlib.org/summer-reading](http://baldwinlib.org/summer-reading), beginning June 10.

## 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.



Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill St. in downtown Birmingham. Visit us online at [baldwinlib.org](http://baldwinlib.org) or call 248-647-1700.

# ADULT SERVICES



**Support Services:** Do you or someone you know need a little extra assistance? Next has a comprehensive Support Service Department whose focus is allowing older adults to live independently. Next provides information and referrals, transportation services, nutritional support and much, much more. Ask us anything — we are here to help!

## Next, Your 50-Plus Community Center

Looking for ways to stay active, meet new friends and maybe even learn a new skill? Look no further than to Next, and their calendar full of activities geared to local 50-plus community residents.

Life-long learning opportunities are thriving at Next, with credentialed speakers covering important health topics, and the Thursday Evening Speaker Series featuring area professors, executive directors, experts on local history, national and international current events, and many other important and timely issues.

Next fitness offerings are full of classes in yoga, strength and core training, Tai Chi, line dancing, tennis, men's softball, golf and, of course, pickleball! Next also offers several classes to express your creativity with ongoing painting programs in watercolors and oils, photography, pottery, collage, needle arts and many one-of-a-kind classes.

Add day trips, discussion groups, intergenerational opportunities, book clubs, card games and camaraderie, and Next truly becomes your place to stay active and connected!

For the most up-to-date information, visit the Next website at [www.BirminghamNext.org](http://www.BirminghamNext.org) or stop in for a tour and more information. Next is located at 2121 Midvale, right behind Seaholm High School.

# 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

City Manager’s Office ..... 248-530-1808  
 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  
 Police Department..... 248-530-1870  
 Public Services..... 248-530-1700  
 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.bhamgov.org)) ..... 248-530-1812

## 2022 BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION

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 Brad Host, Commissioner  
 Elaine McLain, Commissioner  
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 Mark H. Clemence, Police Chief  
 Marianne Gamboa, Communications Director  
 Mark Gerber, Finance Director/Treasurer  
 Bruce R. Johnson, Building Official  
 Sean Kammer, Birmingham Shopping District Executive Director  
 Joseph Lambert, Human Resources Manager  
 Nicholas J. Dupuis, Planning Director  
 Leslie K. Pielack, Museum Director  
 Paul Wells, Fire Chief  
 Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services  
 Hubbell Roth & Clark, Inc., City Engineer  
 Beier Howlett, P.C., Legal Counsel

## COMMUNICATION TOOLS

City Website ..... [www.bhamgov.org](http://www.bhamgov.org)  
 Citywide Email Sign-Up ..... [bhamgov.org/enews](http://bhamgov.org/enews)  
 Nixle Emergency Alerts ..... [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)  
 City News & Information ..... [www.bhamgov.org/news](http://www.bhamgov.org/news)  
 Webpage Enotify..... [www.bhamgov.org/enotify](http://www.bhamgov.org/enotify)  
 Public Notices..... [www.bhamgov.org/publicnotices](http://www.bhamgov.org/publicnotices)  
 City Agendas and Minutes....[www.bhamgov.org/agendasandminutes](http://www.bhamgov.org/agendasandminutes)  
 City Forms and Payments... [www.bhamgov.org/formsandpayments](http://www.bhamgov.org/formsandpayments)

## City of Birmingham Social Media

City Facebook ..... [www.facebook.com/BhamGov](http://www.facebook.com/BhamGov)  
 City Instagram & Twitter ..... [@bhamgov](https://www.instagram.com/bhamgov)  
 Police Department Facebook..... <http://bit.ly/bhamPDFacebook>  
 Police Department Twitter..... [@BirminghamMi\\_PD](https://twitter.com/BirminghamMi_PD)  
 Museum Facebook..... [www.facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum](http://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](http://www.AllinBirmingham.com)  
 BSD Facebook... [www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict)  
 BSD Instagram & Twitter..... [@BhamShopping](https://www.instagram.com/BhamShopping)  
 Farmers Market .... [www.facebook.com/BirminghamFarmersMarket](http://www.facebook.com/BirminghamFarmersMarket)

The City of Birmingham participates in the State’s City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) program. This program provides additional funding to eligible local units which publicly display documents which meet State requirements for accountability and transparency. To view these documents please go to [www.bhamgov.org/revenuesharing](http://www.bhamgov.org/revenuesharing).

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# THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Your ideas and suggestions help us to better serve you.  
*Please fill out the form below and:*

**MAIL IT TO:**

Thomas M. Markus  
City Manager  
City of Birmingham  
151 Martin Street  
P.O. Box 3001  
Birmingham, MI 48012-3001

**DROP IT OFF AT:**

The drive-up drop box located  
near the driveway entrance off of  
Henrietta.

**FAX IT TO:**

248-530-1080

**CALL THE CITY AT:**

248-530-1800

**EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE TO:**

[contactus@bhamgov.org](mailto:contactus@bhamgov.org)

***Suggestions/Questions:***

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