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# CITY MANAGER

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With the summer months upon us, the city is bustling with activity. The outdoor special event season has brought the welcome return of several events following a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic. On most days, downtown Birmingham is packed with shoppers, diners, or those partaking in my own favorite activity – walking. Our city's tagline, *a walkable city*, is especially fitting this time of year as our quaint streets lined with beautiful floral displays offer an inviting atmosphere for all.

At the time of this publication, we have just received word that the City is being recognized for environmental leadership by the Michigan Green Communities (MGC) program. I am very proud of the progress we have made in our sustainability efforts and am eager to move forward with a Climate Action and Sustainability Plan in the near future. Learn more about the City's recognition by the MGC on page 4.

Progress continues on the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Project underway between Brown and Landon. While projects of this nature are inconvenient while taking place, the finished product will result in new underground infrastructure, enhanced aesthetics and improved functionality in downtown Birmingham. Learn more about this project on page 18.

Important changes are in the works for Next, a nonprofit organization that enhances the quality of life for seniors in Birmingham and surrounding areas. After serving the community for nearly 45 years, they are at a critical juncture as they work with the Birmingham Public Schools to secure a permanent location – meet their expanding needs (see page 22). The City will continue to support them throughout this process.

With a settlement dating to the 1820s, Birmingham is rich in history. Our story continues to evolve as we uncover new details from the past. One such discovery resulted in Greenwood Cemetery being recognized on the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. We are grateful to our staff and volunteers for their time and research on this project. Learn more about this designation and a fall commemorative event on page 21.

The City distributes frequent communications regarding parks and recreation bond projects, the Citywide Master Plan for 2040, special events, emergency alerts and more. If you are not signed up for our citywide email system, I encourage you to do so at [www.bhamgov.org/enews](http://www.bhamgov.org/enews).

I wish you a wonderful summer with quality family time. Visit the Farmers Market, watch a movie in Booth Park, or attend a concert in Shain Park. If you have never tried pickleball, head over to Crestview Park and give it a try!

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



# WHAT'S NEW

## DID YOU KNOW?

Birmingham's new city logo, designed by McCann Detroit, features an icon inspired by late Birmingham resident Marshall Fredericks' "Freedom of the Human Spirit" sculpture in Shain Park.

The original "Freedom of the Human Spirit" sculpture was created for the New York World's Fair in 1964. The sculpture was designed to depict human figures soaring as if in migratory flight with huge swans, an ancient symbol of eternal life, in honor of the New York World's Fair theme of "Peace through Understanding". In 1983, Marshall Fredericks donated the design for this sculpture to his adopted hometown of Birmingham in honor of the city's 50th anniversary, and the bronze sculpture was commissioned by the City of Birmingham and dedicated in 1988. Marshall Fredericks resided in Birmingham with his wife Rosalind Cooke Fredericks until his death in 1998.

The new logo's distinctive icon captures the essence and energy of a focal point in Shain Park, and when combined with the classic font for the city name, and balanced with the simple tagline, embodies the modern yet timeless nature of Birmingham.



## CITY SERVICES, MEETINGS & MORE

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 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 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. Social distancing of six feet should be maintained during all in-person meetings. The Police Department lobby entrance on the east side of City Hall on Pierce Street continues to operate as the point of contact for all off-hour requests.

### MASKS

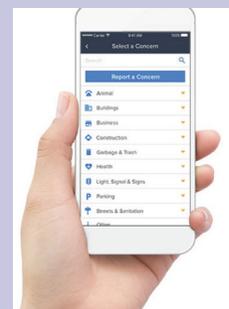
Per the CDC, COVID-19 Community Level for Oakland County is currently high. The City continues to recommend the public wear masks while attending city meetings. All City employees, commissioners and board members must wear a mask while indoors when six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. The City continues to provide KN-95 respirators for all in-person meeting attendees.

### CITY MEETINGS

City Commission and other city boards meet in-person and some offer a virtual option available to the public. Individuals can access City Hall from the Martin Street entrance during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 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 web streaming on the City's Vimeo channel.

### CONTACT US

Visit [www.bhamgov.org/contacts](http://www.bhamgov.org/contacts) to view a list of department contact numbers for services needed.



## SUBMIT 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](http://www.bhamgov.org/govalert).

Don't want to use the app? That's OK! Submit your request at [www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests](http://www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests).

# WHAT'S NEW

## BIRMINGHAM GREEN CITY ACHIEVES SILVER STATUS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP

The City of Birmingham was recently recognized for environmental leadership by the statewide Michigan Green Communities (MGC) program. As part of the 2021 MGC Challenge, 44 participating local governments were awarded gold, silver, or bronze seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice, and more.

Ten communities received bronze certification, 12 received silver certification, and 22 received gold certification. The City of Birmingham has achieved silver status for exemplary action in multiple categories, including planning, economic development, land use, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and protection, and clean mobility. Some recent highlights the City has completed include new solar ordinances that reduce barriers to solar installations, the construction of bioswales and rain gardens during municipal projects, and the continuation of high-quality multimodal transportation policies and infrastructure.

Questions regarding the City of Birmingham's sustainability and environmental efforts can be directed to Nicholas Dupuis, Planning Director, at [ndupuis@bhamgov.org](mailto:ndupuis@bhamgov.org) or 248-530-1856.

*By Nicholas Dupuis, Planning Director*



## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK ON ENGAGE BIRMINGHAM



If you haven't registered on the city's public engagement platform, Engage Birmingham, you're missing out! Registrants recently participated in projects which invited them to design a wall mural at the Birmingham Ice Arena, exchange plants with neighbors, and share thoughts and ideas regarding sustainability initiatives. Visit [engage.bhamgov.org](http://engage.bhamgov.org) to register and share your feedback today!

## 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 social media and join our email list for the latest news, events, emergency alerts and more!

-  Citywide Email – [bhamgov.org/enews](http://bhamgov.org/enews)
-  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).



# CLERK'S OFFICE

## ELECTIONS

With the August 2 state primary election quickly approaching, now is a great time to confirm your voter registration at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote). Through [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) you can register, change your address and more. On the [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote) site you can also find the location of your polling place and track your absentee ballot mailing and received dates.

*Important dates to remember if you wish to vote in the primary:*

- July 18 – Last day to register to vote by mail or at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote)
- July 19 – August 2 – Unregistered voters may register in person with the clerk's office.
- July 29 by 5 p.m. – Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail or at [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote)
- August 1 at 4 p.m. – Deadline for obtaining an absentee ballot in person at the clerk's office
- August 2 – Primary election day. Polls are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- August 2 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.

### ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS:

If you wish to vote absentee, you must complete an application for an absentee ballot. If your name is on Michigan's permanent absent voter list, this application was mailed to your address on file in early June. If you didn't receive an application, the fastest way to get one is via [mi.gov/vote](https://mi.gov/vote). On the left sidebar, select "Absentee voting." Next, under absentee voter ballot applications, click on the first bullet labeled "Apply Online." This takes you to the online application; please complete it and click submit. Alternatively, you may download an application from the City's website or get one from the Clerk's Office. Please make sure to sign your application and ballot envelope!

You may request an absentee ballot for both the August 2 primary and the November 8 general elections on the same single absentee ballot request.

Does the Clerk's Office have your current address, phone number and email? We need a method to contact you with questions about your absentee ballot or application, or if you forget to sign. If you will not be at your residential address in October and are voting absentee, please inform the Clerk's Office of your temporary address to ensure you receive your absentee ballot. By law, official election mail cannot be forwarded by the post office. Contact the Clerk's Office at 248-530-1880.

Birmingham's ballot drop boxes are a secure 24-hour option for returning ballots, and – keeping in mind the deadlines above – voter registrations and absentee ballot applications. Drive-up and walk-up ballot boxes are located behind City Hall.

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT



### CITYWIDE MASTER PLAN FOR 2040 UPDATE

This spring, the City Commission formally directed the 2040 Plan consultant team to begin preparation of the third and final Citywide Master Plan for 2040 draft based on feedback they received over the Planning Board review process. The final draft will be presented to the Planning Board by mid-late summer, and the City Commission may adopt the plan by the end of the year.

All of the documents related to the 2040 Plan remain available at [www.thebirminghamplan.com](http://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 agenda of the Planning Board.

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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](http://www.thebirminghamplan.com).

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

To see what's new in the Birmingham Shopping District, visit [www.ALLINBirmingham.com](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com) for a list of restaurants, shops and more! Sign up for our enews at [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/enews](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/enews) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to get the latest information on what's happening downtown.

## BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH OCTOBER 30 • 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.

PUBLIC PARKING LOT 6, 660 NORTH OLD WOODWARD AVENUE

The Birmingham Farmers Market is celebrating its 20th season! Enjoy live music, a kids' zone and more as you shop for local produce, artisan baked goods, fresh foods, floral bouquets, plants and more from over 35 vendors each week. As always, parking is convenient and free every Sunday. See you at the market!



### UPCOMING MARKET EVENTS:

- August 7: 20th Season Celebration
- September 11: Harvest Festival & Second Sunday
- October 30: End of Season Celebration

**New this year!** The second Sunday of each month will feature a fitness activity during the market.

For more information and a local produce guide, visit [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/FarmersMarket](http://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).



## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

SELECT FRIDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER

PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT AT 6:30 P.M.;  
MOVIE AT 7:30 P.M.

BOOTH PARK, DOWNTOWN

It's showtime! Join us at Booth Park on select Friday nights this summer for a free, family-friendly movie under the stars. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m.; movie at 7:30 p.m.

- July 15: Home Alone (Christmas in July)
- August 12: Moana
- September 16: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

*\*In the event of inclement weather, Movie Nights will be held the following evening (Saturday).*



# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



## DAY ON THE TOWN

SATURDAY, JULY 30 • 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.

### DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Visit downtown Birmingham on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., for the biggest retail event of the year! Browse unique and discounted high-end merchandise in stores and on the streets and sidewalks throughout downtown Birmingham. There's something for everyone at this lively event.



Visit [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/dayonthetown](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/dayonthetown) for the event map and details.

## BIRMINGHAM CRUISE EVENT

The Birmingham Cruise Event will take place during the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise on Saturday, August 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please visit our website at [www.ALLINBirmingham.com/cruiseevent](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com/cruiseevent) for this year's location and more information!



# CITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

## IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Join us for the In the Park Summer Concert series on Wednesdays in Shain Park! The series features bands playing live music from all genres including pop/rock, country, Motown, and even cover tunes! Enjoy the vibrant outdoor atmosphere and beautiful park setting during this fun, family-friendly and substance-free concert series.

### Schedule:

All concerts begin at 7 p.m., unless noted.

June 29: Birmingham Concert Band (Orchestra)

July 6: Lisa Mary (Country)

July 13: Shout Tribute Band (Beatles)

July 20: SURF ZUP (Beach Boys), 12 p.m.

July 20: Mainstream Drive (Classic Rock)

July 27: Thornetta Davis (R&B)

August 3: The Donny Rod Show, a Tribute to Rod Stewart and Elton John

August 10: Itchycoo (Psychedelic Rock)

August 17: UC3 Acoustic Trio ('70s), 12 p.m.

August 17: Mainstreet Soul (Motown)

Visit [www.bhamgov.org/summerconcerts](http://www.bhamgov.org/summerconcerts) for more information.



## GOLF COURSES

Enjoy a round of golf at Birmingham's top-rated Lincoln Hills and Springdale Golf Courses! Both 9-hole courses offer outstanding golf opportunities that are affordable, close to home and open to everyone! Adaptive golf carts are also available at both locations. Reservations may be made online or by calling Lincoln Hills at 248-530-1670 or Springdale at 248-530-1660. For hours, locations and more, please visit [www.GolfBirmingham.org](http://www.GolfBirmingham.org).



## ENJOY PICKLEBALL AT CRESTVIEW PARK

Attention, pickleball players! The tennis courts at Crestview Park have been converted to pickleball courts and are ready for action. While we can only provide two courts at this time, we are working toward a complete conversion of the tennis court area in order to provide six pickleball courts at Crestview Park as soon as possible. Keep an eye on [www.bhamgov.org/parksbond](http://www.bhamgov.org/parksbond) for Parks and Recreation bond project updates.

# CITY OF BIRMINGHAM 2021 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

**ATTENTION: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REPORT ON WATER QUALITY AND SAFETY**

The City of Birmingham, The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are proud of the fine drinking water they supply and are honored to provide this report to you. The 2021 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. We will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

## ABOUT THE SYSTEM

The City of Birmingham purchases water from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) at four locations. SOCWA provides GLWA water through its member distribution systems to a population of 210,000 within a 56 square mile area. Current members are Berkley, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield, and Southfield Township.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, watersheds in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of GLWA's

Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is based on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from very low to very high determined primarily using geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. GLWA's water treatment plants that draw water from the Detroit River has historically provided satisfactory treatment and meets drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2021, the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy approved the GLWA's Updated Surface Water Intake Protection plan for the Belle Isle intake. The plan has seven elements that include: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public

participation, and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please, contact GLWA at (313 926-8102).

## AND/OR

Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

In 2021, the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy approved GLWA's updated Surface Water Intake Protection plans



for the Lake Huron water intake. The plan has seven elements: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation, and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please, contact GLWA at (313 926-8102).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants

and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock



operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
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AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
>	Greater than	
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, Dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water

## 2021 Springwells Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

2021 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	04/13/2021	ppm	4	4	0.52	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	04/13/2021	ppm	10	10	0.34	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	05/16/2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

2021 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2021	ppm	4	4	0.69	0.59-0.76	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2021 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.20 NTU	100%		no	Soil Runoff

GLWA is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether our drinking water meets health standards. We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. We did not produce a filter profile for EGLE review within 7 days of an August 1, 2021, individual filter exceedance at the GLWA Springwells Water Treatment Plant as required by law. A filter profile is a summary of the turbidity and flow through the filter and is used to identify any trends in filter performance.

\*Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium

for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. \* These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What should I do? There is nothing you need to do currently. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water currently. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

What happened? What is being done? The filter profile has since been produced and submitted to EGLE and additional response actions have been implemented at the plant. We are making every effort to ensure this does not happen again.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail. This notice is being sent to you by GLWA.

For more information, please contact the Water Quality Manager, at 313 926-8102.

2021 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	04/13/2021	ppm	n/a	n/a	4.36	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2021 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

### 2021 Springwells Tap Water Mineral Analysis

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	NTU	0.12	0.03	0.07	Phosphorus	ppm	0.67	0.37	0.50
Total Solids	ppm	174	94	135	Free Carbon Dioxide	ppm	12.1	8.8	10.2
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	146	75	120	Total Hardness	ppm	106	82	99
Aluminum	ppm	0.082	0.012	0.037	Total Alkalinity	ppm	76	64	70
Iron	ppm	0.3	0.1	0.2	Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	0	0	0
Copper	ppm	0.003	ND	0.000	Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	76	64	70
Magnesium	ppm	8.3	6.1	7.3	Non-Carbonate Hardness	ppm	35	18	29
Calcium	ppm	29.1	21.3	25.1	Chemical Oxygen Demand	ppm	3.3	ND	1.5
Sodium	ppm	8.4	4.4	5.3	Dissolved Oxygen	ppm	13.4	8.9	10.9
Potassium	ppm	1.3	0.8	1.0	Nitrite Nitrogen	ppm	ND	ND	0.0
Manganese	ppm	0.004	ND	0.000	Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	0.45	0.23	0.32
Lead	ppm	ND	ND	0.000	Fluoride	ppm	0.71	0.38	0.55
Zinc	ppm	0.001	ND	0.000	pH		7.20	7.07	6.54
Silica	ppm	2.8	1.8	2.2	Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	µmhos	238	191	224
Sulfate	ppm	32.0	22.6	25.9	Temperature	°C	24.3	3.7	14.5
Chloride	ppm	12.9	8.9	10.4					

### 2021 Northeast Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

2021 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	04/13/2021	ppm	4	4	0.44	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	04/13/2021	ppm	10	10	0.33	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

2021 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2021	ppm	4	4	0.76	0.58-0.84	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2021 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.11 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.			

2021 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	04/13/2021	ppm	n/a	n/a	4.45	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2021 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

## 2021 Northeast Tap Water Mineral Analysis

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	NTU	1.90	0.04	0.30	Phosphorus	ppm	0.51	0.33	0.39
Total Solids	ppm	178	93	137	Free Carbon Dioxide	ppm	11.0	6.4	8.8
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	149	57	121	Total Hardness	ppm	108	86	99
Aluminum	ppm	1.470	0.018	0.155	Total Alkalinity	ppm	74	66	71
Iron	ppm	0.3	0.1	0.2	Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	0	0	0
Copper	ppm	0.009	ND	0.003	Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	74	66	71
Magnesium	ppm	8.1	6.1	7.4	Non-Carbonate Hardness	ppm	35	19	28
Calcium	ppm	28.5	21.4	25.4	Chemical Oxygen Demand	ppm	5.5	ND	1.9
Sodium	ppm	7.0	4.5	5.2	Dissolved Oxygen	ppm	12.3	8.7	10.4
Potassium	ppm	1.2	0.8	1.0	Nitrite Nitrogen	ppm	ND	ND	0.0
Manganese	ppm	0.005	ND	0.000	Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	0.43	0.24	0.32
Lead	ppm	ND	ND	0.000	Fluoride	ppm	0.72	0.44	0.57
Zinc	ppm	ND	ND	0.000	pH		7.34	7.08	7.21
Silica	ppm	2.9	1.8	2.2	Specific Conductance @ 25 °C.	µmhos	276	190	227
Sulfate	ppm	28.1	21.9	24.7	Temperature	°C	68.0	9.3	24.0
Chloride	ppm	11.9	9.2	10.4					

## 2021 Lake Huron Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

2021 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	04/13/2021	ppm	4	4	0.62	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	04/13/2021	ppm	10	10	0.31	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	05-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

2021 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2021	ppm	4	4	0.8	0.72-0.87	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2021 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.09 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides - Monitored at the Plant Finished Tap in 2014							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/14	pCi/L	0	5	0.86 ± 0.55	no	Erosion of natural deposits

2021 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	4/13/2021	ppm	n/a	n/a	4.23	Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2021 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

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**2021 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System**

Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Total Coliform Bacteria</b>	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment
<b>E. coli Bacteria</b>	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also E.coli positive.	0	no	Sanitary defects

**2021 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)</b>	2021	ppb	n/a	80	20	13 – 26	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)</b>	2021	ppb	n/a	60	14	10 - 17	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

**Lead and Copper Monitoring at the Customer’s Tap in 2021**

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Range of Individual Samples Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Lead</b>	2021	ppb	0	15	11	1	0 - 22	no	Lead services lines, corrosion of household, plumbing including fittings and fixtures. Erosion of natural deposits”
<b>Copper</b>	2021	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.0	0.0 - 0.2	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system. Erosion of natural deposits.

\* The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value. If the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

**2021 Number of Water Service Connections by Service Line Material**

Number of Lead Service Lines	Number of Service Lines of Unknown Material	Total Number of Service Lines
413	0	7979



## 2019 UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE (UCMR4)

The UCMR program provides the EPA and other interested parties with nationally representative data on the occurrence of particular contaminants in drinking water, the number of people potentially being exposed and an estimate of the levels of that exposure. In accordance with SDWA, EPA will consider the occurrence data from UCMR4 and other sources, along with the peer reviewed health effects assessments, to support a regulatory determination on whether to initiate the process to develop a national primary drinking water regulation.

The table lists the minimum reporting level, level detected, average and range of each contaminant detected.

Detection levels are in micro grams per Liter (1µg/L = 1ppb)

Contaminant	Minimum Reporting Level µg/L	AVG	Range
Manganese	0.4	0.67	.046- 0.80
HAA5	NA	12.00	10.77 – 13.04
HAA6Br	NA	5.95	5.57 – 6.53
HAA9	NA	17.50	16.45 – 18.24

## IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

### LEAD

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Birmingham is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using the water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-462-4791 or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

### PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

### QUESTIONS:

*Local Distribution:* City of Birmingham (248) 530-1700

*Southeastern Oakland County Water Supply System – Water Authority offices:* (248) 288-5150.

Visit our web site at [www.socwa.org](http://www.socwa.org)

*Great Lakes Water Authority –* [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org)

*Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) -* (586) 753-3755 – [www.michigan.gov/egle](http://www.michigan.gov/egle)

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Safe Drinking Water Hotline:* (800) 426-4791.

*Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at* [www.epa.gov/wqs-tech](http://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech)

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



## AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER PROGRAM

The Birmingham Police Department is actively recruiting enthusiastic individuals for the volunteer rank of Auxiliary Police Officer.

Auxiliary officers work under the supervision of sworn police officers, supplementing their routine assignments such as road patrol, traffic direction and the attendance of sporting, social, civic and other special events. Auxiliary officers receive monthly training to develop necessary skills while building camaraderie within their unit and among the sworn members.

Auxiliaries have proven to be invaluable members of our police department. Interested applicants will be interviewed and shall pass a background check. They must be at least 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and live or work in the city of Birmingham. They must be physically able to perform basic job functions and successfully complete the Reserve Academy before performing auxiliary duties.

Those interested in this exciting volunteer opportunity should contact Operations Commander Scott Grewe at [sgrewe@bhamgov.org](mailto:sgrewe@bhamgov.org) or 248-530-1867.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## FIREWORKS INFORMATION

We all know fireworks can be fun and enjoyable, but they can also be a very dangerous activity, for the user as well as the surrounding community.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, fireworks start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the emergency room each year in the United States. Over the last five years, the Birmingham Fire Department has responded to an increased number of structure fires that were caused by fireworks. These fires occurred as a result of airborne fireworks such as bottle rockets, floating lanterns and other fireworks that leave the ground. Anything on the ground is susceptible to fire when they land.

Please consider watching professional displays on television, or locally, instead of do-it-yourself displays. Please refrain from using aerial fireworks. Unmanned free-floating devices (sky lanterns) are prohibited at all times. Fireworks that are designed for use on the ground also pose a risk for injury or accidental fires, as well as other property damage. Explosive



fireworks can cause great injury and are also very disruptive, because they produce loud noises, flame, and smoke. Please be respectful of your neighbors. These noises interrupt peace and quiet in the community.

Remember, it is unlawful for a person to ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's expressed permission to use those fireworks on those premises. In doing so, violators shall pay a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.

Although the City can and does ban fireworks being set off most days of the year, by state law they must be allowed on the following dates and times:

- 11 a.m. on December 31 - 1 a.m. on January 1
- 11 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day
- 11 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 11 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday
- 11 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day

Learn more at [www.bhamgov.org/fireworks](http://www.bhamgov.org/fireworks).

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

### PAVING THE WAY TO A MORE BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN

Important infrastructure improvements are underway along South Old Woodward (between Brown and Landon) in downtown Birmingham! The project is the third phase of downtown infrastructure improvements addressing aging infrastructure in the core of the downtown area. The City's contractor, Warren-based Angelo Iafate Construction Company, also managed the award-winning Old Woodward Reconstruction Project in 2018 (Phase 1) and the award-winning Maple Road Reconstruction Project in 2020 (Phase 2). When complete, South Old Woodward's improvements will allow it to manage traffic more effectively, provide an attractive experience for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists, and serve the community for decades to come.



Similar to Phases 1 and 2, the South Old Woodward Reconstruction Phase 3 Project is driven by the need to replace existing water mains and sewer lines. In addition to new underground infrastructure, the project will also enhance the aesthetics and functionality of downtown Birmingham and improve walkability. Key elements in the design of the new streetscape include:

- 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 and new street lights.
- Improved on-street accessible parking spaces, each served with an individual sidewalk ramp to improve conditions for those needing accommodations.

Businesses are OPEN during construction! The project is expected to be complete in October. Details about the project, shopper incentives and the detour map are available at [www.bhamgov.org/oldwoodwardphase3](http://www.bhamgov.org/oldwoodwardphase3). Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for weekly project updates at [www.bhamgov.org/enews](http://www.bhamgov.org/enews).



# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### DRIVEWAY DOS & DON'TS

If the winter weather has taken a toll on your driveway and you plan on replacing or altering it this spring, you will need an Impervious Surface permit. Impervious Surface permits, sometimes referred to as Zoning Compliance, are necessary for flatwork and paving projects to help you construct them in accordance with the City's Zoning Ordinance. There are limitations on the amount of paved surfaces allowed in the front open space, and a minimum of 40% open space is required for all residential lots.



If you are also planning to alter, replace or install an approach, curb or sidewalk you will need a separate Sidewalk & Drive Approach Permit. If you are expanding or changing the footprint of your approach, there are other things to consider, such as location of City trees and making sure to match the width of your approach to the driveway.

A site evaluation review may also be required to assure proper drainage and avoid harm to both your property and adjacent properties.

To apply you will need to provide a completed application with a detailed description of the project and a survey with a clear rendering of the proposed

work. You will also need two sets of plans or drawings with a plan review fee due at the time of submission. All of our permit applications, along with fee schedules, are on the Building Department page of the City website at [www.bhamgov.org/building](http://www.bhamgov.org/building). To inquire about project or plan requirements, call the Building Department at 248-530-1850.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

### SUMMER IS HERE!

#### KEEP GRASS, WEEDS AT LESS THAN 8 INCHES

The City's Noxious Weed ordinance is in effect until October 15. Under the ordinance, all properties, including vacant properties and those with ongoing construction, are required to keep weeds and grass at less than 8 inches. This includes the right-of-way and parkway areas as well.

Properties found in violation of this ordinance will be mowed and an invoice sent based on the properties' footage.

Detailed ordinance information can be found by visiting the City's website, [www.bhamgov.org/code](http://www.bhamgov.org/code). The weed ordinance is under Chapter 118, sections 66-68.

#### LONG BRANCHES

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 (the chipper doesn't run in the rain) and the volume of brush out for chipping. If the branches are smaller than 4 feet or if you are able to cut the longer branches down, place them in your paper yard waste bags for collection on your trash day.

#### BULKY ITEMS: WHAT YOU CAN PLACE AT THE CURB AND WHAT REQUIRES A 'SPECIAL PICK-UP FEE'

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, pianos and more than normal large amounts of trash (usually move outs). Please call Car Trucking at 586-791-8480 in advance to pay for.

#### ITEMS WE DO NOT PICK UP

We do not pick up the following items: Privacy fences, decks, sheds, roofing material, railroad ties, bricks or cement. You will need to find a private hauler to arrange pick-up of those items.

#### HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

The City's offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, to observe Independence Day (refuse collection delayed one day that week). The City offices will also be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day (refuse collection delayed one day that week).

# BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES: SUMMER READING PROGRAM

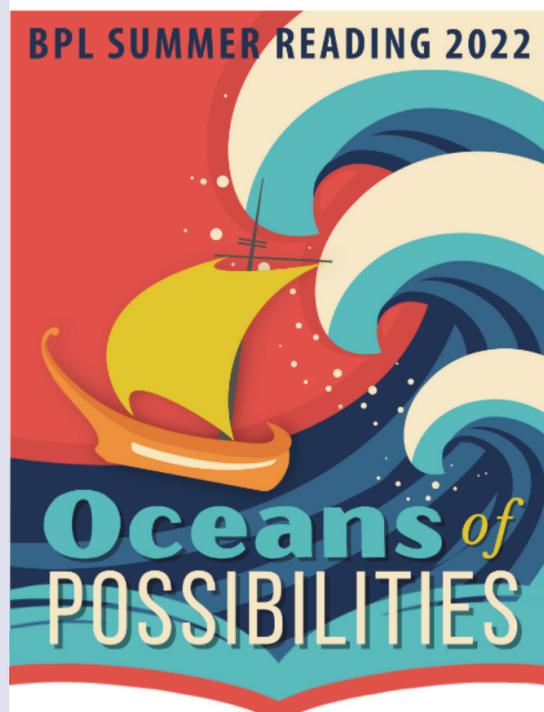
Haven't joined the Summer Reading program at Baldwin yet? There's still time, and a program for all ages! Find more information at [baldwinlib.org/summerreading](http://baldwinlib.org/summerreading) and visit [baldwinlib.org/calendar](http://baldwinlib.org/calendar) to see all of the remaining events scheduled for summer reading, and beyond.

## JOIN OUR BOOK CLUBS

BPL offers book clubs for all ages and across genres. They're a great way to meet other readers and maybe even read something you might otherwise have passed over! With over a dozen choices per month, you're sure to find something to talk about. Visit [baldwinlib.org/book-clubs](http://baldwinlib.org/book-clubs) to find out what we're reading and how to take part!

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

You've got a ton of stuff in your wallet, but we're willing to say that your library card is one of the most valuable you're carrying around.



You might be surprised to learn about everything available to you, just by using that number! BPL offers the standard items you expect from your public library — books, DVDs, music and audiobooks.

But did you know that we also offer online access to tons of other useful resources? You can read newspapers like the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Washington Post, examine Consumer Reports reviews, learn a new language, read magazines, get homework tutoring, and take online courses.

free or discounted admission to over 400 places of interest around the state with the Michigan Activity Pass, and score discounts on Broadway in Detroit shows or Detroit Zoo admission. September may be Library Card Sign-Up Month, but we are happy to help you get a card and start using these great options any day of the year.

Even more, you can use your card to check out passes for

## LOOKING FOR A MEETING ROOM FOR YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION?

BPL has options! Rooms vary in size and can accommodate both small and large groups. Visit [baldwinlib.org/rent-a-room](http://baldwinlib.org/rent-a-room) to find out room capacity, check availability, estimate fees, and see options that can be added to your rental.



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

# BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM

## MUSEUM BOARD PLANNING PUBLIC COMMEMORATION OF UNDERGROUND RAILROAD DESIGNATION OF GREENWOOD CEMETERY IN SEPTEMBER

In March, the City learned that its application was approved to designate the gravesites of Elijah Fish and George Taylor to the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The two men, both buried in Birmingham's Greenwood Cemetery, have been shown by the research of Birmingham Museum staff and volunteers to have direct connections to local anti-slavery efforts leading up to the Civil War. Pioneer settler Fish was an active abolitionist, and Taylor himself escaped enslavement and followed the Underground Railroad through Michigan to freedom, becoming the first African American to own property in Birmingham.

The Museum Board is heading up the effort to formally acknowledge the National Park Service's listing with a commemorative event on Saturday, September 17. A brief program will take place at 11 a.m. at the north end of Baldwin Park at Quarton Lake at the corner of Oak and Lakeside, just one block from Greenwood Cemetery, with a tour of the gravesites immediately following. Speakers at the free event will include the key researchers involved and representatives from the City Commission and from Seaholm High School's Black Student Union, among others.

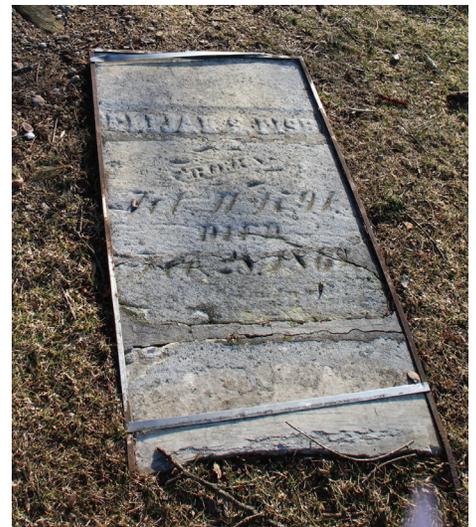
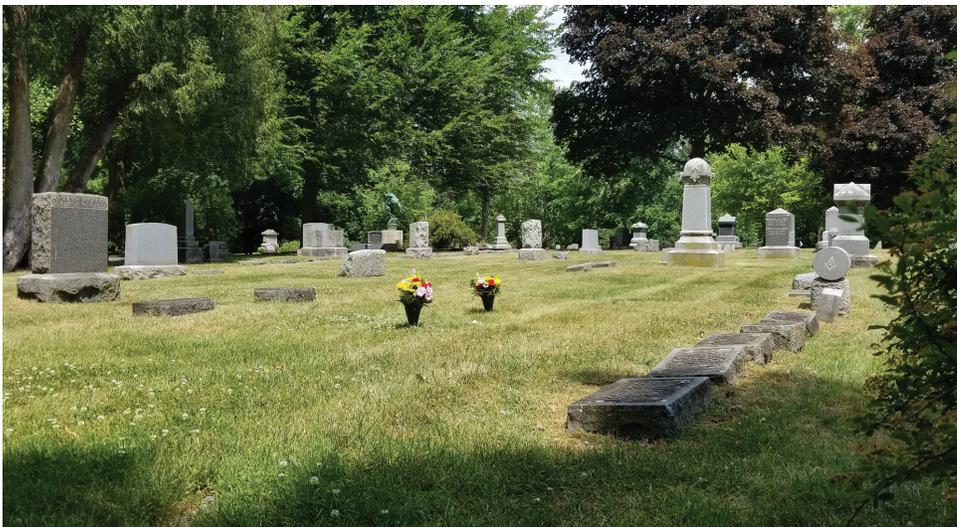
Stay tuned for updates on the museum's webpage at [www.bhamgov.org/museum](http://www.bhamgov.org/museum), or contact the museum at 248-530-1682 or [museum@bhamgov.org](mailto:museum@bhamgov.org).



NATIONAL  
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD  
NETWORK TO FREEDOM



Greenwood Cemetery is now recognized on the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. The City's application was successful due to the hard work and research of staff and volunteers to show the connection of abolitionist Elijah Fish and Birmingham resident and freedom seeker George Taylor to Michigan's Underground Railroad. (Photo by Patricia O'Blenes, 2013)



# ADULT SERVICES



## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Michigan is aging, and the Birmingham area is no exception. In the communities Next serves, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin, households with seniors will increase more than 50% by 2045, with a significant percentage of 65-plus residents living alone. That means the need for services and amenities will increase with each passing year.

Next has been serving the needs of local residents for almost 45 years, and continues to evolve to meet the changing dynamics of active adults. With continued support from our partnering communities and the Birmingham Public Schools, Next is a vibrant community center filled with life-long learning and enrichment opportunities, fitness, creative arts and travel, but most importantly, a hub for socialization. Next now offers more of everything including expanded support services that are vital to serve the most vulnerable segment of the population.

Over the past several years, membership at Next has increased over 70% and program participation has expanded to more than 268% with 1,500 weekly visits to the center! With over 2,000 members, Next is using their current building well, close to full capacity, but that also means Next is unable to offer all it should.

We love our warm, welcoming building, but with growing wait lists, constantly moving furniture and limited rooms, the physical space is inadequate, putting our community at a crossroads. The Birmingham Public Schools have been very generous to Next over the years, providing an in-kind gathering space, building upkeep and tech support. But in order to continue to meet the growing needs and desires of this very wide and diverse demographic, one that is reshaping our population, we need to come together as a community.

Next is a private non-profit 501 (c) (3) which makes us unique among community centers. We are autonomous from the municipalities we serve, but are the designated senior service provider for Birmingham, and the Villages of Beverly, Bingham Farms and Franklin. Next does receive some municipal funding, but we rely heavily on a diverse revenue stream to support our day-to-day activities: fundraisers, fund drives, grants, sponsorships and fees.

Recently, an inter-local agreement was signed by the four municipalities that provides a framework for a more predictable funding stream in the future for senior services by connecting the participating communities together with a several year agreement.

At the same time, with the support of the City of Birmingham, Next is discussing the possibility of entering into a long-term lease agreement with the Birmingham Public Schools that will allow Next to make modifications to the Midvale building to better serve our residents. We know Next needs additional space for a variety of offerings, but our current verbal agreement does not afford us that opportunity; and without a predictable future, it is difficult to make long-term plans.

The Birmingham Public Schools are currently working on their own strategic plan that will identify their goals for the next five years. Once completed, we hope to have a better understanding of how the Midvale building and Next will fit into their future plans.

Stayed tuned for further updates!



# 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

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 Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services  
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## COMMUNICATION TOOLS

City Website ..... [www.bhamgov.org](http://www.bhamgov.org)  
 Citywide Email Sign-Up ..... [bhamgov.org/enevs](http://bhamgov.org/enevs)  
 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)

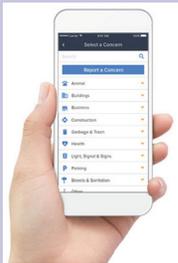
BSD Website ..... [www.AllinBirmingham.com](http://www.AllinBirmingham.com)  
 BSD Facebook... [www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict](http://www.facebook.com/BirminghamShoppingDistrict)  
 BSD Instagram & Twitter..... [@BhamShopping](https://www.instagram.com/BhamShopping)  
 Farmers Market .... [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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Don't want to use the app? That's OK! Submit your request at [www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests](http://www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests).

