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FROM THE CITY MANAGER



As I prepare to conclude my second term as Birmingham City Manager, I feel confident in the city's continued trajectory toward prosperity and success in the years ahead. I previously served as Birmingham City Manager from May 1, 1989 through December 31, 2010. My current term began on

January 1, 2021 and will conclude on

June 30, 2023. At the end of my second term of service to Birmingham, I will have served as your City Manager for over 24 years. I can tell you what has remained the same over the years are residents who are passionate and involved in their community, and city staff members who work very hard to maintain a high level of service for the community they serve.

As I write my final City Manager message for this newsletter, gentle snowflakes fall outside my window. Soon, and hopefully by the time you receive this edition, a season of change will be upon us with rising temperatures, longer days and spring flowers beginning to bloom. Changes are coming soon for the management of the city as well, as I prepare for my retirement and the community prepares to welcome a new City Manager. I encourage you to embrace this change, and to view this as an opportunity to share your vision, ideas and goals with your new leader.

During my current term as City Manager, we established a Strategic Plan which includes the goal of positioning the city for a changing future by instituting policies and practices that protect the natural environment and reduce extreme weather impacts on the city. As such, earlier this year the City Commission unanimously passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency and enabling the Ad Hoc Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC). I encourage you to follow the important work of the ESC and become involved in creating a more sustainable Birmingham. Learn more about the ESC on page 3.

Another important goal in our Strategic Plan is to provide efficient and effective services. One such service is new parking equipment now installed at all five of the city's parking structures. The equipment creates an expedited easy-in, easy-out experience for parkers and has been well received by the community. Learn about the new equipment on page 3 or at www.bhamgov.org/parking.

The city continues to work with Next to find a permanent home for our senior center. Despite being located at Midvale School for 30+ years, Next does not have a lease with Birmingham Public Schools.

The hard work of the Planning Department, the Planning Board, project consultants DPZ and McKenna, and engaged community members has led to the pending finalization of the Citywide Master Plan for 2040. The plan will soon go before the City Commission for adoption. Read more about the process on page 5 and access the plan at www.thebirminghamplan.com.

The resident approved 2020 Parks & Recreation bond paved the way for six pickleball courts at Crestview Park (coming this spring) and the beautiful new Adams Park. In addition to these new offerings, the bond will also provide improvements to the Rouge River Trail System, Booth Park entry feature and a splash pad. Learn about these projects on page 10.

This spring, I encourage you to enjoy community traditions such as the Department of Public Services Open House, Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade, In the Park Summer Concert Series, Birmingham Farmers Market, outdoor movie nights, special golf events and our Junior Golf Program. We are fortunate to have these treasured events and activities where we can visit with neighbors and strengthen our sense of community. Learn about these events and more on pages 6-8.

In closing, I would like to remind you to stay involved with local government. Your voice matters, and it is those who become educated and engaged who may positively impact their community. If I can be of assistance to you before my tenure ends on June 30, please feel free to contact me at tmarkus@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1809.

Tom Markus
CITY MANAGER

WHAT'S New?

PARK EASY WITH NEW EQUIPMENT IN BIRMINGHAM

Parking in Birmingham just got a whole lot easier. Gone are the days of long lines and glitchy card readers in the city's parking structures. New equipment installed earlier this year has created an expedited easy-in, easy-out experience for all parkers.

Equipment and software by TIBA Solutions provides cloud-based kiosks with user-friendly, contactless entry and convenient payment options such as debit/credit card (insert or tap to pay), Apple Pay and Google Pay. In the near future, the equipment will also integrate with the ParkMobile app.



Monthly parking pass holders have the option to access the structures by scanning a new parking pass, or use the TIBA Mobile Access App. Transient parkers (those without a monthly parking pass) may enter and exit using a credit card, or they may pull a ticket at entry and scan the ticket upon exiting. As always, parkers enjoy two hours free in all structures.

Learn more and access a video showing how to use the new equipment at www.bhamgov.org/parking, or contact Parking Manager Aaron Ford at aford@bhamgov.org.

EXPLORE BIRMINGHAM WITH 3D VIRTUAL TOUR

The city's brand new virtual tour has been viewed thousands of times since its launch earlier this year. The tour, available at www.birmingham.skywayvr.com, utilizes 360-degree images and drone footage to create a fully immersive experience.

This interactive tour is embedded on the city's website at www.bhamgov.org/residents and serves as a resource to attract those considering relocating to Birmingham, opening a business, visiting the city, or holding a special event in Birmingham.

Those familiar with Birmingham may discover something new as they explore remarkable aerial and ground footage of the city's golf courses, parks and facilities such as The Birmingham Museum, Birmingham Fire Department, Birmingham Ice Sports Arena and more.

Visit www.birmingham.skywayvr.com to virtually explore Birmingham today!



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

On January 23, 2023, the City Commission unanimously passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency and enabling the Ad Hoc Environmental Sustainability Committee (the "ESC"). These actions represent a formal commitment and a meaningful step toward the city's strategic goal of positioning itself for a changing future by instituting policies and practices that protect the natural environment and reduce extreme weather impacts on the community. At this time, the creation of the ESC is intended to jumpstart sustainability planning in the city and act as a sounding board for formulating our goals and objectives as it relates to a formal sustainability plan.

The work of the ESC will include a greenhouse gas emissions inventory to set a baseline and develop greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for 2030 and 2050, and the creation of a sustainability plan over a period of 18 months.

Are you interested in contributing to the City's sustainability efforts? Visit bhamgov.org/boardandcommittees for a list of committee opportunities, stay up to date on the Birmingham Green newsletter articles in our Around Town E-Newsletter at bhamgov.org/aroundtown, or contact Nick Dupuis, Planning Director, at ndupuis@bhamgov.org.







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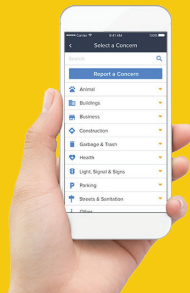
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Submit non-emergency concerns or questions directly to the City of Birmingham using the GovAlert Mobile app! Simply download the free app and follow the user-friendly prompts.

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



CITY Offices

» ACCESSING CITY HALL - 151 MARTIN STREET

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.

Main floor services including the Clerk's and Treasurer's Offices are accessible. In-person meetings between City Hall employees and the public take place at a designated location on the main floor of City Hall.

The Police Department lobby entrance on the east side of City Hall on Pierce Street continues to operate as the point of contact for all off-hour requests and evening meetings.

» MASKS

The city recommends members of the public wear a mask if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or have a respiratory illness. City staff, City Commission and all board and committee members must wear a mask if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or actively have a respiratory illness. The city continues to provide KN-95 respirators and triple-layered masks for attendees.

» CONTACT US

www.bhamgov.org/contacts

» CITY MEETINGS

City Commission and other city boards meet in-person, and most have a virtual option available to the public. Individuals may access City Hall from the Martin Street entrance during normal business hours, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Learn how to participate in virtual meetings at www.bhamgov.org/participate.

You may also watch many city meetings on your local cable access channel and by web streaming on the City's Vimeo channel at <https://vimeo.com/birmingham>.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT 2040 MASTER PLAN

After more than four years and 40 public meetings, the Birmingham Plan 2040 is ready to be reviewed at a public hearing of the City Commission in May 2023. So... what happens next? Once a master plan is adopted, the City is tasked with prioritizing and studying the recommendations of the plan. Some recommendations may need to be broken down into more manageable subtasks, or next steps, with responsibilities assigned accordingly. It is imperative to understand that a master plan is not a static document. An annual review of a master plan is necessary to complete the following tasks:

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1. Review goals and major recommendations.
2. Review action table and progress toward completing this year's priorities.
3. Review prior year's rezoning's and development decisions. Discuss if there are any trends that need to be addressed.
4. Identify any potential plan amendments to work on for the upcoming year that can be prepared and adopted, then incorporated at a later date when the master plan is updated.
5. Identify any zoning ordinance updates to undertake in the coming year.

Performing the annual review and thoroughly documenting the process and the machinations of the master plan is essential when it comes to the master plan review after five years of adoption as required by the Michigan Planning Enabling Act. At five years, it should be determined whether any amendments are needed or whether the plan is still relevant to today's conditions. Generally, the goals, objectives and future land use plan should be carefully reviewed to contrast with current development trends as well as any major changes or diversions from the plan that have taken place in order to consider whether the plan needs to be updated.

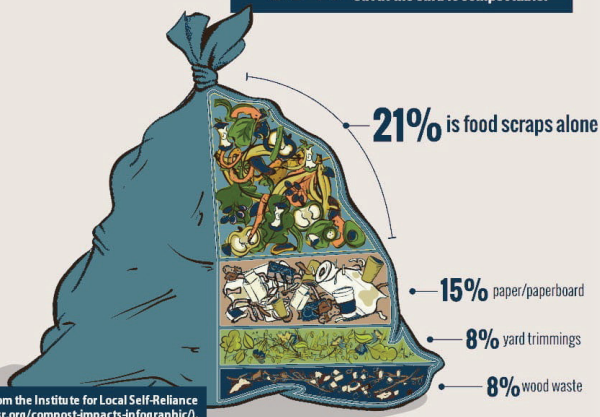


PLANNING DEPARTMENT BIRMINGHAM GREEN: REDUCE METHANE EMISSIONS BY DIVERTING FOOD WASTE

BY NICHOLAS J. DUPUIS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

Every year, U.S. landfills and trash incinerators receive **167 MILLION TONS** of garbage.

> 50% of typical municipal garbage set out at the curb is compostable.



Infographic from the Institute for Local Self-Reliance (<https://ilsr.org/compost-impacts-infographic/>).

It is time to start thinking about spring yard cleanups and yard maintenance! For us, this is a perfect time to make sure you know that your yard waste service in Birmingham offers more opportunities than composting grass clippings, plant trimmings, and leaves. Did you know that you could also use your yard waste to reduce the amount of food waste you place into a landfill?

To be clear, when we say food waste in this context, we mean fruit and vegetable scraps only. Although seemingly minimal, the impact of diverting food waste from the landfill to compost is a matter of emissions. When compostable garbage is composted, it produces carbon dioxide. When compostable garbage is sent to the landfill, it produces methane. Why does this matter? Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that is used by plants for nutrition. When we compost, we trap much of the carbon in the soil for plants to use, instead of releasing it into the atmosphere. Methane, however, is a much more detrimental gas, and enters the atmosphere from the landfill. Over a 20-year period, methane will trap about 85 times more heat than carbon dioxide.

If you are not ready to integrate a full-scale compost process in your backyard, consider reducing your food waste by sending fruit and vegetable waste with your yard waste.

CHERISHED Community EVENTS IN BIRMINGHAM

Guests of all ages are invited to participate in the following family-friendly community traditions.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES OPEN HOUSE: SATURDAY, MAY 13 FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

The Department of Public Services (DPS) will host its Open House on Saturday, May 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the DPS facility located at 851 South Eton Street. This annual event is a family favorite with DPS trucks and equipment on display, informational exhibits, giveaways and complimentary grilled hot dogs and other refreshments.

Join us for a behind-the-scenes, hands-on look at a day in the life of a DPS worker during this great event! **Learn more at www.bhamgov.org/dpsopenhouse.**



CELEBRATE BIRMINGHAM HOMETOWN PARADE AND AFTER PARTY SUNDAY, MAY 21. PARADE AT 1 P.M. WITH PARTY TO FOLLOW IN SHAIN PARK

Planning is picking up steam for the 2023 Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade on Sunday, May 21 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 welcome to join in the 2023 festivities. Becoming a sponsor is another way for a business, 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 for registration forms and sponsorship packages.



IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The In the Park Summer Concert Series returns to Shain Park with a full line-up of bands this summer! During this free, fun and substance-free concert series, visitors will enjoy the vibrant outdoor atmosphere and beautiful park setting while listening to performances from local bands playing a wide variety of music genres. Evening and afternoon concerts are scheduled on select dates from Friday, June 9 through Wednesday, August 16.

View the concert schedule at www.bhamgov.org/summerconcerts.



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Shopping DISTRICT

SPRING STROLL SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Register to participate in the free Spring Stroll event featuring local retailers and special giveaways for both adults and children. The event takes place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. with staggered start times. **For details and to register, visit ALLINBirmingham.com/events.**



BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET EVERY SUNDAY, MAY 7 – OCTOBER 29, 9 A.M. – 2 P.M. PUBLIC PARKING LOT 6, 660 N. OLD WOODWARD

The Birmingham Farmers Market season begins with its Opening Day Celebration on Sunday, May 7! Enjoy fresh Michigan-grown produce, plants and bouquets, prepared foods, artisan goods and more from local vendors and artists. The bustling outdoor market features live music, kids' activities, food trucks and special events including Super Farmer Day, Harvest and Corn Festivals and more.

Visit ALLINBirmingham.com/farmersmarket and follow us on Facebook @BIRMINGHAMFARMERSMARKET and Instagram @BhamFarmMkt.



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS SELECT FRIDAY NIGHTS, 6:30 P.M. BOOTH PARK

It's show time! Free, family-friendly outdoor movie nights return to Booth Park this summer.

- June 9 – Encanto
- July 14 – The Grinch ("Christmas in July" theme)
- August 11 – People's Choice*
- September 8 – People's Choice*

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).

Visit ALLINBirmingham.com/events for details.

*Vote for the movie titles you'd like to see in August and September! Starting June 1, submit your vote at <http://engage.bhamgov.org>.



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SHOP, DINE AND ENJOY DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham Shopping District welcomed 17 new businesses in 2022 with six more scheduled to open in early 2023! A premier shopping and dining destination, our downtown offers a diverse assortment of local and national boutiques, restaurants, gift shops, jewelers, salons, fitness centers, art galleries and more. Movie theaters, parks and community events offer entertainment for all ages. For shopping, dining and service directories, and the event calendar, visit ALLINBirmingham.com.

INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED?

Contact info@ALLINBirmingham.com for committee and event volunteer opportunities.



GOLF IN BIRMINGHAM

Enjoy Birmingham's two beautiful, top-rated golf courses – Lincoln Hills and Springdale! Both offer a fun yet challenging 9-hole course, events and programs that are affordable and close to home. Adaptive golf carts are also available.

Reservations may be made online or by calling Lincoln Hills at (248) 530-1670 and Springdale at (248) 530-1660. Learn more at visit www.golfbirmingham.org.

“WELCOME BACK MEMBERS” GOLF EVENT SUNDAY, APRIL 23, SHOTGUN START AT 5 P.M.

Join us at Lincoln Hills for the first golf event of the season! The event begins with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. and is followed by an awards dinner. **Call Lincoln Hills at (248) 530-1670 for more information and to register.**

CINCO DE MAYO GOLF EVENT FRIDAY, MAY 5, SHOTGUN START AT 5 P.M.

Join us at Lincoln Hills for Cinco de Mayo! The event begins with a shotgun start at 5 p.m. and is followed by an awards dinner. **Call Lincoln Hills at (248) 530-1670 for more information and to register.**

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

The Junior Golf Program offers an opportunity for friendship, instruction, competition, and fun for children ages six to 16, of all skills and abilities. Registration for this popular program begins Saturday, May 6! Resident and member registration is open from 9 - 11 a.m.; non-resident registration is open from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit <http://golfbirmingham.org/junior-golf-program>.



FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Birmingham has a General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. At this time, four Birmingham Commissioner positions for a 4-year term and three Birmingham Library Board positions for a 4-year term will be on this ballot.

The candidate filing deadline for the November 7, 2023 General Election will be July 25, 2023 by 4 p.m.

For more information regarding candidate filing, please visit www.bhamgov.org/elections.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Participating on a city board or commission can be a fulfilling and rewarding way of giving back to your community. A list of open positions is available at www.bhamgov.org/boardopportunities. **Submit your application to clerks@bhamgov.org and we can hold the application for two years.**



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

AVOID FINES – KEEP GRASS & WEEDS BELOW EIGHT INCHES

Help Birmingham look well maintained by following the grass and weed ordinance. We require grass and weeds to be kept below eight inches high. Poison ivy, ragweed or any other poisonous, noxious or unhealthy growths are prohibited. **Access the Grass and Noxious Weed ordinance at www.bhamgov.org/code.**

BRUSH CHIPPING

The chipper truck resumes its routine cycle in April. It takes the chipper 7 to 10 business days to cycle the city, depending on weather conditions 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 Hall) 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 5 through the third Friday in December.

BULKY ITEMS

Wondering what you can place at the curb and what requires a special pick-up fee? Couches (under 8 feet), refrigerators (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 advance notice and a fee: 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 large amounts of trash (usually more outs). **Please call Car Trucking at (586) 791-8480 to schedule a bulky item pickup.**

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 7 to observe Good Friday (normal refuse collection), and Monday, May 29 to observe Memorial Day (refuse collection delayed one day that week).

BIRMINGHAM PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT.



PARKS AND RECREATION BOND PROJECTS UPDATE

In November of 2020, the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Bond was approved by over 70% of voters! Several projects were completed and initiated in 2022 as part of the first bond issue, including the beautiful new Adams Park.

The next bond issue, slated for 2024-2029 includes projects such as new playgrounds, trail improvements and a splash pad. This year, we will focus on planning and public engagement for the upcoming projects and five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. **For more information, visit www.bhamgov.org/parks.**

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Six courts for pickleball enthusiasts will be open for play this spring at Crestview Park! This priority project was part of the approved Parks and Recreation Bond's first bond issue. **For more information, visit www.bhamgov.org/parks.**

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

Improving the City's trail system is an important Parks and Recreation bond project. This spring/early-summer, the draft trail improvement concept plan will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board before submission to the City Commission for approval. Following City Commission approval, next steps include proceeding with construction drawings and bidding out the project, before beginning construction (in-part or phased) in 2024.

Some highlights of the concept plan include:

- Booth Park entry and corner features including a restroom facility
- Accessible boardwalks and viewing areas
- Trail entry identifiers (5) throughout
- Connectivity, especially in the area of navigating from Willits to Maple, and including The Birmingham Museum as a point of interest
- Confidence markers and signage/wayfinding
- A new pedestrian bridge south of Maple, heading into Linden Park trail



ENSURING PERMITTING AND ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE IN DOWNTOWN AREAS

The Building Department is developing a program for the proactive enforcement of the city's downtown and commercial areas by hiring another full time code enforcement officer. This officer will be responsible for enforcing city ordinances in non-residential areas.

The implementation of this program will be phased beginning with regular patrols of sidewalks and alleys to identify and correct common violations such as non-approved A-frame signs, sidewalk obstructions, litter, and overflowing dumpsters or grease traps. Once established, violation enforcement will extend to inspecting building and window signage for proper permitting and compliance with the city's sign ordinance. Building exteriors will also be inspected against the Property Maintenance Code.

Questions regarding the city's ordinances can be directed to Code Enforcement at (248) 530-1859. Concerns may be submitted using the GovAlert app available for both iOS or Android devices, or at www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests.



ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

2023 construction projects are underway throughout the city! The following is an overview of the capital improvement projects scheduled for this year. Additional information can be found at www.bhamgov.org/engineering.

Parking Lot No. 5

Slope repairs will be completed in Parking Lot No. 5, followed by paving.

2022 Asphalt Resurfacing Program

Pavement resurfacing will occur on the following streets:

- Birmingham Boulevard: Lincoln Street to 14 Mile Road
- Smith Street: Cummings Avenue to Woodward Avenue
- Grant Street: Benville Avenue to Humphrey Avenue
- Holland Street: Adams Road to Torry Street
- South Old Woodward Avenue: Landon Street to Lincoln Street

2022 and 2023 Concrete Sidewalk Program

Repairs to the sidewalk on the west side of Ann Street between Landon Street to Lincoln Street and others throughout the city are being completed from the 2022 Sidewalk Program.

The 2023 Sidewalk Program will include:

- Miscellaneous sidewalk repairs throughout the city and in Shain Park
- Residential Area 6: Quarton Road to Maple Road, and western City limits to Lakeside Drive
- Downtown Area 1A: Chester Road to North Old Woodward Avenue, and Rouge River to Maple Road
- ADA Ramps within the Downtown Area
- Installation of bicycle pads and racks in various locations throughout the city

2022 and 2023 Trip Elimination Services:

Remaining sidewalk trip hazard elimination work will begin in the spring in Residential Area 6: Quarton Road to Maple Road, and western city limits to Lakeside Drive. The 2023 program will concentrate on work in Residential Area 7: Lakeside Drive to Adams Road, and north city limits to Maple Road.

2022 and 2023 Cape Seal Program

The 2022 Cape Seal Program includes unimproved streets in the southeast portion of the city between Woodward Avenue and the eastern city limits, and Lincoln Street to 14 Mile Road.

The 2023 Cape Seal Program will include unimproved streets located between:

- Woodward Avenue to Adams Road, and Kennesaw Street to Woodward Avenue/Adams Road
- Norfolk Street to Southfield Road and Norfolk Street to Wakefield Street

Water Tower Maintenance and Coating

Necessary repair and maintenance work will occur on both water towers, including coating/painting of the exterior and interior.

Cranbrook Non-Motorized Shared Use Path (TAP Grant)

A new 10'-wide shared path will be installed on the west side of Cranbrook Road from 14 Mile Road to Midvale Street, and new sidewalk along:

- East side of Cranbrook Road from Northlawn Boulevard to Midvale Street
- South side of Lincoln Street from Cranbrook Road to Arden Lane
- 14 Mile Road from west city limits to Cranbrook Road

Westwood Drive, Oak Street and Rayanle Street

This project will include water and sewer system improvements, followed by cape sealing of the roadways.

Sewer Rehabilitation Program and Backyard Sewer Lining

The city is continuing to rehabilitate in-backyard sewer in the Quarton Lake neighborhood and plans to complete the remaining three blocks this year.

Lincoln Hills Golf Course Tee No. 1 Project

Improvements will be made to the cart path, retaining walls and staircase.

Brown Street, South Old Woodward Avenue to Woodward Ave

This project will include the reduction of the roadway to three lanes, improvements to pedestrian traffic and turning movements, and minor streetscape improvements.

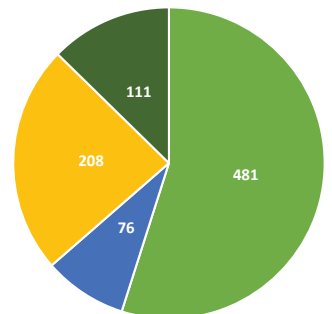
Pierce Street, 14 Mile Road to Lincoln Street

This project will include water main improvements, ADA ramp upgrades, full-depth road reconstruction for trench end excavations, and other repairs.

Lead Service Replacement Program Progress

The Lead Service Replacement Program will continue in 2023. The current progress of the city's Lead Service Replacement Program is shown in the chart.

- Number of Lead Water Services Replaced
- Number of Lead Water Services Remaining
- Number of Lead Services Confirmed as Copper or Plastic
- Number of Property Owners Opting Out



AQUAHAWK

AquaHawk is a free service for City of Birmingham customers that allows individuals to monitor their own water usage, set and receive alerts, and gives them the tools to control monthly water bills. **For more information, visit www.bhamgov.org/aquahawk.**





Your FIRE DEPARTMENT

⊖ AVOID INJURIES WITH FIREWORKS ADVICE FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (HINT: LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONALS)

With summer months approaching, it's a good time for a message from the Birmingham Fire Department about fireworks. We all know they can be fun and enjoyable, but they can also be dangerous for the user and surrounding community. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks start over 19,500 fires and send over 11,500 people to the emergency room every year in the United States.

Over the past five years, the Birmingham Fire Department responded to an increased amount of structure fires and damage to property 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. Remember, there is no telling where a firework is going to land once it is in the air. Dried landscapes, trees, vehicles, and anything on the ground is susceptible to fire when a firework lands. Please consider watching professional displays on television, or locally, instead of do-it-yourself displays.

Fireworks Laws

Did you know unmanned free-floating devices (sky lanterns) are prohibited at all times? Explosive noisemaker fireworks can cause great injury and are disruptive with loud noises, flame, and smoke. These noises interrupt peace and quiet in the community, and can cause harm to neighbors with PTSD and pets.

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 pay a civil fine of \$1,000.00.

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 dates and times listed below.

Sec. 74-194: It is unlawful for any person to ignite, discharge or use consumer fireworks, as such term is defined in the Ordinance except for the use of consumer fireworks from:

- 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

Please visit www.bhamgov.org/fireworks for more information.



Your POLICE DEPARTMENT

⊖ LOCK UP AND REMOVE VALUABLES FROM VEHICLES

The City of Birmingham and surrounding communities have recently seen an increase in crimes involving unlocked vehicles, often with the vehicle keys left inside. As a result, there has been a rise in reports of stolen vehicles and items stolen from inside unlocked vehicles. Criminals will always take advantage of an easy opportunity.

Please remember to lock your vehicle doors, remove your keys and valuables, and report suspicious activity to the Police Department immediately at (248) 644-3405. We value our community partnerships and together we can work to reduce, deter and protect against criminal behavior.

FROM THE BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM'S NEW PODCAST: "BIRMINGHAM UNCOVERED" NOW STREAMING

"Birmingham Uncovered" promises to add a little fun to your listening day by sharing a cornucopia of stories about Birmingham's unique past and even more unique people.

Join us as we uncover the diverse and compelling lives that built Birmingham, Michigan. How does a sleepy village evolve into an urban mecca known for its thriving cultural scene, great schools and bustling downtown? We'll take you on a journey into the unexpected stories of the people who shaped this prosperous and vibrant community.

Episodes will be between 22 and 25 minutes, will stream twice a month, and will feature a modern historian's take on the sometimes surprising stories of men and women in our past. A sample of topics includes, "A Tale of Two Fish," "The Disappearing Man," "Prindles Go Everywhere Together," and, "How to Steal a Train." And that's just a start. Intrigued? Find the museum's ad-free podcast in your podcast app by searching "Birmingham Museum," or by the podcast name, "Birmingham Uncovered."



Contact the museum at (248) 530-1682, or museum@bhamgov.org, or check out our fun Instagram, Twitter (https://twitter.com/bham_museum), or Facebook page to learn more.

FROM THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

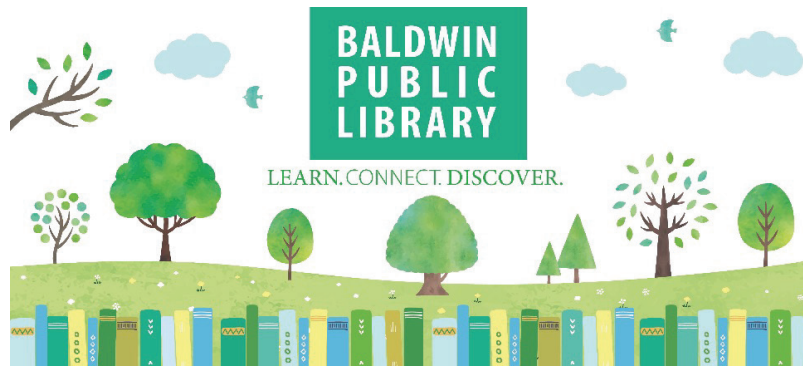
BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

Visit www.baldwinlib.org/calendar to view 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.

FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING 2023 USED BOOK AND MEDIA SALE LIBRARY LOWER LEVEL

Friday, May 5-Monday, May 8

Learn more and access a detailed schedule at www.baldwinlib.org/book-sales.



SUMMER READING 2023: ALL TOGETHER NOW

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, beginning June 9.



PHASE 3 RENOVATION - FRONT ENTRANCE, LOBBY AND CIRCULATION AREA!

Follow the Library on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter for updates on the upcoming construction, or bookmark www.baldwinlib.org/renovation to track the progress.

Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 West Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham, Michigan. Visit us online at baldwinlib.org or call (248) 647-1700. The Library will be closed on April 9, May 27-29, and June 19, 2023.



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JOIN NEXT EACH THURSDAY EVENING FOR TIMELY PRESENTATIONS FROM LEADING EXPERTS

LEARNING ABOUT LEBANON THURSDAY APRIL 13TH 6 P.M.

Professor Ara Sanjian, M.S., Ph.D, Associate Professor of History & Director-Armenian Research Center - University of Michigan - Dearborn

Professor Sanjian will provide an introduction to Lebanon, the country where he grew up and continues to visit annually. A country divided sharply on religious and confessional lines, Professor Sanjian will discuss the similarities and differences of the various groups in Lebanon. He will also share the story of his Armenian grandparents who were forced to flee to Lebanon as refugees to escape the Armenian genocide during World War I.

DECONSTRUCTING THE MIDDLE EAST: EXPLORING THE REGION'S DIVERSITY THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH 6 P.M.

Tareq Ramadan, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Adjunct Professor, Wayne State University and Arab America Foundation's 40 under 40 List Award Recipient

The Middle East has been largely painted to Western audiences as an ethnically, linguistically, geographically and religiously monolithic place. However, the reality is that the region is home to an array of people from a multitude of cultures, religious milieus and linguistic traditions, representing a rich tapestry of diverse communities, customs, spiritual practices and more. Outside of academia, the region is often presented as a static and immutable place, characterized by instability, war and a people preoccupied with violence. However, the Middle East is a space and a concept that cannot be reduced to an essentialist caricature – Professor Ramadan will highlight this diversity.

NEW FITNESS OFFERINGS AT NEXT!

TOTAL HEALTH WORKS - BRAIN & BODY WITH PAM SMITH TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 10 A.M.

This class focuses on functional exercise with an emphasis on brainwork — challenging individuals cognitively, as well as physically. Participants will work on things like memory, multitasking and sequencing, as well as strengthening, cardio, core and balance work. This class is for people of all ability levels. Pam Smith is a certified personal and group trainer through The American Council on Exercise.

YOGA-INSPIRED STABILITY WITH KAREN LUTZ THURSDAYS FROM 3 TO 4 P.M.

Stretch, strengthen and stabilize with this new yoga-inspired ball class led by Karen Lutz, E-RYT. You will have the option of working with a chair or yoga mat. All levels are welcome and we'll just have fun! Bring your yoga mat and any props you like to use.



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Submit any non-emergency concerns using the GovAlert
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Golf Course Website golfbirmingham.org
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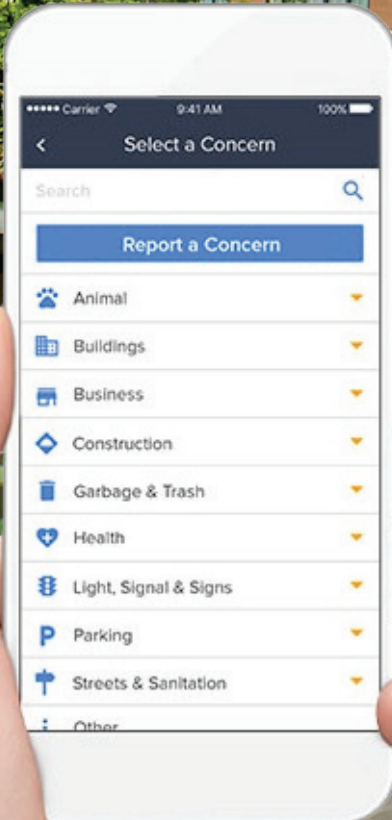
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