



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March 2024

Baldwin Public Library

Library Board

The Library Board will meet on Monday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. for its regular meeting and annual budget hearing. Board meetings are held in the second floor Board Room. Library Director Rebekah Craft will present the Library's FY2024-25 Budget for approval and the Library Board will also vote to update the Library's Code of Conduct.

Fourth Saturday Sale

The Friends of the Baldwin Public Library will host their monthly Fourth Saturday Sale on Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by the Friends Sorting Room on the lower level to shop exciting new inventory!

Phase 3 Construction Project

The Phase 3 addition and renovation is in its final month. The NanaWall, sliding glass doors, and curtain wall windows have been installed. The Merrill Street entrance should open in early April once the project is completed. We will be celebrating the new addition with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on May 18, 2024 from 1-3p.m. More information about the project can be found online at www.baldwinlib.org/renovation.

National Library Conference Attendance

Nine staff members applied for and received \$1,600 stipends from the Library of Michigan to attend national conferences. These stipends, totaling \$14,400, will cover all conference fees, transportation, hotels and meals for the attendees.

Jamie Richards, Head of IT and Bart Gioia, Technology Trainer, attended the Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, Virginia from March 11 through March 14. The focus of the conference was on emerging and leading-edge technology that allows IT professionals to engage with and bring strategic value to users.

Jaclyn Miller, Associate Director; Josh Campeau, Youth Librarian; Cameron Crawford, Page Supervisor; Haylie May, Adult Services Intern; Suzanne Hathon, Adult Librarian; Stuart Sturton, Adult Librarian; Jen Hassell, Adult Librarian; Vicki Sower, Adult Librarian; and Ethan Cronkite, Adult Librarian II will be attending the Public Library Association Conference in Columbus, OH from April 2 through April 5. The PLA Conference is an unparalleled opportunity for library workers to come together to share new ideas, discuss key public library issues, and hear from innovative speakers who are shaping the future of public libraries. The conference offers more than 100 practical and relevant education programs that are tailored for public library workers.

Library Tour

If you would like to learn even more about the library, join Director Rebekah Craft for a Behind the Scenes Tour. You will visit staff areas, learn how items are added to the collection, and hear about new programs and services. The next tour will meet in the Library's Claudia Ireland room on Thursday, April 11, at 11 a.m.

Upcoming Events of Interest

College Info Series: High School Course Selection - How to Stand Out

March 20, 2024, 7-8 p.m., Virtual

As course selection season approaches, it is important to guide students in making informed decisions for the upcoming year. Join Collegewise as we explore the key considerations of course selection and how to ensure your student has a fulfilling academic experience.

AI Tools

April 4, 2024, 3-4:15 p.m.

Learn how to use Artificial Intelligence to work for you, helping with things like writing papers and creating art.

Genealogy Series: Mastering Genealogy Online

April 11, 2024, 7-8 p.m.

Join archivist Robbie Terman as you move beyond the research basics. Sources like [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and Family Search can make your genealogy journey easier - if you know how to use them. This session will help you master common genealogy websites.

A Night of Poetry with Tariq Luthun

April 22, 2024, 7-8 p.m.

Please come celebrate Poetry month and National Arab American History month by attending a reading from local poet and author Tariq Luthun. In addition to his poetry work, Mr. Luthun currently hosts the Ann Arbor poetry slam, the second longest running tenured poetry slam in the country.

Learn more about these events and other programs coming to Baldwin at www.baldwinlib.org/calendar/.

The Birmingham Museum

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month, and Birmingham has many outstanding women to celebrate. They include the incomparable Martha Baldwin, who shaped the cultural identity of the Birmingham we know today, as well as some notable 'firsts,' such as Birmingham Mayor Florence ('Twink') Willett, the first woman mayor in the State of Michigan, and aviator Jane Briggs Hart, Michigan's first licensed woman helicopter pilot who also trained in NASA's first Gemini astronaut program. During March and April, the museum will feature '**Nine to Know**,' showcasing a select group of remarkable women from Birmingham in a special display in the museum lobby. Visit the museum for a free [Women's History Walking Tour brochure](#). The tour highlights the downtown buildings and sites associated with some of the more colorful and unique women of Birmingham's past, from the mid-19th century rural village, to the emergence of women's suffrage in local politics, to groundbreaking contributions to rock 'n' roll's *Creem Magazine*.

Birmingham Shopping District

The Birmingham Shopping District Executive Director position is posted at bhamgov.org/jobs. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply by Friday, March 29, 2024 at 4 p.m. It is anticipated interviews will take place mid-April.

Building Department

Board of Zoning Appeals

There was one case on the agenda for the February 13, 2024 Board of Zoning Appeals regular meeting:

2428 Northlawn: The owner was seeking a variance from the minimum distance between principal residential buildings to construct a new house. The variance was approved by a 6/0 vote.

Mike Morad, Vice President of SEMBOIA

At the February meeting of the Southeast Michigan Building Officials & Inspectors Association (SEMBOIA), Assistant Building Official Mike Morad was elected to serve the association as Vice President for 2024. Congratulations, Mike!

Landlord Code of Conduct

In response to the City Commission's direction, a Landlord Code of Conduct was created last August. The goal of the Code of Conduct is to promote equitable treatment, clear communication and rent and lease transparency for tenants. A copy of the Code of Conduct and an explanatory letter was sent last fall to all landlords of rental dwelling units in the City.

Landlords were invited to signify their participation by signing the Code of Conduct and sending a copy back to us, and we in turn would create and maintain a list of participants on our website. We have approximately 150 participants to date. Visit bhamgov.org/landlords to view the Code of Conduct and the list of participants.

Online Permit Applications

In the month of February, we processed 236 permits online bringing this year's total permits processed electronically to 640.

Monthly Report

The [Building Department's monthly report](#) provides an update on the following construction activity: building permits issued, building inspections conducted, trades permits issued and trades inspections conducted.

City Clerk's Office

Wrapping Up the February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary

Birmingham had a smooth 2024 Presidential Primary Election thanks to our voters, Clerk's Office staff, DPS crew, Birmingham Police Department and election inspectors. Nearly 70 election inspectors supported the City on Election Day. A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all election workers for your dedicated efforts to ensure that Birmingham voters could cast ballots safely and successfully in last month's presidential primary!

Turnout Stats

Early Voting - nearly 80 voters

Absentee Voting - almost 3400 voters

In Person Voting - approximately 2,000 voters

28.5% Total Turnout in Birmingham

26.6% Countywide Turnout

August 6, 2024 - State Primary Election

The initial mailing of absentee ballots is tentatively scheduled for the last week of June.

November 5, 2024 - General Election

The initial mailing of absentee ballots is tentatively scheduled for the last week of September.

Voters with an absentee ballot can...

1. Return your ballot by mail or drop box
*Keep in mind the spoiling ballot deadlines listed below
2. Vote your absentee ballot at one of your Early Voting sites (NEW with Prop 22-2)
3. Vote your absentee ballot at your precinct on Election Day (NEW with Prop 22-2)

Early Voting Dates for August and November 2024

| <u>Day</u> | <u>August 6, 2024 Election</u> | <u>November 5, 2024 Election</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday | 7/27 | 10/26 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 7/28 | 10/27 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Monday | 7/29 | 10/28 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7/30 | 10/29 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7/31 | 10/30 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 8/1 | 10/31 | 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday | 8/2 | 11/1 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | 8/3 | 11/2 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 8/4 | 11/3 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |

Early Voting Locations:

- Waterford Oaks Activities Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328
- Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd. Bloomfield Twp, MI 48302

Early voting is a component of proposal 2022-2 and includes a Constitutional right to no less than 9 days of early voting in each Statewide and federal election (even year election) for no less than 8 hours per day. Early voting will look and feel just like voting on election day.

For more information on early voting, visit bhamgov.org/vote.

| August 6, 2024 State Primary | <u>Important Election Deadlines</u> | November 5, 2024 General Election |
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| Tuesday, July 23, 2024 through Election Day | Same-day voter registration <u>with your local clerk</u> , proof of residency required | Tuesday, October 22, 2024 through Election Day |
| Friday, July 26, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. deadline to spoil an absentee ballot that was already submitted to the Clerk | Friday, October 25, 2024 |
| Saturday, July 27, 2024 - Sunday, August 4, 2024 | Early Voting | Saturday, October 26, 2024 - Sunday, November 3, 2024 |
| Friday, August 2, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. deadline for the clerk to send absentee ballots by first class mail | Friday, November 1, 2024 |

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| Monday, August 5, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. deadline for voters to spoil their absentee ballot that was lost or destroyed in-person at the Clerk's Office | Monday, November 4, 2024 |
| Tuesday, August 6, 2024 | 8:00 p.m. deadline for absentee ballots to be delivered to the clerk for tabulation | Tuesday, November 5, 2024 |
| Friday, August 9, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. deadline for a voter to cure a signature on an AV ballot return envelope that was otherwise a valid ballot to be tabulated | Friday, November 8, 2024 |
| Monday, August 12, 2024 | Deadline to receive and count a ballot submitted by an Overseas Voter postmarked on or before Election Day | Monday, November 11, 2024 |

Absentee ballots will be issued as requests are received up until the absentee ballot issuing deadlines.

Becoming a Permanent Ballot Voter

Since the passage of Proposal 2022-2 clerks now maintain a Permanent Ballot List. Birmingham voters began opting into the Permanent Ballot List by checking the box pictured below on their November 7, 2023 absentee ballot application. This box is also available on the 2024 absentee ballot applications, pictured below.

APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION

I certify that I am a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector in the CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, County of OAKLAND, State of Michigan, I apply for an official ballot, to be voted by me in the election above, and the statements in this application are true.

COMPLETE TO JOIN PERMANENT LIST
 I want to vote absentee in all elections. Automatically send me an absent voter ballot for all elections.

MI ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION 2024 Presidential Primary Feb. 27 / Primary Aug. 6 / General Nov. 5 See Reverse Side for Instructions

I certify that I am a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector in the CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, County of OAKLAND, State of Michigan, and I apply for an official ballot, to be voted by me in the election(s) checked below, and the statements in this application are true.

Other Elections: Complete to join the permanent absent voter ballot list (optional)
 Automatically send me an absent voter ballot for each future election for which I'm eligible.

1 Check One Select election(s) to receive ballot (required):
 ALL FEBRUARY 27, 2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AUGUST 6, 2024 PRIMARY NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL

Voters can opt in or out of the Permanent Ballot list at any time by sending a written request to the City Clerk's Office.

Voters on the Permanent Ballot List should make sure they keep current contact information on file with the City Clerk's Office including mailing address (especially for those that travel outside of Birmingham during times that ballots are being mailed) as well as phone and email contacts. Ballots are not allowed to be forwarded so the Clerk's Office will be contacting all voters whose absentee ballots bounced back to the Clerk's Office in the mail.

No Postage Necessary!

Absentee ballot applications and absentee ballot return envelopes for the entire State of Michigan are equipped with a business reply mail permit that will cover the cost of postage for any ballot or application mailed within the United States.

Return Envelopes - What to look out for

Outgoing absentee ballots (to the voter) are blue.

All absentee ballot return envelopes (coming back to the Clerk) are purple. The United States Post Office and Michigan Bureau of Elections worked to redesign these envelopes and changed the color from green to purple to increase the efficiency of processing election mail.

Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board (GCAB)

The next meeting for the GCAB is scheduled for April 5, 2024. To view Greenwood Cemetery Advisory Board agendas and minutes visit www.bhamgov.org/GCAB.

Board of Ethics

The next Board of Ethics meeting has yet to be determined. To view the Ethics Board agendas and minutes visit www.bhamgov.org/ethics.

Board Appointments

The City of Birmingham is looking for dedicated individuals who want to give back to their community by serving on one of our many boards or commissions. Birmingham’s different boards and commissions make recommendations that shape the City’s future. Serving on a board or commission is a great way to get involved in your community, meet new people and make a positive impact. Don't miss out on the chance to make a difference - go to www.bhamgov.org/boardopportunities to view all the available openings.

| Board | Openings | Application Due by Noon | Interview/ Appointment at City Commission meeting 7:30 pm |
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| Advisory Parking Committee | 1 regular member (retail) term ending 9/1/2026 1 alternate member term ending 9/1/2026 | Until Filled | |
| Birmingham Area Cable Board | 3 regular Birmingham residents, term ending 3/30/24 1 alternate Birmingham resident, term ending 3/30/26 1 alternate Birmingham resident, term ending 3/30/25 | 4/3/24 | 4/8/24 |
| Birmingham Shopping District | 1 member shall be a business operator or person with interest in property located within the district, 4-year term ending 11/16/2026 | Until Filled | |
| Board of Review | 1 regular member to serve a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2026 1 regular member to serve a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025 1 alternate member to serve 3-year term expiring 12/31/2026 1 alternate member to serve the remainder of a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2025 | Until filled | |

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| Board of Zoning Appeals | 1 alternate member term ending 2/18/2026 | Until Filled | |
| Brownfield Redevelopment Authority | 1 regular member term ending 5/23/2026 1 regular member term ending 5/23/2024 | Until Filled | |
| Ethics Board | 1 alternate member term ending 6/30/2026 | Until Filled | |
| Housing Board of Appeals | 2 regular member terms ending 5/4/2027 & 3 regular members, terms ending 5/4/2026 | 4/10/24 | 4/15/24 |
| Martha Baldwin Park Board | 2 regular member terms ending 5/1/2028 | 4/10/24 | 4/15/24 |
| Multi Modal Transportation Board | 2 alternate members | 4/3/24 | 4/8/24 |
| Parks & Rec Board | 3 regular members | 3/13/24 | 3/18/24 |
| Public Arts Board | 1 alternate member to serve a 3-year term expiring 01/28/2025 | until filled | |
| Stormwater Utility Appeals Board | 3 regular member terms ending 1/31/2026 2 alternate member terms ending 1/31/2025 | until filled | 1/31 |
| Triangle District Corridor Improvement Authority | 1 resident of the developed area or area within 1/2 mile of the development area, term ending 12/15/2027 | until filled | 12/15 |

City Manager’s Office

Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee (AIPC)

The AIPC will accept Community Surveys until April 1, 2024. The Community Surveys can be mailed to City Hall or dropped off at City Hall, the Baldwin Public Library, The Birmingham Museum and Next. The AIPC will then begin the process of analyzing the survey results and design a process for moving forward with a Citywide action plan to assist seniors to age in place.

YMCA Building

City staff and the team from NORR held a kick-off meeting on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 to discuss initial steps while the City Commission formalizes the final Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee. Timetables were discussed and NORR met at the YMCA building on Friday, March 8, 2024 to begin their in-depth facility analysis. Once the final Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee roster is finalized, a meeting will be arranged within a week to get the new committee up to speed with its scope of work.

Communications

Around Town e-Newsletter

The communications team is working on the April edition of the Around Town e-Newsletter, which will include information about spring events, golf courses, yard waste collection, pet safety reminders and more. Follow [this link to view the March edition](#) of the Around Town e-Newsletter.



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Thank you, Jamil Kim

IT and Media Specialist Jamil Kim will conclude his employment with the City of Birmingham on Thursday, March 28, 2024. Jamil started working for the City in 2019 as a part-time IT Assistant, and became a full-time IT and Media Specialist in 2021. He is resigning from employment with the City as he and his wife prepare to move to South Korea next month. Jamil is highly respected among staff members and a pleasure to work with. He is well known for being patient and kind when providing technical assistance to those of us who are not tech savvy. He takes his time and explains what he's doing so that staff members are better prepared to solve future tech problems. He is quick to volunteer for assignments that take place outside of normal working hours. He will be missed, and we wish him the best of luck as he embarks on this next chapter of his life.

A message from Jamil: "After nearly 5 years with the city, I am bidding farewell to my position and moving to South Korea with my wife. My wife was born in South Korea and has been away for almost seven years. We are excited to start a new chapter of our lives and reunite with friends and family. Not long after we arrive in Seoul, I will be enrolling in a Korean language program at a university to continue my path to fluency in the language. It's been an honor to work alongside all city staff and I am grateful for the memories and experiences I've gained during my time here."

BIRMINGHAM CITY COMMISSION - UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

| Meeting | Topic | Dates Addressed | Status |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 3/4/24 | Board Vacancies | 3/4/24 3/18/24 | In progress |
| 3/4/24 | Advisory Parking Committee Letter | 3/4/24 3/18/24 | In progress |
| 2/12/24 | City Events | 3/4/24 | In progress |

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| 2/5/24 | Add cameras to front and back of vehicles. | 2/5/24 | In progress |
| 10/2/23 | Implementation of crosswalk standards | 10/2/23 10/16/23 11/13/23 | In progress |
| 5/8/23 | Woodward noise | 5/8/23 6/5/23 | In progress |
| 2/27/23 | Bench and Little Library for Pat Andrews | 3/13/23 5/8/23 | In progress |

Engineering Department

Illicit Discharge to Rouge River

The City has determined the source of the sanitary sewer discharge and discussions are occurring with the property owner. We have been keeping the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) aware of the City's progress in finding the source.

Lead Service Replacement Program

The City will be starting a door-knocking effort to replace lead water services at no cost to property owners. If the property owner is not available, a flier will be left. Residents who receive the flier are instructed to follow the listed steps to schedule the water service replacement.

Water Service Verification Program

The City has a deadline of October 2024 to submit material information from 364 water service lines to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The City randomly selected 364 water services to verify the material for this EGLE requirement. The City will be knocking on doors to talk to property owners about verifying the "In-Home/Business" water service line material. If a property owner is not home, a flier will be left with the next steps. Property owners can schedule an inspection by an authorized City representative at (248) 303-2292 or determine the in-home/business material themselves with the steps provided in the property owner letter.

Redding Road Project

This project will start toward the end of March/beginning of April, weather permitting. Property owners received a letter with additional information about this project.

Edgewood Road Project

This project will start toward the beginning of April, weather permitting. Property owners received a letter with additional information about this project.

MDOT – Woodward Ave. and Brown/Forest Intersections

Construction started on this project on March 6, 2024. This work requires daily single lane closures along northbound and southbound Woodward. At times, Brown and Forest may be closed for up to 10 days for construction.

For more information regarding these projects, please contact the Engineering Department at (248) 530-1840.

South Old Woodward Avenue Reconstruction (Phase 3) Award

On Saturday, March 9, 2024, the South Old Woodward Avenue Reconstruction (Phase 3) project received the 2024 American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan Engineering Merit Award.



Fire Department

With the recent time change for daylight savings, the Fire Department offers a reminder to test the batteries and functionality of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Changing your batteries each time you change your clocks is a good habit to form.

The Birmingham Fire Department’s Community Risk Reduction program offers free home fire safety inspections for residents. Any resident interested in scheduling a home fire safety inspection is encouraged to call (248) 530-1923. Home safety inspection includes:

- Checking for proper placement, quantity, and functionality of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Escape plans for emergency egress
- Cooking safety tips
- Electrical and appliance safety tips
- Tips for using the 9-1-1 emergency activation system
- Housekeeping fire safety tips, etc.

Human Resources

New Hires

The City of Birmingham extends warm congratulations to our newly hired employees from February 13, 2024 to March 12, 2024. Their skills, expertise, and enthusiasm are a valuable addition and we welcome them to our team!

| Department | Name | Position | Type |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Parking | Rebecca Lademan | Clerical | Part Time |
| Parking | Christopher Chartrand | Parking Maintenance Manager | Full Time |

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| Police | Lorna Turner | Dispatcher | Part Time |
| DPS | Devin Johnson | SSW Assistant Foreman | Full Time (Teamsters) |
| Library | Samantha INGerson | Substitute Librarian | Substitute |
| Library | Julia Esisenstein | Substitute Librarian | Substitute |
| Library | Julia Wehr | Library Assistant | Part Time |
| Library | Joel Felsenfeld | Library Assistant | Part Time |
| Parking | Wendy Abdo | Parking Administrative Assistant | Full Time |
| Library | Keegan Sulecki | Substitute Librarian | Substitute |

March Hiring Anniversaries

The City of Birmingham celebrated the hiring anniversaries of several employees. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for their exceptional service and unwavering dedication. Their contributions are deeply valued and recognized.

| Years Of Service | Employee | Department | Position |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Ryan Ballard | DPS | SSW Foreman |
| 1 | Stuart Sturton | Library | Librarian |
| 4 | Alex Bingham | Clerks Office | City Clerk |
| 4 | John Pierce | Golf | DPS Golf Course |
| 5 | Joan Weddell | Library | Library Substitute |
| 5 | Julie Beckwell | Library | Library Assistant |
| 6 | Steven Lemiere-Bozynski | Police | Police Dispatch |
| 8 | Howard Jacobs | Police | Parking Enforcement Officer |
| 8 | Trevor Baker | Fire Department | Fire/EMT |

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| 8 | Susan Kalisky | Library | Library Substitute |
| 8 | Joseph Misiak | Police | Dispatcher |
| 9 | Steffanie Rhymes | Parking | Parking Facility Maintenance |
| 11 | Michael Simpson | Police | Police LT |
| 12 | Christopher Deman | Fire Department | Fire Battalion Chief |
| 12 | Jacquelyn Brito | Golf | Golf Operations Manager |
| 15 | Patrick Kowaleski | DPS | DPS Part Time |
| 18 | Lisa Christie | Library | Library Assistant |
| 19 | Elisabeth Phou | Library | Librarian |
| 20 | Scot Pounder | DPS | SSW Technician |
| 24 | Melinda Comerford | BSD | BSD Assistant |

Employment Opportunities

The City is currently accepting applications for the following positions. To submit an application or for more information, visit www.bhamgov.org/jobs.

| Department | Position | Type | Application Closing |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| BSD | Events Assistant | Seasonal | March 27, 2024 |
| Community Dev | Support Staff A | Full Time (AFSCME) | April 6, 2024 |
| BSD | Executive Director | Full Time | March 29, 2024 |
| Golf | Junior Ranger | Seasonal | Until Filled |
| Golf | Clubhouse Service | Seasonal | Until Filled |
| Golf | Golf Maintenance | Seasonal | Until Filled |
| DPS | Park Attendant | Seasonal | Until Filled |
| DPS | Parks Laborer | Seasonal | Until Filled |
| Building | Plumbing Inspector | Full Time | Until Filled |

Police Department

Scam Alert

Due to an increase in reported fraud cases from our aging population, the Birmingham Police Department has passed out the fliers (pictured below) at our senior living facilities. We are in the process of scheduling speaking engagements at these locations to discuss the issue in greater detail with our residents.



BEWARE OF SCAMS!

Protect yourself from scams!

Anyone demanding to be paid in gift cards is a scammer! No business or government agency will ever request to be paid by gift card. If someone asks you to pay for something by purchasing a gift card and providing them with the numbers on the back of the card, it's a scam! Contact the Birmingham Police Department for assistance.



BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT
(248) 530-1870
bhamgov.org/police

Larcenies from Automobiles (LFA)

Now that the mild weather has moved in, we have also seen a rise in larcenies from unlocked vehicles. We would like to remind our residents to lock their vehicles and remove valuable items.

An investigation into recent LFAs that occurred across multiple agencies determined additional fraud cases stemmed from the original theft where the suspect was able to steal victims' credit cards that had been left in vehicles. The Birmingham Police Department, Bloomfield Twp. PD, the Oakland County Sheriff, and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) were able to identify the suspect involved.

Officers were able to determine that the same suspect was responsible for multiple cases involving larcenies from unlocked vehicles. Bloomfield Twp. PD was able to obtain a two-count warrant for the suspect as SIU continued surveillance. The suspect later turned himself in on February 22, 2024, to the 48th D.C. and was arraigned on the original warrants.

The Birmingham Police Department has determined that multiple crimes were committed in the City of Birmingham by this suspect and warrant requests have been submitted to the Oakland County Prosecutors Office.

Police Department Annual Report

The Police Department has been working to finalize a completely redesigned annual report. Previous annual reports have not seen any major updates in quite some time. The goal of this new report is to provide everyone with more information than ever before about the activities and functions of the Birmingham Police Department.

To highlight some of the information to come, in 2023, the Police Department responded to almost 1,000 more calls for service than any previous year in the last 30 years. Additionally, the new Annual Report will provide information on the Department's community engagement activities, crime and arrest statistics, partnerships, the auxiliary program, enforcement activity and much more.

Parking Systems Update

Operations

The City Commission approved extending one (1) hour parking zones to two (2) hour parking zones, except those located on Maple, west of Old Woodward, and those on Old Woodward between Willits and Brown Street. With the conversion, the City hopes visiting patrons will be happier knowing they don't have to move their vehicle to another zone or leave to repay a meter for some of the more common visits that extend past one hour. The City did decide to keep one-hour parking in select zones because of the popularity of parking in those areas and a desire to encourage turnover. As a reminder, parking is free in all City parking garages for two hours or less. The conversion of the one (1) hour meters to two (2) hour meters went into effect on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Occupancy

| FEBRUARY AVG CAPACITY | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Chester Garage (880) | 61.00% |
| Old Woodward (745) | 28.00% |
| Park Garage (811) | 35.00% |
| Peabody Garage (437) | 30.00% |
| Pierce Garage (706) | 27.00% |

Free Parking Report

Follow this [link to view the free parking report](#). This report shows a two-month snapshot of the total number of parked cars, broken down by how many paid to park versus how many parked for two hours or less, which is free in all decks.

Monthly Occupancy

Follow this [link to view an occupancy report](#) for the month of February. This report shows a breakdown of both transient (daily) and monthly parkers at each garage, and how full each garage is on average by hour for the month.

Future Agenda Items

Download a summary of [future agenda items](#).

Future Workshop Items

Download a summary of [future workshop items](#).