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FROM THE CITY MANAGER



In my first few months as City Manager, I have had the opportunity to meet with and gather feedback from residents, visitors and business owners. Learning about what matters to the community is vital in

ensuring a successful future for Birmingham. As such, I am pleased about progress that is already being made on important topics such as sustainability and the needs of our seniors.

The City's recently formed Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) collected in-person and online community feedback for their work on the creation of a Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. The plan will better position Birmingham for a changing future by instituting policies and practices that protect the natural environment and reduce extreme weather impacts on the community. In addition, 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. Learn more about the ESC on page 6.

Like sustainability, the needs of our aging population is one of our strategic goals and an area of critical importance. As you may know, the City recently purchased the Birmingham YMCA building located at 400 East Lincoln Street after learning that the YMCA planned to sell the building. This opportunity will create a future home for Next and a senior/recreation center. Learn more about plans for the building and the City's newly formed Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee on page 3.

Clerk's Office staff members are hard at work preparing for the election on Tuesday, November 7. They are helping residents understand changes such as in-person early voting, the new permanent ballot list and more. Turn to page 5 to learn about these changes and what you will see on your ballot, including a proposed amendment to marijuana establishments and a senior millage proposition.

Another new development is the addition of our K9 Police Therapy Dog, Maple. Our fluffy Bernese Mountain dog creates a lot of joy at City Hall, both to guests and staff members. Residents have fully embraced Maple, whom they helped name with nearly 600 name suggestions and 500 votes on our public engagement platform, Engage Birmingham. By the time this newsletter is published, Maple will be five months old and undoubtedly much heavier than her current 36 pounds. Learn more about Maple on page 3, and stop by City Hall to visit her soon.

With temperatures beginning to cool and leaves starting to change, you don't have to look far to observe City staff members transforming Birmingham into a winter wonderland. Soon you will see more than 700,000 white lights adorning trees in and around the downtown area, Santa's quaint house in Shain Park, and décor that makes Birmingham even more special during the holiday season. I encourage you, your family and friends to join us for treasured community traditions such as the Holiday Tree Lighting and Birmingham Winter Markt, featured on page 9. If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at jecker@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1811.

Jana Ecker
CITY MANAGER

WHAT'S New?

NEW COMMITTEE AIMS TO IMPROVE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF SENIORS

Michigan is aging, and the Birmingham area is no exception. Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin households with seniors are expected to increase by more than 50% by 2045, with a significant percentage of 65+ residents living alone.

The recently formed Ad Hoc Aging in Place Committee is studying current demographic trends and evaluating the needs of the City's aging population. They will prepare a City-wide action plan outlining the vision and goals to improve the health, safety and welfare of senior citizens and encourage residents to age comfortably in Birmingham.

In alignment with the City's strategic goals, the committee was formed around the same time the City purchased the YMCA building at 400 East Lincoln Street – the future home of Next. Next is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which has been serving the community for over 45 years, offering support services that focus on allowing older adults to live independently. The YMCA had planned to sell the building on Lincoln Street, creating a unique opportunity for Birmingham, the surrounding communities and Next. In addition to a permanent home for Next, the facility is planned for use as a senior/recreation center. Learn more about Next on page 14.



POLICE DEPT. WELCOMES NEW THERAPY DOG

The Birmingham Police Department recently welcomed their new therapy K9, Maple, whom the community named through an online submission and voting process on Engage Birmingham. Maple is a Bernese Mountain Dog who lives with Patrol Captain Kearney and his family. She enjoys socializing with City Hall staff and guests, and will attend behavioral training this fall. She will begin her official therapy K9 certification at around one year of age. Until then, Maple will be visiting various activities with patrol officers occasionally and napping around City Hall. We look forward to many exciting events with Maple in the future!



PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Thank you to residents who participated in shaping the future of Birmingham's parks and recreation. Over the past three months, your valuable insights, shared through our website and in-person engagement events at an In the Park Summer Concert, Movie Night, Kenning Park, and the Birmingham Farmers Market have played an instrumental role in refining the vision for our Parks and Recreation Plan.

Consultants from McKenna are drafting a plan, informed by your input and shaped by the Parks and Recreation Board and City staff that truly reflects the desires and needs of our community. We are excited to announce that a complete draft of the plan will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board in October.

We are looking forward to welcoming the public to review the proposed plan and provide further input from mid-November through the beginning of December. Please look for updates on Engage Birmingham, the City's social media channels and via eblasts (sign up at bhamgov.org/enews). Your perspectives are vital in ensuring that the plan aligns with our collective aspirations. With this shared commitment, we aim to have the plan formally adopted by the City Commission in mid-December.

Once again, thank you for your help in shaping our parks and recreation future. Together, we are cultivating spaces that reflect our values of a sustainable, inclusive community.



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CITY Offices

» ACCESSING CITY HALL - 151 MARTIN STREET

City Hall is open to the public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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.

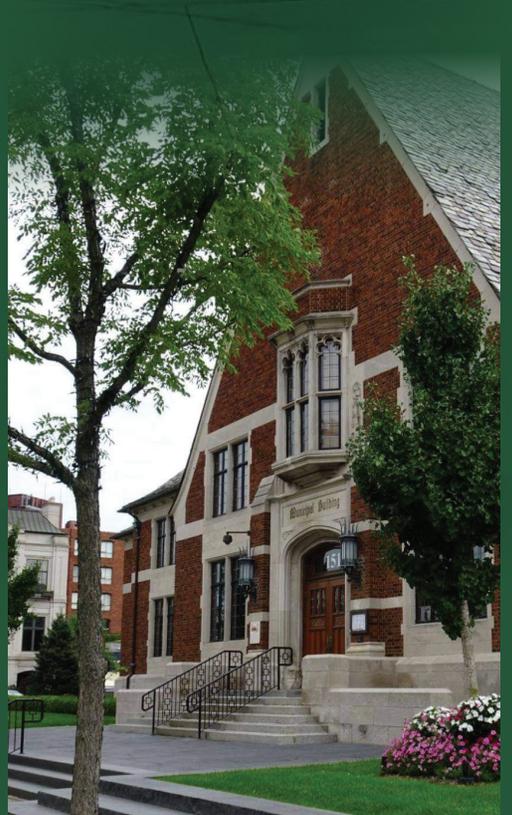
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» CITY MEETINGS

City Commission and other city boards meet in-person, and most have a virtual option available to the public. 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 view live streaming information at www.bhamgov.org/watch



FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

NOVEMBER 7 LOCAL ELECTION NEWS

Birmingham's next election is Tuesday, November 7, 2023. In this local election, voters will select four City Commissioners and three Library Board members, all for 4-year terms.

The City Commission candidates are Clinton Baller, Brad Host, Anthony Long and Therese Longe. The Library Board candidates are Wendy Friedman, Karen Gilbert Rock, Curtis Trimble and Jennifer Wheeler.

The ballot will also include two ballot proposals:

- A senior millage proposition (.33 mill levy for a three-year term). Visit bhamgov.org/seniormillage for more information.
- A proposed amendment regarding marijuana establishments. Residents will vote on a proposed amendment to Part II of the Birmingham City Code, Chapter 26 – Businesses, Article XII – Marijuana Establishments. Visit bhamgov.org/cannabis for more information.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOW AVAILABLE

Voters who wish to vote absentee in the upcoming election will need to complete an absentee ballot application. Applications were mailed to those on the permanent absent voter list in late August, and are available from the Clerk's Office and online at mi.gov/vote. Absentee ballots will be mailed and available in the Clerk's Office in late September. New this year, voters will enjoy free return postage for absentee ballot applications and absentee ballot return envelopes mailed within the U.S.

NEW OPTIONS FOR EARLY, ABSENTEE AND OVERSEAS VOTING

The passage of Proposal 2022-2 last November added early voting and other new election policies to the Michigan Constitution. While many of these changes will not take effect until the 2024 election cycle, several components will be in place in time for Birmingham's November 7 local election, including:

Early voting option

Proposal 2022-2 created a constitutional right to no less than nine days of early in-person voting for not less than eight hours per day in each statewide and federal election, which occur in even years. Although Birmingham's 2023 election is neither type, the City is working with Oakland County Elections Division, Bloomfield Township and Southfield Township on a pilot program to offer early voting at the Bloomfield Township Library before this year's November 7 election. From Oct. 28 through Nov. 5, early in-person voting will be available daily at the Bloomfield Township Library and Oakland County's Waterford Oaks County Park. Details were still being finalized at press time and will be communicated to voters as soon as possible. If you receive an absentee ballot for this election and later decide to vote in person, either early or on Election Day, please bring your absentee ballot when you come to vote.

New permanent ballot list

The absentee ballot application for the November 7 election will include a checkbox with language for voters to opt in to a new list, the permanent ballot list. In future elections, absentee ballot applications will not be required for voters on this new list; voters on the permanent ballot list will automatically be mailed a ballot for every non-partisan election. In partisan primary elections, such as the 2024 presidential primary, voters will still need to respond to a mailing and select their desired ballot type.

Contact the Clerk's Office with questions at 248-530-1880 or elections@bhamgov.org and stay tuned to the Around Town e-newsletter and social media for additional updates in the coming months.

NOVEMBER 2023 ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 23: last day to register to vote by mail or online and be eligible to vote in the November election; after this, new voters must register in person with proof of address at the clerk's office until after the election.

Oct. 28 – Nov. 5: early in-person voting available daily at the Bloomfield Township Library and Oakland County's Waterford Oaks County Park. Times and additional details are to be determined and will be communicated to voters as soon as possible.

Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.: last day to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you

Nov. 3 at 5 p.m.: last day for voters who returned a voted absentee ballot to spoil it and receive a new ballot in person from the clerk's office

Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.: clerk's office open on Saturday for election business

Nov. 6 at 4 p.m.: last day for voters who lost or never received an absentee ballot to pick up one in person at the clerk's office

Nov. 7 from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.: polling places open for in-person voting

Nov. 7 at 8 p.m.: absentee ballots must be received by clerk's office to be counted

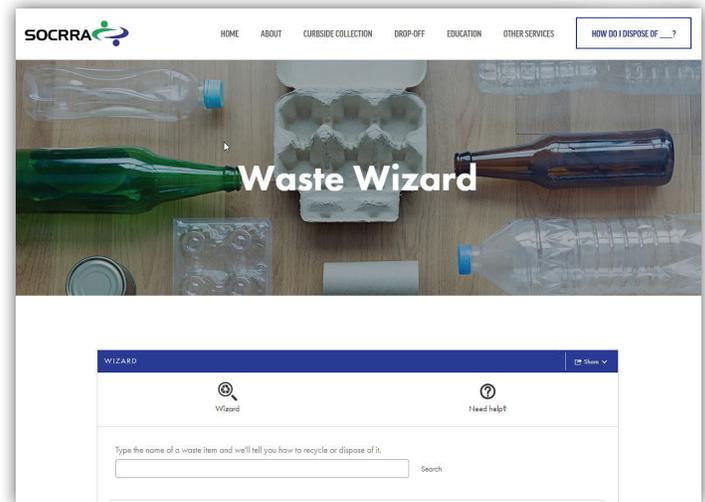
Nov. 13: Military and Overseas (MOVE) ballots mailed from outside the United States and postmarked on or before Nov. 7 must be received by the clerk's office to be counted



FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The Environmental Sustainability Committee will be busy over the next few months sorting through the plentiful data and survey responses that were received in the fall that will create the backbone of the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan. Visit www.bhamgov.org/esc for recent and upcoming happenings at the committee, as well as opportunities to continue to provide feedback as the plan develops!



PLANNING DEPARTMENT BIRMINGHAM GREEN

BY NICHOLAS J. DUPUIS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

It is hard to pick just one sustainability topic to discuss that has some relevance through the October-April window in which this edition of the newsletter runs. One thing that is certain, though, is that this date range contains many holidays – holidays that generate a serious amount of waste every year in the United States. Whether it be food, packaging, or discarding of aged/unwanted items, the problem compounds an ever growing and serious issue. So many excellent strategies can reduce your impact without losing any of the magic that comes with these holidays. The following is a non-exhaustive list of easy places to start; there are always opportunities to do more.

1. Responsible Recycling – Become very familiar with what SOCRRA can accept in your curbside recycling bins (as well as at their drop-off centers) and recycle items properly! When in doubt, use the SOCRRA Waste Wizard tool for guidance.
2. Reduce Food Waste – When cooking for large gatherings, it is imperative that you plan ahead to keep food out of the trash. Planning for the preparation of food, quantity of food, and reusability/storage of such can go a long way.
3. Thoughtful Gifting – It is the thought that counts! Consider gifting items with minimal or no additional wrapping/preparation, or consider gifts that need no packaging. In addition, consider sourcing your gifts from local businesses to reduce packaging waste and carbon emissions.



Your FIRE DEPARTMENT



LEARN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY AT OPEN HOUSE EVENT

Mark your calendar for an interactive, behind-the-scenes look at the Birmingham Fire Department during their annual Open House on Saturday, October 14 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Birmingham Fire Station 1 located at 572 South Adams.

The hands-on event offers attendees an opportunity to operate a fire hose, try on a fire coat and learn about fire safety. Watch as firefighters demonstrate how to put out a kitchen grease fire, and enjoy portable fire extinguisher demonstrations. View an EMS and vehicle extrication simulation with air bag deployments, along with HAZMAT apparatus and equipment. Bring your camera along for some great photo opportunities at this event!

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

For more information, contact the Birmingham Fire Department at (248) 530-1906 or visit bhamgov.org/fireopenhouse.

WHAT: BIRMINGHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE
WHERE: FIRE STATION 1, 572 SOUTH ADAMS
WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 FROM 1 P.M. – 4 P.M.



Your POLICE DEPARTMENT

SERGEANT MCCANHAM APPOINTED AS FULL-TIME SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Birmingham Police Department and the Birmingham School District established an agreement to provide a full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2023-2024 school year. An SRO is a law enforcement officer who is assigned to work in the schools. SROs serve as a liaison between the school community, law enforcement, and the local community. Their primary role is to promote safety and security within the school environment while also building positive relationships with students, staff, and parents.

In early August, the Birmingham Police Department announced Officer Kyle McCanham was promoted to Sergeant and appointed as the full-time SRO for Birmingham Public Schools, assigned to Seaholm High School. He graduated from Central Michigan University Summa Cum Laude in 2018 and was hired as an officer with the Birmingham Police Department shortly thereafter. He worked the last year and a half as a special task force officer with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office – Narcotics Enforcement Team. Sergeant McCanham is excited to take on this role and build positive relationships with Birmingham students, parents and staff. He will work primarily at Seaholm High School and will handle issues at other Birmingham district schools (within the City) as needed. When school is not in session, he will report back to the Police Department and assist with investigations, patrol duties, special events and traffic enforcement.

CHERISHED Community EVENTS IN BIRMINGHAM

Guests of all ages are invited to participate in the following family-friendly events downtown.

BIRMINGHAM ART WALK THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 5 - 8 P.M. DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

Celebrate local artists and shop downtown businesses at the second annual Birmingham Art Walk event. Participating businesses will host a local artist within their shop and offer extended evening hours during this strolling event. Some merchants may also offer special promotions, discounts, light refreshments and more! **Visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com/events for details.**



BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET END OF SEASON CELEBRATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M. PUBLIC PARKING LOT 6, 660 NORTH OLD WOODWARD AVENUE

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

SANTA HOUSE* AND CARRIAGE RIDES WEEKENDS — NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 24: SHAIN PARK

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

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



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Shopping DISTRICT

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY & SANTA WALK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 9:30 A.M. DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

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

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BIRMINGHAM WINTER MARKT AND HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING DECEMBER 1-3, SHAIN PARK

- Friday, December 1, 4-9 p.m.
(Holiday Tree Lighting, 6 p.m.)
- Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Sunday, December 3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Experience the magic of the holidays at the annual Birmingham Winter Markt, featuring displays from local artists and vendors, European cuisine, thousands of holiday lights, ice sculptures, live entertainment, free carriage rides and more. Warming stations, Santa House and the Kinderhaus children's activity area are sure to please visitors of all ages!

Opening night, Friday, December 1, will feature the Holiday Tree Lighting at 6 p.m. All are invited to join Santa and special guests for live caroling and the lighting of the 41-foot holiday tree adorned with over 40,000 LED lights! Learn more at www.ALLINBirmingham.com/wintermarkt.



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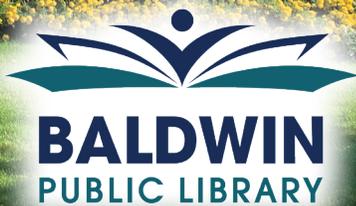
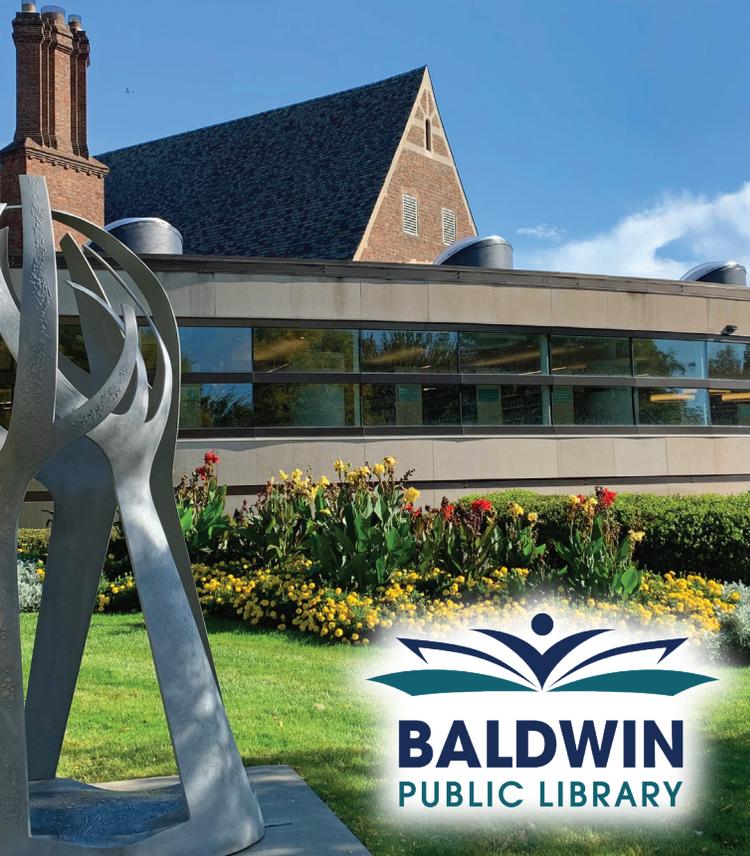
SHOP, DINE AND ENJOY DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM

To see what's new in the Birmingham Shopping District, visit www.ALLINBirmingham.com for a directory of restaurants, shops and more! 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.

INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED?

Contact info@bsdinfo@bhamgov.org for committee and event volunteer opportunities.





FROM THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

FRONT ENTRANCE AND CIRCULATION RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

Phase 3 of the long range plan vision plan for BPL continues, with the project expected to be complete in April 2024. Follow the progress at baldwinlib.org/renovation or on any library social media accounts. Get library updates delivered to your inbox each month by signing up at baldwinlib.org/library-newsletter.

ENJOY BPL, WHEREVER YOU ARE!

Use your BPL card to enjoy library resources in or outside the building! Play the NYT suite of games, read online newspapers from around the world, stream movies with Kanopy or Hoopla, learn a language with Mango, or learn a new skill with LinkedIn Learning or Gale Courses. All of these and more can be found at baldwinlib.org.

CURBSIDE PICKUP CONTINUES

Curbside pickup remains an option for collecting your library items. During construction, you'll find the marked space on Chester Street. Call the number on the sign and have your items delivered right to your vehicle.

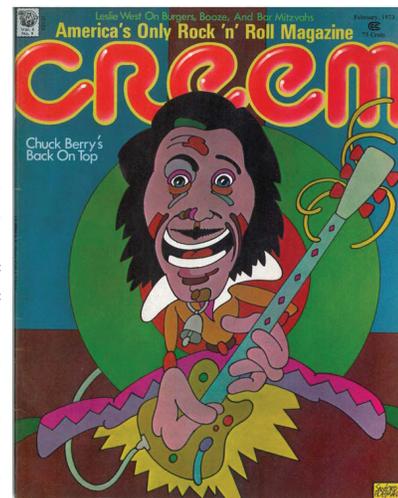


Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 West Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham, Michigan. Visit us online at baldwinlib.org or call (248) 647-1700.

FROM THE BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM

LEARN ABOUT BIRMINGHAM'S HISTORY WITH LECTURE SERIES

Every year, the Birmingham Museum teams up with the Baldwin Public Library to present a series of virtual monthly lectures on topics of local interest. Museum staff conduct in-depth research and create informative slide shows with photos and maps to tell some unique Birmingham stories from the last 200 years. The selected topics often reflect the themes of the current museum exhibit. This fall



Creem Magazine was published in Birmingham during the tumultuous 70s (Creem Cover, February 1973, Birmingham Museum Collection)

and winter, the monthly presentations will relate to the ongoing interest in Birmingham's diverse history as well as some of the historic heritage month themes promoted nationally. All virtual presentations begin at 7 p.m.

- **October 12 (Hispanic Heritage Month) Carlos Lopez: The Painter Behind the Controversy** – Carlos Lopez was a gifted and well-known muralist who encountered surprising criticism of his 1942 mural.
- **November 9 Birmingham's Washington Willits and 19th Century Mental Health Treatment** – A young Birmingham man's tragic story tells us much about the understanding and treatment of mental illness in 1850.
- **January 11 A Shifting Landscape: How Immigration Shaped Birmingham** – How various waves of immigration have shaped Birmingham over the past 200 years.
- **February 8 (Black History Month) The Civil Rights Movement in the 1970s and Birmingham's CREEM Magazine** – This important rock magazine published in Birmingham delved into the intersection of race, class, and music during this period of cultural change.
- **March 14 (Women's History Month) The Prindle Sisters: Birmingham's Pioneer Women** – They came as brides to the unknown frontier of Oakland County wilderness after the War of 1812, bringing little else but each other, and faced many hardships to build early Birmingham.

Contact the museum at 248-530-1682, or museum@bhamgov.org to learn more about the museum's programs and exhibits. We also have fun and interesting content on Instagram ([@birmingham_museum_mi](https://www.instagram.com/birmingham_museum_mi)) and Facebook ([facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/TheBirminghamMuseum)), or listen to an episode of our new podcast, "Birmingham Uncovered," available through your device's play store.



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR FALL AND WINTER

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures start to drop, it's time to shift our focus toward preparing our homes and properties for the colder months ahead. Proper preparation can help you avoid potential issues and ensure a safe, comfortable and energy-efficient living environment throughout the fall and winter seasons. To assist in this endeavor, follow these tips*:

1. **HVAC System Maintenance:** Schedule a professional inspection and servicing of your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Regular maintenance ensures that your system operates efficiently, provides optimal indoor comfort, and minimizes the risk of breakdowns during colder weather.
2. **Seal Windows and Doors:** Inspect your windows and doors for gaps or drafts that could allow cold air to enter your home. Seal any openings with weather-stripping or caulk.
3. **Insulate Pipes and Water Heater:** Protect your pipes from freezing by insulating them, especially those in unheated or exposed areas. Adding insulation to your water heater reduces heat loss and lowers energy consumption.
4. **Clean Gutters and Downspouts:** Clear your gutters and downspouts of leaves and debris. This will prevent water buildup and potential damage to your roof and foundation during fall rain and winter snowmelt.
5. **Trim Trees and Branches:** Inspect and trim overhanging branches or trees that could pose a hazard during winter storms. Pruning can help prevent property damage and keep your surroundings safe.
6. **Prepare Your Lawn and Garden:** Take care of your lawn and garden by raking leaves and storing outdoor yard equipment. Proper lawn care now will help your lawn rebound beautifully come spring.
7. **Outdoor Plumbing and Irrigation:** Drain and disconnect outdoor hoses to prevent frozen pipes. Shut off exterior water valves and consider insulating exposed pipes to avoid costly plumbing repairs.
8. **Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Test and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. These devices are essential for your family's safety during the colder months when heating systems are in use.
9. **Chimney and Fireplace Maintenance:** If you have a chimney and fireplace, have them inspected, cleaned and serviced by a certified professional before using them each winter.
10. **Winter Emergency Kit:** Assemble a winter emergency kit containing essentials such as blankets, flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, and bottled water in case of severe weather or power outages.
11. **Prepare for Snow and Ice Removal:** Stock up on snow shovels, ice melt, and other winter weather tools. Be ready to remove snow from driveways, walkways, steps and other areas to prevent slips and falls.
12. **Save on Energy Bills:** Consider installing a programmable thermostat to adjust temperatures when you're not at home or while sleeping. This energy-saving measure can help reduce heating costs.

By taking these proactive measures, you can ensure your home and property are well-prepared for fall and winter, giving you peace of mind and a cozy living space during the colder months.

If you have questions about preparing your home and property for fall and winter, don't hesitate to reach out to the Building Department. We are here to assist and support you in maintaining a safe and well-prepared living environment.

*Written with assistance by Generative AI.

GOLF IN BIRMINGHAM

DISCOUNTED GOLF RATES AND FALL EVENTS

If you like a good deal and picturesque golf courses, fall is the perfect time to hit the links. Cooling temperatures, changing leaves and discounted golf rates make for an even more enjoyable experience at Lincoln Hills and Springdale Golf Courses. Now through the end of the season, discounted rates are in effect and the courses are open to everyone – no membership required.

TURKEY SHOOT CHARITY CLASSIC EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 10 A.M. REGISTRATION/11 A.M. SHOTGUN START

Hit the links for a good cause at this annual event benefiting Lighthouse. This year's Turkey Shoot Charity Classic will take place on Saturday, November 4 at Springdale Golf Course. The entry fee is \$35 per person, but golfers will receive a \$10 discount if they donate a frozen turkey and \$5 off for a non-perishable food item. Teams consist of two players and the format is a backwards scramble.

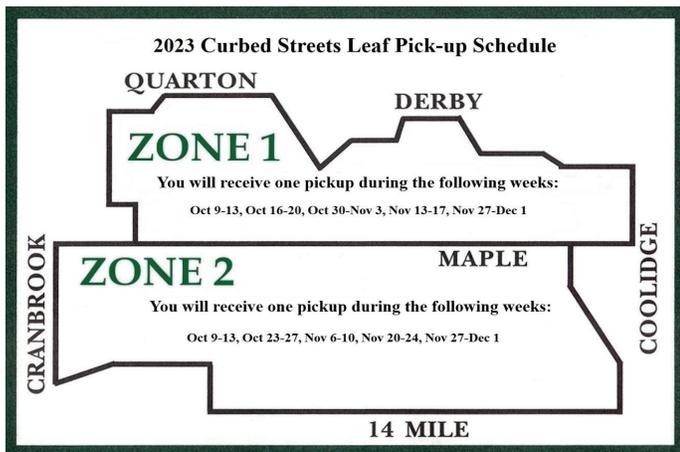
We look forward to another successful event – snow or shine! Visit bhamgov.org/golf for more information and register by calling (248) 530-1660.



LEAF COLLECTION

Curbed Streets

On streets with curbs ONLY, curbside leaf collection begins Monday, October 9, 2023. The schedule shown below provides for collections in each zone of the community. To minimize safety concerns, leaves should be raked into the street immediately next to the curb no sooner than the weekend prior to your collection period. Be sure leaf piles do not obstruct traffic, and do not rake leaves into the street after your final collection date.



Uncurbed Streets

For residents living on uncurbed streets, you may place leaves in brown yard waste bags for collection on your regular refuse collection day. Leaves may also be placed in an approved trash can with a yard waste sticker affixed to the side.

For more information, visit the city's website at www.bhamgov.org/leaves.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste collection will end on December 15, 2023. After that date, yard waste may be taken to the SOCRRA Troy Transfer Station (located at 14 Mile and Coolidge) at no charge during the winter months.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash collection will be delayed one day for those whose regular collection falls on a Thursday and Friday (Wednesday pick-up not affected). Please note that trash collection will be one day delayed for all residents during the week of December 25 and the week of January 1.

CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPER SCHEDULE

Chipper service for Christmas trees will be offered during the month of January. Simply place your bare Christmas tree on the easement (between the sidewalk and curb). Trees will not be picked up if they have a base, lights, ornaments or bags.

BE AWARE OF SNOW ORDINANCE

1. You are required to clear sidewalks that abut your home of any snow and ice.
2. When a Snow Emergency is declared and/or when there are 4 inches of snow or more, residents must remove their cars from the streets so the snow plows can get through. Cars in violation of this ordinance will be ticketed. To view the complete ordinance, visit bhamgov.org/code.

BRUSH CHIPPER

Please be advised beginning the third week of November, brush chipping is on a call-in basis only. Normal chipper service will resume in the spring.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BULKY ITEM PICKUP

What you can place at the curb:

Each week residents may place several bags of trash (each bag must be under 50 pounds) at the curb for normal refuse pickup. The following items may also be set out on your normal trash day: couches (under 8 feet), refrigerators (take doors off), stoves, washers, dryers, mattresses, box springs, carpeting (rolled and tied under 4 feet) and toilets. Please ensure all items are at your curb by 7 a.m. on your trash day.

Items not considered household waste:

Residents may contact the city's refuse hauler, Car Trucking, in advance at (586) 791-8480 to either pay a fee for pickup or to get recommendations on other methods of disposal for the following items: privacy fences, decks, sheds, roofing material, contractor's construction debris, bricks, tile or cement. If you have special project debris such as dirt and sod, please consider renting a rubber wheeled dumpster from a private company.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

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



FROM THE BIRMINGHAM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

STREETS, SEWER, AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

The 2023 construction season has been busy, and the following is an overview of the capital improvement projects that will be completed this fall:

CRANBROOK NON-MOTORIZED SHARED USE PATH (TAP GRANT)

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

- The east side of Cranbrook Road from Northlawn Boulevard to Midvale Street
- The south side of Lincoln Street from Cranbrook Road to Arden Lane
- 14 Mile Road from the west city limits to Cranbrook Road

SEWER REHABILITATION PROGRAM AND BACKYARD SEWER LINING

The City is working on televising, cleaning, and lining sewers in various locations throughout the City. We are continuing to rehabilitate backyard sewers in the Quarton Lake neighborhood and plan to complete the remaining portion this fall and winter.

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

The Lead Service Replacement Program will continue in 2024. If you received a letter or notification about your lead service, please contact the authorized City representative at (248) 303-2292 to schedule a replacement of your water service.

WATER SERVICE MATERIAL VERIFICATION PROGRAM

The City verified water service material type outside of 364 randomly selected properties. As a reminder, the "In-Home/Business" water service line material needs to be determined as part of this program and included in the City's reporting to the State of Michigan. If you received previous letters or notifications about this program, please schedule an inspection with the authorized City representative at (248) 303-2292 or you may determine the in-home/business material yourself with the steps provided in the property owner letter.

Additional information about these projects and more can be found at bhamgov.org/engineering.



Your Place to Stay Active & Connected

NEXT, BIRMINGHAM'S 50+ COMMUNITY CENTER, INSPIRES MEMBERS TO LEAD AN ENRICHED LIFE

Next has been serving the community for over 45 years! We continue to evolve to meet the diverse interests of today's residents over the age of 50. We offer a wide variety of life-long learning programs to stimulate your mind, additional art classes to ignite a passion, more fitness to strengthen your body, and so many opportunities to gather and socialize. And don't forget our comprehensive Support Service Department that offers assistance to make aging in place a little easier.

To stay active & connected, keep asking what's Next?

- Accomplished Speakers
- Clubs/Cards/Roundtables
- Fitness
- Health and Wellness
- Creative arts
- Support Services
- Entertainment
- Camaraderie
- Enrichment
- Friendship

For more detailed information and to see a full calendar of current programs, please see the Next website, www.BirminghamNext.org or stop by for a tour. Next is located at 2121 Midvale, Birmingham MI — (248) 203-5270.



WHERE TO GET Answers

EMERGENCY AND TDD 911
Police, Fire and Medical

**AFTER HOURS
NON EMERGENCY** (248) 530-1870
Submit any non-emergency concerns using the GovAlert
Mobile App or at www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests

CITY GOVERNMENT

Clerk's Office (248) 530-1880
Community Development (248) 530-1850
Engineering (248) 530-1840
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

Baldwin Public Library (248) 647-1700
Birmingham Museum (248) 530-1928
Birmingham Shopping District (248) 530-1200
City Hall Main (248) 530-1800
Code Enforcement (248) 530-1859
Building & Permit Information (248) 530-1850
E-mail info@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 bhamgov.org/golf
Greenwood Cemetery (248) 530-1880
Historical Preservation (248) 530-1850
Ice Sports Arena (248) 530-1642/1643
Mayor (Clerk's Office or Voice Mailbox) (248) 530-1801
Parking Lots & Garages (248) 540-9690
Parking Violations (248) 530-1890
Parks & Recreation (248) 530-1642
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
Construction Projects (248) 530-1840

2023 BIRMINGHAM City Commission



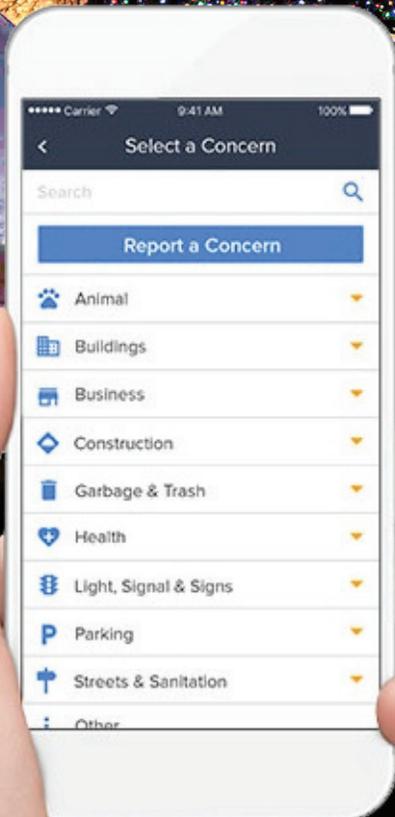
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Baldwin Public Library Website baldwinlib.org
Library Facebook & Instagram @baldwinlib

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.

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Postal Customer



Submit Concerns **USING GOALERT APP**

Submit non-emergency concerns or questions directly to the City of Birmingham using the GoAlert Mobile app! Simply download the free app, available for both iOS and Android devices, and follow the user-friendly prompts.

Visit www.bhamgov.org/goalert to watch a video with step-by-step instructions. Don't want to use the app? That's OK! Submit your request at www.bhamgov.org/citizenrequests.