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COMMUNITY BUZZ



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One community working together to serve you better.

In a joint effort with the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, Bridgman Public Library, and Bridgman Public Schools, we present this community newsletter.

We hope you find it informative and useful.



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Superintendent News from Superintendent Shane Peters

Dear Bridgman Families and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Education, faculty, and staff, welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! It's hard to believe that another Southwest Michigan summer is ending, and a new and exciting school year is upon us. School is scheduled to resume on Monday, August 26.

We are excited to welcome several fantastic new staff members who have joined our educational community:

Mrs. Sarah Douglass – BHS Business Teacher

Mrs. Melissa Leffler-Greenhaw – BES/RMS Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Dawn Horrocks – BES Paraprofessional

Ms. Emma Hughes – RMS School Counselor

Ms. Sue Rush – BES Paraprofessional

Mrs. Jeanette Whitman – BES Paraprofessional

Mrs. Mary Joan Wilcoxon – BHS Spanish Teacher

In September, the District will be hosting a community meeting to discuss the AEP/Lake Charter Township Tax Tribunal and its effects on Bridgman Public Schools. The exact date and time will be announced soon. This meeting is an opportunity for parents, guardians, and all community members to understand the key issues and how they directly impact our schools.

The Boys and Girls Club's summer program, in its third year at Bridgman Elementary School, provided a dynamic

and engaging experience for students, offering a safe and supportive environment for learning, playing, and growing. With activities such as field trips, swimming, golf, taekwondo, arts and crafts, dance, and racquet club, the program fostered creativity, variety, teamwork, and personal development. Unit Director Ashley Williams and her staff ensured that each child received encouragement, creating a welcoming and all-encompassing atmosphere where every child felt valued and supported, helping them build confidence and make lasting friendships. Designed to keep kids active, curious, and connected during the school break, the summer program proved to be a memorable and enriching time for all participants.

This summer our food service department served over 567 breakfasts and 2,506 lunches to students as part of the Meet Up and Eat Up program for students 3-18 years old.

We are implementing a new math curriculum in all of our buildings and grade levels. Our staff has worked hard over the summer preparing for the new curriculum.

The staff bathrooms at Bridgman Elementary have recently been renovated! The new upgrades include modern fixtures and improved lighting, making the space more comfortable and functional. The ongoing district-wide floor tile replacement occurred this summer at F.C. Reed Middle School. This project is part of our commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities. The new tiles are designed to enhance both the durability and appearance of our hallways and classrooms, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for our students and staff.



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There are several job opportunities for employment within our district. If you would like to be part of our organization, please visit our website at BridgmanSchools.com and click on Department, Human Resources tab to apply.

Bridgman Public Schools is renowned throughout Michigan for its strong academic performance, remarkable extracurricular activities, and a wealth of opportunities provided to every student, even within a small district. This success is a testament to our community's steadfast belief in the value of public education and its dedication to supporting both educators and students. I am deeply grateful for the continued support and commitment from our entire community.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns you can call 269-466-0271 or email me at speters@BridgmanSchools.com.

Go Bees!

Shane M. Peters, Superintendent

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BRIDGMAN ATHLETICS

Cash, Card & Mobile Payments are now available for all High School and Middle School athletic events!

2024-2025 TICKET PRICES

- High School events
Adult/Student Tickets \$6.00
- Middle School events
Adult/Student Tickets \$4.00
- Senior Citizens (65 years +) Free
- Current Bridgman High School Students
Free admission for all home district athletic events
- Current Bridgman Middle & Elementary School Students
Free admission for all home district athletic events **IF** accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- Family Passes are available for \$40.



FOR TICKETS GO TO
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BridgmanAthletics.com
for up to date schedules!



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Bridgman High School News from Principal Gerald Heath

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am excited to start the new school year, and hope you are too! Our students worked hard last school year, and their achievements continue to make us proud. Let's take a look at what's been happening around campus.

Celebration

It is my honor to announce that Bridgman High School had 70 students take an Advanced Placement (AP) test in the spring. Some students were enrolled in multiple AP courses, so a total of 119 tests were taken. Out of those tests, 114 (96%) received a passing score. The overall average score of all the tests was a 4 (out of 5 total points). Many U.S. colleges grant credit and/or advanced placement (permitting students to skip the equivalent course once enrolled in college) for scores of 3 and above. In 2023, the national mean score for AP exams was a 2.96 with a passing rate of 60% of all tests taken. (At the time of this publication, the 2024 national averages were not published.) In comparison, BHS has achieved scores well above the national average!

High School Over the Summer

The high school has been full of activity over the past few months. At the end of July, the Spirit of Bridgman

Marching Band participated in their annual overnight camp at Tower Hill. Special thanks to Mr. Reppart, Band Boosters and parents for all of their assistance organizing the week's events. We had several athletes participate in overnight and daily camps as well. The fall sports season began with football, sideline cheer, cross country, boys soccer, volleyball, girls swimming/diving and boys tennis practices.

During summer break, our custodial and maintenance team dedicated countless hours to deep cleaning and completing minor building repairs in preparing the building for another year of instruction. Thank you to everyone who made this work possible and for their dedication to our students and teaching staff.

A Special Goodbye

Please join me in extending best wishes to six BHS staff members that moved on at the end of the school year: **Laura McGee** and **Jackie Harding** retired after dedicating many years to the district. **Linda Sanford**, **Colin Kruzel**, **Mary Kay Davidson** and **Lorraine Ponegalek** are pursuing new opportunities. **Mrs. Sanford**, **Mr. Kruzel**, and **Mrs. Davidson** accepted positions at other districts. **Mrs. Ponegalek** decided to step away to dedicate time to completing her master's degree in social work. We wish everyone best of luck in their future endeavors!



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Welcome New Staff

In June, **Sarah Douglass** accepted the high school Business teaching position. Mrs. Douglass received her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Accounting from Purdue University. Mrs. Douglass may be a familiar face to many of you as she has served as the librarian at the elementary school over the last few years.

Ann Geraci was offered the English teaching position. Mrs. Geraci has been a member of the high school staff for over a year serving as a Special Education teacher.

Mary Joan Wilcoxon accepted the high school Spanish teaching position in July. Mrs. Wilcoxon received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Illinois and her master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College. Mary Joan recently returned to the area after teaching for 20 years in New Jersey.

Kelley Fast was offered the High School Counselor position. Many of you know Mrs. Fast as she has spent the last seven years as the counselor at the middle school.

Get the Latest Information

The beginning of every academic year is always a busy time. For up-to-date information, please view our website at BridgmanSchools.com, then click on the "high school" link. Once on the BHS page, please refer

to the helpful links on the left side. The site features our daily announcements, a calendar for school and athletics events, student information, and our social media feed.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time by emailing me at gheath@bridgmanschools.com or calling 269-465-6848.

Gerald Heath, High School Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOMEcomings WEEK September 23-27

Mark your calendar for this week of exciting activities including spirit days, a parade, and the big game!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES November 11 & 14, 4-7 pm

Schedule meetings with teachers to discuss your child(ren)'s progress.



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F.C. Reed Middle School News from Principal John Truesdell

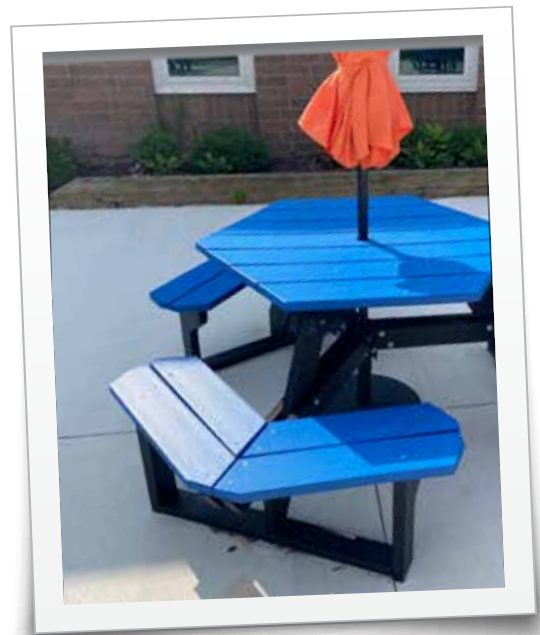
Dear Community Members,

Summer provides a welcomed opportunity for educational leaders to assess the efficacy of the recently concluded school year. As class was dismissed, teachers exited their rooms, and the middle school hallways became empty, the newfound quiet permitted reflection surrounding the 2023 - 2024 school year. Here are some BPS points of pride for F.C. Reed Middle School: 1) RMS students averaged +95% daily attendance; 2) The total number of student behavior discipline incidents dropped for the fourth consecutive year; 3) The Class of 2028 averaged a 920 on their spring PSAT scores - a whopping 99 points higher than the state of Michigan's average score for an eighth grader. Thank you to all the students, staff, families, and community stakeholders who continue to help make F.C. Reed Middle School a premier secondary learning destination!

As the 2024 - 2025 school year approaches, we have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure our facilities are prepared to build on this momentum. The STEM Lab received its first complete refresh since its installation in 2017. The district updated every workstation in the lab with a brand new Mac computer and related software improvements. With the support of the Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence (BFEE), over \$11,000 of additional projects, devices, resources, and materials were also delivered and installed over the summer months. This investment ensures our facility

will continue to lead the way for STEM education in Berrien County.

Elsewhere in the building, the custodial and maintenance team has replaced the damaged, aging tile floors in three classrooms, providing for a safer and more flexible learning environment. In addition, community volunteers have been busy making further improvements and upgrades to the RMS Courtyard. These efforts ensure that students will have access to a tranquil, secure outdoor space during classes and lunch when they return in the fall. With the financial support of the BFEE, our staff is also excited to roll out a new book vending machine reward program in the Media Center. This machine will expand students' access to literature by providing the opportunity for learners to receive free books on their



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birthdays or as a reward for positive behavior. Thanks to our custodial team, the building is also sparkling clean and ready for the journey ahead!



This update to our staff will further strengthen our team and ensure RMS students continue to have access to high quality mentorship and guidance as they navigate their school day.

As a community, it is our collective responsibility to prepare and support students for lifelong learning. As a new year begins, the F.C. Reed Middle School faculty looks forward to prioritizing relationships with students, families, and stakeholders to motivate learners and continue our tradition of excellence in secondary education. If you are interested in being a partner in our mission or have inquiries about the middle school, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at jtruesdell@bridgmanschools.com.

Your partner in education,
John Truesdell, Middle School Principal

The middle school has also made changes to its faculty over the last three months. Over the summer **Mrs. Fast** transitioned into a new role as the school counselor at Bridgman High School. As a result, we are grateful to introduce **Emma Hughes** as the new school counselor at F.C. Reed. Ms. Hughes is a graduate of GVSU (Undergraduate - Art & Child Education Psychology) and Ball State University (Masters - School Counseling). Emma is a licensed school counselor and successfully provided services at East Rockford Middle School from 2021 - 2024 before moving back to Southwest Michigan to be closer to family.

SAVE THE DATE

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
November 12 & 14, 4-7 pm

Schedule meetings with teachers to discuss your child(ren)'s progress.



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Elementary School News

by Lori Graves, Elementary School Principal

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope you were able to enjoy special times with loved ones over the summer break. Our Bees have been missed and we are looking forward to extending a warm welcome to new Bees joining us for the first time this fall.

As students, teachers, staff and families enjoyed the summer break, the entrance courtyard has been alive with activity and improvements. Last spring, a committee of teachers and parents created a plan for the courtyard. This included new plants, picnic tables and a fenced area. Teachers will be able to take their students outside for lessons and activities and community members can enjoy the area after school. This project was made possible thanks to your generosity and the ongoing fundraising efforts of the PTO.

Bridgman Elementary School is pleased to welcome four new staff members to our team. **Melissa Leffler-Greenhaw** will be a special education teacher at BES. Melissa and her husband have five sons. She is excited to join the our staff and is looking forward to forming relationships with the staff, students, parents and the community. Three special education paraprofessionals are also joining the staff. **Dawn Horrocks** is a mother of five and enjoys cooking and gardening. She is looking

forward to being a supportive partner in the network that is dedicated to children's success and helping them overcome obstacles along the way. **Sue Rush**, BES retired custodian, rejoins the staff. Sue believes that working with students gives a great purpose, and she is eager to work with students again. **Jeanette Whitman** and her husband have two children who attend Bridgman. Jeanette is a familiar face at BES. She plays an active role in the parent teacher organization and has frequently substitute taught in the elementary.

Bridgman Elementary is a proud partner of the **Blessings in a Backpack program** for the last ten years. Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekend for school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. Currently, over 40 students are provided with food to take home each weekend and on holiday breaks. We also have a "Bee market" which provides non-perishable items, cleaning supplies and hygiene products to our families. Please contact me if you are interested in helping with these causes. Donations are always welcome.

Our staff is committed to ensuring an outstanding learning experience for all our students as we support their development as scholars and citizens. We look forward to continuing to provide a positive learning environment for our students. We will continue to ensure



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academic proficiency by developing the following skills in our students: effective communication, innovation and creativity, the ability to think critically, teamwork and applying knowledge to real world settings, and working collaboratively with others. Your support and cooperation, along with our best professional efforts, support this goal.

Please look for events, celebrations and announcements on the Bridgman Elementary School Facebook page or the district website at BridgmanSchools.com.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Lori Graves, Elementary School Principal —————

SAVE THE DATE

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
November 13 & 14, 4-7 pm

Schedule meetings with teachers to discuss your child(ren)'s progress.

BRIDGMAN *Cares*



Bridgman Cares is a group of parents, grandparents, staff and community members who help address the needs of **Bridgman students**.

We award scholarships, sponsor winter clothing drives, collect food, holiday meals and gifts, donate gym shoes, and much more! All this assistance is through the generosity of our community. If you would like to support our students in need, **please consider donating!** Check our Facebook page for a list of suggested items for our school pantries as well as our activity through the year. Monetary donations and gift cards are also appreciated. For more information, email, Molly Owen at mowen1@bridgmanschools.com.

facebook.com/BridgmanCares



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Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence from the Chairman, Al Barker

The Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence (BFEE) has been busy through the summer conducting strategic planning of our project grant budget for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. With our planning complete, we're excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

The BFEE had an outstanding May golf outing hosted by Lost Dunes with our closing celebration at Haymarket Brewery & Taproom. Once again, based on our golf outing, BFEE has the ability to establish a project grant budget that will strengthen our collaboration with the Bridgman Public Schools' administration, faculty and students. Over \$22,000 (net) was raised from this year's golf outing! That amount alone is an increase of 26% of our project grant budget from last year! On the day of the golf outing, I welcomed the golfers and identified that we were at full capacity. But what's truly significant is your desire to contribute which will ensure BFEE's commitment for another school year!

Let's shine a light on ELH Detailing, a business in Bridgman owned and operated by Eddie Hojara who grew up playing little league baseball in Bridgman. In June, ELH Detailing hosted their 4th annual car show which has grown to 80 cars. For all four years the BFEE has received a donation from their car

show, this year \$1,200. When I thanked Eddie for his generosity, his reply was simply, "I want to help support the students of BPS". This is a community success story that continues to be full circle.

We have an important date coming in September to establish BFEE's 2024/2025 volunteer Trustee membership. Our routine monthly meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month and on September 24, it's our annual meeting to re-confirm Trustee membership. Please consider joining BFEE! I assure you, BFEE volunteer service will provide success stories to enjoy, excitement for fundraising accomplishments and community involvement. Being a BFEE Trustee is an opportunity to live our vision, "Inspire students to positively impact their world." Don't delay, communicate your interest at: BridgmanFoundation.org under the volunteer tab.

In closing, I want to extend from BFEE a nudge to enjoy the memories of this summer but also recall memories of the past. We as a community have BPS students who are now young adults contributing to the betterment of society. These young adults, wherever they have geographically landed, are still part of our family. Please take a moment to share a memory and encourage them in life. You are never too old to take the time to inspire people.

Al Barker, BFEE Chairman



FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH!

ALL students Pro5 through 12 will once again receive free breakfast and lunch in the upcoming school year regardless of income.

Parents will still be asked to fill out the **Education Benefits Form**. The form is available on the food service webpage and will be in your student's back-to-school packet. The Education Benefits Form collects information needed to ensure the school receives state and federal funding for education programs. By filling it out you may be eligible for other benefits such as reduced athletic fees, testing fees, and free internet from Comcast.

Sleep in and let us do the cooking!

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Studies have shown that students who start their day with a healthy breakfast:

- Participate more and have better grades.
- Have fewer behavior problems.
- Are significantly less likely to be overweight, while skipping breakfast is associated with a higher risk of obesity.
- Gain lifelong healthy eating habits.





BRIDGMAN
AQUATIC CENTER

Your Community Pool!

Proudly offering a wide variety of water-based classes and lap swim for nearly 50 years! If you are a senior (62 years or older) and reside in Lake Township or the City of Bridgman, ALL of our classes are FREE. You can find detailed information on all of our classes, schedules, rentals, swim teams, lap swim and more at BridgmanPool.com.

KIDS SWIM LESSONS

September 16 – October 23
Mondays & Wednesdays
for 6 weeks

Registration opens September 9 at
BridgmanPool.com.

FREE for Bridgman and Lake Township residents! Non-residents: \$48 per swimmer.

Save the date! We always end our swim sessions with a big Family Swim Night, so the kids can show their parents what they have learned.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CO-OP SWIM & DIVE TEAM SCHEDULE

The Bridgman Co-Op includes students from Berrien Springs, Bridgman, Buchanan, Lakeshore, New Buffalo, Niles and Our Lady of the Lake.

Come cheer on the team!

All meets begin at 6 pm

Tue, Sept 10 – against Battle Creek Central

Tue, Oct 1 – against Mattawan

Tue, Oct 8 – against Portage Central

Tue, Oct 22 – against Kalamazoo Central

Every home swim meet can be watched live at: LiveBarn.com. Search for "Bridgman" and use code "Brid-gman" for a 20% discount when you sign-up.

Thank you for passing the Recreation Millage!

Because of this we are able to offer free programming to Bridgman and Lake Township residents.

AQUA FIT CLASSES

Deep Water Aqua Fit	M-W-F	7:30-8:30 am	with Emily
GlideFit	T-TH	7:30-8:30 am	with Emily
Shallow Water Aqua Fit	M-W-F	8:30-9:30 am	with Deb
	T-TH	8:30-9:30 am	with Betsy
Bend & Flex	M-W-F	9:30-10:30 am	with Deb
Aqua Yoga	T-TH	9:30-10:30 am	with Nadine

Check BridgmanPool.com for class descriptions!

MEET KYRA REESE

Kyra has been coming to the Aquatic Center for 8 years and working here for 4. Kyra loves seeing the range of people, both young and old, who are impacted by this facility as a center of lifetime health, well-being and fitness.

When teaching swim lessons, she talks about the wonderful feeling she gets seeing the look on a child's face as they finally succeed in the skill they have been working on. She also enjoys seeing patrons out and about in the community and the recognition from the children she has taught. One special thing for Kyra is that her grandchildren attend Bridgman Public Schools, and it is fun for her to see them when they are at the BAC for PE swim lessons. Kyra would like everyone to know that the BAC is a wonderful community where anyone can find something that works for them and she is proud to be a part of it!!





CITY OF BRIDGMAN



City of Bridgman News from the City Manager, Juan Ganum

The Summer of '24 will be remembered for one of Bridgman's most spirited and well-attended community gatherings

during the city's 75th Birthday Bash celebration on July 13. Sunshine and warmth enveloped the daylong events and festivities, commemorating 75 years since Bridgman was incorporated as a city. Bridgman's City Council and its administration wish to thank all who were involved in making the celebration a resounding success, which was evidenced by the collective smiles of all who participated.

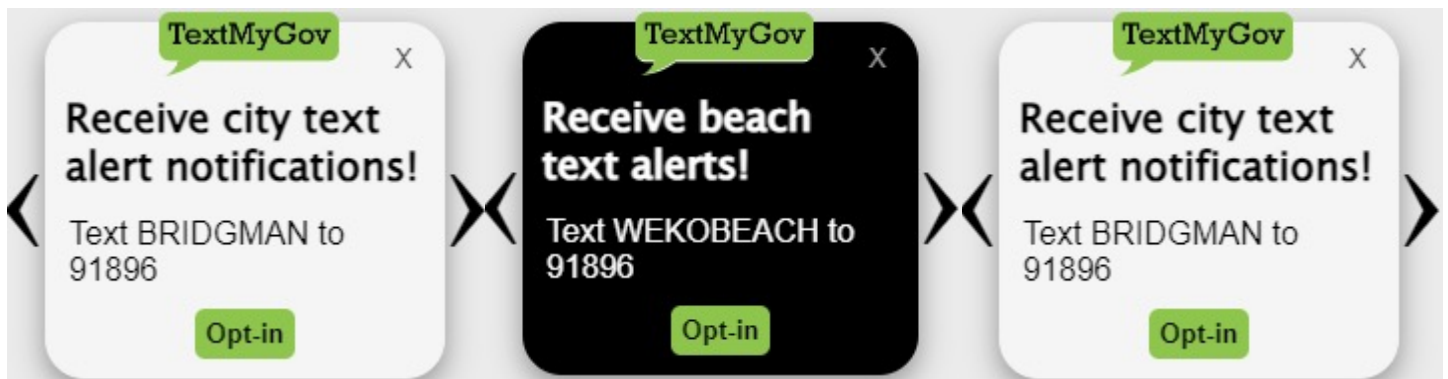
As we transition to fall, I am happy to announce that the City continues its commitment to improving communication with its residents and business owners through the addition of a new text-based system. On April 1, the City Council was presented with an innovative communication system through a company called **TextMyGov**.

TextMyGov allows residents to voluntarily opt-in to receive text alerts for a variety of categories. The City currently has five categories: 1) **General Updates**, 2) **Meeting Updates**, 3) **Event Notifications**, 4) **Election Information** and 5) **Weko Beach Updates**.

As of July 26, 116 residents had registered for these notifications, with the breakdown as follows:

- 105 for general updates
- 6 for meeting notifications
- 3 for Weko Beach updates
- 2 for event notifications

Citizens don't need to download an app or subscribe to an email service. As long as they have a cell phone, they can receive alerts and notifications. Citizens can be alerted about road closures, due dates, beach conditions, meeting dates and the like.





In July the City experienced a water main break, which demonstrated the effectiveness of this new system. Residents who had registered for alerts were kept promptly informed about the situation, which involved a boil water order for a 48-hour period along a section of Baldwin Road.

We encourage more residents to register for the alerts to stay informed about important updates and events. In the future, we anticipate adding additional functionality to the system, which may include the option for citizens to report issues such as potholes, stray animals or water leaks. The implementation of TextMyGov is a significant step towards enhancing communication and ensuring that residents have timely access to essential information. We hope you will take advantage of this new system to help stay informed.

For more information or to sign up for alerts, please visit the City's website – Bridgman.org or call City Hall at 269.465.5144.

Juan Ganum, City Manager _____



PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The 2024 summer tax bills are due September 16 by 5 pm to avoid penalties. Be sure to leave ample time if paying by mail (postmarks are not accepted).

Please review the payment amount written on your check and verify the amount being paid is the amount written on the check. We often receive checks with numeric amounts that do not match what is written!

Several ways to make your payment:

By mail – post marks are not accepted

Drop box – inside City Hall's vestibule and drive-up drop box

In person – Monday-Thursday
8 am to 4 pm.or Friday 8 am to 3 pm

Online – Bridgman.org

Questions: 269-465-5144 ext. 103



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Remember to Rake 'em Right!

As the nights become cooler, we are reminded that leaves will be falling before we know it. The fall cleanup schedule is included on the back cover, available at City Hall *and* on the city's website. The following are important reminders and requirements about the leaf collection program.

- Rake leaves curbside to the grassy area between the street and the sidewalk or to the curb. Never put leaf piles in the street. Leaves placed in the street will wash down storm drains where they can cause algae, clogging and water quality impacts. Leaves will also clog drain inlets and cause flooding.
- Collections occur on Monday during pickup weeks between 7 am and 4 pm. Have leaves to the curb by 7 am the Monday of pickup. Collection will start on

the east side of the city and work westerly. Crews will make one pass each week through the entire city.

- Leaf collection is weather dependent. If there is a significant snowfall, pick up will be delayed and/or suspended.
- The final brush chipping and curbside leaf bag collection will be November 25. Collection will resume in April 2025.
- Leaf piles do not kill grass, although they may cause it to temporarily discolor. To prevent grass from discoloring rake your leaves just prior to the scheduled pickup date.
- After the loose-leaf collection period ends, leaves are to be placed in biodegradable paper yard waste bags. The bags should weigh no more than 50 pounds each when filled and will be collected as part of the normal curbside-composting program in the spring. Residents may drop off leaf bags in the designated area behind the Department of Public Services Garage located at 9825 Maple Street (blue building south of city hall) any time of year.
- Residents are reminded that leaf piles mixed with grass trimmings, branches, brush or other non-leaf content will not be collected.





Upcoming General Election from the City Clerk, Christine Fisher

Hello Bridgman residents!

The 2024 General Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. Polls will be open from 7 am to 8 pm at Bridgman City Hall, located at 9765 Maple St.

Any qualified elector of the City of Bridgman who is not already registered, may register to vote at any of the following locations:

- the office of the Bridgman City Clerk
- the office of the Berrien County Clerk
- a Secretary of State branch office

Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Bridgman City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at ExpressSOS.com.

The **last day to register to vote** in any manner other than in person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 21**. After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Bridgman City Clerk's office, located at 9765 Maple St., Bridgman, MI 49106 at the following times:

- Monday – Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm and Friday from 8 am to 3pm.
- Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 7 am to 3 pm
- Election Day, Tuesday November 5, 2024 from 7 am to 8 pm
- 10 days of filing their nominating petition forms

A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

If you wish to skip the line on Election Day, you may now vote using an **absentee ballot** without needing to provide a reason. To save a step in the future, you may also request to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list. Please contact me to request an absentee ballot and request to be placed on the permanent absentee voter list.

In addition to voting on Election Day or through absentee ballots, Michigan voters also have the option of **early in-person voting**. Early in-person voting will be offered for nine (9) days ahead of Election Day at the Berrien County South County Building in Niles.

If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote or the voting process in the City of Bridgman, please call me at 269-465-5144 or email me at cfisher@bridgman.org.

Christine Fisher, City Clerk



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

The Importance of Getting Multiple Estimates for Home Improvements

from the Building & Zoning Department, Brad Mattner

When planning home improvements, getting multiple estimates from different contractors is one of the most important steps homeowners can take. We encourage all residents to follow this best practice to ensure their projects are successful, cost-effective and compliant with local regulations.

Why Multiple Estimates Matter

- **Cost Comparison** – Different contractors can offer varying prices for the same job. By obtaining several estimates, you can compare costs and avoid overpaying. This helps you stay within your budget while ensuring quality work.
- **Understanding the Scope of Work** – Each contractor may have a different approach to your project. Reviewing multiple estimates allows you to see the range of possible solutions and select the one that best fits your needs and expectations.
- **Assessing Contractor Reliability** – Meeting with multiple contractors gives you a chance to assess their professionalism, reliability and communication skills. These factors are crucial for a smooth and successful project.
- **Identifying Potential Issues** – Different contractors may notice different aspects of your project that need

attention. This can help you identify potential problems early and ensure they are addressed before work begins.

- **Ensuring Compliance** – Contractors should be familiar with local zoning, building codes and permitting regulations. Multiple estimates help you find a contractor who understands and adheres to these standards, ensuring your project is safe and compliant.
- **Licensing Requirements** – In Michigan, work exceeding \$600 in labor and materials must be performed by a licensed contractor. This law protects homeowners by ensuring contractors meet professional standards. Hiring a licensed contractor ensures high-quality and safe work.

Home improvement projects can be exciting but also challenging. By taking the time to seek multiple estimates, you protect yourself from potential pitfalls and set the stage for a successful project. The City of Bridgman Building Department is here to assist you with any questions or concerns regarding your home improvements. While we cannot recommend specific contractors, we are here to help ensure your chosen contractor meets all necessary licensing requirements.

For more information or assistance, please contact the City of Bridgman Building Department at 269-465-5144 or visit our website at Bridgman.org.





Parks & Recreation Department

from the Parks & Recreation Director, Sara Ball

The Parks & Rec Department is thrilled to announce that our community has received a generous grant from the DNR to renovate the East Campground Restroom Facility! This exciting project is set to begin this fall, and we couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity to improve our beloved campground.

The East Campground has long been a favorite spot for both locals and visitors, offering a serene natural environment and numerous recreational activities. However, we recognize that the current restroom facilities need significant upgrades to better serve everyone who enjoys this wonderful space.

The grant will allow us to undertake comprehensive renovations, including:

1. Modernization of Facilities

Upgrading the restroom amenities to ensure they are modern, clean, and user-friendly.

2. Enhanced Accessibility

Making the restrooms more accessible to individuals with disabilities, ensuring that everyone can enjoy the East Campground comfortably.

3. Sustainability Features

Incorporating eco-friendly features such as water-saving fixtures and energy-efficient lighting, aligning with our commitment to environmental stewardship.

We look forward to unveiling the newly renovated East Campground restroom facility and believe that these improvements will greatly enhance the overall experience for all who visit.

Sara Ball, Parks & Recreation Director

RECYCLING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14 – 9 am to 1 pm

**Silver Beach County Park
101 Broad St., St. Joseph**

- Household Chemicals
- Electronics: some fees apply
- Foam/Polystyrene

OCTOBER 5 – 8 am to 12 pm

**Southeast Berrien County Landfill
Recycle Center (NOT the landfill entrance)
3200 Chamberlain Rd., Buchanan**

- Household Chemicals
- Electronics: some fees apply
- Foam/Polystyrene
- Personal Documents for On-Site Shredding



CITY OF BRIDGMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hello residents,

With another new school year beginning, we want to remind motorists to obey ALL traffic laws. Here are a few violations that officers will be strictly enforcing:

- Disobeying/rolling through stop signs
- Speeding
- Passing vehicles on the right
- Distracted or violation of Hands-Free driving
- School bus passing

Our police department is dispatched by the Berrien County Emergency Dispatch Center and residents need to call 269-983-3060 for police response to non-emergencies. 9-1-1 is to be called only in the event of an emergency. Officers are normally patrolling the city but frequently check the phone messages at the police station if residents wish to leave non-emergency type messages or information at 269-465-3880.



Medical Disposal Box

There is a safe medical disposal box at City Hall where residents can discard expired prescription and over the counter medications if they wish.

NOT ACCEPTED

Illegal Drugs

Lotions/Liquids

Inhalers

Aerosol Cans

Thermometers

Hydrogen Peroxide





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9765 Maple Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
269-465-5144



The Bridgman Police Department provides 24-hour coverage, along with certain services such as: vehicle lockouts, property checks, bank escorts, background checks and unwanted/expired medication disposal. We also have several dedicated part-time and reserve police officers available to assist us when needed.



School Bus Safety Tips for Drivers: Stop Means Stop!

The majority of bus-related deaths and injuries involve pedestrians - mostly children - who are struck by a bus or injured when they are exiting the bus to cross traffic.

- Slow down and prepare to stop when a slowing bus has its overhead yellow lights flashing.
- Stop at least 20 feet away from buses when red lights are flashing, unless driving in the opposite direction on a divided highway.
- Slow down in or near school and residential areas.
- Look for clues-such as safety patrols, crossing guards, bicycles, and playgrounds-that indicate children might be in the area.
- Watch for children between parked cars and other objects.

Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop when the yellow flashing lights are on and **MUST STOP when flashing red lights are activated on school buses. This is mandatory on all 2-way streets and multi-lane highways.**





Updates from the CGA

Director, Nancy Kiernan

This spring and summer have been quite busy for the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber & Growth Alliance (CGA). My primary focus has been on building a solid foundation for our community's future economic growth. I have been working to connect with local businesses, stakeholders, and regional, statewide, and national development organizations, to bring more investment to our area. We have made a promising start, and I am eager to continue this crucial work in the coming months.

One of our initial actions was to expand our board of directors from eight to 16 members. This increase ensures better representation from both the City of Bridgman and Lake Charter Township. It helps us balance the perspectives of local business leaders and residents in addressing the diverse needs of our community. With a larger board, we can improve our programs and outreach efforts.

We are thrilled to welcome new board members:

- Phil Laney – B & L Information Systems
- Debbie Mensinger – United Federal Credit Union
- Shany Day – Transient Artisan Ales
- Jimmy Lucas – Lake Side Fit
- Vince Spina – Haymarket Taproom
- Stacey Davis – Biggy Coffee

Our immediate goal is to align board members to champion efforts focused on local business and community interests. We are also gearing up for a membership drive and will be establishing an events committee to organize local promotional events.

There is a significant need for economic development and promotional activities in Bridgman. The CGA has been assisting local businesses in numerous ways, such as business plan development as a conduit for financial incentives. We have helped secure reimbursement funds for energy-efficient electrical equipment through programs like CleaResult, and have provided support with business licensing, renovation projects and startup planning.

Our promotional efforts included the distribution of 5,000 "Discover Bridgman and Beyond" brochures. We have supported the installation of new wayfinding signs at Exit 16 and updated the kiosk maps at Weko Beach and the intersection of Red Arrow Highway and Lake Street. We are also collaborating with the Michigan Logos program to refresh the attraction signage on Interstate 94 and along Red Arrow Highway.

We are making strides in creating a commercial property inventory, which will be a valuable asset for attracting and retaining businesses in our commercial areas. We are also involved in several redevelopment projects, such

as applying for grants to repurpose the old Rite Aid building and assisting with the renovation of Lake Side Fit's new location. We are exploring opportunities to bring an independent pharmacy to town and fill vacant spaces in our downtown area.

In May, we hosted a Commerce & Conversation event at Transient Artisan Ales with a representative from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to discuss the Redevelopment Ready Communities program. We have secured support from Bridgman's City Council for the Redevelopment Ready Community certification and applied for a grant to hire a full-time fellow to assist with this process. On August 22, we hosted a second event at the Lake Charter Township Park pavilion, with Jennifer Weitzel, a representative from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), to learn more about their Rural Readiness initiatives.

We also participated in community events this summer, such as the Makers Trail event and Bridgman's 75th Birthday Celebration.

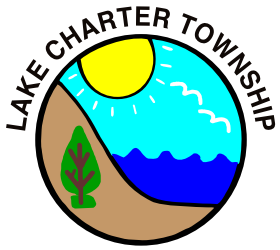
The CGA is dedicated to fostering economic growth and enhancing community vibrancy. We invite you to join us in these efforts—together, we can accomplish great things!

Warm regards,

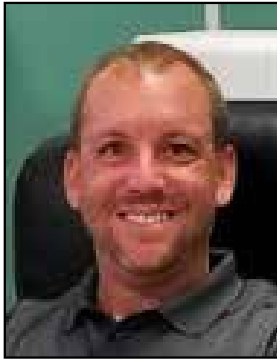
Nancy Kiernan, Director



Lacey Lucas of Lake Side Fit pulling a car with her family inside during the Celebrate Bridgman Birthday Bash Parade.



LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP



Township News from Supervisor, Zach Carson

Dear Township Residents,

As fall approaches, we see another busy summer come to an end. The beautiful summer weather has allowed us to wrap up several projects we have been working on for some time now. **The water line project on Snow Road has concluded and is up and running.**

Graceland Cemetery has had some much-needed improvements, from repainting the Veteran's Memorial to the roads getting pavement repairs and re-sealing. For a future project later in the fall, the trees will be professionally trimmed to give them a facelift.

The Lake Township Fire Department continues to grow, with three new members being voted on this

year. By the end of December, all three individuals will have completed or will be completing their Benton Harbor Fire Academy training and will be ready to assist their fellow neighbors in a time of need. The department also continues to improve its mutual aid by training hand in hand with other departments, ranging from water rescue training with Bridgman City Fire to live burn exercises with Lincoln Township Fire.



One of the highlights of my summer was participating with so many other residents in the **Bridgman City Anniversary Parade**. I had the honor of taking Mayor Jan Trapani on a motorcycle ride in the parade, and what an experience it was!

Zach Carson, Supervisor



Building & Zoning News

from Building Administrator, Rich Kubsch

Over the summer, the Planning Commission has been working on many things that have not had attention for a few years. One of those things is the Township's Zoning Ordinance. They started the review late in 2023 of the 2011 Township Zoning Ordinance, along with help from the Township Planner. Many things did not fit the current community in the 2011 document, as was pointed out in the survey you were asked to complete when we started rebuilding the Master Plan. The Planning Commission, again using your responses from the survey, applied them to the updated draft of the Township Zoning Ordinance to make this new ordinance align with the community better. The draft ordinance is very close to being ready for the Township Board to review. If this ordinance goes through as written, it will have many entitlements that will benefit the community, yet will be restrictive enough to allow controlled development without a free-for-all approach.

The draft rental ordinance has also been completed, which is designed first for safety and second for the community with documents such as a "Good Neighbor Policy" and defined parking regulations. The Township Board will review this draft soon with a possible spring registration start-up. This ordinance is designed for the short-term rental market. If you have a short-term rental, please look for notices on the Township's sign or the Township's website for updates.

The Planning Commission has just finished its review of a preliminary site condominium commercial planned unit development, which will be located to the north of the entrance to Lost Dunes Golf Course. This preliminary site plan consists of 8 homes and a commercial office building situated on 2.8 acres off Red Arrow Highway. The Board will review the plan next.

Finally, the Planning Commission has received a permitted-use application for a private school. The school named Liberty Christian Classical School will be located in the back section of the Woodland Baptist Church. The church is not opening the school but has a section of its building equipped for a school setting. This school is just getting started and hoping to expand quickly.

As always, all Township meetings are open to the public. Check our website for dates and times.

Rich Kubsch, Building Administrator

LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Supervisor

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Treasurer

Bob Clark

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Building Admin

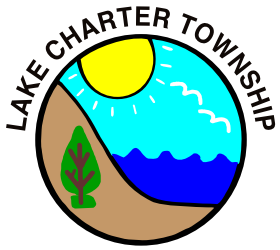
Rich Kubsch

Water

Superintendent

Jeff Burkhard

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on our website
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building forms,
permits, zoning,
tax assessments,
forms, maps,
online payments
and more!**



LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP



Treasurer, Park & Trail News from Bob Clark

Greetings,

This will be my last Buzz article, as I have chosen not to run for another term. It has been a pleasure serving Lake Township and our community in several capacities over the past 12 years. It is time for more travel, spending time with our two new grandchildren, golfing and recreation. Jennifer Adams will be taking over, and I know she will do an awesome job as Treasurer. Jennifer has been thoroughly trained and has been working as the deputy Treasurer since last September. She is active in the community and has gotten to know many of you already.

Park & Trail News

The park has been buzzing with life this summer, hosting numerous reunions and group gatherings. The Bridgman/Lake Township Youth Soccer League is gearing up for an exciting fall season with a record number of about 200 kids registered. This participation will bring the total number of youths using the park for recreational sports to an impressive 500! There are still openings for renting pavilions in September, and October is wide open. Come out and enjoy a lovely fall day at the park. Contact our office if you'd like to rent one, or visit our website for availability. We will begin accepting 2025 reservations on September 1.

The park committee continues to work on improvements. These include installing two water faucets and bottle fillers, new bike racks, pavement sealing, a new disc golf hole, and replacement of the baseball fencing. They are making plans for 2025 and beyond!



The John Gast Memorial Trail from the Bridgman High School to Lake Township is in the final planning stages. The hope is to bid soon for construction late this fall or early spring. We are excited about this significant new enhancement in our community, which will provide safe access to the park from the High School and City. There have been many positive comments about the trail, and it will be the first non-motorized trail in Lake Township!





Development plans are continuing for the larger vision of trails in Berrien County, connecting communities, parks, existing trails, and the entire area. The Friends of Berrien County Trails have been working hard on trails and connectivity. The linear trail along Red Arrow Highway is being completed from New Buffalo to Sawyer, along with the Marquette Greenway from New Buffalo to the State line (eventually connecting to Chicago)! A new trail in St Joseph is also being planned (Lakeview Trail).

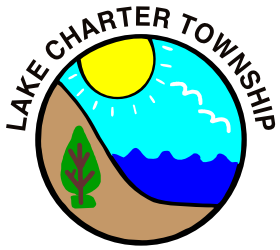
Bob Clark, Treasurer

SUMMER TAX BILLS DUE

The 2024 summer tax bills are due September 16 by 5 PM to avoid penalties. Be sure to leave ample time if paying by mail (postmarks are not accepted).



We suggest looking your check over carefully for proper amounts and signature. Consider using our online payment system on our website at [Lake-township.org](https://www.lake-township.org). It is very easy to use! If you have any questions about your bill, assessment or other information please contact our office at 269-465-6601.



LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP



Clerk News

from Miranda Companion, Township Clerk

Dear Residents,

As we just finished the State Primary Election on August 6, we are now preparing for the General Election on November 5. We are still partnered with other municipalities for Early Voting, which will be held at the South County Site:

Berrien County
South County Building
1205 N. Front St.
Niles, MI 49120

Early Voting

As long as you are registered to vote, you may participate in the early voting. (You cannot register to vote *at* Early Voting.) The early voting period begins the second Saturday *prior* to Election Day and ends the Sunday before an election. However, communities may decide to provide additional days of early voting. Under state law, communities can offer up to 28 days of early voting. Specific dates and times will be released closer to the General Election in November and will be posted on our website.

If you choose not to vote early, we will run the election at Lake Township Hall on November 5 from 7 am to 8 pm.

Permanent Absentee Ballots

We now have the Permanent Absentee Ballot list. If you would like to receive an Absentee Ballot for every election, you can find the form on our website or in our office. If you are on this list and are out of town during this time, please contact me to update your mailing address as Absentee Ballots do not get forwarded.

I want to personally thank all of my election workers who work so hard to ensure each election is a success. They have spent hours training and working hard to make sure our elections run smoothly and efficiently. I could not do this without them, and I appreciate all of their hard work and dedication.

More information about voting can be found at [Michigan.gov](https://www.michigan.gov) and if you have any questions about voting in Lake Township, please call me at 269-465-6601 or e-mail me at clerk@lake-township.org.

Miranda Companion, Clerk

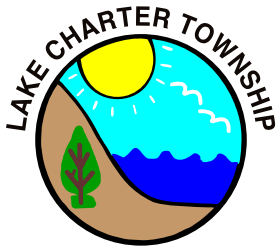


LARGE TRASH CLEAN-UP & TIRE RECYCLING COMING SOON!

Lake Charter Township will be having Large Trash Cleanup Dates in October along with a date for tire recycling. The dates have not yet been set, be on the lookout for a postcard with details.

Once the dates are set township residents can stop by the hall during regular business hours and pick up a voucher to take to Republic Services with their large items. This is not a curbside pickup. If you have any questions please feel free to call the hall at 269-465-6601.





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Water System News from Jeff Burkhard

Hello, everyone,
I hope you have had an enjoyable summer! Here are a few updates from the Township Water Department.

In June, we completed our triennial lead & copper sampling for 2024. I want to thank those who participated; each participant should have received their test results in the mail. If you have any questions regarding those results, don't hesitate to contact us.

Our regulating agencies—the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (MI EGLE)—require this program, which has existed for many years. The collection sites are selected based on specific criteria.

This regulation also requires us to update and verify service line and service stub materials. This portion is due in October, and we have sent mailers to water customers who were chosen randomly to complete it. We will continue to update our records for any missing information regarding service line materials for customer accounts where data may be lacking.

Last year, we completed all residential exterior cross-connection inspections. This inspection identified cross-connection protection devices, also known as backflow preventers, and their installation and other

potential cross-connections to the water system. This regulation has also existed for many years. In 2018, EGLE reinforced the implementation of residential cross-connection inspection which revealed many lawn sprinkler systems and other applications where a device was not tested as required, was no longer in use, or where the proper device needed to be installed.

This program protects everyone who is connected to the water system. If you have an exterior faucet or sprinkler system that is not adequately protected, lawn chemicals and/or contaminants could enter your household plumbing via a back siphonage or back pressure event and cause illness. Safeguarding your residence and everyone else connected to the water system is essential. Visit our website at lakechartertownshipwater.org for more information and a video showing how a backflow or siphonage event could happen.

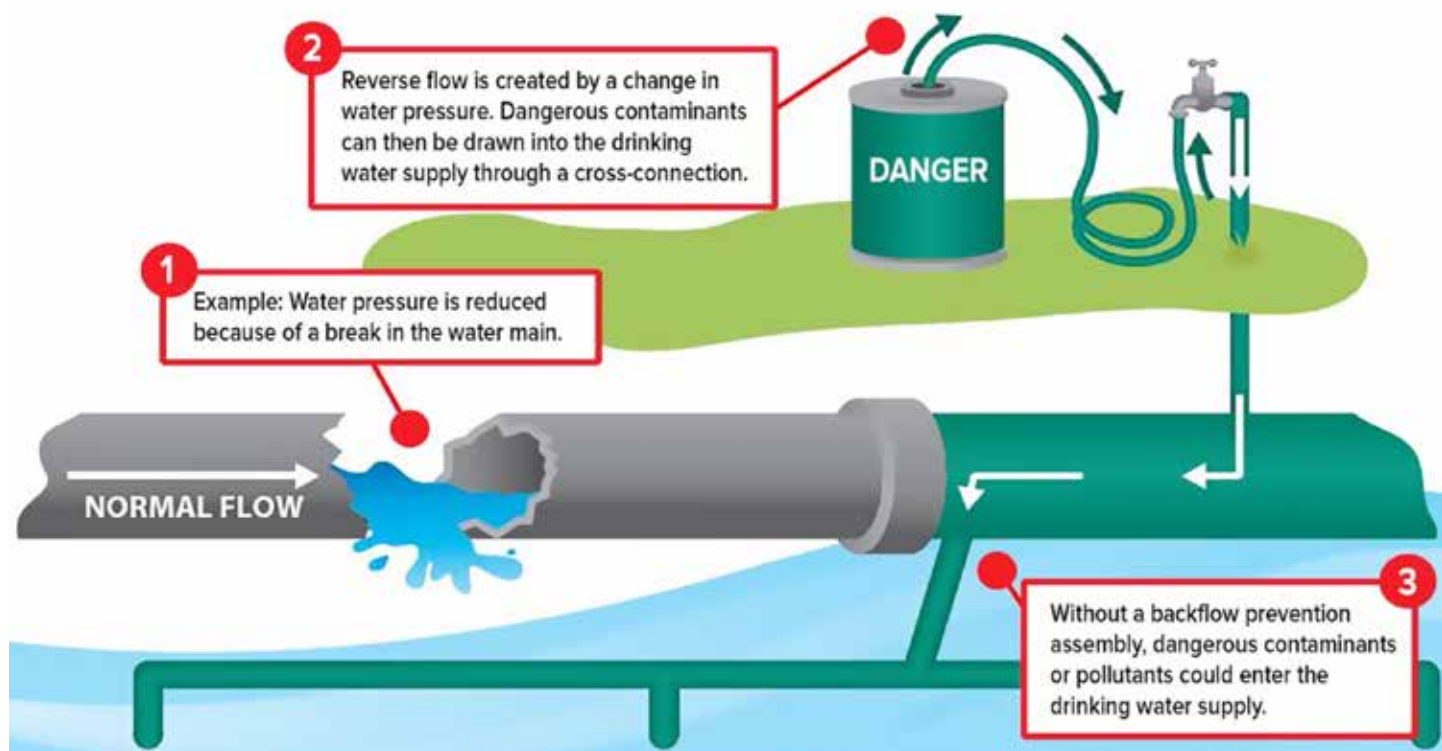
We are currently in the engineering phase for a future renovation of treatment plant processing equipment and updating aging equipment. The original portion of the water treatment plant is 50 years old. Replacement components have become nonexistent for worn and outdated equipment.

This project, which is expected to begin in the fall of 2025, will take many months to complete, but will improve reliability and increase efficiency in treating the water.



If you would like to schedule a tour of our facility or have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with us and come and see how your water is transformed from raw Lake Michigan water to usable potable water that is safe and reliable.

Jeff Burkhard, Superintendent Lake Charter Township Water System





BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library News from Sarah Skinner, Director

It's Back-to-School time here in beautiful Bridgman! Here's to another great year of being Bridgman Bees! While the kids may not be excited to be back

in school, we look forward to having you visit the library and seeing you at Pop-Up Library at Reed Middle School. BPL is proud to help support Bridgman Public Schools with the educational and social needs of our students. Our mission is to continue fostering a love of life-long learning in our young community members.

The BPL team has been working hard to plan an autumn full of fun. Be sure to get your costume ready for our annual Family Halloween Party! Round up your ghouls and goblins for an evening of games, crafts and candy galore. We look forward to seeing our spooky little patrons and their caregivers this October. Check out our program calendar on our website for more information on upcoming events.

After a great historical and cultural presentation by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi back in March, BPL is excited to welcome them again this fall. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9. Taking place at the Weko Beach House, The Pokagon Band will drum and perform traditional dances so that the community may learn more about the Indigenous peoples of Southwest Michigan. There is no admission fee, so please come and enjoy this live performance.

As always, thank you for supporting your local library. We value your opinion and welcome your feedback!

Sarah Skinner, Director

Find us on Social Media

 Facebook @bridgmanpubliclibrary	 Instagram @bridgman_library	 Youtube @BridgmanLibrary
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*and be sure to check out our fun library videos!



Ongoing Adult Programs



Writing Group 3rd Mondays 11:00	Knit & Yarn Mondays 1:30 & 3rd Tuesdays 6:00	CHAIR YOGA Mondays 9:00	ROOTS TO REMEMBER Learn Genealogy 1st Tuesdays 5:00
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION Caregiver's Support Group Last Tuesdays 2:00	Artplay for Adults 1st Wednesdays 6:00	BPL Book Group 2nd Wednesdays 5:30	OPEN CRAFT 3rd Wednesdays 3:30-7:30 Sewing, Crochet, Arts/Crafts & 3d Printing



MON – THUR: 10 AM TO 8 PM

FRI: 10 AM TO 5 PM

SAT: 10 AM TO 4 PM

SUN: CLOSED

4460 Lake Street

Bridgman, MI 49106

Ph: 269-465-3663

Email: bpl@bridgmanlibrary.com

Find a full calendar of events and additional program information on the library website at BridgmanLibrary.com. Registration is not required unless noted.

ADULT PROGRAMS

ON THE GO LEGAL SELF-HELP

SEP 5, OCT 3, NOV 7, DEC 5, 4–6 PM

Drop in to meet with Lincoln Township Public Library Navigators who are trained to assist individuals in accessing legal information, completing forms and identifying community resources through the Michigan Legal Help website.

ELDER LAW PRIMER

SEP 10, 6:30 PM

What if you suddenly need to be cared for in a nursing home? Are you prepared to deal with the physical and mental challenges associated with aging? Learn how Elder Law addresses the unique needs of seniors during the aging process.

PLANNING FOR HEALTH CARE EMERGENCIES

OCT 8, 6:30 PM

What if you have a health care emergency and become incapacitated? What if memory loss creates risks for you and your family? Who will make decisions for you? William Westerbeke, an attorney in Elder Care Law, will talk about how to prepare for these situations.

FAMILY PROGRAMS – ALL AGES

OPEN CRAFT TIME

**SEP 18, OCT 16, NOV 20, DEC 18
3:30–7:30 PM**

Work on your craft projects in the company of others! Bring your own supplies, or use the library's craft supplies by purchasing a \$10 punch card, good for 12 sessions.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCT 10, 5–7 PM

Halloween fun for the whole family! Games, crafts and candy. Costumes optional.

NERF-NITE

OCT 24, 5–7:30 PM

Featuring team games and a practice range to hone your skills. Darts will be provided. Please bring blasters if you have them. Ages 6+

ROOT BEER MAKING

OCT 26, 1 PM

Learn how to make root beer or cream soda!

POKAGON BAND DANCE PRESENTATION at the WEKO BEACH HOUSE

NOV 9, 2 PM

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi will drum and perform traditional dances. Fun for the whole family!

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BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

YOUTH PROGRAMS

NEW! EVENING STORY TIME

SEP 5, 19, OCT 3, 17, NOV 7, 21, DEC 5, 19
6 PM

Every 1st and 3rd Thursday join us for an evening story time with a craft. For ages 3 to 6.

MAKE A BOOKWORM DAY

SEP 14, 11 AM

Learn the basics of loom knitting with this fun, silly and simple craft. Participants will be given a free mini knitting loom and will get to make a bookworm. While supplies last. Ages 5 – 12.

HOW TO SOLVE A RUBIK'S CUBE

SEP 28, 11 AM

Stop peeling the stickers off your Rubik's Cube! Learn a simple way to solve this puzzle. Participants will receive a Rubik's Cube to take home. While supplies last. Ages 9 – 16.

HANDS-ON SCIENCE: BRIDGE BUILDING

OCT 12, 11 AM

Join us for a morning of science, creativity, and competition. Kids will compete to make a bridge that holds the most weight. Ages 5 – 12.

MANDI'S ARACHNIDS

NOV 16, 11 AM

Staff member Mandi will show off her 8-legged friends and tell you all about them. All ages.

Ongoing Youth Programs

- Pawsitive Reading**
2nd Tuesdays @ 3:30
Register for a 15 minute slot
- Pokemon Card League**
Tuesdays @ 4pm
- D & D Club**
2nd & 4th Wednesdays @ 4pm
- Little Explorers**
Every 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 11:00
- Storytime + Toddler & Me**
Tuesdays @ 9:30, 10:30 & 11:30
- Baby & Me**
Wednesdays @ 10:30
Baby & Me Art
Last Wednesdays @ 10:30

Early Literacy

Ongoing Teen Programs

- BPL D&D CLUB**
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS, 4-5PM
- OPEN CRAFT TIME**
3RD WEDNESDAYS, 3:30 - 7:30PM
- Pokemon Card League**
EVERY TUESDAY 4:00 - 5:00PM

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Get your overdue fees waived by donating non-perishable food or paper products between November 18, 2024 and January 4, 2025!

Donations will be given to a local pantry to help folks in need during the holiday season. Any contribution will cover your overdue fines. Not applicable to lost/damaged fees.

DISPLAY CASE

If you would like to showcase a hobby or collection in our display case, please call the library at 269-465-3663.

LIBRARY EMAIL NEWS

Stay in the know! Sign up to receive library emails on all of our upcoming programs and events. Register on the library website at BridgmanLibrary.com.

HOURS

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10 AM TO 8 PM

Friday
10 AM TO 5 PM

Saturday
10 AM TO 4 PM

Sunday
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CITY OF BRIDGMAN 2024 FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULE

Bagged Leaves & Brush Pick-up are indicated in **GREEN** on the calendar. The city requires the use of biodegradable paper leaf bags. City workers will not pick up leaf bags made from any other material. Please limit to yard cleanup.

City workers will spend no more than 15 minutes at each property. If you have a large quantity of brush, arrangements can be made for you to haul the brush to the city composting site. Commercial tree removal/trimmings will not be picked up and should be disposed of by the tree service hired. Last day for the season will be **November 25**. Service will resume April 2025.

Leaf & brush burning within the city is prohibited

Curb-side Leaf Pickup is indicated in **ORANGE** on the calendar. The leaf vacuum will begin on Mondays on the east side of the city & complete one pass through the entire city during those weeks. Leaves must be raked to the roadside/curb. **To prevent flooding from leaves clogging the storm drains DO NOT rake leaves into roadways.**

Christmas Tree Pick Up – January 8 and 15, 2025 (weather permitting)

Large Trash Pick Up – **September 16, WEST OF RED ARROW HWY and Septembert 18, EAST OF RED ARROW HWY.** Items not accepted include those larger than a refrigerator, tires, and construction material. Refrigerators and air conditioners must have the freon removed with a tag attached indicating as such. A complete list of accepted items is available on the city's website and at City Hall.

Lakeshore Recycling & Disposal also will pick up your extra-large items for a fee. To schedule such a pickup, call Lakeshore Recycling & Disposal at (269) 231-5623.

BAGGED LEAF & BRUSH WILL BE PICKED UP ON THE SAME DAY

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BAGGED LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP
CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP
LARGE TRASH PICKUP - EAST SIDE
LARGE TRASH PICKUP - WEST SIDE

