

BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

SEPTEMBER 2020



Weko Beach is known for its beautiful sunsets and natural setting. We hope you and your family enjoyed spending some time in the sand, sun, and water. (Photograph By: Molly Pate)

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In a joint effort with the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, Bridgman Public Library, the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber & Growth Alliance, and Bridgman Public Schools, we present this community newsletter.

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SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Superintendent
Shane M. Peters

Where do I begin? There has been so much information going out since COVID-19 became part of our

lives back in March 2020. I will spare you the grief of going through all the Executive Orders, emails, Facebook posts, School Messenger announcements, etc. and start right where we are today.

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Supervisor
John Gast

Well, summer is winding down and the COVID-19 status is still an issue we continue to deal with. Com-

plying with Governor's orders and guidelines is a constant challenge when it comes to scheduling meetings and gatherings. The virtual world of Zoom meetings is challenging for us not so young users.

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LIBRARY NEWS

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director
Dennis Kreps

We at the Bridgman Public Library miss you, our Community, very much! We want you to know we are here

for you, even if it looks a little different.

We are grateful for your patience as we seek creative ways to stay connected with you, and help you stay connected with us!

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CITY NEWS

FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager
Juan Ganum

After a communication hiatus without a spring edition of the Community Buzz, it is great to be

back with you to share the latest information concerning Bridgman. Our dedicated City team has produced a variety of content for this issue, including the fall cleanup schedule, November election information, a parks and

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

Since the COVID Pandemic started, I have been meeting with many of our county Superintendents DAILY online discussing all our options for returning to school safely in the fall. We had virtual meetings with the Berrien County Health Department, gathering information to prepare the best cooperative plan we could. This cohesiveness with the other Districts gave us the support we needed, along with fresh ideas, ensuring we did not have such a disparity of ideas to cause parents to leave their district for a "better" plan. I am very proud to be part of this group. Once we received the RoadMap to Return to School from the State of Michigan, we had already discussed most of what was detailed in the plan and made preparing the plans for our District much easier.

School is scheduled to resume on Monday, August 31st. Each building's Return to Learn plan is located on our district website. Please take the time to review these extensive documents, which were developed to try to answer any questions you might have as you prepare your student for school. There is also a lot of additional information on the district website regarding COVID-19 and how it impacts Bridgman Public Schools.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Bridgman Public Schools renewal of the Non-Homestead Operating Millage on August 4, 2020.

It was an overwhelming victory (1178 yes, 298 no). Bridgman Public Schools will continue to reach our goals of providing top-notch education for all the students that we have the privilege of serving.

This summer, not unlike any other, has been spent with personnel changes, projects, and an enormous amount of time planning/preparing for the upcoming school year.

- Securing PPE equipment and supplies to ensure our staff and students are as safe as possible.
- Bridgman Public Schools would like to thank Mrs. Julie Bender for her thirty-two (32) years of service as an Art teacher at F.C. Reed Middle School. We wish her all the best in her retirement.
- Bridgman Public Schools would like to welcome seven new staff members to our district:

Mr. Collin Kruzel – BHS/RMS Spanish Teacher

Mr. Matt Mabry – Grounds Technician and Athletic Trainer

Mr. Josh Paveza – Long Term Sub RMS STEM Lab

Mrs. Christine Reisig – Bridgman High School Secretary

Ms. Lara Scheidler-Smith – Long Term Speech and Language Sub

Ms. Madison Singer – Bridgman Elementary Second Grade

Mr. Jacob Zapor - Bridgman High School Visual Arts

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED ...

- The Emergency Feeding and Summer Feeding program was a huge success this year!**

Twenty-two weeks of providing food to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. We served 103,666 kids, 207,212 meals. Special THANKS to Peggy Ferguson and her entire team of food service staff for preparing and packaging the weekly food distribution. Thanks also goes to Sam Stine, Hether McIntyre, Dave McIntyre, Gerald Heath, John Truesdell, Lori Graves, Ken Schmaltz, Aaron Koleboda and Robbie Heppler for assisting each and every week handing out food through snow, wind, rain, heat and whatever else mother nature threw at us.



Emergency Feeding & Summer Feeding Program

- This school year we will be implementing a new PK-12 Physical Education/Health curriculum in all of our buildings and grade levels. Our staff has worked diligently over the summer preparing for this new curriculum.

- Congratulations to Bridgman High School's Class of 2020!**

The 2020 Graduation was a Drive-In Event held on Sunday, June 14th. Graduates and their families celebrated in their vehicles and thanks to TPC of Niles, MI., the entire event was seen on a jumbo-tron in the parking lot and was able to be viewed livestream via Facebook and YouTube. Immediately following graduation, there was a parade processional through town that ended at Weko Beach. Prior to graduation, other special activities were planned for our seniors, including a delivered lunch by high school staff and administrators, a commemorative plaque was installed at the athletic complex, adopt a senior event, daily media announcements on Facebook, and banners were displayed through town recognizing all of our graduating seniors.

Bridgman Public Schools continues to have an excellent reputation throughout the State of Michigan for having high academic standards, fantastic extracurricular activities and numerous opportunities for a small school district for ALL students. This is all possible because we truly live in a community that believes in public education and cares for their teachers and children. I once again want to thank our entire community for your continued support and encouragement of myself and of Bridgman Public Schools through this pandemic. It is truly been my privilege directing the district through these unprecedented times. As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have a concern or would like additional information about what is happening within the Bridgman Public Schools.

The strength of our community is our schools and the strength of our schools is our community.

**Stay Safe! Stay Healthy!
Stay Positive! GO BEES!**

Shane M. Peters, Superintendent

Bridgman Public Schools Daily Schedule

	BES	RMS	BHS
Full Day Schedule	7:45 am - 2:50 pm	8:00 am - 3:05 pm	7:55 am - 3:00 pm
Half Day Schedule	7:45 am - 11:10 am	8:00 am - 11:25 am	7:55 am - 11:20 am
2hr Delay Schedule	9:45 am - 2:50 pm	10:00 am - 3:05 pm	9:55 am - 3:00 pm





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Breaking the Fast Is Healthy!

Want your students to be more alert, focused and ready to tackle academic challenges?

Encourage them to eat breakfast. Not just on test days, but every day of the year. It's well-documented that breakfast eaters are healthier and more energetic throughout the day.

Skipping breakfast is more likely to cause weight gain than it is to prevent it.

A 2008 study in the journal Pediatrics found that adolescents who ate breakfast daily had a lower body mass index than teens who never ate breakfast or only on occasion.

Eating a nutritious breakfast helps students achieve the classroom goals that you've set for them. National studies consistently confirm that breakfast helps kids concentrate, think, behave and learn. Eating breakfast:

- Improves children's classroom performance, including better test scores and grades
- Increases children's ability to focus and concentrate on school work
- Decreases behavior problems, tardiness and visits to the school nurse
- Increases attendance rates

We serve a healthy breakfast in all of the Bridgman Schools every day for just \$1.75! If you qualify for reduced breakfast its only .30 and students who receive free lunch qualify for free breakfast. So let's start the school year out right, and give them everything they need to be successful with a delicious and healthy school breakfast every day!

“Stronger Together” at Bridgman Elementary



Lori Graves, BES Principal

“Stronger Together” is the theme for Bridgman Elementary School for 2020-2021.

Together we can achieve more; whether it is in face to face teaching or through virtual learning. It is

through our rich partnerships with parents, students and our community that we can continue nurture and care for our students both educationally and emotionally. We truly could not do it without your support!

Bridgman Elementary School is pleased to welcome one new staff member to our team. **Madison Singer** will be our new second grade teacher. She graduated from Purdue University with her degree in Elementary Education. Madison comes to Bridgman with a strong background in reading and technology.

In an effort to meet all the needs of our students, Bridgman Elementary School is proud to partner with the **Blessings in a Backpack** program for the fourth year in a row. Blessings in a Backpack mobilizes communities, individuals and resources to provide food on the weekends for school children across America who might otherwise go hungry. Currently, over 40 students are provided with food to take home each weekend.

If you are interested in assisting with this cause, please contact Lori Graves at lgraves@bridgmanschools.com.

Please look for events, celebrations and announcements on our Facebook page:
Bridgman Elementary School





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The Bridgman Public Schools website is a great place to find all your Back to School information.

bridgmanschools.com



Bridgman Aquatic Center

The Aquatic Center and Community Weight Room are currently closed. Please visit: BridgmanPool.com for updated information.

The Bridgman Aquatic Center is a community pool serving Southwest Michigan for over 40 years.

Our facility is a six lane, 25-yard competitive pool with an attached 12' deep diving well and 1m diving board. The BAC can accommodate 225 patrons and 350 spectators. The women's and men's locker rooms include a private sauna, showers, lockers and dressing areas.



Bridgman Aquatic Center

certified pool operators. The BAC is ADA compliant with a handicap lift and easy access stairs.

We have equipment for all varieties of water activities from competitive and lap swimming to recreational interests like water polo and basketball.

Programming includes:

- Shallow Water Aerobics
- Deep Water Aerobics
- Arthritis Classes
- Competitive Swim & Diving Teams
- Sea Bees Swim Club – ages 6-18
- Girls & Boys Co-op High School
- Community Diving
- Swim Lessons for all ages
- Lifeguard, First Aid, CPR, AED Training

Our staff is American Red Cross trained and the water quality is monitored by two National Swimming Pool Foundation

Thank you to the Bridgman Community for your continued support!



F.C. REED MIDDLE SCHOOL

From the Principal ...



John Truesdell
Middle School Principal

Greetings,

As a community, it is our job to prepare and support our students for lifelong learning.

- **Phase 3** - Full Remote Learning (Building Closed to Students)
- **Phase 4** - Daily in Person Learning with Stringent Safety Protocols (Building Open)
- **Phase 5** - Daily in Person Learning with Proactive Safety Protocols (Building Open)

As a result, the RMS staff has been working tirelessly all summer to develop a trio of plans to ensure we are prepared for all learning scenarios. **Please scan the QR barcode to view these plans.**



The F.C. Reed Middle School Phase 3, Phase 4, and Phase 5 operating plans have been developed collaboratively with input from the Berrien County Health Department, RMS staff members, RMS parents/guardians, RMS students, and local community members.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the effort to reopen the middle school in a responsible and strategic manner. I continue to take pride in our community's dedication to working together to adjust our mindset and problem solve when necessary.

I am excited to report that over the summer our Foreign Language Department expanded at Bridgman Public Schools.

Due to the growing demand for Spanish courses in both buildings, **Collin Kruzel** was hired to join the district as a new Spanish teacher at RMS and BHS. Mr. Kruzel received his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish degree from Michigan State University in 2017 and successfully completed his student teaching internship at Clarkston High School in Clarkston, MI from 2019 - 2020. He is certified to teach Spanish (FF) in grades 6 - 12 and Psychology (CE) in grades 6 - 12. Mr. Kruzel has also relocated to Bridgman, so please make sure to welcome him to our community as you see him around town!

Finally, I'd like to welcome **Rebecca Marfia** to the F.C. Reed Middle School faculty. Mrs. Marfia was previously the Art teacher at Bridgman High School, and has elected to fulfill the position that was created when Mrs. Bender retired at the end of the 2019 - 2020 school year.

The 2020 - 2021 school year promises to be an educational adventure like none other in recent memory.

Thank you in advance for your continued patience, understanding, and positivity. If you have any questions about the upcoming changes to the school year at F.C. Reed Middle School, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at: jtruesdell@bridgmanschools.com.

Your partner in education,
John Truesdell, RMS Principal

Thank you to everyone that voted on August 4, 2020 and supported the Bridgman Public School District Operating Millage Renewal Proposal!

In these unprecedented times in public education, it is energizing to know that our community stakeholders remain firm allies in our mission to provide resources to inspire resilient and collaborative critical thinkers. Regardless of where and how instruction occurs during the COVID-19 pandemic, please know that Bridgman's children will grow socially, emotionally, and academically because of your compassion, generosity, and support.

Looking ahead to the 2020 - 2021 school year, it is possible F.C. Reed Middle School could be required to teach students under any combination of the following scenarios throughout the 2020 - 2021 school year:

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BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

From the Principal ...



Gerald Heath
High School Principal

High School Over the Summer

Over my 14 years in education, I have never experienced a summer quite like this one. Not only did the pandemic change our everyday life, it also changed the way we think about education. Over the last couple of months, the BHS staff has worked diligently to develop a Return to Learn plan establishing guidelines for each phase in the Governor's MI Safe Start Plan.

- **Phase 3** - Full Remote Learning (Building Closed to Students)
- **Phase 4** - Daily in Person Learning with Stringent Safety Protocols (Building Open)
- **Phase 5** - Daily in Person Learning with Proactive Safety Protocols (Building Open)

Our first day of school is on Monday, August 31! I am excited to start a new school year and I hope everyone had a restful summer vacation.

Please scan the QR barcode to view these plans. No matter what "phase" we are in, I know the Bridgman students, families, and staff will step up to the challenge.

During the summer break, our custodial and maintenance team dedicated countless hours to deep cleaning, completing minor building repairs and preparing the building for Phase 4, face-to-face instruction. We also had two construction projects that took place over this summer. The high school track was replaced



and a set of restrooms at Bridgman High School were renovated into four (4) single-use facilities. Thank you to all of the team members for their dedication to our students and teaching staff during this busy time in the building.

The BHS Physical Education/Health department

researched a new curriculum. The new curriculum will include a digital version of lessons through HealthSmart. Additionally, the department is excited to update all of the cardio equipment in the weight room.

Welcome New Staff

In early June, **Jacob Zapor** accepted the high school Art teaching position. Mr. Zapor received his Bachelor of Art

Education, cum laude, from the University of Toledo in 2016. This summer, he received his Master of Fine Arts from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. Mr. Zapor is a Bridgman resident teaching at New Buffalo Area Schools for the last 5 years.

Dawn Amsler, a familiar face at Bridgman Public Schools, will be moving over to the high school full time to teach in our Special Education Department. **Al Ottusch**, who has been a paraprofessional at the middle school for the last two years will also be making the transition to the high school. **Molly Owen**, a fixture in the high school office will be moving to the central office. **Christine Reisig**, a former senior administrative assistant at Whirlpool will be replacing Mrs. Owen in the high school office.

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 www.bridgmanschools.com, and then click on the "high school" link. Once on the BHS page, please refer to the helpful links on the left side. This site features our daily announcements, a calendar for the school and athletics, significant student information, and our Twitter feed.

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





Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence From the Chairman



Allan Barker,
BFEF Chairman

This Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence (BFEF) update is offered during an educational environment that is truly fluid. During these challenging times, I am proud of the Bridgman Public School Faculty and

Administration for their commitment to the highest possible standards achievable. At the end of July each school principal, Elementary, Middle School and High School committed to ensure that every parent/guardian understood their applicable "Return to Learn Plan." That offered every family an opportunity to make the best educational decisions. BFEF remains committed to ensuring that the children of today and tomorrow are provided with opportunities to successfully compete in the ever-changing global community.

So for today and tomorrow the BFEF continues to move forward. In November 2019, we held a strategic planning retreat facilitated by another area School District community leader. Through this process, we learned the value of new members with different skill sets, and the resulting contribution to our effectiveness. With strong support of what we learned, we elected four new Trustees bringing our total number to 13! I am

proud of the BFEF in its commitment to grow in service to the community and it's welcoming of new Trustees. I would like to introduce our new Trustees, and invite you to "get-to-know" our Foundation at: www.bridgmanfoundation.org.

- Jamie Starbuck
- Kelly Dargus
- Shane Lies
- George Lepeniotis

Additionally, the BFEF has continued to conduct business virtually, by holding all five monthly Board and two Executive Committee meetings. This is a true testimonial of Trustee volunteer service! The BFEF has also approved the Project Committee's budget for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year which leaves little doubt that we're in position to serve in the capacity needed by the School District. If you desire community fulfillment by enhancing the learning experience at Bridgman Public Schools then consider joining our Foundation as a Trustee. Please communicate your interest through our web site under the volunteer tab: www.bridgmanfoundation.org. We'll be waiting.....and thanks!!

On the horizon is the September 28th 2020 Lost Dunes Golf Outing!!

Our goal is to deliver a premium experience that golfers will truly enjoy while raising funds for the Foundation that benefit the students of Bridgman

Public Schools. This fund raising event can be enjoyed through participation by using this link to register: www.bridgmanfoundation.org/golf-at-lost-dunes. Please come join us for an opportunity to make memories!!

I'm pleased to share the following stories of how the Bridgman Public Schools and BFEF collaborates to make a difference for students through funded grants.

Of special note, these grants were requested before, but approved for funds while all K-12 buildings were closed. The early conclusion of the school year did not impede the Foundation's service to teachers that are trying to make a difference. The allocated funds will be held in reserve pending the Administration's approval to proceed.

1 Indoor Recess STEM Toys/Games:

Marcy Blesy requested funding for a variety of age-specific toys/games for all Elementary School students to be used on days of challenging weather when recesses are held inside. The goal was to update current toys/games with ones that have a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) related application which will provide a better use of free time. The STEM related activities were specifically





Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence From the Chairman

chosen to reinforce STEM learning in the classroom.

2 Handmade Sketchbooks:

Rebecca Marfia requested funding for a variety of materials for grades 9 –12 art classes. The students will use the materials to create, maintain and use individual sketchbooks, including final binding and creation of a digital version. Sketchbooks provide a place where students can practice, experiment with tools and techniques and see progress in their technical skills and processes. Students will learn to research, document their research, brainstorm, experiment, test, analyze and refine compositions and plans for projects.

3 Adjustable Desks/Elementary School Special Education:

Mary Duehlmeier requested three free standing adjustable desks. In special education and general education classrooms, students with attention issues, sometimes like to stand during instructional time or when completing tasks. This is difficult when the desks are so low, especially for writing. The goal is to support these students by providing them with the type of desk that will help them focus and complete tasks.

4 Storage Shelving for Bee Market Food Pantry/Elementary School:

Lori Graves requested shelving storage units to organize and store non-perishable items in the “Bee Market” located in the Elementary School. The market items will include non-perishable food, toiletries, cleaning products, pet supplies and hygiene products. These items are not covered by food assistance programs, and will be collected from donations and also during periodic food drives. The Market’s goal is to provide families with support by providing basic necessities that are out-of-pocket expenses. Preliminary estimates are about 50 families will benefit from the Bee Market.

5 Reed Middle School (RMS) Garden:

Melissa Payne requested funds to continue work towards its goal of making gardening and healthy eating a permanent part of Bridgman Public Schools. This request addresses the second phase of their “spade in the ground” project, to realize a RMS garden! A new RMS Garden Club was formed in the fall of 2019, with 12 students showing interest. While there are many acres

available for gardening, the RMS Garden Club will start small with a 20 foot by 20 foot example garden. It will be a learning experience for the students, as well as an example for the community, of what can be produced in a small garden space. The garden will have educational signage for all plantings. They’ll have plans for the larger site which will include a high tunnel to extend the growing season for greens for the cafeteria, and fruit trees. The RMS Garden Club is anticipating higher interest for garden club activities when the current Elementary club members arrive at RMS!

In closing, I want to quote our Superintendent Shane Peters by saying “Stay Positive!” If the RMS Garden Club can stay positive through the anticipation of the arrival of the Elementary Garden Club members, we also as a community can stay positive! During the challenging days that lie ahead, please take the time to help a child learn.



Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence

{ Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence “Opening Doors to the Future” }





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR - JOHN GAST CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

The pandemic affects how we do business with vendors and our ability to purchase products for the Township. Many times there are delays or products that are no longer available.

The primary election is over and 1,185 township residents voted for the candidates of their choice.

Some of the township roadways have been improved with an overlay of asphalt. This was followed by chip and seal over that surface. This thickness of the asphalt and the chip and seal will extend the life of the surface.

There are a few drain tube issues on Holden Road and the Township is working on getting those resolved with the County Drain Commission and the Road Department.

We are holding a Tire Recycling event in October. A post card will be sent out to alert you of the event.



Lake Township Park News The park has remained open through the Covid pandemic.

Of course, we are requiring park users to follow the executive orders to stay safe and reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread.

The park has been a great place for people to get outdoors and enjoy a round of disc golf, walk or jog around the park, or fishing in the pond. The pavilions are again available to rent and we are taking reservations for 2021 starting September 1st. We were able to complete a large field renovation project on the back baseball field. We are hopeful it will be ready to go next spring when baseball and softball leagues will be ready to resume action. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 all league activities this year were cancelled. Lastly, we hope to install sinks and water to the north and south pavilions this fall.



Lake Charter Township Tire Recycling Event Saturday, October 10, 2020 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Bring your tired tires to the old ambulance bay on 3240 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan.

Bring proof of residency (i.e., driver's license) to prove you are a Lake Charter township resident. We will be checking.

If you are not a Lake Township resident, \$5.00 for a regular tire and \$10.00 for truck and semi-tires.

Our large trash dates are October 10, 2020 and October 17, 2020 not curbside. 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.

You will have to obtain a voucher from Lake Charter Township Hall Offices, 3220 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan, (269) 465-6601, and, take your trash to Reliable at the end of Jericho Road.

Mark your calendar for the Lake Charter Township Tire Recycling Event!





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

From the Desk of Bob Clark, Treasurer

The 2020 summer taxes are due September 14th to avoid interest or penalties.



Bob Clark, Treasurer

We are encouraging the use of our secure drop box located just west of our office on Shawnee Rd. for

making payments to reduce office traffic and the spread of the Covid-19 virus. We also have available our E check payment option, credit card payments, and utilizing the online system to obtain tax and assessment information. We recently upgraded the online payment process to include a shopping cart similar to other online payment processing systems. We think you'll like it! Please visit our website at www.lake-township.org for more information about these payment options and information.

If you have moved or need to correct the address bills should go to, please call our office. Failure to receive a bill does not eliminate the tax!

From the Desk of Gloria A. Payne, Clerk The "Do's and Do Not's" of Voting



Gloria Payne, Clerk

DO check to see if you are registered to vote. You can go to www.michigan.gov/sos and check online or contact me at the Township Hall at (269) 465-6601. The last day to register to vote for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election is October 20, 2020.

If you are not registered to vote, there is a form to fill out. **DO access this form on the Lake Charter Township website www.lake-township.org** Click on the Department tab and find the Clerk's Department. Print the form, fill it out. You can either scan it and email it to me, gpayne@lake-township.org or you may snail mail it to P.O. Box 818, Bridgman, MI 49106 or drop it off in the red drop box out front of the old fire station on Shawnee Road.

If you wish to vote absentee, the deadline to request an Absent Voter Ballot Application, for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election is Friday, October 20, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.

DO fill out the Absent Voter Ballot Application and return it to me to obtain your ballot. You do NOT have to wait to obtain this form. Obtaining this form sooner, rather than later is key to making sure your vote counts.

Please note, if you have filled out an Absent Voter Ballot Application for either March 10, 2020 or August 4, 2020 election, you will NOT have to fill one out for the November 3, 2020 Presidential election, but it would be good to check to see if I have your application or not.

Once you vote your ballot, DO NOT wait to bring the ballot back to the precinct. We keep the ballots in the Lake Charter Township office vault sealed until election day. Your ballot is processed and opened ONLY on election day.

Your ballot can be returned by snail mail, extra postage may be required, but this is not recommended. If possible, you can drop it off to the office in person, or you can drop it in the red drop box out front of the old fire station on Shawnee Road.

Once again, the polls will be open for in person voting on November 3, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Social distancing will be observed, as well as face masks will be strongly encouraged. If you are wearing any kind of t-shirts with your choice for your candidate, you will be asked to turn the shirt inside out or remove any campaign literature from your person.

Michigan election law prohibits campaign literature in the precinct. Please obey our election workers and the tough job they have to do to keep the precinct running effectively and smoothly.

DO contact me if you have any questions, Gloria A. Payne, Lake Charter Township Clerk 269-465-6601 Ext. 111 gpayne@lake-township.org





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Lake Charter Township Water System

Hello to everyone.

It is hard to believe that here we are in August already. This has been a crazy year with the impact that COVID-19 has had on everything.

When the pandemic initially started, we implemented our emergency response plan to reduce employee risk and exposure.

We operate 24/7 and taking steps to mitigate any exposure is important. We currently do not offer tours and visitors are limited and required to mask up. The EPA has a website with information regarding COVID-19 and drinking water (<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/drinking-tap-water-safe>) if you should have any questions.

We have launched a new “Water System” website that will include valuable information and also link you back to the Township’s website. The web address is lakechartertownshipwater.org. Check it out, it is still under construction. We want to keep updated relevant information as it relates directly to the water system.

Something new for 2021 will be the implementation of residential cross connection inspections. This is being conducted to comply with the State of Michigan Plumbing Code and MI EGLE enforcement to us. We have been conducting cross connec-

tion inspections on all of our commercial accounts for years and starting in 2021 the residential cycle will begin with limited number of accounts being inspected each year until all accounts have been initially inspected.

We had information about this in our annual Water System newsletter that was sent out earlier this year. We have an excellent video on our new water website that shows exactly what a cross connection can be. You can access it at lakechartertownshipwater.org, go to the resources tab, click on Cross Connection Control Program and you will see the video. This shows how easy a cross connection can occur.

There are devices that can be placed on your home’s system to prevent this contamination. A common cross connection can be something as simple as an outside faucet. More information will be sent out as the time nears for the inspections to start. The inspections will be handled by a company that specializes in this field.

This fall we will be continuing upgrades inside the plant to replace outdated and obsolete equipment.



We have a filter valve project to replace 60 filter valves and actuators at a cost of \$500,000.00. These valves and actuators are 30 plus years old and are no longer manufactured. We will also be completing major o-ring replacement on the Membrane Filtration plant system at a cost of \$45,000.00.

As you can see the costs involved in keeping equipment up to normal operating capacities does come at a substantial cost. Just remember that you can purchase 3.5 gallons of water from Lake Charter Township for the price of 1 penny, a surprisingly good bargain. Enjoy the rest of your summer and stay safe. If you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Jeff Burkhard
Superintendent
jburkhardtwater@lake-township.org
Lake Charter Township Water System





CITY OF BRIDGMAN

**CITY MANAGER - JUAN GANUM
CONTINUED FROM COVER ...**

recreation update, building construction guidance, reminders from the police department, and guidelines for keeping our critical infrastructure safe. We are quite happy to reconnect with the people we proudly serve.

Though our lives have been upended by the viral outbreak, Bridgman's strong community bonds, which are centered upon its residents and firmly anchored by the staff, students and families of Bridgman Public Schools, have provided a measure of comfort and stability.

In a small, tight-knit community such as Bridgman, neighbors have supported one another, and in ever-increasing numbers, have taken to parks, sidewalks and bicycle paths for joint exercise and social interaction in the fresh air. Bridgman's characteristic energy and vibrancy, which was abruptly drained away in March, is returning. Like a person who is making a medical recovery, our community is gradually regaining its color.

Shortly following the widespread closure of many businesses, school facilities and our own city offices, we implemented methods that would facilitate continued business operations. Many of you discovered the convenience of our online utility and tax payment system. Others who were accustomed to personally

hand delivering their payments to City Hall began using the drop box in the vestibule. A few months ago we decided to enhance our system by adding a drive-up drop box on the south side of City Hall. The new box has been used extensively, most notably for the submittal of absentee ballots in advance of the August primary. We hope you will continue utilizing these options to avoid entering the building, which during the dead of winter, will be particularly convenient.

Our operational changes are a necessary adaption to a changed environment, similar to how individuals, families, businesses, and other governments have been forced to adapt. Much the same way that businesses and households have had to deal with the financial impacts caused by the pandemic's fallout, the City has looked for ways to tighten its belt in order to save money. Among the measures being considered which have risen to the top is changing our trash and recycling collection program to address increased service costs.

The City of Bridgman, like Lake Charter Township, is very unique among local units of government, in that it absorbs the cost of trash and recycling collection as part of the bundle of services it offers residents.

In the vast majority of communities, trash and recycling collection services are either directly contracted by residents or contracted by a local government with costs passed along to residents, generally through utility or tax billing. Providing these services to Bridgman residents currently costs the City about \$155,000 per year.

In considering alternatives that would reduce service costs the City is working with its hauling contractor, Republic Services. At present, we have identified an estimated savings of about \$20,000/year by replacing curbside recycling collection with a single, centralized depository near City Hall. Rather than dispose of recyclables in a roll cart at home, residents would have 24/7 access to a large container which would accept commingled (mixed) recyclables. The City would continue to bear all costs in this scenario.

Recently, the City Council discussed the centralized recycling option, which resulted a decision to inform our residents and provide them with an opportunity to voice their preferences through a survey. In keeping with one of Bridgman's values and guiding principles - Inclusivity, we ask you that you please take the time to visit the City's website at www.bridgman.org, where you will

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find background information about options for recycling collection service and be asked to complete a brief survey. The survey will include questions about your receptiveness to paying for recycling services in order to maintain curbside recycling at your home. We will also seek to determine whether residents would prefer to increase the frequency of collection from every four weeks to every other week, and the receptiveness to paying for enhanced service.

To summarize the options you will see on the website:

1. Curbside trash collection is maintained; curbside recycling is eliminated and replaced by a centralized depository at City Hall (City covers all costs)
2. Curbside trash collection is maintained, curbside recycling is maintained and collected every four weeks (City covers trash and resident pays \$2.50/month)
3. Curbside trash collection is maintained, curbside recycling is maintained and collected every other week (City covers trash and resident pays \$5.00/month)

In options 2 and 3, residents may choose to pay Republic directly for an additional roll cart.

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your input so the Bridgman City Council can make a decision that reflects the views of a majority of our citizens. Please help shape Bridgman into a community that listens to its residents by lending your voices to the discussion.



BIG THANKS

In gearing up for the August primary election, I must send a BIG THANK YOU to Fire Chief Joel Buist and the Bridgman Fire Department for accommodating our polling place in the Fire Station.

The relocation allowed me to create a safe environment for our election workers and residents wishing to vote in person. The spacious area of the Fire Station provided plenty of room for social distancing. The General Election on November 3, 2020 will also be held at the Fire Station.

Teamwork during these challenging times allowed us to find a solution to follow proper protocols. Chief Buist has been there to answer any questions and went above and beyond to help locate items that were needed for this election. This included reaching out to fellow firefighter, Captain Micah Baggett, who works for EAGLE Technologies in Bridgman. EAGLE graciously do-

nated personal protective equipment to the City to help maintain a safe environment for both election workers and residents.

I would also like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to Matt Jones, Department of Public Services Foreman. He made room in the DPS building to temporarily house fire trucks during the election and has been a big help with setting up the polls.

Finally, I would like to send one last BIG THANK YOU to the Bridgman Public Schools for allowing the use of their new sneeze guards that EAGLE crafted for use by the district. This was a tremendous help since the guards ordered by the City through the State did not arrive in time for the election.

Once again, I want to thank everyone for all their generosity and support to help the City run a smooth and safe election.

Allyson Holm, City Clerk





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Help Bridgman Stay Safe

The Bridgman Department of Public Service is interested in what you observe within our service territory. This allows us to take the necessary proactive response to resolve a small issue before it negatively affects our ability to provide wastewater and water service. Your diligence in reporting something unusual can help us serve you better.

Water system security is extremely important to the safety and health of our community. Local drinking water and wastewater systems may be targets for would-be criminals wishing to disrupt and cause harm to Bridgman's water supplies or wastewater facilities. The Department of Homeland Security has determined that public drinking water systems are a critical infrastructure sector and has devoted resources to help keep them secure. You can help, simply by keeping a watchful eye on our local infrastructure.



Examples of Suspicious Behavior

- Operating or tampering with fire hydrants
- Climbing or cutting a utility fence
- Opening or tampering with manhole covers, buildings, or equipment
- Tampering with the water intake at Weko Beach
- Photographing or videotaping utility

- facilities, structures or equipment
- Loitering near locked gates and fences
- Unmarked vehicles parked near the water tower, sewer lift stations, or other utility facilities for no apparent reason

Please consider reporting what you observe. For emergencies, please dial 911.

Utility Theft is a Big Deal

Utility theft is more common than you might think, and it increases operating costs for Bridgman Utilities. Those costs, like all operating costs, eventually find their way back to the bills of honest customers. When utilities are unlawfully consumed, the reality is that honest, paying customers are the ones who suffer. Just as shoplifters drive up the price of merchandise in stores, those who tamper with meters to get 'free' utilities drive up costs for everyone.

Anonymously Report Your Concern

Please do not let that observation or question remain with you. Not only may your neighbor have the same question or concern, but you may help us bring a timely resolution to the issue. Please notify City Hall at (269)465-5144. All calls will be kept completely confidential and will not be shared during any investigation unless required by law enforcement.

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

From the City Clerk – Allyson Holm

The General election will be held in the City of Bridgman on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Fire Station at 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 the office of the Bridgman City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. 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 www.express-SOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, October 19, 2020. 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:

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NOVEMBER ELECTION CONTINUED

Regular business hours:
**Monday – Thursday from
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and
Friday from 8:00 a.m. to
3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 31,
2020 from 8:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m.**

**Election Day, Tuesday
November 3, 2020 from
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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

If you wish to skip the line
on Election Day, you can
now vote an Absentee Ballot
without needing to provide a
reason. You can also request
to be placed on the permanent
absentee voter list to save a
step in the future. You can
contact Allyson Holm, City
Clerk to request an absentee
ballot, request to be placed on
the permanent list, or if you
have any questions about the
process. Feel free to stop by
City Hall, 9765 Maple Street,
call 269.465.5144, or email
aholm@bridgman.org.



Bridgman Police Department

9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan 49106
Phone: 269-465-3880 Fax: 269-465-3701
Daniel J. Unruh, Sr.
Chief of Police

Here are a few reminders from your police department:

TRAFFIC CONCERNS:

- Please watch your speed when traveling in the city, especially through the downtown business area
- There is no passing on the right allowed along Lake St.
- Vehicles must yield to pedestrians in all crosswalks
- Bicycle riders must obey all traffic laws (stop signs, traffic signals, riding with traffic, etc.)

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

- Residents and business owners must keep grass/weeds cut to comply with city ordinances, this includes road the right-of-way or tree lawns
- The parking or storage of inoperable vehicles is prohibited by city ordinance

WEKO BEACH AND CAMPGROUNDS:

- Alcohol and drugs are prohibited in all city parks, campgrounds, and Weko Beach
- Pets must always be on leashes when not confined to their owner's property, this includes Weko Beach boardwalk, parking lots, sidewalks, and campgrounds
- All pets are prohibited on the sand or boat ramp areas of Weko Beach

ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE SERVICES:

Residents may discard unwanted or expired medications in our secure drop-box located in the lobby of City Hall (NO liquids, syringes or illegal drugs allowed)

Please contact us if you want officers to check your house or property while away for an extended amount of time or on vacation





CITY OF BRIDGMAN

2020 Fall Cleanup Schedule



Bagged Leaves 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. **Last day for the season will be November 23. Service will resume April 2021**

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 and complete one pass per week through the city. Leaves must be raked to the roadside/curb. **To prevent leaves clogging the storm drains DO NOT rake leaves into roadways.**

Brush is indicated in **YELLOW** on the calendar. 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. If you are unable to haul it yourself, you will have to make arrangements with a private contractor. **Last day for the season will be November 24. Service will resume April 2021**

Christmas Tree Pick Up – January 6 and 13, 2021 (weather permitting)

Large Trash Pick Up – **September 10 & 16.** 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.

Republic Services also will pick up your extra-large items for a fee. To schedule such a pickup, call Republic Services at (269) 465-3773.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER





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-  BAGGED LEAF PICKUP
-  BRUSH PICKUP
-  CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP
-  LARGE TRASH PICKUP



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Building and Zoning

From the Building Official/Zoning Administrator, Brad Mattner

Greetings City of Bridgman residents and business owners. I am happy to serve as your Building Official and Zoning Administrator. My aim is to provide you with information from the building and zoning departments regarding the importance of permits. Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with our local building codes, the value of your investment could be reduced. Additionally, property insurers may not cover work or damages caused by work completed without proper permits and inspections. Your permit allows the code official to reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction to provide for public health, safety, and welfare.

By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners. Mandatory inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances, resulting in a safer project. Work performed without a permit, as specified by Bridgman City Ordinances and the Michigan Building Code, may be subject to removal, fines up to \$500 or other costly remedies. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (269)465-5144 before you begin your project so I can provide you with guidance and help you navigate through the codes successfully.



City of Bridgman Parks and Recreation

From the Director of Parks and Recreation, Milo Root

We would like to thank all who visited Weko Beach and Campground during the past summer as well as our excellent staff who worked hard to overcome the challenges presented by the presence of the Covid-19 virus. Our staff was able to keep our parks open to the public and we thank them for the tremendous job they did this summer. We had one of our best summers in recent history and are excited to report a substantial increase in revenue from concession sales and parking during the most recent fiscal year. We completed the 2019-2020 fiscal year with a large surplus in revenue and hope to invest the earnings into projects identified by our residents and visitors in our Five-Year Parks Master Plan.

As fall approaches, we will begin the process of wrapping up our wonderful summer season at Weko Beach, which includes removal of the boat ramp on September 30th. Our campground will remain open to the public through the end of October and we are excited to announce that we will be decorating the Weko Beach Campground for Halloween weekend. Make your reservation at <https://beta.campspot.com/wekobeachcampground> to enjoy the experience!

Finally, we will open reservations for the 2021 camping season on January 1, 2021. Book your reservations online at <https://beta.campspot.com/wekobeachcampground>.





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A Little More About Weko Beach

Weko Beach & Campground offers 960 ft. of sandy shoreline along beautiful Lake Michigan. Don't forget to bring your four legged friend as we have a connection to Warren Dunes State Park to access the dog beach. The campground has 68 campsites with amities of electric and water hookups, and two bathhouses. The campground also offers seven rustic cabins. Weko Beach & Campground also has a seasonal boat launch, picnic areas with grills and a playground; and two observation decks to view Lake Michigan. The Weko Beach House is a venue that can be rented for any event; weddings, receptions, birthday parties, and business meetings, or even a graduation party. Don't forget to visit downtown Bridgman and grab a bite to eat or visit the local breweries, also check out the local retail stores to find a souvenir. We hope you enjoy your visit to Weko Beach & Campground.

Follow our Facebook page to stay updated on the latest events, activities, and more.



2020 SUMMER TAXES DUE SOON

2020 Summer taxes are due September 14, 2020. Beginning September 15 there will be interest added to the total. Please call the Treasurer's Office to acquire the correct payoff amount. Winter Taxes will be mailed out by December 1, 2020. If you do not receive your taxes within a week after the mailing deadline, please contact the office for a duplicate copy. Remember, the law does not forgive you for not having the bill. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to contact our office if you have failed to receive a bill.

Always double check your payment amount written on your check. Check to make sure that the amount being paid is the amount written on the check. We often receive checks with the figure transposed, amounts that do not match the written amount on the line. So please take a few extra moments to look over your check before mailing or bringing in your payment.

Drive-Up Drop Box

You can use the Drive-Up Drop Box for water bills, taxes, absentee ballots, citations and correspondence for the City. Convenient, fast and you don't have to get out of your car! The vestibule drop box is still available if you prefer.



VISIT BRIDGMAN.ORG

Our website was built to serve our community. Check it out for information on services, government, community, business development, and so much more!



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIRECTOR - DENNIS KREPS CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

At the writing of this letter, there are still many unknowns; we do know that doing what we can to promote the health and well-being of the community will always be a priority.

In order to maintain a safe and healthy library environment, the following will likely be true:

- Face coverings must be worn
- Social distancing will be required
- Building capacity may be limited
- Visits to the library will be brief
- Virtual programming will be the norm

We continue to provide printing/scanning, photocopying and faxing services. We are also reaching out in other ways:

- Expanded onsite WIFI access
- More circulating WIFI hotspots
- Laptops for use on the Patio and Grounds
- Wireless printing
- Adding titles to our digital offerings
- Virtual programs for children and adults

In this rapidly changing environment, regularly checking our new website and social media sites will help you stay informed and up-to-date:

- Check for changes in Library Services or Public Service Hours
- Keep informed on community health information
- Check for program and activity updates

Because staying connected is important, we encourage you to sign up for our email list (on the website), and receive weekly informational, educational, and entertainment information.

We know this have been an exceptionally challenging time. We value you, and will continue to seek creative ways to connect with you.

Yes, for a time much of this will be done virtually, or from a distance. We thank you for your patience! We will always enjoy hearing your voices and seeing and talking with you, however we can.

Stay safe, and remember to check in regularly!
Dennis Kreps, Director

Library Board

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John Wilk – Secretary
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Liz Bogue – Trustee
Susan Collins – Trustee
Dorothea Crocker – Trustee
Sue Janoskey – Trustee
Jim Kole – Trustee
Ed Valauskas – Trustee

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

**Curbside Service
and In-Building
by appointment:**

Mon., Wed., Fri. 10 - 3
Tue. & Thurs. 2 - 7
Sat. 10 - 2
Sunday: Closed

Check Website For New Programs

www.bridgmanlibrary.com

or call 269-465-3663



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

RECURRING LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

KNIT N YARN

The group has been busy knitting while sheltering in place. They completed a shawl Knit-A-Long via email and shared progress with each other throughout. They have also continued knitting and crocheting items donated to charities. A sincere thanks to those who have donated yarn, needles, crochet hooks, and accessories to the group. It is all very much appreciated.

ZOOM YOGA

Thursdays at 5:30 P.M.

Join certified Yin Yoga instructor Cheryl Meadors for her virtual yoga class suitable for beginner or intermediate students. Find the Zoom link on bridgmanlibrary.com

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

6:00 P.M.

A friendly, interactive reading group led by Rick Fuller. Look for dates and titles on the library website at bridgmanlibrary.com.

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ADULT WINTER READING "STAY SAFE AND READ"

Dec. 18 – Feb. 6

Read five books, then come to the library and receive a theatre sized box of candy. We will enter all who read the five books name's into a drawing for a gift certificate to Full Circle Cafe.

SPECIAL SCHEDULED PROGRAMS

OCTOBER

THE HAUNTED GREAT LAKES

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 6:30 PM

Explore the paranormal history of the Great Lakes, which includes: haunted lighthouses, ghost ships, lake monsters and more. Presenter, Shetan Noir runs the paranormal investigation team at the *Michigan Center for Unexplained Events and Phenomenon*.

DECODING SECRETS OF THE DEAD: CEMETERY SYMBOLS EXPLAINED

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Join Berrien County Historical Association Executive Director, Rhiannon

Cizon, as she explores the meaning behind common, and not so common, symbols found on tombstones from around the region. Grave markers go beyond names and dates and can tell a lot about the person buried and even the community. Find the Zoom link on bridgmanlibrary.com

YOUTH SERVICES

ONLINE STORYTIME WITH MISS TAMI

Check the library's YouTube channel and website for new installments. Sign up for a Storytime bag at bridgmanlibrary.com or call the library starting September 10.

CHILDREN & TEEN ACTIVITIES

While we are unable to offer in-person programs, the library will offer take & make projects, book clubs, and more! Check bridgmanlibrary.com for additional information and resources, or to make reservations.

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FREE 24/7

**At Bridgman Public Library
Expanded Wi-Fi Coverage is
available throughout the library
grounds. Sign-on to: BPL Public
Wi-Fi. No password needed.**

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DIGITAL BUILDERS CHALLENGES

(Minecraft, Roblox, TinkerCAD, etc.)

Attempt our build challenges from the comfort of your own home using computers or building bricks. Share pictures of your creation. Sign up at bridgmanlibrary.com/children.asp or call. All Ages.

Dates: Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 14.

You will have 6 days to submit a design.

TAKE & MAKE BAGS

The library will provide supplies for monthly projects and experiments to complete. Make a marshmallow catapult, try an origami project, weave a paracord bracelet, and more! Watch the library website for details.

STORYWALK

October 2020

Take a walk in nature and read a picture book along the way! Check the website for date and location.

HALLOWEEN PARTY-TO-GO

October 26-31

Pick up a party-in-a-bag and snap a selfie by our spooky outdoor scene. While supplies last. Preschool - 4th grade.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

GO AHEAD, BOSS US AROUND!

For students 12 and up or in grades 6-12.

TAB is for students who want to become more involved and make a difference at the library! The group meets regularly with library staff to give input on book purchases, help plan activities, volunteer at library events, and more! Register at bridgmanlibrary.com/teens.asp for the link to our Zoom meetings.

WINTER BREAK READING BINGO

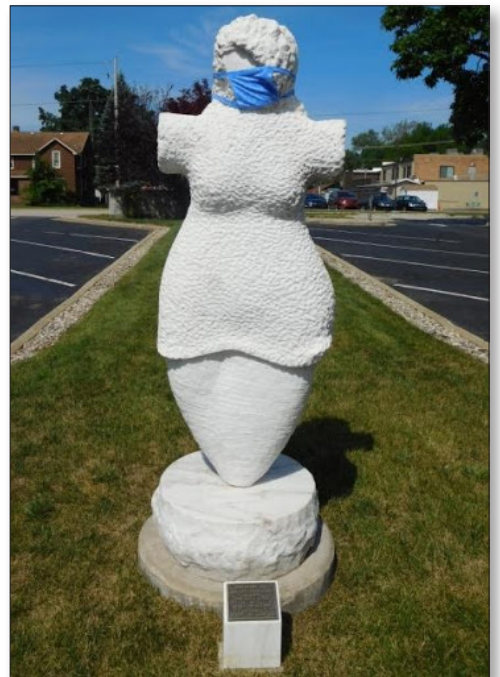
Dec. 18 – Feb. 6

Can you complete five challenges before the snow melts? Set up an account or sign into Wandoo Reader (use Summer Reading login) at bridgmanlibrary.com starting Dec. 18. For ages 2 and up.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ZOOM PARTY

Dec. 31, 2020, 11:30 A.M. – Noon via Zoom

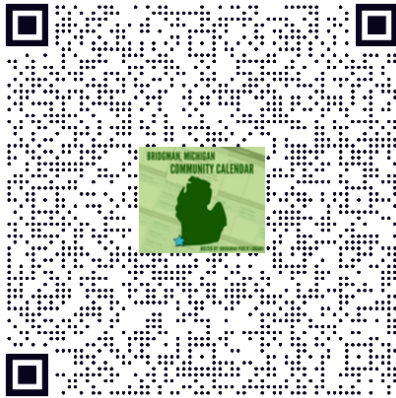
Are you too young to stay up until midnight? Pick up a party bag from the library and join us online to ring in 2021 a little early! Sign up via bridgmanlibrary.com starting Dec. 1. Ages 2 and up.



Michigan eLibrary
Supporting Michigan Libraries



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY



Local Events Information at your Fingertips

Check out the **Community Calendar for local events** by scanning the QR code at left, clicking the Community Calendar tab at the top of the bridgmanlibrary.com website, or searching "Bridgman" on the LocalHop website at getlocalhop.com. You can also download the LocalHop app at your favorite app store.



Bridgman Community Events Calendar



Library Community Garden

The 2020 Community Garden season officially closes November 1. Please clean your plot(s) before closing day. Thank you all for making the garden a continued success. We look forward to seeing you in the spring!

Starting March 1 of each year, plots will be available (*for a small fee*) to the general public on a first come, first served basis. Plots are 4' x 8'.

Look for more information on our website at: bridgmanlibrary.org OR on our Facebook page: @BridgmanLibraryCommunityGarden



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Fax: 269-466-0221

BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ



WEKO BEACH, PHOTO BY BOB CLARK

One community working together to serve you better.

Bridgman Public Schools

Central Administration
9964 Gast Road
Bridgman, MI 49106
bridgmanschools.com
Office: 269-465-5432
Fax: 269-466-0221

Bridgman High School

9964 Gast Road
Bridgman, MI 49106
Office: 269-465-6848
Fax: 269-466-0355

F.C. Reed Middle School

10254 California Road
Bridgman, MI 49106
Office: 269-465-5410
Fax: 269-466-0393

Bridgman Elementary

3891 Lake Street
Bridgman, MI 49106
Office: 269-466-0241
Fax: 269-466-0248

Bridgman Public Library

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bpl@bridgmanlibrary.com

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Bridgman, MI 49106
lake-township.org
269-465-6601

City of Bridgman

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Bridgman, MI 49106
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