

# BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

SEPTEMBER 2019



FARMER'S MARKET

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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

On behalf of the Board of Education, faculty, and staff, welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!

Hard to believe that another Southwest Michigan summer has ended and a new and exciting school year is upon us.

This summer, we hired six (6) quality people to join our BPS

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### TOWNSHIP NEWS

#### FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Supervisor  
John Gast

Residents will see the water department marking out infrastructure locations such as curb stops to residents, etc.

The Township is preparing to replace some major valves in the system. There may be a slight disruption of service, which will be planned, and residents will be made aware ahead of time.

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### LIBRARY NEWS

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director  
Gretchen Evans

September 20 through October 5 the library will be closed for renovations. During that time, the library

will be getting new carpet, paint, lights, and furniture. In preparation, we will have to move everything in the library, which will make it necessary for us to suspend some services. Interlibrary

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### CITY NEWS

#### FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager  
Juan Ganum

When this edition of the Buzz is distributed, we will be in the final throes of summer. Following what seemed

a monsoon-like spring, the weather cooperated with plenty of warmth and sunshine. Bridgman and the surrounding area bustled with activity as a result, welcoming visitors and residents alike.

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## SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE - Continued from COVER ...

family. The one common thing that we continue to learn through the hiring process is that Bridgman Public Schools continues to be a destination district for employees.

Here are our new employees and their assignments:

- Mrs. Dawn Amsler**  
– BHS and RMS Special Education Teacher
- Mrs. Rebecca Marfia**  
– BHS Art Teacher
- Mrs. Kryselle Craig**  
– BES School Counselor
- Mrs. Jessica Parmerlee**  
– BES Second Grade Teacher
- Mr. Josh Paveza**  
– Technology Assistant
- Mr. Joe Ponegalek**  
– District Maintenance

Also this summer we have been busy with projects, planning, and preparation for the upcoming school year.

**Summer Recreation programs –**  
We were able to offer 14 extra-curricular camps serving over 239 students. Camps included, for example; “Let’s Explore, Farm Chores, College Applications” and several sport specific camps. Look for 2020 camp information and registration next spring.

**Summer Feeding program –**  
This summer our food service department served 1,357 breakfasts and 4,761 lunches to students as part of the *Meet Up and Eat Up* program for students 3-18 years old. Summer feeding locations were Immanuel Lutheran and Bridgman Elementary.

**New K-12 Science Curriculum –**  
We are implementing a new science curriculum in all of our buildings and grade levels. Our staff has worked hard over the summer preparing for the new curriculum.

The Bridgman Public School District is working with the *Michigan Association of School Boards* (MASB) to review and update its mission and vision statements, along with establishing a new district strategic plan. In late September or early October there will be a couple of face-to-face input sessions and an electronic survey to obtain input into the strategic plan from various community stakeholders.

As you may be aware, we had a small trash can fire in the high school gymnasium this past July that sustained approximately \$300,000 worth of smoke damage. *ServPro of Berrien County*

has professionally and thoroughly cleaned the gymnasium, weight room and Aquatic Center and everything has returned to normal. A special thank you to the *City of Bridgman* and *Lake Township* fire departments for their quick response and professionalism.

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 in a small school district for ALL students.

We truly live in a community that believes in education and supports its children. I thank the entire community for their continued support of Bridgman Public Schools.

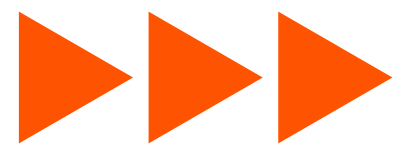
As always, don’t hesitate to contact me if you have a concern or would like additional information about what is happening in the Bridgman Public Schools.

*The strength of our community is our schools and the strength of our schools is our community. 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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### Kindness Rocks at Bridgman Elementary

By: Lori Graves, BES Principal



Lori Graves, BES Principal

**Kindness is literally defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate.** Not all acts of kindness require planning and advanced notice. In fact, people

all over the world are spreading kindness right now, instinctively. Our goal as educators is to foster a kindness habit in your children with these simple and spontaneous acts of compassion. These can include respect, caring inclusiveness, integrity, courage and responsibility.

**Bridgman Elementary School embraces kindness. In fact, our theme for 2019-20 is "Kindness Rocks at BES!" Throughout the year, lessons, assemblies and events will focus on and celebrate acts of kindness.**

Bridgman Elementary School is pleased to welcome two new staff members to our team. **Jessica Parmerlee** will be a second grade teacher. She graduated from *Oakland University* with her degree in Elementary Education and moved to Southwest Michigan where she began her teaching career. Jessica comes to Bridgman with 11 years of experience working with lower elementary students primarily in kindergarten and first grade. Jessica lives in Saint Joseph with her husband and three children.

**Krys Craig** has been added to our team as the our school counselor. Krys Craig comes to us from the Washington, DC area with a background in counseling children and adolescents inside and outside of the classroom setting. She is dedicated to making sure all children are able to achieve academically by removing barriers and constructing ladders of support. Krys loves all things red, great jokes and timeless music. She looks forward to creating a continual buzz with the students and staff as we all fly back to the classroom.

**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 third 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](mailto:lgraves@bridgmanschools.com).

**Please look for events, celebrations and announcements on our Facebook page: [Bridgman Elementary School](#)**



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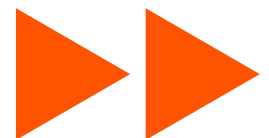
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## F.C. REED MIDDLE SCHOOL

### From the Principal ...



John Truesdell  
Middle School Principal

Greetings,  
It's time to go  
back to school!  
I hope everyone  
had a safe summer  
full of memorable  
experiences and  
plenty of time  
with family and  
friends. In  
preparation for  
the 2019 - 2020

school year, F.C. Reed Middle School has made some exciting changes to its facilities, policies/procedures, and staff. We are ready for another inspiring year of learning and look forward to continuing to work with the community to challenge all students to succeed.

One of the most significant **facility upgrades** visitors may notice is the demolition of the gymnasium's old bleachers, which were originally installed in 1979. The new bleachers are now setup and look fantastic! Not only do they look sharp, but the new seating offers improved safety features such as dedicated aisles and handrails. Moreover, there is now extra room between the end of the bleachers and the basketball/volleyball sidelines, which will make it easy to enter and exit the bleachers without disrupting athletic competitions. In addition, there is now sufficient dedicated handicap seating for visitors that are in wheelchairs or are unable to climb stairs. These renovations will dramatically improve the athletic experience for families and visitors during home RMS events during the 2019 - 2020 school year. The project also gives our community another quality gathering location for assemblies, presentations, and meetings.

Please scan the QR barcode below to watch a video recap of the transformation.



The middle school's climate and culture will also experience a dramatic overhaul this fall. To best support the social, emotional, and academic development of our student population, F.C. Reed Middle School will implement a new, uniform **cell phone policy** for all grade levels (grades 5 - 8) during the 2019 - 2020 school year. The new policy will prohibit the use of student cell phones and non-school issued electronic devices (ie: tablets, smart watches, etc.) on the RMS campus before school, during instructional time, during passing periods, and also during lunch/recess. Students will still have access to their phones after school to accommodate parent communication regarding pick-up and travel logistics. The new cell phone policy is the culmination of a year long conversation where parents/guardians voiced concern about the detrimental effects of social media, teachers reviewed research regarding the negative impact of cell phones on student learning, and a community survey indicated an overwhelming desire to remove electronic distractions from the school day. Thank you for your support in this endeavor! The new cell phone policy will help ensure students continue to

feel safe and focused while they attend F.C. Reed Middle School, facilitating key ingredients that are necessary for student achievement.

RMS is also excited to welcome a new staff member to our team. Over the summer, **Dawn Amsler** was hired as the new RMS/BHS Special Education Teacher. Mrs. Amsler will take over the former duties and responsibilities of Mr. Carr, who is now teaching and coaching at Bridgman High School full-time. Mrs. Amsler has a *Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Central Michigan University*, a *Master of Arts degree from Saginaw Valley University*, and is a certified *English Language Instructor through TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)*. She brings over 20 years of teaching experience in the state of Michigan to our buildings. We are thrilled to have Dawn join our Bridgman Bee community!

By investing in first class facilities, implementing common sense policies/procedures, and assembling an experienced, dedicated, and talented staff, F.C. Reed Middle School continues to strive to work with students, parents/guardians, and the community to ensure all learners acquire the social, emotional, and academic skills needed to reach their full potential. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the middle school or would like to volunteer to support our educational mission.

**Your partner in education,  
John Truesdell, RMS Principal**



# BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

## From the Principal ...



Gerald Heath  
High School Principal

### Are you ready for another exciting school year?

I am excited to start a new school year and I hope everyone had a restful summer vacation.

our students and teaching staff during this busy time in the building.

Staff were also working hard over the summer. The BHS science department researched a new curriculum based on the *Next Generation Science Standards*. The new curriculum shifts from a teacher-driven approach to phenomenon. Additionally, the BHS social studies department is excited to offer an additional *Advanced Placement MacroEconomic* course to juniors this year. Both of these new curriculum developments continue to align with our district vision statement of “*Together, challenging our children to succeed.*”

Niles, she was a teacher at *Caseville Public Schools* for 17 years.

**Sam Waalkes**, a familiar face at Bridgman Public Schools, will be moving over to the high school full time to teach Spanish I - IV. Previously, Sam shared his time at the middle and high schools.

**Spencer Carr**, who also split time at the middle and high school, will also be moving over to the high school full time to work in our special education department.

### High School Events Over the Summer

The high school has been full of activity over the past few months. The *Spirit of Bridgman Marching Band* just completed another successful band camp hoping to build on last year’s award-winning season. Special thanks to Mr. Reppart, *Band Boosters*, and parents for all of their assistance organizing the week’s events. The fall sports season has begun with the 8-man football, cross country, boys soccer, and boys tennis practices starting on Monday, August 12, followed by volleyball and girls swimming/diving seasons opening on Wednesday, August 14.

During the summer break, our custodial and maintenance team dedicated countless hours to deep cleaning, completing minor building repairs and painting throughout the facility. All of this work occurred while summer camps and professional development were taking place in the building. Thank you to all of the team members for their dedication to

### Welcome New Staff

**Rebecca Marfia** accepted the art teaching position in early June. Mrs. Marfia started her professional career as a graphic designer before deciding to change direction and attend the *University of Michigan* to earn a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Education in 2005. She also earned her master’s degree from *Marygrove College* in 2015. Mrs. Marfia has taught at *Coloma Community Schools* for the last six years.

**Dawn Amsler** recently joined our special education department. Dawn received her bachelor’s degree in Special Education from *Central Michigan University* in 1995. She also earned a master’s degree from *Saginaw Valley University* in 2004. Mrs. Amsler has been a special education teacher with *Niles Community Schools* for the last three years. Before

### 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](http://www.bridgmanschools.com), 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.

**Again, thank you for welcoming me to Bridgman High School. I am eager to start my second year at the district!**

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time by calling (269) 465-6848 or email me at [gheath@bridgmanschools.com](mailto:gheath@bridgmanschools.com). I am looking forward to a successful school year!

**Gerald Heath**  
**Bridgman High School Principal**



# BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Athletic & Community Recreation Director's Message



Ken Schmaltz  
Athletic Director

In a professional public school career that has come full circle after having served in various administrative roles in two other districts, I can attest that Bridgman Public Schools is a first-

class school system with an incredibly respected administration, highly-reputable teachers and extremely energetic coaches in place who are enthusiastic about athletics but even more passionate and proud of its academics. Great things are in place at Bridgman Public Schools and I consider myself blessed as I begin my 5th year leading the athletic department at my alma-mater – a school and community that is very near and dear to my heart – while having the opportunity to be an energetic impact as well as a positive role model for the youth and future of Bridgman.

### **Ken Schmaltz – Athletic & Community Recreation Director**

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### **Athletic Tickets**

Bridgman High School is a voluntary member of the *Michigan High School Athletic Association* (MHSAA) and typically charges a \$5 admission for its home athletic events. Reed Middle School prices are \$3 – adults; \$2 – students. Senior citizens are warmly welcomed and admitted free of charge – we kindly ask individuals to pick up *Senior Citizen* cards at the Bridgman High School office ahead of time. Further, student-only pre-sale tickets can be purchased for all home and BCS Conference road contests for \$2 in their respective school office (must be used for date of purchase).

### **Family Bargain Cards**

Once again in 2019-20, Bridgman Public Schools will be selling its *Family Bargain Cards* that include 20 admissions to any home Bridgman athletic event (non-MHSAA tournament) for the price of \$30 (equaling \$1.50 per event). The cards have no expiration and carry over from each sports season as well as each school year. Purchases can be made in the high school office and a small number

of cards will be available for sale at home athletic events as well.

### **Bridgman Bees Football is BACK!!!**

Bridgman Bees Football begins a new era this fall as it makes the move to 8-player football for the first time in school history. The Bees will be competing in the *West Michigan 8-Player Football Conference* with Lake Michigan Catholic, Lawrence, Martin, Michigan Lutheran, New Buffalo & Wyoming Tri-unity Christian. Up-to-date schedules for both varsity and JV can be viewed at [www.bridgmanathletics.com](http://www.bridgmanathletics.com). The coaching staff includes Aaron Locke, Steve Veldman, Al Ottusch and Erik Haskins.

**Mark your calendars now for our 2019 Homecoming Game – Friday, October 4**

**The Bees will host the Martin Clippers in a JV (5:00 pm) and Varsity (7:00 pm) doubleheader.**



### **FinalForms -- Bees Parents**

We are very excited to announce that, for another year, the Bridgman Athletic Department has partnered with FinalForms, an online forms and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign athletic participation forms for your students. The most exciting news is that FinalForms saves data from season-to-season and year-to-year, meaning that you will never need to enter the same information twice!

FinalForms also pre-populates information wherever possible, for each of your students, saving you time. You may review your data at any time to verify it is current. You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update.

**We are asking that ALL parents of athletes use FinalForms.**

Please register at:

<https://bridgman-mi.finalforms.com> and follow the prompts to create your account, create your students and sign your forms.

Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our athletic paperwork processes at Bridgman High School and Reed Middle School.





## 2018-19 Bridgman Athletic Department – Year in Review

### BCS Conference Champions

- *Bees Girls Cross Country* won its fourth straight conference championship and 5th overall in school history.
- *Bees Girls Soccer* claimed its first conference championship since 2005 and the 2nd in school history.
- *Bees Softball* won its first conference championship since 2016 and the 8th total in school history.

### MHSAA State Finals Qualifiers

- *Girls Swimming* – Mackenzie Knowlton
- *Boys Cross Country* – 3rd Place at MHSAA Division 4 Regional Tournament
- *Girls Cross Country* – 2nd Place at MHSAA Division 4 Regional Tournament
- *Boys Track* – Jayden Pribyl, Spencer Noll, Justin Brychta, Connor Blesy, Ezra Clappsaddle
- *Girls Track* – Kaitlin Essig, Diana Nielson, Mikaela Owen, Karsyn Stewart, Jane Kaspar

### All-State Athletes

*Girls Cross Country* – Karsyn Stewart  
*Girls Track* – Mikaela Owen, Kaitlin Essig, Karsyn Stewart  
*Boys Track* – Jayden Pribyl

### All-Conference Athletes

*Boys Cross Country* – Luke Blesy, Chipper Steffey, Connor Blesy  
*Girls Cross Country* – Karsyn Stewart, Savanna Tate, Kaitlin Essig, Mikaela Owen, Mackenzie Warren, Jane Kaspar  
*Football* – Jared Russell, Henry Branch, John Davis  
*Boys Soccer* – Jayden Pribyl, Tyler Steinbrook, Ezra Clappsaddle, John Wallenfang, Alec Goff  
*Girls Swimming* – Mackenzie Knowlton,

Emily Jotzat  
*Volleyball* – Haley Goff, Lily Badger  
*Girls Basketball* – Savanna Tate, Sydney Payne, Kaitlin Essig  
*Boys Basketball* – Luke Blesy  
*Baseball* – Henry Branch, Jackson Schmaltz  
*Softball* – Natalee McNeil, Kaylee Shuler, Mackenzie Knowlton, Madelyn Oman, Autumn Brown, Arie Hackett  
*Girls Track* – Kaitlin Essig, Mikaela Owen, Karsyn Stewart  
*Boys Track* – Jayden Pribyl, Spencer Noll, Justin Brychta, Connor Blesy  
*Girls Soccer* – Morgan Granzow, Mikaela Owen, Savanna Tate, Lily Badger, Olivia Tomlin, Mackenzie Warren, Macie Williamson

### WSJM Athletes of the Week

Karsyn Stewart (Cross Country), Natalee McNeil (Softball), Mikaela Owen (Track & Soccer)

### WSJM Female Athlete of the Year

Mikaela Owen

### New Coaching Hires in 2018-19:

*Cross Country* – Spencer Carr  
*Boys Soccer* – Nick Foxworthy  
*Girls Swimming* – Emily Nannfeldt  
*JV Volleyball* – Morgan Adkins  
*8th Grade Volleyball* – DeAnn Blakeman  
*7th Grade Volleyball* – Michelle Foxworthy  
*Competitive Cheer* – Lisa Kreitner  
*Boys Swimming* – Emily Nannfeldt  
*8th Grade Girls Basketball* – Steve Rumsey  
*7th Grade Girls Basketball* – Darren Stemm  
*Softball* – Elaine Starbuck  
*Boys Track* – Spencer Carr  
*Girls Track* – John Carr  
*Asst. Baseball* – Scott Wessendorf  
*Asst. Baseball* – Al Ottusch

*RMS Boys Track* – Aaron Locke  
*RMS Girls Track* – Emma Cramer

### New Coaching Hires in 2019-20:

*RMS Boys Soccer* – Gustavo Esteves  
*JV Football* – Erik Haskins  
*RMS Football* – Luke Brown

### MHSAA Tournaments hosted by Bridgman High School in 2019-20

*Winter Sports Season* – Division 3 Boys Basketball District Tournament

### BCS Athletic Conference

Bridgman High School is entering its sixth year as a charter member of the BCS Athletic Conference. Divisions in our league can vary sport to sport. Below is your “cheat sheet” for what divisions our Bees compete in per sport for 2019-20:

#### DIVISION/LEAGUE

*BCS Conference (all schools)*  
 Cross Country  
 Boys Tennis  
 Competitive Cheer  
 Girls Soccer  
 Girls Tennis

#### DIVISION/LEAGUE

*BCS Red Division: (Berrien Springs, Brandywine, Buchanan, Comstock, Parchment)*  
 Boys Soccer  
 Volleyball  
 Boys Basketball  
 Girls Basketball  
 Baseball  
 Softball

*BCS White Division: (Howardsville Christian, LMC, New Buffalo, River Valley)*  
 Boys Golf





## Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence From the Chairman



Allan Barker, BFEE Chairman

**This Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence update is offered as we approach the upcoming academic year with renewed energy, ready to contribute educational opportunities for all students.**

The Foundation Trustees value our long-standing service to the Bridgman Public Schools, and look forward to the creative educational grant requests that will be heading our way soon. When you see a Bridgman Public School administration or faculty member, or the critical support staff please take the opportunity to thank them for their commitment to a job well done!

We have one event set, the well supported **Annual Foundation Golf Outing at Lost Dunes** will be May 11, 2020. This event offers outstanding memories for all participants, and results in a one-day contribution that is spread across the year to benefit our students! If

you're a supporting participant, we welcome you back in 2020. If not, please be a first-time participant and enjoy this beautiful golf course, and I predict, you'll be back!

Now, as a teaser, our familiar **February auction/dance/great food celebration** will offer a creative community setting with a focus to "enjoy the season." Please stay tuned and be part of the excitement coming in February 2020.

You can also support the Foundation's mission and its events in a more rewarding way by volunteering to be a Board Trustee. The Foundation Trustees are volunteers within the community who experience a sense of fulfillment from the stories told by Bridgman Public School students and their teachers. Once you get involved, the time spent at Board meetings and event planning sessions becomes insignificant after you receive your first story that produces a smile!

If interested in becoming a Board Trustee, please share your interest through our website at: [www.bridgmanfoundation.org](http://www.bridgmanfoundation.org) under the volunteer tab. Personally, my first three-year term as a Trustee has come and gone, but the memories have not.

To share how the Foundation contributes, and how the Bridgman Public Schools strive to make a difference for

students, I offer the following examples of this cooperation.

### **5th Grade Stand up Desks (R. Allman)**

A previous grant for 4 stand-up desks proved extremely beneficial in one 5th grade class. Funding for additional stand-up desks provided each of the three 5th grade classrooms with this flexible option to stand while working. Students who need help focusing or just need a chance to stand rather than sit, have shown marked improvement in behavior and learning.

### **Screenagers/Internet Safety Video (K. Haskins)**

A documentary film to be shown at a Parent/Community forum provides information to parents and students on how to safely navigate the digital world and find balance in accessing and using technology.

### **Cultivating Creativity (Green)**

The replacement display cases, in the bus hallway for art in the elementary school encourage positive feedback among students and discussions about art and creativity. It also meets the Michigan State standard for art display of all grade levels throughout the year.

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and the strength of our schools is our community.*







## Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence

### Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Library (J. Klunder)

A library of various STEM oriented material that are reusable and can be integrated into all grade level reading classes in support of STEM principles and skills. The idea is to provide a natural progression to the Middle School STEM Lab.

### Animation in Art (J. Bender)

Building on students' STEM rotations, 6th grade art class students will use iPads and software to create stop motion animation videos after storyboarding and preparation with analog props. It also will employ the team work and communications skills used in the STEM Lab.

**The following story was told to the Foundation by individuals dedicated to making an outside learning environment come to life for all to enjoy. This is an outcome that makes volunteer service on the Foundation rewarding. And now the story.....**

**Melissa Payne, BES Special Education teacher; Peggy Ferguson, Food Service Director and Gail Holman, Co-director of Come and See Farm would like to thank the Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence for the grant we received for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Our efforts and your generosity in beginning the Bridgman Elementary School (BES) Come and See Farm Garden Club have created a fabulous program with unlimited potential for students, families and the community.

### The value of a small community Foundation cannot be overstated.

It gives great ideas an opportunity to be tested with the resources necessary for adequate growth. In our minds, everything is a garden. You can have the best seeds and some good soil to put them in but if you don't have the nutrients or compost to grow them the yield may not be the best. Our grant gave us the nutrients and the compost to get things off to a very successful harvest this year.

Physically, we have a 10 raised-bed enclosed garden with a tool shed and various gardening tools and some fabulous grow lights, but more importantly, we have 35 BES students who are very excited about growing food and caring for the earth. They learned about plants. They tried new foods that are available locally. The older students had an opportunity to try some leadership skills. Our "garden" plant is well rooted.

We knew when we "planted" this project that we were creating a project with rhizome roots. By definition a rhizome is "a continuously growing horizontal

underground stem which puts out lateral shoots and adventitious roots at intervals." This year our plants will appear as a compost project in the BES cafeteria hosted by the Garden Club, and a new Garden Club will be organized at F. C. Reed Middle School. We will have a much larger space available to us there and the possibilities are endless. We will be constructing a high tunnel to extend our garden season and be working with the students to plan other projects of interest to them.

Other rhizome projects include reaching out to teachers with suggestions of how to integrate the use of the garden in their day-to-day instruction and engaging the STEM lab with garden oriented projects.

**This has been a wild and fabulous ride for the three of us. Our community support and collaboration has been the envy of all we have spoken to at various conferences we have attended. We are very excited to nurture and feed this plant as it creates healthy kids and a healthy community.**



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## Aquatic Center & Community Weight Room

### For over 40 years, the Bridgman Aquatic Center has been a hive of aquatic activities.

From in-water exercise classes to swim lessons, *GlideFit* to swim team, the BAC offers a wide variety of activities for both children and adults, with a schedule that accommodates busy lives. Deep water aerobics and shallow water aerobics classes are offered Monday through Friday mornings. An evening shallow water aerobics class is held on Monday and Wednesday. Our Arthritis Class is available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. We have adult lap swim times throughout the day, seven days a week. To access our current schedule, please visit [BridgmanPool.com](http://BridgmanPool.com). All closings are listed on the website and signs are posted in the locker rooms and at the entrance to the Aquatic Center.

### Family Recreation Swim

If you are looking for a fun activity to do with your family, come to a Family Recreation swim! We offer a family rec swim on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:30-9:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00-2:00 pm. Please see our website for fee schedule as well as closings due to swim meets.

### Sea Bee Swim Club

Practice begins Monday, September 16. The Sea Bees are a competitive age group swim team for children ranging in age from 6 through high school. SBSC

is a member of the Southwest Michigan Swim League and competes at USA Swimming sanctioned swim meets. Practice is 5:15-7:15pm with groups from beginner to Advanced/High School. Visit our website for more information and to download the registration form.

### Community Diving

Lessons are taught by Elaina Paulson, Diving Coach for Bridgman High School Co-Op teams. The diving lessons are open to divers of all ages and all levels. Students will learn basic and advanced techniques while improving existing skills. Please see the website for class session dates or contact the diving Coach Paulson at [10ejpaul@gmail.com](mailto:10ejpaul@gmail.com).

### Community Swim Lessons

Bridgman Aquatic Center offers Community Swim Lessons at regular intervals throughout the year. Our website contains information regarding the levels for each of the classes we offer. The session dates are listed below along with date of registration. Our community swim lessons are FREE for children living in the City of Bridgman, Lake Township, or children who attend Bridgman Public Schools as a School of Choice student.

*To register your child for community lessons, visit [BridgmanPool.com](http://BridgmanPool.com) and click on the Registration link.*

*September 16 – October 30*

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

*Monday, September 9*

### Community Weight Room

Bridgman High School has a state of the art weight room, located in the balcony of the gym. The CWR is open seven days a week with hours in both the morning and evening. We offer a "Punch Card" for the weight room which is available for \$20/30 visits or the fee is \$1 per visit. If you purchase an Aquatic Center Membership, use of the weight room is included. Hours are listed on the website and the Community Weight Room is CLOSED during all home basketball games.

**For more information on these and other programs including the latest pool updates, closures and schedules, visit our website at [BridgmanPool.com](http://BridgmanPool.com) -- Like us on Facebook too!**



{ *The strength of our community is our schools  
and the strength of our schools is our community.* }





## LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### **SUPERVISOR - JOHN GAST CONTINUED FROM COVER ...**

The sanitary sewer system is also to be investigated for infiltration. Most of the manholes and lift stations are 30+ years old. The Township is starting with the lift station monitoring for flow volumes and will investigate the collection systems in those areas with unusually high volumes. This monitoring is with the hopes of curbing the rising cost of treatment of non-gray water at the plant.

**The connection of illegal sources such as sump pumps, house gutters and other ground water sources will be the last focus of the investigation.**

If you have had items such as flowers, etc. stolen from sites in the cemetery, please make us aware of such thefts. We have surveillance equipment in the cemeteries and could possibly have pictures of thieves.

**John Gast, Supervisor**

### **Lake Charter Township Water System**

Hello to everyone. Summer is quickly fading away and by the time you receive this newsletter, we will probably already be into September or close to it.

This summer you may have noticed one of our distribution personnel working in front of your residence or business. We continue to verify location and condition of your shut off valve in the event of an emergency or a planned maintenance event. We are planning to replace a few large valves in the distribution system in September, so you may experience a temporary disruption. Anyone who will be affected will be notified prior to the work. You may also notice work being performed on your remote meter reader located on your residence, business or post at the meter pit. We will be conducting upgrades to these over the next few months to make reading your meter more efficient. We continue to make improvements in the water system for both reliability and efficiency.

I am sure everyone has heard about the concern of PFAS (Per & Poly fluoroalkyl) substances that have been in the news over the last year. PFAS chemicals are man-made and have been used in manufacturing, firefighting and many other common household and consumer products. These chemicals have impacted some water systems. The state of Michigan, (M EGLE), Michigan Department of Great

Lakes and Energy, has taken a proactive approach in testing public water supplies for the two common PFAS chemicals (PFOA & PFOS). We had testing conducted last year and we are currently in a cycle for testing this year. Last year's tests results are available on the townships website and they show non-detect. Of the testing conducted so far this year, the results have yielded non-detect. Testing will continue through October of 2019 and the results will be posted on the townships website at the end of the testing cycle. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please feel free to give me a call. The State of Michigan has a web page designated to this specific issue: [www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse](http://www.michigan.gov/pfasresponse) and it contains a lot of useful information.

I also encourage plant tours if you are ever interested in seeing the process of treating your drinking water. You can give me a call at 269-465-3850. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

FACT: According to the USGS (*United States Geological Survey*), total withdrawals for public supplies were about 39,200 million gallons per day (Mgal/d) in 2015. Sixty-one percent of these withdrawals were from fresh surface-water sources (24,000 Mgal/d), 38 percent were from fresh groundwater sources (14,900 Mgal/d)

**Jeff Burkhard  
Superintendent  
Lake Township Water System**







## **LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**From the Desk of Bob Clark, Treasurer**



Bob Clark, Treasurer

The 2019 summer tax bills are out and due September 16 to avoid interest and penalties. Please remember postmarks are not accepted for payments so please allow plenty of time

for delivery when mailing. We now have electronic options available if you are running late. Also, the drop box located just west of the Township Hall is a good way to make payments after hours. Just note, they must be in the box by 5:00 P.M. on the 16th to avoid penalties.

**Did you know there are summer tax payment deferments available for people over the age of 62, many veterans, and on certain agricultural properties?**

Please check out the requirements and further information on the *State of Michigan* website ([www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)) or ours ([www.lake-township.org](http://www.lake-township.org)). Deferment forms must be filed by the due date deadline of September 16. This allows eligible taxpayers to defer paying the summer tax until February 14 without paying interest or penalties.

**We all know how difficult it is to come up with that money every September and February.** Deferring taxes, making partial payments, and using a tax savings account are all great ways to make it easier on you and your budget. Please give me a call if you would like any further information about these options.

### **Electronic Payments & E Check**

**Electronic payments continue to grow every year.** Savings by using E check over conventional card payment systems was over \$900! E check is available for utility payments also. The cost is only \$3.00 for up to a \$10,000 payment. It is fast, easy to use, and secure. **Automatic utility payments also continue to increase.** Some payment cycles are seeing as much as half of all payments being made this way. Payments are deducted when due from the checking account you choose. There is no charge for this convenient service. Please contact our office or visit our website for more information about these new secure, convenient payment options.

### **Lake Township Park News**

**We had another busy summer with hundreds of visitors during the season.** Baseball, softball, and soccer all endured the cool and wet spring but got through it! Fall soccer will be "kicking off" soon. The lighting in the pavilions was replaced with new LED lighting to improve illumination and reduce energy costs. We are looking into sinks and cabinets in the north and south pavilions also. The pavilions were rented every weekend this summer. The park committee is also looking into improvements to the baseball fields (fencing and renovation of the back field). The *Sand Ridge Disc Golf League* sponsored a tournament this spring with 72 players participating. Once we dried out the course is in great shape. The fall is a great time to visit the park or getting in a round of disc golf.

### **Website**

**Need information on recycling schedules, a form for virtually any reason, information on the park or pavilion rentals, tax information, or assessment questions?** Simply visit our website for most any question or need. We have added assessment information to the mix. You can pay utility and tax bills, see amounts due and even histories of payments. We post upcoming events and information about things going on in the Township. We also have Frequently Asked Questions about assessment and taxes. This is a wealth of information available with the click of a mouse! Please check us out at: [www.lake-township.org](http://www.lake-township.org)

### **Large Trash Dates**

Vouchers for large trash delivery to *Republic Services* are available at the Township Hall for Township residents. The dates for the fall are:

**October 12, 2019 8:00 am- 12:00 noon**

**October 19, 2019 8:00 am- 12:00 noon**





# LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

From the Desk of Gloria A. Payne, Clerk



Gloria Payne, Clerk

**The year 2020 proves to be a year of ELECTIONS! Even though this information is a bit early, the election dates scheduled for 2020 are as follows:**

**March 10, 2020** – Presidential Primary

**May 5, 2020** – To be announced

**August 4, 2020** – Local and State of Michigan Primary

**November 3, 2020** – Presidential Election

With the passage of Proposal 18-3, voters have new rights. You may now register to vote through election day, and all voters can now vote early. No reason absentee voting is available. See information at right. Find out more at: Michigan.gov/Vote

**See you at the polls!**



## Register to vote through Election Day

Through July 22	July 23 through Aug. 5	Aug. 6 (Election Day)
<b>Register at:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any Secretary of State branch office</li> <li>Your township, city or county clerk's office</li> <li>A designated state agency</li> <li>By mail</li> </ul>	<b>Register:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person with your township or city clerk</li> </ul>	<b>Register and vote:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In person with your township or city clerk, <u>not</u> at a precinct.</li> </ul> <p>Voters who register on Election Day get a ballot and can vote that day.</p>

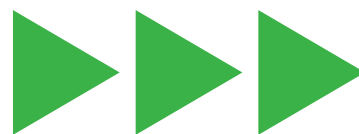


### Residency verification required.

*Acceptable documents include:*

- Driver's license
- State ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document

*Documents must have name and current address. Digital copies are acceptable.*



## All voters now can vote early

### Step 1: Request your ballot.

Get an application at county, township and city clerks' offices or at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).

- Mailed-in applications must be received by 5 p.m. the Friday before an election. Your ballot will be mailed to you.
- Voters also can drop off their application in person at their township or city clerk's office by 4 p.m. the Monday before Election Day and get their ballot.

### Step 2: Complete it, sign it, submit it.

- **Option 1:** Drop off completed ballot in person to your township or city clerk.
- **Option 2:** Return your ballot through the mail.

**Ballots must be signed and received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.**



Find out more at [Michigan.gov/Vote](http://Michigan.gov/Vote).



## **CITY OF BRIDGMAN**

**CITY MANAGER - JUAN GANUM CONTINUED from cover ...**

The City's ongoing efforts to create a safer, more inviting space for pedestrians and bicyclists continued this summer with the addition of pedestrian signage and enhanced striping at three of its Lake Street crosswalks: Mathieu Street, Maple Street and Pine Street.

The signs, which have been placed on either side of Lake Street just behind the curb, state that motorists must stop for pedestrians within the crosswalks, pursuant to state law. To more clearly define the crosswalks, our Department of Public Services crew outlined them with 'Safety Yellow' paint. Our police officers and staff have already noticed a positive effect as motorists are yielding to pedestrians who have entered the crosswalks. We have already discussed an expansion of the project by highlighting the crosswalks at Church Street, Clark Street, Tower Street and Gast Road intersections.



Let's make Bridgman safer for all the folks walking, jogging, pushing baby strollers or promenading their dogs when crossing the street

**In addition to highlighting our crosswalks, the City repainted the bicycle lanes which were first painted on Lake Street last year.**

**After the bike lanes were added from Church Street to Weko Beach, more bicyclists started appearing within the buffer area between the travel lane and parallel parking area.** As we strive to make Bridgman a more bike-friendly community, we will seek other opportunities to develop non-motorized pathways.

**Though our focus has been the improvement of "walkability" in Bridgman, the City has also identified a project at the intersection of Lake Street and Church Street to enhance motorist safety.**

If you have recently driven through the intersection, you likely noticed the blinking stop signs, which are illuminated day and night. The solar-powered LEDs are installed around the perimeter of the stop signs to attract motorists' attention. A result of a safety recommendation made by former councilmember Jim Catania, the project will help prevent vehicles from running the stop signs at that busy intersection, thereby improving motorist and pedestrian safety.

The efforts described are part of the City's pursuit of its mission:

**The City of Bridgman exists to provide a safe, relaxed place for individuals, families and businesses to pursue and enjoy their dreams.**



**{ A public hearing for the City's Master Plan will be held on September 19 at 4:30 p.m. Please check the City's website for details! }**







## 2019 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. Residents have the option of raking their leaves to the curb, where they will be picked up by city workers using the city's leaf vacuum. **Last day for the season will be November 18, unless weather requires additional days. Service will resume April 2020**

**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 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. **Last day for the season will be November 19, unless weather requires additional days. Service will resume April 2020**

**Christmas Tree Pick Up** – January 8 and 15, 2020 (weather permitting)

**Large Trash Pick Up** is indicated in **PINK** will be September 11 and 18. 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.

### SEPTEMBER

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	<b>BAGGED LEAF PICKUP</b>
	<b>BRUSH PICKUP</b>
	<b>CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP</b>
	<b>LARGE TRASH PICKUP</b>



## **CITY OF BRIDGMAN**

**"Promote the Vote" -  
Proposal 3 Town Hall Meeting  
On November 6, 2018, Michigan elec-  
tors passed Proposal 3, a Constitu-  
tional Amendment that affects when  
voters can register to vote, how they  
are registered, and who can vote by  
mail.**

The Office of the County Clerk will hold a public presentation at the Berrien County Conference Room, Berrien County Health Department, 2149 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to this information session covering topics such as automatic voter registration, registration by mail up to 15 days before election, in-person registration extended to Election Day with proof of residency, and no-reason absentee voting. For more information, contact the Elections Department, 269.983.7111, Ext. 8264 or at [elections@berriencounty.org](mailto:elections@berriencounty.org).

### **Farmer's Market Returns to Bridgman**

Thanks to the efforts of local resident Nick Schmidt, Bridgman has joined the list of Southwest Michigan communities with a farmer's market. The market was resurrected on August 4 and will run through mid-October, every Sunday from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. in the parking lot next to *Transient Artisan Ales* on Lake Street. Those interested in vending at the market may email [bridgmanfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:bridgmanfarmersmarket@gmail.com) or search for Bridgman Farmer's Market on Facebook. There is no fee for vendors. To our residents and visitors - please patronize the market in order to sustain it within Bridgman. Foot traffic is essential to its success!

### **New Faces in the Department of Public Service**

During the Spring of 2019, the City gave a fond farewell to three of its employees. Within the *Street Department*, Gus Litke and Buzz Ott retired after 12 years and 6 years, respectively. We are grateful to Gus and Buzz for providing our residents with years of tireless service. In addition, the City thanks Matt Cross, a six-year *Water Department* employee, for his dedicated service to our community. Having completed a degree in accounting, Matt obtained a position in his new field.

Following their departures from the City, three new employees were added to our ranks. Josh Long, Chris Lahti and Andrew Clay were hired in late spring. Josh served in the *US Marine Corp* before taking a position as a *Line and Signal Maintainer* with *NICTD Railroad*. Chris brings 22 years of truck driving experience, most recently with *Berrien County Road Department*, that will greatly benefit the *Street Department* in many areas. Our third addition, Andrew Clay, was a mechanic and driver for over 13 years with Jeff's Towing. Andrew has also served as a reserve police officer for *Bridgman Police Department* for several years. We welcome our newest team members, who will continue the tradition of providing quality services to our residents and businesses.



Pictured left to right: Andrew Clay, Chris Lahti and Josh Long



**BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
HOURS**  
**Monday-Thursday: 10-8**  
**Friday: 10-5**  
**Saturday: 10-4**  
**Sunday: Closed**

## BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Library Director -- Gretchen Evans ... Continued from cover

loan service will be closed from September 16 through October 7. Regular programs like the early literacy classes and yoga will go on a brief hiatus and return the week of October 14. While we are closed, you can get reading, listening, or viewing material from our online services, *Overdrive* and *Hoopla*, or you could visit one of our neighboring libraries. For a complete list of where to go for books, computers, copying, and notary services while we are closed, please visit our website. We are sorry for the inconvenience but glad to be keeping our beautiful library up-to-date and useful for everyone.

Along with a new look, the library is getting a new director. I am leaving to pursue a new career opportunity. It has been my honor to serve as the *Director of the Bridgman Public Library* for the last six years and to work with the library's dedicated board, staff, and Friends. I want to thank the community, particularly the City of Bridgman, Lake Charter Township, Chikaming Township, and the school system for the friendly support they have shown the library and me. I will miss everyone, but I am leaving the library in the very capable hands. The new Director's name is Dennis Kreps. Dennis has worked for the *Kalamazoo Art Institute*, the *Kalamazoo Public Library* and is the former Director of the *Richland Public Library*. I know you will welcome Dennis as warmly as you did me.

### Adult Programs

#### KNIT N YARN

**Every third Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and every Monday and Thursday, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.**

The group is buzzing with activity! Members have been knitting or crocheting hats for patients going through chemotherapy. In June, several members took a field trip to *Yarn and More* in New Carlisle, IN. And the group has been working on charity items to be distributed around the holidays.

#### SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

**Second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.**

Join our friendly and interactive reading group led by Rick Fuller. Books are available for checkout one month before the meeting. New members are always welcome.

#### September 11

– *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

#### October 9

– TBA due to library renovations

#### November 13

– *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

#### December 11

– *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah

#### YIN YOGA

**Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.**

(No Class Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10 due to renovations)

Cheryl Meadors, certified yoga instructor, leads a class at the library every Thursday. The class is suitable for beginning or intermediate yoga students. Just bring your yoga mat, some water, and a \$10 participation fee. 50% of the proceeds benefit the Bridgman Public Library.

#### STYLES 4 KIDZ

**Saturday, September 28, 2019  
10:00 a.m.**

#### Benton Harbor Library

This free program provides high-quality hair care education (no dye or heat) and services for African-American kids in foster care and transracial adoptive families. Bridgman Public Library is a co-sponsor of this program held at the Benton Harbor Library.

#### MACRAME MEETS POTTERY

**Friday, October 25, 2019  
5 – 7 p.m.**

Create a macramé wall hanging under the direction of fiber artist Carlee Tinkler and ceramic artist Noelle Malevitis. Registration is required and class size is limited to the first 15 adults who signup.

#### SENIOR SURVIVAL TIPS

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Join Bill Westerbeke, host of Youtube's "Elder TipZone" as he discusses tips for seniors facing life challenges associated with aging. Topics include technology, lifestyle, healthcare, safety and fitness, and more.

#### DEMENTIA AND THE LAW

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Learn what dementia is, how life changes with dementia and how it effects the family. Speaker Bill Westerbeke will discuss important considerations in planning as it relates to you or your loved one with dementia.

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## BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Youth Programs

#### COMING SOON

**We're forming a new 3rd & 4th Grade Book Club @ Bridgman Elementary School. Look for announcements at school.**

#### OCTOBER

##### EARLY LITERACY CLASSES WITH MISS TAMI

**Classes Resume October 14**

Baby and Me (ages 0-2)

– Monday at 10:45 a.m.

Toddler and Me (ages 3-5)

– Tuesdays at 9:30 or 11:30 a.m.

Story Hour (ages 3-5)

– Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

##### TWEEN BOOK CLUB

**At Reed Middle School, TBA**

Look for announcements at school in September. Grades 6-8.

##### 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 in the library. The group meets regularly with library staff to give input on book purchases, plan activities, volunteer at library events, and more!

##### TAB KICKOFF MEETING AND MAC & CHEESE BAR

**Friday, October 25**

**3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Cook with your friends and brainstorm ideas for fun at the library. And eat!

Register online at:

[bridgmanlibrary.com/teens.asp](http://bridgmanlibrary.com/teens.asp)

##### POP-UP LIBRARY @ REED MIDDLE SCHOOL RESUMES

**Dates TBA**

Twice each month, BPL comes to you at lunchtime for a brain snack!



##### HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Wednesday, October 23**

**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Have your family join us for some tricks and many treats at our annual Halloween Party. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory.

#### NOVEMBER



##### UP CLOSE & WILD WITH MICHIGAN WILDLIFE

**Saturday, November 2**

**10:30 a.m.**

The Outdoor Discovery Center will introduce us to local wildlife. Live animals including reptiles, amphibians and birds will be used during the presentation. Learn unique

#### Library Board

Randy Hill – President

Vacant- Vice President

John Wilk - Secretary

Ken Huff – Treasure

Liz Bogue – Trustee

Susan Collins – Trustee

Dorothea Crocker – Trustee

Sue Janoskey – Trustee

Aaron Noll – Trustee

characteristics of animals and how they fit into our diverse ecosystems. Hands-on artifacts include skins, skulls, wings, feathers and talons of several species native to Michigan. All ages.

##### NATIONAL GAME & PUZZLE WEEK

**November 25-30**

**during regular library hours**

Drop in to the library and try out a new game or revisit an old favorite. All ages.

##### ROBLOX & MINECRAFT MEET-UP

**Tuesday, November 19**

**3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Meet other players, show off your game, and attempt our build challenges. Bring your portable device with the game already loaded. For students in grades 2-12. Register at the circulation desk.

#### DECEMBER

##### TAB (TEEN ADVISORY BOARD) MEETING: GO AHEAD, BOSS US AROUND!

**December 3**

**4 p.m. @ BPL**

*For students 12 and up or in grades 6-12.* Meet with library staff to give input on book purchases, plan activities, volunteer at library events, and more!

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**Library Temporary Closing for Renovations**

**YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTINUED**

**WINTER BREAK READING BINGO**

**December 20 - February 1**

Can you fill your card before the snow melts? Pick up your card starting December 16. For age 2 and up.

**MOVIE MONDAY**

**1 p.m. December 23 & 30**

December 23

- *Secret Life of Pets 2* - PG 86 minutes

December 30

- *Toy Story 4* - G 90 minutes

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**December 31**

**11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

Are you too young to stay up until midnight? Ring in 2020 a little early with fun at the library! Sign up at the circulation desk starting December 1. Age 2 and up.

**Bridgman Community-Wide Garage Sale**

The Annual Community-Wide Garage Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library takes place Sept 13 and 14, 2019. Maps with garage sale locations will be available at the library on Friday, Sept. 13 from 8 - 10 a.m. New this year - tables will be set up in the library's south parking lot for additional sales. Garage Sale Permits are \$10. To be included on the map, be sure to purchase your permit by noon on Sat., Sept. 7. Table Permits are \$15 and include one 6' table and two chairs. Both Permits are for sale at the library.



**Sept. 20 (Fri.) - Oct. 5 (Sat.)**

The Bridgman Public Library will be closed for renovations, new paint, carpet and furniture, Sept. 20 through Oct. 5. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

- Interlibrary loan service suspended Sept. 16 - Oct. 7
- No Wednesday Night Book Club in October.
- No Yoga Sept. 19 - Oct. 10
- No early literacy classes until Oct. 14

Visit [www.bridgmanlibrary.com](http://www.bridgmanlibrary.com) for more information

**Library of Things Collection**

Check out our new library of things collection! What's a library of things? It's a collection of objects, not books, for patrons to check out. Available now are Internet hotspots, Launchpad tablets for kids, Chromebooks, metal detectors, record players, ukuleles, and a sewing machine. Check back often because our collection is growing.

**Library Community Garden**

The 2019 gardening season is drawing to a close with the garden officially closing November 1. Thank You to all the volunteers who make this garden a continued success. Enjoy your winter and we'll see you in the Spring!

**Library Community Calendar - Powered by LocalHop**

Find local events on the library Community Calendar powered by LocalHop. Click on the "Community Calendar" tab on the library website or download your free LocalHop app.



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# BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ



WEKO BEACH, PHOTO BY BOB CLARK

**One community working together to serve you better.**

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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

## **Lake Charter Township**

3220 Shawnee, P.O. Box 818  
Bridgman, MI 49106  
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269-465-6601

## **City of Bridgman**

9765 Maple Street  
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