

BRIDGMAN COMMUNITY BUZZ

MAY 2021



A beautiful sunset view in Bridgman, MI.

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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 Bridgman Public Schools Board of Education and the Bridgman Public Schools

staff, let me start by congratulating the Class of 2021.

These 45 graduates of Bridgman High School have had an outstanding and unique four years filled with numerous academic, athletic, and artistic

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Supervisor
John Gast

As summer approaches, Covid-19 still has influence on our families and their activities.

Lake Charter Town-

ship hosted a Berrien County Health Department immunization clinic on March 31, 2021 at the Woodland Shores Baptist Church. Most of us at the Township have had the first round of the Covid-19 vaccine, and the second shots

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LIBRARY NEWS

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Director
Dennis Kreps

Reflecting on a year replete with transitions, I have been genuinely inspired by people's ingenuity, creativity, and cour-

age to retool and learn new things.

What have we learned?

Access to computers and the internet is increasingly critical for the community.

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CITY NEWS

FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager
Juan Ganum

Over one year has elapsed since the pandemic swept across the country and changed our lives

forever. The human and economic toll has mounted far beyond what we could have anticipated. However, despite surges and setbacks, the situation continues to improve with each passing day. As the community sign stated last

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accomplishments. We are all proud of each and every one of you and your persistence, resiliency, and achievements. We wish you nothing but the best in your future endeavors.

Hard to believe that we are reaching the end of the school year. Thank goodness! This has been a school year that no one has ever experienced, but with the cooperation and collaboration of all of our stakeholders, we have done everything in our power to keep it as normal as possible. More importantly we have continued with face to face instruction.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS, OUR STUDENTS AND OUR STAFF!

As this school year draws to a close, we also have to say goodbye to two staff members who have decided to retire from Bridgman Public Schools:

Cary Heinz	BHS Social Studies	34 years
Tim Antel	BHS Science	30 years

Although we hate to say goodbye, we know they will embark upon another exciting chapter of their lives. Thank you for your service to Bridgman Public Schools and the students that you have served.

Are you a stay-at-home parent looking for a little cash or perhaps you are retired and interested in a few hours of work to get out of the house? Bridgman Public Schools has several positions in the transportation, food service, and

custodial departments, working with our students, that might be just right for you. Take a look at our website at www.bridgmanschools.com for further information or contact the Office of the Superintendent.

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. Once again, I want to thank our entire community for your continued support and encouragement of myself and of Bridgman Public Schools through this pandemic. It has truly been my privilege directing the district through these unprecedented times.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at speters@bridgmanschools.com or you can reach me at 269-466-0271.

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

Stay Safe! Stay Healthy! GO BEES!
Shane M. Peters, Superintendent

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





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The Bridgman 5K Run/Walk and 10K Run are back in person for 2021!



Help support the Bridgman Cross Country and Track & Field teams on Saturday, July 10, 2021 by signing up to take part in our 26th running of this great community event. Still not comfortable with in person racing? Both in-person and virtual options are available.

To sign up, visit:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Bridgman/5K10K>

We will follow the state guidelines that are in place when the races take place, which may include wave starts and social distancing. Follow our Facebook page for updates as we get closer to race day. Sign up before June 20 to be guaranteed the race shirt. Any questions, can be emailed to bridgman5k@bridgmanschools.com

We look forward to seeing everyone out on the course this summer!

Bridgman Aquatic Center



Bridgman Aquatic Center

The Bridgman Aquatic Center re-opened to the public on April 3, 2021 after being closed for over a year.

The Staff is overjoyed to welcome back our patrons! Due to COVID, there are significant restrictions on usage and as you might imagine, policies and procedures will change as we find our way through these uncharted waters.

Please visit BridgmanPool.com

and click on the “Re-Opening Information” button. This page will be regularly updated as new details are announced. We thank the Bridgman Community for your support – and look forward to seeing you at the pool!





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Bridgman Elementary School: Art in the Middle of a Pandemic



Lori Graves, BES Principal

Art education allows students to express themselves and think outside of the box. Students are able to explore different art techniques such as drawing, painting and sculpting. Art helps a student develop their creativity, fine motor skills, communication skills, self-esteem and socio-emotional abilities.

During a normal year, students are able to share materials and work together on projects. This is not the case this year. During the pandemic several things have had to change. Students are no longer able to share materials or do group projects. Materials that were used for one grade must be sanitized and quarantined so there is no cross contamination between classes. The art room is sanitized between each class.

Despite all of the changes this year, Mrs. Jennifer Green, the elementary art teacher has come up with several creative ways to share materials and display student art. Mrs. Green states, "We are really blessed to have art this year. Other districts have had to cut it from their daily schedule. I am thankful for the support of the administration and our parent teacher organization. Students need the opportunity to be expressive and be kids."

This year the Box Factory Art show went digital. Students in grades one through four created their art during class time. Thirty-four pieces of art were entered into the show. Of the 34 pieces, third grader Svava Patel's art was chosen as best in show. Svava's work is physically displayed at the Box Factory.

Mrs. Green has come up with other creative ways for students to display and write about art. This year over one hundred pieces were entered in the elementary art show.



Svava Patel's Best in Show Art

The art was created by students outside of art class. The school art show is run by the fourth graders from advertising, hanging the show, creating judging criteria and taking down the show. These pieces were displayed throughout the elementary building. Students and staff were invited to write an artist fan letter to praise a piece of art. The artist fan letters were delivered to the students. This encouragement and praise was very appreciated by the young artists.

Student work can also be seen by parents, staff and community members on artsonia.com. Mrs. Green has uploaded over 1400 pieces of student art from this year.

Lori Graves, BES Principal

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BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bees Nation...Welcome to the 2021 Spring Sports Season!



Ken Schmaltz
Athletic Director

On behalf of the professionals who make up our athletic administration, staff and coaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many families, friends, Bees alums, and the Community of Bridgman for their support of our student athletes.

Our spring athletic program consists of six various programs with a total of 12 teams and approximately 173 Bridgman students electing to participate. These numerous choices provide the opportunity for our students to be exposed to the valuable life lessons of teamwork, self-discipline, courage, and fortitude that can be used in their futures. The experiences gained in the athletic arena can teach us how to win with grace and handle defeat with dignity while the learning that takes place in athletics – we believe – compliments our student athletes learning in the classroom while preparing them for life after Bridgman High School.

The conduct of our coaches, athletes and spectators in regard to sportsmanship and fair play are expectations that we expect to maintain, so we ask for your continued support of these standards as you interact with opposing teams, coaches, fans and contest officials. We invite the Community of Bridgman to join us in celebrating our student-athletes throughout the final stretch of the 2020-21 school year by attending and visiting with us at our upcoming athletic events. I look forward to another spring sports season that contributes to our rich tradition of athletics here at Bridgman High School.

Ken Schmaltz
Athletic & Community Recreation Director
– Bridgman High School

Spring Sports Coaching Staff

Boys Track & Field	Spencer Carr
Girls Track & Field	John Carr
Varsity Baseball	Justin Hahaj
Asst. Varsity Baseball	Al Ottusch
Asst. Varsity Baseball	Matt Mabry
JV Baseball	Todd Evans
Asst. JV Baseball	Sam Waalkes
Varsity Softball	Elaine Starbuck
Asst. Varsity Softball	Becky Jager
Asst. Varsity Softball	Chuck Tate
Varsity Girls Tennis	Sarah Lancaster
Varsity Girls Soccer	Nick Foxworthy
Varsity Golf	Jeff Knowlton
RMS Boys Track	Aaron Locke
RMS Girls Track	Emma Cramer
RMS Girls Soccer	Collin Kruzal

Current and updated schedules can be viewed at www.bridgmanathletics.com

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F.C. REED MIDDLE SCHOOL

From the Principal ...



John Truesdell
Middle School Principal

In the September 2020 edition of the Bridgman Buzz, I wrote, “The 2020 - 2021 school year promises to be an educational adventure like none other in recent memory.”

After sustaining eight consecutive months of in person learning at F.C. Reed Middle School, I can confidently report that I wasn't wrong! This year has taken grit, innovation, patience, and resilience. However, the RMS staff have embraced all challenges and passed with flying colors. I continue to be grateful to have this group of teachers, paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, and support staff at my side as we work to lead our RMS community through a year of pandemic learning.

When we look back at 2020 - 2021, it would be easy to commiserate about specific moments of disappointment and mourn the missed traditions that were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, dwelling on this grief would fail to recognize the truly remarkable achievements of the RMS faculty and celebrate the tremendous accomplishments of our middle school student population.

Consequently, please allow me to outline some accomplishments that are points of #HIVEPRIDE amongst the RMS community:

- At the time of publication, F.C. Reed Middle School is one of the only middle schools in Berrien County that has sustained **in person learning for 100% of the scheduled instructional days.**
- **RMS teachers mastered the Canvas online learning management system and Zoom platform** to ensure that all RMS students had access to quality, responsive educational services, even when temporarily removed from school by the Berrien County Health Department.
- The RMS staff developed creative strategies and rigorous cleaning protocols to satisfy COVID-19 safety regulations, which enabled the **RMS STEM Lab** to be open to all students in grades 5 - 8.
- The **RMS School Counseling Department** forged new relationships with BRESA, allowing the middle school to expand its programming and offer essential counseling services to at risk students during the instructional day.
- The **RMS faculty** developed a plan to expand the number of sex education health lessons from one lesson per year to five lessons per year. In addition, we coordinated with the Bridgman Aquatic Center to ensure our annual water safety and swim lessons could take place in a safe, responsible manner.
- The **RMS Student Council** overcame numerous logistical challenges and organized several spirit weeks, multiple online dances, raised hundreds of dollars for charity, and funded a school improvement project to expand the capacity to display student artwork in the hallways at the middle school.
- F.C. Reed Middle School partnered with the City of Bridgman Banners to create the **2021 Downtown Bridgman Student Banner Project.** In total, 52 pieces of original student artwork are currently on display in downtown Bridgman on Lake Street as part of the On the Lake public gallery.
- The **RMS Food Service Department** powered our students' brains by serving over 100 free breakfasts per day and 170 free lunches per day during the 2020 - 2021 school year. The team even delivered free meals to students' homes when they were placed in quarantine due to exposure to COVID-19.
- **RMS students and staff** completed an equity audit, participating in school climate surveys and focus groups to help the district identify priority areas that will begin a conversation centered on strengthening Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity throughout our community.
- **RMS teachers** prioritized the social and emotional wellness of our

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BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

From the Principal ...



Gerald Heath
High School Principal

This edition of the Bridgman Buzz finds Bridgman High School (BHS) crossing the finish line on a very successful third marking period.

I am very proud of our students' hard work as well as the incredible efforts of our teachers and support staff. I am confident that as we finish out the last few months of the 2020-21 school year, students will continue to make tremendous strides through these difficult times.

Community Forum: "Cyber Safety 101"

Steve Pierangeli from the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office and Allie Kibler-Campbell from Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Michigan, in partnership with the Bridgman Public Schools (BPS), presented Cyber Safety 101, a Parent Community Forum on April 22. Mr. Pierangeli and Mrs. Kibler-Campbell presented on the dangers and consequences of inappropriate internet use including resources & guidelines for parenting learners in a digital age. We appreciate the partnership with BPS to keep our students safe.

Club Activities: The BHS clubs have been active throughout the winter months.

- **The Interact Club** wrote letters and made valentines for our neighbors at Woodland Terrace as a way to reach out to those most isolated during the pandemic. Members made crafts and read valentine's stories to the students at the elementary. In February, Interact helped raise money to support the Humane Society.
- **Key Club** partnered with River Valley for the *Her Drive*, a collection drive for feminine care products and new and used bras, which supports women in need at shelters. The 5th Annual Key Club sock drive took place in February. Key Club has donated over 3300 pairs of socks to local agencies since 2017 and had another great collection. Grades 9-12 competed to see who could bring in the most pairs. Members gathered in January to make dog pull toys for the Humane Society.
- **The National Honor Society (NHS)** hosted their annual hat week to raise money to help support Cystic Fibrosis research. In April, NHS participated in the annual road clean-up event where members pick-up garbage along the roads in our community. The chapter recently partnered with an organization that finds high school volunteers to work at nursing homes.
- **On March 11, 12, and 13, DECA** members competed virtually in the state competition. Mrs. McGee had 13 members qualify for DECA Internationals. Congratulations to those students who qualified for Internationals and all of the students that presented for the state competition.

At the end of January, several of our organizations collaborated to host our annual **Great Kindness Challenge Week**. The challenge provides powerful experiences that actively engage students, teachers, administrators & communities in creating a culture of compassion, acceptance, unity and respect. It is a proactive & positive initiative that improves school climate and promotes kindness.

BHS School Counselor Update

Keri Haskins, Bridgman High School Counselor, has been working with students from grades 9-12 on counseling lessons and preparing them for post-secondary education. All four grades have worked on XELLO/Career Exploration. Freshmen have also learned about mental health concerns and coping skills, sophomores are exploring careers/different degrees, juniors are working hard to prepare for the SAT in April, and seniors are working on scholarships and post-secondary plans.

The Class of 2021

As the last few weeks of school fly by, our seniors begin to prepare for the next step in their lives. When I think about this senior class, I am confident that they can be successful in any endeavor they choose. The future plans of this class represent great diversity, as many are off to college or trade school, most close by, while others are planning on continuing their post-secondary education quite a distance away. While other students

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Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence From the Chairman



Allan Barker,
BFEE Chairman

This Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence (BFEE) update is offered as we move closer to summertime in southwest Michigan! We all have memories of this school year that resulted in chal-

lenges but also there were many acts of caring. As a Community, we take pride in our students of Bridgman Public Schools. I am proud of our personal commitment of keeping the health safety protocol in-place, and also the encouraging reminders we receive from Superintendent Peters.

I have a tendency to focus on caring. A significant part of caring is your knowledge and skills of how to do better. I am proud to announce that the BFEE has joined the Michigan Education Foundation to improve our knowledge and skills.

The Michigan Education Foundation (MEF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization built by and for people passionate about quality public K-12 education in Michigan. Its mission is to be a catalyst for the creation and growth of local

education foundations in communities across our state. The BFEE Trustees will use this resource to support our mission through networking, collaboration, and professional development. Specific to our membership are opportunities to share ideas with other State foundation leaders, learn more about topics relevant to running a successful educational foundation and have the ability to tap into MEF resource documents. This will broaden BFEE's capabilities to deliver more to the Bridgman Public Schools.

As a Community, we need your help.

My first request for help focuses on establishing a BFEE Alumni Association. I am making a request for Community ideas on how we should approach creating this beneficial and rewarding BFEE volunteer service. Please submit your ideas under the volunteer tab at: www.bridgmanfoundation.org I am excited about this future effort of involving Bridgman Public Schools alumni! But you don't have to be an alumnus to join our organization. All are welcome and we are actively recruiting for Trustees and "Friends of the Foundation." Our Trustees commit to sharing their expertise through service with monthly board meetings. If your time is limited but you would still like

to contribute, we also welcome you as a Friend of the Foundation to help during events or serve on a committee. As a Friend, your service is guided by your desire and ability to help out. Whether your interest lies in the Alumni Association, as a Trustee, or as a Friend of the Foundation, we welcome your help! It's an excellent way to serve the students of Bridgman Public Schools. Please communicate your interest under the volunteer tab at: bridgmanfoundation.org

With the world as it is, BFEE represents what can be accomplished when you take the time to care.

Soon as a Community, we will be celebrating the success of the BFEE annual "Links for Education" golf outing at Lost Dunes. Once again, this year we were limited to 100 golfers and we reached that number in early April -- over a month before the golf outing! With this annual success, we have been able to provide grants for art, music, STEM, history, special education, and more. But this success also resides within the Community, the Community that supports the Bridgman Public Schools. BFEE exists because our great Community and School District cares.



**Bridgman Foundation
for Educational Excellence
"Opening Doors to the Future"**





BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ATHLETICS & RECREATION
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Bridgman Area Road Runners 2021 Summer Race Series

Join the Bridgman Area Road Runners for the third annual 8 Week Summer Racing Series. Every Tuesday evening at 7:00, from June 15 through August 6, join us for a different race/run each week. The week 1 run will start from Bridgman High School. After that, we will run from other area locations. Runners will earn points at every race/run that they complete and an overall champion and top finishers will be crowned at the end of the summer. Runners and walkers of all ages and ability levels are welcome to come out and join us.

Cost: Free, but if you or someone you know would like to make a donation or become a sponsor to help us with race supplies, such as course marking materials, supplies for timing, cups, etc, we would appreciate it.

If you have any questions, contact Spencer Carr at: bridgman.area.road.runners@gmail.com
For updates and more information as we get closer to the first run of the summer, visit us on social media:

Instagram: [bridgman.area.road.runners](https://www.instagram.com/bridgman.area.road.runners)
Facebook: Search Bridgman Area Road Runners
Twitter: [@bridgmanarearoadrunners](https://twitter.com/bridgmanarearoadrunners)



RMS PRINCIPAL
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students and became more flexible to ensure learners' well being. As a result, the amount of time that students spent outdoors in 2020 - 2021 significantly increased when the weather cooperated during the fall and spring.

The mission of F.C. Reed Middle School is to help ALL students acquire the social, emotional, and academic skills that are needed to excel in high school and reach their fullest potential. Has this year been normal? Not at all! But when you prioritize people, anything is possible. I'm proud to report that the state of our middle school is stronger than ever thanks to our staff's dedication to empathy, engagement, and equity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to foster a safe, memorable, and productive educational experience for Bridgman's middle school students during these challenging times.

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

BHS PRINCIPAL
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plan on jumping straight into the workforce. The staff at BHS wishes our senior class the best of luck in their future careers and lives. We are very proud of all that you have accomplished in your K-12 career, and look forward to watching you flourish in your future endeavors.

Commencement exercises have been scheduled for June 6 at 1:00 p.m. Details will be shared with students as the date approaches.

Finally, I would like to thank Bridgman Public Schools and the larger community for their support as we continue to educate our students through a pandemic.

**Gerald Heath,
Principal**





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SUPERVISOR - JOHN GAST CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

are scheduled.

The Lake Charter Township Park is already busy. There are plans to upgrade both the south and north pavilions, installing hot water heaters and kitchen amenities is being finalized.

An (A.E.D) is being mounted at the park on the bathroom exterior wall. This is a cooperative effort by Lake Charter Township and the Bridgman High School recreational fund. In case of a cardio incident, the AED unit will be readily available.

The Berrien County Road Department has yet to finalize and inform us as to what roads will be addressed.

The Lake Charter Township Hall offices are receiving an update for their lighting and ceiling. The ceiling tile is from the 1980's and cannot be matched for repairs, so it was decided to replace it.

Our Lake Charter Township Fire Department is looking for volunteers. You may apply by filling out an employment form. This can be obtained on our website, www.lake-township.org Forward the form to Lake Charter Township Fire Chief, Harold Heyn. The Fire Department will provide training and cover the expenses of such. All equipment and safety gear are provided.

If you notice a street light not working near your residence, please get the pole number and message myself or the Township Hall so a repair request can be submitted.

John Gast, Township Supervisor

From The Desk of Lake Charter Township Clerk, Gloria A. Payne



Gloria Payne, Clerk

Electronic Recycling

Mark Your Calendars!

A post card reminder will be sent to each Lake Charter Township resident as the day grows near.

None of us would like to think about fall right now, however, Lake Charter Township wants to get the word out. We are having an Electronic Recycling Event, together with a Shredding event

on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. It will be held at 3240 Shawnee Road, (old fire station/ambulance building), Bridgman, Michigan

Since we weren't sure where we would be with covid-19, we thought it best to schedule the event in the fall rather than spring.

Green Earth is our vendor for electronic recycling. Anything with a cord will be accepted. A refrigerator will need to be tagged that it's freon has been removed. Bring your old cell phones, laptops, computers, monitors, stereo, telephones or gaming devices. Hard drives will be taken out of the computers and destroyed.

Shredding

Shredit is our vendor for shredding your old documents. The documents are pulverized. If you plan on more than 10 bankers boxes you need to let us know.

Cemetery

April 1, 2021 was cemetery clean-up day. Christmas decorations have been removed from the graves.

Park

Lake Charter Township Park will opened April 1, 2021. Pavilions are able to be rented. Call Lake Charter Township Hall, 269-465-6601 for reservations.





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

From the Desk of Bob Clark, Treasurer

The 2021 summer tax bills will be sent out in early July.

Failure to receive a bill does not eliminate the tax! Please contact our office if a bill is not received.



Bob Clark, Treasurer

We have had more taxpayers using our E check payment option, credit card payments, and utilizing the online system to obtain tax and assessment information. The online payment system has been upgraded and is easy to use. Please visit our website at www.lake-township.org for more information

about these payment options and information. Your patience during the 2020 tax collection year was greatly appreciated. We are hopeful 2021 will be back to normal with the offices fully open.

Lake Township Park News

The Park is open for another great season!

Softball and baseball leagues are planning to have their seasons with hundreds of area adults and youth participating. The softball fencing project was completed this winter and it looks great. Now all three youth softball fields have new backstops, baseline fences, and dugout gates. Thanks to the Bridgman Schools Rec Fund for their help with these projects. Pavilion rentals are also filling up fast. This is a great spot for family reunions, graduation parties, company gatherings and other events. Pavilion availability and rental forms are available on the website under the parks area. The disc golf course is in good shape and being actively used. There are already plans being made for several tournaments this summer. We hope to install sinks in the North and South Pavilions this spring. Exercise equipment installation is also planned for this year.

Come out and enjoy this beautiful park!

Chamber and Economic Development News

The Regional and local Chamber teamed up to launch a “Buy Local Bridgman” gift card program this year to help some of the businesses in town through this difficult time. Here’s how it works. Buy a \$ 25 gift card and get a bonus card for \$ 10. Buy a \$ 50 card and get a \$ 25 bonus card! It is a great way to get a little free cash and support the local stores. Go to www.smrchamber.com/bridgman for details and to purchase a card. Several local businesses are participating. This is a limited time offer.

Trail News

The development of non-motorized trails and waterways in Berrien County is still making progress. The first phases of the Linear Trail on Red Arrow Highway are proceeding in the southern parts of the County. Other projects include the extension of the IN-MI River Valley Trail from Niles to Berrien Springs and the extension of the Marquette Greenway from the State Line to New Buffalo are in the works. Trails are coming! For more information about it and ways to get involved is available at the newly developed website by the Friends of Berrien County Trails www.berrientrails.org. Trails offer recreational opportunities, healthy lifestyles, attract visitors and permanent residents, and have a big economic impact on areas they are located.





LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Lake Charter Township Water System

Hello to everyone.

Even though we had a reasonably mild winter, it is great to see spring arrive. It is good to be able to get outside after being cooped up with the pandemic.

I want to let everyone know that our 2020 Consumer Confidence Report (also known as the CCR) is available through the direct link of <https://lakechartertownshipwater.org/ccr1>

This annual report gives you information regarding the quality of our Lake Charter Township water. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at the water plant or if you would like to request a printed copy. We have also mailed out our Water Plant newsletter, which we use to notify our customers of the availability of the 2020 CCR and other information and updates relating to the water plant.

Lake Charter Township implemented a rate increase beginning in January of 2021. The in township water rate increased by 14 cents (\$0.14) per thousand gallons, and the out of

township rate increased by 21 cents (\$0.21) per thousand gallons. Even with the increase, it is still a bargain. You can purchase 3 gallons of Lake Charter Township water for less than a penny for in township rates and 1.4 cents for 3 gallons for out of township rates. You could fill a tank that is 6 ft. x 6 ft. x 3.75 ft, which equates to 1,000 gallons, for the in township rate of \$3.00 or for the out of township rate of \$4.50. We are good stewards of the Townships resources; however, everything continues to increase in cost, and equipment ages with time and needs to be replaced or updated.

We look at water as a precious resource.

Approximately 97% of Earth's water is saltwater, which leaves only about 3% freshwater. Only about a third of our freshwater is available for us to use. The rest is frozen solid in glaciers, in snow, and the polar ice caps. The freshwater we use comes from surface water. It is

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crucial that we protect our water supplies from pollution because once it becomes polluted, it can be difficult or even impossible to clean.

It can be easy to take our water availability for granted, turn on a faucet, and you have water immediately available. It is hard to imagine in our modern world that many people still must carry water in containers or transport it by other means because they either do not have electricity or have immediate access to clean water. There are still outbreaks of illness throughout the world because of the lack of clean water. So, the next time you turn on your faucet, think about this precious resource and how blessed we are to have it available. Enjoy your spring because summer is right around the corner.

Lake Charter Township Water System Website

A recent mailing of the water system newsletter had an incorrect website address to access the new website. The correct address is: lakechartertownshipwater.org

Jeff Burkhard Superintendent

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





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CITY OF BRIDGMAN

**CITY MANAGER - JUAN GANUM
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April, 'Hang in there Bridgman – love and kindness will see us through'.

Through it all, we at the City have sought to serve you with the same dedication and commitment to public service that has always been ingrained in our culture.

Part of that culture is the promotion of inclusivity – trusting our residents and seeking broad-based participation. Remaining engaged in our community is what ensures that it reflects how our residents desire it to grow and be shaped. Though opportunities have been constrained since March 2020, citizen engagement remains one of Bridgman's core principles. The last several issues of the Buzz have demonstrated that we wish to hear from residents before deciding upon important issues, such as service changes or capital expenditures. This edition continues that trend by asking you to share your views regarding marijuana related establishments.

In 2018 Michigan residents passed Proposal 1, which legalized marijuana for adult recreational use. Shortly following passage of Proposal 1, the Bridgman City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-203, which prohibited all types of marijuana businesses from operating

within the City limits. The purpose of the ban was to provide additional time for the City to study the topic and learn more about the advantages or disadvantages of regulating the marijuana industry at the local level.

The Bridgman Planning Commission is now seeking public comment regarding a variety of marijuana related business classifications to determine whether there is a need for a recommendation to amend Ordinance 2018-203. The Planning Commission is not actively proposing new legislation to allow marijuana businesses within the City of Bridgman. Rather, the Commission desires to better understand residents' views related to different business categories that are permissible under Proposal 1. Citizen feedback will help the Planning Commission make an informed recommendation to the City Council that reflects the position of our residents. Council members may then consider the survey data in determining whether updates to Ordinance 2018-203 are desired. Please complete

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What Can Be Recycled?

Recyclable

These items can always be placed in your recycling cart:



Paper
Magazines
Catalogs
Junk mail
Office paper
Phone books
Brochures
Newspaper



Cardboard
Cardboard
Paper bags
Paperboard



Plastic
Plastic jugs/bottles (#1 & #2)
Household plastic (#3 - #7)



Metal
Aluminum cans
Steel and tin cans



Glass
Clear and colored glass

Holiday Recycling Guide

Boxes (gift, shoe and shipping)
Wrapping paper (plain or sparkly)
Cards and envelopes (without embellishments)
Gift bags (paper)

Non-recyclable

These items can never be placed in your recycling cart:

- Polystyrene foam
- Containers/packing
- Propane tanks
- Paint or oil cans
- Medical waste
- Liquids of any kind
- Plastic bags
- Bubble wrap
- Ribbons and bows
- Gift bags (laminated, coated or dyed)
- Cellophane
- Packing peanuts (Polystyrene foam)
- Chemicals (dry or liquids)
- Household cleansers
- Garbage of any kind
- Pizza boxes
- Bagged film plastics



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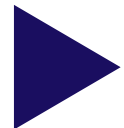
Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling cart.

Please visit RepublicServices.com for more information on recyclables.

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CITY MANAGER - JUAN GANUM CONTINUED ...

the survey by visiting the City's website www.bridgman.org or City Hall for a paper version.

The January Buzz included the survey results for the recycling collection survey. As reported, the majority of respondents (75% - 192 responses) prefer to keep curbside recycling and are willing to pay for it, with a collection frequency of either every four weeks or every two weeks. The City Council weighed the survey results carefully and decided to maintain a collection frequency of every four weeks and levy a cost recovery charge of \$2.50 per month for each service address. The charge will be reflected on water bills beginning July 1, 2021. If you require additional recycling containers for your home or business, please contact Republic Services directly at 269.465.3773. For a guide to recycling, please see the included flyer.

We will continue to utilize surveys and other means to ask residents about their views on relevant matters of interest. Whether the City seeks your input for a particular issue, please know that we will always listen to the people who call Bridgman home.



Assessing Department

Assessment Change Notices were mailed in February.

These notices are sent to inform property owners of the new current year Assessed Value (AV), State Equalized Value (SEV) and Taxable Value (TV). They also indicate any changes that may have occurred to the property due to transfers of ownership or PRE (principal residence exemption) changes. It is important that you review these notices to make sure they correctly reflect this information as well as your current mailing address. Please pay close attention to the PRE percentage. Your summer tax bill will be incorrect if the PRE percentage is incorrect. If you find any errors with the mailing address and/or PRE percentage please contact the assessing department so they can be corrected.

The State Tax Commission requires assessors to annually inspect a percentage of properties in each class. This summer and fall you may see me in your neighborhood reviewing properties and updating photos of property improvements. I am looking

for changes to the property and verifying that my property information is updated and accurate. I will be wearing City of Bridgman identification tags while performing these property reviews. If I stop at your house I will knock on the front door and/or leave a tag so that you know I was there. These inspections are necessary to maintain current and accurate property data. It is this data, combined with the sales studies that are used to develop fair and accurate assessed values.

The Assessing Department has property record cards on file for every parcel in the City. You are always welcome and encouraged to come in and review your property record card(s).

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact the assessing department by phone at 269-465-5144 x104, by email at assessor@bridgman.org or visit the City of Bridgman website.

- John Baumann, Assessor





2021 Spring Cleanup Schedule

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- BAGGED LEAF PICKUP
- BRUSHED PICKUP
- LARGE TRASH PICKUP

Bagged Leaf Pick Up is 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.

Leaf and brush burning within the city limits is prohibited.

Brush is indicated in **YELLOW** on the calendar. Please limit this to your yard cleanup. Commercial tree removal and/or trimmings will not be picked up. City workers will spend no more than 15 minutes at each property.

Large Trash Pick Up is indicated in **PINK** on the calendar. 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Berrien County has set the household hazardous waste collection dates for 2019. Details, including a schedule, are available on the county's web site.

<http://www.berriencounty.org/564/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Collections>, or by calling the County Environmental Specialist at (269) 983-7111 ext. 8234.



CITY OF BRIDGMAN



Bridgman Police Department

9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, Michigan 49106

Phone: 269-465-3880 Fax: 269-465-3701

Daniel J. Unruh, Sr.

Chief of Police

With the nicer weather approaching, please remember the anti-blight ordinance concerning unregistered non-working vehicles parked on property. All vehicles must be properly registered and in normal working order or the property owner can be cited for ordinance violation(s). This ordinance also pertains to junk, debris, and long grass on any residential or business property as well. Let's keep Bridgman looking good!

We would also like to remind everyone who is planning to enjoy Weko Beach & Campground this season that there is

NO ALCOHOL or DRUGS allowed. No animals are allowed on the beach, sand, or boat launch as well and signs are posted. Dogs must always remain on leashes and can reach Warren Dunes State Park by walking south via the boardwalk only.

All vehicles must have a parking sticker or pass visible at all times and be properly parked while at Weko Beach.

We encourage all residents and visitors that while enjoying the Bridgman area they obey all speed limits throughout the city along with watching for people/children walking and riding bikes.

STAY SAFE!

Chief Dan Unruh
Bridgman Police Department



IMPORTANT NOTICE ON MAILING ADDRESS

Recently, the City closed its post office box. If you are mailing in payments and correspondence, please use the street address of City Hall at 9765 Maple Street.

If you are using online bill payment systems through your bank, please make sure that you update our address in the bank's system. Banks issue a physical check to us and mail them in. Our old PO Box will delay your payment, which may subject you to late fees.

A drive-up drop box is always available for your convenience to drop off your payments. Any City-related correspondence, as well as utility payments, tax payments, permit fees, parking fines and absentee ballots, may be deposited in the box with the yellow sticker.



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Help Minimize Drainage Problems

There are several things you can do to help prevent or minimize drainage problems. These precautions keep the area open for proper drainage and also protect water quality. Before and after a heavy rain, please remember to:

Check the gutters on your house and drainage ditches around your property. Blockages can cause runoff to pond in your yard, or cause damage to your house.

Rake or remove leaves, branches, roadside litter, weeds, or any material that can block drains this will help prevent leaves from blocking the storm drains. Leaves are a primary cause of storm drain problems.

Check the inlets of street storm drains to be sure they are free from any materials such as leaves, tires, toys, automobile parts, branches, sale signs, etc.

Check the path of water flow during a storm and remove any debris. This will help prevent materials from flowing into storm drains.

Report any unauthorized access or pumping of illegal substances such as used motor oil into drainage systems.

Call 269-465-5407 about assistance for problems beyond your control. We will review the situation and offer an appropriate course of action.

If you are proposing any improvements on your property, please consider the drainage impacts to neighboring proper-



Avoiding this scene means helping to avoid flooding

ties. The installation of raised driveways, fences and landscape beds can block the natural flow of runoff, resulting in areas of standing water. If you extend your downspouts, consider the outlet points and the impact it may have on your neighbor's property.

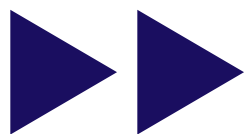
Keep the area free of litter.

Do not place sheds or other structures over drainage easements without first getting permission from the Department of Public Services.

Be sure not to pour used motor oil, pet wastes or other debris into the system.

Most drainage systems consist of catch basins or yard inlets, which intercept storm water runoff and carry the water off through a pipe system. These pipes direct the flow into streams, and rivers. All storm water runoff in Bridgman eventually flows into Lake Michigan.

Typically, homeowners will only see the portions of drainage structures located above the ground such as concrete inlets with openings either in the top or the sides and occasionally ends of pipes (known as outfalls) near drainage ditches. Once water enters these surface structures, it is carried underground through a system of pipes and finally into Lake Michigan.



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!



CITY OF BRIDGMAN



Concerts Start at 7:00 pm
Free Admission to Park and Concert

May 30	PastTime Oldies
June 13	Top Secret Dance music 60's to Today
June 27	Van Dyke Revue Rock n' Roll
July 11	The Edgar Willbury Experience Oldies
July 25	Red Deluxe Classic Rock
Aug 8	Generation Gap Variety
Aug 22	Saturday June Band Rock n' Roll
Sept 5	Time Travelers Oldies

Weko Beach & Campground
5239 Lake Street
Bridgman, MI 49106



The City reserves the right to cancel at any time due to health regulations.

Bridgman Open-Air Market to return!

This year promises to attract a record number of vendors. Please support Bridgman's revived farmers market by visiting the market throughout the season. A special thanks to Edgewater Bank for graciously hosting the market, beginning Sunday, May 16. Look for updates on the market's Facebook page.





CITY OF BRIDGMAN

City of Bridgman Parks and Recreation

From the Director of Parks and Recreation, Sara Ball



Summertime is quickly approaching so we encourage residents to get their 2021 seasonal park pass.

Park passes are available for purchase at City Hall. Residents of Bridgman and Lake Township may purchase a seasonal park pass by presenting their vehicle registration. Senior citizens 65 and older who live in Bridgman or Lake township will receive one free pass, per household. Park passes are valid from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

The Parks Department and Corridor Improvement Authority have partnered together to improve the facilities around Weko Beach to create a more inviting look. As park

patrons enter Weko Beach & Campground they will be greeted with new earth and water toned schemes on several structures, including the gate booth and campground office.

Dream Scene Placemaking, which is owned by Bridgman-raised Anna Roeder, performed the work.

Last year, the Bridgman Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a Michigan Coastal Management Grant for Weko Beach dune stabilization. The project, which will reconstruct the retaining wall along the boardwalk which leads to Warren Dunes State Park, is set to begin in late September.

Take your four-legged furry friend for a walk, but please remember to keep them leashed and off the sand at Weko Beach. For those who wish to trek their dogs to the water's edge, we invite you to use the boardwalk on the south side of Weko to visit the "dog beach" on the northern edge of Warren Dunes State Park.



Forms

Are you making improvements to your property or have you hired a contractor to do the work for you?

Fences, decks, pools, sheds, roofing, siding, windows, doors and additions require permits that are issued by the Building Official and Zoning Administrator, Brad Mattner.

When you are in the planning stages of your project please do not hesitate to contact him with any questions you may have regarding your proposed improvements - (269) 465-5144 x 107 or inspector@bridgman.org. Any forms you may need can be found on the City's homepage under the 'Building & Zoning Applications' section of the 'Forms' link.



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DIRECTOR - DENNIS KREPS CONTINUED FROM COVER ...

Virtual programs, activities, and meetings allow an expanded audiences and increase participation.

Both physical collections (e.g., books, DVDs, newspapers) and access to digital resources are important to our community.

Communicating with and reaching out to the community in varied and creative ways is imperative.

Ways we are responding:

- We are adding to our WIFI hotspots, and will continue to make laptops available for use outdoors, in addition to our regular public computers
- We will continue to offer virtual programs, facilitate virtual meetings, and make recorded programs available through our YouTube channel.
- We are expanding access to digital and streaming content
- We will continue to offer curbside pickup on request, and will continue to deliver email promotions and notifications.

Spring and summer will soon arrive! Check out the outline of programs and activities for spring and summer. We are offering a combination of outdoor and virtual programs and providing a great variety of Take & Make projects. We also encourage participation in our Summer Reading Challenges for all ages through the Wandoo Reader app, same as last year.

In addition, the Library's Community Garden will re-open soon, a Storywalk is installed in the Jens Jensen Preserve, and our Library of Things is back in action. Come check out a sewing machine, record player, metal detector, or ukulele!

We know it's been a difficult year, and we thank you for your patience. We are excited about seeing you both inside and outside the Library soon!

Sincerely,
Dennis Kreps, Director



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

KNIT N YARN

Meeting virtually, the group is continuing its Knit A Long, activities. Their current project is making child size sweaters or cowlettes, which will be locally donated. For updates, please check the library's website and Facebook page.

ZOOM YOGA

Thursdays at 5:30 P.M.

Join a virtual yoga class led by certified Yin Yoga instructor Cheryl Meadors. Class is suitable for beginner or intermediate students. Find the Zoom Link on bridgmanlibrary.com

SECOND WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB

6:00 P.M.

Reserve your book from the Bridgman Public Library and join this friendly, interactive reading group led monthly by Rick Fuller. Watch for updates and new titles on bridgmanlibrary.com

SPECIAL SCHEDULED PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Find the Zoom links for events on www.bridgmanlibrary.com

MAY

LARRY MARTIN'S WWII: IN THEIR OWN WORDS

May 4, Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.

Larry Martin is dedicated to bringing stories of WWII to as many people as possible. During this one-hour pre-recorded interview, Larry speaks with USN WWII Veteran Bob Applegate, who survived the partial sinking and abandoning of the SS Jean Nicolet. The Nicolet was hit by two torpedoes, forcing one-hundred men into the water only to be picked up by the I-8 Japanese submarine that had just attacked them. A question and answer period will follow the DVD presentation.

INTRO TO PET FIRST AID BY ROBYN ELMAN

May 15, Saturday @ 11:00 A.M.

Learn first aid basics for your furry friends. Robyn Elman, President and Founder of In Home Pet Services teaches how to make a pet emergency preparedness kit, explains how to muzzle your pet, helps identify foods poisonous to them, provides advice about traveling in the car with your pet. Bring a stuffed animal to practice these techniques.

JUNE

LAKE MONSTERS AND OTHER CREATURES OF THE GREAT LAKES BY SHETAN NOIR

June 22, Tuesday @ 6:00 P.M.

Hear the fantastic historical accounts of reported lake monster sightings in each of the great lakes.

ADULT SUMMER READING TAILS & TALES

June 7 - August 14

Adults, join us to 'read your tails off' this summer! Sign up at the library or online at the Wandoo Reader website (link is on bridgmanlibrary.com). Complete the challenge by reading 8 books. Receive your prize at the Library and enter your name in a drawing to win a gift certificate to Haymarket Brewery & Taproom.

JULY

CREATE A TIERED SERVING DISH WITH "THE CRAFT DUO" DENISE AND DEB

Tuesday July 13 @ 6:00 P.M.

Led by the Library's very own "Craft Duo" Denise and Deb, this FREE Class meets under the Pavilion at Toth Street Park. Using upcycled glassware and china, make your own tiered serving dish. Supplies are included. Register in advance by calling 269-465-3663.

AUGUST

SUSTAINABLE MINIMALISM THE FIVE PILLARS OF RESPONSIBLE DECLUTTERING BY STEPHANIE SEFERIAN

Tuesday August 3 @ 6 P.M.

ZOOM

Learn how to declutter responsibly without impacting the planet and adopt a simpler, eco-friendly lifestyle.



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

EARLY LITERACY

VIRTUAL STORYTIME LIVE WITH MS. TAMI

Tuesdays at @ 10:30 A.M. via Zoom

Do you need a shaker egg or scarf to play along? Request them on the Storytime section of the BPL website, which also has follow-up projects. Zoom link available on bridgmanlibrary.com and Facebook.

STORYWALKS AT LOCAL NATURE PRESERVES: TAKE A WALK. READ A BOOK.

Through June 21

BPL and other local libraries are partnering with Chikaming Open Lands for a StoryWalk® on the Preserves Initiative. Find fun-filled family friendly story books at four COL preserves. Our Storywalk is located at the Jens Jensen Preserve. Learn more at chikamingopenlands.org

YOUTH SERVICES

STAR WARS DAY TAKE & MAKE

Online requests open April 23.

Pick up May 3-8

Build a speeder bike-themed hoop glider! You will need scissors, tape, and crayons, markers or colored pencils. The project is adaptable for those who aren't fans of a galaxy far away. Request online. For all ages.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 7-August 14

Age 2 through 12th grade

Keep both your mind and your hands active in this summer's animal-themed reading challenge.

ANIMAL POETRY PROJECT TAKE & MAKE

June 7-12

Imagine you're an animal, then write a simple poem. All ages.

THE ROZ PUPPETS: AT LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK

Monday, June 14 at 2:30 P.M.

Join the Roz Puppets for a whimsical retelling of a classic tale set in the times

of dragons and enchanted creatures. A young lad, George, will face the terrible *Dragon of Legend*. But how fierce is this dragon? Is he really as bad as the tale would have us believe? All questions will be answered in this fun, furry, and unforgettable story.

JUNETEENTH FLAG CEREMONY: MEET AT THE LIBRARY'S FLAGPOLE

Saturday, June 19 at 10:30 A.M.

Commemorate Juneteenth at our outdoor flag ceremony. Sign up online to participate in the color guard, lead the Pledge, or read a poem.

ANIMAL BALLOON SCULPTING WITH MR. JIM: LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK

Friday, June 25 at 2:30 P.M.

Have you ever seen a balloon animal? Watch Mr. Jim and learn how to twist balloons into fun animals! For Preschool - Grade 5.

FOOD CHAIN FUN! TAKE & MAKE

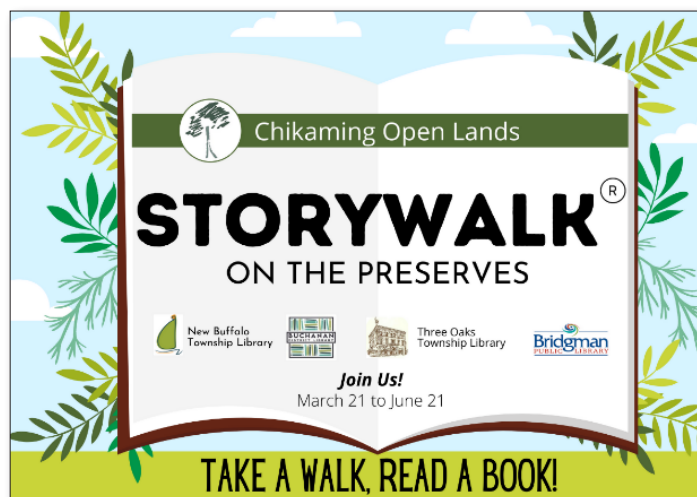
June 28 - July 2

Dissect an owl pellet and reconstruct a tiny skeleton. All ages.

CHALK THE WALK

Friday, July 9, 2021 from 10:15 - 11:15 A.M.

Decorate the sidewalks around the library. You bring the creativity - we'll provide the chalk. All ages.



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

ANIMAL AMBASSADORS FROM SARETT NATURE CENTER: LAKE TOWNSHIP PARK*

Thursday, July 15 at 11:00 AM

See both live and taxidermy animals as you learn about their natural history, the food they eat, their habitat and more! Age 2-Grade 5.

**The audience for this event is limited.*

Request tickets on the library website starting June 21.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER*

July 21-22

Register your favorite stuffed animal for an overnight adventure at the Library. Although we still need to maintain safe distances, our animals don't! Pick up your animals the next day and see what fun they had. Age 4-10. Teen volunteers needed, too! Registration opens July 1.

PAINT WITH WATER TAKE & MAKE

July 26-31

Which jungle animal is coming to your house? Age 2-Grade 2.

SPIDERWEB GEOMETRY TAKE & MAKE

August 2-7

Learn about spiders and their webs.

BABY OWL TAKE & MAKE

August 9-14

Make your own tiny owl, complete with wiggly eyes! Preschool-Grade 5

TEENS & ADULTS

SKETCHBOOK EXCHANGE

June 7-August 14

Artists and doodlers are invited to a summer-long sketchbook swap! Participants check out a sketchbook for one week and fill it with animals (unlimited pages, any style). Sketchbooks may be checked out multiple times. Sketches must be of animals or animal-like creatures, insects, monsters, or magical creatures! Check out Lynda Barry's Making Comics for inspiration (copy available at BPL)

MILIBRARY QUEST

June 1-July 31

Teens Only (*Entering grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted*)

MiLibraryQuest: Summer Edition 2021 is an opportunity for teens across Michigan to learn about unique animals and Michigan libraries! Various animal descriptions will be spread across websites of participating libraries, and will be entered into (their) digital field journal for an opportunity to win a prize starting on June 1. Visit www.mi.gov/MiLibraryQuest to learn more.

TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

Entries accepted June 1 - August 6, 2021.

The Teen Video Challenge is a national annual video contest and is open to all teens. The challenge is to create a public

services announcement-type video demonstrating their unique interpretation of the 2021 CSLP slogan "Tails and Tales". Videos time is limited to 60 seconds and should promote libraries and reading. Official rules and submission form are available on the library website.

SCAVENGER HUNT

June 21-26

Pick up a clue sheet and explore the natural side of Bridgman.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: STUFFED ANIMAL CAMP COUNSELOR

July 7 & 21

Help out before and during the Stuffed Animal Sleepover*. Plan photos, make accessories, or design an album. During the sleepover, take pictures, arrange and print photo albums. Sign up on the library website. For grades 8-12.

WASHER JEWELRY TAKE & MAKE

July 12-16

Hardware never looked so good! Select your materials at the library. Take them home to create necklaces and bracelets to wear or give! Sign up online starting July 6.

INFINITY CUBE

TAKE & MAKE

August 2-7

Construct a folding cube and decorate it with photos or your own artwork.



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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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Bridgman Elementary

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