

SPRING 2025



Bridgman

COMMUNITY BUZZ



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One community working together to serve you better.

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

We hope you find it informative and useful.



BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Superintendent News from Superintendent Shane Peters

Dear Bridgman Families and Residents,

As we wrap up another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the Class of 2025! Our 59 Bridgman High School graduates have set the bar high over the past four years, excelling not only in academics but also in athletics, the arts, and so many other areas. Your hard work, dedication, and passion are a testament to the spirit of Bridgman Public Schools. We are so proud of all you've achieved, and we look forward to seeing you make your mark in the world.

At the same time, we say a heartfelt farewell to three remarkable staff members who are retiring after years of dedication to our schools:

- **Hilary Bell – BES Teacher (34.5 years)**
- **Dorothy Miller – Transportation (12.5) years**
- **Mike Miller – BHS Teacher (33 years)**

While it's always bittersweet to say goodbye, we know that each of these exceptional individuals will be embarking on new and exciting chapters of their lives. Their contributions to our schools and the countless students they've influenced will never be forgotten. We are deeply grateful for their years of service and wish them all the very best in their well-deserved retirements.

Looking ahead, our district is facing financial challenges due to a recent tax settlement with Indiana Michigan

Power Company, resulting in a 12% revenue loss (\$3.6 million) over the next few years. While these changes require difficult budget decisions, including reductions in staffing and programs, the district remains committed to delivering a high-quality education. Through thoughtful planning, collaboration, and advocacy, we are ensuring that these changes have little to no impact on our core educational beliefs and values. Our students will continue to receive the excellent education and support they deserve. Bridgman Public Schools will adapt and emerge stronger, ready to serve our community for years to come. For more information, visit the district website.

As we wrap up the school year, we want to remind you that Bridgman Public Schools continues to offer various opportunities for employment in transportation, food service, and custodial roles. If you're interested in joining our team and making a difference in the lives of our students, please visit our updated website at BridgmanSchools.com for more information. You can also reach out to the Office of the Superintendent for further details.

With spring in full swing, there's always a lot happening in our district! Stay connected by visiting our newly refreshed website for updates or following us on social media for real-time news.

I want to express how incredibly proud I am of our school community. Our district thrives because of our extraordinary students, talented staff, and the unwavering support of our parents and community



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members. Bridgman Public Schools is committed to providing the highest quality education in Berrien County and beyond.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact me at speters@bridgmanschools.com or 269-466-0271.

Go Bees!

Shane M. Peters, Superintendent

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**5k Run/Walk, 10k Run, & 1.1 Mile Fun Run
Saturday, July 12, 2025**



Register at: runsignup.com/bridgman5k10k

TO REGISTER NOW, SCAN HERE



QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT:
BRIDGMAN5K@BRIDGMANSCHOOLS.COM

REGISTRATION

5K RUN/WALK AND 10K RUN

\$30 : THROUGH JUNE 15
T-SHIRT GUARANTEED
WITH OPTION TO UPGRADE

\$35 : JUNE 16 THROUGH JULY 12
T-SHIRT IS NOT GUARANTEED

\$5 : **1.1 MILE FUN RUN**
INCLUDES FINISHER MEDAL FOR
ALL YOUTH RUNNERS

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

RACE STARTS AND FINISHES AT BRIDGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

7:00 AM - PACKET PICK-UP & LATE REGISTRATION

8:00 AM - 1.1 MILE FUN RUN

8:30 AM - 5K RUN/WALK & 10K RUN

FOR RACE UPDATES, FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM @BRIDGMAN5K10K



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Bridgman High School News from Principal Gerald Heath

This edition of the Bridgman Buzz finds Bridgman High School (BHS) approaching the finish line to the end of the school year. I am very proud of our students' hard work and the incredible efforts of our teachers and support staff. I am confident that as we finish out the last few weeks of the 2024-25 school year, students will continue to work to make great strides in their education.

A Legend Retires – Thank you, Coach Miller!

After 32 incredible years, Coach Mike Miller is stepping down as the leader of the Bridgman boys' basketball program. His coaching journey took him from Bangor and Kent City to Bridgman, where he has made an unforgettable impact since 1992.

With **614 wins, 17 conference championships, 10 district titles, 2 regional championships, and a Final Four appearance in 2010**, Coach Miller's legacy is unmatched. Inducted into the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame in 2016, he remains the winningest coach in Bridgman history.

Please join me in celebrating Coach Miller for his outstanding career. Thank you for everything, Coach!

Spotlight on Band & Drama

The **BHS Band** performed on Thursday, March 6 at Paw Paw High School and **earned a Division 2 rating!** Congratulations to our talented musicians!

The **Drama Department** brought magic to the stage with their outstanding performance of **The Wizard of Oz!** Bravo to all cast and crew members for their hard work and creativity!

Clubs & Organizations

- **DECA:** Led by Mrs. Douglass, 60 students competed at the DECA State competition in Detroit (March 13-15), and the club's Pasta Night in January was a great success!
- **SADD** (Students Against Destructive Decisions): Hosted the Great Kindness Challenge Week, raising \$200 for Bridgman Cares! This spring, they'll focus on safe dating and seat belt safety awareness.
- **Interact Club:** Continues to support monthly food distribution at the United Methodist Church in Stevensville.
- **Key Club:** Members recently joined a Kiwanis Club luncheon and actively stock the free feminine supply cart at BHS. Donations of supplies or funds are always welcome—contact Sarah Conklin (sconklin@bridgmanschools.com) to help!



- **Reading Buddies:** Interact and Key Club members plan to visit Bridgman Elementary this spring to read to younger students.
- **National Honor Society:** February's Taco Night was a hit! April will be packed with service projects, including:
 - Blanket Brigade for Hospice patients
 - Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fundraiser
 - Spring cheer cards for Woodland Terrace
 - Road cleanup event
 - New member induction – May 1

Class of 2025 – The Future Awaits!

Our seniors are preparing for their next big steps, and we couldn't be more excited for them! Their paths are diverse—some are heading to college or trade school, others are entering the workforce, and a few will proudly serve in the military. No matter where they go, we know they will make a difference.

Graduation: June 1 at 1 pm

More details coming soon!

Thank You, Bridgman Community!

As we approach the end of another amazing school year, I want to express my gratitude to our students, families, and the entire Bridgman community. Your support and dedication make all the difference.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime at 269-465-6848 or gheath@bridgmanschools.com

Gerald Heath, High School Principal _____

IMPORTANT DATES

April 25 - 30 – DECA Internationals

May 3 – Prom & Post Prom

7:30 – 10:30 pm at Section House, Sawyer

May 9 – Academic Honors Breakfast

Invite only to 3.5 GPA Seniors & Parents

7:00 am in the BHS Cafeteria

May 13 – BHS Spring Choir Concert

6:30 pm in the BHS Performing Arts Center

May 17 – Senior Trip to Six Flags

May 19 – Senior Art Show

BHS Commons at Senior Honors Night

May 19 – Senior Honors Night

6:30 pm in the BHS Performing Arts Center

May 20 – BHS Spring Band Concert

6:30 pm in the BHS Performing Arts Center

May 23 – Senior's Last Official Day

½ Day for ALL Students

May 27 - 29 – Senior Exams

7:55 – 11:05 am in the BHS Performing Arts Cntr

May 30 – Graduation Practice

8:15 am in the BHS Gymnasium

The elementary hall march to follow

June 1 – Graduation

Graduates report to the Media Center at 12:15 pm. Commencement starts at 1:00 pm in the BHS Gymnasium

June 4 - 6 – Final Exams

7:55 - 11:20 am



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

Dear Community Members,

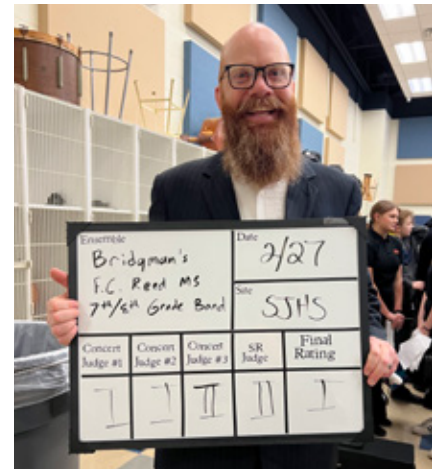
I hope this update finds you basking in plenty of sunlight and enjoying true springtime temperatures!

As we near the end of the 2024-2025 school year, the middle school faculty is thrilled to see the incredible social, emotional, and academic growth our students have achieved over the winter months. Each day has been a meaningful step toward our mission of preparing them for success at Bridgman High School and beyond. The dedication and talents of our students and staff continue to shine, making a positive impact in our community, region, and state.

One of the more noticeable displays of our students' well-rounded abilities is the 2025 **Downtown Bridgman Student Banner Project**. This year Mrs. Korson, the RMS Art Teacher, hosted a student art competition posing the question, "Who is your hero?" Students discussed and compiled the traits of heroic individuals and then researched, planned, and produced over 260 entries for consideration. Each entry also included an artist statement, describing how the selected figure has played a significant role in their lives. A panel of community judges then selected 52 final pieces that will be on display along Lake Street throughout the spring. This collection is a tremendous

opportunity to learn how our teenagers perceive the world around them, allowing downtown patrons to better understand their voices in the community. The gallery is one of the largest public art displays in our county and I encourage you to venture downtown, support our local businesses, and take a stroll to enjoy each piece along the way.

F.C. Reed Middle School student musicians have also proudly represented our community on a regional stage earlier this spring. I'm proud to report that the RMS seventh and eighth grade successfully competed in the annual Band & Orchestra Festival at St. Joseph High School in St.



Joseph, MI on February 27, 2025. The band played tremendously, earning the prestigious Division "1" rating from the festival judges. This also qualifies the middle school band to compete at the state festival experience, which will occur in late April. Congrats to Mr. Reppart, the 46 members of the middle school band, and all the volunteers that support our band program!

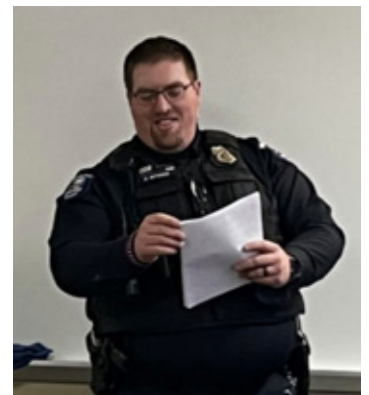


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The winter was also a busy time for community partnerships. All students traveled to the BPS Aquatic Center and worked with Director Nannfeldt to conduct multiple days of water safety and swim lessons. During the months of January and February, SRO Wyman also visited all students in Grades 5 - 8 during learners' Bonus period. Students completed an internet safety lesson with the school resource officer, reinforcing concepts and practices that are modeled on a daily basis at RMS. RMS also welcomed the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) of Southwest Michigan on February 2/18 - 2/21. The preventative education team from the CAC led students through personal safety lessons, meeting the requirements of Erin's Law in the state of Michigan. Finally, we welcomed Captain Buchschauer from Delta Airlines to speak to our learners about the aviation profession as part of students' ongoing career cruising learning.

By the time you read this, RMS students will be well into the fourth and final marking period of the 2024-2025 school year. We are incredibly grateful to our community members for embracing the vision of our district. Your partnership, support, and collaboration have been essential in helping us represent Bridgman Public Schools locally, regionally, and across Michigan.



Thank you for being a part of our journey—Go Bees!

Your partner in education,

John Truesdell, Middle School Principal

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGIE COOPER!

Mrs. Cooper, RMS School Social Worker, has been nominated for the MASSW Region B (Berrien County) School Social Worker of the Year Award.





BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Elementary School News

by Lori Graves, Elementary School Principal

Winter is behind us, and spring is here—bringing fresh starts, new adventures and plenty of sunshine! We had an incredible winter season filled with learning, laughter and memorable experiences. February, in particular, was packed with exciting events, from our 100th Day of School celebration to snowshoeing adventures, PTO fun and Kindness Week.

100th Day of School Celebration

On February 3, we marked our **100th day of learning** with a variety of hands-on activities. Students counted collections, imagined life at 100 years old through creative writing and tackled STEM challenges using



100 objects. Many even dressed up as centenarians, making for a day full of smiles and unforgettable moments!

Snowshoeing

First-grade students had the opportunity to try out snowshoeing! Love Creek Nature Center brought snowshoes for each child to have the experience of walking around the soccer field wearing them to see what it might feel like for animals to walk on top of the snow easier. They first got to walk around to get used to using the snowshoes, and then they played a few games to try out their skills. For many students, this was a new experience, and they enjoyed it!



PTO Fun – Dancing & Bingo

Our amazing PTO has been busy! They hosted a **Sock Hop with Root Beer Floats** in February. Families joined us for an evening of dancing, root beer, ice cream and fun! To kick off Reading Month, there was an amazing turnout for PTO **Book Bingo** on February 28! Families enjoyed a fun-filled evening of bingo with a literary twist. Winners received exciting book prizes, and many took the opportunity to support our school's literacy programs. Thank you to all who attended!

Kindness Week

From February 3-7, we celebrated Kindness Week with various activities to spread positivity and build a stronger school community. The Bridgman High School **SADD, Key Club, Interact Club and National Honor Society** planned a kindness challenge. They hung signs with a positive message on all the lockers. The clubs also made a kindness chain. Each student wrote two ways to show kindness to others on a strip of paper. The strips were sent to the high school, and a chain was made to display them in the common areas.

As we embraced this season of growth, we encouraged students to set new goals, be curious learners and continue to demonstrate kindness to others. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Go Bees!

Lori Graves, Elementary School Principal —————

BRIDGMAN *Cares*



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

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

We welcome new people who will join our cause and bring fresh ideas to the table. Our next meeting date and time are posted on our Facebook page. For more information, email, Molly Owen at mowen1@bridgmanschools.com.

facebook.com/BridgmanCares



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Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence from the Chairman, George Lepeniotis

Our 13th Annual Links for Education to be held on Monday, May 5 at Lost Dunes Golf Club!

Spring is just around the corner and with that, so is the Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence's **annual fundraising golf outing...the Links for Education**. This premier event will be held on **Monday, May 5, 2025, at Lost Dunes Golf Club** - home of one of the best private golf courses in the country according to Golf Digest. All proceeds will directly benefit Bridgman Public Schools.

Interested in the opportunity to play Lost Dunes and help Bridgman Schools? Registration information can be found on our website at BridgmanFoundation.org. Don't wait to register - spots fill up quickly! Come join us for this exclusive event. We look forward to seeing you on the green!

In addition to enjoying a round of golf, or for those that can't attend, this event offers area businesses the opportunity to showcase their services through several sponsorship opportunities - with 100% of those Sponsorship proceeds benefiting the Foundation and its mission to support Bridgman Public

Schools! To learn more about sponsorships, please visit BridgmanFoundation.org!

Supporting our School & Community

It is our mission to provide enrichment opportunities to the students and staff of Bridgman Public Schools for the betterment of the community. With the recent **Lake Township Tax Tribunal settlement and its impact on District funding, the Bridgman Foundation is working hard to help meet the needs of our schools**. While the annual golf outing is one way the Foundation raises funds to support our schools, we also offer the ability to make direct contributions through our website. **Tax-deductible donations** can be made monthly as well as through one-time donations. Contributing is fast and easy. Simply visit BridgmanFoundation.org to get started. Our school community needs your assistance now more than ever. Thank you in advance for your support!

Join our Board

Interested in serving BPS in a fun and unique way? We are currently accepting applications for vacant Board positions with the Foundation. Feel free to contact me at gleniotis@kdlegal.com for more information.

George Lepeniotis, Foundation Chairman



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AN EVENT BENEFITING BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

13TH ANNUAL

LINKS FOR EDUCATION GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

A PREMIER GOLF EXPERIENCE AT
LOST DUNES GOLF CLUB, BRIDGMAN

Presented by the Bridgman Foundation for Educational Excellence

\$400 - Per Player
\$1,600 - Foursome



11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration & Lunch
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Scramble
6:00 p.m. Reception, Awards & Auction at Lost Dunes Clubhouse

Space is extremely limited!



Register today at bridgmanfoundation.org!

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BRIDGMAN
AQUATIC CENTER

Your Community Pool!

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

KIDS SWIM LESSONS SIGN UP NOW!

April 15 – May 22

Tuesdays & Thursdays for 6 weeks

Final class on May 22: Family Swim Night

Watch your little swimmer show off their new skills in a fun, family-friendly celebration.

Registration opens April 7 at

BridgmanPool.com

FREE for Bridgman & Lake Township residents!

Non-residents: \$48 per swimmer.

NEW! MASTERS SWIM PROGRAM

Saturdays 9 – 10 AM

Looking to dive back into the pool? Whether you're an experienced swimmer or just starting out, our Masters Swim Program is the perfect way to boost your fitness, refine your technique, and connect with a supportive swim community.

What to Expect:

- Improve your endurance and stroke technique
- Meet new friends & train in a positive environment
- Enjoy a challenging and rewarding workout

FREE for BAC members, \$3 for residents,
\$4 non-residents

YOUR Community Pool is open six days a week! Come in for a refreshing swim in our warm, clean water, enjoy a long dry sauna on a snowy day, shoot some baskets with your child, jump off the diving board or cheer on the swim and dive team to victory! The Bridgman Aquatic Center has something for everyone.

MEET BETSY BRIGGS

For nearly 30 years, Betsy Briggs has been the heart of the Bridgman Aquatic Center! From teaching swim lessons and leading aqua fitness classes to training lifeguards and coaching the Sea Bees Swim Club, Betsy has played a vital role in making our aquatic programs safe, fun, and welcoming for all.

Her love for the water doesn't stop at the pool—she's passed it down to her four daughters and grandchildren, inspiring a lifelong passion for swimming in her family. We are incredibly grateful for Betsy's dedication and the impact she has made on our community.



Interested in getting involved at the Aquatic Center? Whether as a volunteer or staff member, we'd love to have you on board! Contact Emily Nannfeldt at enannfeldt@bridgmanschools.com.

AQUA FIT CLASSES

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

Check BridgmanPool.com for class descriptions!



CITY OF BRIDGMAN



City of Bridgman News from the City Manager, Juan Ganum

With spring in full swing, we're all enjoying the warmer temperatures—but we know they come with a seasonal challenge:

potholes. As the freeze-thaw cycle takes its toll on our roads, we encourage drivers to stay alert and report any hazardous road conditions to the city. Our crews regularly monitor Bridgman's 14 miles of public roads, but conditions can change overnight, leading to new potholes forming.

Looking Ahead: A Long-Term Plan for Better Roads

In fall 2024, the Bridgman City Council took a proactive step toward improving our streets by commissioning a **10-year Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP)**. This plan assesses road conditions and lays out maintenance and funding options to ensure sustainable improvements. A draft is currently being finalized for presentation to the Council.

Funding options under consideration include:

1. **State funding allocations** (existing resources)
2. **Bonding/financing** (redirecting funds no longer used for trash/recycling services)
3. **Dedicated road millages** (new taxes)

The City Council and Bridgman's administration are committed to exploring all options before implementing the TAMP. We will carefully balance the need for street repairs with the financial impact on residents and business owners, ensuring responsible and sustainable solutions for our community.

What's Coming in 2025?

While the TAMP will shape decisions for the next decade, we're taking action now to improve our roads. Our goal is to **extend pavement life, reduce deterioration, and maximize cost-effectiveness**—all while minimizing disruption for residents.

For 2025, we've identified key roads for treatment using a **chip/seal method with an emulsion overlay**—a proven, budget-friendly technique that restores and protects road surfaces. This process, supported by the **Berrien County Road Department (BCRD)**, involves applying liquid asphalt and stone chips to create a **durable, smoother surface** that resists future wear and tear.



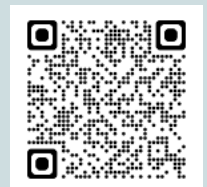
2025 STUDENT BANNERS “My Hero”

The City is thrilled to continue its partnership with F.C. Reed Middle School, bringing student creativity to life on Lake Street! For the 7th year in a row, artwork created by talented students will be displayed on 52 decorative streetlights, turning our streets into an open-air gallery.

This year’s theme, “My Hero,” is extra special. Each student chose a personal hero—whether a family member, teacher, historical figure, or even a fictional character—and transformed their admiration into a unique work of art.

This inspiring project celebrates creativity, self-expression, and community pride. Be sure to take a stroll down Lake Street to see these incredible banners!

Visit Bridgman.org or scan the QR code to discover the stories behind each student’s piece.



Targeted Roads for 2025

1. Michigan Ave, Randolph St, Madison Ave & Ontario St (Water Tower subdivision)
2. N. Tower St, School St & Stadium Dr
3. S. Tower, Strawberry Row, Concord Row, Stelter Farm Dr & Niagara Row (Stelter Farm subdivision)
4. Clark St, Papalardo St, Davis Ln and Pearl St
5. Beechnut St. (if funds allow)

What to Expect

- Minimal Downtime: Each road will be out of service for only a few hours.
- Two-Step Process: Loose stones will be swept away a few days after the initial treatment, followed by a final seal coat for a smooth finish.

We are currently awaiting the final project timeline from BCRD and will share start dates and additional details as soon as they become available.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to improve our community’s roads!

Juan Ganum, City Manager



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Assessing Department News from the City Assessor, John Baumann

Assessment Change Notices were mailed in February to inform you of your property's updated Assessed Value (AV), State Equalized Value (SEV), and Taxable Value (TV). These notices also reflect any changes due to ownership transfers or updates to your Principal Residence Exemption (PRE).

Please take a moment to review your notice carefully. Pay special attention to your PRE percentage—an incorrect percentage could lead to errors on your summer tax bill. If you spot any mistakes, contact the Assessing Department as soon as possible so we can make corrections.

Property Reviews

As part of the State Tax Commission's requirements, I will be out in the community this spring, summer, and fall, conducting property reviews and updating photos. These inspections help ensure our property records are accurate and up to date. If you see me in your neighborhood, know that I always wear City of Bridgman identification. If I stop by your home, I'll knock on the front door or leave a tag so you're aware I visited.

The Assessing Department keeps 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 questions or would like more information, please reach out:

Phone: 269-465-5144 x104

Email jbaumann@bridgman.org

Website: Bridgman.org

John Baumann, City Assessor

LARGE TRASH PICK-UPS

MAY 12 & 14

See page 19 for details on what is accepted!



Parks & Recreation Department

from the Parks & Recreation Director, Sara Ball

Help Shape the Future of Parks & Recreation in Bridgman!

Our parks, Weko Beach, the campground, and our recreation spaces are where memories are made. They're places to relax, connect with nature, and bring our community together. Now, we have a chance to make them even better!

The City of Bridgman is creating a **5-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan**, and we need your input to ensure our parks grow with our community's needs.

Why It Matters

A great parks and recreation plan means more opportunities for fun, relaxation, and connection. It helps us improve facilities, secure funding, and set priorities for the future. Some key areas we're focusing on include:

- Upgrading park facilities and maintenance
- Expanding programs and amenities for all ages
- Preserving Weko Beach and natural spaces
- Making parks more accessible and inclusive

We Want to Hear From You!

What would make our parks even better? More walking trails? New playgrounds? Expanded events and activities? Your ideas matter! In the coming months, we'll be hosting public meetings where you can share your thoughts and help shape the future of Bridgman's parks.

Stay tuned for announcements on meeting dates and ways to get involved. Let's work together to create a parks and recreation plan that serves our community for years to come!

For updates, visit [Bridgman.org](https://www.bridgman.org) or contact me at 269-465-5144.

Sara Ball, Parks & Recreation Director

SUMMER JOBS!

The Parks & Recreation Department is looking for hardworking individuals to join our team for the summer! If you love the outdoors, enjoy working with people, and want to make a difference in your community, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

Full & Part-time jobs available. Must be 16+ and have a valid driver's license. \$13.25/hr and up.

- Park Manager
- Park Attendant
- Campground Office Attendant
- Concession Stand

Visit [Bridgman.org](https://www.bridgman.org) for details and to apply.



CITY OF BRIDGMAN

Did you know you can pay your water bill automatically?



Avoid the hassle of making payments manually. **Signing up is quick and easy!** For your convenience, the City offers an autopay option that will automatically withdraw the amount due on the due date from your bank or credit union. The form to enroll is available at <https://mi-bridgman.civicplus.com/248/Water-and-Sewer-Forms>.

Questions: contact Jodi at jmattner@bridgman.org or call 269-465-5144.



Weko Beach Summer Concerts

5301 Lake St. Bridgman MI, 49106

- MAY 25** NEWPORT PRAIRIE PROJECT 7 pm - 9 pm
- JUNE 08** VAN DYKE REVUE 7 pm - 9 pm
- JUNE 22** THE RESURRECTION BLUES BAND 7 pm - 9 pm
- JULY 06** PT AND THE CRUISERS 7 pm - 9 pm

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT www.bridgman.org

More concert dates on the back

Weko Beach Summer Concerts

5301 Lake St. Bridgman MI, 49106

- JULY 20** BLUE SHOES 7 pm - 9 pm
- AUG. 03** NOT SO ACOUSTIC 7 pm - 9 pm
- AUG. 17** COLD LEATHER SEATS 6 pm - 8 pm
- AUG. 31** WHATEVERLY BROTHERS 6 pm - 8 pm

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT www.bridgman.org





2025 Schedule

Please Note:

Bagged Leaf & Brush will be picked up on the same day

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BAGGED LEAF PICKUP
LARGE TRASH PICKUP

Bagged Leaf & Brush 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. 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. If you have a large quantity of brush, arrangements can be made for you to haul the brush to the city composting site.

If you wish to drop off yard waste, there are marked bins for bagged waste and brush behind the DPS Garage at 9821 Maple St, across the parking lot (south) from City Hall.

Leaf and brush burning within the city limits is prohibited.

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

Household Hazardous Waste Collection 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 POLICE DEPARTMENT



Hello Residents,

Our police department is dispatched through the Berrien County Emergency Dispatch Center. If you can't reach us at the station, call **269-983-3060 for non-emergency police assistance.**

Remember, 9-1-1 is for emergencies only.

Officers are usually out patrolling the city, but they regularly check messages left at the station. If you have non-urgent information to share, call 269-465-3880 and leave a message.

Stay safe!
Chief Dan Unruh

OVERNIGHT PARKING

Parking is not allowed on city streets from 2 - 6 AM from November 1 to March 31. Signs are posted at each entrance to the city limits advising motorists of this ordinance. Residents can contact the police department and request a parking pass if overnight guests are expected. Weather conditions may be considered by the officers, thereby determining the issuance of parking passes.

ANIMALS AT WEKO BEACH

City ordinances prohibit animals on Weko Beach year round. They must remain on leashes while on the boardwalks, stairs and parking lots.

PROPERTY CHECKS

City residents are urged to contact us to request a home check so our officers can keep an eye on your property while you are out of town, on vacation, etc. Feel free to stop by the station or give us a call to fill out a property check form.



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



Get Rid of Your Expired/Unwanted Meds Safely

There is a safe **medical disposal box at Bridgman City Hall** where residents can discard expired/unwanted medications. Please refer to the following guidelines when dropping off:

ACCEPTED

Prescription Meds
Over-the-Counter Meds

NOT ACCEPTED

Illegal Drugs
Needles/Syringes
Lotions/Liquids
Inhalers
Aerosol Cans
Thermometers
Hydrogen Peroxide

Since being installed in 2018, residents have dropped off more than **450 pounds** of unwanted medications that ultimately get destroyed by the Berrien County Forensic Lab!





A Season of Growth

Director, Nancy Kiernan

Springtime brings a fresh perspective. With warmer days and longer sunlight, we emerge from hibernation, ready to reconnect and revitalize our community. Over the past few months, the Greater Bridgman Area Chamber and Growth Alliance (BCGA) has been hard at work. We hosted a well-attended Annual Meeting in November and the beloved **Holiday Village** in December. February saw us celebrating our progress at the **Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber's Business Recognition Breakfast**, where we were thrilled to have representatives from the **Michigan Economic Development Corporation**, the **Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development**, and **The Great Lakes Housing Service** join us at our table. In March, **Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Community Engagement Representative, Carly Swanson**, joined us at D'Agostino's Navajo Bar and Grille for our first **Commerce and Conversation** event of the year.

Building a Stronger Community

In 2025, our focus is clear: **Community Engagement**. A thriving local economy starts with a strong, involved community. We are launching a holistic economic assessment of our commercial corridor, spanning Lake Charter Township and the City of Bridgman. We will also assist in updating the City's master plan and continue working toward **Redevelopment Ready Communities**

certification. Looking ahead, we are excited to host a **Strong Towns Local Conversation** group in April and to bring back a daylong **Celebrate Bridgman** event on **July 12**.

The Strong Towns Approach: A Smarter Path to Growth

As we shape the future of Bridgman, it is essential to embrace strategies that foster **long-term economic resilience**. The **Strong Towns** framework offers a sustainable approach—one that prioritizes **fiscal responsibility, incremental growth, and community well-being**.

Traditional economic development often relies on large-scale incentivized projects, tourism, or expansion of public infrastructure, which can lead to long-term financial burdens. Instead, the Strong Towns model champions **small-scale, locally driven investments**—supporting small businesses, enhancing existing infrastructure, and fostering organic neighborhood growth. This method **yields higher public investment returns while reducing financial risk**.

A Balanced Future: Residents First

As we look forward to warmer weather and the return of visitors to our area, we want to keep in mind that while tourism plays a vital role in our local economy, an over-reliance on seasonal visitors can create instability. Our vision is to strike a **better balance between**



resident and tourist needs, ensuring that economic growth enhances—not undermines—our community’s quality of life.

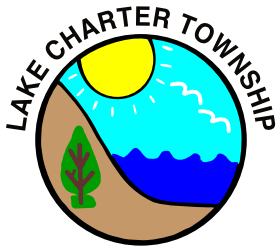
- **Prioritizing Local Voices:** Community input is essential in tourism planning. By engaging residents, we can craft policies that protect our town’s character while maximizing economic benefits.
- **Investing in Local Entrepreneurs:** Strengthening small businesses ensures long-term stability, extending economic opportunities beyond seasonal trends.
- **Encouraging Smart Growth:** Walkable neighborhoods, mixed-use development, and bottom-up decision-making create vibrant, sustainable communities where people want to live and work.

The BCGA strategy is to encourage **economic prosperity without sacrificing community stability**. By fostering resilience, inclusiveness, and responsibility, we can create a future where the Greater Bridgman Area thrives—not just as a destination but as a home.

Nancy Kiernan, Director

Members of the Bridgman CGA attend the Strong Towns Conference hosted by the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber





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Township News from Supervisor, Zach Carson

Dear Township Residents,

Spring is in the air, and our hardworking team has been busy preparing for the season ahead! After a long winter, they've been clearing debris, tidying up the grounds, and making sure everything is ready for the months to come. With the water system now back on, residents can use it as needed, and our irrigation system will help keep our community looking its best. Spring mowing will also begin soon, ensuring our green spaces stay neat and well-maintained.

We also have some exciting news—**progress on the John Gast Memorial Trail is moving right along!** This much-anticipated project is set to be completed by summer, offering a safe and accessible route for walkers and bikers between the park, Bridgman High School, and the City of Bridgman. Not only will this improve safety, but it will also add another great recreational feature to our community. We can't wait to see it in action!

Additionally, as part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving infrastructure in Lake Charter Township, **sewer smoke and camera testing will continue** as the weather warms. This essential work helps reduce inflow and infiltration, ensuring our wastewater systems run efficiently and prevent future issues.

On another exciting note, I'm happy to officially welcome **Brandon Chiarello as the new part-time Fire Chief** for Lake Charter Township! His leadership and experience will be a tremendous asset to our fire department.

Personally, I am also dedicated to growing in my role within the department and recently **completed my Fire Instructor 1 training** to better serve our residents.

We're looking forward to a season full of positive changes and improvements. Together, we're building a cleaner, safer, and more connected community. Stay tuned for more updates—we can't wait to share what's ahead!

Zach Carson, Supervisor





Clerk News

from Miranda Companion, Township Clerk

Dear Residents,

This time of year is a busy but important time for our township. This season is all about finalizing reports, reviewing financial records, and making sure everything is in place for the upcoming audit. It's also a great opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished and prepare for the exciting projects ahead.

Preparing for a Smooth Audit

Each year, audits help ensure our township's financial operations are transparent, responsible, and in line with all regulations. My role is to make sure our records are accurate, organized, and ready for review. This involves verifying financial statements, tracking expenses, and working closely with the township treasurer to resolve any discrepancies. A successful audit builds trust within our community and sets the foundation for future funding and growth.

Looking Ahead

With the audit process underway, we're also shifting focus to new goals, projects, and opportunities for the year ahead. **One way you can get involved is by becoming an Election Inspector!** With some of our longtime election workers retiring, we're looking for residents to step in and help during upcoming elections. If you're interested or want more details, please email me at Clerk@lake-township.org.

Large Trash Drop-Off Event in April

Spring will be here before we know it, and so will our Large Trash Drop-Off event! This is a great chance to dispose of bulky items that don't fit in regular trash bins—like old furniture, appliances, and other oversized household waste. The event typically takes place in April, and we'll be sharing exact dates soon. Keep an eye on our township website and watch your mail for a postcard with full details, including what items are accepted and drop-off locations.

As always, thank you for being an engaged part of our community. I look forward to another year of progress, teamwork, and new opportunities for our township.

Miranda Companion, Clerk

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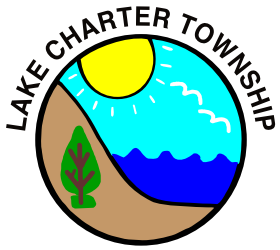
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**Find helpful info
on our website
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building forms,
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forms, maps,
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and more!**



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Treasurer, Park & Trail News from Jennifer Adams

A Successful Tax Season

As we wrap up another successful tax season, I want to extend my sincere thanks to each of you for your contributions and for doing your part. Your support helps keep our community strong!

Every March, each municipality completes a tax settlement with the county. In our township, this process involves reconciling the collected property taxes and distributing those funds to the state, county, and schools for that tax year. I finalized Lake Charter Township's tax settlement with Berrien County on March 7th, and we balanced, meaning the township has accurately accounted for all funds, and there are no discrepancies between what was collected and what needed to be distributed.

Looking ahead, our summer tax season will be here before you know it. **You can expect your 2025 summer property tax bills to arrive in early July.** When you receive yours, be sure to review it carefully.

You can find a wealth of tax information on our website, LakeCharterTownship.org. Go to the **Departments tab** and select the **Treasurer's tab**. Here, you will find information about options such as:

- deferring your summer taxes (if you qualify)
- making partial payments

- using the Dropbox for payments
- setting up online payments
- electronic checks
- tax payment history & assessment details
- tax forms such as Principal Residence Exemption and Qualified Agricultural forms

If you have any questions about your tax bill, please call or visit the office. I look forward to meeting more of you and serving you this year.

Lake Township Park: A Hub of Activity!

Lake Township Park officially reopened on April 1 and will welcome visitors through November 1. Home to the **Bridgman Softball and Baseball Association** and **Bridgman Lake Township Youth Soccer**, the park is buzzing with activity! This season, we're expecting:

PARK RESERVATIONS

The park is a true gem for our community, featuring 3 pavilions, a pond and a gazebo, all available for reservation!

If you're looking for a great spot for a gathering, call the Township Hall at **269-465-6601** to make a reservation.



PARK HOURS

The park is open
April 1 – November 1
8 AM until dusk.



- 140+ youth baseball players
- 80+ softball players
- 150+ soccer participants

The park also boasts a popular disc golf course, hosting an estimated 4,000 rounds of play each year! Exciting upgrades are on the way, with improvements to the baseball field fencing set to be completed before the 2025 season.

Trail news

Exciting things are happening for outdoor enthusiasts!

John Gast Memorial Trail:

- The bidding process wrapped up in February, and the trail is set for completion in 2025.
- This trail will connect the high school to the park, improving safety and accessibility for students, cyclists, and pedestrians.

- Stay updated on progress and ways to get involved by checking the News & Announcements section on our website.

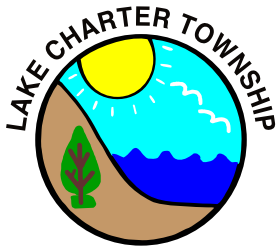
Trail Expansions:

- Construction continues on the **Marquette Greenway Trail**, extending all the way to New Buffalo.
- Work is also underway on the **Linear Trail** along Red Arrow Highway.

Trails enhance safety, promote healthy living, and bring economic benefits to our community. We're excited to see these projects come to life!

Looking forward to a great summer ahead,

Jennifer Adams, Treasurer



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Your Drinking Water: What You Need to Know from Jeff Burkhard

2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT IS NOW AVAILABLE

We're pleased to share that our annual **Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)** is now available to the public at LakeCharterTownshipWater.org/ccr1. This report, required by the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, provides key information about your drinking water, including:

- Detected contaminants
- Potential health effects
- Water sources and treatment process

If you prefer a printed copy, request one by emailing jburkhardtwater@lake-township.org or calling 269-465-3850.

May 4–10, 2025, is Drinking Water Week and the perfect time to learn about your local drinking water. Discover its journey from its source to your faucet and the efforts that go into ensuring safe, high quality water. Understanding our water is the first step to conserving and protecting it.

WHAT IS WATER QUALITY?

Water quality measures your drinking water's safety, taste, and appearance. High-quality drinking water means:



- It is safe and free from harmful contaminants
- It tastes and smells clean
- It meets all federal and state regulations

HOW WE TREAT YOUR WATER

Disinfection with Sodium Hypochlorite (Liquid Chlorine)

We use liquid chlorine to kill bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms. This process prevents waterborne diseases like typhoid, cholera and dysentery. You may notice a chlorine taste or smell. If it's bothersome to you, try these tips:

- Refrigerate water in an open container to let chlorine dissipate



- Use a water filter designed to remove chlorine taste
- Add a slice of lemon or cucumber to improve flavor

White residue on faucets or showerheads is common but harmless. It can be easily removed with vinegar or a mild cleaner.

Improving Clarity with Aluminum Sulfate

We also add aluminum sulfate (alum) during the treatment process to remove small particles from the water, improving clarity and removing potential contaminants.

UNDERSTANDING LAKE MICHIGAN WATER CHARACTERISTICS

Water Hardness

The water from Lake Michigan (which serves as our water source) is naturally moderately hard, meaning it contains minerals like calcium and magnesium. You may notice:

- Scale buildup on appliances and water fixtures
- White spots on glassware and dishes
- Less lather with soap

Our facility does not soften the water supply, but home water softeners are an option if you prefer softer water.



HOME WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS & THEIR EFFECTS

Many residents choose to install additional water treatment systems in their homes. While these systems can provide benefits, it's important to understand how they affect water quality and the maintenance they require.

Water Softeners

Home water softeners typically work by exchanging calcium and magnesium ions with sodium or potassium ions. This process:

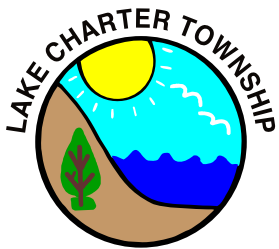
- Reduces scale buildup
- Makes soaps and detergents more effective
- Increases sodium content, which may be a concern for those on sodium-restricted diets

Water softeners require regular maintenance, including replenishing salt and periodic cleaning of the resin bed. Improperly maintained softeners can become breeding grounds for bacteria or release excessive sodium into your water.

Reverse Osmosis (RO) Systems

Reverse Osmosis systems remove a wide range of contaminants by forcing water through a semipermeable membrane. These systems:

- Significantly reduce minerals, resulting in very "pure" water
- Remove beneficial minerals along with contaminants
- Can increase water acidity, potentially increasing its corrosivity
- Wastes water during the filtration process



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RO membranes need to be replaced about every 2-3 years. Neglected systems can harbor bacteria growth in stagnant water or allow contaminants to pass through deteriorated membranes.

Point-of-Use Filters

These include under-sink filters, faucet attachments, and pitcher filters. Their effects vary based on the type:

- Carbon filters improve taste and odor but don't significantly change the mineral content
- Ceramic filters remove microorganisms but not dissolved chemicals
- Ion exchange filters can alter mineral content similar to softeners

All filters need to be replaced based on their guidelines. Expired filters become ineffective and can release trapped contaminants back into water or harbor bacterial growth.

YOUR HOME'S PLUMBING & WATER QUALITY

Factors like old pipes, standing water and water temperature can significantly impact water quality between the treatment plant and your tap. Simple steps to maintain quality include:

- Flush taps after long periods of non-use: Water that sits in pipes for extended periods (during vacations, for example) can develop taste and odor issues
- Use cold water for drinking and cooking: Hot water dissolves metals more than cold water
- Check plumbing materials: Older homes may have

lead or copper pipes that can leach into water, especially if water is corrosive

- Cross-connections: Improper plumbing connections can allow non-potable water to contaminate drinking water

PROTECTING OUR WATER SUPPLY

The quality of our drinking water begins long before it reaches our treatment facility. Lake Michigan and its watershed—the land area that drains into the lake—play a crucial role in determining our water quality.

A watershed is like nature's water collection system. Every action taken within this area affects water quality. Urban development, agricultural practices, industrial operations, and even individual household choices can impact the water that eventually becomes your drinking water.

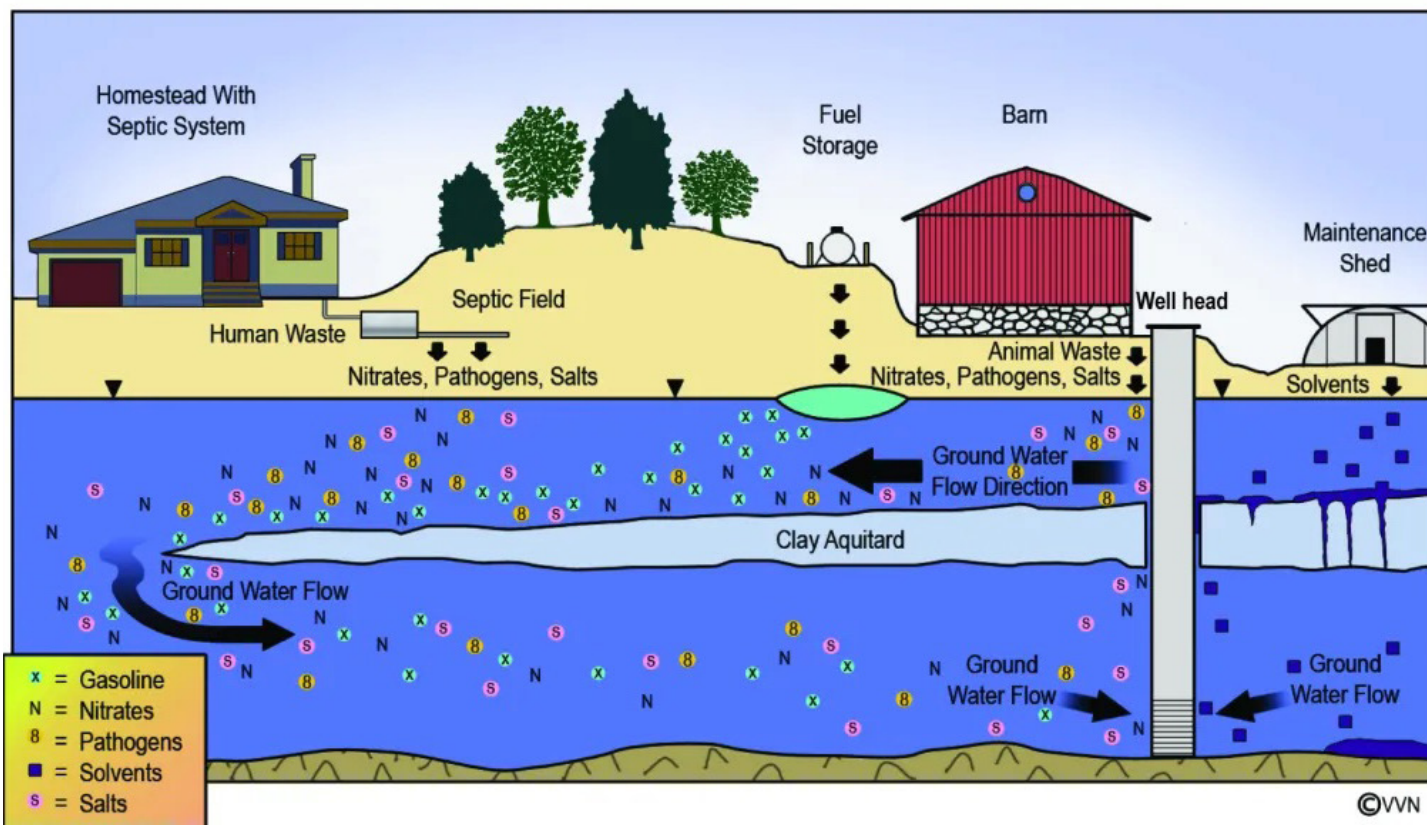
Protecting our watershed ensures:

- **Cleaner source water:** A healthy watershed naturally filters pollutants, reducing treatment costs and improving the quality of our raw water
- **Healthier ecosystems:** Watersheds support diverse ecosystems that contribute to water purification
- **Sustainability:** Protecting the watershed ensures a reliable water source for future generations
- **Cost Efficiency:** Better source water reduces treatment costs, helping keep water rates affordable

Residents can help by:

- Disposing of hazardous waste properly (motor oil, pesticides, paint, mothballs, flea collars, cleaners, medicine, etc.)





- Using fertilizers and pesticides sparingly and according to instructions
- Maintaining septic systems properly
- Never dumping anything down storm drains
- Conserving water whenever possible

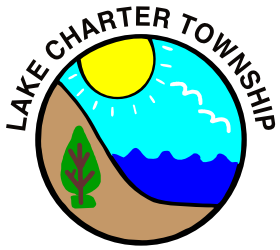
*The health of our watershed directly impacts the quality **and** cost of your drinking water.*

By working together to protect this valuable resource, we ensure clean water for ourselves and future generations.

THE VALUE OF SAFE DRINKING WATER

Access to safe drinking water is a fundamental resource that many parts of the world still struggle to secure. Consider these sobering statistics:

- **2 billion** people worldwide lack access to safely managed drinking water services
- **771 million** people lack even basic drinking water services
- **1.7 million** people, mostly children under five, die annually from diseases related to unsafe water and poor sanitation
- Women and girls collectively spend an estimated 200 million hours daily collecting water, often from distant, unsafe sources



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- In some of the world's poorest regions, people use less than 5 gallons of water per day, compared to the average American who uses 80-100 gallons daily

Fortunately, our community has a reliable system delivering high-quality drinking water directly to homes and businesses. This infrastructure represents decades of investment in public health and provides substantial economic and quality-of-life benefits.

The availability of clean drinking water supports public health, economic development, fire protection, and overall community well-being. Our water treatment professionals work diligently to ensure that when you turn on your tap, the water that flows is safe, clean, and meets or exceeds all regulatory standards.

LEARN MORE! VISIT YOUR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Interested in seeing firsthand how your drinking water is produced? We welcome and encourage community members (adults and kids alike) to learn more about their water supply.

If you would like to see how your water is made, please call our office at 269-465-3850 to schedule a tour for your family or group. These educational tours provide valuable insight into the treatment processes and the work that goes into delivering safe, clean water to your tap every day. If you have any questions about either water or sewer, please contact the water department at 269-465-3850 or lakechartertownshipwater.org

Jeff Burkhard, Water System Superintendent



WORK FOR WATER!

Are you looking for a rewarding career with good pay and the chance to give back to your community? A career in water offers the opportunity to deliver, clean and renew our world's most essential resource.

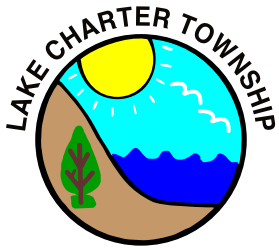
If you attend high school, chemistry, biology and math are three essential classes to take. Working at a municipal water treatment plant requires obtaining a certification from the state you choose to work in. When we have a position open, one of the first things we look for is this certification. Most of our current operators achieved this certification through on-the-job training and study at Lake Township.

Schedule a tour of the plant if you'd like to learn more. Teachers & classes welcome!



CAREER PATHS IN WATER

- Water Resource Recovery
- Drinking Water Treatment
- Wastewater Collections
- Water Distribution
- Lab Technician



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2025 Lake Charter Township - NORTH OF SHAWNEE Recycling Collection Calendar

■ Holidays ■ Recycling

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2025 Lake Charter Township - BOTH SIDE OF SHAWNEE RD SOUTH OF SHAWNEE RD AND DUNEWOOD Recycling Collection Calendar

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Library News from Sarah Skinner, Director

Do you know about the great digital offerings BPL provides for its patrons? With your library card number, you can read ebooks or listen to audiobooks on the **Libby app**.

Digital magazines are a new addition to the Libby catalog and are available on-demand.

The Library of Michigan provides access to additional digital resources on their website mel.org. Michigan library card holders have FREE access to these e-resources including **World Book Kids**, **NoveList Plus**, and **Hobbies & Crafts Source**. The **Learning Express Library** included with the e-resources helps patrons with career preparation, computer skills, or college prep practice tests.

Many folks are not aware of The **Michigan Activity Pass** (MAP). MAP provides Michigan library cardholders the opportunity to discover and explore participating cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds and recreation areas in the state at a discounted rate. There are eleven (11) options within 25 miles of Bridgman! Check out what's available at miactivitypass.org.

Finally, our **Summer Reading Program begins in June!** We have Summer Reading programs for all ages with some really great prizes. My team can't wait to see you this summer!

Sarah Skinner, Director

MONDAYS	Chair Yoga 9:00am	Library Therapy Dog 11:30am	Knit & Yarn 1:30pm
TUESDAYS	Roots to Remember 1st Tuesdays 5:00pm	Knit & Yarn 3rd Tuesdays 6:00pm	Alzheimer's Support Group Last Tuesdays 2:00pm
WEDNESDAYS	Artplay 1st Wednesdays 6:00pm	BPL Book Group 2nd Wednesdays 5:30pm	Open Craft Time 3rd Wednesdays 5:00pm - 7:00pm
THURSDAYS	Magic the Gathering Last Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm		

ADULT PROGRAMS

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS OF CAREGIVING

MAY 8 2:00 PM

Nicole Hourani from the Alzheimer's Association will teach us about a person-centered approach to caregiving, how to reduce caregiver stress and how relationships can change over time throughout the caregiving journey.

POKÉMON FOR PARENTS

MAY 10 11:00 AM

Learn how to play the game your kids love! Learn Pokémon card values and how to collect and trade them.



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

COOKING WITH HERBS

MAY 13 6:00 PM via Zoom

Mary Spencer, Culinary Instructor and Owner of Taste: A Cook's Place, will be on Zoom to teach us how to cook with herbs. Program recipes and Zoom link will be posted to the library's website.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

MAY 27, JUN 24, JUL 29, AUG 26

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Share your talent on the open stage at BPL! Family-friendly performances of all kinds are encouraged.

Please register by calling the library. Ages 13+

LOCAL AUTHOR TALK, "WHEN WE WERE INVINCIBLE: LIFE LESSONS FROM THE 80'S"

JUN 10 6:30 PM

Through vivid memories, humorous anecdotes, and heartfelt reflections, local author Becky Kliss hits rewind on the boom box and takes you on a nostalgic journey exploring what it means to be part of "The Forgotten Generation" while also uncovering life lessons for middle age.

RESPONDING TO DEMENTIA-RELATED BEHAVIORS

JUN 26 2:00 PM

Nicole Houraini from the Alzheimer's Association will talk about common behavior changes related to Dementia, how to use non-medical approaches to address these behaviors, and how to recognize when additional help is needed.

FAMILY PROGRAMS – ALL AGES

CRAFT CONNECTION

MAY 20, JUN 17, JUL 15, AUG 19

2:00 PM

A different make & take craft every third Tuesday of the month. See website for project details. Ages 13+

LET'S JAM!

MAY 24 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Explore making music and creating different sounds in an informal setting. Perfect for kids at the beginner level, although those with more experience are welcome. Bring an instrument if you have one. The library has a few available to borrow on a first come, first served basis. Ages 5+

SONGS & STORIES OF IRELAND

JUN 5 6:00 PM

Let the songs of Ireland take you across the Atlantic through the voice of modern Irish balladeer Enda Reilly. Sponsored by the Friends of BPL. All ages.

NERF NITE

JUN 26 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us for a night filled with Nerf fun for kids and adults alike. Bring your blaster, we'll provide the darts. Ages 6+ (The library will close at 4:30 pm and services will not be available during this time.)



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FAMILY PROGRAMS CONT.

SUMMER MOVIE: DETECTIVE PIKACHU

JUL 7 1:00 PM

Beat the afternoon heat and enjoy some popcorn while watching Detective Pikachu. Rated PG. All ages.

WEKO BEACH ALPHABET WALK

JUL 10 11:00 AM

Can you find objects that start with all the letters of the alphabet between the library and the beach? Wear comfortable walking shoes and gather at BPL for a fun walk to Weko Beach. All ages.

KAT KRAFTS

JUL 10, 17, 24, 31 2:00 PM

Come Kraft with Kat! There will be a different craft project each week to help "Color Our World!" Ages 13+

COLOR OUR WORLD WITH CHALK ARTIST, KIMBERLY WOOD

JUL 11 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Artist & chalk painter, Kimberly Wood, will be here to give us techniques and examples of what we can create with chalk. Join us in the south parking lot of the library. All ages.

ABRACADABRA MAGIC

JUL 18 11:00 AM

Magician Kevin Wilson and his bunny, Oreo, will delight everyone in this magic show. **Please sign up on our website program calendar.** All ages.



SUNDAE DAY

JUL 21 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cool off with a free ice cream sundae on our patio. Enjoy chocolate and vanilla ice cream with an array of toppings! First come, first served.

FAMILY TRIVIA

JUL 30 2:00 PM

Teams will compete in this all-ages trivia game. Questions will vary in difficulty and subject matter. Winning team members will each receive a 100 Grand... candy bar! Come with a team, or not. Individuals can be placed on a team.

HANDS ON SCIENCE: ROCKETRY

AUG 1 11:00 AM

Build and launch water bottle rockets! The rocket that soars the highest will win a prize. Ages 8+



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

ROZ PUPPETS: PERCY THE PURPLE COW

JUN 27 1:00 PM

The Roz Puppets will perform a fun story about a happy little cow who turns purple because of her love of grape soda. Through some silly mishaps she finds fame just by being herself. All ages.

WATER FUN DAY

JUN 30 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Bubbles, sponges, water and fun! Please wear clothes you don't mind getting wet. Ages 0-8.

POKÉMON TEAM UP

JUL 1 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Pokémon crafts, Pokémon GO and the Pokémon Trading Card Game! This event is in collaboration with Lincoln Township Public Library and will be held at LTPL in Stevensville. Please bring your Pokémon Cards! Ages 5-16.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

JUL 24 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
JUL 25 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Drop off your stuffie between 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Thursday for a fun-filled overnight stay at the library. Pick them up the following morning between 10:00 am - 11:00 am and enjoy a continental breakfast with your furry friend. A photo album documenting their adventure is also included.

HOURS

Mon – Thur
10 AM TO 8 PM

Friday
10 AM TO 5 PM

Saturday
10 AM TO 4 PM

Sunday
CLOSED

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ONGOING EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS

MONDAYS	Little Explorers 2nd & 4th Mondays 11:00am	
TUESDAYS	Toddler Storytime 9:30am, 10:30am & 11:30am	
WEDNESDAYS	Baby & Me 10:30am	Baby & Me Art Last Wednesdays 10:30am
THURSDAYS	Evening Storytime 1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:00pm	



ONGOING YOUTH PROGRAMS

MONDAYS	Library Therapy Dog 11:30am
TUESDAYS	Pokémon Card League 4:00pm - 5:00pm
WEDNESDAYS	Dungeons & Dragons 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm
THURSDAYS	Magic the Gathering Last Thursdays 4:00pm - 5:30pm






CITY OF BRIDGMAN 2025 TRASH & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

2025 City of Bridgman Trash & Recycling Pickup

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 Symbol - Trash and Recycle day
 Blue is Trash pick-up day - WEST OF RED ARROW TO LAKE MICH.
 Pink is Trash pick-up day - EAST OF RED ARROW TO GAST RD

Large Trash Pick-Up will be
 May 12 & 14 and September 15 & 17



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