

The Berkley Times

Activities, Trips, and Programs for Seniors

July - August



The "September - October Berkley Times" will be available mid-August!



What to Expect in July and August



In this edition of the Berkley Times, you'll find information about upcoming casino trips, trivia, bingo, Eastern Market trips, guided architectural tours, the Detroit Princess Lunch Cruise, and July's Lunch and Learn. You can also learn about the summer schedule for our recurring programs like Senior Hangout, Senior Fitness, and Square Dancing. This summer, we'll also be providing rides to the Berkley Beats concert series!

Weekly Senior Hangouts, Fitness, and Dancing

Thursday Senior Hangout: You can come to the Berkley Community Center every Thursday from 11 AM to 1 PM to enjoy coffee, pastries, puzzles, crafts, cards, and chit-chat! Transportation to and from Oxford Park Towers is provided; be sure to let staff know if you need a ride. The summer schedule may differ from the rest of the year's schedule due to building availability; see the calendar for any cancellations.

We encourage you to come by! It's free, so come hang!



Important and new information regarding Senior Mix Workout and Senior Fitness with Pamela:

- Monday's Senior Mix Workout with Pamela will return in the fall. The last class for this season is June 22.
- Senior Fitness with Pamela (Monday, Tuesday, and Friday) will also return in the fall. The last class for this season is June 26.
- The summer schedule for Senior Fitness with Pamela is 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This schedule is only for July! We are excited to bring this summer option to you! **The exact dates are listed on the attached calendar; keep an eye out for cancellations.**

Tom Katz Square Dancing: No experience required, couples and singles welcome! First lesson is FREE and each following lesson will be \$7. Have fun, laugh, make friends, get lots of exercise, reduce stress, improve memory skills, and dance to great music! Lessons are offered at the Berkley Community Center on Mondays from 1 PM - 3 PM (Beginner) and 3 PM - 4 PM (Plus), and Tuesdays from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM (Beginner and Plus). Each month includes a Friday-night themed dance, too! Dress is casual for lessons. Visit tomkatz.net for more information

Articipate's Summer Studio

Articipate's Summer Studio program offers a weekly collaborative art series on a big scale; mural size. A new project each week; Sumi Ink mural, themed art, colored creases and more. All ages welcome. Drop in on Tuesdays from 12pm-5pm and pay what you want. For more information or questions, contact Articipate at 248-812-9022.

New & Noteworthy

Medical Loan Closet: The Berkley Community Center has a collection of second-hand medical equipment that is available to loan to anyone in need. Walkers, wheelchairs, canes, shower chairs, crutches, commodes, etc. are included. Contact us to see if equipment you need is available. We accept donations for certain items depending on how much storage we have at the time.

Cologne and Perfume: If you are going on one of our trips or attending one of our programs/classes, we kindly ask you to be conscious of the amount of cologne/perfume you wear. Scent sensitivity is quite common. We appreciate you working with us.

July Lunch and Learn

A Medicare Lunch and Learn with Andrea Hicks

Shining a light on Medicare, helping YOU understand the basics. Whether you are turning 65 and new to Medicare, over 65 and still working, or over 65 and unsure about the coverage and benefits available to you, this talk can help with Healthcare Marketplace, Medicare, Life, and Retirement insurance needs.

Andrea is an independent, licensed, and certified Health Insurance Agent in Michigan, Florida, Arizona, and Ohio. Raised in Royal Oak, she worked in Berkley for over 15 years and currently resides in Madison Heights. Andrea educates and guides her clients through health insurance at no cost, providing multiple insurance carriers to choose from. Lunch will be served at 12 PM, followed the presentation. Desserts and beverages will also be provided.

Date: Friday, July 24, at 12:30 PM

Cost: Free; lunch from Downtown Berkley's The Lunch Cafe provided by Andrea Hicks

Spots available: Limited, *must register beforehand*

Bus: 12:15 PM from the Oxford Park Towers



Eastern Market Trips

Eastern Market Trip One:

The scaled-down Tuesday Market is perfect for stocking up on fresh produce, baked goods, and meats.

The bus will leave Eastern Market and return to Berkley around 1 PM, giving you plenty of time to grab a bite to eat if you are interested.

Date: Tuesday, July 7

Cost: \$15

Spots available: 11, must register beforehand

Bus: 9:30 AM - Oxford Park Towers

9:45 AM - Berkley Community Center

Eastern Market Trip Two:

Date: Tuesday, August 4

Cost: \$15

Spots available: 11, must register beforehand

Bus: 9:30 AM - Oxford Park Towers

9:45 AM - Berkley Community Center



Comerica Park Tour

Tours at Comerica Park are back! Join us on a guided-tour around these hallowed grounds, whether you're interested in learning more about the operation of Comerica Park or just want to take in the sights and sounds from behind the scenes. Both stairs and elevators will be available to accommodate all. Please keep in mind that this tour may involve more walking than tours we've gone on in the past.

We must be checked in for our tour at Comerica Park by 8:45 AM. We will be going through security, and **bags cannot be larger than 4"x6"**. Our tour begins at 9 AM and will last 60 - 90 minutes. Please dress for the weather; tours operate rain or shine. Due to our early tour start time, **we will not be stopping for lunch**. You are allowed to bring a snack and a water bottle along with you on the tour.

Comerica Park tours last 1.5 hours and include a visit to the following areas:

- Press Box- Ernie Harwell Media Center
- View of the Jim Beam Champions Club
- Kaline's Corner
- Hall of Fame Statues
- Photo Opportunities with the Custom Hi-Chew Carousel & Ferris Wheel
- Center Field Camera Well *
- Field Photo Opportunity*
- Dugout*
- Locker Rooms*

*Please note that tour stops are subject to change at any time without any advanced notice



Date: Tuesday, July 14

Cost: \$45

Spots available: 12, must register beforehand

Bus: 7:45 AM - Oxford Park Towers

8:00 AM - Berkley Community Center

Detroit Princess Lunch Cruise

Take a midday break from the world and cruise on the Detroit River! Lunch cruises are perfect for seeing the downtown areas of both Detroit and our neighbors in Windsor. The luncheon buffet menu includes entrees of Tender Beef Tips in Gravy, Baked Chicken and Marinated Portabella Mushrooms, sides including Mashed Potatoes, Cheese Tortellini, Steamed Fresh Vegetables, and Michigan Tossed Salad with add-ons., Dessert, coffee, hot tea, and ice water are also included. All other beverages will be available for individual purchase at the bar with a credit/debit card, Google Pay, or Apple Pay.

Date: Wednesday, July 9

Cost: \$85

Boarding Time: 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM

Cruising Time: 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Spots available: 22, must register before hand

Bus: 10:30 AM - Oxford Park Towers

10:45 AM - Berkley Community Center

Be sure to pack a sweater or a light jacket!



The Guardian Building: An Insider's Tour

Experience one of the most stunning art-deco skyscrapers in the world. As one of Atlas Obscura's must-see world skyscrapers, the Guardian Building is considered to be the most beautiful building in Detroit. The Guardian Building is one of only 5 local attractions to receive the coveted Michelin 3-star recommended site, indicating it's worth a special journey to see. Known as the "Cathedral of Finance," locals have long known this building as an architectural treasure. On the tour, learn the building's rich history and get an up-close appreciation of the architectural magnificence showcased in every minute detail of one of Detroit's most visited buildings. Best of all, enjoy exclusive access that only Detroit Food & City Tours can offer as you visit several spaces off-limits to the public, including hidden bank vaults complete with stories of the gold they once held. It's an awe-inspiring one-hour tour you'll remember for a lifetime!



Date: Monday, August 10
Cost: \$40
Spots available: 12
Bus: 10:30 AM - Oxford Park Towers
 10:45 AM - Berkley Community Center

Lunch: TBD, if the restaurant does not offer separate checks, we will call you to process your lunch fee (\$20 to be expected, depending on the restaurant)

PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS
BERKLEY BEATS

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 2026

SAVE THE DATE **7:00 PM**
berkleymi.gov/berkleybeats

JUNE 25 CLASSIC ROCK
 HARMONIC SWELL AND THE BRIDGE OF REVERBERATION
 Oxford Park (2100 Bacon Ave.)

JULY 9 POP ROCK
 THE GROOVE SUNS
 Dorothea Pocket Park (Coolidge Hwy. & Dorothea Rd.)

JULY 30 POP ROCK, COUNTRY & MOTOWN
 WEEKEND COMEBACK
 Oxford Park (2100 Bacon Ave.)

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Shuttle to Berkley Beats Summer Concert Series!

This year we will provide an accessible, round-trip shuttle to the Berkley Beats Summer Concert Series for seniors interested in attending any Concert listed to the left!

Bring a lawn chair and join us for some music in the park!

Rides and concerts are free!

Must call to register in order to schedule your shuttle.



Casino Trips

Hollywood Casino at Greektown

Date: Monday, July 13

Cost: \$15

Spots available: 13 per trip

First Trip Bus Schedule:

- 8:45 AM - Oxford Park Towers
- 9:00 AM - Berkley Community Center

OVERFLOW / Second Trip Bus Schedule:

- 10:00 AM - Oxford Park Towers
- 10:15 AM - Berkley Community Center

MGM Casino

Date: Wednesday, August 19

Cost: \$15

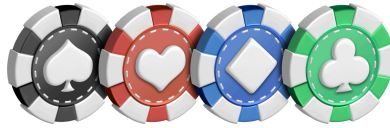
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Senior Bingo

Summer Fun Bingo Bash

Date: Friday, July 10

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Cost: \$15

Bus: 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM - Oxford Park Towers

MUST REGISTER BY JUNE 30 FOR CATERING PURPOSES! Thank you!

Note: Doors do not open until 12:30 PM. Please allow staff to finish setting up before your arrival!

Includes two bingo cards! Additional cards can be purchased for \$0.50. Lunch will be provided.

Senior Trivia

Trivia Thursday

Date: Thursday, August 6

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Cost: \$15

Bus: 12:00 PM - 12:15 PM - Oxford Park Towers

MUST REGISTER BY July 20 FOR CATERING PURPOSES! Thank you!

Note: Doors do not open until 12:30 PM. Please allow staff to finish setting up before your arrival!

Come test your knowledge! Multiple rounds of questions, bonus rounds, and a whole lot of fun. Lunch will be provided.



Senior Van Transportation Rules & Regulations

Welcome to the Berkley Transportation Service. We look forward to assisting you with all of your transportation needs. Reservations can be made for trips to the doctor, salons, shopping centers and more.

General Information

- Senior Van Transportation is available for Berkley residents who are over the age of 50, retired or semi-retired. All vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts for anyone in need.
- A suggested donation of \$3 for one-way trips or \$5 for round trips is recommended.
- Transportation is available Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM unless otherwise stated.

All rides must be completed by 4:00 PM

How to make a van reservation:

- Call Parks and Recreation at 248-658-3470 and ask for transportation.
Reservations: Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM & 12:00 PM.
Requests will not be accepted at any other time.
- Please be prepared to provide your name, address and the address of where you will need to be dropped off.
- Please indicate if you need special assistance, like if you are using a walker or are in a wheelchair.
- Reservations need to be made at least two days in advance, but can be made months in advance if you have all the necessary information.

Meijer Trip Information

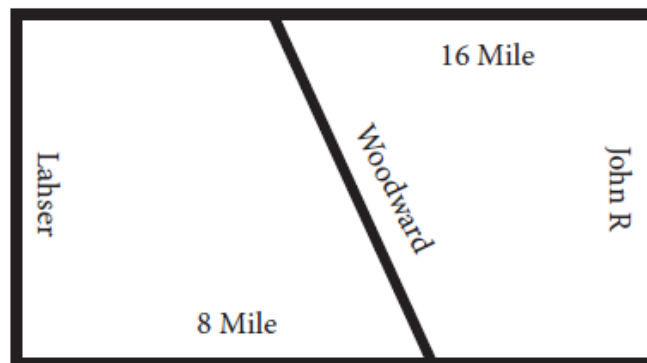
Resident Meijer Trip: 8:30 AM Tuesdays

Oxford Park Resident Meijer Trips 10:00 AM Thursdays & 9:00 AM Fridays

Grocery shopping is limited to what a passenger can carry in one trip or in a personal pull cart. Drivers are not permitted to carry groceries into homes.

No changes other than cancellations will be made on the day of transportation. Additions will not be accepted. Please do not ask the driver to alter the schedule.

All reservations, cancellations, and changes to existing rides need to be made by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 248-658-3470



JULY 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1	2 SENIOR HANGOUT CANCELLED 11AM - 1PM	3 BUILDING CLOSED
6 TK SQUARE DANCING 1PM - 4PM	7 SENIOR EXERCISE 9:30AM - 10:30AM EASTERN MARKET TRIP ONE 9:45AM DEPARTURE TK SQUARE DANCING 730PM - 930PM	8	9 SENIOR EXERCISE CANCELLED 9:30AM - 10:30AM SENIOR HANGOUT 11AM - 1PM	10 SUMMER FUN BINGO BASH 12:30PM - 2:30PM *DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM**
13 HOLLYWOOD AT GREEKTOWN 9AM DEPART, 1 ST TRIP 10:15AM DEPART, 2 ND TRIP TK SQUARE DANCING 1PM - 4PM	14 SENIOR EXERCISE 9:30AM - 10:30AM COMERICA PARK TOUR 8AM DEPARTURE TK SQUARE DANCING CANCELLED 730-930PM	15	16 SENIOR EXERCISE CANCELLED 9:30AM - 10:30AM SENIOR HANGOUT 11AM - 1PM	17
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3 TK SQUARE DANCING CANCELLED 1PM-4PM ELECTION SET UP	4 EASTERN MARKET TRIP ONE 9:45AM DEPARTURE TK SQUARE DANCING CANCELLED 730PM-930PM ELECTION DAY	5	6 TRIVIA THURSDAY 12:30PM - 2:30PM DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM** SENIOR HANGOUT CANCELLED 11AM - 1PM	7
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