

Summer Edition 2025

Berkeley Bulletin



**"A little bit
of summer
is what the
whole year
is about."**

-John Mayer

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**"YARD WORK IS MY SECRET
GARDEN OF HAPPINESS."**

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Will you have the "Best Yard"?
Someone is watching.



Mayor Rita Crawford-Graham

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Thank each and every one of you for supporting and believing in me. Your support, encouragement, and dedication made this moment possible. Served as Councilwoman Ward II, graciously performed the role of Councilwoman At-Large and, now accept duties in the line of succession honorably as Mayor. Your trust humbles me deeply.

As your new mayor I understand you have questions or concerns regarding the direction of the city from a legislative standpoint, but I assure you as a long term resident of the City of Berkeley as well as a loyal public servant to the City my intentions are to continue to move the city forward in a positive direction towards rebuilding and beautifying our community. We are working through some very unfortunate issues that previous administration had left us with but I'm confident that our acting city manager and department leaders will continue to work hard for the betterment of us all.

The council and I want to hear your concerns and suggestions but we want you to keep in mind that changes have been made to address the excessive spending that has occurred over the past two years. We have to operate in a manner that adheres to our city charter and financial policies. The current acting city manager has been working diligently with council to ensure that moving forward the city is able to operate efficiently without any delays to our residents and business owners. Our goal as a council is to build on our existing strategies to improve customer engagement with staff and to increase our overall bottom line as public servants.

As Mayor my top 5 priorities are...

- To launch an investigation to get results to end the blatant harassment, retaliation and targeting of law abiding citizens. I personally know how you feel and becoming mayor came with that senseless initiation. Recently a news report aired to tarnish my name, character, political affiliation, and reputation. Don't be deceived.
- Economic development ventures are manifesting in and around the City of Berkeley. The 170 at Airport Road Project puts the City of Berkeley right on schedule to collaborate with community development to undergo commercial, urban and economic growth.
- New business. Projected is a potential project for 4700 N Hanley. This will be a good deal for Berkeley with over 850 jobs coming into the area. A job fair will be a phase of the process and Berkeley qualified residents will be prospective candidates to apply for these positions.
- We completed Housing and Urban Development education to establish cooperatives with local housing and development agencies to improve, streamline, and enforce fair housing laws. Berkeley sponsors the Dollar Home Program. Please contact Jeremy Taylor 314-400-3706 for guidelines and procedures if you are interested.
- Pursue grants to improve community services. Access a wide range of resources to provide wrap around support services for Seniors. To reach out to community action programs that fosters employment, resources, healthy family initiatives and the assistance you need.

What this looks like is to focus on solid solutions to current challenges.

My door will always stay open to hear your concerns and ideas. I can be reached at rcrawford-graham@berkeleymo.us. Together, we'll create the thriving community we all deserve. Let's roll up our sleeves and get started.

📞 Contact me at (314) 706-0824 (cell) or email at rcrawford-graham@berkeleymo.us

Councilwoman Jean Holmes, Ward 1



I am Barbara "Jean" Holmes and have been appointed by the City Council to fill the position in Ward 1 as councilperson for the remainder of the current term until April 2026.

I moved to Berkeley in 1974 with my husband Oliver and raised seven children here. I have worked in the Finance or Accounting departments for several major companies throughout my career and retired from the City of Berkeley after 15 years. My service to this community began in 1999 as the city's Accountant, and advanced through several positions until retiring in 2014 as Assistant Finance Director/Finance Manager. Before being appointed I served on two boards: the Board of Adjustment and as the Treasurer for the Betterment Commission. I also enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and am an active member with the Show Me State Red Hat Ladies. I have been an active member of our community and have sought elected positions in the past as I have had a desire to continue service to my community. I am honored to have been appointed to serve as your Ward 1 councilperson and will do my best to represent the residents of Ward 1.



Councilwoman Brenda Williams, Ward 2

I am very Grateful & Thankful to serve as your Council person in WARD 2. I am passionate about making Ward 2, our Community a better place to live. A better life for all.

1. Safety is a Big Concern.

- a. Cars: keep all doors locked. Do not leave valuables or items where they can be seen. Beware of your surroundings. If you see a crime suspicious person, a nuisance. Report it.
- b. Guns: there are gunshots we hear everywhere. Report it. Call 911.
 - i. Guns in the home: keep & use gun locks.
- c. Smoke Alarms: check the batteries. Berkeley Fire Department gives those out to residents for free.
- d. Dogs: all should be on a leash when outside. Make sure to clean up after them.
- e. Get to know your neighbors. Introduce yourself.
- f. Keep porch lights on at night.

2. Cleanliness

- a. Let's see Green. Keep our grass & weeds cut and trash free.

3. Parks for Ward 2:

- a. For all: children, youth, families, and our Seniors.
- b. Taking a vacant lot to have a Community Garden. An opportunity for all to interact.

4. Be Kind to Each Other.

Comments, concerns, suggestions, volunteers. Contact 314-304-9524.

Faith is the first step even when we don't see the staircase.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Councilman Theodore Hoskins, Ward 3



Dear Neighbors,

As we step into the season of spring - a time known for growth, renewal, and new beginnings - I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared progress and look ahead to what we can continue building together in our community.

Spring brings not only warmer weather and blooming landscapes but also a renewed sense of purpose. It's a time when many of us clean up our homes, tend to our gardens, and reconnect with neighbors. As your councilman, I see this season as an opportunity for civic renewal as well - where we work together to strengthen our neighborhoods and improve our quality of life.

This spring, I will be focusing on several key priorities:

1. Community Clean-Up and Beautification Projects

a. We'll be organizing neighborhood clean-up days, tree planting events, and park revitalizations. I invite all residents - young and old - to join us in these efforts. A cleaner, greener neighborhood benefits us all.

2. Public Safety and Infrastructure

a. We continue to make strides in improving street lighting, fixing potholes, and enhancing traffic safety. If you see an area in need of attention, please don't hesitate to report it. Your feedback helps drive real change.

3. Listening and Leadership

a. Most importantly, I want to hear from you. Whether it's a concern, an idea, or a compliment, my door is always open. Staying connected to your needs and hopes is what guides my work each day.

Spring/Summer is a season of action - and together, we can make it one of progress and pride. Thank you for the honor of serving you. Let's continue to grow together.



Councilwoman Willie Mae Anthony, Ward 4

Dear Neighbors,

The Easter Hunt for 2025 was awesome. It was great having time with our wonderful fire department, Inspired STL and awesome ward four families. The weather was beautiful, the children found all eight hundred eggs. Ramona-Mathison Lake is a beautiful spot. We even had some golden eggs winners. Can't wait to next year.

My top 3 priorities are:

1. Maybe having our police department walk the neighborhood once and awhile.
2. Trying to see how we can reach out to our Latino families.
3. Doing block parties to get to know your neighbors.

Councilman Elias Hindeleh, Ward 5



Happy Summer,

The top three priorities I want to see completed are:

1. Install speed bumps in areas where cars have been driving faster than the speed limit.
2. Pave the streets that were not previously repaved recently.
3. Replace faded street signs.

Berkeley Residents NSP Update

Residents, please be advised that the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) was compromised and as a result of these actions it was under investigation by the Missouri Ethics Commission for review due to previous administration practices. Due to this breach, it will not be offered this year. The council and current administration apologize for this inconvenience and any mishandling of your applications previously. We are looking to revisit the NSP for our 2026 fiscal year pending council approval as we are considering an increase to \$3,000 for the amount of the grant. The city will recommend projects such as removal of dead trees, driveway repaving, and fencing that could be considered for the program. All projects are subject to the city's inspections' department review, suggestions and approval. Our inspections team are here to assist, please be mindful that we will not remove healthy trees. Additionally, the NSP grant can only be utilized by owner occupied homes.

Acting City Manager, April Walton

Berkeley Police Department

Community,

The children will be getting out of school with the summer months approaching. We ask that drivers slow down and watch out for pedestrian and especially the kids.

There were 3,304 pedestrians killed in 2024.

As a community we need to work together to reduce crime. You can report a crime and remain anonymous. The following are a few tips to help reduce crime.

If you SEE something SAY something.

- Report a crime immediately.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- While walking, do not use or wear anything that will impede your vision or hearing (i.e. iPods).
- Always lock your car and don't leave it running.
- Have your keys in your hand when approaching your vehicle.

Let's work together for a better community and safe summer.

Colonel Art Jackson # 386

Chief of Police



Join your neighbors and police officers for a morning of conversation and coffee.



The Berkeley Police Department will be hosting "Coffee with a Cop".
Time and date TBA

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the Barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve.

The Berkeley Police Department is hosting a
Vaccine Clinic
Saturday, May 31, 2025, 9am-12pm
Location: PD Headquarters: 8340 Frost Ave.

Dog Vaccines:

Rabies w/county tag	\$37.00 (altered)
	\$47.00 (unaltered)
Distemper	\$37.00
Bordetella (kennel cough)	\$37.00
Distemper/Bordetella Combo	\$63.00
Lyme	\$37.00

Cat Vaccines:

Rabies w/county tag	\$37.00 (altered)
	\$47.00 (unaltered)
Distemper	\$37.00
Leukemia	\$37.00
Microchip	\$47.00

Berkeley residents will be able to purchase their city animal license.
The cost will be \$5.00, senior citizen no charge(with Proof).

*MUST SHOW WRITTEN PROOF OR CERTIFICATE OF SPAY/NEUTER.
NO CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED. CASH OR CHECK ONLY.
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.*



REMINDER:

- It is unlawful to allow dogs to run loose. Dogs should be under the control of the owner at all times.
- Dogs and Cats should wear dog collars with license tags.
- While walking your dogs, Clean up after them. No one wants to step in surprises left behind.
- Certain Dogs are Prohibited:
 - Pit Bull Terrier breed
 - Rottweiler breed

Research the code about dogs and other animals in Chapter 205 of the Municipal Code. Go onto the Berkeley website: www.berkeleymo.us; scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Municipal Code"; a new window will open.



Berkeley Fire Department

BERKELEY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEW ENGINE HOUSE #2 COMING SOON!



Construction on Berkeley Fire Department Engine House #2 is in its final stages and nearing completion!
The Professional Firefighters of Berkeley remain steadfast in our mission to provide the best Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services and Fire Suppression Operations to our residents utilizing industry leading state of the art equipment.
Our new Engine House is a shining example of the continued progression of the City of Berkeley and our community!



The Fire Department continues to conduct monthly CPR/First Aid training classes.

We strive to educate our community on safety matters.

If you have any questions of interest, please don't hesitate to call us at **314-524-3566** or email Lisa at firesecretary@berkeleymo.us to schedule an appointment.

Child Car Seat SAFETY GUIDE



THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
IN CONNECTION WITH

**SSM CARDINAL GLENNON
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

CONDUCTS CAR SEAT CHECK
AND INSTALLATIONS.

**THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD
MATTERS TO US.**

SO PLEASE CALL
314-524-3566
FOR MORE INFORMATION,
OR EMAIL LISA AT
FIRESECRETARY@BERKELEYSO.US.

Berkeley Public Works Street Department

Our Street and Public Works Departments are hard at work ensuring our community's roads and public spaces remain safe, clean, and well-maintained. Our efforts have focused on vital infrastructure upkeep, including pothole repairs to improve roadway conditions, street sweeping to clear debris and enhance visibility, and leaf pickup in the fall to ensure a tidy and accessible environment for all residents.

Whether it's pothole repairs, street sweeping, fall leaf pickup, or essential public maintenance, our team works tirelessly to ensure a safe, clean, and well-functioning environment for all residents.

Have a concern? Need assistance? We're here to help! Together, we can keep our city strong.

☎ Contact us at (314) 400-3707 or pwsecretary@berkeleymo.us

🌐 Learn more at www.berkeleymo.us



Yard waste material must be properly contained in the following containers:

- Personal containers, up to 32-gallon capacity, marked with an "x" or "Yard Waste".
- Paper / biodegradable bags
- Branches / twigs no longer than 4 feet in length and 24" in diameter. These materials need to be bundled and tied with rope / twine.
- Leased yard waste containers from Republic Services
- Maximum weight of each container cannot exceed 50 lbs.

Parks and Recreation

SUMMER 2025

Upcoming Events:

Berkeley Community Pool Opens

June 2nd

City Wide Garage Sale

June 7th

City Shredding Event

July 12th

Public Safety Fair

August 9th, Hoskins-Jackson Park

Fall Festival

September 27th, Hoskins-Jackson Park



Questions? Email:
Andrew Gai agai@berkeleymo.us

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COMMUNITY WATERPARK

2025 Summer Prices

Resident

Daily Pass- \$5 Season

Pass- \$65

Family of 4- \$125

Nonresident

Daily Pass- \$12

Season Pass- \$150

Family of 4- \$200

Daily passes can be purchased at the pool. Season and Family passes must be purchased at City Hall.

Residents Can Manage Services Online



Republic Services is committed to sustainability by making recycling and waste services simple and convenient. To help customers get the most out of service, they can create an online account to manage services anytime, anywhere.

With 24/7 account access, customers can:



See Schedule: Customers can view upcoming collection days and track their truck on their service day using Track My Truck.



Get Real-Time Service Alerts: Customers can sign up to receive updates on service changes, disruptions or scheduling.



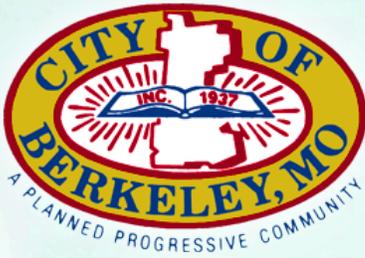
Manage Preferences: Customers can choose how they want to receive personalized communications about services.



Schedule Services: Customers can schedule additional pickups, report a missed pickup, or request a repair or replacement container.



Sustainability in Action



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