

Village Office

Residents and commercial property owners are encouraged to contact village staff with any questions or concerns. See below for contact information. Office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Village Administrator Ken Marten's email is kmarten@binghamfarms.org.

Office Closures

The office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Veterans Day, Fri, Nov 11
- Thanksgiving, Thu, Nov. 24
- Thanksgiving, Fri, Nov. 25
- Christmas break: Mon, Dec 26 thru Mon, Jan 2.

Trustee Forum

The League of Women Voters Oakland Area will host a village trustee candidate forum in Council Chambers, 7-8 pm Thu, Oct 27. There are five candidates running for three seats, each of which are 4-year terms. The forum will be recorded and televised on cable access; seating in the Chambers is limited.

Halloween Safety Tips

The National Safety Council offers the following tips for a safe Halloween – Monday, October 31.

Costume safety

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.
- Opt for nontoxic Halloween makeup over masks, which can obscure vision; always test makeup in a small area first to see if any irritation develops.
- Remove costume makeup before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.

Trick-or-treating

- An adult should accompany young children.
- If older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to the parent.
- Agree on a specific time children should return home.
- Teach children never to enter a stranger's home or car.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.
- Tell children not to eat any treats until they return home, and take care to avoid any food allergies.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.
- Children (and adults) are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk – don't run – across the street.

Safety tips for motorists

- Watch for walkers on roadways, medians and curves.
- Enter and exit driveways carefully.
- At twilight and night, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Discourage inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween.

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Proposed Charter Amendments

Village of Bingham Farms voters will be asked to approve four amendments to the Village Charter that will appear on the November 8 ballot. Village Council approved these measures for ballot inclusion, and the state Attorney General's office has approved the language. To discuss the proposed charter amendments, feel free to call the village office at 248-644-0044, during the hours of 9 pm-4 pm, Monday-Friday.

The proposed charter amendments are included on the following page.



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 248-644-0044

 www.BinghamFarms.org

Emergency: 911

Police/Fire Dispatch: 248-626-5444

DTE: 800-477-4747

Police Office: 248-626-9672

Consumers Energy: 800-477-5050

Fire Office: 248-626-9862

Water Resources: 248-858-0958

**CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION A
CHAPTER II, SECTION 3**

Shall Chapter II, Section 3 of the Charter which reads “The Village shall not have the power: (1) To acquire by purchase or gift or any real property if the value exceeds \$10,000 or by lease if the annual rental exceeds \$10,000, any real property, unless the acquisition shall have first been approved by two-thirds of the electors voting thereon at any general election. The Village may lease office space which shall be exempt from the annual rental limitation” be deleted in its entirety since the requirement is archaic and has become obsolete?

Yes No

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Village Council has determined that Chapter II, Section 3 of its Charter needs to be deleted in its entirety as it is archaic and has become obsolete.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION B
CHAPTER III, SECTION 3-A**

Shall Chapter III, Section 3-A of the Charter be amended to clarify that the requirement that no person shall be elected or appointed to any office unless he or she shall be an elector of the Village of Bingham Farms applies only to the elective offices of president and trustee, and appointment to the Planning Commission?

Yes No

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To amend the first sentence of Chapter III, Section 3-A because it is unenforceable as written due to a change in Sate law, Residency of Public Employees, MCL 15.601, *et seq.*

**CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION C
CHAPTER III, SECTION 11**

Shall Chapter III, Section 11 of the Charter be amended to read: “Absence from 4 regular meetings of the Council in a twelve-month period by a member of Council is deemed neglect of duty and shall be cause for removal from office unless the member’s absence is excused by resolution of the Council setting forth such excuse”?

Yes No

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Charter amendment reduces the number of permissible unexcused regular meeting absences from 5 to 4, deletes the word consecutive, and clarifies that the absence from 4 meetings in a twelve-month period is neglect of duty and shall be cause for removal from office.

**CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION D
CHAPTER VII, SECTION 1**

Shall the first sentence of Section 1 of Chapter VII of the Charter be amended to provide that any ordinance which may legally be adopted by the Council of the Village of Bingham Farms may be proposed by petition, signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the number of registered electors in the Village of Bingham Farms as certified by the Village Clerk, or as otherwise authorized under State Law?

Yes No

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

This Charter amendment revises the authorization to propose an ordinance by petition from at least ten percent (10%) of the number of registered electors in the Village as certified by the Village Clerk to read, “signed by at least fifteen percent (15%) of the number of registered electors in the Village of Bingham Farms as certified by the Village Clerk or as otherwise authorized under State law.”

Village Meetings

All meetings are in-person. Masks are optional. There is no longer a teleconference component.

Below are the remaining meetings for the year:

- 7 pm Mon, October 24
- 7 pm Mon, November 28
- 7 pm Mon, December 19

The Planning Commission meets 7:30 pm on the second Monday of the month as needed.

All meetings are noticed and posted on the village website homepage approximately 72 hours prior. Links to agendas and packets are included.



Snow Removal: Winter is Coming

Plowing public roads: Winter will be here soon. Snowplows hit public roads as soon as two inches have fallen. In heavy storms, the contractor will plow several times to keep the roads passable.

The village will request additional work when conditions warrant. Salting is based on the assessment of the police department. Similar to last year, the village will salt public roads when necessary.

Village-owned public roads include Bingham Road, Bingham Lane, Bristol Lane, Bristol Court, Brittner, Coach Light, Fromm, Hickory Hollow, Old Orchard, Old Stage, Sager, Shagwood, and Timber Trail.

If you have concerns regarding snow removal from public roads, call the village office rather than the village's contractor.

RCOC: The Road Commission for Oakland County plows Thirteen Mile, Fourteen Mile and Telegraph.

Respect your neighbors: Village ordinances prohibit plowing snow from one property and depositing on another -- public or private. Snow must remain on the property on which it falls. Violators may be ticketed. Please inform your snow removal contractor.

Books and batteries

Save a trip and save gas. Baldwin Public Library cardholders may use the book return box in the lobby of the village office building. Rather than make an appointment at the SOCRRA facility, residents may utilize the dead battery collection box in the office lobby. If you stop by after hours, use a plastic bag and tie it to the door handle.

Dates to Remember

- Daylight Saving Time ends 2 am, Sunday, **November 6**. Turn clocks back one hour.
- Veterans Day is Friday, **November 11**. No mail. Banks and gov't offices are closed.
- Thanksgiving is Thursday, **November 24**. Turkey, football and parades.
- Garbage collection moved to Friday, **November 25**, in observance of Thanksgiving.
- Last day for leaf bag/yard waste collection is Thursday, **December 8**.