

## 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](mailto:kmarten@binghamfarms.org)

## Office closures

The office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Memorial Day, Mon. May 30
- Independence Day, Mon. July 4
- Labor Day, Mon. Sep. 5

The next large item collection day is **Thursday, June 9.** Have items at the street by 7 a.m.

# Bristol Lane Community **CLEAN-UP**

Sat. May 7, 2022 @ 10AM

Let's improve our neighborhood with a family-friendly morning of spring cleaning our streets.

- Meet at corner of Bristol Lane & Bristol Court
- Bags for trash/recycling will be provided
- Please bring gloves and dress accordingly

### For additional information

Lisa Blackburn, [LisaBlackburn04@comcast.net](mailto:LisaBlackburn04@comcast.net)  
Nayda Verier-Taylor, [NaydaVT@gmail.com](mailto:NaydaVT@gmail.com)

# Bingham Farms Post

## Spring 2022

## 2022 Family Fest is Saturday, August 13

Mark your calendars and save the date. The village will host the second annual Bingham Farms Family Fest on Saturday, August 13, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Last year's fest was a success, and we hope to increase the number of attractions this year. New and returning vendors, participants and sponsors are welcome. For more information, contact the village office at the number below.



24255 Thirteen Mile Rd.  
Suite 190  
Bingham Farms, MI 48025

 248-644-0044

 [www.BinghamFarms.org](http://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

## Council meetings

Village Council typically meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm. Council holds occasional study sessions on the Wednesday before the Monday meeting at 5:30 pm. Public attendance is encouraged. Meeting notices and agendas are published on the village website approximately 72 hours prior.

## Meeting dates

Dates are adjusted for certain holidays; some fall on the third Monday.

- April 25
- May 23
- June 27
- July 25
- August 22
- September 19
- October 24
- November 28
- December 19

## Township seeks new treasurer

Southfield Township Treasurer Janet Mooney is retiring. Interested in replacing her? For details, email Township Supervisor James O'Reilly, [joreilly@southfieldtownship.org](mailto:joreilly@southfieldtownship.org).

## When It Comes to Household Chemicals - Change Is Good!

You know the age-old phrase: "Change is a good thing!" When it comes to household chemicals, changing your habits in your home, yard, and with your vehicles can help protect water quality in the Rouge River watershed.

Everyone who lives in Michigan lives in a watershed! When rain and snow/ice melt travel across the land (watershed) and into storm drains, it is called stormwater or runoff. As runoff travels, it picks up trash, animal waste, chemicals, sediment, and dissolved substances along the way until it empties into streams, rivers, and lakes. These bodies of water – impacted by runoff – provide recreational opportunities, habitat for wildlife, and even drinking water for communities.

Change is a good thing! Reduce the amount of chemicals you use by finding a natural alternative to your household cleaners like peroxide, olive oil or lemon juice. When washing your vehicles use your local car wash which sends the wash water to the sewer system to be treated. Or just do-it-yourself (DIY!) with water, a coarse cloth and elbow grease. For your yard, seek alternatives to fertilizers like mulching your grass, which acts as a natural fertilizer.

In addition to finding chemical alternatives, change how you use chemicals. Help improve water quality by ensuring you are applying them as directed, in the proper amount, and storing them safely to reduce risk of leaks.

Finally, and maybe most importantly, dispose of chemicals through a take-back program or at a Household Hazardous Waste collection event. Never dump fertilizers, pesticides, vehicle fluids, excess windshield washer fluid or other chemicals down a storm drain or onto the ground.

By incorporating these healthy habits, you are protecting not only the health of our watershed but also ourselves and everything downstream. For more healthy habits related to household chemicals and other ways you can protect water quality in the Rouge River visit [www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/watershed.html](http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com/watershed.html).



### When it comes to household chemicals, changing your habits can help protect water quality in the Rouge River!

- **Change to a chemical alternative**  
There are many natural options that work just as well!
- **Change the way you use chemicals**  
Follow directions - a little usually goes a long way!
- **Change how you dispose of chemicals**  
Never dump down a storm drain - take them to a Household Hazardous Waste collection event.

To learn more changes you can make, visit: [www.allianceofrougecommunities.com](http://www.allianceofrougecommunities.com)



## Franklin Garden Walk is Wednesday, June 8

Enjoy the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Walk hosted by The Franklin Garden Club. Visit extraordinary local gardens with a made-in-Michigan artisan market next to the Franklin Village Green. Mark your calendar now! Tickets are \$12 in advance at Franklin Village Boutique, 32716 Franklin Road, beginning Tuesday, May 3. For more information, visit [www.franklingardenclub.org](http://www.franklingardenclub.org), email [franklingardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:franklingardenclub@gmail.com) or call Margaret at 248-497-2210.

