



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 Manager Ken Marten's email address is kmarten@binghamfarms.org

Office Closures

The office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Good Friday, April 7
- Memorial Day, Mon, May 29
- Tuesday, The Fourth of July

Message from the Village President

As the Village of Bingham Farms President, I encourage residents and commercial property owners to reach out anytime with questions, concerns, or suggestions. Email me at lblackburn@binghamfarms.org or call the Village Office at 248-644-0044 and they will forward me your contact information.

Civic engagement is important, and it's easier than ever in today's world. All levels of government have websites that are loaded with information – federal, state, county, city/village/township, and school district. If you've never visited www.binghamfarms.org, please do so the next you have a few free minutes surfing the web. The village site is uploaded with meeting minutes and agendas, village ordinances, the Master Plan Update, various forms and links to other government sites and services. Beginning in 2019, Village Council began having its meetings recorded; those are uploaded to the site as well. Also, while you're visiting the site, be sure to sign up for village email blasts.

Village staff update the site regularly. If you have a suggestion for the site, contact the office.

Lisa Blackburn,
Village of Bingham Farms President

Lecture Series: How Local Government Works

Curious about the gears of local government? Village Manager Ken Marten will conduct a four-part lecture series beginning in April. Topics will include infrastructure and geography; differences between villages, cities and townships; planning and zoning; budgeting and revenue. Each hour-long session will include time for questions.

Lectures begin at 6:30 pm in the Village Council chambers on Tuesdays April 25, May 16 and 30, and June 13. Light refreshments will be on hand. Lectures are free but participants must register. Call the office to put your name on the list.

Battery recycling tips

- The Environmental Protection Agency advises against placing batteries in trash or recycling bins. Some states have disposal requirements; Michigan does not.
- Take batteries directly to the SOCRRA facility, 995 Coolidge in Troy, for proper recycling. Or bring them to the village office. If afterhours, place in a plastic bag and tie to the door handle.
- Lithium batteries can cause fires to start. Tape the ends with electrical tape before disposal, or place each battery in a separate plastic baggie.



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Police Office: 248-626-9672
Fire Office: 248-626-9862

DTE: 800-477-4747
Consumers Energy: 800-477-5050
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 and sent by “eblast.” All council meetings are recorded and televised.

Meeting dates

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

- April 24
- May 22
- June 26
- July 24
- August 28
- September 18
- October 23
- November 27
- December 18

Annual report

The Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department recently issued its 2022 Annual Report. Copies are available at the village office and the police station, 32311 Franklin Road, in Franklin.

Next: The place for senior citizens to stay active and connected

Michigan is aging, and the Birmingham area is no exception. We are in fact about to see the most profound demographic shift in our history. For the first time, people 65 and older will outnumber those 17 and younger. Nationwide, this moment (called the “crossover”) will occur in 2035. In Michigan, that moment will come a decade sooner, in 2025.

Is an aging population a challenge or an opportunity? The answer is a little of both, but the opportunities are enormous. For one, seniors are economic drivers, controlling more than half the discretionary income – \$37 billion in Michigan alone – and unlike younger demographics, they tend to spend much of that income locally.

Today’s seniors are the healthiest, both mentally and physically of any previous generations. They are more educated and more active. People 50 and older contribute \$745 billion in unpaid activities that benefit the entire community. They are caregivers for loved ones, provide childcare, and volunteer on civic boards and for non-profits. They are business mentors, run youth programs, drive community projects, financially support local charities and overwhelmingly, far outnumber younger voters.

Next, Birmingham’s 50-plus community center, continues to evolve to meet the changing dynamics of this active demographic. The non-profit organization enriches the lives of the 50-plus population of not only Birmingham, but also of Bingham Farms, Beverly Hills and Franklin. People of all ages can find a number of activities to spark an interest. Membership age ranges from 40 to 104. Serving a community of avid learners, Next continues to attain a level of programming that members enjoy. Accredited speakers from local universities, hospitals and important organizations, certified fitness instructors and recognized art teachers all contribute to our offerings that allow residents lifelong learning opportunities right in their own back yard. Science has shown that those who continue to learn and challenge themselves remain happier and healthier. To be able to attend high-quality programs that also provides opportunities for fellowship and friendship is a combination unique to Next.

For example, over the last year, Next has explored various cultures to offer a deeper understanding of the world, and challenge people to think critically about global issues. With distinguished guest speakers, selected entertainment, culinary offerings and day trips to local highlights, Next offers a multi-cultural experience. In the months of March and April, Next is exploring the Middle East. With recognized leaders addressing topics on Islam, Iran, Lebanon and Middle East’s regional diversity, a performance from Armenian musician Ara Toupouzian, day trips to the Arab American Museum and a catered Middle Eastern lunch – there is much to explore. On deck – South America! These special programs compliment the already robust calendar of over 230 activities each month. Whether you are looking to expand your knowledge, develop a skill, stay fit or connect with others, Next has much to offer.

In addition, a foundational part of Next is also service to our communities’ most vulnerable. If you or someone you know may need extra assistance to remain healthy and independent, please call our Support Service Department. We’re here to help! To learn more, visit www.BirminghamNext.org, stop by the center at 2121 Midvale, or call 248-203-5270.



Franklin Garden Walk is Wednesday, June 21

Enjoy the 37th annual Garden Walk hosted by The Franklin Garden Club on June 21 – the first day of summer! Visit six extraordinary local gardens and the artisan market at the gazebo in Franklin Community Park. Tickets are \$12 in advance at Franklin Village Boutique, 32716 Franklin Road, or online at 2023franklingardenwalk.eventbrite.com. Day-of tickets are \$15. All proceeds will benefit horticulture scholarships for in-state students.

Check-in is at the Gazebo, where participants receive a map and brochure, 10 am to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm.

For more information, visit www.franklingardenclub.org, email franklingardenclub@gmail.com or call Shelley Krieg at 248-761-2062.

