

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-4:30 pm Monday-Thursday, 9 am-4 pm Friday. Village Manager Ken Marten's email address is kmarten@binghamfarms.org

Office Closures

The office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Memorial Day, Mon, May 27
- Thursday, The Fourth of July
- Labor Day, Mon, Sep 2

Water Service Line Verification

The Village of Bingham Farms values water quality and safety, therefore we are working to comply with new requirements to provide the State of Michigan with an updated material inventory on all water service lines.

Your water service line carries drinking water from the water main, typically located in or near the street, to inside your home. To confirm the accuracy of our existing service line material information across the Village's water system, we ask residents to check their service line material.

We've created a website with super-simple, step-by-step instructions on how to determine your water service line material, as well as submit photos. This easy process should take only a few minutes. We recommend using a phone or tablet, but it can be accomplished from any computer. Follow the QR code.



Meet the Fire Chief

The village will host an informal session with Franklin-Bingham Fire Department Chief Tony Averbuch. "Meet the Chief" is slated for 3-5 pm Tuesday, May 7, in the Village Council Chambers (see address below). Following a brief presentation, residents will be able to ask Averbuch about the department and its operations, budget, etc. The department has served Franklin, Bingham Farms, and Southfield Township since 1937, and it provides services in the areas of fire response, emergency medical services, and technical response.

Space is limited. If interested in attending, please call the village office or send an email to admin@binghamfarms.org.



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Critter control in the village

Southfield Township provides Bingham Farms with animal control services for both wild and domestic critters. This includes everything from enforcement to advice and even roadkill cleanup. Assistance with wild animal control includes lending live traps. The township also issues annual dog licenses.

To speak with Animal Control Officer David Weber, call the township office, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, at 248-540-3420.

Police/Fire Dispatch: 248-626-5444
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.

- May 20
- June 24
- July 22
- August 26
- September 23
- October 28
- November 25
- December 16

Annual report

The Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department recently issued its 2023 Annual Report. Copies are available at the village office and the police station, 32311 Franklin Road, in Franklin.

Roads Project Advisory Committee is hard at work

The Village Council-appointed, seven-member committee consists of two trustees and five residents. Its mission is to develop and present to council not less than three and not more than five proposals regarding the financing of village road reconstruction, along with project timelines. Proposals are to be submitted to council no later than its Monday, May 20 meeting.

There are approximately 5.5 miles of roads for which the village is responsible for upkeep and maintenance. These are Bingham Road and Bingham Lane, Bristol Lane and Bristol Court, Britner Court, Brooks Lane, Coach Light Lane, Fromm Lane, Hickory Hollow Drive, Old Orchard Trail, Old Stage Road, Sager Court, Shagwood Drive and Timber Trail. Any village-financed road reconstruction and resurfacing would include only these roads. There are no homes on Deauville Court, the cul de sac off of Telegraph, and it is not included in any proposals.

The committee’s overall task is complex. It meets twice per month, and many members have committed “off meeting” hours to develop proposals.

Compounding the complexity is the fact that of the approximately 500 single-family residences, a bit more than half are located on private roads. Any millage increase would affect all private and public road homeowners (and commercial properties). Committee member Toni Grinnan described this unique circumstance in a recent memo:

“It is a situation that likely grew over a long period of time, as new development proposals came before the council and were approved because they were generally good for the Village and consistent with its long-term plans. Private roads likely seemed like a good thing for the Village initially. It is only after decades have passed, and a large number of private roads have been approved, that it becomes clear that the inequities created are not in the Village’s long-term best interests. The Village is now at a point where it will be difficult to persuade voters on private roads to support projects that provide them with no direct benefit. The time is now right for the Village to acknowledge and address these issues.”

Based on estimates by village engineering consultants Hubble, Roth & Clark, total project costs range from \$8.9 to \$14.8 million. The village has approximately \$2.7 million in several funds dedicated to roads.

The committee’s proposals are exactly that – proposals. At least one proposal will more than likely include a millage increase, either simply by council approval or as a ballot measure to be decided by voters in November 2024. Another proposal more than likely will include a special assessment program. Yet another will involve a basic road maintenance plan with no significant improvements. It’s likely that most or all the proposals will include a recommended timeline, allowing for a few roads at a time to be reconstructed year by year. Most of the roads haven’t been resurfaced in nearly 20 years.

Ultimately, Village Council will decide which proposal to adopt.

Village President’s Message: On behalf of the entire council, Village President Lisa Blackburn thanks the members of the Roads Project Advisory Committee for their time, effort and commitment to Bingham Farms. Council looks forward to accepting the various proposals and moving forward with a comprehensive roads reconstruction strategy. Having volunteers step up and devote their time and talent is an invaluable asset to the village, and that’s what makes Bingham Farms so special.

Franklin Garden Walk is Wednesday, June 19

Enjoy the 38th annual Garden Walk hosted by The Franklin Garden Club on June 19! Visit five extraordinary local gardens and the artisan market at the gazebo in Franklin Community Park. Beginning May 1, tickets are \$12 in advance at Franklin Village Boutique, 32716 Franklin Road, of the Franklin Public Library, or online at <https://2024franklingardenwalk.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-4 pm, 6 pm-9 pm.

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

