

Bingham Farms Post

Summer 2023

Village office

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

Holidays

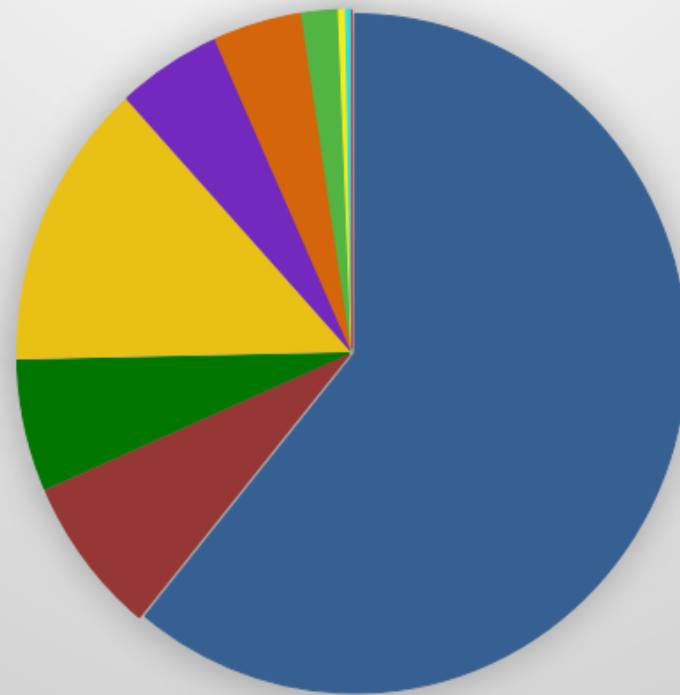
The office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Labor Day, Mon. Sep. 4
- Veterans Day, Fri. Nov. 10
- Thanksgiving, Thu. Nov. 24
- Black Friday, Nov. 25

Dates of note

- Large item pick up: Thu. Oct. 5
- Daylight Saving Time ends: turn clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sun. Nov. 5
- All refuse collection moved one day due to Thanksgiving: Fri. Nov. 24
- Final Yard waste/leaf bag collection: Thu. Nov. 30

Village of Bingham Farms
2023/24 Budget
General Fund Expenditures
by Activity



Total Budget: \$2.554M

Public Safety 60.92% \$1.556M	General Gov't 7.53% \$192K
Clerk 6.21% \$159K	Public Works 13.59% \$347K
Library 5.05% \$129K	Treasurer 4.29% \$110K
Attorney 1.78% \$46K	Planning 0.35% \$8.9K
Community Services 0.28% \$7.1K	Recreation & Culture 0.00%

Village tax bills due this summer

Village tax bills were mailed Friday, June 30. The deadline for payment is Thursday, August 31. Taxes paid after August 31 will incur a 1 percent penalty per month. Postmarks are not accepted.

Checks for tax payments can be mailed to Treasurer, Village of Bingham Farms, 24255 Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 190, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Taxes can be paid in person at the village office by cash or check. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Taxes can be paid by credit card online or over the phone. Visit www.oakgov.com/paytaxes, or call 248-858-0025 or 888-600-3773.

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



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www.BinghamFarms.org

POLICE ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION – 2023

The Franklin-Bingham Farms Police Department recognizes its officers' outstanding work each year. What follows are narratives of incidents that occurred in Bingham Farms.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION: *Officer Christina Doolan; Bloomfield Township Police Department (BTPD) Officers Jason Follman, Jon Schlabach*

On February 9, 2023, Doolan responded to a 911 call involving road rage and the brandishing of a firearm on Telegraph. It was unknown if the incident occurred in Bingham Farms or Bloomfield Township so both departments responded. The victim provided a vehicle description and plate number. Officers located the suspect vehicle on Telegraph near Hickory Grove in Bloomfield Township and conducted a traffic stop. Investigation determined the assault occurred in Bingham on Telegraph near 13 Mile. Doolan took the suspect into custody and seized the loaded handgun. After reciting Miranda rights, Doolan obtained a confession. The suspect was charged with felonious assault.

DEPARTMENTAL CITATION AND UNIT CITATION: *Lt. Michael Bastianelli, Officer Kimberly Bonacorsi for Departmental Citation; Officers Jeffrey Gorski, Christina Doolan, BTPD Officers Thomas Box, and Angela Carlson (K-9 "Vince") for Unit Citation*

On February 12, 2023, officers responded to a call from a Bingham residence. Specifically, someone called 911 but hung-up before speaking to the dispatcher, so officers were dispatched to check the welfare of the individual. Upon arrival, officers were met by an unknown male who claimed he was visiting the homeowner who was currently out walking her dog. Officers investigated the subject, who appeared evasive and confrontational. At that point, the homeowner returned and said she didn't want him in the home and that he'd broken in. Officers took action to detain the suspect; he resisted arrest and became aggressive. Using defensive tactics training and arrest skills, officers secured him and continued to investigate.

Speaking to the homeowner and another witness, officers learned the suspect had stalked the victim on social media for several months and determined he illegally entered the home via a back door. The suspect was non-complaint as he was taken to booking, so officers transported him to Oakland County Jail.

A search team located evidence in and around the home that belonged to the suspect, and a handgun round was found on his person. Later, a loaded handgun was found inside the home that was linked to the suspect. Investigation led to the suspect's vehicle, parked in Southfield. It was impounded and a search warrant obtained. Additional evidence was seized, including ammunition. The suspect was charged with felony armed home invasion.

DEPARTMENTAL CITATION: *Officer Derek Wiese, Sergeant Robert Mydloski*

On August 9, 2022, dispatch advised officers of a road rage incident on Telegraph in Bingham and they immediately responded to look for the suspect vehicle, described by the victim as a white Tesla. The victim reported to the dispatcher that the Tesla driver pointed a handgun at another vehicle during a road rage incident. Because of the officers' prompt response, they located the Tesla and initiated a felony traffic stop on Telegraph south of 12 Mile in Southfield.

They secured the driver, even though he was initially uncooperative and would't follow lawful police direction. Officers then observed and seized as evidence a handgun partially concealed under the driver's seat.

The victim indicated that the suspect pointed a semi-automatic handgun at him and then yelled that he was "going to shoot" him. Officers arrested the suspect for felonious assault and carrying a concealed weapon.

DEPARTMENTAL CITATION: *Officer Kevin O'Shea, Sergeant Justin Wells*

On November 30, 2022, officers responded to a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Telegraph near South Cromwell in Franklin. The 911 caller said a silver-colored work truck with a ladder was striking the curb as it travelled southbound on Telegraph. Officers located a Ford F-150 stopped partially on the front lawn of a residence on Bloomington Court, the driver slumped over the wheel, the engine idling and still in drive. They turned off the ignition and rendered aid to the driver, who appeared to be overdosing. Officers administered Narcan and the driver regained consciousness after several minutes. They requested fire department assistance to evaluate the driver, who later admitted to taking oxycontin.

Officers arrested the driver for operating a vehicle under the influence and obtained a search warrant for a blood sample. The State Police Crime Lab found the sample to contain fentanyl and marijuana.

DEPARTMENTAL CITATION: *Officer Jeffrey Gorski*

On the afternoon of May 3, 2023, Gorski responded to a multi-vehicle accident on Telegraph near 13 Mile in Bingham. During investigation, Gorski determined one of the vehicles had improper dealership plates registered to a company in Waterford, yet the vehicle identification number (VIN) indicated registration to a Southgate resident. The driver couldn't produce proof of insurance. Gorski had the vehicle impounded and confiscated the plate. During inventory, he found another dealership plate in the car.

Gorski later discovered the auto dealership was using a tanning salon in Waterford for its company address. He charged the driver with misuse of a dealer plate. The suspect was uncooperative and attempted to obstruct the investigation by providing false and misleading documentation about the plates and car.

Message from the village president

The village owns approximately 5.5 miles of roads, most of which are reaching the end of their useful lives. The village's engineering consultants (Hubbell, Roth & Clark) are currently evaluating the roads and stormwater systems and will present reconstruction estimates this fall. Village Council will then determine which course to action to follow in terms of financing. Prior to presentation of the engineering estimates, expect a "special edition" newsletter devoted to roads later this summer. It will be eblasted and uploaded to the village website.

Lisa Blackburn, Village of Bingham Farms President

From the fire department: Help us help you

Your fire department is comprised of 30 members – five fulltime and 25 volunteer. We provide service to our residents and guests almost 600 times per year. While the numbers don't seem high at approximately two incidents per day, we strive to provide the best care and effectiveness for each one. And with incidents taking place at all hours, we rely on all our members! We continue to seek volunteers.

The Franklin Bingham Fire Department has three categories of membership:

- **Active** members include those trained to the State Firefighter II curriculum and licensed as emergency medical technicians, while also holding requisite certifications in emergency vehicle operations, hazardous materials response, basic life support, and have completed our internal probationary requirements. Most **Active** members are also department-certified drivers able to operate our fire apparatus and the equipment contained on them.

- **Support** members are persons either interested in becoming active firefighters, emergency medical responders, or both, but don't presently meet the requirements of placement as an **Active** firefighter.

- **Administrative Support** members are those who wish to volunteer their services to the department, however do not wish to receive formal training or certification in firefighting, EMS, rescue or hazardous materials. Administrative personnel assigned to support status will be given administrative tasks only.

If interested in learning more, call Chief Tony Averbuch at 248-626-9862.

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.

The remaining meeting dates for the year are as follows:

- July 24
- August 28
- September 18 (third Monday)
- October 23
- November 27
- December 18 (third Monday)

