



Fall, 2016

THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Local and National Elections November 8th

Finally, it's the home stretch of this latest election season. The national election as well as Bingham Farms' local election will take place on **Tuesday, November 8th**.

On the national scene, voters will elect a new President, Vice President, and representatives to Congress.

On the state scene, there will be a bevy of positions up for election from state representatives and to judges.

However, there's an important election on the local level whereby three residents of Bingham Farms are looking to become part of the Village Council. They are Carl Grenadier, an incumbent, Carole Chiamp, currently serving on the Village Planning Commission, and Ben Templeton, a newer resident who is interested in the government of the Village.

The precinct for Bingham Farms' voters is Bingham Farms Elementary School. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Applications for an absentee ballot may be obtained through Southfield Twp. located at 18850 Thirteen Mile Rd. in the Beverly Hills complex.

The last day to register to vote in the November election is October 11th. Stop by Southfield Twp. or any Secretary of State office to register.

Any questions relative to the elections, call Sharon Tischler, Southfield Township Clerk at 248.540-3420.



Large Item Pick Up Scheduled

It's TIME again. The Village's semi-annual, no charge, large item pick up will take place on **Thursday, October 6, 2016. Items must be out at the curb by 7:00 A.M.**

The purpose of this event is to give residents the opportunity to dispose of large items such as sofas, chairs, washing machines and similar large items.

All you have to do is bring the items to the street, right along with your regular trash. Car Trucking will haul it away. Then it's gone...for good. Better yet, there are no extra charges.

The contractor also picks up freezers and refrigerators if doors and the Freon are removed prior to placing them at the street. Car Trucking is not licensed to remove Freon or transport appliances that have Freon in them.

DTE has resumed offering appliance recycling of old WORKING refrigerators and freezers. They recycle

95% of these old units and that's good for the environment. If you meet certain requirements, you could get a check too. To find out more call DTE at 1.866.796.0512

There are also several companies who remove Freon for a fee.

1. John R. Appliance, located at 26529 John R in Madison Heights, 248.541.8696.
2. Mr. B's Hauling, located at 27453 Dover Ave. in Warren, 586.873.1264.
3. 888-TRASH-IT (888.872.7448).

The large item pick up is not an opportunity to clean out the attic or basement, or for residents

Winter Maintenance

One of the major problems the Village faces each year is with snow removal, especially residents and/or their contractors who plow snow from the driveway across the street onto a neighbor's property. What remains are called snow rows.

These snow rows can freeze and cause problems with the Village's snow plow contractor, pedestrians and public safety vehicles.

This procedure is against Village ordinance. Years ago, Council passed an ordinance that prohibits snow to be deposited on another property, public or private. Violations can be ticketed.

It is important that residents inform their private snow removal contractors that the snow that falls on your property must stay on your property.



The Village will continue its contract this winter season with Johnson Landscaping to provide snow removal services and salt applications on Village roads.

The snow plows are called out as soon as 2 inches have fallen on the roads. In heavy storms, the contractor will plow several times to keep the roads passable.

The Village will request additional work when conditions warrant. The decision to plow and salt the roads is based on the assessment of the police department. Similar

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Village Council Meetings

October 24
November 28
December 19

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Battle Against the West Nile Virus Continues

It just won't go away; the West Nile Virus that is. So far this year, 5 blood donors tested positive for the virus. As of September, 22 people have been confirmed to have the West Nile Virus, 3 in Oakland County..

Last year, there were 18 cases in Michigan with 2 deaths

These events make it so important to take precautions that will limit the number of human infections.

The incubation period from bite to symptoms ranges from 2 to 14

days. Most people infected with West Nile do not show any symptoms. Twenty percent however, have flu-like symptoms, including fever, fatigue, headache and muscle or joint pain. Less than 1% of infected humans become severely ill.

The fact that people are still coming down with the virus, shows that West Nile Virus remains a problem. There are still plenty of mosquitoes carrying the virus. Prevention measures do work. The best advice — keep doing what you can to avoid those pesky mosquitoes.

The Oakland County Health Department recommends that folks take steps to:

- ♦ Reduce areas where mosquitoes breed.
- ♦ Repel to protect against mosquitoes, and
- ♦ Report potential mosquito breeding



areas.

Other measures that can reduce the risk of contracting the virus include:

- ♦ Repair all holes in window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- ♦ Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as buckets, barrels, cans and old tires.
- ♦ Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active (dawn and dusk).
- ♦ Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- ♦ Apply insect repellants that contain DEET to exposed skin or clothing. Always follow the manufacturer's directions for use. Do not apply repellent containing DEET on children less than two years of age.

If you find any dead birds, report your findings to the Oakland County Health Division Hotline at 1-877-377-3641. Then properly dispose of the bird. Wear gloves to protect yourself from direct contact with the bird.

For updates on West Nile Virus, log on to the state or county websites at:

www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus

or

www.oakgov.com.

NEXT

Is the Place to Be

Next – *Your Place to Stay Active and Connected* is at it again. The center for anyone 50 and better is expanding its hours, programming and transportation services.

Next is now open until 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday, 5:00 pm on Fridays and on Saturdays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The expanded hours is a reflection of expanded programming and a growing membership according to Executive Director,

Cris Braun,
“During the past year our membership has climbed 15%, and a number of



Formerly Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council (BASCC)

those new members are Baby Boomers who still work during the day. We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to come and enjoy the center. We are expanding our evening programming to better meet the needs of our current members as well.”

Next has added additional art classes, fitness programs, an array of health and cooking classes, lectures, and travel opportunities for day trips and extended travel.

Besides hiring a dedicated travel coordinator, **Next** has also hired a fourth shuttle driver and added another SMART bus to their fleet to make traveling with **Next** easier than ever. Hours for transporting members to and from the center, or anywhere around town, have also expanded.

For anyone who has been missing **Next's Thursday Night Speaker Series**, one of the center's most popular programs, it's returning this fall from its summer hiatus with another exciting slate of expert speakers sure to interest and excite.

To see everything **Next** has to offer, simply head to their website at **BirminghamNext.org**, stop in at **2121 Midvale in Birmingham** or call **248.203.5270**.

BE IN THE KNOW!

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT EMAIL BLASTS

FROM THE VILLAGE

Log on to the Village website www.binghamfarms.org

CLICK ON STAY INFORMED at the bottom of the Home Page and enter in your email address.

Letter from the President

U.S. police make over eleven million arrests every year that go without remark yet when a handful go south, it so poisons the atmosphere that all that good is forgotten. As a consequence the nation has seen targeted killings of police officers, police officers less likely to vigorously enforce the law in several major cities, and a material decline in the number of individuals entering the law enforcement field that has already produced hiring difficulties.

We can, and do, provide the Franklin-Bingham Farms Police and Fire Department with the resources they need and wish we could do more. These individuals risk their lives daily to protect us.

Your Village Council would like to recognize the great work of our Police Officers and Firemen. We publicly thank the personnel of both departments for their outstanding service. If you want to express your support personally, Councilor Larry Freedman suggests rolling down the car window, waving and saying thank-you when you see one of our public safety personnel.

A delegation of our Police Officers attended the funeral of recently slain Detroit Police Sergeant Kenneth Stiel to express their condolences and solidarity. Forty-six years old, murdered with a shotgun, he was a husband and father of two boys, ages 3 and 5.

Council formally expressed their support and respect for fallen Sergeant Stiel at the September meeting.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey D. Modell Esq.

Council Passes New Design Ordinance

The Village Council recently passed a zoning ordinance amendment setting up new guidelines for review of new home construction and major additions.

The new guidelines put into place certain principles outlined in the Village's Master Plan and establish clearer measures for plan review. Besides residential reviews, guidelines are also established for the Professional Services and Commercial Districts.

On the Residential side, an applicant must meet at least five of the following eight guidelines.

1. New homes should respect the form, bulk, and size of characteristic homes in their neighborhood, and should have comparable setbacks. A house's bulk, which is a function of its height, floor area, and proximity to the street, should not exceed that of nearby characteristic homes.
2. The proportion between a house's footprint and lot area should be similar to that of characteristic neighborhood homes.
3. New homes should be built as a central section with side wings.
4. For a new residence, the maximum number of recommended stories is two. A story that is less than 75% of the floor below is considered a half story. Half stories on characteristic homes typically feature dormer windows.
5. Both front and side setbacks should be generous, fostering a country-like setting.
6. Side setbacks should correspond with the side yard dimensions of characteristic neighborhood homes.



Signs, Signs, Signs

With the National elections right around the corner, it's important for Village residents to understand the rules for political signs per Village ordinance.

Only one political sign per candidate or issue is allowed. (Sec. 98.02(E).) Political signs in Residential areas cannot exceed 3 square feet in area. These signs may not be placed in the public right of way.

All signs must be removed within 5 days after an election.

Real estate signs are allowed (Sec. 98.02 A (2)). These signs cannot exceed 3 square feet in area. These signs shall be at least 12-feet away from all street lines.



Contractor signs are not allowed. (Sec. 98.02(D)). This includes painting, window, paving companies etc.



It is very possible that any illegal signs will be removed by the Village Code Enforcement Officer.

**LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE
DISPOSAL
WITH REGULAR RUBBISH
PICK UP
THROUGH
JANUARY 12th**

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Reminders

For new residents, there's a substantial learning curve as to the do's and don'ts per Village ordinance. The following gives a sneak peek of what you should know.

Home Renovations - any change to the outside of the house usually requires approval from the Design Review Board.

Permits - required for electrical and plumbing as well as roofing. The City of Southfield Building Department issues these permits along with roofing permits. This is per an agreement between the Village and the City of Southfield.

Driveways - any driveway work requires a permit from the Village. This is for new driveways, repair work and sealcoating. If you are putting in a new driveway or extending an existing one, please remember driveway widths (in most cases) cannot exceed 12-feet.

It is always best to check in with the Village office to avoid delays in

projects. A simple call can save you time and money.

SIGNS

Contractor signs ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Political Signs are allowed on residential properties. They must be removed within 5 days after the election.

RUBBISH PICK UP

Rubbish pick up is on Thursdays. Have trash cans at the road by 7:00 a.m.

RECYCLING

The Village contracts with **SOCRRA** to handle the Village's Recycling materials and Household Hazardous Waste. The facility is located on Coolidge Rd. in Royal Oak. It is between 14 Mile & Maple Rd.

Simple Recycling is a for profit company which takes items bound for the landfill and finds alternate sources to dispose of the items.

For more information call the Village office at 248.644.0044.

See more recycling news on Pg. 8.

EMAIL BLAST

The Village uses an email blast system to inform residents of important news. To sign up, go to the Village website at **binghamfarms.org** and click on the Stay Informed icon at the bottom of the homepage.

TREE & WOODLAND PROTECTION

The Village has a Tree and Woodland Protection ordinance. Consult the Ordinance (it's online). Any questions, call the Village office at 248.644.0044.

MOBILE WATCH

Members of Mobile Watch routinely tour the Village roads looking for anything "unusual". All residents are invited to join. Mobile Watch meets on the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. Mobile Watch meets in the Clubhouse of Bingham Woods Condos.

Volunteers Needed

There's a welcomed transition occurring in the Village; an influx of younger families. There's something about the sound of children playing and even at times arguing that bring vitality to a community.

This transition gives the Village the opportunity to hear why these families chose to live in Bingham Farms and get a feel for what they are looking for in the future.

One way to get this input, is for someone in these families to volunteer by serving on one of the Village Boards, even Council. It's necessary to have younger folks move in so the older folks can move on to other activities.

Did you know that some of our volunteers have served in various capacities for over 20 years? They do this because they love the Vil-

lage and want to keep it strong.

Volunteering is not time intensive. The Village Council, the Design Review Board and the Planning Commission all meet once a month; all meetings start at 7:30 p.m..

*Village Council - 4th Monday
Design Review Board - 1st Monday
Planning Commission - 2nd Monday*

Council meetings run approximately 90 minutes. Planning Commission and Design Review Board meetings typically run about 1 hour.

**Applications are available on the Village website
www.binghamfarms.org.**

Should you have any questions, call the Village Clerk at 248.644.0044.

NEED TO DISPOSE OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE?

**TAKE IT TO THE
FRANKLIN BINGHAM
POLICE DEPT.**

32325 FRANKLIN ROAD

(across from the Franklin Post Office)

FIRE & POLICE NUMBERS

| | |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| EMERGENCY | 9-1-1 |
| DISPATCH | 248-626-5444 |
| POLICE DEPT. | 248-626-9672 |
| FIRE DEPT. | 248-626-9862 |

Baldwin Library Events

Adult Services Renovation

The Adult Services area of the Baldwin Library will be renovated this fall and winter. The renovation, which is expected to last six months, will bring the following enhancements:

- *Improved acoustics, energy efficiency, infrastructure, wayfinding, and lighting;
- *More natural light, let in by new exterior windows along the curved wall on the southwest side of the Building;
- *Exposure of the original brick color of the 1927 building
- *Transformation of the 1981 Birkerts addition, with furniture, fixtures, carpeting, and layout reflecting the modernist style of the Space;
- *More study and collaboration rooms, an updated computer lab, a new makerspace, and a new reading room off the Grand Hall.

During the renovation, some materials from the Library's adult non-fiction, DVD, audiobook, music, and teen collections will be moved into storage, although the highest-demand items will be made available in the Grand Hall. If you're unable to locate an item you need, a librarian can arrange for you

to obtain it through interlibrary loan.

Bestselling YA Author E. Lockhart Comes to Birmingham

Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
Join us at The Community House for an evening with *New York Times* bestselling author of *We Were Liars*, *Fly on the Wall*, and *The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks*. Tickets to see E. Lockhart will be available to pick up at the Adult Services Desk starting November 1. All ages welcome. *Registration required.*

Other Upcoming Programs

The Secrets of Risotto

October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Home Buying Tips

October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Ghost Hunting in Michigan

October 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Lock-in for Tweens & Teens

October 21 from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Resume Writing Workshop

October 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Cupping Party

November 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Bowers School Farm Turkey Visit

November 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Log on to baldwinlib.org for more information.

Be Prepared

It seems Bingham Farms and some of our surrounding areas are the target areas for power outages. Parts of Bingham Farms have lost power four times since April.

It is imperative for every person to call in to DTE and report their outage. The more calls they receive, the better idea they have of the extent of the outage. Do not assume your neighbor has called it in. Everyone should. The number is **800-477-4747** or via computer at **dteenergy.com** and click on Report Power Outage.

Here are some helpful hints to make sure you are ready for the next outage.



- ♦ Check the batteries in all your flashlights to make sure they work.
- ♦ If you have portable generators, make sure they are in good condition and ready to be fired up. Place them in an open area so no carbon monoxide enters your home.
- ♦ Have at least a 3-day supply of water in case there is an interruption.
- ♦ Disconnect your major appliances so they won't succumb to a power surge when the power returns.

This last storm created many dangerous situations in several areas of the Village. The weather folks say a lot of the damage was caused by a microburst, a downdraft in a thunderstorm.

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Virginia Creeper and Other Pesky Vines Creeping into the Village

When you're walking down any road in the Village, take a careful look at the trees and notice vines intertwined with the leaves and branches.



Most of these vines are similar to what is known as Virginia Creepers. It's a climbing vine that can reach 50-feet in height. It is a fast growing vine and if not controlled, can eventually choke a tree. Getting rid of them is not easy. The recommended way is to cut the vine at

the root, if you can find it.

Then put the strongest amount of RoundUp that can be purchased and apply it to the fresh cut. Even after doing this, keep an eye out for new growth as this vine is aggressive.

The organic way to remove them is to dig them out. However, this is very difficult to do as the vines spread in all directions. The vines are sticky and you might have to really tug at the vines to remove them from the tree. They can easily come back.

This is an ongoing battle and one residents will have to fight for a number of years and be vigilant even after you think you've gotten rid of them.

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to last year, the Village will salt the public roads, when necessary, to make travel less challenging. However, this is Michigan. Conditions can change in a matter of hours. Drive with care.

Violations can result in tickets being issued. Remember the Village takes no pleasure in writing tickets to residents. The primary goal is to keep the streets safe for everyone.

Several Rouge Friendly Activities on Tap

Friends of the Rouge is putting on a workshop on Native Plants and Pollinators. The workshop will offer tips to protect and provide for native pollinators in your yard.

Native plants provide nectar and breeding areas for birds, bees and other pollinators. Support a vital part of our ecosystem and enjoy frequent visits from butterflies, hummingbirds and non-aggressive bees.

The workshop will be held on October 4, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. At Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

Friends of the Rouge is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Founded in 1986, it promotes restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River ecosystem through education, citizen involvement and other collaborative efforts for the purpose of improving the quality of life of the people, plants and animals of the watershed.

For more information on this and other Rouge activities log on to their website, www.therouge.org or call 313.792.9621.



What's the Hurry?

Here's some food for thought. Why are so many people in such a rush that they totally forget about speed limits or stop signs? Take for instance people driving down Bingham Rd. The speed limit is 25 mph. The road is pretty busy, especially in the morning and late afternoon.

Periodically, our police department sits along Bingham Rd. or one of its off-streets to monitor speed and adherence to stop signs. They issue tickets quite regularly.

It's not always the cut-through traffic. It's our own residents.

It's also not uncommon for drivers to push oncoming cars further to the side of the road because they don't want to wait for walkers to get by. The drivers just squeeze between the walkers and oncoming cars. This might save them a few seconds but it jeopardizes everyone's safety. Kindly slow down.



JOIN THE VILLAGE MOBILE WATCH

New members always welcome.

Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse located at 30760 River Crossing.

Hear a valuable police report of the month's activities. Meet the reporting police officer and ask any question you may have.

How to Dispose of CFL & LED Light Bulbs

Did you know that CFL & LED Light Bulbs contain hazardous materials? Did you know those burned out bulbs can be returned to mega stores such as Lowe's and Home Depot? And it's free disposal.

While the Village participates in a Household Hazardous Waste Program with SOCRRA (South Oakland Resource Recovery Authority) on Coolidge Highway, it costs the Village \$30 per car. Recently, a resident dropped off 3 of these bulbs. That's it. The cost to the Village was \$30.

For economic reasons, please wait until you have a number of other products before dropping off light bulbs to SOCRRA.

Better yet, just bring them to a local Lowe's or Home Depot store and drop them in the recycling bins at any time and there is no charge.



Was This A Dry Summer or What?

What a summer! It was so difficult keeping the flowers thriving without much rain.

According to the Southeaster Oakland County Water Authority, rainfall was way below average and even below last year.

As measured at their Webster Pumping Station, rainfall equaled:



| June - August | | |
|---------------|------|-------------|
| 2016 | 2015 | 30 yr. avg. |
| 6.2" | 6.8" | 8.69 |

Year-to-date, rainfall has totaled 12.9" compared to the average rainfall of 19.84 inches, 7 inches below average.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLASTS

www.binghamfarms.org

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at bottom of Home Page

Single Stream Recycling Coming Soon

Single Stream Recycling may be coming to the Village of Bingham Farms as early as July 2017.

It's a single-sort process in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals, and other containers are mixed in a collection truck, instead of being sorted by the depositor into separate commodities (newspaper, paperboard, corrugated fiberboard, plastic, glass, etc.) and handled separately throughout the collection process.



This means that Village residents will be required to use special recycling containers that most probably will be picked up by an apparatus attached to the truck. *The current bins will no longer be used.*

The Village Council will be working with other municipalities relative to the cost of the program, procedure for ordering the new containers and method of payment.

For now, keep the containers you have and if at all possible, wait before purchasing new ones.

We'll keep everyone informed as new information becomes available.

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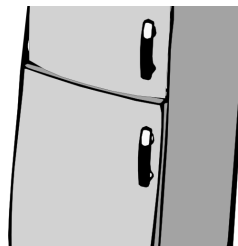
7. Homes should not use minimum setback standards to establish their maximum desirable footprint.

8. The front yard setback of an infill house should be equivalent to the average front setback of homes within 200 feet on the same side of the street; this may permit a front setback that is less than the minimum required for the applicable zoning district.

DTE Resumes Appliance Recycling

It was a pretty popular program and then DTE discontinued it. Recycling old appliances that are still in working condition. Now the program is back.

It's the easy way to clean up and save. If you have an old refrigerator or freezer that still works, DTE Energy will recycle it for free and mail you a \$50 check. Add an air conditioner or dehumidifier with your old refrigerator or freezer and they will throw in an additional \$20. By getting rid of that energy guzzler, program participants could start saving upwards of \$150 a year on their energy bill.



To schedule a free pick-up call DTE at [866.796.0512](tel:866.796.0512) or online at dteenergy.com under save energy.



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These can cause as much damage as a tornado.

Our police and fire departments are extremely busy during power outages. Please do not call them to find out when the power will be back on. They have no more information than anyone else.

REMEMBER! Everyone call in your power outage at

800-477-4747.

Living with Wildlife in Bingham Farms

First came the deer. It was cute when there were just a few of them. Then came the coyotes, not so cute. Now a few wild turkeys have been sighted.

People are complaining about all of them. The deer have favorite foods, such as hostas, flowers and certain vegetables. Do not feed the deer.

There's not much that can be done to stop them from eating everything in sight. Hunting is not allowed in the Village; *that includes having professionals come in.*



Log on to the Village website for a comprehensive list of plants and trees that deer are less prone to eat.

Coyotes have become a concern as their population has increased. They rarely attack humans, but small animals are another matter.



- *Never approach or touch a coyote
- *Never intentionally feed a coyote
- *Eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet foods
- *Put garbage out the morning of pickup day
- *Do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present.

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cleaning out their home prior to moving. Car Trucking has sole discretion as to the quantity they will take.

If you aren't sure whether an item is acceptable, call Car Trucking at **586.791.8480.**



Franklin Police Officers Association

Dear Village Residents,

The Franklin Police Officers Association (FPOA) is again reaching out to our residents for some help and support. In January 2011, the Franklin Police Officers Association (FPOA) founded the Franklin Police Officers Association Honor Fund. The Franklin Police Officers Association Honor Fund was established as a way for Officers to show support and encouragement to colleagues during significant events in their lives or other causes which benefit the Franklin Police Officers Association, other police department personnel and various civic initiatives. The FPOA honor fund also supports our Police Mounted Division with many honor guard details and area civic events.

The Franklin Police Officers would like to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to all those who donate to the fund and help support the various FPOA initiatives. To date the FPOA Honor Fund helped support our Police Mounted Unit, host retirement parties, provide memorial awards, support the Department holiday party, and donate to fallen Officers in the area. The fund also assisted in promoting various civic initiatives for both Franklin and Bingham Farms Villages.

In order to sustain the fund, the FPOA has organized various events and initiatives along with annual contributions from our Officers, which help supplement the fund. The Franklin Police Officers Association is accepting monetary donations in order to help us continue to support and sustain the fund. All proceeds will go directly into the fund, which is overseen by the FPOA Honor Fund Board. If you are unable to donate at this time we completely understand and thank you for your continued moral support.

For clarification, this fundraising effort is for the benefit of the Franklin Police Officers Association and the Franklin Police Mounted Division. Any questions regarding the fund please contact **Sgt. Michael Bastianelli** or **Ofc. James Hirschfeld** at (248) 626-9672. If you would like to make a donation you can make your check payable to: **Franklin Police Officers Association**. You can mail your donation to: **PO BOX 250051, Franklin MI 48025**. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact us for your needs.



Recycling News

There are actually two ways for residents to recycle.

1. Roadside Pick Up

Roadside Pick Up is a weekly service provided by the Village.

Residents place recyclables in a bin. Items do not have to be separated as the hauler separates items at the street.

Acceptable materials are:

Most plastic
Glass Bottles including green glass wine bottles
Aluminum Cans
Magazines
Hard Cover & Paperback books
Phone Books
Newspapers

2. Drop Off Recycling -
995 Coolidge Rd., Royal Oak, MI
(across from Meijer).

Hours of Operation
M-F 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
SAT 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Scrap Metals

Metal lawn chairs
Metal Pipes
Microwaves
Metal & Screen Doors

Fiber

All paper, paperboard and cardboard (including corrugated cardboard)

Self Serve Large Capacity Paper
Shredding—remove paper clips
No hard binders

Styrofoam (except peanuts) includes egg cartons and rinsed meat trays.

3. Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Hours of Operation

M-F 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SAT 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

No appointment needed. - need to show proof of residency

Empty propane tanks
Lawn fertilizers
Motor Oil
Oil based paints and stains
Fertilizers

For more information, log on to the SOCRA website at

www.socrra.org

LATEX PAINT IS NOT A HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCT.

Simply dry out the paint or use kitty litter to soak up the paint. Then place the open can beside your trash can for regular disposal.

Simple Recycling Program Takes Off

It's been six months since the Village began an additional source for keeping materials out of landfills.

Simple Recycling is a company that circles the Village on Thursdays and picks up those green bags at the street. These bags contain items that one deems too worn to give to the Salvation Army or other non-profit agencies.

These materials can be used clothing, small kitchen appliances, old dishes etc. Simple Recycling takes these items to a sorting location, separates what can go to places like the Salvation Army and then works with other groups who take acceptable items to distribute to third world countries. What doesn't fit the criteria will end up in a landfill, but it's far less.

Here's how the numbers shake out for what residents of Bingham Farms have mostly kept out of landfills so far.

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| February | 530 lbs. |
| March | 1,024 lbs. |
| April | 924 lbs. |
| May | 710 lbs. |
| June | 314 lbs. |
| July | 1,031 lbs. |

That totals just over 4500 lbs. of materials that, for the most part, avoided the landfill heap and helped a lot of people in need.

BURNING LEAVES IS ALLOWED IN THE VILLAGE

Regulations (Chapter 50.02)

1. Do not burn leaves, grass or rubbish on any paved or bituminous surfaced street;
2. Do not burn any type of refuse where smoke, ashes or odor will create a nuisance, public or private;
3. Do not burn rubbish closer than 15 feet to a building;
4. **Do not leave a fire unattended.**

Any questions, call the Village office at 248-644-0044.



Keep supporting this endeavor. Every little bit helps.

The Village has a small supply of green bags on hand. If you need any, just stop in.



LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2016

Time: All items at street by 7:00 a.m.

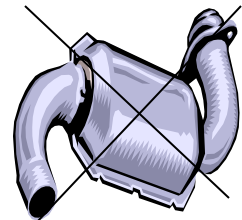
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Large appliances, furniture and hot water heaters
(Refrigerators & freezers must have Freon removed prior to placement at the street)
- Only small tree stumps
- Brush and tree branches must be bundled and the length should not exceed four feet
- Rolls of carpet and linoleum must be tied together with the length not to exceed four feet
- Disposal of construction materials is limited to **one** 32-gallon trash container



UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Large tree stumps
- Hazardous waste
- Tires
- Automotive parts
- Loose gravel
- Large amounts of construction material & loose items



Large items such as appliances and furniture may be placed at the street the weekend before the pick up.

Car Trucking has the right to refuse to pick up excessive amounts of materials. If you have a large quantity of items, please call Car Trucking at 586-791-8480 and make special arrangements to rent a dumpster.

Change Your Clocks! Change Your Batteries!

Spring forward and fall back. This time of year is when we can garner an extra hour of sleep.

Turn your clocks back one hour on **November 6th**. Or as many do, turn them back before you go to bed on Saturday night. Eastern Standard Time begins at **2:00 a.m. November 6th**.



Unfortunately, it also means that shorter days are coming and another Michigan winter is not far away.

While changing your clocks, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Be proactive. Take a few minutes to make sure all your detectors are working. It might not just save your house, it may also save YOU.

Will Your Mailbox Hold Up This Winter?

There's an easy test. If your mailbox is on a post, just shake the mailbox. If the mailbox or post is loose, take the time now to tighten screws and secure the posts.

Every winter there are a few residents who complain that the snowplow knocked over their mailbox. Eric Wilson, Chairman of the Road Commission says "In most cases, the snowplow doesn't actually hit the mailbox. The force of snow thrown from the roadway is enough to knock down a loose mailbox".

So, if you're putting up a new roadside mailbox, it should be 36 to 42 inches off the ground and the post should be 8 to 12 inches behind the shoulder or curb. The mailbox should not protrude into the road.



Neighboring Communities Offer Seasonal Activities

Birmingham

Farmers' Market - North Old Woodward
Sundays thru 10/23 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Open Skating - Ice Arena 2300 E. Lincoln. Call 248.530.1640 for open skate times.

22nd Annual Birmingham Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Parade Oct. 30 1:00 p.m. at the Community House. Little ghouls and goblins also can take part in the parade.

Baldwin Library Book Sale - Nov. 4-7 call library for times 248.647.1700

Holiday Tree Lighting Shain Park Nov. 23 6:00 p.m.
Santa House Shain Park 11/23 - 12/24

"Winter Markt" Shain Park 12/2-12/4

Franklin

Cider Mill - Franklin Rd. & Fourteen Mile
Open thru November 26 Weekdays - 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Weekends - 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Bingham Farms - November 24 & 25
- December 22 - January 2**

**Southfield Twp. - November 26 & 27
- December 24, 25 & 28
- December 31 & January 2**

Both offices reopen January 3, 2017.

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