



Fall, 2017

THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

New Recycling Program Off to a Strong Start

Single Stream recycling has arrived. Last month a new recycling cart was delivered to every residence in Bingham Farms. It's bigger and on wheels, so you just have to roll it out to the street.

Plus, there's no sorting. Newspapers, magazines, glass, cans etc. all go into the one container. No more lugging the old containers to the street.

The carts provide greater capacity too; meaning less materials going to the landfills.

Not all the recycling trucks have been retrofitted with the automatic arms so the carts, at times, will continue to be emptied by hand. The ultimate goal is to have this process fully automated.

There are a few tips to get residents used to the carts and ready for full automation.

1. On the cover of the cart, it

says, "This side facing street". Put that side facing the street.

2. Cardboard boxes are to be placed inside the recycling cart. All boxes must be cut down to a 3'x3' size, otherwise they may get stuck inside the cart.

Due to a grant received from the MDEQ, residents will not be charged for the carts. But this means the carts are tied to the residence, not the resident. Should you move, leave the cart behind for the new owner.

There are a few residents



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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 5, 2017. 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

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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 their 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. Violators 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 salt the roads is based on the assessment of the police department. Similar

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Village Council Meetings

October 23
November 27
December 18

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Battle Against the West Nile Virus Continues

It just won't go away; the West Nile Virus that is. As of September, 16 people have been confirmed to have the West Nile Virus, 1 in Oakland County.

Last year, at this time, there were 22 cases in Michigan, 3 in Oakland County.

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.

Changes on Village Council

Ms. Carole Chiamp resigned from the Village Council in July, 2017. She was elected a trustee for a 4-year term in the General Election in November 2016.

Council appointed Mr. Kurt Jones to fill the vacant seat at the August Council meeting. Mr. Jones is a retired attorney and lives in Bingham Woods.

When asked why he wanted to become involved in local government, he stated that it was his time to give back to the community.

The appointment is until the next Village election to be held in November 2018, at which time that seat will be on the ballot as a two-year term which will complete the four year term of Ms. Chiamp.

The Village thanks Ms. Chiamp for her service and welcomes Mr. Jones.

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who asked not to have the carts for various reasons. For now, the old bins are acceptable.

For the residents who have elected not to receive the carts, should they change their minds, there will be a charge of \$42.00. This is the cost to the Village.

If you need an additional cart, let the Village office know. The cost for additional carts will be \$42.00.

As for the old bins, there is a choice. Either keep them or take them to the SOCRRA facility on Coolidge in Troy to be recycled.

You can find more information on the carts by logging on to the SOCRRA website

socrra.org
or
carts@socrra.org.

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Home Page and enter in your email address.

Letter from the President

Back in March, a series of questions were posed to our Police Chief Dan Roberts. The purpose was to give residents a sense of the caliber and commitment of our police officers. This is a continuation of that Q&A.

How is our staffing level versus communities relative to other departments?

The Franklin – Bingham Farms Police Department is smaller in size to most other area departments. We have 10 full-time sworn officers and funding for 4 part-time officers. We currently have two part-time officers. Also, we have 8 volunteer reserve officers who work at special events.

The Southfield Police Department, for example, has approximately 135 sworn Police Officers, and the Bloomfield Township Police Department has approximately 80 sworn Police Officers.

Based on the size of the residential population we serve (< 5,000), the department generally has enough personnel resources to handle crime and traffic threats within our jurisdiction.

If we have a major incident, we will normally request assistance from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. For example, the Sheriff's Department has been very helpful in providing crime scene evidence processing and laboratory analysis when we have a burglary or some other felony crime.

All of the departments in our

area work as a team, and the officers will assist each other at major incidents, when necessary. It is not uncommon for officers from our department to assist other police agencies on major criminal investigations, and vice versa.

How many of your calls are joint with fire department?

This is an easy answer. By policy, our police officers will respond to EVERY fire department call, to assist them in any way possible. Our officers have first responder medical training and can provide great assistance to firefighter/EMT personnel on the scene of a medical emergency. Additionally, fire calls usually create traffic concerns, so our officers will assist the FD in making sure all firefighters are able to complete their job, safe from interference from traffic or other individuals at the scene.

Sometimes the police department will call the fire department for assistance with things such as traffic control, if we have a major accident and need additional personnel and/or equipment. Both the PD and the FD work closely as a team on many different types of calls for service.

How much of the total budget and services are Bingham Farms? Do we pay an allocated share for the police station?

Last year (2016), the police department responded to 6,374 calls for service, which includes traffic stops conduct-

ed by the officers. If you remove traffic stops from that number, the department handled 3,457 calls for service. 42% of the calls for service were in Bingham Farms, and the remainder of the calls were in Franklin.

However, of the traffic tickets written by officers last year, 1662 of them (79%) were written in Bingham Farms (due to Telegraph Rd which is Bingham Farms' jurisdiction), with the other 21% in Franklin. Fines received from traffic tickets are a revenue source for both villages, which normally amounts to several thousands of dollars annually.

The Village of Franklin and the Village of Bingham Farms have a long-standing cost reimbursement agreement that is based largely on the percentage of police activity observed in the villages, as well as the population of each community.

In addition, the Special Assessment District (SAD) funds two police officers (these costs paid totally by Bingham Farms), due to the fact that each business day the population of the Village of Bingham Farms multiplies by at least a factor of four as a result of workers and visitors in those commercial properties along Telegraph Road.

The total police department budget for the Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 is about \$1.7 million. Bingham Farms share is \$692,220 or roughly 41%.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey D. Modell Esq.

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

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. 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/Non Profit Signs are allowed on residential properties. They must be removed within 5 days after an event or election.

RUBBISH PICK UP

Rubbish pick up is on Thursdays. Have trash cans at the road by 7:00 a.m. Trash cans cannot stay at the street for more than 24 hours.

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. across from Meijer's.

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. 9.

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) before you take down any trees. 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. Members meet in the Clubhouse at 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 families choose 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 Village 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

Do You have a Knox Box for Your Home

Awhile back, I stopped by the home of a new resident to introduce myself and the Fire Department. While talking about our services, I mentioned they had a Knox box mounted to their home. The homeowner had no idea what it was.

The Knox box is an important element to the emergency response needs of both our police and fire departments as it allows for the secured safekeeping of an entry key just in case we need to get in during an emergency.

While the purchase and or use of the Knox box is not required, it is highly recommended. If we are called to your home and you are not able to let us in, our options become limited to breaking down the door, or use your key stored in the Knox box.

With this in mind, I am sending out this message to our residents that if you have moved into the Village and have a Knox box mounted to your house, please give us a call at 248.626.9862 and have us come out to verify the key contained is still current for your house. If you have changed your locks, please have a copy of your key available so we can switch out the stored key.

If you do not have a Knox box

on your home, please consider the purchase of one so that you are able to secure your house key just in case we need to get in, in an emergency. Please note the use of your key will only be during an emergency.

If you would like to purchase a Knox box, please go to



www.knoxhomebox.com

for online ordering of the single key version. If your home requires the use of security gates, fences, multiple keys and/or keycards, please contact us at **248.626.9862** for a standard order form (different sized boxes and options).

Once your purchased Knox box is in hand, please contact us at **248.626.9862** so that we may come to your home to discuss placement options that are suitable for the Fire Department and you.

Tony Averbuch, Fire Chief

Southfield Twp. Looking for Election Workers

Have you ever thought about what it takes to run an election? Who are those folks sitting in the precinct taking down your information and processing your ballot?

Well, they are ordinary citizens just like you.

They are trained on the process, election law and the technology used in the voting process. The training takes less than a day.

Any registered voter, age of 18 and over, can become an election inspector.

It's a paid position. The hours are long (basically from 6:00 a.m. to

around 9:00 p.m). There is the possibility to work a split shift.

Election inspectors are needed to make sure our electoral process works. There are the national, state and local elections held every two years. So it's not a whole lot of time that needs to be devoted to this important process.

Think about it. See elections from the inside.

If you're interested, there's an Election Worker Application online at

binghamfarms.org
or
southfieldtwp.org

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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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.



“LIVE WELL”

B OOMER SUMMIT - FOR BOOMERS AND BEYOND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

8:00 A.M. - VENDOR SHOWCASE

9:00 - NOON - PROGRAM

Join thought leaders from around the nation for this exciting morning, specifically designed for Boomers and beyond. This high-energy program featuring speakers, music and giveaways will offer ideas, opportunities and inspiration. The event will also feature a vendor showcase with local businesses and resources just for Boomers. Featuring:

Chuck Gaidica, Award-winning media personality known for excellence and innovation and one of the most trusted media figures in Michigan.

Facilitator and Speaker – *So You’re Retired, Now What?*

Dave Bing, 12 years with the Detroit Pistons, Hall of Fame, Former Detroit Mayor, Founder & CEO Bing Steel, 1984 Minority Business Person of the Year.

Transitions: The Dave Bing Journey

Kerry Hannon, National expert on Boomer careers & finance, contributing writer for the NYT, Forbes & Money Magazine, regular guest on ABC News, CNN & NBC Nightly News.

Live Well: Financially, Physically, Spiritually

Alicia Simon, Former Director of The College for Creative Studies Lifelong Learning Department, currently with U of M.

Creativity: Stimulate Your Mind – Release Your Inner Artist

Ginna Holmes, Executive Director of the Michigan Community Service Commission.

Volunteering: Why, and How to Get Involved

Lomas Brown, 1985 first round NFL draft pick, 12 years with the Detroit Lions, ESPN analyst and broadcaster, business entrepreneur and mentor.

Second Acts: How to Go from Success to Significance

Tickets (\$10.00) available at the door, or in advance at www.BirminghamNext.org.

Hosted by: *NEXT, The Baldwin Public Library and the City of Birmingham*

Sponsored by: *Blue Cross Blue Shield, Mills Pharmacy, Bank of Ann Arbor, TriFold, AAA, St John Providence, Ascension, Whole Foods, Birmingham Public Schools, Birmingham Roast, Ethan Allen and Thorton & Grooms.*

Several Rouge Friendly Activities on Tap

Throughout the years, the Bingham Farms Post has had articles about Friends of the Rouge, its mission and its projects.

Here's a more detailed picture of this organization which has offered programs to the residents of Bingham Farms and assisted the Village in meeting some of its state required storm-water regulations.

Friends of the Rouge (FOTR) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in 1986 to raise awareness about the need to clean up the Rouge River in southeastern Michigan. The Rouge is fed from rivers and tributaries in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Its mission is to promote 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 for the people, plants, and animals of the watershed.

FOTR is currently working with local partners to develop a water

trail on 25 miles of the Lower Rouge from Canton to the Detroit River. Much of the river corridor is protected within Wayne County Parks, making it ideal for the development of launches and other amenities.



The River Restoration program teaches residents of the watershed how to manage their land to improve water quality and to provide wildlife habitat through hands-on projects and educational events.



The Friends of the Rouge has 58,252 volunteers and 881 work sites throughout the watershed. The watershed includes waterways in Oakland County, even Bingham Farms.

Through the years, they have had 94,434 students participate in a myriad of programs.

Another of their main projects is to monitor the growth of fish species in a number of the waterways. Currently they have surveyed 38,530 fish and have seen an increase in these numbers as the waterways are cleaned up.

For more information and to see all that this organization does, log on to

www.therouge.org

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Kindly Pick Up After Your Dog

Not even dog lovers like to see this. Dog poop left on a neighbor's lawn because its owner couldn't be bothered to pick it up.

This is a real story about a resident's encounter. He was mowing the lawn at his ditch. He failed to notice the dog poop. That's when it happened.



He stepped on it, slipped down the entire ditch. Fortunately, he was not injured. However, it could have been much worse.

Please carry a baggie with you every time you're walking your dog. Doesn't matter whether it's a small dog or big. Of course big dogs leave big droppings behind.

If you do need to pick up after your dog, take the baggie with you. Don't leave the baggie where your dog did his duty. It is not up to your neighbors to dispose of the droppings.

This simple effort will make a lot of people happy and avoid human accidents.

Thanks for your cooperation.

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.

Baldwin Library Events

Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Baldwin Library at the 2017 Books & Bites Fundraiser

Sneak out for some roaring fun to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Baldwin Public Library. Baldwin is throwing a speakeasy-themed Books & Bites fundraiser on Friday, November 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will help fund an expansion and renovation of the Youth Room.

Sip and get stuffed with food, drinks, and desserts. Bid on hotsy-totsy auction items, listen to live jazz music, strike a pose in the photo booth, and try your hand at one of the game tables.

Tickets are \$75 for Shakers ages 64 and under, \$65 for Boomers ages 65 to 89, and free for attendees 90 and over. Tickets can be purchased at www.baldwinlib.org/booksandbites or by calling 248-554-4683.

Visit Baldwin's new Idea Lab

Explore. Tinker. And learn! Our Idea Lab is our newest space, where big ideas come to life. Newly opened on September 5th, the Lab is a place of collaboration where all ages and tech levels can explore their own ideas — or to join us for one of our how-to events. The Lab is equipped with a 3D printer and a Laser Cutter. Find out more information at baldwinlib.org/idealab.

Other Upcoming Programs

Cut the Cord — *October 14 at 2:00 p.m.*

Halloween Calligraphy Cardmaking — *October 18 at 7:00 p.m.*

Ed Emberley Art Party — *October 19 at 4:30 p.m.*

Annual Lock-in for Tweens & Teens — *October 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Islamophobia and Racism in America, with Dr. Erik Love — *October 28 at 2:00 p.m.*

The Lost Museum: The Nazi Conspiracy to Steal the World's Greatest Art — *November 12 at 2:00 p.m.*

Bowers School Farm Turkey Visit — *November 18 at 10:30 a.m.*

Sign up for our Youth, Teen, and Adult Events newsletters at www.baldwinlib.org

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 at no charge.



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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: roadside pick up and drop off recycling at the SOCRRRA facility.

1. Roadside Pick Up

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

Items do not have to be separated as SOCRRRA has now gone to single stream recycling.

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 at SOCRRRA

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 SOCRRRA website at

www.socrrra.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.

- ♦ Please note that every time a resident brings Hazardous Waste Material to the SOCRRRA site, the Village pays \$30 per visit.
- ♦ Make sure you have a number of items to drop off and just not one or two. This will not only cut down on the number of trips made to the SOCRRRA site, but will reduce the costs to the Village.
- ♦ You must have proper ID when dropping off Hazardous Waste.
- ♦ Of course, using the recycling drop-off facilities at SOCRRRA is free. The cost just applies to Hazardous Waste Materials.

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.



LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017

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

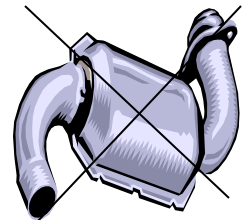
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- 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 5th**. 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 5th**.



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 10/29 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. 29 1:00 p.m. at the Community House. Little ghouls and goblins also can take part in the parade.

Baldwin Library Book Sale - Nov. 3-7 call library for times 248.647.1700

Holiday Tree Lighting - Shain Park Dec. 1 @ 6:00 p.m.
Santa House Shain Park 12/1- 12/24

"Winter Markt" Shain Park 12/2-12/3

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 23 & 24
- December 22 - January 1

Southfield Twp. - November 23 & 24
- December 22, 25 & 26
- December 29 & January 1

Both offices reopen January 2, 2018.

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