



THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

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Village Contemplating New Development

Bingham Farms is pretty much built out. So it's rare that a developer comes in with a plan to develop a site under the Village's Planned Unit Development (PUD) section of the Zoning Ordinance.

The purpose of a PUD is to provide a greater degree of flexibility in the regulation of land development. It provides for more creative approaches to development to take advantage of special characteristics of the land than would otherwise be possible through strict enforcement of the criteria.

The parcel under discussion sits on a 7+ acre site on 14 Mile Rd., between Outlands and Bingham Ln.

The developer is proposing to build 5 single family homes with a 75-foot natural buffer abutting neighboring properties.

The Design Review Board met in February to discuss the plan in

relation to PUD requirements and provided input to the Planning Commission. Residents in the immediate area attended to provide their input on the proposal.

The Planning Commission met on March 12 to discuss the proposal. The Village Planner and the Village attorney were in attendance to assist in the discussions. Again, many residents in the immediate area attended the meeting and provide input or have questions answered.

At the end of the meeting the Planning Commission voted to recommend to Council that the proposal be approved.

Before any decision is made, the Council will hold a Public Hearing to listen to comments from any residents who wish to be heard.

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New Development

Enjoy Your Retirement Lt. Crane

It really can't be 33 years since Lt. Crane joined the Franklin Bingham Farms Police Dept. But lo and behold it is. And Lt. Crane has decided it's time to retire, although no one can see him sitting idle for long.

Lt. Crane hired into the police department on February 1, 1985. Prior to this, he served as a Reserve Officer and a Volunteer Firefighter.

He graduated from the prestigious and challenging Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, on December 16, 2016;.

Lt. Crane rose through the ranks during this time, becoming a Sargent and then Lieutenant.

Over the course of the years, he received numerous awards and commendations for his outstanding service.

But most of all, Lt. Crane will be remembered for those years when he toured the Village streets on that famous motorcycle.

Council recently passed a proclamation acknowledging his unfailing service to the community.

Good luck in your future endeavors and THANK YOU for all those years of service.

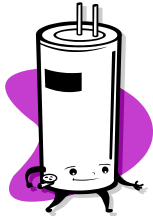
You will be missed.

Large Item Pick Up Scheduled

Get ready. The Village's semi-annual, free, large item pick up is set for **Thursday, June 7th**. All items should be at the street by 7:00 a.m. Large bulky items may be placed at the street the weekend before the pick up.

For new residents, twice a year, the Village offers a large item pick up at no charge. This is a time to dispose of large items that normally are not included in the regular Thursday pick up.

This includes sofas, washing machines and hot water heaters.



It does NOT mean that it's time to clean out all the rubbish stored in your home. In the past, residents who were moving out of their home figured they could put everything out at the street. One resident had boxes and rubbish lined all along the street and half way down the driveway!

Car Trucking has the authority to bypass homes that have an excessive amount of items at the street. If you are in need of a roll-off, call Car Trucking.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village office or Car Trucking at 586.791.8480 to avoid any problems on the big day.

See Pg. 12 for more information.



Check Contractors Working in your Home

This is normally the time of year that residents look at sprucing up their homes, both inside and out. This is a wonderful idea.

However, one should take a few precautions before selecting a contractor. There have been times when construction workers, maintenance personnel and domestic helpers have taken advantage of certain opportunities and removed items from a residence.

The Police Department would like to remind everyone that, before hiring a contractor, please check with your neighbors and the Better Business Bureau (<http://detroit.bbb.org>) for references.



Also call the Southfield Building Dept. (248.796.4100) to make sure that the contractor is licensed, that he has pulled the proper permits and that the work is set up for the required inspections.

Note that in Bingham Farms, construction cannot begin before 7:00 AM and must stop at dusk.

Finally, take some simple actions to secure your valuables when workers are in your home; such as locking up jewelry, currency and other valuable items so that they are not visible and not easily stolen.

Village New Recycling Program Off To A Good Start

Back in September the Village rolled out new Recycling Carts with several goals in mind.

- ♦ Increase the amount of recycling collected in the Village.
- ♦ Provide residents with convenient wheeled carts.

It looks as if the Village is well on its way to meeting the goal of increasing the amount of recycling.

Even in the slow months of January - March time period, Car Trucking has been picking up more than 2 tons of recycled material each week! The following table shows a continual increase in tonnage.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
January	9.98	9.43
February	7.95	7.86
March	<u>10.3</u>	<u>8.93</u>
Total Tons	28.23	26.22

These are normally considered slow months so the Village is anticipating major increases in the coming months.



FIT PARK On Its Way

Next, the 50-plus community center, is very excited to announce the addition of new outdoor fitness equipment. This spring, seven pieces of resistance equipment will be installed under the large shade trees in the Next center courtyard. Covering all the major muscle groups, the fitness equipment will provide a challenging resistance and aerobic workout.

Fit parks are easy-to-use accessible outdoor gyms designed to promote general health within a park experience, creating a supportive social context for getting fit. They typically feature low-impact exercise equipment designed to promote flexibility, balance and strength. The benefits of fit parks are well documented.

"After just three months of regular use, users saw significant gains in balance, speed and coordination, helping to delay functional limitations — and had fun doing it!" says Julie Schmidt, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C.

Fit parks are a great way to challenge yourself, enjoy the fresh air, and stay active and connected! ***A huge thank you to the Foundation for Birmingham Senior Residents for their generous financial support of the Next Fit Park!***

Visit the Next website at www.BirminghamNext.org to see all the programming Next offers such as the Speaker Series every Thursday night, fitness classes, creative arts, travel, health presentations and many life-long enrichment opportunities.

Next is located at 2121 Midvale Street, off Covington Rd., north of 14 Mile Rd. Call (248) 203-5270 for more information.



President's Letter

The Village of Bingham Farms runs lean. Our tax rate is 8.4 mils, compared to, for example, 9.23 mils in Franklin and 11.98 mils in Beverly Hills.

A Village-wide survey shows the majority of residents are happy with the Village's business as usual but, when asked if they would like additional services (without mentioning the cost - a heavily debated decision on Council) a number of residents indicated a desire to clean up the Telegraph medians, for year-round sidewalks, to reduce the risks posed by our deer population, and a few other items. Council has been doing its job. It had previously addressed all of the significant issues the survey highlighted.

Lean means no fat. To do anything more, and that includes more staff time spent on keeping those residents informed of what is going on who are unable to attend Village Council meetings, which are open except for a few rare confidential sessions typically for litigation strategy, or read the minutes, which are published (in P.C. terminology that is called "transparency"), we would need more revenue. That translates into raising taxes.

At the February meeting Council reviewed the Telegraph median issue. Incidentally, that median is the property of the State of Michigan but if we want to pay for improvements and upkeep, they will likely be willing to approve plans (though their financial contribution would be de minimis). Notice of the special discussion topic was provided via

email blast and posted on the Village website in the hopes that concerned residents would attend, express their feelings and be able to give feedback on whether they wanted to pay the price tag. We are gathering some updated pricing information on the cost of bringing irrigation to the median just to be thorough, but the old numbers were pretty horrifying.

Only one resident attended the Council meeting for the purpose of providing input. It took about two weeks of staff time to assemble the background packet. The original plan was to revisit all of the major issues raised in the survey. Based on the weak turnout for the median issue, and the burden on executive staff, my gut feel is that we will get a weak turnout for the other issues and those who do turnout probably may not be willing to pay more in taxes for additional services or beautification items.

The Village has two populations with differing needs and agendas. One group of individuals is financially very well off and able to pay their proportionate share for any additional services. That is not to say they all want more, just that they might be willing to pay more if that is what is required (including additional dollars for more enforcement inspections). The other group includes residents who are post-retirement and some of whom already have issues paying property taxes.

Part of the job as President is to be sensitive to both of these constituencies while being part of a solution that

allows the Village to both provide essential governmental services and remain a great place to live. It is not easy.

The largest financial issue for the Village is the state-levied Headlee amendment and Proposition A, which prevent taxable values from timely rising back to their actual values after a steep drop due to the recession. State mandates and a phase-out of business personal property taxes also harshly penalize us.

My vision of the solution is a larger tax base increased through new, higher density residential development in those areas delineated for such by the Master Plan. I think a population of individuals at the beginning stages of their career and those with families can provide improved revenues and fresh bodies for the Village of Bingham Farms board and commission volunteer pool and Council. I would also like to see more participation by current residents who are willing to work on all of the Village's needs rather than just one issue.

My term is up in November (a position I have held for seven years) and I do not plan to stand for reelection. This may be the perfect opportunity for others to take that big step and actively contribute their time and expertise. The Village needs people with the willingness, time and ability to keep it well managed.

Jeffrey D. Modell, Esq.
Village President

Request from the FBFD Chief

Chief Averbuch is asking for help from each resident to assure addresses are clearly visible should there be an emergency at your home.

He would like residents to make sure there are contrasting address numbers placed on both sides of your mailboxes.

The Fire Department is finding it more and more difficult to identify specific homes when responding to alarms

which could occur day or night and at any time of the year.

Some mailboxes have missing or fading numbers which makes it very difficult to read, especially when responding to an emergency.

With spring approaching, it would benefit everyone to verify that their address numbers are complete and easily readable.

Let's make sure there are no

delays in reaching you in an emergency.



Village Tree and Woodland Protection Ordinance

Approximately five years ago, the Village passed an ordinance to promote feasible and prudent alternatives to the destruction and removal of trees and woodlands. The intent is not to be excessively restrictive nor prohibitive, but to provide a mechanism to avoid total destruction of trees and woodlands.

The ordinance (Chapter 93) prohibits the removal of no more than three regulated trees from a site within a two-year period. Removal of more trees in a shorter period of time requires a tree removal permit.

It also states that no regulated tree shall be removed from a site without first providing notice to the Village that identifies the tree and removal date. A regulated tree includes all deciduous trees having a six inch d.b.h or greater and coniferous trees 20 feet in height or greater.

Here's the issue. There are several tree removal exceptions to the need to obtain a permit.

1. The removal of dead or damaged trees where the death or damage resulted from an accident or non-human cause.

2. The removal of trees damaged by tornados or windstorm etc.

This ordinance does not control the removal of brush or trees less than six inches in diameter.

This is an area where each resident should be mindful of the impact that this type of removal has on neighbors. Sometimes, even the resident removing brush and small trees

doesn't realize the impact on his own property.

When this occurs, inevitably, the Village receives calls from distraught neighbors indicating there is illegal tree removal occurring.

The Village then tries to assess the true situation and this is most difficult when it's after-the-fact. Stop work orders usually result in situations such as these so the Village has time to evaluate the situation. These situations seem to occur more frequently than in the past.

Part of the problem is that much of the screening and trees were planted decades ago. Now those vibrant trees and shrubbery may be dying or diseased.

It is strongly recommended that, when a property owner is undertaking a large project to remove a number of trees and brush, notify the Village office of the work prior to the start of the project. Have the tree company prepare a plan that shows where the designated trees are located, the reason etc. It is also advisable that neighbors be apprised of the upcoming work.

If the Village has this type of information, it can avoid unfortunate situations with neighbors and potential stop work orders.

Even if you are doing minor work, let the Village office know. It's easier to answer callers questions if we know what's going on.

The Village phone number is 248.644.0044

Example of Extensive Tree Cutting

A specific example of what happened when a resident called about possible illegal removal of trees. When the Village received the call, the Code Enforcement Officer was sent to the location to determine what actually was going on.

The tree company then called the Village. He emailed the following information of what was cut down.

- 1 - Large DBL Trunk Mulberry - 1/2 dead and getting tangled in wires.
- 3 - Buckthorn - weed trees
- 1 - Dead Elm at back left corner of property
- 3 - Large Pines close to house all 1/2 dead and or dying and damaging the driveway
- 2 - White Pine dying and 1 breaking
- 1 - Spruce 1/2 dead
- 1 - Box Elder over driveway uprooted and growing sideways and damaging driveway
- 1 - Large Spruce to right of driveway dying
- 2 - Blue Spruce to left of driveway dying and interfering with wires.
- 1 - Large dead Hickory in front
- 1 - Dead Spruce to left of driveway

The pines were diseased and all were either dead, 1/2 dead, and dying.

In this case, the project was within the parameters of the ordinance. Had the Village known in advance, the complaint could have been easily handled.



**CELEBRATE
EARTH DAY
APRIL 22nd**

Baldwin Library Proposes Expansion to Its Youth Room



Baldwin Library revealed plans for the proposed expansion and renovation of the Youth Room in January at the Birmingham City Commission's long-range planning session. If the project goes ahead, the work will begin in summer 2019 and end in spring 2020. The architects behind the conceptual design are Robert Ziegelman, John Gardner, and Karen Swanson of Luckenbach Ziegelman Gardner Associates.

The expansion and renovation will allow Baldwin to serve its young population better and also enliven the west end of the downtown civic campus.

Based on patron input, the following objectives were developed. Further public input will be sought as the project moves forward.

The proposed changes include:

- Expand the Youth Room by 40%, or approximately 2,000 square feet
- Renovate the existing space
- Purchase new furniture

- Increase the play area, story room, and seating
- Make the entire area ADA-compliant, including the book shelves and the bathrooms
- Modernize and increase the capacity of the bathrooms
- Carry through many of the design features of the Adult Services renovation
- Add display cases and a large aquarium, as well as a separate room for strollers
- Expose the brick of the original 1927 building
- Clad the room in heat- and glare-reducing glass from floor to ceiling
- Add an outdoor children's terrace and garden
- Landscape the exterior to integrate it better with Shain Park and The Community House

The project has not received final approval and bids have yet to be obtained.

Upcoming Programs at Baldwin Library

Baldwin offers a wide variety of programs for all ages from birth to adult. Children are invited to participate in weekly story times and book clubs, and to attend a Bubble Party on Sunday, May 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Special programs for teens include a Henna Body Art program on Thursday, April 12 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., and Will it Waffle? on Thursday, May 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Adults are invited to hear Michigan Notable Author Michael Smith speak about his book *Designing Detroit: Wirt Rowland and the Rise of Modern American Architecture* on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m., and to learn about streaming video services and devices that are alternatives to cable television at Cut the Cord on Saturday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m.

Visit the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale for great deals on books and media for all ages. The sale runs from Friday, May 4 (Member Preview Night) to Monday, May 7. More details are available at www.baldwinlib.org/friends.

Be sure to sign up for this year's Summer Reading program. Join us for our Annual Summer Reading Open House on Friday, June 15 from 1 to 4:00 p.m.

Find more information about the Library and its programs at www.baldwinlib.org. We look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

Rouge in the News

Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit entity that works tirelessly to help restore and protect the Rouge River.

They have four distinct programs to ultimately achieve that goal.

- ♦ **Rouge Rescue** was begun in 1986. Volunteers clean up and restore the Rouge River every spring.
- ♦ **River Restoration** provides educational programs and hands-on projects for residents to learn how to take care of land along the river.
- ♦ **River Monitoring** consists of monitoring bugs, frogs & toads, and fish, engaging volunteers to assess the health of the river.
- ♦ **Rouge Education Project** involves elementary, middle, and high schools across southeastern Michigan in water quality monitoring



Check out their website at

www.therouge.org

Local Elections Set for November

This November, four Village Council seats will be on the ballot.

The seats are currently held as follows:

4-year terms

President - Jeffrey D. Modell

Trustees - Mel Ettenson

- Larry Freedman

- Jeff Douville

2 year term

Trustee—(2-yr term) - Kurt Jones

As noted in the President's Letter on Pg. 3, Mr. Modell will not be seeking re-election.

Vials of Life For Seniors

The Franklin Bingham Fire Department has put together a small plastic bottle, the contents of which will aid them to properly respond to a senior medical emergency.

The vial holds valuable medical information for a resident. It includes an information sheet and 2 personal profile sheets that hold critical information regarding medical history and current medications.

Fill out the profile sheet, place the vial in the freezer and make sure it is easily visible when the freezer door is opened.

The vial also contains 2 display magnets that alert first responders that you have a Vial of Life completed. Place one magnet on your refrigerator door. Place the sticker adjacent to the window by the front door.

The Vial of Life is available at the Village office. Stop by and pick one up.

These vials can shave off precious minutes for first responders trying to assess your medical situation in an emergency.



Having a Graduation Party - Play It Safe

Senior Prom and graduation are landmark events in most teenagers' lives. Though these two special moments symbolize both maturity and pending adulthood, parents must remember that when it comes to drinking, teens are still legally underage.

The Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition along with other Oakland County coalitions are again launching the "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to underage drinking" public awareness campaign. It is designed to help parents consider the dangers of teenage drinking parties.

Simply stated: parents who provide alcohol to their children's friends under any circumstances, even in their own homes, are breaking the law; parents who knowingly allow a person under 21 to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcoholic beverages can be prosecuted; and parents can be sued if they give alcohol to anyone under 21 and they in turn hurt someone, hurt themselves or damage property.



Get Ready for More Local Road Construction in Near-by Communities

In comes the warm weather and out come the orange construction barrels.

The project that will directly impact Bingham Farms' residents will be work on Fourteen Mile Rd. from the Beverly Hills border west to Franklin Road.

The Road Commission will be putting down a protective overlay. This project should take care of all those potholes drivers have dealt with this past winter.

Birmingham has begun an extensive construction project in its down-



town Central Business District. The first phase will be Old Woodward (from Oakland to Brown and then to Maple).

The area will receive extensive upgrades, including new sewers, water main, pavement, street lighting, traffic signals, planters and parking meters.

There will be road closures in the area, so click on the link below to obtain the latest information.

www.bhamgov.org/downtowninfrastructure

On the brighter side, Bingham Farms will not be doing any major road work this summer.

The Fight Continues Against The West Nile Virus

The final numbers of human cases for West Nile Virus in 2017 are in. The numbers show there is still a chronic problem. The number of cases in Michigan decreased slightly.

Overall in Michigan, 40 cases of human infection were reported with 3 deaths. In Oakland County there were 5 cases, down from 9 in 2016. Only one death was reported in the State.

It does not appear that West Nile Virus will disappear. The virus is spread to humans when bitten by a mosquito that carries the virus.

There is no vaccine for West Nile Virus, so the best defense remains a good offense. It is important for every person to protect himself.

So take the following steps to lower your chances of infection.

- ♦ **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 windows and screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.

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After the Public Hearing, the Council will deliberate on the proposal and they will ultimately decide whether to approve the PUD.

The earliest a Public Hearing can be called would be for the Council's April 23rd meeting. Council meets at its offices located at 24255 Thirteen Mile Rd. in the Jamestowne South Office Building.

Plans can be accessed on line at binghamfarms.org. Click the link for

- ♦ Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as buckets, barrels, cans, old tires, or similar sites.
- ♦ 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 the active ingredient DEET to exposed skin or clothing.

Always follow the manufacturer's directions for use. Avoid applying repellent containing DEET on children less than two years of age.

Dead birds can also be an indicator of West Nile Virus infected mosquitoes are in the area. To report dead birds, call the Oakland County Health Division Hotline at 1.877.377.3641. Wear gloves to protect yourself from direct contact with the bird and dispose of it properly.

For updates on West Nile Virus, log on to:

www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus
or
www.oakgov.com.

Meetings, then Planning Commission packets and finally March 12th.

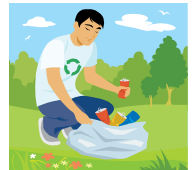
The last time a Village Council approved a PUD was to allow construction of Jamestowne North office Building and Bingham Pointe condominiums which were considered a joint project between a commercial builder and a residential builder. That was way back in 1985.



Village Needs Help From Residents

The question on the minds of a number of residents is, who is littering the Village roadways? Unless one sees someone do it, it's impossible to track down the culprits.

So, what to do? This is an area where residents can easily help. When you are out and about, if you would pick up a few pieces of litter, it would be a great help. If everyone did this, the problem would be taken care of and the Village would look great.



If you should see someone toss anything, get a description of the vehicle and the license plate number. Call the police and relay the information.

The number for dispatch is 248.626.5444 and the police dept. is 248.626.9672.

Bits N Pieces

- Get email blasts from the Village office or the Police Department. Log on to the Village website, www.binghamfarms.org and click on the link "Stay Informed" at the bottom of the home page.
- Latex Paint is not a hazardous material. Use kitty litter to dry it up and dispose with regular trash.
- Village Tax Bills will be mailed out on June 30. They are due in the Village office by August 31st without penalty. **Postmarks are NOT accepted.**
- Have rubbish out at the street by 7:00 a.m. every Thursday morning.
- Fences are not allowed unless around a pool enclosure.
- Dog runs totaling no more than 250 sq. ft. and no more than 4-feet in height are allowed. Must get Council approval.

LARGE ITEM PICK UP - JUNE 7, 2018

Help Stop Illegal Dumping

Every year the Village picks up the tab to haul away debris dumped in the Village rights-of-way. It ranges from a truck full of old tires to wood chips to tree trunks.

If you see anything suspicious, such as a slow-moving, fully loaded truck, call police dispatch at **248.626.5444** immediately. Getting the license number or a description of the car or truck will help police track down the scofflaws.

If caught, the culprits face stiff fines, and must remove the debris or reimburse the Village for its costs to remove the materials.



HOW TO DISPOSE OF CFL & LED 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 all. So 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 bin (in front of the store) at any time and there is no charge.



Public Notice Noxious Weeds

It does not happen often, but there are times when property owners move away and the property is not maintained, especially mowing the grass. Grass that reaches a height of eight inches or more is considered a noxious weed.

Before the Village steps in to remove the violation, an annual notice is published in the Eccentric newspaper advising owners of the noxious weed ordinance. After the newspaper notice, the Village has the ability to act.

When an infraction occurs, a letter is sent to the property owner(s) giving them ten days to rectify the situation. If not resolved within that time period, the Village will contract with a landscape company to cut the lawn as many times as needed during the course of the season.

The notice reads:

"Pursuant to Section 95.36(A), the Village hereby publishes notice to property owners that noxious weeds existing on a property as of May 1, 2015 may be cut, mowed or removed by the Village, with the property owner charged with the Village's actual and administrative costs and expenses in doing so, as many times that calendar year as necessary to keep the property free from nox-

ious weeds.

Specifically, the Village will provide written notice to owners of property upon which noxious weeds exist, and to occupants and agents of said owners known to the Village: (i) to cut, mow or remove the noxious weeds within 10 days of the date of the notice, (ii) to thereafter maintain the property free from noxious weeds, (iii) that upon a failure or refusal to do so, that the Commissioner, by Village employees or contractors, will enter upon the property and perform the required cutting, mowing or removal, (iv) that payment of the Village's actual and administrative expenses incurred in cutting, mowing or removal is the responsibility of the property owners and is secured by a lien on the property, (v) that the existence of noxious weeds is a public nuisance and (vi) notice of any public nuisance hearing that may be scheduled before the Village Council under Section 95.08."



WANT TO BE INFORMED AND RECEIVE SPECIAL ALERTS?

**Register by way of the Village
website at:**

www.binghamfarms.org

Click on the "Stay Informed" link

**Receive warnings, water alerts,
police notices and more via
email.**

Sign up today.

STUDENTS, DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY

SERVICE HOURS?

***We need volunteers to help pick
up trash along Village roads.***

Your hours, your schedule.

***Call the Village office for more
info.***

248.644.0044



**REQUEST TO BE ADDED TO THE
PERMANENT ABSENTEE LIST**

Due to recent challenges to Michigan election laws, the Clerk's Office needs to have a written request if you wish to be added to the Permanent Absentee Voter List. Please check the box below and return the form to the Clerk's Office in one of the following ways:

FAX request to the Clerk's Office at 248-540-3427

MAIL request to the Clerk's Office at:

Sharon Tischler, Southfield Township Clerk
18550 W. 13 Mile Road
Southfield Township, MI 48025-5262

☐ YES, please add my name to your Permanent Absentee Voter List. I understand that I will automatically receive an Absentee Ballot Application prior to each upcoming election until such time that I should request to have my name removed. I understand that on the application I will be required to check a reason for requesting a ballot. I further understand that if I choose to be on the permanent list, and I automatically receive an application for an Absentee Ballot, that *I could still vote in person at the polls simply by not returning my absentee application for processing.*

Signature

Date: MM/DD/YY

Please Print Name

Phone Number

Street Number

City

State/Zip Code

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP
ELECTION WORKERS
NEEDED

PAID POSITION

\$165-\$185



"INTERESTED"

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

*Applications available front page, middle column under third heading down Election Information, second paragraph
click on Election Information and go to the bottom of the page.*

Questions call: (248) 540-3420

GUIDELINES FOR DISPOSING OF LATEX PAINT

In response to questions regarding what to do with old latex paint, SOCRRA has developed a few simple guidelines. Latex paint is technically not a Household Hazardous Waste, but it is considered a liquid and therefore cannot be placed in with the trash. It must be turned into a solid. To do this, the paint must first be dried or hardened before it is disposed of in the trash, and the empty paint cans placed in the recycling bin. **Because oil-based paint contains dangerous solvents, it is important to remember that these procedures can only be used with latex paint.**

Natural Drying - With latex paint cans that are less than a quarter full, simply remove the lid and place the can in a well-ventilated area. The remaining paint should be dry within a few days. Once dry, the hardened paint can be chipped out and placed with the trash. The empty paint can, whether metal or plastic, should be placed in the recycling bin.



For paint cans that are more than a quarter full, you'll need:

Paint Hardener - You can pick up paint hardener at any local hardware or paint store. Once you have your paint hardener there are a few simple steps to follow:

1. Cover your work surface to protect it from paint splashes
2. Add a paint hardener to the can – read the directions on the packet to find out how much hardener you need to add. Typically one packet will harden up to 2/3rds of a gallon of paint.
3. Stir and mix thoroughly. After a few minutes, the paint will have a chunky, oatmeal-like texture.

You can now dispose of the dried paint in the trash. The empty paint can be placed in the recycling bin.

Kitty Litter - This common, household absorbent works well in removing the moisture from latex paint. How much kitty litter to add depends on the makeup and age of the latex paint. In most cases, start with a cup or two and add as needed. Stir thoroughly and after a short time, the paint will thicken. Dispose of the hardened material in the trash and recycle the empty paint cans.



Saw Dust, Mulch, Small Animal Bedding, & Sand – These are other common absorbents that can be used to thicken and solidify latex paint. Use them the same way you would use kitty litter. Remember to recycle empty paint cans **and lids** after disposing of the hardened paint.

Some general tips to consider before drying latex paint:

- To limit waste buy only what you need – ask at the paint stores, they are the experts!
- Store cans in a proper place, properly sealed, so the paint doesn't leak or dry out.
- Storing paint cans upside down can help keep paint fresh.
- Try to use all of the paint.
- Donate any leftover paint to local schools, churches or theatre groups.

From SOCRRA website

www.socrra.org

LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS

Date: Thursday June 7, 2017

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

Please Note: For the large item pick up **ONLY**, items such as couches, washing machines etc. may be placed at the curb as early as May 29.

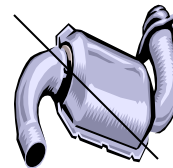
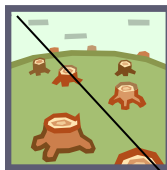
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- * Large appliances, furniture and hot water heaters
(Refrigerators & freezers must have Freon removed prior to pick up) (Doors must be removed)
- * Only small tree stumps
- * Brush and tree branches must be bundled and tied; the length may 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
- * Automotive parts
- * Tires
- * Loose gravel
- * Large amounts of construction material & loose items



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. Car Trucking does have dumpsters (roll-offs) available.

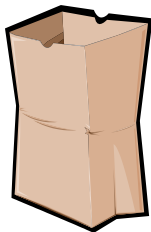
Compost season begins

Now that the snow has melted and spring is officially here, the weekly pick up of compost begins on **April 5th** and will run through the end of November.

Compost materials include leaves, grass, plants and small bushes.

All compost should be placed in **brown paper bags**. Compost placed in plastic bags will go in with the regular trash as the plastic does not disintegrate quickly.

Tree limbs and branches should be tied into bundles no more than 4' in length. Car Trucking will not pick up anything that is not tied.



VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING DATES

April 23

May 22

June 25

All meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

Happenings Around Town

Birmingham

Farmer's Market - every Sunday May 6- October 28 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Municipal Lot 6 - North Old Woodward

Art Birmingham - May 12 & 13- Shain Park 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Home Town Parade - May 20 - Downtown - 1:00 p.m.

55th Birmingham Village Fair— June 1 - June 3 Streets surrounding Shain Park

In the Park Summer Concerts - Wednesdays, June 17 - August 12 7:00 p.m. Shain Park Concert Hotline 248.530.1650

Movie Nite in Booth Park - June 22 - 7:30 p.m. Movie begins at dusk

Beverly Hills

Memorial Day Parade & Fun Day - Monday, May 28 11:00 a.m.

Southfield Public Library Auditorium

From Expungement to Entrepreneurship: The Pipeline to Possibilities, April 6, 2:00 to 6:00 PM 26300 Evergreen Road.

Opioid Crisis Town Hall, April 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Southfield Public Library Auditorium, 26300 Evergreen Road.

What kind of Spring will it be?

Great Lakes, Ohio Valley & Midwest

- Cloudy but uneventful start to spring
- Mild but soggy April
- Very wet May, stormy start to June with increased thunderstorm threat
- Spring ends with more heavy rains



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