



THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Winter, 2018

Winter Maintenance Reminders

This winter season certainly started with a brutal punch. Lots of snow, followed by frigid temperatures.

However, each year the Village encounters the same problem with just a few residents who hire contractors to plow the snow from their driveways. The plow companies just push the snow across the road and dump it on a neighbor's property. Hopefully, this year will be better.

Here are the snow rules for winter 2017.

State & County Roads

This year, we'll just have to wait to see what Mother Nature blows our way. No matter what, the Road Commission will be ready.

The Road Commission plows many of the state highways, like Telegraph, for the State of Michigan, along with its own County roads such as Thirteen & Fourteen Mile Roads.

Due to declining revenues, staffing within the Road Commission has dwindled so part time help will be used. If wicked weather occurs in a back-to-back storm, it may take awhile to clear the roads.

Drivers are asked to use caution at all times. If there are new drivers in your family, it's advisable to take them out when snow is on the roads so they get used to changing conditions.

Village Roads

As in past years, the Village contracts with Johnson Landscaping for



snow removal services. Once two inches of snow has accumulated on the roads, the plows are called out.

If conditions warrant, extra work is authorized. The decision to salt the roads is based on the assessment of the police department taking into consideration current weather as well as local forecasts.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANY CARS ON THE STREET DURING A SNOWFALL. The plows cannot navigate around them and some streets may not get plowed.

Private Driveways

Residents have responsibilities too. Village ordinance, as well as state law, prohibits the plowing of snow across a road and dumping it on your neighbor's property. Most residents have

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NEW RADAR DETECTOR PURCHASED

Have you seen the new radar detector?

These mobile units can be placed anywhere in the Village to track the number of vehicles along with their speeds.

While the unit is small in size, it packs a lot of information. It counts the number of vehicles travelling the road at specific times of the day. This means it records data during morning and evening rush hour. This information will give the Village and the Police Department an accurate count of vehicles.

The radar was first used in November on Bingham Road. One car was clocked going **56 mph**. Fortunately, most of the other speeds were within an acceptable range.

The Village had complaints about speeding on Bristol Lane so a unit

was installed for a week at the end of November. The data showed there was not a speeding problem. The average volume per day was 79 cars, with the maximum speed recorded being 35mph. Over 85% of the cars were travelling between 18 and 28mph.

The unit does have camera capability. However State law prohibits police to use this device to ticket anyone.

Because of its size and ease of set up, the radar detector can be set up on any of the roads in the Village. It takes one of our officers just minutes to put it in to operation.

The radar detector was purchased by the Franklin Bingham Farms Police Department.

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March 26

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Village will share this radar detector with the Village of Franklin. The detector will be placed on any road where there may be a perceived problem.

The main purpose for use of this device is to help keep the speeds down and residents safe.



Our Fire Chief at Work in Ssan Juan

What many may not know is that our Fire Chief is also a First Responder. This means he is a key element when an emergency occurs no matter where it takes place.

This is the Chief's first hand story of the effort it takes to respond to an emergency.

During the summer and fall season of 2017, the southern parts of our country were hit by three major hurricanes, named Harvey, Irma, and Maria. The devastation was immense to say the least, with damage cost estimates starting at \$265 billion dollars.

But what about the non-monetary figures that must also be taken into consideration?

One of these includes the healthcare needs of those affected. Yes, while this includes the trauma and assorted ailments from the hurricane itself, we must also consider the day to day issues that arise, as well as the chronic conditions that need treatment. Not to mention in a system where electricity, internet, and provider availability is de-

graded or in some cases gone.

As your Fire Chief, I work in Bingham Farms to respond to your daily emergency needs, but during times of disaster, I also serve with the United States Department of Health and Human Services. My position is that of a Team Leader within the National Disaster Medical System, assigned to the Michigan-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team.

During the course of these three storms, I worked to coordinate not only my fellow team personnel in their response, but when the time came (September 9th to be exact), I joined them in deploying to the needs of our nation. My total of 58 days deployed placed me in Florida, Georgia, and Puerto Rico helping those in need as part of the federal ESF #8 (Health and Medical Response, within the National Response Framework).

My days were spent working with different teams from California, Florida, Maryland, New York and Oregon, among others, and assigned to

lead missions, including:

- Hospital Emergency Room Decompression and Augmentation in Fort Myers, FL and San German, Puerto Rico, and
- Direct medical care delivery to those in and around Utuado, Puerto Rico, and
- Medical support to the San Juan area, in support of the US Navy Hospital Ship, USNS Comfort.

While my time spent was well worth the effort and resulted in a positive impact to those we did serve, I would be remiss if I did not pass on my thanks to my family and those that supported us while I was away. This support and understanding includes not only my friends and co-workers, but also the Franklin-Bingham Fire Department and both villages. I am truly appreciative and honored to be able to assist in times like these.

Tony Averbuch,
Fire Chief for Bingham Farms



Group photo of HMTF Utuado, taken in front of the Metropolitan Hospital in Utuado, Puerto Rico (I am in the center). The group includes not only DHHS healthcare providers, but also support and liaison staff from the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, US Department of Defense, and local interpreters/guides.

The President's Corner

Our police department is the mainstay in providing a safe environment in the Village. Awhile back, questions were posed to our Police Chief relative to the inner workings of the Department. This is the final chapter in the Q&A.

Who owns the police station/who appoints the police chief?

The police station is owned by the Village of Franklin. The current station was built about 2001 and was partially paid for from forfeiture funding that was received due to a major criminal investigation that the department was involved in at the time. In other words, money obtained (forfeited) from a convicted drug dealer was used to help finance the construction of the police station building.

The Police Chief is hired by the President of the Franklin Village Council, and he reports to both the Franklin Village President and the Administrator for the Village. The Chief of Police serves at the pleasure of the Franklin Village Council, and can be removed at any time with proper notice. The Chief of Police is not a union protected position.

All our officers wear vests, have tasers, and our cars have some kind of computer system. Do other departments do all that?

The Franklin – Bingham Farms Police Department prides itself on providing top quality equipment to our officers. Each of our officers is provided with state of the art firearms systems, tasers, ballistic vests, and other safety gear. Not every department provides this for their officers.

In fact, the Detroit Police Department does NOT issue tasers to their officers. Some departments force the officers to pay for their own ballistic protective vests and/or firearms, but those items are provided by our department to the officers.

Additionally, ballistic vests are updated every five years, consistent with the manufacturers recommendations.

The patrol cars are on a schedule for replacement which amounts to a new patrol car being purchased each year. We try to remove cars from service when they hit 80+ thousand miles, but normally they are over 100,000 miles when sold. The four (4) patrol

cars in our fleet are maintained to the highest standards to provide safety for our officers who are required to work in them for 12 hour shifts.

Most all of the Oakland County police agencies take a progressive approach to safety and training for their officers. Our department is heavily focused on providing the newest training techniques to the officers, and a considerable portion of our overtime budget is used to send officers for training in many different areas.

Any especially meritorious active ties by officers worthy of recognition?

Yes, each year the department holds an awards ceremony to recognize great work done by the officers. Officers receive ribbons for their uniforms based on the type of achievement/award. There have been numerous awards over the years, for everything from life-saving to making a major arrest of a violent felon in the commission of a crime.

Jeffrey D. Modell, Esq.

Council To Add Special Discussion Topics to Agenda

Last Spring, the Village sent out a resident survey to capture how residents feel the Village was meeting their needs and get a feel as to what residents would like. Overall, residents were significantly satisfied with many of the services offered, especially with regard to police and fire.

In a further effort to keep the residents informed and provide background, the Council will be discussing certain topics at scheduled Council meetings.

Residents are encouraged to attend these meeting to express your opinions on these topics. Everyone

would benefit from hearing both sides of each topic.

Special topics will be discussed periodically. Below is a preliminary list of topics and the dates they would be placed on the Agenda.

- February 26, 2018 - Beautification Areas/Welcome Signs
- May 21, 2018 - Sidewalks/maintenance/expansion
- July 23, 2018 - Code Enforcement/property upkeep
- September 24, 2018—Road Improvements

Once the topics are finalized, an email blast will be sent to residents

notifying them what topic is on the Agenda.

This will be a good opportunity for residents to become informed on what people would like in the Village and also be educated on the costs and other factors to be considered in the decision making process.





Active adults have enjoyed the programs and support services offered at **Next** for over 40 years. We continue to evolve to meet the diverse interests of today's residents over the age of 50. We offer more educational programming, art classes, and more travel than ever before.

Next also offers support services that focus on allowing older adults to live independently and age in place. Our comprehensive Support Service Department provides information and referrals, transportation services, nutritional support, tax and legal assistance, and much more. Ask us anything – we are here to help!

Some of the great programs coming this winter:

- Outstanding speakers every Thursday evening such as Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy, Religious scholar and Middle East Gus Mondalek, FBI agent David Gelios, Stem Cell R & D medical doctor Brian Kolender, M.D to name just a few.
- Special offerings such as ballroom dancing, music and vocals by guitarist Cliff Erikson, intergenerational programs with Birmingham Public Schools, trivia nights, getting your home ready for sale, public speaking, getting ready for tax time and so much more.
- New creative art classes in calligraphy, Pewabic Tiles, painting, Zen-tangle, photography and pottery.
- Fitness classes ranging from yoga, Pilates, tai chi, barre, Pickleball, and agebusters.

And the list goes on and on. Visit Next on-line at www.BirminghamNext.org or stop in for a tour and see all the ways you can stay active and connected!

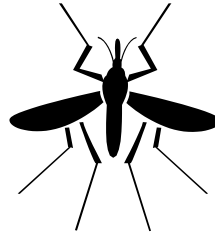
West Nile Virus Infections Still a Problem in 2017

Looks like the impact of West Nile Virus was more severe this year. There were 39 human cases reported, down marginally from 41 cases last year. In Oakland County there were 5 cases reported. The virus is still around.

These results show that precautionary measures are working as people try to avoid mosquito bites.

Most people infected with West Nile do not show any symptoms. However, symptoms may appear anywhere from 3 to 14 days after being bitten. Twenty percent however, have flu-like symptoms, including fever, fatigue, headache and muscle or joint pain. Less than 1% of those infected become severely ill.

The Oakland County Health Dept. reiterates that prevention is the best method to combat the virus. Specifically,



- ♦ Reduce areas where mosquitoes breed.
- ♦ Repel to protect against mosquitoes.
- ♦ Report potential mosquito breeding areas.
- ♦ Repair all holes in windows and screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- ♦ 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 out doors.
- ♦ Apply insect repellants that contain the active ingredient DEET to clothing. Always follow the manufacturer's directions for use. (Avoid applying repellent containing DEET to children less than two years of age.)

For updates on West Nile Virus, log on to the state or county website at:
www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus
or
www.oakgov.com

**CHECK OUT
THE
VILLAGE WEBSITE
FOR ALL THE NEWS
www.binghamfarms.org**

Next is located just behind Seaholm High School at 2121 Midvale Road (248) 203-5270.



Change Your Clocks Change Your Batteries

This may seem premature but consider this a heads up that come Spring, clocks will move forward. Come **March 11th**, we give back that extra hour of sleep gained in the fall.

Turn your clocks ahead one hour on that Sunday. Or as many do, turn them back before you go to bed that Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning. It always falls on the second Sunday of March.

On the positive side, the time change means that warmer weather is soon to arrive.

Remember, while changing your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors too.

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.



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instructed their snow removal contractors to abide by the law.

Plowing snow across a roadway leaves what are called "snow rows". These deposits create a safety problem for motorists and pedestrians and make it more difficult for the Village contractor to properly clear the streets.

The Village is not alone enforcing this state law. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) has encountered similar problems. There have been times that roads had to be

Winter Travel Tips

Get ready for another unpredictable Michigan winter: icy windshields and roads, cold feet, runny noses, and kids turning pale for lack of exposure to the sun.

Here are a few tips and reminders to survive the cold.

1. Have your furnace checked to make sure it is clean and safe. Make certain that your carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are functioning. If you have a fireplace, check the chimney to make sure that it is not blocked or in need of the services of a chimneysweep.
2. Have good tires and good wiper-blades on your vehicle.
3. Keep the gas tank full.
4. Keep extra clothing in the car - parka, boots, gloves, and a blanket.
5. Take your cell phone with you along with a battery charger.
6. Carry a bag of sand, rock salt, or kitty litter in the trunk in case it's needed for traction.
7. Keep a snow shovel in the car. Better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it.

Drive with extra care, allowing extra time to get to your destination. Enjoy a safe and beautiful Michigan winter!

From the F.B.F.D

plowed a second time because excess snow was left on the roads by a private contractor, thus delaying snow removal in other areas.

Property owners can be ticketed and fined for violating this ordinance. The last thing the Village wants to do is ticket a property owner.

Safety is our primary concern. Help out. Have your snow plow contractor help out too by keeping your snow on your property.



Library Notes

Our new Idea Lab is Baldwin's "makerspace," featuring both a 3D printer and a laser cutter. To find out more about the capabilities of these amazing machines, visit the Library's website at www.baldwinlib.org/idealab. You can set up an appointment to acquire certification to use the machines by emailing idealab@baldwinlib.org or calling 248-554-4659.

The Library is in the process of developing a conceptual/schematic design for the expansion and renovation of the Youth Room. Among the objectives of the project are:

- Expand story room, play area, and seating and study spaces
- Update infrastructure and technology
- Ensure handicap accessibility
- Improve traffic flow and signage
- Update, paint, furniture, and carpeting
- Renovate public restrooms
- Highlight original 1927 building where possible

This project will be presented to the Birmingham City Commission at its long-range planning session on January 27, 2018. If the Commission approves the project, work would hopefully commence in fall 2019.

Upcoming Programs

- Totally Thomas Party – *Saturday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m.*
- After Hours Laser Tag for Teens – *Friday, January 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.*
- Greetings from Detroit, with Dan Austin – *Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.*
- Wong Herbert Yee Book Launch – *Sunday, January 28 at 2:00 p.m.*



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Cyber Security Tips

Tax season is right around the corner. The media is full of situations where personal and corporate information is being hacked.

The Michigan Department of Treasury is expanding its awareness programs for Michiganders to practice cyber vigilance as a way to prevent tax-related identity theft.

Cybercriminals are consistently using new tricks and tactics online to obtain personal information so they can fraudulently file state income tax returns and claim refunds on behalf of unsuspecting taxpayers. Often times, the taxpayer is already a victim of identity theft when a cybercriminal attempts to claim their state tax refund.

Below are some tips to protect yourself and be cyber vigilant:

- Only connect to the Internet over secure, password-protected networks.
- Do not click on link or pop-ups, open attachments or respond to emails from individuals you don't know.

- If you are unsure of the email sender, type a website name by hand rather than clicking on an embedded link.
- Do not respond to online requests for personally identifiable information. Most organizations—banks, universities, companies, Treasury—do not ask for your personal information over the Internet.
- Limit who you share information with by reviewing the privacy settings of your social media accounts.
- Trust your intuition. If you think an offer is too good to be true, then it probably is.
- Password-protect all user accounts and devices that connect to the Internet.
- Do not use the same password twice. Choose a password that means something to you and you only. Change your password on a regular basis.

- If something seems suspicious, report it to the proper authorities.

In 2017, as part of an initiative to reduce fraud, the Michigan Treasury increased security measures to protect more than 4,000 taxpayers who confirmed their identity was stolen and used to request state of Michigan refunds.

These increased measures prevented more than \$16 million from being distributed.



Council Actions

Here's a synopsis of Council actions and notable issues discussed in the October/November meetings.

October

- Snow Contract awarded to Johnson Landscaping to plow and salt local roads in the Village.

November

- Rubbish contract awarded to Car Trucking for the period of 2/2018 - 1/2019
- Website Redesign approved. Contract awarded to Revize located in Troy, MI.
- 2018 Meeting Calendar approved.
- Employee Health Care Plan approved for 2018

WANTED

VOLUNTEER

PROFESSIONAL Or SEMI-PROFESSIONAL

PHOTOGRAPHER

To take scenic pictures of the Village to be used in the new Village website..

If interested, please contact the Village office.

Call 248-644-0044.

Library Notes

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- Anti-Valentine's Day Party for Teens – *Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m.*
- Drummunity: Rhythmic Fun for Everyone! – *Thursday, February 22 at 2:00 p.m.*
- The Sphinx Organization Presents the Ivalas String Quartet – *Saturday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m.*
- Income Tax Time, with Tom Hill – *Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.*

Village Redesigning Its Website

At the November Council meeting, staff presented a proposal detailing the need for a redesign and an analysis of four proposals.

The recommendation was based on the following needs:

- The existing website needs to be ADA compliant
- It needs to have compatibility with mobile devices
- It's difficult to update

The new website will:

- Be easy to update
- Have easy & intuitive access to info
- Information organized for relevance
- Have social media share buttons
- Provide Front page alerts

Look for the new design in the 2nd Quarter of this year.

Baldwin Public Library Comes to NEXT

If you are a member of NEXT you can borrow library books right at their facility on Midvale in Birmingham.

Members can borrow a variety of regular and large print books, audiobooks and DVDs right there.

If they don't have the material you want, you can request that items from the Baldwin Library be delivered to the Next lobby for easy pick up.

All you have to do is call the Library at 248.554.4650 by Wednesday to request your items and they'll be available at Next on Thursday afternoon.

You can also return main library items in the new drop box at NEXT.

Now, that's pretty easy.

Operation Medicine Cabinet at Franklin PD

The Franklin Bingham Police Dept. is now an official location for Oakland County's Medicine Disposal Program.

All you have to do is bring in your unused or expired medicines to the police department. No sharps though.

A police officer will count the pills left in the prescription bottles, put the pills in a sealed bag and return the empty bottles back to you.

Then you just drop the bags into the depository in the lobby.

The contents are then taken to Oakland County where they are disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.

The Police Department is located at 32325 Franklin Road, between 13 & 14 Mile Roads. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call 248.626.9672

Brine instead of Rock Salt to Protect Water Quality!

There are ways everyone can help keeping our environment green. The Alliance for Rouge Communities is a group of communities striving to clean up the waterways in Michigan.

Here's an example of how each resident can help to keep contaminants out of the Rouge.

Salt keeps our communities safe, by reducing both the number of vehicle accidents as well as slip and fall accidents. Unfortunately, salt doesn't just disappear when all the snow melts; it is washed into our lakes, rivers, and streams and has an almost immediate effect on water quality.

As a homeowner, consider reducing salt use by applying brine, not rock salt, before a snow storm and shoveling frequently to keep snow from ac-

cumulating. This is the best way to save your back, your knees, and the Rouge River!

Brine, a mixture of salt and water, has become a great alternative to traditional rock salt. The transition to using brine for a homeowner has minimal costs. The brine can be pre-mixed in large quantities and stored in your basement or garage. By spraying brine, you have more control over your application, so you don't apply over the same area twice and it won't bounce off the driveway the way rock salt can.

Brine starts working much faster than rock salt due to the increased contact area with the snow.

The best method is to apply the brine before a snow storm begins. Not all communities have transitioned to the use of brine on roads because there is a significant startup cost for additional equipment and storage.

HOME RECIPE FOR BRINE

What you need:

1 ½ gallons hot water
3-4 cups rock or table salt
Bucket
Sprayer

Directions: Combine salt and hot water (which helps dissolve the salt) in bucket until all salt is dissolved completely (so salt chunks don't clog sprayer). Pour mixed brine into a sprayer and apply to sidewalk and driveway prior to a snowfall. Each gallon should cover 1,000 square feet of surface (about 200 feet of sidewalk).

Roadside Recycling

It appears that the new recycling carts have been well-received. If there was one complaint it was they are too big, especially for empty nesters. However, for many of the residents, these carts are certainly easy to use. Just toss a multitude of recyclables in the cart and then roll it out to the street on Thursdays.

Here's what you can include in the carts:

Paper - Newspaper, Junk Mail, Cardboard, Magazines

Cartons - Milk Cartons, Juice Boxes

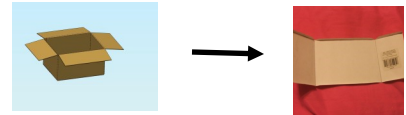
Metal - Empty Cans, Aerosol Cans

Glass - Bottles, Jars, All Colors

Plastic - Bottles, Jugs, Containers

How to Prepare Cardboard; All cardboard must be placed in the cart. Flatten completely, reducing pieces to no larger than 3' x 3'. Remove and dispose of all packing materials.

Beware: Cardboard jammed into the cart may get stuck, so please follow these guidelines to ensure your cart can be fully emptied.



Drop Off Recycling

It is hoped that the Drop Off Recycling Center in Troy (Cooldige between 14 Mile & Maple Rds.) will reopen in early January. When it reopens, here's what you can bring to the facility.

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.

Household Hazardous Waste

- Empty propane tanks
- Lawn fertilizers
- Motor Oil

Oil based paints and stains
CFL Light Bulbs

Electronics

- TVs - no console TVs
- Stereos
- Boom Boxes
- Video Cameras

Simple Recycling

Just over a year ago, the Village entered into an agreement with a for-profit company named Simple Recycling to pick up clothing and other household items that would ordinarily go into a landfill. Currently 85% of all clothing ends up in a landfill and only 15% gets recycled or donated. This equates to 14.3 million tons of clothing only in our landfills.

Simple Recycling picks up materials that residents might just throw away. The company comes through the Village on the regular Thursday rubbish day.

While their primary focus is on clothing, they do take small usable household items.

- Men's Clothing
- Children's Clothing
- Jewelry
- Purses
- Toys
- Drapes/Curtains
- Sleeping Bags
- Silverware
- Pots/Pans

- Women's Clothing
- Coats and Jackets
- Shoes
- Hats
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Tools
- Dishes
- Backpacks

For more information, log on to:

simplerecycling.com

GUIDELINES FOR DISPOSING OF LATEX PAINT

In an effort to help residents dispose of those half empty paint cans and limit the number of cans dropped off at SOCRRA, please note **latex paint is NOT a Household Hazardous Waste**. It may be discarded on the regular Thursday rubbish pick up. However, because latex paint is considered a liquid, it must be dried first to turn it into a solid. ***Because oil-based paint contains dangerous solvents, it is important to remember that these procedures can only be used with latex paint.***

Here are the recommended options:

Natural Drying - With 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.

Did You Know?

Here are a few tidbits that many residents may not know.

- The Village Charter (which lays the foundation for government of the Village) does not allow the Village to own land without a vote of the people.
- The Village has very little undeveloped property remaining.
- Thirteen Mile & Fourteen Mile Roads in Bingham Farms are under the authority of the Road Commission for Oakland County. They are the responsible party for snow removal and maintenance.
- Telegraph Rd. is a State Highway. The Village has no authority over the maintenance on that roadway, including the medians.
- Total Village taxes collected in 2017 are the same amount as collected in 2007, due to the recession and ramifications of both Headlee and Prop A restrictions.
- Public Safety costs are almost 60% of the Village Budget.

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HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

JANUARY

Birmingham

Birmingham Restaurant Week - Jan. 29 - Feb. 2

Birmingham Ice Arena - Public Open Skate - call 248.530.1642 for open times

Village Players - "Ain't Misbehaving" Jan. 19-21 , Jan. 26-28, Feb. 2-4 Call 248.644.2075

FEBRUARY

Birmingham

Restaurant Week - Birmingham Feb. 5-9

Birmingham Concert Band - "A Night at the Movies" Feb. 11 at 3:00 p.m. - Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

MARCH

Birmingham

Village Players "Act One " Mar.9-11, Mar. 16-18 & Mar. 23-25 Call 248.644.2075

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police & Fire	9-1-1
Police (dispatch)	248.626.5444
Police (office)	248.626.9672
Fire (office)	248.626.9862
DTE (electric)	1.800.477.4747
Consumers (gas)	1.800.477.5050

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