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THE OFFICIAL BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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TOWNSHIP



Ready To Launch!

Strategic Plan, A New App, and Food Truck Highlight an Exciting Summer of Community Engagement with Township Officials and Employees

Summer is a busy and exciting time. While many in our community enjoy warm sunny days, baseball games, cookouts, and graduations; this year we also celebrate the kick off to the community engagement portion of the Strategic Plan, release of the Bloomfield Township App, and the return of Food Truck Wednesdays.

Thank you to everyone who attended the in-person community forums, participated in the stakeholder interviews, took the online survey, and shared your suggestions and interests on the interactive social pinpoint website! Receiving input and fresh perspectives from a diverse collection of bright, passionate, caring minds helps to create our vision, mission, priorities, and will make this a meaningful and actionable plan.

There is still time to participate! If you have not already visited the social pinpoint website, ***you have until July 19th*** to go online and take the survey, share your ideas, and give your opinion on the comments left by others as well. There are many ways to find the survey including visiting the Township website and clicking the green banner on the home page. You can also visit bit.ly/BloomfieldTownshipStrategicPlan or scan the QR code to the right.



Additionally, BerryDunn has sent out a more comprehensive survey to a randomly selected sample of residents. Please do not discard this survey even if you already did the one online since it covers more topics and provides us a report that should accurately reflect the diverse viewpoints in our community.

With the launch of our Bloomfield Township App, you can stay connected even on the go, to Township news, events, maps, services, and you can reach out to us with pictures or videos from your phone too. Whether you are here in the area or on vacation, you can stay up to date. Although we are excited for the app, with user feedback and input, we can continue to improve the app based on your needs. So please download it on the App Store or Google Play today and get connected. More information on the app and how to download can be found on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Finally, if you haven't already heard, Food Truck Wednesdays are back!! Come join us every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. until August 21st for food, fun, and games. This is open to everyone so grab your friends, family, and coworkers to enjoy a new taste each week. With the second year you will see the addition of tents to help with shading and protection from the elements and games such as corn hole and a putting green. We are excited to see you there. Here is to a wonderful summer!

Dani Walsh, Bloomfield Township Supervisor | 248.433.7700 | dwalsh@bloomfieldtwp.org



FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

#BTFOODTRUCK

11 AM - 1 PM

<i>Schedule</i> *SUBJECT TO CHANGE*			
JULY 10 SONNY'S HAMBURGERS	JULY 17 DOS LOCOS BURRITOS	JULY 24 EL GUERO TAQUERIA	JULY 31 TWISTED BBQ
AUG 7 EGG ROLL DIVA	AUG 14 LA ROTISSERIE	AUG 21 THE GREAT GREEK FOOD TRUCK	

Behind Bloomfield Community
Television Building, 4190 Dublin Rd.





On the Cover: Golfers warm up at the Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities 37th Annual Golf Tournament. Photo credit: Jaylen Harris, Cable Videographer/Editor for Bloomfield Township. For a chance to have your photo featured on the cover of a future *Living in Bloomfield*, email photo to: cable_dept@bloomfieldtwp.org.

ADMINISTRATION

Be Prepared for August 6th Primary Election



Residents are currently being inundated with election-related materials, many of which are from third parties. Mail, phone, texts, and more. With so much information coming your way from so many different sources, election confusion can result. Official and person-specific information is readily available. One source is the Bloomfield Township webpage where you can obtain some of the latest information and updates and useful election forms. Another source is the State of Michigan Voter Information website, mVIC.sos.state.mi.us. There, you can electronically register to vote and apply for an absentee ballot and ultimately track your absentee ballot through the issuing and approval process. Or, if you want to talk to a person about election procedures, contact me or my staff in The Clerk's Office.

Early voting for the August Primary will be at the Bloomfield Township Library starting Saturday, July 27th and ending Sunday, August 4th. The hours each day are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Thursday when the hours are noon to 8:00 p.m. At early voting, bring your absentee ballot to personally send it through the tabulator. If you were not sent an absentee ballot or lost/destroyed that ballot, you will be issued a precinct ballot to complete and tabulate.

My office has mailed absentee ballots to all qualified voters who have submitted a valid application. The ballot was mailed to the voter's address on file (home or alternate as the voter has indicated). When a ballot is issued to a voter, it has a serial number that is assigned to that specific voter, which allows it to be tracked. Of course, any supposed ballot returned that we did not issue is obvious and is not tabulated. Any ballot returned without the numbered stub or containing a different number will be tabulated as a challenged ballot, which allows a court to identify that ballot in case voter eligibility has to be resolved during any recount. We check every signature against your signature on your drivers' license or other state identification. If the voter's signature on the return absentee ballot envelope is not completed or does not match the signature on file, the ballot is rejected and the voter is advised. In such a situation, you can still vote by appearing in the precinct or by remedying the absentee ballot signature issue before 5 p.m. the Friday after Election Day. The Clerk's Office contacts voters to alert them of a rejection due to a signature issue so that it can be timely remedied.

To return your absentee ballot, we encourage you to place it into a Township drop box or leave it directly with the Clerk's Office. The return envelope contains prepaid postage, but mail delivery times are highly variable, so do not delay and return your absentee ballot today. To be eligible for counting, the Clerk must receive the return envelope containing your ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Scan the QR code to learn more about completing your August Primary absentee ballot. I hope to see another large turnout from the Township's registered voters! Say hello if you see me this election season!

Martin C. Brook, Township Clerk | 248.433.7702 | clerk@bloomfieldtwp.org



Treasurer's Turn: Payment Options Abound

Summer's here and that means you should be receiving your summer property tax statement soon. Taxes are payable July 1st through September 16th, since the usual due date of September 14th falls on a weekend. If a mortgage company is paying your tax, you will receive an "information copy" to show you the allocation of your tax payment, instead of a regular invoice. The Treasurer's Office takes great pride in making multiple payment options available to taxpayers, all shown on the back of your tax statement.

PAYMENT OPTIONS	Pay by Phone	Pay Online	Pay In Person	Drop Box payment
	<p>bank account or credit card</p>	<p>bank account or credit card</p>	<p>at the Treasurer's Office by cash, check, or credit card</p>	<p>by check at Township Hall</p>

Please note that any payments by credit card will include a processing fee added to your tax payment. We strongly encourage taxpayers to use one of the payment options listed above. If you choose to put your payment in the mail, please allow for two to three weeks for delivery, as we have seen delivery times vary greatly. We count a payment as timely when it is received in our office, not based on the postmark.

If you have any questions about your tax bill, please don't hesitate to call my office. Enjoy your summer!

Michael Schostak, Township Treasurer | 248.433.7705 | treasurer@bloomfieldtwp.org

SERVICES THAT

New Township Mobile App Offers Residents Higher

We're excited to announce the launch of the Bloomfield Township App! This app aims to bring the Township into your hands like never before with easy on-the-go access to services. The app can be downloaded for free in the App Store for iPhones and Google Play for Android. Scan the QR code to learn more and find a direct link to download.

Once on the home screen, you'll see scrolling news items as well as four icons for Click and Report, Local



Look for this icon:
Bloomfield Township Government



Podcasts & Media, Senior Center, and Map. More options can be found in the "hamburger" menu (the three horizontal lines in the top left corner) such as Township News and the Budget Book.

Click and Report is one of the most notable features which allows residents the option to take a photo related to their question or concern and send it directly to the necessary department. Options include Safety Path Maintenance, Refuse & Recycling, Street Maintenance, Code Enforcement, and more! For example, if you see a tree limb or debris blocking a safety path on your morning walk, you can open the app, select Click & Report, then select Safety Path Maintenance. You have the option to select an image from your camera roll or take a photo in the app. An email will be generated to send to the Environmental & Engineering Services Dept. where you can include any relevant information such as the location on the safety path.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is

Residents will be able to dispose of hazardous waste this fall, when the popular Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day event returns to the Township campus. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your garage and basement, in an environmentally sound way. Household Hazardous Waste crews will be on hand on Saturday, September 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take items such as drain cleaners, weed killer, gasoline, motor oil, starter fluid, transmission fluid, paint, fluorescent light bulbs/PBC ballasts, household batteries



HELPFUL REMINDERS ▪ HELPFUL REMINDERS

GRASS MUST BE MAINTAINED AT 8 INCHES OR LESS

Any grass over 8 inches is in violation of Township ordinance. Remember, there is no limit to the number of yard waste bags Priority Waste will pick up on your collection day.



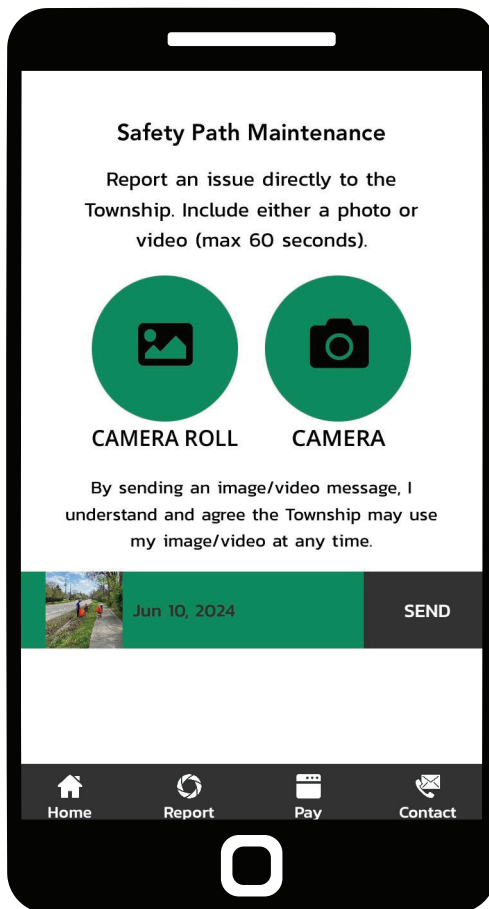
HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS

Th-Fri, July 4-5
Collection will be delayed one day.

Week of Sept 2
All days delayed a day.

WORK FOR YOU

Level of Customer Service - Download Today!



Additional features include the ability to listen to Podcasts produced by Bloomfield Community Television within the app or stream BCTV's content as it airs including Board of Trustees meetings live! Selecting Senior Center allows you to see all upcoming events offered through the Senior Center including links to register.

The best way to make this app better is feedback from you! Click contact and select the Cable and Community Relations Department to provide input on your experience with the app.

Visit bloomfieldtwp.org/app to learn more and get started!

You'll be
happy
you did!

Saturday, September 28



and automotive batteries, propane, fire extinguishers, old tires, and much more.

No electronic waste, medication or paper shredding will be accepted at this event. There will be signs on Telegraph and Long Lake directing traffic. The event is open to Township residents only, and proof of residency is required.

Please visit bloomfieldtwp.org/recycle to find out more about the many options available to recycle household items.

HELPFUL REMINDERS • HELPFUL REMINDERS

LEASH/SANITATION LAWS

While walking your dogs this spring, remember that dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Owners are also required to pick up after their dogs under Township ordinance and dispose on their own property.



PET LICENSES



Only dogs need to be licensed in the Township. Purchase or renew yours at the BT Police Department or through Oakland County.

Residents wishing to install an invisible fence must first obtain a permit from the Building Division.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FAQ's for Public Safety Millage Renewal

Is this a new tax? A new SAD? Wasn't this issue on the ballot in 2022?

Bloomfield Township has three dedicated public safety millages. That means those funds can only be used towards public safety costs. In 2022, voters approved a new public safety millage that combined two existing millages due for renewal into one. This current renewal is not a new tax or SAD, but would renew an existing millage. And due to Headlee Amendment rollbacks it will be levied at a lower rate not to exceed \$.6474 per \$1,000 of taxable value instead of the millage's initial rate of \$1.0. If the millage expires the Public Safety fund would lose 4 million dollars in revenue or approximately 9% of its budget.



Why is this on the ballot now if the current millage does not expire until December 2025?

No elections are currently scheduled in 2025. By appearing on the August Presidential Primary ballot, the Township avoids any costs incurred by holding a special election in 2025. Additionally, knowing the result of the vote allows for better planning in advance than waiting until the expiration is close.

What can voters expect if the renewal is approved?

The Public Safety Fund maintains and residents continue to receive the first-class service they have come to expect. Available positions are able to be filled and public safety can budget for the technology and training that makes them leaders in the field.



At the April 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting, ballot language was approved for the August primary on a public safety millage renewal. What is the ballot language?

Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield renew and continue to levy the voter authorized public safety tax levy of .6474 mills, due to expire in 2026, authorizing a levy of \$.6474 per \$1,000 of taxable value to finance the Charter Township of Bloomfield's continued providing of fire, police, and public safety protection, for a period of 10 years, with the renewed millage to be levied commencing in December 2026. This renewal public safety millage will be subject to applicable statutory and constitutional tax limitation provisions at the time of the levy and will not exceed the above stated rate. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$4,000,000 in the first year if approved and fully levied. Shall this proposal be adopted?

SENIOR SERVICES

Center Celebrates 15 Years and Looks to the Future

Since opening in 2009, the Senior Center has been a hub of activity for residents aged 50 and older. Senior Services marked the fifteenth anniversary recently by dedicating a bench in honor of longtime volunteer leader Stephen Eskoff and hosting a sold-out celebratory luncheon. While the anniversary reflected on the road traveled to success, Director Christine Tvaroha keeps an eye to the future thinking about how to ensure the department serves the community another fifteen years – to 2039 and beyond.

"This August marks 20 years since voters approved the millage for Senior Services and started the transition from the school district to the Township," said Tvaroha. "In the past 15 years we have had the honor of serving over 10,000 people with our mission of promoting wellness,



Director Tvaroha poses with plaque dedicated to Stephen Eskoff in front of the tree planted for the longtime volunteer's wife.

community, independence, and vital living."

Already one of the most mature communities in the county, data from the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) predicts the township's senior population will continue to grow in its 2050 Forecast. Senior Services supports residents' goals of aging in place with assistance programs and activities designed for social, mental, and physical health. To learn more about future events and activities visit bloomfieldtwp.org/seniors or call (248) 723-3519 for more information.

"We are so grateful to everyone in the community who has contributed to building Senior Services in Bloomfield Township!" added Tvaroha. "We look forward to the next 15 years!"

OPEN HOUSE

Save the Date for Sunday, October 13

The Bloomfield Township Open House returns on Sunday, October 13th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.! This popular event returned last year after having been cut in 2019 and the 2024 version is sure to offer the same family friendly fun on a grander scale. Held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week which begins on October 6th, all Township departments join the Fire Department to provide residents with an inside look at all the work they do. Plus, food trucks, games, a petting farm, concerts, and more!

BTFD will once again use it's smokehouse to educate on best practices when encountering a home fire. The Police Department will feature "Drunk Goggles" to educate about the dangers of drinking and driving. Planning, Building, and Ordinance will feature the "Dog House Build" alongside other games at the Environmental & Engineering Services tent. Community Partners, such as the Bloomfield Township Public Library, Oakland County Health Department and more, will set up

information tables in the main Township Hall Parking Lot.



Young girl dresses up in fire gear at the Fire Department during the 2023 Open House.

New to the Open House experience this year will be the Arts & Culture Stage at Bloomfield Community Television. Local artists will perform throughout the event. This stage will be a showcase for talent, both local and beyond our borders. Attendees will be able to enjoy dance troupes, musicians, as well as the return of the Bloomfield Hills High School Marching Band – making their first appearance since 2018.

As details become finalized, more information can be found at bloomfieldtwp.org/openhouse. For the most up to date information, follow the Township social media channels.

You'll find a roster of food vendors and menus, performers, maps, parking

locations, and activities. All details are subject to change. All questions and inquiries should be directed to the Cable and Community Relations Department at (248) 433-7790 or cable_dept@bloomfieldtwp.org.

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WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP?

Visit www.bloomfieldtwp.org/dashboard and look at the Munetrix Citizen's Guide and Dashboard on the Finance page.



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Ordinance Division	248.594.2845
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Senior Services	248.723.3500
Treasurer's Office	248.433.7705
Water & Sewer	248.594.2800
Water/Sewer Emergency	248.433.7730

CONTRACT SERVICES

Comcast Cable	1.888.XFINITY
Consumers Energy	1.800.477.5050
Detroit Edison	1.800.477.4747
Priority Waste	1.855.WASTE65


UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS

Jul-Aug 

FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

July 10 through August 21
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Be sure to follow us on social media for details,
including which food trucks will be featured!
bloomfieldwp.org/foodtruck

Sep 28 

**HAZARDOUS WASTE
DROP-OFF DAY**

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.


Safely dispose of household chemicals
with convenient drop-off service.
bloomfieldwp.org/recycle

Oct 13 

**ANNUAL TOWNSHIP
OPEN HOUSE**

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Fun and games for the whole family. Facility tours,
touch-a-truck, patrol car rides, and much more!
bloomfieldwp.org/openhouse



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | 7 p.m. | 2nd & 4th Monday
Planning Commission | 7 p.m. | 1st & 3rd Monday
Zoning Board of Appeals | 7 p.m. | 2nd Tuesday
Design Review Board | 2 p.m. | 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Location: Township Auditorium