

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Don't let summer heat beat you. Avoid heat related stroke and exhaustion.

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Water and Road Dept. staffs moving to one central location for ease of service.

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Get your home in shape for summer with these tips.

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We have a new look

The Bloomfield Township Newsletter comes to you this quarter with a completely new look. The new Newsletter uses contemporary design techniques and full color to catch readers' attention and display helpful and important Township information in a reader-friendly format.

We at the Township place a high priority on communicating with residents and the Newsletter is one important component in that overall plan.

The Newsletter is delivered to more than 16,000 households in Bloomfield Township and it informs residents on everything from Township news to helpful tips about home security, fire safety and even home maintenance.

We think this new, more contemporary look helps make the Newsletter something you enjoy reading and find useful as a quick reference for important Township dates, departmental listings and phone numbers.

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BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Residents gearing up for the Classic

When her grandmother Wilda died in 1987, Ann Manix of Bloomfield Township couldn't get rid of the 1966 Impala she had driven since it was new. Over the years the car served many purposes and even spent some time in Texas where Manix's son converted it into a low rider. Manix retrieved the car and spent the next few years restoring it to its original form.

"My grandmother's name was Wilda but we all called her Doo Da, as in Zippity Doo Da. That's why my license plate reads DOO DA 66," Manix said.

Woodward Dream Cruise event, the Classic. The Classic will be held Sat. Aug. 20, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield on Woodward at Quarton. It will feature a display of 100 classic cars, food and beverages from area restaurants and live music.

In addition to providing a rare excellent vantage point to view the action on Woodward, the event will also raise money for three essential charities: Oakland Family Services, The

Bloomfield Optimist Club and the Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities.

The event would not be possible if not for the generosity of local businessman Charles Ghesquiere, Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield owner. "Mr. Ghesquiere is very committed to local charities and that shows in the support he has given us over the years. Helping to underwrite the Bloomfield Classic by donating the use of his facility is just one example of the deep commitment to philanthropy he has," said Sandy Morrison,

Vice President of Development for Oakland Family Services.

To enter your classic car or special interest car, call Bloomfield Township Community



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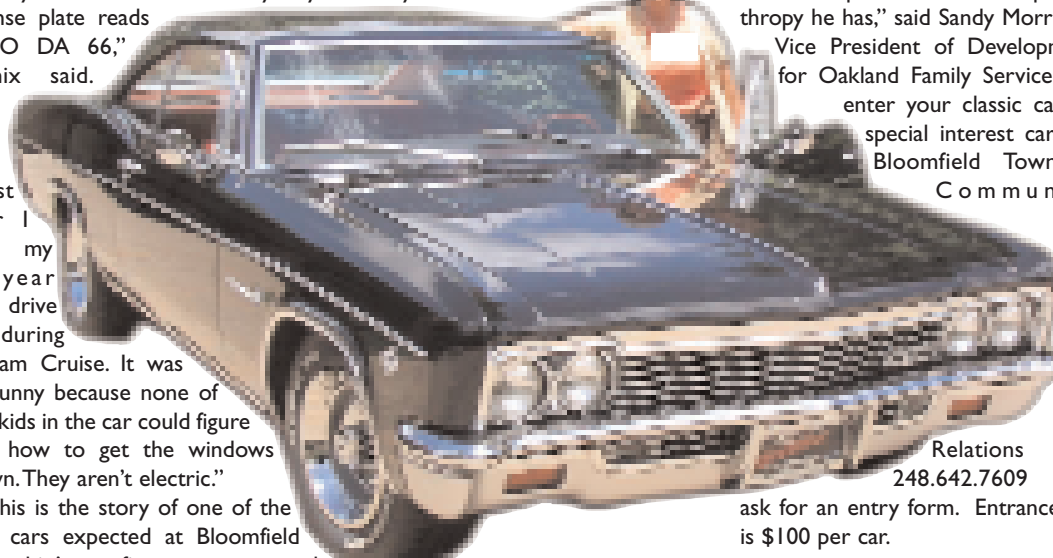
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"Last year I let my 16-year old drive it during Dream Cruise. It was so funny because none of the kids in the car could figure out how to get the windows down. They aren't electric."

This is the story of one of the 100 cars expected at Bloomfield Township's first sponsored



Relations at 248.642.7609 and ask for an entry form. Entrance fee is \$100 per car.

Clerk's office becoming passport application facility in response to new federal laws

The Clerk's office is excited to announce it will be issuing passports by the end of August.

We have been designated as a passport acceptance agency and will soon be setting up shop.

Township residents will have the convenience of applying for passports five days a week along with the opportunity to have passport pictures taken.

Hours of operation for passports have yet to be determined. With passport requirements changing, all citizens who plan international travel will need a passport.

By December 31, 2005 a passport will be required for all travel (air/sea) to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda, and Central and South America.

This requirement is also extended to all air and sea travel to and from

Mexico and Canada by December 31, 2006

Finally, passports will be required for all air, sea, and land border crossings by December 31, 2007.

Township residents will be notified about the passport acceptance agency's opening through our website at www.bloomfieldtp.org. General information on the program is available at www.travel.state.gov.



REMINDER
*Protect yourself,
your neighborhood*

Beware while working in your yard; some criminals will use this opportunity to burglarize your home in broad daylight if all of your doors are not locked.

Days or weeks may pass before you become aware of the small items missing. Jewelry and money are most often taken.

Be suspicious of any 'contractor' who comes to your door soliciting for work. Often the homeowner is left with substandard or incomplete work.

Before leaving your home for a trip, call the Bloomfield Township Police Department at 248-433-7755. Give us your date of departure and return. Call load permitting, we will adjust our patrol activities to afford your neighborhood extra patrol. You may also download the House Check form at www.bloomfieldtp.org.

Protect yourself from heat related illness

As the temperature starts to rise this summer, the human body's ability to compensate by cooling may be affected. There are two medical conditions that need to be recognized, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion is the early stage of heat stroke and is distinguished by a core body temperature over 102 degrees. Treatment should include placing the victim in a cool spot, increasing fluid consumption and applying wet towels.

Heat stroke victims can exhibit incoherent speech, rapid pulse, headaches and possible aggressive behavior. Core body temperature for heat stroke victims exceeds 105 degrees.

Heat stroke victims should be



treated by emergency personnel immediately and kept cool with wet towels, fanning or air conditioning until their arrival.

If you have any questions about fire safety please contact the Bloomfield Township Fire Department at (248) 433-7745.

Investing in the future

WATER & SEWER EMBARKS ON LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Township Water & Sewer Department developed a long-term capital improvement program for pipe replacement within the older subdivision areas that contain less than six-inch diameter water mains. The areas identified for replacement were evaluated based upon both size and repair criteria.

There are over 39 miles of this piping that existed in the older water systems built before the Township connected to the City of Detroit's water supply system in 1964.

The long-term capital improvement program will be multi-phased over several years by grouping the water main replacements prioritized based upon the ranking of the areas with historically high maintenance. Each phase consists of multiple projects

that will be grouped into separate project areas to be constructed over several years.

The first phase will include the water mains in the Hickory Heights Subdivision located west of Adams and north of Wattles. Construction is expected to begin fall 2005 with completion by summer 2006.

Some of the benefits will include: improved water volume, reliability of fire hydrants and water supply system longevity. The program will also reduce maintenance costs currently spent on repairs and compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act Standards.



We still need your association questionnaires

Recently, letters and questionnaires were sent to association presidents asking for a status update of their subdivision association officers.

We have yet to receive 30 percent of the subdivision association updates. This information allows us to notify association officers when homeowners seek association approval for building plans.

Please help us keep this information up-to-date by contacting the Clerk's Office with the current list of officers. If you have not returned the questionnaire, please do so or forward it to the current association president. For inactive associations, we ask that you send us a letter confirming your inactive status. Contact the Clerk's office at 248-433-7702 for more information.

We're Moving

In order to better serve you, the office staffs for the Water and Road Departments have joined together to form the Public Works Office. We will be moving into the vacant Bloomfield Hills Schools' Parks and Recreation building on Dublin Drive late this summer.



Meeting the West Nile Virus Head On

Bloomfield Township will continue to combat the West Nile Virus in 2005 by reducing the density of the Culex mosquito population. We will continue to implement an integrated management program that includes surveillance for West Nile activity in catch basins.

Infected catch basins were treated with the EPA-approved larvicide, Vectolex, in May while mosquitoes were still in the aquatic stage.

In 2004 Michigan experienced a light year for the virus with 16 reported cases and no fatalities. Oakland County had one confirmed case and one probable case reported in 2004.

What can you do

Remember the three R's: Reduce, Repel and Report.

Reduce

Shallow standing water is an ideal place for mosquito breeding. Clean clogged roof gutters every year.

Turn over wheelbarrows, wading pools, yard containers and toys when not in use. Repair leaky out-door faucets. Keep clean and chlorinate swimming pools. Make sure doors and windows have tight fitting screens. Repair and replace screens that have tears.

Repel

Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. To protect against mos-

quito bites, apply insect repellent when out side. When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors.

Report

Crows, ravens and blue jays are susceptible to the virus and die within two to three weeks of infection.

To report dead birds, please call the Bloomfield Township Hotline at 248-642-7645. When leaving a message be sure to give your address and phone number. Remember not to touch the dead bird.

For more informatin visit the Township website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org



A summer shape up for your home

The Building Department recommends the following list of important summer maintenance items for homeowners.

Maintain positive drainage for at least eight feet around your home's perimeter. This is especially important in newer homes, as settlement will occur in the "over-dig" area around the foundation. Depending on soil conditions, this will continue for up to ten years.

Seal coat your asphalt drive to help maintain its structural integrity, durability and appearance. Air pockets in concrete over time can fill with dirt.

See *Shape Up* on page 4

Eliminate dangerous cross connections

Plumbing cross connections are actual or potential connections between potable and non-potable water. They are potential health hazards that can contaminate or pollute drinking water.

Examples of cross connections include:

- A hose in your garden submerged in polluted or contaminated water;
- A heating boiler with treatment chemicals added to prevent internal corrosion is connected directly to the water supply for make-up water;
- An underground lawn sprinkler system directly connected to the water supply system for irrigation;
- A swimming pool with a direct connection with the water system for filling;

In all of these examples, a sudden drop in water pressure could draw contaminants – chemical fertilizer, soapy water or even bacteria — back into your pipes and your drinking water supply, an occurrence known as backflow. The best way to prevent this potential contamination is to eliminate the cross connection. In some cases, such as the lawn sprinkling system, the cross connection cannot be eliminated. Therefore, an approved cross-connection device is needed to protect the public water supply. In most cases the device is required to be tested annually by the homeowner to assure it is operable in safeguarding your water supply.



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME: 8:00 P.M.
DATE: 2nd and 4th
Monday of each month
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

PLANNING COMMISSION

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
DATE: 1st and the 3rd
Monday of each month

LOCATION: Township Auditorium

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
DATE: 2nd Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

NOTE: The Charter Township of Bloomfield will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at all meetings to individuals with disabilities. All such requests must be made at least five days prior to said meeting. Please contact the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office.

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A NOTE FROM Dave Payne, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

ships are required by state law to periodically undertake this process.

The last time the Township reviewed its Master Plan was in 1991. The new review will follow modern practices currently used by many other communities to gather comprehensive information and establish policies that reflect the collective goals of community members.

We will gather information in several ways. First, we'll study Bloomfield Township as it exists today.

This includes looking at our infrastructure, public utilities, transportation patterns and community facilities as well as our land use.

In addition, we'll study demographic information to learn about our local population's make-up.

We will also review the 1991 plan to consider whether to carry forward those goals and objectives. Community members will have many opportunities to express their thoughts.

Residents, businesses and community organizations will all be invited to be

part of the process.

Once all the information is collected, the Planning Commission will study it, hold public discussions and integrate the information into a draft document with goals and objectives.

That document will be presented to the Board of Trustees for more public discussion and eventually, adoption.

Bloomfield Township's Master Plan is fundamental to our community's unique character and I urge you to stay informed about the review process.

This fall, Bloomfield Township will initiate a review of its Master Plan. This 18-month process will result in the verification, updating, and perhaps revision of our community objectives and standards. It will also direct us as we make decisions that determine the character of our Township and even influence the quality of life of our residents. Cities, villages and town-

Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees



(Front row from left to right:) Janet M. Roncelli, Clerk, Dave Payne, Supervisor, Dan Devine, Treasurer. Back row from left to right trustees: David B. Buckley, Leo Savoie, Sherry Stefanos and Neal J. Barnett

Access important information on line at www.bloomfieldtwp.org.

- Research ordinances
- Complete applications
- Register for GBSA programs
- Pay taxes, water bills online
- Register for CPR classes or have your blood pressure checked by Fire Dept. personnel

Shape Up from page 3

Sealing the surface will protect it from early deterioration. Sealing is even recommended for new concrete. Talk to a contractor for additional information.

Homes with irrigation systems connected to them should have a backflow preventer installed. A broken water main could cause lawn chemicals to be drawn into the drinking water supply.

Humidifiers should be cleaned of

sediments now before they harden.

The combustion air vents for the burners of outdoor grills should be checked for debris. Spider webs and dirt obstruct them and cause them to burn inefficiently.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP:

Annual Open House | Sunday, October 9 | Noon - 4 p.m.

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

West of Telegraph Rd. | South of Long Lake Rd.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Police/Fire/Emergency	911
Water/Sewer Emergency	433-7730
Administration	433-7700
Fax	433-7714
Accounting	433-7712
Assessor's Office	433-7710
Building Dept.	433-7715
Clerk's Office	433-7702
Community Cable	433-7790
Fax	642-7624
Fire Non-Emergency	433-7745
Fax	433-7787
Police Department	
Administration	433-7750
Non-Emergency	433-7755
Fax	433-7784
Animal Welfare	433-7757
Investigations	433-7760
Alarm Info	433-7775
Property	433-7777
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