

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



New waste hauler offers Township residents expanded service and lower costs

Township residents are enjoying expanded service offerings and saving more than \$2 million over the eight year life of the new solid waste hauling contract with Rizzo Services.

The new contract took effect July 1, and replaces the agreement between the Township and Waste Management. Bills reflecting rate changes were mailed in June. That bill covers services in July, August and September.

Service options that resi-

dents enjoyed under Waste Management remain in effect under the new agreement including being able to choose between curbside, doorside or inside pick up services. Yard waste and bulk pick up services remain the same as do scheduled pick up dates.

Residential areas that use dumpster services will see their initial rates decrease substantially. For those residents who want to pay in advance for one year of service, one month will be free.

Included in the new contract are provisions that expand the types of material that can be recycled. These materials include: plastics of designations #1 through #7, magazines, cardboard, plastic grocery bags and even kitchen pots and pans. A complete list and set of guidelines is available at www.bloomfieldtp.org/Services/SolidWaste/RizzoServices.htm or by calling the Dept. of Public Works Solid Waste phone line at 248.433.7706.

Lessons learned from BTFD help 7-year-old aid mother after fall

A special course taught to elementary school students by the Bloomfield Township Fire Dept. and the actions of a Hickory Grove second-grader are being credited with getting speedy help for a woman after a fall in April.

Seven-year-old Malcolm Clark did not waste time when he discovered his mother lying unconscious on the floor of their home. Quickly and calmly Malcolm dialed 9-1-1 and accurately gave the dispatcher the necessary information – all while comforting his frightened 23-month old brother. Within minutes of the call, the Township's emergency personnel were on the scene to care for Malcolm's mother and take care of him and his little brother.

Malcolm learned how safe practices can minimize the potential for accidents through the "Fire Safety & Injury Prevention – Risk Watch" course administered by Bloomfield Township Fire Inspector Pete Vlahos to Bloomfield Hills Public Schools elementary students. The program was developed by the National Fire Protection Association and tailored by the Township.

"The Township was able to add to the curriculum of this national program by teaching students to identify potentially dangerous hazards in the home using the "Hazard House" as well as practicing fire escapes in the BTFD Safety Smoke House. But the greatest value of the program is building a relationship with the children. While they learn to be more safety conscious, they also



Seven-year-old Malcolm Clark (right) accepts the Bloomfield Township Fire Chief's Citation for dialing 9-1-1 after his mother, Yvonne Transou (center) was injured at their home. At far left is Malcom's brother

learn to trust emergency response workers and feel comfortable when they need to call for help," Vlahos said,

Malcolm received the Fire Chief's Citation during a June assembly at his school. His mother, Yvonne Transou recovered from her accident and was proud of her son's actions and thankful for the emergency training he received.

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Bloomfield Township Classic rolls into town Aug. 18

For the third year in a row Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield Hills will be the site of the Bloomfield Township Classic, one of the premiere free events happening along Woodward Avenue during the 13th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise.

The Classic, a free car show and party coinciding with the Aug. 18 Dream Cruise, features entertainment, food and one of the best vantage points for viewing the excitement that takes place along Woodward.

It is held from 1 p.m.– 5 p.m. at the Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield Hills dealership on Woodward just south of Quarton. Spots are still avail-

able for owners of pre-1972 classic or specialty cars looking to be part of the Bloomfield Township Classic.

A two-tiered entry system has been added this year. For \$100 vehicle owners can register their cars and receive an official event polo shirt or they can pay \$75 without the shirt. All car show participants will receive an official Woodward Dream Cruise dash plaque.

This juried car show, party and charity event was started by a group of Township car enthusiasts looking to involve their neighbors in the largest one-day auto event in the world. Proceeds from car registrations and sponsorships go to help The Bloomfield Hills Optimists Club, the Bloomfield Township Fire Dept. Charities and Oakland Family Services.

Helping to offset the costs this year with a major sponsorship is the Ohio-based Cobra replica dealer Dynamic Motorsports. Dynamic specializes in the sales and service of Cobra and GT-40 replicas officially licensed by the car's original inspiration, Carroll Shelby. Part of Dynamic's display will include test drive opportunities on Sunday, Aug. 19, for interested buyers.

Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield owner Charles Ghesquiere again this year makes the Bloomfield Township Classic possible by donating the use of his dealership.

In addition to cruising music spun by a D.J., this year's Classic will also feature a performance by the Meladies, a Lahser High School vocal

group, and a performance by members of the Andover pompon squad.

Also new this year to the Classic is an opportunity for families to have a portrait taken with a Bloomfield Township Fire Dept. vehicle as

a backdrop. Framed pictures will be available for purchase for \$5.

To enter a pre-1972 classic or specialty car, call 248.433.7790 or find the entry form online at www.bloomfieldtpw.org.

Hands Along Woodward celebrates the Avenue's 200th Birthday

The Cranbrook Educational Community will be the focal point for Bloomfield Township residents who wish to participate in Hands Along Woodward, On Aug. 19, 45,000 people will come together to form a human chain stretching from the Detroit River to downtown Pontiac.

The massive effort is scheduled to help celebrate Woodward Avenue's 200th birthday and to bring to a close the month-long food collection efforts of the Gleaners Community Food Bank. It takes place following the Aug. 18, Woodward Dream Cruise.

To help with the celebration, the nationally recognized school will host a Family Day, allowing visitors to enjoy its Institute of Science, Art Museum, and the Cranbrook House and Gardens for \$2. Families are encouraged to bring picnic baskets and enjoy their lunch on the expansive grounds of the campus.

At 1 p.m. a free shuttle service will transport people to Woodward Ave. to be part of the 45,000-person chain.

The human chain is meant to symbolize the strength,



heritage and regional pride evident along the historic roadway.

Gleaners Community Food Bank also celebrates an anniversary on Aug. 19. For 30 years the organization has been providing meals to hungry people in Wayne and Oakland counties with various food drive activities. In addition to the Cranbrook location, some 50 other food drop-off sites will be established along Woodward between July 19 and Aug. 19.

For more information on Woodward Avenue's 200th birthday or to participate in the Hands Along Woodward event call the Woodward Avenue Action Association at 248.288.2004 or visit either www.woodwardavenue.org or www.cranbrook.edu.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

PLANNING COMMISSION

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
DATE: 1st and the 3rd Monday
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

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

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A NOTE FROM

Dave Payne, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

You have probably heard by now of our plans to study the potential benefit of consolidating the Township's Police and Fire Departments with those of the City of Birmingham. While the Board of Trustees will not take any action on this until all aspects are thoroughly studied, the proposed draft plan certainly offers the possibility of increasing efficiencies while stabilizing costs and keeping service levels high. Birmingham was identified as a logical partner for such an endeavor because it is in sound financial condition, it shares a common boundary with the Township and the demographics of the communities are similar. Over the years, we've worked well together on other activities and participate in the same

mutual aid organization. Most importantly, our police and fire departments are similar in their professional and operational standards and their organizational management.

If this consolidation occurs, it would be the most notable step the Township has taken so far to provide services jointly with other governmental units, but there are plenty of other cooperative projects and programs we have enacted in the effort to avoid redundancy and maximize resources. Our Cable Dept. is in its seventh year of a contractual relationship with the Birmingham Area Cable Board, increasing revenues to the Township while providing their residents with excellent local programming. Everyone who votes knows that our Clerk's Office now runs the elections for our local school districts,

thereby reducing the cost of elections. Our Engineering and Environmental Services Dept works closely with county, state and federal agencies in many environmental and public health projects, including those that address the threat of the West Nile Virus and those that safeguard the quality of our drinking water. The Fire Dept. is a member of the Oakway Mutual Aid Group, which trains personnel from a number of local communities to work together to respond to low-frequency, high-risk situations. The Planning Dept, in conjunction with a neighboring community, conducted a commercial market analysis of the area to determine development concerns in the area and incorporated the relevant information in its Master Plan Update. The Police Dept. is part of a mutual aid agreement

that makes K-9s available for searches and presentations in neighboring communities.

Additionally, we participate in purchasing consortiums comprised of local, county and state governmental units, enabling us to negotiate the best price possible. For example, the Fire Department is a member of several consortiums that bring down the cost of some EMS services, ladder testing, and fire records software. Public Works purchases 5,000 tons of road salt through a county consortium, as well as other goods. Our Communications Department uses governmental discounts for cell phone and paging plans.

The Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees clearly sees the value of sharing resources and building bridges with other governmental units. Our mandate is to move forward in these tough economic times, working cooperatively to provide excellent services while containing costs.

Clean Sweep '07 judged a success

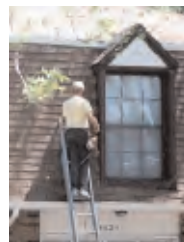


Boy Scouts of America Troop 1032, F.U.M.C. have participated in the Township's Clean Sweep program since it's inception.

Clean Sweep volunteers picked up a total of 13-cubic yards of trash and 17-cubic yards of yard waste throughout the Township during the April 21, Clean Sweep weekend. This year's event had

approximately 400 volunteers. Plans are already being made for Clean Sweep 2008 and the Township is seeking input. Suggestions are being accepted at cleansweep@bloomfieldtwp.org

Summer maintenance tips



The Building Dept. compiled a short list of important summer

maintenance items for homeowners.

- Roof repairs can be performed more efficiently during warmer months as shingles become more pliable.
- Proper ventilation is important to the overall health and condition of a home. Open gable vents that were blocked at winter's onset.
- Proper grading is one way to avoid and prevent base-

ment leaks. Ensure positive drainage exists for at least eight feet around the perimeter of a home.

- Fertilizers and chemicals can be drawn into the public water system via home irrigation systems during a water main break unless a back-flow preventer device is installed.
- Air conditioning and humidifier units should be cleaned and inspected.
- Burners on gas grills should be inspected for obstructions. A blockage in the burner could lead to fire in the hose.

In police work, sometimes two wheels are better than four



ability to navigate through traffic snarls, allowing the officer to quickly get to where he is needed. Often, traffic violators don't see the police officer until it's too late. The Bloomfield Township Police Dept. first acquired two Harley-Davidson motorcycles in 2004. In 2006 the department switched to the BMW R1150 RT-P as its vehicle of choice.

Mountain bikes provide police officers with a completely silent patrol and approach capability. Because the bicycle is human-powered, the officer is better able to hear what is going on around him. The bicycle also makes the police officer more approachable to citizens.

"You wouldn't believe the contacts you can make in the community while patrolling on

the bicycle," said Township Police Ofcr. Jim Moschel.

Each of Bloomfield Township's mountain bike officers under-

goes a 40-hour certification course sponsored by the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association.

Police officers need to get from one place to another quickly. But how they get there and how they appear are equally important. A fully marked police cruiser usually stands out in a sea of cars. This is not the case with either a police motorcycle or mountain bike. Good law enforcement tactics often require speed, stealth, and agility. The police motorcycle and mountain bike provide all of these.

Police motorcycles have the

Township Police promote from within

Bloomfield Township Police recently completed a series of promotions starting with the top slot of Police Chief which was filled by Township Police Veteran Kirt Bowden.

Other promotions went to:

- Captain Geof Gaudard was promoted to Deputy Chief.
- Lt. Scott McCanham was promoted to Captain and currently heads the Patrol Division.
- Lt. Steve Cook was promoted to Captain and is now

in charge of the Investigations Division.

- Sgts. Phil Langmeyer, Dan Edwards, Mark Paquin and Paul Schwab were promoted to Lieutenant.
- Ofcrs. Kim Wilson, Jeff Nolan and Tim Abbo were promoted to Sergeant.
- Ofcrs. Mark Davis, John Huizdos, and Mindy Hess were promoted to Detective.
- Ofcr. Jason Kollman was appointed K-9 officer.

AT&T obtains video franchise to provide services in Bloomfield Township

In December 2006, the State of Michigan passed legislation that allows cable and phone companies to obtain a state franchise rather than a local franchise in order to offer cable and video services. Bloomfield Township's franchise with Comcast has always been non-exclusive, meaning AT&T, WOW or any other cable or video provider could have provided services here at any time if they chose to enter into a local franchise. However, both cable and phone companies supported the new legislation that essentially replaced local franchises with a uniform state franchise.

At the end of March, AT&T submitted an agreement to the Township requesting access to the public rights-of-way in order to install the equipment its video product, U-Verse,

requires. In April, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees officially noted that the agreement was consistent with state law. In May, AT&T announced it would roll out its services in Bloomfield Township.

Bloomfield Township has never had authority over a cable provider's prices or channel line-up, and AT&T, Comcast and other cable and video providers retain the right to make those business decisions under the new state video franchise. The local franchise required that the provider give access to its products and services to 100% of households in the Township, but the state franchise does not hold to that standard. Instead, the legislation requires that AT&T serve 50% of households statewide within six years.

There is no specific requirement for Bloomfield Township.

If you would like to see if AT&T's video service is available at your home, please call AT&T's Customer Service phone number, (888) 320-2167 or visit their website, <https://uverse1.att.com/launchAMSS.do>.

Passports Simplified

The Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office is open daily from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and holds extended hours to process U.S. Passport applications on the second and fourth Monday of each month until 6 p.m. On-site photography is available and photos cost \$10 per set. Call 248.433.7702 for more information.



The warmer months of summer offer expanded opportunity for recreation but with that also comes more opportunity for injuries. The Bloomfield Township Fire Dept. offers the following suggestions for enjoying a safe summer.

OUTDOOR SPORTS

When biking, in-line skating, skateboarding, and when riding scooters, and all-terrain vehicles, the best way to stay safe is to wear a helmet and other safety gear.

SWIMMING POOLS

Use layers of protection to prevent a swimming pool tragedy. Place barriers completely around your pool to prevent access.

Use door and pool alarms, closely supervise children and be prepared in case of an emergency. Never leave children alone near water, not even for a second.

Avoid mosquito bites and West Nile Virus

Higher mosquito populations this summer can be expected after heavy spring rains. Experts claim the West Nile Virus (WNV) is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America. Therefore, Township residents must be on the lookout for mosquitoes and take several common sense steps to help prevent the spread of WNV and other mosquito-borne diseases. The Center for Disease Control lists the following four as the easiest and best ways to prevent mosquito bites:

- When outdoors, use insect repellent containing an EPA-registered active

ingredient. Follow the directions on the package.

- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- Keep mosquitoes outside with good screens on doors and windows.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flowerpots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in birdbaths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools

empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

Since 2003, Bloomfield Township has implemented an integrated mosquito management program. Beginning in June and continuing through September, prioritized catch basins on public property are assessed and treated with Vectolex packets (an EPA approved biological control larvicide) in order to reduce and control mosquito populations.

Residents can report dead birds using the Bloomfield Township West Nile Virus Hotline number at



248.642.7645. This report is shared with Oakland County to determine the level of human risk in a particular area. For further information about our WNV program, please visit the Township website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org or stop by the Township Hall and pick up a *West Nile Virus Management Program and Mosquito Smarts* brochure.

Senior Services Dept. adds more opportunities for shingles vaccinations



Encouraged by a strong response to its first shingles vaccine event, the Bloomfield Township Senior Services Department is scheduling more opportunities for vaccinations at its facility at 7273 Wing Lake Road.

The shingles vaccine is available to residents 60 years of age or older and is provided by the Greater Oakland Visiting Nurse Association and Pontiac Trail Pharmacy. Cost per inoculation is \$190. Pontiac Trail Pharmacy representatives will provide on-site assistance with insurance provider claims.

According to the Dept. of Health and Human Services,

shingles is a painful skin rash that typically appears on one side of the face or body and lasts from two to four weeks. It is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. Only someone who has had a case of chickenpox – or received the chickenpox vaccine – can contract shingles.

The older you get, the more you are at risk for long-term nerve pain. One out of two people who live to age 85 will have shingles. The first signs of shingles are itching, tingling and burning, followed by a rash of fluid-filled blisters. The blisters may take 2 to 4 weeks to heal.

The BTSS Dept. asks that interested seniors call 248.341.6450 to have their names added to a reservation list for the vaccine. Once placed on the list, those interested will be contacted with schedule information and notified of upcoming inoculation dates.

Adult Day Service is an enriching social experience for seniors

The Bloomfield Township Dept. of Senior Services offers Adult Day Service, a unique program for residents living with dementia. This can help make profound positive changes in the lives of its clients in many ways.

Opportunities for increased and improved verbal communications skills are abundant as clients spend time together in an enriched, caring environment.

The attention staff members pay to clients and the respect for their dignity helps improve their mood and decrease their feeling of isolation.

Other commonly

reported benefits for participants include increased mobility and a sense of accomplishment. The full schedule of interesting activities, as well as constant health monitoring make the Adult Day Service a well-rounded experience for both clients and those loved ones who care for them.

“Please gently talk with your friends and neighbors if you think this might be a valuable service for their family,” said BTSS Director Christine Tvaroha.

For registration information or to schedule a site visit please call 248.335.2813.

Township minutes dating back to 1928 available on web

The documentation of the minutes from the Board of Trustees meetings continues to be both a state requirement and a sought-

after record by residents. Since 1827, the minutes have been recorded and preserved on paper. Handwritten minutes remained

the accepted genre of recording, until July 1928.

In 2004, the Township began posting the minutes as approved by the Board of Trustees on the website. We entered into another phase this year with access to all the minutes on the website and the ability to search by topic. Beginning with the typed minutes from 1928, residents will be able to search the online files for information regarding any item discussed by the Board of Trustees. This search option is available twenty-four hours a day, seven

days a week. Copies can be printed from desktop printers without the hassle of a formal request or a visit to the Township.

Scanning of minutes up to 2006 will be complete by mid-August. We will continue to post the current year's minutes, but the search option will not be available until the minutes are scanned at the end of each year. We invite you to explore the minute-by-minute history of the Township on our website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org

Voluntary watering program instituted

A lack of rainfall and high temperatures are creating low water pressure levels from Detroit Water and Sewerage for outlying water customers like Bloomfield Township.

To avoid serious drops in water pressure and to keep the rate charged to Bloomfield Township by DWSD as low as possible, Public Works Director Tom Trice is asking residents to adhere to a voluntary water usage schedule.

The even/odd system is used widely in communities throughout the U.S. during hot and dry summer months. Under the voluntary program, homeowners

with even numbered addresses would use water for irrigating lawns, washing cars and filling swimming pools only on even numbered days of the week.

"Right now water pressure levels are stable but we really want to avoid a situation where they drop. That can create many problems including the Township's ability to fight fires," Trice said.

Water customers are also requested to limit or avoid outdoor water use during times when overall consumption is at its peak from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily and again from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

The front cover features Don McIntosh and his 1948 Ford woody station wagon. Mr. McIntosh and his car are regular features at the Bloomfield Township Classic car show and party held in conjunction with the Woodward Dream Cruise Aug. 18. To be featured on our cover please submit your photos to stricomo@bloomfieldtwp.org.



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433-7712	Accounting
433-7710	Assessor's Office
433-7715	Building Dept.
433-7702	Clerk's Office
433-7790	Community Cable
594-2800	Engineering & Env.
433-7745	Fire Non-Emergency
433-7750	Police Department
433-7750	Administration
433-7755	Non-Emergency
433-7757	Animal Welfare
433-7760	Investigations
433-7775	Alarm Info
433-7777	Property
433-7776	Records
433-7709	Road Division
433-7731	Water & Sewer
341-6450	Senior Services
335-2813	Adult Day Service
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