



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

Fall 2004

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Public Services Facility Proposal Placed on November Ballot

On August 23, 2004 the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees voted to place before the voters a millage proposal that would fund the construction of a new Public Services Facility. It is extremely important that all Township voters learn about the proposal so they can make an informed vote on November 2 or by absentee ballot.

Inside this Newsletter, you will find a special insert of Frequently Asked Questions.

The insert is divided into sections which specifically address:

- ◆ Need for a new facility;
- ◆ Effect a new facility would have on public services;
- ◆ Cost;
- ◆ Proposed construction plans.

Please take the time to read these FAQs. For more information, review the Winter and Spring 2004 Newsletters online at:

www.bloomfieldtp.org

View the featured slide show on the website, watch for special cable programs on **BCTV Channel 15** or tour the facility while attending the Open House on October 10 (*see inside story*). To arrange a tour by appointment, please call:

248.433.7709



Bloomfield Township's Open House Gets Bigger & Better!



Watching firefighters extinguish a blaze is one of the Open House's most popular demonstrations.

It just wouldn't be Fall without Bloomfield Township's Open House. In fact, each year it's gotten so much bigger and better that now, we can't call it just the "Fire" Open House anymore – all four Public Safety and Public Works departments will be putting on activities for you and your family.

The public services garage is a definite must-see at this year's Open House. The Road Department joins the action this year in a big way – *SO BIG* that kids will have to climb up some *BIG* stairs to get into some *BIG* equipment to enjoy a *BIG*

experience! If kids can maneuver the steps, they can sit at the controls of a large road grader and have their photos taken. They may also take a ride in a snow plow truck. You will have an opportunity to see drawings of the proposed new Public Services Facility (*see insert inside this newsletter*) and take a tour of the existing facility.

The Water Department's booth will be motivational as well as educational. Both children and adults will understand the importance of protecting our waterways after they take part in an interactive demonstration showing how everyday activities can pollute our waterways. The department will also have some of their maintenance equipment on hand. Climb aboard the big vacator cleaning truck and get an opportunity to take a look underground into our sewer system with state of the art video equipment.

At the Fire Station, you'll still be able to watch U of M's helicopter land and talk to the pilot. You will also be able to see your long-time favorite fire demonstrations and children can practice their "Stop, Drop and Roll" techniques. There will be refreshments, videos, ladder trucks and all kinds of fun stuff for kids of all ages. But, there's a serious message, too. The Bloomfield Township Fire Department is joining forces with fire departments, schools and safety groups across North America to reinforce a simple but lifesaving message, "It's Fire Prevention Week; change your smoke detector batteries!"

FREE ADMISSION!

**Bloomfield Township
Annual Open House**

**Sunday, October 10
12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM**

***Bloomfield Township Campus
West side of Telegraph Road
South of Long Lake Road***

Police Department Presents 2003 Annual Awards



*Officer Jim Moschel
Officer of the Year Award 2003*

On July 26, 2004, Police Chief Jeffrey Werner presented the Police Department's 2003 Annual Awards to officers and civilians during the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to:

Officer of the Year

Officer Jim Moschel for dedication to duty, integrity, high moral standards and positive attitude. Officer Moschel is a model to officers throughout the law enforcement community.

Meritorious Service Award

Dispatchers Barb Foreman, Mary Dissmore and Mary Kay Barnes for diligence and perseverance during a series of bomb threat calls. Their teamwork led to the identification and arrest of the suspect.

Meritorious Service Award

Officer Jill McAtee for decisive action that led to the safe resolution of a suicide-in-progress call. She de-escalated the situation, allowing other officers and medical personnel to intervene and save the person's life.

Honorable Mention

Officer April Switala for intuitive, effective observations and investigation that led to the arrest of two people and the confiscation of a large amount of narcotics.

Letter of Recognition

Officer Charles Marchessault for 26 years of faithful, dedicated service.

Distinguished Citizen Award

Mr. Joseph Kawacha for intervening during a larceny and assisting police in the apprehension of a suspect and the recovery of a stolen vehicle.

Distinguished Citizen Award

Mr. Christopher Harrington for intervening during an assault, which prevented further injury to the victim and led to the arrest of the aggressor for Domestic Violence.

Civilian Commendation

Ms. Pamela Garboury for continued support and recruiting for the Fox Hills Community Association Neighborhood Watch program.

Civilian Letter of Appreciation

Mr. Mike Rogers for designing and building a heavy-duty steel plated target that can withstand thousands of rounds from patrol rifles, greatly aiding training exercises.

Bloomfield Township
is proud to honor these
officers & civilians



Friends of the ROUGE

Got a thing for bugs?

Or, maybe you're interested in the health of our watershed. If so, attend the Fall Bug Hunt, sponsored by Friends of the Rouge, on Saturday, October 16, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Volunteers will sample two different sites in the headwaters of the Rouge River and sort through samples of bugs (aka: benthic macroinvertebrates). The abundance and diversity of the organisms provide information on the health of the stream. Results are provided to the Rouge River watershed communities, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, volunteers and others.

No experience necessary. Children over five are welcome when supervised by one adult per child. **Please register by October 7 by calling: 313.792.9621 or by email, picoordinator@therouge.org.** Meet in the Waterman Room at Schoolcraft Community College 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

**Saturday, October 16
From 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.**

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"Our primary objective is to reach out to the public with information they can use to stay safe from fire," according to Lt. Insp. Doug Brown. "We want them to remember three things: They need working smoke alarms in bedrooms and on every level; they need to plan and practice home fire drills; and if fire strikes, they need to get out and stay out."

Vince and Larry, everyone's favorite crash test dummies, will be welcoming folks to the Police Department again. "This year, for the first time, we've arranged for the Oakland County Sheriff's armored vehicle to roll in and let people take a look," said Sgt. Phil Langmeyer. "As we've done before, we're going to offer to check parents' and grandparents' vehicles for the proper installation of child and infant car seats. We'll also have rides in patrol cars, K-9 demonstrations and tours of the animal shelter and police facility."

If you've attended the Open House before, come back this year to see what's new. If you haven't experienced the free family fun, this year is a great year to start a tradition!

A Reminder for Fall Landscaping Projects

Are you planning a landscape improvement this fall? In order to protect established drainage patterns, the Township must regulate the addition of soil fill on residential property.

If you bring in fill soil on your property you must first obtain a **Soil Fill Permit** from the Township. This includes construction projects involving building additions as well as landscaping.

Please contact the Building Department at Build_Dept@bloomfieldtwp.org or 248.433.7715 for the Soil Fill Permit Requirements. Or download permits from the website: www.bloomfieldtwp.org

A Note From the Supervisor:



Dave Payne,
Bloomfield Township Supervisor

The Ryder Cup Matches, shown on television sets and reported in magazines and newspapers all around the world, brought Bloomfield Township into the homes of millions of people. This prestigious, international event took years of planning and required the cooperation of many government and law enforcement agencies and private businesses working with the Township, the PGA and Oakland Hills Country Club.

Every area of Township services was involved. Our Police Department was the lead law enforcement agency and was charged with the ultimate responsibility of providing for the safety and security of participants, visitors and residents. The Fire Department headed up comprehensive Emergency Management Planning. EMS personnel

planned for every imaginable medical emergency response. Our Planning and Building Department reviewed plans for the many private events and, along with the Fire Department, inspected the 320,000 square feet of temporary structures built on the grounds of Oakland Hills. Our Code and Ordinance Enforcement personnel were busy making sure residents and visitors complied with Township requirements. The Township created a telephone hotline and email service which, combined, responded to more than 800 inquiries. Road Department workers put out the welcome mat by installing much needed new landscaping in road medians near the golf course. The Water Department made sure that the water supply was adequate for safe drinking and fire protection. The Information Technology Department supplied security and law enforcement officers with communications devices as well as maps and other technology.

We are gratified that our staff's planning and hard work contributed to the success of the Matches, but we are especially grateful for the understanding and patience of our residents. There is no way an event of this magnitude can be held without an impact on the community. Those closest to the golf course experienced the most inconvenience as they saw their neighborhoods changed, at least temporarily, into a construction zone. Many homeowners needed a permit to drive into their own neighborhood. Lawn service and residential construction projects were delayed. Large family, religious and social gatherings required extra arrangements to comply with parking restrictions. Throughout the Township, traffic was heavier than usual. Routine errands and workday commutes became complicated.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Oakland Hills Country Club and the PGA for supporting our efforts and for reimbursing the Township for our direct expenses. State Representative Shelley Goodman Taub merits special thanks for securing a grant which will cover the Township's additional costs.

Most of all, I would like to thank you, Bloomfield Township residents, for understanding the necessity of the plans that caused your inconvenience. We all know it wasn't easy, but your support, cooperation and patience helped Bloomfield Township look great in the eyes of the world!

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Time: 8:00 pm
Days: 2nd and 4th
Monday of each month
Location: Township Auditorium

PLANNING COMMISSION

Time: 7:00 pm
Days: 1st and 3rd
Monday of each month
Location: Township Auditorium

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Time: 7:00 pm
Days: 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 Bloomfield Township's Clerk's Office.

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10th Annual Woodward
Dream Cruise



Township residents and visitors lined Woodward Avenue to enjoy the classic cars cruisin' Woodward during the 10th Annual Woodward Dream Cruise. At the north central end of the Township, from Alice Avenue to Hickory Grove Road, and at the southeast corner from Strathmore Street to Oak Street, crowds enjoyed a perfect summer day with friends and family as they watched the cars cruise by.



Kathy Birkhold, Bloomfield Township Road Dept. with Daughter Tara Franco and Grandchildren Stevan, Christian, Nico & Franco



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West of Telegraph Road south of Long Lake Road
Free Admission - See First Page

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