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A message from the Police Chief



The Franklin - Bingham Farms Police Department has been noticing an increase in the number of open doors found at commercial buildings within the Special Assessment District (SAD). As you probably know, our officers check the security of the buildings after hours to see if there's any sign of illegal activity and/or security related problems.

During the first three months of 2013, our officers found 21 open doors to various buildings within the SAD. In each case where an open building door is found, our officers will check the interior of the building to see if all of the suites are secure and to determine if there are any problems inside. In addition to the exterior building doors, our officers have also found unlocked doors to suites in some buildings, including doctors offices and businesses. The officers will attempt to secure all doors before leaving the building, but if they are unable to secure them a call will be made to the property manager to come secure the door(s), even if it's the middle of the night. During a recent late-night building search, our officers found an intoxicated individual who was trespassing and hiding within a restroom. He was taken into custody and issued a trespassing citation.

It would be greatly appreciated if property managers have technicians periodically check the functionality of the exterior doors to the buildings within the SAD. In addition, kindly remind your tenants to lock their doors each night, and to update their door security with appropriate deadbolt lock mechanisms. Burglary alarms are also preferred. Our officers have a proven track record of prompt response to any alarm activations within the SAD.

The Police Dept. just completed its 2012 Annual Report. It details overall activity for Bingham Farms and Franklin. The Report is available online at

<http://franklin.mi.us/PoliceAnnualReport2013.pdf>

Due to the length of the report, it does take some time to load.

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Businesses are “cleaning up” in Oakland County



Many businesses are taking an active part in keeping area roadsides clear of litter and debris by participating in the Road Commission for Oakland County’s Adopt-A-Road program. Through the program, groups clean specific road segments two or three times during the year. RCOC provides training and equipment and then picks up the bagged garbage collected. Additionally, RCOC erects Adopt-A-Road signs at both ends of the designated road sections recognizing the volunteer groups responsible for the sections.

Bingham Farms law office, David Moffit and Associates, are one of the groups participating this year.

Any group interested in adopting a paved county road section should call the RCOC Permits and Environmental Concerns Department at 248-645-2000. ext. 2254.

Construction update

It’s time for round two of construction on the 13 Mile Bridge in Bingham Farms. This could mean delays for employees and clients on their way to local businesses in the community. Thirteen Mile Road will close on June 17th and re-open on October 18th. Detours will be clearly posted to help motorists find their way around the closure.

The new bridge will offer several new improvements, including a real shoulder on both sides of the roadway for bike riders and a pedestrian walkway.

For more information about the 13 Mile Bridge, please call the Road Commission for Oakland County at 877-858-4804.

There will also be construction on Bingham Rd. from late June through July. The road will be closed while construction is in place..

New sign regulations

Recently, the Village amended its non-residential sign ordinances to relax restrictions on building signs. Increased square footage was approved for building signs, and monument signs are allowed in both the C-1 & PS Districts.

Bingham Farms’ complete revised sign ordinance may be found online at www.binghamfarms.org. Click on the Code Book link and search for Sections 157.117 and 157.118.

Should you have any questions or require more information, please call the Village office at 248-644-0044.