



# THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Fall, 2011

## IT'S REALLY OVER!!

It's done. Fini. Say goodbye to traffic jams, dodging orange barrels and trying to guess which lanes are open. The worst part of the Telegraph Rd. project IS OVER!

Goodbye orange barrels and hello restoration. Most of the restoration will take place on the medians.

As far as restoration, the medians will be the main focus. Approximately 90 trees of varying species will be planted in October. There will be Horse Chestnuts, Dogwoods, Sweet Gums, Crimson King Maples, Ginkos and Little Leaf Lindens.

Village resident Maggie Van Camp designed the plan. The idea was to provide color in the spring and fall. The Village has planned to provide oversight during the planting of the trees to make sure they are planted correctly.



Additionally, the grow zones

will be replanted. When it was recognized that this project was going to wreak havoc on the medians, the Village had Johnson Landscaping salvage as many plants as possible and store them in areas in the Village.



Sidewalks will be installed on the east side of Telegraph to provide tenants in the buildings with a safer walkway and perhaps encourage walking during lunch hour. These sidewalks are seasonal which means they will not be maintained during the winter as far as snow and ice removal services.

The Village was able to have the sidewalks constructed as part of the Telegraph Rd. Reconstruction Project at no cost to the Village.

The Village will be responsible for repairs in the future.

## LARGE ITEM PICK UP SET FOR OCTOBER 13th

It's here again. The Village's semi-annual large item pick up will take place on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

The purpose of this pick up is to give residents the opportunity to dispose of large items such as sofas, chairs, washing machines and similar large items without charge.

All you have to do is bring the items to the street, right along with your regular trash. Car Trucking, will haul it away. Then it's gone...for good. Better yet, there are no extra charges.

The contractor also picks up freezers and refrigerators if doors and the Freon are removed prior to placing them at the street. Car Trucking is not licensed to remove Freon or transport appliances that have Freon in them.

There are several companies

who remove Freon for a fee.

1. John R. Appliance, located at 26529 John R in Madison Heights, 248.541.8696.
2. Mr. B's. Hauling, located at 27453 Dover Ave. in Warren, 586.873.1264.
3. 888-TRASH-IT (888.872.7448).

The large item pick up is not an opportunity to clean out the attic or basement, or for residents cleaning out their home prior to moving. Car Trucking has sole discretion as to the quantity they will



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## SEPTEMBER ELECTION RESULTS

The votes are in and Bingham Farms voters elected three trustees to serve a four-year term on the Village Council. Newcomer Jeffrey Modell joins incumbents Dorothy Warren and Delores Tripp.

Jeffrey joins the Council after serving for more than 10 years on the Design Review Board, most recently as Chairman.

Delores Tripp became a trustee in March of 1999. She is currently serving as President Pro-Tem. Ms. Tripp also serves on the Personnel Committee.

Dorothy Warren became a trustee in March of 2009. Previously, she served on the Planning Commission for 12 years.

The newly-elected trustees took the Oath of Office at the September 26th Council meeting. Their terms will expire in September 2015.

### VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 24  
November 28  
December 19

Meetings begin at **8:00** p.m.

### SIGN UP FOR VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS

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## WEST NILE VIRUS ARE WE WINNING THE BATTLE?

Residents of Oakland County continue to effectively battle the West Nile Virus. With the exceptionally wet weather earlier this summer bolstering the mosquito crop, it's now more important for people to take precautions that will limit the number of human infections.



Unbelievably this year, there has been only one human case reported. The sole case is in Macomb County.

Last year 29 human cases were confirmed in Michigan, 5 of which were in Oakland County.

However, we're not out of the woods yet as September and October are historically the time when most human cases are reported.

The incubation period from bite to symptoms ranges from 2 to 14 days. Most people infected with West Nile do not show any symptoms. Twenty percent, however have flu-like symptoms, including fever, fatigue, headache and muscle or joint pain. Less than 1% of infected humans become severely ill.

The fact that people are still coming down with the Virus, shows that West Nile Virus remains a problem. There are still plenty of mosquitoes carrying the virus. Prevention measures do work. The best advice — keep doing what you are doing.

The Oakland County Health Department recommends that folks take steps to:

- \* Reduce areas where mosquitoes

breed.

- ♦ Repel to protect against mosquitoes, and
- ♦ Report potential mosquito breeding areas.

Other measures that can reduce the risk of contracting the virus include:

- ♦ Repair all holes in window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- ♦ Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as buckets, barrels, cans and old tires.
- ♦ Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active (dawn and dusk).
- ♦ Wear light colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- ♦ Apply insect repellents that contain DEET to exposed skin or clothing. Always follow the manufacturer's directions for use. Do not apply repellent containing DEET on children less than two years of age.

If you find any dead birds, report your findings to the Oakland County Health Division Hotline at 1-877-377-3641. Then properly dispose of the bird. Wear gloves to protect yourself from direct contact with the bird.

For updates on West Nile Virus, log on to the state or county websites at:

[www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus](http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus)

or

[www.oakgov.com](http://www.oakgov.com).

## VILLAGE SETS UP EMAIL ALERT SYSTEM

It's quick. It's so easy to keep informed about what's going on in the Village through Gov Delivery. This service is offered through Oakland County.

The Village has private and independent control over its resident email list. Email addresses are solely for the use by the Village. They are not sold.



The service provides internal controls to eliminate SPAM. This means email addresses are secured.

Over the past several months, Bingham Farms residents have been alerted about nearby residential larcenies and reminders for the recent elections. This is an efficient way to let residents know what is going on in the Village and surrounding municipalities. It is information a resident needs to know.

The Village will only use the email blasts for important issues. The Village newsletter will carry more detailed and routine Village information.

Please note, that the Village newsletter will now be available solely online. The printed newsletter was eliminated due to budget constraints.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Village office at 248.644.0044.

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pick up. It may be best to have a dumpster delivered to your home if you have too much to be collected under this special program. While there is a charge, you will know that all materials will be taken away and it gives you more time to gather up all that needs to go.

A few other regulations apply. Car Trucking will only take one 32-gallon garbage can filled with construction material. If you have more, please call Car Trucking at 586.791.8480 to arrange a special pick up. Car Trucking cannot drop off construction materials as residential waste as substantial fines can be assessed.

### BE IN THE KNOW!

### SIGN UP TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT EMAIL BLASTS

### FROM THE VILLAGE

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*Home Page and enter in your email address.*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

David M. Leckie

Greetings from the corner.

It was a pretty good turnout for the Village election earlier this month. As a result, voters elected two incumbents and voted in a newcomer on to Council.

I was pleased to see that Dorothy Warren was returned to the Council with an overwhelming 74% of the vote. Likewise I was happy to see Delores Tripp was also returned to the Council with 59% of the vote. And we will have a new council member on board and I'd like to welcome Jeffrey Modell who garnered 56% of the vote.

Jeffrey is not new to Village service, having served on the Design Review Board for many years, most recently serving as its Chairman

I look forward to working with all the trustees to keep the Village financially sound during these challenging times.

I would like to take a moment to thank Bill Gollnitz for his 7 years of service on the Council and his dedication.

A thank you also to all our residents who took the time to vote in this election. It's the way you can let the Council know what you think about how we're doing. If you think you would like to join one of the Village

boards, you can find an application online at

[www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org).

Click on the "Online Forms" link at the bottom of the page, fill it out and send it to [clerk@binghamfarms.org](mailto:clerk@binghamfarms.org). You can also call the Village office at 248.644.0044 and the staff will gladly send you one.

On another note, Mother Nature has brought us cooler weather with the fall season. It won't be long until the colorful leaves will be gone and that leaves us with the wonderful task of raking. There are a few ways to dispose of the leaves; through the weekly rubbish pick up and have our rubbish contractor, Car Trucking, pick up compost through mid-November or you can mulch them. Make sure you're gutters are free of debris too.

Also the holidays are right around the corner and I'd like to remind all to be extra careful to avoid intrusion into your home. It's prime season for thieves. Remember to lock your doors and windows and above all, turn on your alarms. Look for any suspicious cars and call police if you see anything out of the norm.

Enjoy the fall season and all its activities.

## The 19th for Several But The 1st for Some

What a year. With a significant decrease in tax revenue due to falling home values, the Village was not able to continue its funding for Mobile Watch. A letter to you, our residents, fixed that. Due to your generosity, Mobile Watch received funding to carry us through the next few years. Again, THANK YOU for your support of Mobile Watch.

We held our 19th Annual August Picnic and we do have a number of members who have been around that long. We also welcomed a few new members this year. The Picnic is a time for Mobile Watch to thank all police and fire personnel and we invite them as our guests.

Thanks to the generosity of several local merchants, there were plenty of prizes. Our guests received a coupon for a free car wash and other prizes ranged from plants to pizza to a free hamburger and fries. Mobile Watch members provided a pot luck supper.

The Picnic provides members the opportunity to meet the dedicated members of both the Fire and Police departments.

Through August of this year, Mobile Watch members made 226 tours of the Village. Each tour totals 22.3 miles and that equates to 5,040 miles. That's a lot of time on the roads looking for anything out of the ordinary.

Why not guest with us on the first Wednesday of any month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse. You will be home by 9. Or for more information, call Dick Holloway at 248.644.2622.

Bingham Farms Mobile Watch

### BURNING LEAVES IS ALLOWED IN THE VILLAGE

#### Regulations (Chapter 50.02)

1. Do not burn leaves, grass or rubbish on any paved or bituminous surfaced street;
2. Do not burn any type of refuse where smoke, ashes or odor will create a nuisance, public or private;
3. Do not burn rubbish closer than 15 feet to a building;
4. **Do not leave a rubbish fire unattended.**



Any questions, call the Village office at 248-644-0044.

**MORE THAN 100 RESIDENTS ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR EMAIL BLASTS**

**SIGN UP TODAY**

**LOG ON TO [www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org), CLICK ON STAY INFORMED LINK at bottom of page.**

## LATEX PAINT IS NOT HAZARDOUS WASTE

It sure is easier to just take all that latex paint, pop it in your trunk and take it to SOCRRA for disposal. However, the contract the Village has with SOCRRA is for disposal of hazardous waste. Latex paint IS NOT considered hazardous.

The Village is charged no matter what a resident drops off.

There are several ways to easily discard latex paint at no cost.

**Natural Drying** - With paint cans that are less than a quarter full, simply remove the lid and place the can in a well-ventilated area. The remaining paint should be dry within a few days. Once dry, it can be placed in the trash or chip out the paint directly into the trash and put the empty paint can in the recycling bin.

**For paint cans that are more than a quarter full, here are a few options:**

**Kitty litter** - This common, household absorbent works well in removing the moisture from latex paint. How much kitty litter to add depends on the makeup and age of the latex paint. In most cases, start with a cup or two and add as needed. Stir thoroughly and after a short time, the paint will thicken. Dispose of the hardened material in the trash and recycle the empty paint cans.



**Saw Dust, Mulch, Small Animal Bedding, & Sand** - These are other common absorbents that can be used to thicken and solidify latex paint. Use them the same way you would use kitty litter. Remember to recycle empty paint cans *and lids* after disposing of the hardened paint.

More information is available by visiting the SOCRRA website at

[www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org)

Also local high school theatre departments welcome paint donations to be used for their productions.

## DISPOSING OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

More residents are taking advantage of year round disposal of household hazardous waste. Per an agreement with South Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority (SOCRRA), Village residents have access to their facility located on Coolidge in Royal Oak. It is between Maple and Fourteen Mile Rd., across from Meijer's.

The facility accepts most household items that are considered hazardous, such as automotive products, batteries, pesticides and appliance and flashlight batteries.



Oil based paints are accepted.

A complete list of acceptable materials may be found on SOCRRA's website: [www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org).

When transporting hazardous materials to the facility, make sure the containers are tightly sealed to prevent accidental spills. This may require the use of a box or other container to hold the cans. Place the materials in the trunk of your car. All products must be clearly labeled.

Electronics, such as TVs (no consoles), computer monitors, CPUs and keyboards also are accepted. SOCRRA's website has a complete listing of acceptable electronics.



**Appointments are required.** To set up an appointment call SOCRRA at **248.288.5153**. A staff member will ask what type and amount of materials you will be dropping off and then will give you an appointment date and time that works for you.

### FIRE & POLICE

### NUMBERS

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>9-1-1</b>
<b>DISPATCH</b>	<b>248-626-5444</b>
<b>POLICE DEPT.</b>	<b>248-626-9672</b>
<b>FIRE DEPT.</b>	<b>248-626-9862</b>

## WILD ANIMAL POPULATION GROWING

You either love them or hate the wildlife. There's no in between.

The Village continues to receive sporadic complaints about the growing deer population and their impact on landscaping. A few residents have asked if the deer could be shot.

First, hunting is prohibited in the Village to ensure the safety of its residents. Second, in a controlled hunt, deer have to be rounded up and herded into a specified area. It cannot be here and there. The DNR becomes involved with controlled hunt and its highly unlikely one would be approved in the Village as there is no suitable location in this populated area.

As far as the coyote population, trapping is not an option. First, live bait must be used in the trap and second, the traps must be monitored daily. The cost for trapping is prohibitive.

There are natural ways to protect landscaping, such as applying Liquid Fence or using automatic sprinklers that are activated by movement. There is a publication, Gardens Alive that provides ideas for dealing with wildlife.

For more information, contact the Animal Control Officer at Southfield Township 248.540.3420.

## OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Operation Medicine Cabinet continues. The program is run by the Oakland County Health Dept. and was created to provide residents with an easy and safe way to dispose of old prescriptions.



Residents can drop off their old prescriptions at the Village of Beverly Hills Public Safety Dept. located at 18600 Thirteen Mile Road. They will log it in and properly dispose of the medications.

Place medications in a Ziploc bag and drop it off. There is no charge.

Needles and syringes are not accepted.



## **OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT MOUNTED DIVISION MAKES A MEMORABLE TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.**

What an honor to be invited to Washington DC to honor our fallen heroes. The Franklin Bingham Mounted Police Division joined 70 other mounted officers from around the country to honor fallen officers on the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Week in May.

Sgt. James Hirschfeld with his quarter horse Jake, Ron Berris with his Percheron-quarter horse Josie and Mike Sanders with his standard breed Buddy, hit the road to make the 500 plus mile trip.

Law Enforcement Memorial Week was started back in the early '60s by President John F. Kennedy. This year the Mounted Division commemorated the 162 officers who died in the line of duty in 2010.

Approximately 5,000 police officers, honor guard members and family and friends of the fallen officers attended Memorial Week.

The Franklin Bingham Mounted Division is a regular sight at various celebrations during the year, such as Franklin's Round-up in September and Memorial Day festivities in May.

The Mounted Division is partially funded through fundraisers and donations. The rest of the costs are out of pocket for the three mounted officers.



## **Oakland County Happenings**

Summer's gone and the fall chill is in the air. But, there's plenty of opportunities to get out and enjoy nature.

The award winning Oakland County Parks & Recreation provides programs throughout the fall and winter. Here's just a snapshot of what is offered to Village residents.

Most County golf courses stay open as long as possible.

Enjoy a new course and take in the beautiful colors of Fall.



Or, go on a walk through any of the nature areas at the parks.

There's also a few doggie park to take your special pooch. The closest one for Bingham Farms folks is Red Oaks located on Dequindre in Madison Heights, just north of 13 Mile Rd.

Did you know you can rent boats, canoes and kayaks at three of the

Oakland County Parks: Addison Oaks, Groveland Oaks & Independence Oaks. What better way to enjoy a beautiful fall day.



The Parks & Recreation Department recently received a \$308,000 state grant to promote trails and fishing access. The grant will partially fund construction of boardwalks, wildlife viewing platforms and floating fishing piers at Highland Oaks, Lyon Oaks, Red Oaks and Rose Oaks county parks.

More than 1.5 million visitors pass through the County park system.

For more information log on to the Parks & Recreation site at:

[www.destinationoakland.com](http://www.destinationoakland.com).

## **WINTER MAINTENANCE REMINDERS**

One of the major problems the Village faces each year is with snow removal, especially residents and/or their contractors who plow snow from the driveway across the street. What remains are called snow rows.

These snow rows can freeze and can cause problems with the Village's snow plow contractor, pedestrians and public safety vehicles.

This procedure is against not only Village ordinance but also state law.

It is important that residents inform their private snow removal contractors that the snow that falls on your property stays on your property.

Last year there was super compliance. The Village only sent out a handful of reminders. Ticketing can occur for non-compliance, but that's the last thing the Village wants to do.



Our police take no pleasure in writing tickets to residents. Remember, the primary goal is to keep the streets safe for everyone

The Village will again continue its contract with Johnson Landscaping to provide snow removal services and salt applications.

The snow plows are called out as soon as 2 inches have fallen on the roads. In heavy storms, the contractor will plow several times to keep the roads passable.

The Village will request additional work when conditions warrant. The decision to plow and salt the roads is based on the assessment of the police department. Similar to last year, the Village will salt all the roads, when necessary, to make travel less challenging. However, this is Michigan. Conditions can change in a matter of hours. Drive with care.

## SEVERAL ROUGE FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES ON TAP

There are a number of unique fall activities coming up that might interest our residents. Two of these events are sponsored by the

Friends of the Rouge, a volunteer organization committed to cleaning up the Rouge River and improving its habitat.



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Coming up on October 15th is their Fall Bug Hunt where two teams of volunteers venture out to sample two sites. You will work streamside to search for samples for aquatic insects, clams and snails. The results are used to assess the health of the river. Best yet, no prior experience necessary.

The second activity is a canoe trip down the Rouge River. You start the trip at Wayne Rd. (in Goudy Park) and end at Venoy. This trip takes place on October 29th from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Only experienced canoeists allowed. For more information log on to the Rouge website at <http://therouge.org>.

If canoeing is not for you, how about the Friends of the Rouge 3rd Annual Beer Tasting. All the beers in this tasting are brewed within the Rouge River Watershed. The beer tasting will be held at the Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth on Sunday, November 6th from 4-6:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$30 FOTR members and \$35 for non-members. Add \$5 for tickets at the door, if still available.

Pricing includes tastes, pizza and a souvenir glass. Proceeds fund Friends of the Rouge operations.

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## BALDWIN LIBRARY OFFERS VARIETY OF EVENTS

Library Director Doug Koschik will continue his popular Civil War book discussion series by leading a talk on *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era* by James M. McPherson on Thursday, November 3 at 10 a.m. The book was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for history in 1989. Copies of the book are available for check out at the Library.



Join us for Books & Bites at Baldwin on Thursday, November 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring the best of local restaurants.

Take a stroll around the picturesque Grand Hall to taste what Birmingham has to offer and then step up to the Circulation desk for your choice of wines. Live music will fill the air as you cast tickets toward our many auction items.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Youth Room of the Baldwin Public Library. With your support we will be able to invigorate and enliven a space that is vital to early childhood development. Be part of this enchanting evening by calling 248-554-4683. \$50 per person. Reservations can be made starting October 3. Opportunities for donors and sponsorship are also available.

Interested in staying up to date on what's happening at the Library? Register to receive our eNews delivered to your inbox each month.

Visit [www.baldwinlib.org/](http://www.baldwinlib.org/) enews to sign up today! You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter.

Baldwin provides priority registration for Library programs to residents of Birmingham, Beverly Hills and Bingham Farms.

## RULES EVERY RESIDENT SHOULD KNOW

**Contractor Signs** are not allowed. This includes building contractors, driveway contractors, window companies, etc. The Franklin Bingham Police Dept. will remove them.

**Solicitors** must be registered with the Village office. If you have a "No Solicitation" sign affixed to your entry way, they are not allowed to approach you.

**Tree & Woodland Protection Ordinance** was enacted to prevent clear cutting of wooded parcels of property or excess removal of healthy trees. See Chapter 93 of the Village Code.

**Driveway Permits** are required for driveway reconstruction or sealcoating. The cost is \$25.00.

**Building Permits** are needed for major renovations as well as electrical and plumbing work and roofing. Some projects require Village approval before securing a permit. Call the Village office early in the design process to avoid any delays during construction.

**LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE  
DISPOSAL  
WITH REGULAR RUBBISH  
PICK UP  
THROUGH  
JANUARY 12th**

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LATEST VILLAGE  
INFORMATION?**

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WEBSITE AT  
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# **LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS**

**Date:** Thursday, October 13, 2011

**Time:** All items at street by 7:00 a.m.

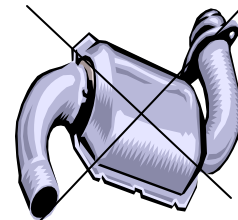
## **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Large appliances, furniture and hot water heaters  
(Refrigerators & freezers must have Freon removed prior to placement at the street)
- Only small tree stumps
- Brush and tree branches must be bundled and the length should not exceed four feet
- Rolls of carpet and linoleum must be tied together with the length not to exceed four feet
- Disposal of construction materials is limited to **one** 32-gallon trash container



## **UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Large tree stumps
- Hazardous waste
- Tires
- Automotive parts
- Loose gravel
- Large amounts of construction material & loose items



**Large items such as appliances and furniture may be placed at the street the weekend before the pick up.**

Car Trucking has the right to refuse to pick up excessive amounts of materials. If you have a large quantity of items, please call Car Trucking at 586-791-8480 and make special arrangements to rent a dumpster.

## CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS! CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!

Spring forward and fall back. This time of year is when we can garner an extra hour of sleep.

Turn your clocks back one hour on **November 6th**. Or as many do, turn them back before you go to bed on Saturday night. Eastern Standard Time begins at **2:00 a.m. November 6th**.



Unfortunately, it also means that shorter days are coming and another Michigan winter is not far away.

While changing your clocks, remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Be proactive. Take a few minutes to make sure all your detectors are working. It might not just save your house, it may also save YOU.

## WILL YOUR MAILBOX HOLD UP THIS WINTER?

There's any easy test. If your mailbox is on a post, just shake the mailbox. If the mailbox or post is loose, take the time now to tighten screws and secure the posts.

Every winter there are a few residents who complain that the snowplow knocked over their mailbox. Eric Wilson, Chairman of the Road Commission says "In most cases, the snowplow doesn't actually hit the mailbox. The force of snow thrown from the roadway is enough to knock down a loose mailbox"

And if you're putting up a new roadside mailbox, it should be 36 to 42 inches from the ground and the post should be 8 to 12 inches behind the shoulder or curb. The mailbox should not protrude into the road.



## NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES OFFER SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

### Birmingham

**Farmers' Market - North Old Woodward**  
Sundays thru 10/23 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Our Town Art Show & Sale - Community House** 10/13 - 10/15

**73rd Annual Birmingham Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Parade** Oct. 23 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Community House.  
Little ghouls and goblins take part in the parade.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Shain Park** Nov. 23 6:00 p.m.  
**Santa House & Carriage Rides Shain Park** 11/23 - 12/24

**Winter Markt Shain Park** 12/2 - 12/4

### Franklin

**Farmers' Market - Downtown** Saturdays thru 10/29 2-6 p.m.

### Bloomfield Township

**Cider Mill - Franklin Rd. & Fourteen Mile**

Open until November 30 Weekdays - 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Weekends - 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Bingham Farms - November 24 & 25**  
**- December 22 - January 2**

**Southfield Twp. - November 24 & 25**  
**- December 23 -27**  
**- December 30- January 2**

**Both offices reopen January 3, 2012.**

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The next edition of the Post is scheduled for January, 2012. Deadline for submission of articles is December 15, 2011.

All articles must be submitted in writing to the Village office. The editing of articles is left to the sole discretion of the staff.

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