



THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Fall, 2012

LARGE ITEM PICK UP SET FOR OCTOBER 11th

It's here again. The Village's semi-annual large item pick up will take place on Thursday, October 11, 2012.

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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MEET THE VILLAGE'S NEW TOP COP

Welcome Dan Roberts who recently was named the new Franklin-Bingham Police Chief, following the retirement of Chief Pat Browne earlier this summer.

It shouldn't take much time to bring Chief Roberts up to speed, given his years of experience.

He recently retired from the FBI after serving in high level positions for over twenty years.



Prior to accepting the position of Police Chief, Roberts was the Principal and Director of Governmental Investigations and Compliance with Rehmann's Corporate Investigative Services Team in Troy.

Roberts began his law enforce-

ment career with the Franklin Bingham Police Department and then with the Oak Park Police Department before joining the FBI.

Chief Roberts stated that returning to Franklin is somewhat of a homecoming for him and his wife and having his career come full circle.

The Chief resides in Franklin and expects to finish his career right where he started; in his hometown.

Another bit of news is the Department hired a new full time police officer, Steve Thompson. Steve comes to the Village from Sterling Heights. Also Kabe Jenkins has hired in as a part-time officer. Kabe joins us from the Atlanta area.

Welcome all.

COUNCIL HAS NEW LINE UP

The unfortunate passing of Village President, David Leckie in June, necessitated some changes on Village Council.

At the June Council meeting, Delores Tripp was appointed as President to fill out the remaining term of Mr. Leckie, which is set to expire in September 2013. She had been President Pro Tem.

Mel Ettenson was appointed President Pro Tem.

These changes resulted in a vacant seat. At the July meeting, Council appointed village resident Larry Freedman to fill the vacant trustee seat.

Dr. Freedman has lived in the village for 13 years and has worked with the Village on the development of a tree ordinance. He also was a member of Mobile Watch. Dr. Freedman's seat will be up for election in September 2013 and will be for a two year term.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

OCTOBER 9

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 6

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 22
November 26
December 17

Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m.

WEST NILE VIRUS THE BATTLE INTENSIFIES

It just won't go away; the West Nile Virus that is. This may be the summer of the largest outbreak in years. It appears the hot, dry summer did not hurt the mosquito population at all. So now it's more important than ever for people to take precautions that will limit the number of human infections.

So far this year, there have already been 159 human cases with 18 in Oakland County.



For all of 2011, there were 37 human cases reported in Michigan with only 2 in Oakland County.

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 repellants 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

or

www.oakgov.com.

ELECTION NEWS

Are you registered to vote? With just about a month to go to the Presidential elections, there's still time to become a registered voter in Bingham Farms.

The last day to register to vote in the November elections is October 9th. You can register either at Southfield Township, located at 18550 Thirteen Mile Rd., just east of Southfield Rd.) or at any Secretary of State office. At this point in time, your best option would be Southfield Township; it's convenient and there are no long lines.



In addition to voting for candidates for national, state and local offices, there will be several ballot questions. The election will take place on **Tuesday, November 6th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Residents of Bingham Farms vote at Bingham Farms Elementary School located on Thirteen Mile Rd., across the street from Bingham Woods.

Absentee Ballots are available at Southfield Twp. If you are unable to get to the polls on November 6th, request an absentee ballot. Call the Township at 248.540.3420.

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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

Log on to the Village website www.binghamfarms.org

CLICK ON STAY INFORMED at the bottom of the

Home Page and enter in your email address.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Delores C. Tripp

Hopefully, all those long, hot summer days are over and mother nature will bring a colorful fall.

As we all know, national elections are right around the corner. Make sure you are registered to vote in Bingham Farms. A quick call to Southfield Township clerk at 248.540.3420 will confirm your registration.

Speaking of elections, the Village recently filled a vacant seat on Council. We also filled a vacant seat on the Design Review Board. Thanks to Larry Freedman and Bret Russell for stepping up to the plate.

However, the Village needs more volunteers, especially representation from young families. In that effort, a search committee was formed by the Council last month. The objective is to reach out to the community to gather potential candidates who can carry the torch.

The amount of time necessary to participate on a Board or Commission is not great. The Village Council meets one evening a month, as do the Design Review Board and Planning Commission.

The Village utilizes a contract planner to help out on major issues and the Village staff provides major support.

If you think you would like to

join one of the Village boards, you can find an application online at

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. You can also call the Village office at 248.644.0044 and the staff will gladly send you one.

On another note, the Village offices are open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Village employees should not be contacted in the evenings or weekends. They are happy to assist you during normal business hours.

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 or compost/mulch on your own. Our rubbish contractor, Car Trucking, picks up compost through mid-November.

Finally, the holidays are right around the corner and I'd like to remind all to be extra careful to protect your homes against intruders. 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 or activity and call police if you see anything out of the norm.

DISAPPOINTED?

One might think that the 20th anniversary of the Mobile Watch Picnic, held in early August, would be something special after 20 years. But not in this case. It was a member-supplied picnic dinner with lots of food, and merchant-supplied gifts for all police and fire personnel. We didn't even have a speaker, but only a fine picnic dinner with plenty of gifts to go around.

The high point for our members was the opportunity to meet our new police chief, Daniel Roberts, and his wife, Virginia and fire chief Tony Averbuch's wife, Layne. We ate the usual ham and fried chicken, with lots of devilled eggs., salad, desserts, and the usual ice-cream-on-a-stick.

Are we disappointed? Heck no! It worked just as we had planned, and we got to know a lot of police and fire personnel on a first name basis. We had plenty of food and enough gifts to go around, and everybody got a free deluxe car wash. More importantly, our members got to know more of the police and fire people that we represent as we tour the Village.

Maybe things will change in another 20 years. Then again, maybe not.

Mobile Watch meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse. Why not join us? You will be home by 9.

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.

BALLOT PROPOSAL

LANGUAGE

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MORE THAN 270 RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR EMAIL BLASTS

SIGN UP TODAY

LOG ON TO 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 hazardous.

The Village is charged no matter what a resident drops off. An inordinate amount of latex paint is ending up at the SOCRRA site.

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, use:

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

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

SIGN UP ONLINE

It's just gotten a bit easier to make an appointment to drop off your household hazardous waste. Just go online at www.socrra.org, click on Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics, then "schedule an appointment".

Hit the new tab "schedule your appointment online", go down to the big icon at the bottom of the page marked "Online Appointments". This will take you a screen where you just fill out the information, a guestimate on how much product you'll be bringing in and choose a date and block of time that is convenient for you.

Or just call SOCRRA at **248.288.5153** to make an appointment. **Appointments are required.**

The SOCRRA facility is located on Coolidge in Royal Oak, between Maple and Fourteen Mile Rd., across the street from Meijer's.

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

Oil based paints are accepted. Latex paints should be dried and put out with regular trash.

A complete list of acceptable materials may be found on SOCRRA's website: 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.



Quick Tips

Garbage pick up - Thursdays—rubbish should be at the street by 7:00 a.m. It is allowed to put garbage out after 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night. **DO NOT** put it out over the weekend. Those critters will have a feast and the crew does not have to clean up.

Police Enforcement - With the recent road closure of 13 Mile, police issued 42 tickets on Bingham Road in one month; either for speeding or blowing through a stop sign. A number of these tickets were issued to residents.

Remember

- * Speed limit is 25 mph on all residential streets.
- * Stop signs mean STOP.

Finally, watch out for joggers, walkers & bicyclists. You never know when or where they will appear.

FIRE & POLICE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	9-1-1
DISPATCH	248-626-5444
POLICE DEPT.	248-626-9672
FIRE DEPT.	248-626-9862

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.

IT'S OVER FOR NOW!!

Finally, it's clear sailing getting around Bingham Farms after a summer of non-stop construction.

The bridge on Thirteen Mile Rd. actually opened 4 days early, after a one month closure so Consumers Energy could install a 16" high pressure gas line.



And yes, even though it felt much longer, it really was just a one month detour.

Beverly Hills opened Evergreen, which had been closed to put in a new bridge located between Beverly Road and Riverside.

The Road Commission is scheduled to reopen all of Lahser Road between 11 & 12 Mile Roads in November, having constructed a "fifth" lane.

However, Bingham Farms isn't out of the construction zone yet. The 13 Mile Road bridge closure was just a precursor to what will follow starting in June 2013.

That's when the Road Commis-

sion will shut down the bridge for the entire summer to demolish the existing bridge and install a brand new one. This bridge appeared on the State's Critical Bridge List 5 years ago and has now been funded through a Federal grant.

The bridge will have more safety features, such as shoulders on each side and a pedestrian sidewalk. The bridge portion of the sidewalk is federally funded also.

While motorists survived the one month closure this summer, they will have to deal with a summer-long closure in 2013. The earliest it may reopen would be early September.

Our police and fire departments will continue working with neighboring communities to provide help with emergency situations.

Detours will be posted to get folks around the construction zone.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT BASCC

The Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council and Center (BASCC) provides adults 50+ with a wide array of personal enrichment, fitness, social, travel offerings plus outreach services.

Here's a small sampling of upcoming **Fall activities** at the center! For more information about BASCC call (248) 203-5270 or visit their website at www.bascc.org or stop by the Center at 2121 Midvale Street, Birmingham. Anyone is welcome to be a member of BASCC!

Senior Expo & Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 2 from 10 am-1 pm

Over 50 exhibits featuring healthcare, consumer products, services and housing alternatives. Free parking, Free refreshments and PRIZES!

NEW!! Stability Ball Class

Tuesdays, 5:15- 6:15 pm

Improve balance, strengthen muscles and challenge your core while sitting and lying on a stability ball utilizing weights or bands. Bring stability ball, mat, water and towel

Cost: 10 classes for \$50 (members) / \$60 (non-members)

What's the Hype about SKYPE

Wednesday, October 24 at 1 pm

Bart Giola, Baldwin Library Technology Trainer, will teach you how to set up a Skype account and utilize its phone and video capabilities.

What's It Worth? Antique Appraisal-Buy Event

Saturday, November 10 - 10 am-4 pm

Find out if that antique is worth as much as you suspect.

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 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.

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SEVERAL ROUGE FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES ON TAP

Friends of the Rouge continues to have numerous programs on tap even in the fall. Friends of the Rouge is a volunteer organization committed to cleaning up the Rouge River and improving its habitat.



Coming up on Oct. 13th is a canoe trip down the lower Rouge River, paddling from Wayne Rd. to Inkster. It starts at 1 p.m. For more information log on to the Rouge website at www.therouge.org.

Coming up on October 20th is their Fall Bug Hunt where two teams of volunteers venture out to sample two sites. You will work streamside to search for samples of aquatic insects, clams and snails. The results are used to assess the health of the river. Best yet, no prior experience necessary.

How about attending a Rouge fundraiser at the Friends of the Rouge 4th Annual Beer Tasting. All the beers in this tasting are brewed within the Rouge River Watershed. Meet at the Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth on Sunday, November 4th from 4-6:30 p.m. Advanced tickets are \$30 for FOTR members and \$35 for non-members. Add \$5 for tickets at the door, if still available.

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

For more information on these and other Rouge activities log on to their website, www.therouge.org or call 313.792.9621.

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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 engage 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.

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Cost is \$6 for one item or \$15 for 3 items. (max. 6 items)

Medical Equipment Loans

Our loan closet contains wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, bath benches and shower stools available for short-term use.

Low Vision Support Group October 17 from 10 to 11:30 am

This Support Group provides information, referral, speakers, and socialization for individuals with any type of visual impairment.

Come Ride With Us on the BASCC Bus!

Door-to-door transportation is available to doctor appointments, grocery stores, programs at BASCC and shopping centers. Three day advance reservation is required. \$2 one way, \$3 round trip. Call 248-203-5270.

LIBRARY FUNDRAISER DATE SET

Tickets are now on sale for Baldwin Public Library's "Books & Bites at Baldwin." Last year the event sold out, so do not delay in making your reservation today!

Join us for Books & Bites at Baldwin on Thursday, October 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.



Attendees

will have their choice of wine and beer provided by Big Rock Chophouse and Griffin Claw Brewing Company. A strolling dinner is being prepared by Barrio Tacos & Tequila, Chen Chow Brasserie, Elie's Mediterranean Grill/Bar, Frank Street Bakery, Maggiano's Little Italy and Papa Joe's Gourmet Market & Catering. Live music will be performed by Sean Blackman. Complimentary valet parking is provided by In House Valet.

You won't want to miss out on this year's fabulous chance-style auction which promises to be even better than last year's auction!

Proceeds from the event will benefit an upgrade of the Library's Teen Space. The project will include updated carpet, paint, additional seating and dedicated computers for teens.

Be part of this evening at \$50 per person by calling 248-554-4683 to make your reservation. Opportunities for donors and sponsorship are also available. See www.baldwinlib.org/booksbites for event details.

**LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE
DISPOSAL
WITH REGULAR RUBBISH
PICK UP
THROUGH
JANUARY 10th**

LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2012

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

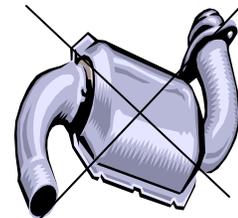
ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- 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 4th**. 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 4th**.



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"

So, if you're putting up a new roadside mailbox, it should be 36 to 42 inches off 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 10/28 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Open Skating - Ice Arena 2300 E. Lincoln. Call 248.530.1640 for times.

73rd Annual Birmingham Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Parade Oct. 21 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. 21 6:00 p.m.
Santa House & Carriage Rides Shain Park 11/21 - 12/24

"Winter Markt" Shain Park 11/30 - 12/2

Franklin

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

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 22 & 23
- December 24 - January 1**

**Southfield Twp. - November 22 & 23
- December 24-26
- December 31- January 1**

Both offices reopen January 2, 2013.

The Bingham Farms Post is published quarterly by the Village of Bingham Farms.

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The next edition of the Post is scheduled for January, 2013. Deadline for submission of articles is December 13, 2012.

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

Website: www.binghamfarms.org

OFFICIAL LIST OF PROPOSALS
11/06/2012 - STATE GENERAL
OAKLAND COUNTY

STATE PROPOSALS

**A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 -
THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW**

Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
- Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
- Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
- Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.

Should this law be approved?

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
- Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
- Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
- Define "employee" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

Should this proposal be approved?

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY**

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass, and hydropower, by 2025.
- Limit to not more than 1% per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
- Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over

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the 1% limit.

- Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.

Should this proposal be approved?

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL
AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS**

This proposal would:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
- Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
- Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
- Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.

Should this proposal be approved?

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT**

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this proposal be approved?

**A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION
REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF
INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS**

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new

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international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.

- Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."

Should this proposal be approved?