



# THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Fall, 2013

## LARGE ITEM PICK UP SET FOR OCTOBER 10th

It's here again. The Village's semi-annual large item pick up will take place on Thursday, October 10, 2013.

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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## PLEASE, SAY IT'S OVER

It's not quite there yet. Work is progressing, but with all the infrastructure going in, it's taking a bit longer to complete the Thirteen Mile Rd. bridge reconstructions.

The old bridge constructed circa 1920s, was indistinguishable what with all the vegetation covering it.

The new bridge meets all federal standards. It will sport a pedestrian walkway, actual shoulders should a car break down and better visibility for drivers coming out onto Thirteen Mile Rd.



While the road closure made it difficult for through traffic, many residents commented that the reduced traffic made it easy getting in and out of the side streets.

However, traffic will soon return to normal. Hopefully, drivers will like the

improved visibility, pedestrians will enjoy the new sidewalks and life will finally get back to normal.

There will still be some cleanup and touch up in the coming months and maybe a few more in the spring, but the end is in sight.

One of the more amusing stories relayed to the Village was about the message on the Bingham Farms Elementary School sign during the summer months. Although not captured on camera for posterity, the east side of the sign read "The road is really closed". When an errant driver turned around at the closure, the west side of the sign said "Told you so." It is truly amazing that drivers refuse to believe construction signs.

And soon, this will all be a memory.

## COUNCIL ESTABLISHES NEW START TIME

The Village Council has changed its meeting start time. Beginning with the October 28, 2013 meeting, Council meetings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Council decided to make this change to accommodate the schedules of the trustees. This brings it in line with the start times of the Design Review Board and Planning Commission.

The Council meets on the 4th Monday of the month.



**A COP  
AND  
A CUP  
COMMUNITY  
GREETING EVENT  
OCTOBER 13  
NOON - 4 P.M.  
See Pg. 5 For details**

## VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 28  
November 25  
December 16

Meetings begin at 7:30 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 been 21 human cases with 2 in Oakland County. This is down substantially from 2012



For all of 2012, there were 220 human cases reported in Michigan with 22 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](http://www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus)

or

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

## ROUGE FRIENDLY TIPS

The Village is constantly working with other municipalities to improve water quality in the Rouge River. The Franklin Branch of the Rouge runs through Bingham Farms, so whatever residents can do to cut down on pollutants entering the river is greatly appreciated.

Here are some basic tips for fall lawn cleanup.

- Leaves that are raked into streets and sewers can be swept into storm drains and the Rouge. The small fragments of leaves are a source of pollution (oversupply of nutrients)
- Composting and reuse of fall leaves saves money and puts the leaves to "good use."
- Home composting, mowing leaves, and use of shredded leaves as a mulch are all recommended practices.

## NEW METHOD TO FIGHT INSECT BITES

There's a new product on the market to protect yourself from nasty tick and insect bites.

It's called Ben's Wipes. The wipes contain 30% DEET. This can be used instead of insect sprays.



The Oakland County Health Department has provided the Village with free samples.

Stop in for one and try it out.

Some folks may prefer putting these in their pockets instead of carrying around the spray. Samples are free.

### BE IN THE KNOW!

**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT EMAIL BLASTS**

**FROM THE VILLAGE**

*Log on to the Village website [www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org)*

*CLICK ON STAY INFORMED at the bottom of the Home Page and enter in your email address.*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The slightly delayed opening of the Thirteen Mile Road Bridge is presently expected around October 29th. The past 4 ½ months have been excruciatingly frustrating for some of us but the former bridge, built circa 1926, was decaying. We needed to do this now both for the public welfare and to take advantage of available funding.

The new bridge meets all federal construction and safety standards. Upgraded safety features include a pedestrian walkway, road shoulders for when vehicles break down, and anticipated improved visibility for cars exiting Bingham Road and Bingham Woods Condominiums resulting from raising the bridge five feet. A new sidewalk will extend from Telegraph to the school.

The basic cost of the new bridge and roadway will come in around \$2 million. More than 90% of this is covered by a federal grant with

the other 10% picked up by the State. The Village kicked in about \$30,000 for design work and a modest aesthetics upgrade. We are also paying the approximate \$100,000 tab on the extension of our sidewalk to and from the bridge in order to get the bridge sidewalk paid for by others, too. The extension cost includes curbing and drainage improvements.

Bingham Farms is proud that it has not had to issue bonds to cover any of its capital improvement projects since the 1980s due to the prudence of your elected Village Councils over the past three decades and dedication of our lean Village staff. Our share of the above work is coming from cash on hand with the bulk allocated from Act 51 revenues we receive from the State.

Sincerely,  
 Jeffrey D. Modell, Esq.  
 Village President

## MOBILE WATCH NEWS

Fall-such a beautiful time of the year. We look forward to the beautiful fall colors and especially the completion of the bridge construction on 13 Mile Road.

Throughout the construction period Bingham Farms Mobile Watch (BFMW) members have remained diligent and dedicated to our patrols. Police and fire activity has remained exceptionally low for this entire year. I feel reasonably sure that our efforts have helped maintain this outstanding record.

In August we had our annual picnic honoring our dedicated police officers and firemen. It was great fun. Because of threatening weather we had to move our festivities indoors for the first time in our history. In spite of that minor inconvenience we did enjoy sharing fellowship with our new and seasoned public safety personnel. The food prepared by our members was outstanding and everyone had an enjoyable time.

We meet in the Bingham Woods Clubhouse the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. If you were ever wondering what Mobile Watch is all about, please come and join us. We are a great and fun group of folks and you will receive a valuable police report of the month's activities. It is a special opportunity to meet the reporting police officer and ask any question you may have regarding Bingham Farms safety issues.

Kathy Strettar  
 President  
 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 fire unattended.**



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

### MORE THAN 350 RESIDENTS HAVE 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.

## BALDWIN LIBRARY NAME TURNS 100

Join us at Baldwin on Sunday, October 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the naming of the Library in honor of Miss Martha Baldwin. There will be cake and refreshments, live music, and a "Getting to Know Martha Baldwin" presentation by local historian Diane Bert, PhD. Stay for events in every department of the Library, including the ribbon-cutting of the newly renovated Teen Scene.

Stop by Baldwin for a lecture about artist Marshall Frederick on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. Join Marilyn Wheaton, Director of the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum at Saginaw Valley State University, as she discusses the life and works of Marshall Fredericks, including his connections to the local area.

This year's Books & Bites will take place on Thursday, November 21, starting at 6 p.m. Proceeds from this event will support outreach services. Individual tickets are on sale now. Sponsorship opportunities are now available and include tickets to the event. See [www.baldwinlib.org/booksbites](http://www.baldwinlib.org/booksbites) for details.

Staying in town for Thanksgiving? Spend it at Baldwin! We'll be showing "Monsters University" on Friday, November 29 at 1:30p.m.



There will be a Thanksgiving Family Stories with Turkey Tales on Saturday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Finally, all weekend you can participate in Thanksgiving crafts and games in the Youth Room.

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

## 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](http://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 guesstimate 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 SOCRRRA at **248.288.5153** to make an appointment. **Appointments are required.**

The SOCRRRA 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 however are not. These paints should be dried and put out with regular trash.

A complete list of acceptable materials may be found on SOCRRRA'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. SOCRRRA's website has a complete listing of acceptable electronics.



## HOME OCCUPATIONS

It seems to be a growing trend today-people closing up shop and working from home instead. Most home occupations are quiet, single person endeavors. But the Village likes to keep tabs on exactly what types of home occupations are in the Village. So, there are a few rules and regulations that hopefully keep everyone happy, including neighbors.

Here are a few key requirements.



- An application must be completed stating the type of business, square footage and hours of operation.
- No person other than members of the family permanently residing on the premises shall be engaged in any aspect of a home occupation on such premises.
- No on-site product sales to the public is allowed.

Complete details may be found at [www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org). Click on "Code Book" and then search "Home Occupations".

Any questions, just call the village office at 248.644.0044.

## FIRE & POLICE NUMBERS

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

# Franklin Police Officers Association



## HOSTS COP & A CUP

@  
FARMHOUSE COFFEE & ICE CREAM

# October 20, 2013 12pm - 4pm

- Come have a free cup of coffee and meet Franklin's Finest.
- Mounted Unit will be available for questions and photos.
  - Police Vehicles will be on display.
- Limited Edition FPOA jackets and shirts will be available for purchase.

**Unable to attend but would still like to support??? Mail Donation to: Franklin Police Officers Association - PO BOX 250051, Franklin MI 48025.**

## RESTAURANTS ARE COMING

The Village has talked about having restaurants along Telegraph Road in its district. With all the challenges along the way, restaurants are set to open very shortly.

The outlot building just south of 13 Mile Rd. will house 4 tenants.

Q d o b a ,  opened on Sunday, September 29. Without much fanfare, the restaurant served about 50 people. A formal ribbon cutting will be held in mid October.

DiBella's Italian Sub shop will follow shortly. Their scheduled opening is around mid-October.

DiBella's currently has stores in Ann Arbor and Troy. 

The latest information we have is that Halo Burger will follow in the next few months.

There is one small vacant space

yet to be leased in this outlot building. Further south (30100 Telegraph) will be another outlot building currently under construction.

Noodles and Jimmy Johns have leased the space and are set to open around Thanksgiving.

A Business Task Force (made up of representatives from the Village, the Village Planner and business owners) keyed in on issues that hurt the Village in the competitive office district environment. One of the major concerns was the lack of restaurants in walkable distance.

A developer approached the Village several years ago with the concept of outlot buildings for eating establishments.

Since then, the Village has approved, via a special land use, these outlot buildings.

The business community has been patiently waiting ever since.

## 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 the public roads, when necessary, to make travel less challenging. However, this is Michigan. Conditions can change in a matter of hours. Drive with care.



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT BASCC

Active adults 50+ can enjoy the benefits of mind and body exercise at the Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council BASCC). The facility is open to anyone residing in Bingham Farms and surrounding communities.

Stop by anytime Monday thru Friday, between 9 am and 4 pm at 2121 Midvale, Birmingham (near Seaholm High School) or visit our website [www.bascc.org](http://www.bascc.org) for a complete listing of offerings.

Here's a small sampling of the many programs BASCC offers.

**What's It Worth**  
**Saturday, November 9 from 10 am to 3 pm**

Find out if that Antique is worth as much as you suspect! Gary Wachler from Wachler Estate Collection and antique dealer Joe Del of Del Guidice Antiques



and Estate Jewelry Guidice will be at BASCC to appraise your items. They will appraise for purchase: jewelry, silver, gold, diamonds, antiques, artworks, memorabilia and coins. Call the BASCC Office for an appointment (248) 203-5270, or drop in.

**The Basics of Digital Photography**  
**Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30 am**

For beginner and intermediate level digital camera users.



**What does the future of BASCC hold**  
**Wednesday, October 9 at 1 pm**

Learn all about what may be in store for BASCC in the future. Also, learn what you can do to help move these exciting plans forward to best serve the growing senior population in our communities!

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# Keeping Seniors ON THE MOVE!



Birmingham Area Seniors  
Coordinating Council

2121 Midvale Street,  
Birmingham, MI 48009

[www.bascc.org](http://www.bascc.org)  
[info@bascc.org](mailto:info@bascc.org)

*A non-profit organization  
that provides programs  
and supportive services to  
adults 50+ in the community.*



## **FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BODY, MIND AND SOUL**

Join one of the many classes or leagues offered at the senior center. Offerings include: Agebusters workout, stability ball, chair and mat yoga, pickleball, tai chi, or golf, tennis, volleyball and bowling leagues.



## **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS**

The loan closet contains wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, bath benches and shower stools available for short term use. Stop by the center or call to check current equipment availability.



## **INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES**

General geriatric counseling, housing and in-home health care options, the Meals-on-Wheels program and prescription coverage options are just a few of the services available to seniors and their family members through the Outreach Department.

**Stop by BASCC to sign up, or call (248) 203-5270 to schedule a personal tour.**

## 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 non-profit organization committed to cleaning up the Rouge River and improving its habitat.



Coming up on Oct. 12th is a canoe trip down the lower Rouge River, paddling from Wayne Rd. to Inkster. It starts at 10 a.m. For more information log on to the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

Coming up on October 19th 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 5th 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 3rd 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](http://www.therouge.org) or call 313.792.9621.

## FALSE FIRE ALARMS ON THE RISE

Recently, the Village Council addressed a trend in the uptick of false fire alarms, both residential and commercial, as well as the cost to respond.

Fire false alarms are totally different than a police false alarm. When the fire department receives an alarm, fire fighters respond with heavy equipment.

The fire department is staffed with volunteers. These volunteers have other jobs and often leave these jobs to assist Bingham Farms residents. For that we are most grateful.



However, there are times when firefighters show up to what ends up being a false alarm or an alarm that did not necessitate a 9-1-1 call.

To more accurately reflect the cost of responding to non-emergency calls, the Council has enacted new fees.

For residential, there will be 1 no-charge false alarm per year. A 2nd false alarm will incur an \$87.50 fee and go up from there.

For commercial there will be 1 no charge false alarm per year but a \$175 fee for the next and go up from there.

If you do have an emergency, of course dial 9-1-1.

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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.

### BASCC Programs Cont. from Pg. 6

**Mail Merge Class**  
Turn your Holiday card list into mailing labels  
**Thursday, November 14, 1-3 pm OR Thursday, November 21, 1-3 pm**  
Learn how to make labels using Microsoft Excel & Word (Mail Merge). Class prerequisite: proficiency in both Microsoft Excel and Word.

**Holiday Shopping At BASCC**  
**Monday, November 18**  
**9:30 am- 3 pm**  
Get a head start on your holiday shopping at BASCC. \$8 faux jewelry, accessories, scarves and \$10 fashion watches plus Hand knitted items and pottery. A portion of the proceeds go to BASCC.

**Chair Yoga**  
**Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 2:30 pm**  
Cost: 10 classes for \$50 members / \$60 non-members

**Gentle Mat Yoga**  
**Mondays, 2:30 to 3:30 pm**  
Cost: 10 classes for \$50 members / \$60 non-members

**Computer Instruction**  
One-on-one computer and MAC plus iPad, iPhone or Kindlefire training. Call or stop by the BASCC office to prepay. \$20 for 5 lessons or \$5 for one lesson.

**LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL WITH REGULAR RUBBISH PICK UP THROUGH JANUARY 9th**

**SIGN UP FOR EMAIL BLASTS**  
[www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org)  
**Click on STAY INFORMED at bottom of Home Page**

# MANY FACETS TO BUILDING A BRIDGE



# **LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS**

**Date:** Thursday, October 10, 2013

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

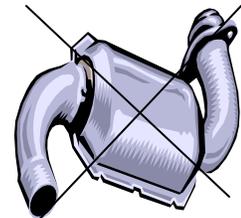
## **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- 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 3rd**. 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 3rd**.



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 an 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 10/27 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

**74th Annual Birmingham Pumpkin Patch & Halloween Parade** Oct. 20 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 Market" Shain Park** 11/30 - 12/2

### Franklin

**Farmers' Market - Downtown** Saturdays thru 10/27 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 28 & 29**  
**- December 23 - January 1**

**Southfield Twp. - November 28 & 29**  
**- December 24-26**  
**- December 31 - January 1**

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

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