



# THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Fall, 2014

## ***NATIONAL ELECTIONS SET FOR NOVEMBER 4TH***

Here come the mid-term elections where Michigan voters will select their candidates for the following national and state offices.

### **National Elections**

#### **Governor**

Rick Snyder (R)  
Mark Schauer (D)

#### **U.S. Senate**

Terry Lynn Land (R)  
Gary Peters (D)

#### **U.S. Representative (9th District)**

George Brikho (R)  
Sander Levin (D)

### **State Elections**

#### **Senator (14th District)**

David B. Robertson (R)  
Bobbie Walton (D)

#### **State Representative (35th Dist.)**

Robert Brim (R)  
Jeremy Moss (D)

#### **County Commissioners (14th Dist.)**

Bill Dwyer (R)  
Gerald Sckinner (D)

Bingham Farms residents vote at Bingham Farms Elementary School on Thirteen Mile Rd.

For new residents, the last day to register to vote in the November election is October 6, 2014.

If you need an absentee ballot, contact Southfield Township at 248.540.3429.

## ***LOCAL ELECTIONS ON TAP TOO***

Due to changes in State Law, Village elections are now held in conjunction with national and state elections in even-number years.

Due to the resignations of a few elected trustees, appointments were made by Council. Some of these appointments were for partial terms.

The following candidates are on the ballot.

#### **President - (4-year term)**

Jeffrey Modell

#### **Trustees - (4-year term) (vote for 3)**

Mel Ettenson  
Jeff Douville  
Open

#### **Trustee - (2-year term) (vote for 2)**

Carl Grenadier  
Larry Freedman

## ***LARGE ITEM PICK UP SCHEDULED***

It's here again. The Village's semi-annual large item pick up will take place on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

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.

DTE now offers appliance recycling of old WORKING refrigerators and freezers. They recycle 95% of these old units and that's good for the environment.

If you meet certain requirements, you could a check too. To find out more call DTE at 1.866.796.0512

There are also 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 take.

If you aren't sure whether an item is acceptable, call Car Trucking at 586.791.8480.

Please note that there is one trustee seat with no candidate. A resident interested in running could enter as a write-in candidate. Just fill out the form "Declaration of Intent" and then spread the word that you are running for that seat. The deadline for submission of the form is 4:00 p.m. on **October 24, 2014**. The form is to be submitted to the Southfield Twp. Clerk at 18550 W. Thirteen Mile Rd.

For more information, contact Village Clerk Kathy Hagaman at 248.644.0044.

### ***VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS***

October 27  
November 24  
December 15

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. For the first time in many years, a dead bird has been tested with the West Nile Virus. So it's still important to take precautions that will limit the number of human infections.

So far this year there have been no human cases reported in Oakland County.

For all of 2013, there were 36 human cases reported in Michigan with 4 in Oakland County. It's better than 2012 when 23 cases were reported 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).

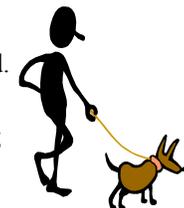
## DOG RULES

Every now and then it's important to remind folks about the rules for keeping your dog safe and neighbors happy.

First and foremost, all dogs must be licensed. Licenses may be obtained at Southfield Township located at 18550 Thirteen Mile Rd., part of the Beverly Hills municipal complex.

The Village allows 2 dogs per household.

Dog runs are allowed under the following conditions:



- \*They meet the setback requirements of the Village

- \*They do not exceed 250 sq. ft.

- \*Are not more than 4-feet in height.

Invisible fences are allowed. When installed in a front yard, Village Council approval is required.

A common complaint is barking dogs. If a dog is tethered outside, keep an ear out for incessant barking. While you may not hear Fido from inside your home, it does not mean he's being quiet. There are some residents who cannot step out into their backyard without neighbors' dogs barking.

When walking your dog, make sure he stays under your control. It is not uncommon to see a dog walking its owner. If that dog gets away and hurts another person, the responsibility is the owners'.

One other issue involves people not picking up after their dogs during a walk. Here's the latest complaint. Dog owners will pick up after their dog, place the contents in a blue bag or plastic bag and then leave it on another property. It is not the responsibility of another homeowner to dispose of your dog's poop.

A little bit of consideration will go a long way to maintaining happy neighbors.

### 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

Last winter was brutal but the storm in early September was incredibly destructive. Massive healthy trees were uprooted, crashing across the roads and pulling down electrical wires, cable service wires and even utility poles. According to DTE it was the sixth largest power outage in its history with more than 360,000 people without electricity.

I want to thank both our police and fire departments for an extraordinary job. Their coordination and dedication was excellent, including rapid response to secure critical areas with downed power lines and implement safe road closures. The emergency effort required sharing information with DTE, coordinated planning, mobilizing 30 of our volunteer firefighters, recalling back off-duty police officers, and constant interdepartmental communication. This is what it took to keep Bingham Farms and Franklin safe.

Many residents of Bingham Farms have generators. While the power outage was unpleasant for those of us

still dependent on the DTE grid, at least the Village has city water and gravity sewers. Homeowners in communities that have chosen not to fund these infrastructure improvements (i.e. who rely on electrically operated wells and pressure sewers) were in even worse shape.

Weather has become more extreme and erratic and the electrical grid has not aged well. The Village Council is working to find out DTE's plans to help prevent future outages but has no influence on DTE's behavior. Residents who feel DTE must do more are advised to contact the Michigan Public Service Commission (telephone 1-800-292-9555) and, if the MPSC fails to respond adequately, the Governor.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey D. Modell, Esq.  
Village President

## FROM THE POLICE CHIEF

Please be advised that we have had several complaints recently of solicitors operating in both Franklin and Bingham Farms.

Only solicitors with authorized permits from the Villages are allowed to sell goods or services door-to-door in our community.

Feel free to contact the police department if you have a solicitor come to your door, and we'll send an officer out to make sure they have the appropriate permit.

You should also be aware that religious organizations and/or not-for-profit groups **DO NOT** require a permit to solicit in our Villages, as Federal law affords those organizations the right to make contact with all citizens.

Should you be concerned about a solicitor of any kind, please contact the police department at (248) 626-5444 and an officer will be dispatched to investigate.

Thank you.  
Chief Dan Roberts

## BE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT POWER OUTAGE

It seems Bingham Farms and some of our surrounding areas are the target areas for power outages. Parts of Bingham Farms have lost power four times since April.

It is imperative for every person to call in to DTE and report their outage. The more calls they receive, the better idea they have of the extent of the outage. Do Not assume your neighbor has called it in. Everyone should. The number is **800-477-4747** or via computer at **dteenergy.com** and click on Report Power Outage.

Here are some helpful hints to make sure you are ready for the next outage.

- ♦ Check the batteries in all your

- flashlights to make sure they work.
- ♦ If you have portable generators, make sure they are in good condition and ready to be fired up. Place them in an open area so no carbon monoxide enters your home
- ♦ Have at least a 3-day supply of water in case there is an interruption
- ♦ Disconnect your major appliances so they won't succumb to a power surge when the power returns.

This last storm created many dangerous situations in several areas of the Village. The weather folks say a lot of the damage was caused by a microburst, a downdraft in a thunderstorm. These can cause as much damage as a tornado.

Our police and fire departments are extremely busy during power outag-

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

es. Please do not call them to find out when the power will be back on. They have no more information than anyone else.

REMEMBER!  
Everyone call in your power outage at **800-477-4747**



## NEWS FOR NEW RESIDENTS

For new residents, there's a substantial learning curve as to the do's and don'ts per Village ordinance. The following gives a sneakpeek of what you should know.

**Home Renovations** - any change to the outside of the house usually requires approval from the Design Review Board.

**Permits** are required for electrical and plumbing as well as roofing. The City of Southfield Building Department issues these permits along with roofing permits. This is per an agreement between the Village and the City of Southfield.

**Driveways** - any driveway work requires a permit from the Village. This is for new driveways, repair work and sealcoating. If you are putting in a new driveway or extending an existing one, please remember driveways cannot exceed 12-feet in width.

It is always best to check in with the Village office to avoid delays in

projects. A simple call can save you time and money.

### Signs

Contractor signs ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Political Signs are allowed on residential properties. They must be removed within 5 days after the election.

### Recycling

The Village contracts with SOCRRA (Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority) to handle the Village's Recycling materials and Household Hazardous Waste. The facility is located on Coolidge Rd. in Royal Oak. It is between 14 Mile & Maple Rd. See more recycling news on Pg. 7.

### Rubbish Pick Up

Rubbish pick up is on Thursdays. Have trash cans at the road by 7:00 a.m.

### Email Blast

The Village uses an email blast system to inform residents of important news. Go to the Village website at [www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org) and click on the Stay Informed icon at the bottom of the homepage.

### Tree & Woodland Protection

The Village has a Tree and Woodland Protection ordinance. Consult the Ordinance (it's online). Any questions, call the Village office at 248.644.0044

### Mobile Watch

Members of Mobile Watch routinely tour the Village roads looking for anything "unusual". All residents are invited to join. Mobile Watch meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Mobile Watch meets in the Clubhouse of Bingham Woods Condos.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW LADDER TRUCK

It's snazzy. It's top of the line tech. And it belongs to our own Franklin Bingham Fire Department.

Chief Tony Averbuch took possession of this incredible truck in July and his firemen have been training on it since. That's because there's lots to learn.

The new truck is 11 feet tall and 40 feet long with a 100 foot aerial ladder. It can hold 600 gallons of water and con-

tains 2000 feet of hose. Therefore, this truck can handle both incidents in the commercial buildings and residential homes in Bingham Farms and carry a substantial amount of water to handle incidents in Franklin, which does not have city water.

The truck itself cost \$917,000 with an additional \$115,000 in equipment. Hopefully, this truck will hold up

for 26 years like the last one did.

The fire department will be showing the new vehicle at upcoming community events.

**Stop by and take a look. It's kinda hard to miss!**



## BALDWIN LIBRARY EVENTS

This fall the Baldwin Public Library is launching a new Special Needs Collection. This collection includes new items for check-out such as toys and manipulatives for children with learning and developmental disabilities, books designed for teens that have a hard time reading, and a magnifying collection for those with low vision.

There will also be new services in the library including adaptive technologies at computers and screen-reading software. Initial funding for this collection was provided by the 2013 Books & Bites Fundraiser.

The Library is also celebrating Shakespeare's 450th birthday this fall with programs for both children and adults.

Upcoming adult events include Jim Glenn Presents William Shakespeare: His Life, Times, and Work on

**Sunday, November 2 at 2:00 p.m.** and Shakespeare in Detroit (SiD) Theater Company on Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 p.m.



For children we are offering a special Saturday at the Library Program: Music of Shakespeare's Time presented by A Reasonable Facsimile on Saturday, November 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Library programs can be found on the library calendar at [calendar.baldwinlib.org](http://calendar.baldwinlib.org). Baldwin provides priority registration for Library programs to residents of Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Bloomfield Hills.

## 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

**BASCC, your senior center for programs, services, and FUN, is located at 2121 Midvale in Birmingham. Contact us at 248.203.5270 or at [bascc.org](http://bascc.org) to schedule a tour, find out more information on our exciting programs and events, how to become a member, or to learn about all the services we have to offer the 50 and over community. And remember - BASCC is *your* senior center!**

**Birmingham's Antique Appraisal - Buy Event**

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am - 3:00pm**

Is that antique you have worth as much as you suspect? Gary Wachler from Wachler Estate Collection and antique dealer, Joe Del Guidice of Del Guidice Antiques and Estate Jewelry can tell you what it's



worth. They will be on hand at BASCC for Birmingham's premier antique appraisal and buy event. They appraise for purchase: jewelry, precious metals, gems, antiques, artwork, memorabilia, coins, and more. So, bring in that lamp from Great Aunt Sophie, or that charming little objet d'art you found at a yard sale, and find out - **What's it Worth?**

**Holiday Shopping @ BASCC Monday, November 17 from 9:30am to 3:00pm**

**Jewelry & More Sale:** With their colorful fall scarves, their always popular \$8 jewelry, attractive accessories and fashion watches, Kay and Bill Kline return to BASCC to sell their most popular items at even more popular prices. A portion of proceeds donated to BASCC.

**Hand-Knitted Items:** The totally tal-  
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## SEVERAL ROUGE FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES ON TAP

Friends of the Rouge is a volunteer non-profit organization committed to cleaning up the Rouge River and improving its habitat.

Many of their activities



help the Village meet its obligations under the Stormwater Permit issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

As a non-profit, Friends of the Rouge holds several fun fundraising events. Here's what's on tap for the remainder of 2014.

Coming up on **Saturday, Oct. 11th** is a canoe trip down the lower Rouge River, paddling from Wayne Rd. to Inkster. It starts at 11 a.m. For more information log on to the Rouge website at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

**On Saturday, November 15th** is Explore the Rouge: at Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland. From Noon—1:30 p.m.

And on **Saturday, December 13th** Snowshoe at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. A naturalist from the Farmington Hills Nature Center will lead the way. There will be limited snowshoe rentals available. If no snow, it will turn into a hike.

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.

## SOUTHFIELD TWP. LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

Did you vote in person for the August primaries? Those folks behind the tables who processed your paperwork and handed you a ballot are trained election workers.



Unfortunately, many of the past workers have retired due to age. One of the oldest was in her 90s.

Southfield Township has to replace these diehards. Clerk Tischler is putting out the call for new workers. There is training involved, but it's not that difficult.

Are you up for a new challenge? Have some spare time? There is time to put your name in for the November election.

It's a long day but without dedicated folks, our election process will take a hit.

For more information, call Clerk Sharon Tischler at 248.540.3420.

## COME JOIN THE VILLAGE MOBILE WATCH New members always welcome.

Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Bingham Woods Clubhouse located at 30760 River Crossing.

Hear a valuable police report of the month's activities. Meet the reporting police officer and ask any question you may have.

## BASCC Cont. from Pg. 4

ented "Monday Morning Knitters," from BASCC sell their beautiful, one of a kind, hand-knit and crocheted items. All proceeds go to BASCC.

**Pottery:** BASCC's gifted potters sell some of their most unique and inspired pieces created during their weekly studio sessions. *All proceeds go to BASCC*

**Christmas at the Greenbrier Resort Thursday, November 20 – Sunday, November 23**  
Cost: \$999 Double/ \$939 Triple/ \$1279 Single

The exquisite **Greenbrier Resort**, widely recognized as one of the finest luxury resorts in the world, is even more special during the holiday season. On this amazing getaway, first travel to Wheeling, West Virginia, home of the **Oglebay Winter Festival of Lights**, the nation's largest holiday light show.

Next, travel to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and stay overnight at the Greenbrier Resort, a National Historic Landmark. Take the famous Greenbrier Bunker tour, enjoy afternoon tea and a world class dinner. Then you will depart for the horse capital of the world, Lexington, Kentucky to view the **Southern Lights** exhibit at the **Kentucky Horse Park**.

**Evenings at BASCC**  
**Nighttime is the Right Time at BASCC**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday nights until 8:00pm**

If you have not stopped by BASCC in the evening you have missed out on great lectures with renowned speakers, classic and new critically acclaimed films, Pickleball and so much more. Go to [bascc.org](http://bascc.org) or stop by the BASCC office to find out all the great events and classes that take place at BASCC in the evening. Now offering Gentle Flow Mat Yoga, and coming soon Zumba!

Log on to the BASCC website at [www.bascc.org](http://www.bascc.org) for more info.

**SIGN UP FOR  
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## FIRST EVER VILLAGE WIDE CLEANUP A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

What a perfect day for the inaugural Bingham Farms Village Wide Clean Up. The turnout was good, but the enthusiasm was fantastic.

After a short get-together at the village offices, the forces spread out and tackled public areas, picking up litter, storm debris and clearing out areas where others just dumped their yard debris.

The grow zone at 14 Mile and Bingham Lane got a long-needed weeding. The soil was tilled and new plants replaced those which the deer feasted upon.

Four people ventured down

behind a guardrail on the north end of the Village and pulled out large limbs. Even a few tumbles did not stop them. That area looks fantastic.

Timber Trail was another area that required a lot of attention. Limbs and branches were pulled out and the ditches on the side of the road were raked.

The south end of Bingham Road was cleaned up and the Thirteen Mile Rd. bridge got a long needed sweeping.

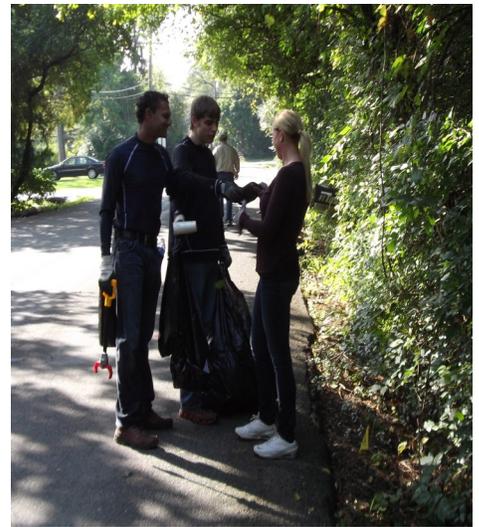
Neighbors shared equipment. One actually brought a huge blower to

clean the bridge sidewalk.

No job was too big or too small for these adventurous folks.

And after it was all over, many were asking when the next clean up would be. Right now, it looks like there will be enough interest to do one in the spring. If you weren't able to make this clean up, join us in the spring. It was a great time to meet and greet people you saw in passing. And of course, if you see litter when you are walking, pick it up. It will keep the Village beautiful year round.

The Village will notify residents when the next big clean up will be.

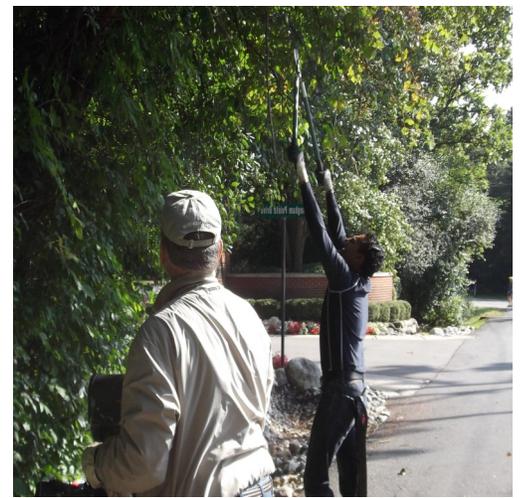


## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED

The Julian Family  
The Juernigan Family  
The Corera Family  
The Patel Family  
The Crimmins Family  
The Hagaman Family  
Larry & Jan Freedman  
Jeff & Chiara Douville

Jim & Merry Beth Valiquett  
Susan Ulferts  
Bill Burnett  
David Burnett  
Nat Towle  
Judy Hicks





## RECYCLING NEWS

There are actually two ways for residents to recycle.

### Roadside Pick Up

Roadside Pick Up is a weekly service provided by the Village.

Residents place recyclables in a bin. Items do not have to be separated as the hauler separates items at the street.

Acceptable materials are:

- Most plastic
- Glass Bottles including green glass wine bottles
- Aluminum Cans
- Magazines
- Hard Cover & Paperback books
- Phone Books
- Newspapers

**Drop Off Recycling - 995 Coolidge Rd., Royal Oak, MI (across from**

**Meijer's. Here's what they take:**

### Scrap Metals

- Metal lawn chairs
- Metal Pipes
- Microwaves
- Metal & Screen Doors

### Fiber

All paper, paperboard and cardboard (including corrugated cardboard)

Self Serve Large Capacity Paper Shredding—remove paper clips  
No hard binders

### Hazardous Waste

Call for an appointment 248.288.5153 or go online at [socrra.org](http://socrra.org)

Empty propane tanks  
Lawn fertilizers  
Motor Oil

Oil based paints and stains  
Fertilizers

### LATEX PAINT IS NOT A HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCT.

Simply dry out the paint or use kitty litter to soak up the paint. Then place the open can beside your trash can for regular disposal.

**Styrofoam** is not a recyclable product. Cut into pieces and use as fill when mailing packages. Otherwise throw it into the regular trash.

For more information, log on to the [SOCRRA](http://www.socrra.org) website at

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

## ALL FENCES NEED APPROVAL

Any type of fence needs approval from the Village Council. The Village was established as an open, natural landscape community.

Fences are approved if there is a pool. Dog runs, not to exceed 250 sq. ft., are allowed but also must be approved.



One of the problems the Village encounters on a pretty regular basis is making sure fences are maintained. Split rail fences are most difficult due to the number of deer that peruse the area. Often many of the railings are knocked down as the deer jump over the fence.

**ELECTION DAY  
TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 4TH  
VOTE AT  
BINGHAM FARMS  
SCHOOL**

**LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE  
DISPOSAL  
WITH REGULAR RUBBISH  
PICK UP  
THROUGH  
JANUARY 8th**

### 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.

## **LARGE ITEM PICK UP REGULATIONS**

**Date:** Thursday, October 2, 2014

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

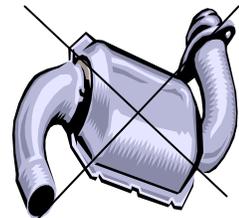
### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- 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.

# REINVENTING RETIREMENT

achieving financial security to last a lifetime

## Save the date!

### You are invited to attend

#### *Reinventing Retirement: achieving financial security to last a lifetime*

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- When:** Monday, October 20, 2014  
8:30am – 2:00pm
- What:** A free event filled with useful resources, tools, and presentations, including: a series of special guest speakers, informative workshops (both pre- and post- retirement topics addressed), confidential 1-on-1 financial check-ups, free breakfast and lunch, resource fair information booths, and all participants will receive a complimentary 100 page *Reinventing Retirement Toolkit* of resources. Everything provided at no cost to you.
- Note: everything provided is non-commercial = NO SALES PITCHES.
- Where:** Michigan State University Management Education Center  
811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy, MI 48098
- Note: there will be several other satellite events taking place at the same time across the state. Specific locations are not yet confirmed. Stay tuned!
- Who:** Michigan consumers, ages 50 and greater, who are themselves approaching retirement, recently retired or have been retired for years. This event is also perfect for those individuals who have responsibility for the financial affairs of an elderly loved one.
- From:** Brought to you by the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS), in collaboration with the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA), Michigan Licensing & Regulatory Affairs (LARA), and numerous other financial and community organizations around the state.
- Attendance:** Attendance is free. Registration is requested. Call toll-free: 1-877-999-6442
- More Info:** [www.Michigan.gov/DIFS](http://www.Michigan.gov/DIFS)

## 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 2nd**. 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 2nd**.



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 10/17 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. 19 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Community House. Little ghouls and goblins take part in the parade.

**Baldwin Library Book Sale** - Nov. 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Shain Park** Nov. 26 6:00 p.m.  
**Santa House Shain Park** 11/21 - 12/24

**"Winter Market" Shain Park** 12/5-12/7

### Franklin

**Cider Mill - Franklin Rd. & Fourteen Mile**  
Open until November 30 Weekdays - 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Weekends - 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

### MUNICIPAL OFFICE

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Bingham Farms - November 27 & 28  
- December 24 - January 1**

**Southfield Twp. - November 27 & 28  
- December 24-26  
- December 31 - January 1**

**Both offices reopen January 2, 2015.**

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