



THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Summer, 2014

Master Plan Review Underway Resident Input Needed

The Planning Commission is working on a review of the Village's long-range Master Plan. This occurs every five years to allow for recent economic and demographic changes.

A major question is what can the Village do to continue to manage and guide development and redevelopment based on changes that happen inside as well as outside the Village's borders?

Public input in the planning process is crucial to building consensus and buy-in from community stakeholders. As the Village considers demographic changes that show its population is aging, the Planning Commission wants to know if current residents plan on staying

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in the community, and if so, what would be their ideal type of housing? How should redevelopment occur in the Vil-

lage to accommodate older residents as well as attract younger residents and families? What should the Telegraph Road corridor look like and how it should function in the future?

Clearzoning, Inc., the Village's Planning Consultants, is asking the community to provide input via a survey that will contribute to building community consensus and strengthening the community's sense of place.

The link to the online survey is available from the Village website:



www.binghamfarms.org. Hard copies of the survey are available at the Village offices, which are located at

24255 Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 190. The deadline for completing the survey is July 18, 2014.

The Planning Commission also invites the public to attend a special planning workshop on Tuesday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. The workshop will feature graphic displays and hands-on exercises to actively engage residents in the planning process. This meeting will be held at the Birmingham Public Schools Administration building located at Groves High School. (corner of Thirteen Mile &

UPCOMING VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS

7:30 p.m.

Village Election Coming in November

This year the Village local elections will be held in November and be on the same ballot as state and national offices. State law, passed in 2012 mandated this change.

Six of the seven positions on Council will be on the ballot. This is due to appointments made to fill vacant seats over the last several years.

At this time, the following candidates are expected to seek re-election.

- Jeffrey Modell - President - 4-year term
- Mel Ettenson - Trustee 4-year term
- Jeff Douville - Trustee - 4-year term
- Larry Freedman - Trustee - 2-year tem
- Carl Grenadier - Trustee - 2-

year term.

The only trustee not on the ballot is Dorothy Warren whose position will be on the 2016 ballot.

Mel Ettenson is currently President Pro-Tem and first came on Council in January, 1994.

Jeffrey Douville was appointed in September 2013 to fill the vacancy created when Don Ketai resigned.

Larry Freedman was appointed to Council in August 2012 to fill a vacancy when Delores Tripp was appointed by Council to become President to fill the vacancy created by the passing of David Leckie.

Carl Grenadier was appointed in November 2012 to fill the vacancy when Jeffrey Modell was appointed to fill the President's seat after Mrs. Tripp

resigned.

These positions are volunteer positions filled by individuals who want to lend their expertise to keep the Village in a fiscally sound position and maintain its natural assets.

As of this point in time, there is one position that has no candidate. Rodger Kesley, who has been serving the Village since 1999, has decided it might be time to give someone else a chance to serve. Rodger served on the Planning Commission from 1995 to 2005 and then was appointed to Council in September of 2005.

If you are interested in running for this open seat, give the Village office a call at 248.644.0044.

BASCC Your Senior Center

BASCC, your Senior Center is the place to be for programs, services and FUN, all summer long.

BASCC ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC

Tuesday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$8

Register by Thursday, Aug. 14

Join us for BASCC's annual bash in the courtyard! Enjoy a Franks Anatra hot dog, cold pop, and ice cream while enjoying the ragtime, boogie and blues stylings of **Mathew Ball, The Boogie Woogie Kid.**

Getting the Most for Your Auto Repair Dollar

Wednesday, July 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Members - free / Non-members \$5

Where should you take your vehicle for service - the dealer or an independent shop? What repairs **MUST** you have done and at what mileage should you be having them done? The answers to these questions could have a big impact on how much you spend on auto repair. **Dick Laimbeer**, with 40 years in the aftermarket auto experience, will answer these questions and more. Bring your owner's manual.

Who Should You Trust?

Wednesday, August 6 at 1:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

Cost: Free

The State Bar of Michigan seminar, "**A Living Trust Education Initiative: Who Should You Trust? Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes**". Attend this seminar to learn who you can and can't trust to assist you in avoiding estate planning mistakes and how to avoid common scams.

Ask the Pharmacist

Wednesday, July 16 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Cost: Members-free / Non members \$5

Pharmacists from Rite Aid will be at BASCC to go over all your medications and answer any questions you may have about dosage, interactions or anything else relating to medications you may want to know. Blood Pressure and BMI tests will also be available.

Pickleball

Monday and Thursday 12:15

Tuesday & Wednesday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Cost: Members - free / Non-members \$5

SAVE THE DATE! The Senior Expo and Flu Shot Clinic returns Tuesday, September 23 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **The Visiting Nurses Association** will be on hand to administer the shots - most insurances accepted.

Don't Feed the Deer

Cute to look at, but not when they're feasting on your hostas and other flowers. The Village receives complaints constantly, but there's not much the Village can do. Because we are in a populated area, it is not safe to cull the growing herds.

Making the matter worse, some neighbors are actually feeding the deer. That is not a recommended activity for several reasons.

- Deer need to keep their foraging skills. This is how they survive.
- Having food out for them just draws more deer into the area.



There are a few products on the market that might detract the deer from eating your plants, products like Liquid Fence or Deer Off among others. One of the drawbacks for these products is that one has to rotate with different spray products because deer and rabbits will get used to the scent.

There's a fairly new product out called "Deerskyd" which is supposed to last longer.

No matter what, please don't feed the deer.

Fire Dept. Annual Meeting Set

Every resident in Bingham Farms is invited to attend the Franklin/Bingham Farms Volunteer Fire Dept. Annual Meeting.

It's set for Monday, August 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Fire Department, located at 32707 Franklin Road, right next to the gas station.



It might be the perfect time to explore downtown Franklin too.

The President's Corner ***Jeffrey D. Modell Esq.***

I would like to focus on our fire department (the Franklin-Bingham Fire Department) and the incredible work they do each and every day, 24 hours a day. They not only respond to fire and emergency medical calls, but also work in conjunction with 33 other Oakland County departments to assist with hazardous materials incidents and other major incident response management. We, in turn, receive assistance when needed from our partners.

The fire department is located on Franklin Road, just south of 14 Mile, and has been there since 1959. Its resources include 2 rescue trucks, 1 pumper truck, 2 pumper tankers, and soon to be a 100' aerial fire truck. This truck replaces our recently retired 63' aerial quint.

A majority of our firefighters hold full time jobs elsewhere and still make time to volunteer to keep the residents of both villages safe. They total 35 in number. It's a rigorous training schedule to become a firefighter: candidates must complete a six month part time fire academy, a three month basic emergency medical technician academy, and a six month minimum probationary period within the department. Every member of the fire department takes pride in being ready and able to assist in times of need.

The firefighters who scored multiple months as a "Top Ten Respond-

er" include: Kelly, Rubin, Croyle, Longworth, Ullman, Valdez, Johnson, Maclean, Imlay, Adams, Kitzens and Captain Kelly.

Each month Fire Chief Averbuch provides the Village Council with statistics on the number of runs made. These include both Bingham Farms and Franklin. In the first 5 months of this year, the Fire Dept. made 235 runs. That's just under 50 runs a month. The average run time was 4 minutes from the time the call came in to when fire personnel arrived on the scene. These incidents can include anything from traffic accidents, fires, medical assists, to Haz Mat and downed power lines.

Just this past April police and fire personnel responded to the downed power line that fell across Telegraph Rd. This situation lasted from 9 p.m. at night to 10 a.m. the next morning before DTE crews finally removed the downed live wire. The dedication of our public safety team was exemplary. DTE failed to send personnel who could secure the scene, failed to timely respond despite priority channel notice (resulting in accidents and injury), and refused to reimburse either the police or fire departments for personnel and equipment!

Chief Averbuch and our other fire fighters do an outstanding job. I, for one, am grateful.

Bingham Farms Fire Rating Improves

After an exhausted review of our fire fighting capability, the Village of Bingham Farms fire rating is now at a 4. For a Village this size, this is the best.

Why is this rating important? It can help lower your house insurance premiums. But that depends on the individual insurance carrier. Each insurance company independently determines the premiums it charges its policyholders and they can use this ISO rating along with other factors such as the company's fire-loss experience, ratemaking methodology, underwriting guidelines, and its mar-

keting strategy.

So, give your insurance company a call to see if this new rating will have an impact on your insurance rate.

Another benefit is that this helps our fire department also. This survey provides baseline information that shows the relative level of fire protection available.

It's great to know that the Franklin Bingham Fire Department to upgrade its equipment and train their personnel to give us great service.

We Are "At It" Again

It seems like there is always a challenger for us; sometimes one that prompts us to set difficult goals for ourselves. This year, it was to make more Village tours this year than ever before. But we are fortunate that our membership is growing. Two new members have joined this past month alone.

The good news is that with a growing membership, we might have a shot at a new record. Of course, membership makes the difference and if each will take an additional tour or so, we may make it. Time will tell.

In any case, we are having a good time and we will know later this year if a new record is possible. You can join us just by being a guest at a monthly meeting which takes place on the first Wednesday of the month at the Bingham Woods clubhouse. It starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.

We have a management change this month. Our President, Kathy Strettar, has moved out of the village to an apartment further north on Telegraph. We will miss her and the very good job she did in that position.

Dick Holloway has resumed the job as President until the elections in November. If you are interested, there's an opportunity for you. We have a great group of people. At each meeting we have coffee and a treat and you will be home by 9.

Wish us luck setting a new record!

***SIGN UP FOR
VILLAGE EMAIL BLASTS***
***Go to
www.binghamfarms.org
Click on
Stay Informed icon***

Youth Group To Solicit

Once again this summer, a group of young people from the Michigan Conference of Seventh Day Adventists will be in Bingham Farms doing “door-to-door missionary work” in the months of July and August.

They will be asking to place Christian literature in each home that will accept it and enable residents to give a donation to help further their missionary training.

Religious ministries such as this group are protected by the First Amendment, but are subject to soliciting during reasonable times and under reasonable restrictions. They must, however, obey any “No Solicitation” signs visible from the main door of a private residence.

As required by Village ordinance, this organization has registered with the Village and the police department. As such, they have fulfilled all the requirements necessary to “solicit” in the Village.

When To Pull A Permit?

It’s great to see all the activity in the Village with people working on landscaping, or making changes to the exterior of their home.

Much of the work property owners undertake probably does not require a permit. However, any changes to the exterior of the home may need not only a permit, but approval from the Village.



New roofs and additions, need permits. Additions also need approval from the Village’s Design Review Board. Major landscaping and even fences may also need Village approval.

Before undertaking any projects, give the Village office a call 248.644.0044. It could save you time and money.

A Bit About Birdfeeders

Birdfeeders. They’re fun to have. It’s enjoyable to see the birds fly over and peck at the bird seed.

However, there’s actually a downside to these feeders. They are a draw for various animals. It’s kind of like the food chain.

The birds eat the seeds. But they’re messy creatures and a lot of that seed drops to the ground.



This attracts other small animals such as squirrels and rabbits. It’s easy pickins for them.

Now those small guys are an attraction for larger prey like coyotes.

This doesn’t mean people should stop feeding birds..just think about the location and size of the bird feeders.

With the growing population of wildlife, it’s always a good idea to make sure your yard does not become a hunting ground for larger animals.

Southfield Twp. Gets Its Own Website

Many folks question why the Village of Bingham Farms is part of Southfield Township. By law, cities and townships are considered stand alone entities, but villages must be part of a township.

Southfield Township handles national, state and local elections. They also collect school and county taxes.



Recently, the Township launched its own website. There you can find information on elections, how to get on a permanent absentee ballot list, and find township minutes.

Their web address is:

www.southfieldtownship.org

On page 9 is a sample ballot for the upcoming August 8th primary election.

Keep Your Lawn Healthy

Your lawn survived a wicked winter and a very rainy spring. Now take steps to keep the lawn healthy by following these fertilizer tips.

- **Mulch** your grass clippings. Let short clips fall back on the lawn. Clippings are a source of nitrogen.
- **Cut high.** Leave 3 inches on the grass blade after cutting. Tall grass promotes root growth and shades out weeds
- **Rake** compost into the lawn. Rake 1/2 inch of compost into an established lawn to build soil fertility.
- **Water the lawn** to minimize stress. A green lawn in Michigan needs .5 to 1.5 inches of water per week. Don’t soak your lawn; watering should not produce puddles. Lawn dormancy is a natural response to drought. However, some water may be necessary during an extended drought of more than a month.



TAXES ARE DUE

**BINGHAM FARMS
VILLAGE TAX
Due without penalty by
August 31, 2014**

**SOUTHFIELD TWP.
SUMMER TAX
Due without penalty by
September 15, 2014**

Bits n Pieces

Garbage Pick Up

- Regular garbage pick up is scheduled for Thursdays.
- Have garbage out by 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays or after 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening.
- Maximum weight of rubbish cans or any other item not to exceed 60 lbs.
- Do not place garbage or compost at the street prior to Wednesday evening. It's not fair for your neighbors to look at that for a week.
- Questions - call Car Trucking at 586.791.8480



Grass mowing

- It's best in the summer to keep your grass at 3" as this prevents it from drying out.
- Do not let grass/weeds get to 8" or more as this will cause the Village to issue a violation.

Construction Work

- Construction should not begin before 7:00 a.m. and should be completed by dusk. Do not start up equipment until 7:00 a.m.



Contractor Signs

- Do not allow any contractor doing work on your property to put up their signs. This is considered advertising and is prohibited by Village ordinance.

Summer Storms

- If the power goes out, call DTE **800.477.4747**. Call, even if your neighbor has already called it in. It helps DTE estimate how many customers are out of power.



Baldwin Library News

Summer Reading is in full swing at the Library! Children are participating in "Fizz, Boom, Read". Teens can "Spark a Reaction". Adults are investigating the "Literary Elements". Stop by the Library anytime this summer to sign up and participate!

Summer Reading will end with a bang this year. On Monday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m., Baffling Bill the Magician will close out our Youth Summer Reading with his amazing magic show.

On Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m., author Jerry Burton, automotive historian and National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame inductee, will discuss his book Zora Arkus-Duntov: The Legend Behind the Corvette to end Adult Summer Reading.

Finally, on Thursday, August 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., teens will celebrate their Summer Reading achievements with a Glow in the Dark Dance Party. Prizes will be awarded at the Adult and Teen Summer Reading finales.

This June, Baldwin inaugurated a collection of 100 Essential Architecture books funded by the Michigan Architectural Foundation's Rae Dumke Fund. Titles were suggested by architects or other people around the U.S. The collection will be housed at Baldwin and will circulate to Baldwin Library cardholders and through Interlibrary Loan.

Baldwin provides priority registration for Library programs to residents of Birmingham, Beverly Hills,

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR
DOORS AND
TURN YOUR HOUSE ALARM ON
EVEN IF YOU'RE GOING OUT FOR
A SHORT TIME.
IT TAKES THIEVES LESS THAN 30
SECONDS TO BREAK IN.

A Senior Must Have

They are called Vial of Life. The vials contain pertinent medical information that emergency personnel can have immediate access to.

The Vial contains a medical sheet that identifies medical history and current medications. Fold the sheets and place them in the vial. Seal the vial and place it in your freezer, making sure the vial remains easily visible when the freezer door is opened.



Place a magnet on your refrigerator door and place the sticker adjacent to the doors of your home.

When emergency personnel see the stickers, they know you have a vial of life in your freezer and can immediately access the information.

The Village office has a supply of vials, so stop in and pick one up.

Have any questions? Call the Village office at 248.644.0044.

August Primary Right Around the Corner

Get ready for the never-ending election ads popping up on TV. Primary elections will take place on August 5th when voters will choose their party candidates for national and state elections.

There are two ballot proposals:

- **Proposal A**—Reduce the State's Personal Property Tax and replace it with a Community Stabilization Program.
- **Proposal B** - Renew & increase the current .59 mill to 1.0 to support the SMART program serving the elderly, disabled and general public in Oakland County.

For more information log on to Vote411.org, a nonpartisan website that provides details on candidates and issues. This website will be available 30 days prior to election day.

See the sample ballot on Pg. 9.

News From The Franklin-Bingham Police Dept.

A number of our police officers received special commendations for exceptional work in performance of their duties in 2013.

Det. Sgt. Michael Bastianelli—Chief’s Citation for stepping in as “acting detective” upon the retirement of Bill Castro.

Officer Steven Thompson—Citation for handling a high profile drunk driving case involving a Circuit Court judge in Macomb County.

Sgt. Hirschfeld, and Officers Dwyer and Forton all received certificates of commendation for their handling of a matter involving a downed power line that forced the closure of Telegraph Road north of Thirteen Mile for 12 hours. These officers had to divert rush hour traffic on Telegraph Road and handle multiple motor vehicle accidents, one involving injuries.

Lt. Castro, Sgt. Hirschfeld, Sgt. Crane, Officer Dyjewski and Reserve Officer Vogrn along with other officers received the Unit citation for the handling of a major homicide case involving the murder of a longtime Franklin resident who was killed by a former roommate.



Bingham Farms President Jeffrey Modell presenting Lt. Castro with a proclamation for his years of service. Franklin President Jim Kochensparger looks on.



Detective Sergeant Mike Bastianelli receiving his promotion pin. That’s his wife Heather, assisting.



Here’s a rare occasion. Lt. Bill Castro, with current and former police chiefs. From l to r Pat Browne (retired); Ed Glomb (retired) & Dan Roberts (current Police Chief)

VILLAGE OFFICES
will be closed on
July 4th and
September 2 - Labor Day

Village Balances Its Budget Once Again

But to balance the budget, the Village does have to minimally raise the millage rate to 7.9 from 7.7.

Residents may question why it's necessary to increase the Village millage rate this year. First of all, State law mandates that municipalities have balanced budgets. What follows is a brief explanation.

The Village receives revenue from a number of sources, primarily from real and personal property taxes. The Village also receives revenue from the state through revenue sharing (goes into the general fund) and Act 51 revenue (that goes into a road improvement fund).

There have been numerous changes over the years that affect the way local government is financed. The two most recognized changes are the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A.

Simply put, the Headlee Amendment, ratified by voters in 1978, intended to limit the growth of property tax revenue by controlling how a local government's maximum authorized

millage rate is calculated. The Headlee Amendment is a complex formula which limits growth on existing property community wide. In times of escalating home values, the local government must "rollback" its maximum authorized millage rate so growth on existing property does not exceed inflation.

In March 1994 voters approved Proposal A which added a second way to limit tax increases by taxing property based on its taxable value, not its assessed value. Taxable value cannot increase by more than the lesser of inflation or five percent annually unless a property is sold or "transferred".

Given the impact of these two amendments combined with the bottom dropping out of the real estate market, local municipalities must find ways to keep current levels of service. People believe that when a property is sold it is uncapped and the municipality benefits.



But that's not so. With Proposal A, millage rates can now go down when growth in value outpaces inflation, but cannot go back up when inflation outpaces growth.

Now enter the state revenue sharing situation. The Village used to receive both constitutional and statutory revenue sharing. About 10 years ago, the State began reducing the amount local governments received from statutory revenue sharing to balance the State budget; by 2009, the Village received no statutory revenue sharing at all and has not since.

So, add up the impact and restrictions with Headlee and Proposal A, the loss of statutory state revenue sharing and the significant reduction in property values; hence the reason the Village must raise millage rates to provide necessary, quality services to its residents.

Even with the increase to 7.9 mills, the total Village taxes paid by property owners is still less than those paid in 2003.

State Fireworks Law

As the 4th of July approaches, here are some reminders about the sale and use of fireworks in Michigan:

The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act *permits* the sale and use of flying and exploding fireworks. The Act requires that *licensed* vendors are required to verify that all purchasers of the exploding and flying fireworks are at least 18 years of age; however, there is no age restriction on the user of the fireworks.

Some of the fireworks that are now legal under the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act include Roman candles, firecrackers, bottle and sky rockets, missile type rockets, aerial spinners, reloadable shell devices and singe tub devices with rapport.

Some fireworks remain illegal and cannot be sold or used in Michigan, and those include Cherry Bombs and M-80's. In addition, fireworks cannot be

used on public property (schools, roadways, etc.), and the user of fireworks cannot be under the influence of intoxicants.

The state law allows fireworks to be used any time, day or night, the day before a national holiday, the day of a national holiday, and the day after the holiday.

If you plan to light fireworks during the holiday season, have a charged garden hose or some other water supply nearby just in case there's an accidental small fire.

If you have any complaints about fireworks displays, call the police department at the non-emergency telephone number of (248) 626-5444



Slow Down

Periodically, the Franklin Bingham Farms Police Officers monitor the speeds and other vehicle regulations. Not surprisingly, they are pretty much guaranteed to catch speeders or drivers failing to appropriately stop at intersections with stop signs.

This type of enforcement works. On one such day, an officer pulled over a driver just about 15 minutes after he set up monitoring on Bingham Rd. Interestingly enough, when other cars saw the lights, everyone slowed down **IN BOTH DIRECTIONS**.

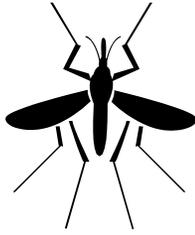
The Police Officers are pretty nice. They aren't out to get drivers going 5 miles over the speed limit. They are looking for those who flagrantly ignore posted speed limits.

Be safe. Drive 25 on all the roads. And watch out for pedestrians.



Keep Fighting the West Nile Virus This Summer

What a difference a year makes. Last summer, the drought seemed to hold the mosquito population at bay. But this year, rainfall has returned to normal levels. So this summer, take extra care to protect yourself from those pesky mosquitoes and avoid getting the West Nile Virus. This virus is spread to humans when bitten by a mosquito that carries the virus. Fortunately, not all mosquitoes carry the virus.



For most people the Virus is just a slight nuisance. Many don't even realize they've been infected. It's another story for older adults and very young children. The virus could cause major problems.

There were 33 human cases of West Nile Virus reported last year, up from 29 the year before.

The Oakland County Health Department believes that the low num-

bers of human infection is directly related to the prevention methods people are taking. The best advice — keep doing what you are doing.

- ♦ 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 windows and screens to keep mosquitoes out of your home.
- ♦ Empty water from mosquito breeding sites such as buckets, barrels, cans, old tires etc.
- ♦ 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 the active ingredient DEET to exposed skin or clothing. Always follow the manufacturer's directions for use. (Avoid applying repellent containing DEET on children less than two years of age.)

The state and the county still monitor the situation by recording the number of dead birds. This often is an indicator that the bird was infected.

If you find a dead bird, report your finding to the Oakland County Health Division Hotline at 1-877-377-3641. Then, properly dispose of the bird and wear gloves to protect yourself from direct contact.

For updates on West Nile Virus, log on to the state or county website at:
www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus
 or
www.oakgov.com.

How to Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

It's convenient, easy and available all year long. Bingham Farms residents can drop off their household hazardous waste products at the SOCRRA facility on Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak. The contract between the Village and SOCRRA also allows residents to drop off electronic equipment, such as televisions (no consoles) and computer equipment.



Appointments are necessary. Call SOCRRA at **248.288.5153**. The staff will ask a few questions about what type of material you want to drop off and how much. You will be given a date and time for your drop off.

Put the items in your car, drive to the site at the scheduled time, drive up to the little building in the back and show proof of residency (driver's license will

do). The SOCRRA staff will do the rest. They will remove all the items from your vehicle.

Fill out a form and then be on your way. The whole experience should take less than an hour and that's door to door.

Should you have any questions regarding acceptable materials, call SOCRRA at **248.288.5153** or visit their website at www.socrra.org.

Remember the contract covers just household hazardous waste and electronics. It does **not** cover business hazardous waste. Federal and state environmental laws prohibit the facility from accepting this type of waste.

Businesses may call the Environmental Recycling Group at 734.437.9650 to receive information of proper disposal. They are located at 13040 Merriman, Ste. 299, Livonia.

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN SURVEY YET?

Log on to the Village website binghamfarms.org and then click on resident survey. The link to the survey is there.

Or

Log on directly at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BinghamFarmsMP>

Hard copies are also available at the Village office.

Having problems? Give us a call at 248.644.0044

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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PRIMARY ELECTION

A OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

B TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014

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Primary Election, Tuesday, August 5, 2014
Oakland County, Michigan
Township of Southfield, Precinct 10

PARTISAN SECTION
VOTE ONLY 1 PARTY SECTION

PROPOSAL SECTION
STATE



REPUBLICAN PARTY SECTION



DEMOCRATIC PARTY SECTION

STATE

GOVERNOR
Vote for not more than 1

Rick Snyder

STATE

GOVERNOR
Vote for not more than 1

Mark Schauer

CONGRESSIONAL

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for not more than 1

Terri Lynn Land

CONGRESSIONAL

UNITED STATES SENATOR
Vote for not more than 1

Gary Peters

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
9th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

George Brikho

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
9th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Sander Levin

LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR
12th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Bob Gray

Jim Marleau

LEGISLATIVE

STATE SENATOR
12th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Paul Secrest

Kenneth A. VanNorwick

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
35th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Robert Brim

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE
35th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Darryle J. Buchanan

Jeremy Moss

Charles Roddis

Nicole Brown

COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
14th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Bill Dwyer

COUNTY

COUNTY COMMISSIONER
14th DISTRICT
Vote for not more than 1

Gerald Skinner

DELEGATE

DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION
Vote for not more than 3

Arlene Kaminski

Lana Waldorf

DELEGATE

DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION
Vote for not more than 1

PROPOSAL 14-1
APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF AMENDATORY ACT TO REDUCE STATE USE TAX AND REPLACE WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION SHARE TO MODERNIZE THE TAX SYSTEM TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES GROW AND CREATE JOBS

The amendatory act adopted by the Legislature would:

1. Reduce the state use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share of the tax for the purpose of modernizing the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs in Michigan.
2. Require Local Community Stabilization Authority to provide revenue to local governments dedicated for local purposes, including police safety, fire protection, and ambulance emergency services.
3. Increase portion of state use tax dedicated for aid to local school districts.
4. Prohibit Authority from increasing taxes.
5. Prohibit total use tax rate from exceeding existing constitutional 6% limitation.

Should this law be approved?

YES

NO

COUNTY

OAKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RENEWAL

If approved, this proposal will renew and increase the .59 mills currently levied by the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority for the years 2012 through 2013, to 1.0 mills for the years 2014 through 2017, and will allow continued support to the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) for a public transportation system serving the elderly, disabled, and general public of Oakland County.

For the purpose of providing funds for the support of a public transportation system serving the elderly, disabled and general public of the County of Oakland, as a renewal and increase of the mills which expired with the 2013 tax levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes imposed on taxable property in the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority area be renewed and increased from .59 mills (59 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) to 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for four (4) years, 2014 through 2017, inclusive? It is estimated that 1.0 mills would generate approximately \$27 million when levied in 2014.

YES

NO

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Upcoming Events

Birmingham

In The Park Concerts - 7 p.m. Shain Park Every Wednesday

Farmer's Market - Municipal Parking Lot #6 Old Woodward, (south of Maple) every Sunday 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. thru October

Fireworks - July 3 Lincoln Hills Golf Course - Rain date 7/5

Family Movie Night - Booth Park 7:30 p.m. Jul 18 & Aug. 8

Day on the Town - downtown July 26 9:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Birmingham Bike Festival - Aug. 24 Downtown 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Street Art Fair - Sept. 20 & 21

Franklin

Farmers Market on Village Green Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Music on the Green - downtown Franklin– evenings July 23, July 30 & Aug. 6 at 7:00 p.m. weather permitting

Movies on the Green - downtown Franklin - 8:30 p.m. Aug.6 & Aug. 13

Labor Day Parade - downtown Franklin - Sept. 1

Cider Mill - Open from Aug. 30 - Nov. 30

General

Woodward Dream Cruise - August 16

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