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FALL 2023

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# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## Open House to Return on Sunday, October 1st

The free event offers activities, food, and fun for the whole family



Police car rides, fire trucks and DPW heavy machinery such as snow plows will on be display Sunday, October 1st as the Bloomfield Township Open House returns! Last held in 2018, the event draws large crowds as many families come to see services the Township offers on full display. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m. A detachable map is included in this newsletter detailing event spaces and where to park. Please follow the Township on social media and subscribe to the eNewsletter for the most up to date information as details are subject to change.

Celebrated in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (October 8 -14, 2023), the Fire Department will have plenty of offerings at the Central Fire Station. This year's campaign works to educate everyone about fire safety in the kitchen. A smokehouse demonstration will take place to teach children about fire safety. The Police Department offers many activities including a dunk tank to benefit the Special Olympics. This is a chance to meet the first responders who serve your community and see what they do. Township Hall, The Senior Center, Animal Shelter, and

Bloomfield Community Television will also be open for tours. See the detachable page for a full list of activities such as a bounce house, build a dog house, patrol car rides, and more! Food trucks will also be on site providing lunch for purchase during the event.

**Questions?**  
Contact Cable & Community Relations at 248.433.7790 or cable\_dept@bloomfieldtwp.org



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARDS 2023

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### ADMINISTRATION

Dani Walsh, Supervisor  
Martin C. Brook, Clerk  
Michael Schostak, Treasurer

#### TRUSTEES

Neal J. Barnett  
Stephanie Fakih  
Valerie Murray

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Jeff Salz, Chairman  
Richard Atto, Vice Chairman  
Neal Barnett  
Thomas Petinga  
Bruce Selik  
Andrea B. O'Donnell  
John Kelly

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Brian Henry, Chairman  
Jocelyn Giangrande, Vice Chairman  
Robert Taylor Jr.  
Andrea O'Donnell  
Stephanie Fakih  
Ed Ford  
Scott Gittleman  
Carol Rosati, Alternate  
Glenda Meads, Alternate

**Cooking safety starts with YOU.**

Pay attention to fire prevention.™

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™



Open House is October 1st! See inside for a detachable list of events and a map.

# New Voting Laws in Effect Ahead of November's Special Election



Michigan voters passed Proposal 2 in November 2022 and as a result expanded voting options to include a Permanent Mail Ballot List, additional secure drop boxes, and nine days of early voting. These three changes are on schedule to be in place for a special election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, when Bloomfield Township voters who reside within the Bloomfield Hills School District will consider the passage of a building and site sinking fund millage renewal proposal.

The Permanent Mail Ballot List is different than the Permanent Absentee Voter Application List you may

already be on, which only mails an application for an absentee ballot. This new list will mail you an absentee ballot for each election to the address on your voter file. To join the Permanent Mail Ballot List, fill out the form found on the Elections Q/A page of the Township website. The Clerk's Office intends to keep the Permanent Absentee Voter Application list for a transition period through 2024 unless otherwise required by law or instruction from the Secretary of State. There is a Frequently Asked Questions section of the website devoted to this issue, or you may direct questions to the Clerk's Office. To be installed in the coming

days are two new secure elections drop boxes. One is located on Westview Road by the Fire Station at Eastview Elementary School, 1101 Westview Road, and another at Bloomfield Village Hall, 3595 Bradway Blvd., near the intersection of Maple and Lahser Roads. There will continue to be a drop box located at Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph, as in previous elections.

Additionally, we are planning for nine days of early voting for this November, which will occur at the Bloomfield Township Public Library for voters in Bloomfield Township, Southfield Township, and Birmingham. The dates and times are TBD, but will be shared on Township News, eNewsletter, and social media channels as decisions occur. If the State and County cannot prepare early voting procedures in time for November, early voting will instead start with the 2024 Presidential Primary election.

With increased voter access comes increased security measures. There is enhanced secure storage of absentee voter ballots awaiting counting and tightened chain of custody documentation for these same ballots. All election workers will now undergo criminal background checks. Finally, extra verification methods for voter registration status were implemented to do our part to ensure the registration list remains as up-to-date as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at the polls or the Clerk's Office this election season.

## Board of Trustees

TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
DATE: 2nd and 4th Monday  
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

## Planning Commission

TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
DATE: 1st and 3rd Monday  
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

## Zoning Board of Appeals

TIME: 7:00 P.M.  
DATE: 2nd Tuesday  
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

NOTE: The Charter Township of Bloomfield will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at all meetings to individuals with disabilities. All such requests must be made at least five days prior to said meeting. Please contact the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office, 4200 Telegraph Road P.O. Box 489 Bloomfield Hills MI 48303-0489 248-433-7702 Fax: 248-642-7610

# Vacancy on the Township Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of Treasurer Brian Kepes (effective August 31, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.) and voted to appoint Trustee Michael Schostak as Treasurer effective immediately at that time. The Board is seeking a qualified candidate to fill this Trustee vacancy for a term of office that expires in November 2024.

The legal minimum qualifications require that you have resided in Bloomfield Township for no less than 30 days, you are at least 18

years of age and that you are registered to vote in the



New Treasurer, Michael Schostak

Township. To be considered by the Township Board, you must meet the minimum qualifications, and timely submit a letter of interest, a current resume, and written responses to a series of questions compiled by Board members. The list of questions

can be found on the Township website. The application items must be received by the Township Clerk's Office no later than 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

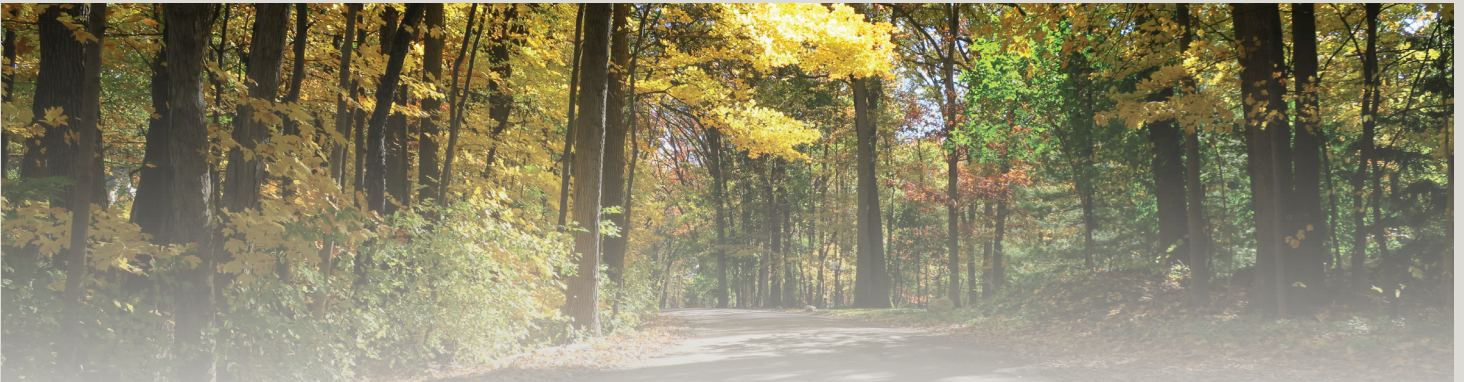
Applicants are invited to the regularly scheduled Board meeting of Tuesday, September 26th to address the Board for up to three minutes concerning their application. A verbal statement at this meeting is encouraged, but not required. The Board will review and consider information from all applicants and select a person to appoint.



## A NOTE FROM

Dani Walsh, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

## Fall Happenings and Priority Waste Transition Update



As the days get shorter, the nights get cooler, college football returns, and the leaves change colors, we are reminded that summer is coming to a close and fall is upon us. One highlight of fall that I'm excited to bring back is the Township Open House. After a 5-year hiatus, we will be hosting the community on Sunday, October 1st for a day filled with fun, food, activities and information about services available to residents. In addition to the Township departments, we will also be highlighting our partners in the community such as Charles Bower School Farm, E.L. Johnson Nature Center, Township Library, Oakland County Parks & Rec, Oakland County Health Department, the Rotary Club, and more. Please join us, as we bring the community together to celebrate what makes Bloomfield Township special!

In addition to celebrating the Township services this fall, we also can highlight the transition that happened this past summer by switching the solid waste provider to residents. Although it is typical to change providers often, typically every 6–8 years here in Bloomfield, it isn't a choice that is taken lightly. You have likely seen the problems GFL is having in Canton Township where the compost services halted

on Monday–Friday throughout summer and with the City of Dearborn currently using DPW staff to pick up trash on weekends. These are just some of the things we feared looming ahead for Bloomfield when we decided to put the contract out for bid. Luckily, we were able to find a new provider, Priority Waste, that provides the desired partnership style relationship with accountability in customer service, and a desire to continuously improve.

Solid waste removal is one of the only services that touches every single household every week, and yet this very personal service has to be provided by a third party. Considering there are approximately 16,000 accounts, and that account information was not handed over in time from GFL, we were thankful Priority Waste proactively reached out to residents to create account information and practiced routes for weeks prior to the start in preparation for transition. Since accounts have 3 services including garbage, recycling, and compost, that equates to over 51,000 touches with our residents, meaning 51,000 possible mistakes every single week. It was amazing to see that during the 5 week transition, there were only 235 reported errors out of a

total of 258,225 service touches.

I asked the Priority Executive team some questions about the transition. Follow along on the next page for actual data provided to show trends from week 1 to week 5, covering July 3rd – August 5th. It is great to see that in addition to weekly ticket counts going down, the time it takes to complete the routes has been reduced as well. Thank you to all of you for your grace & patience during the transition to change over every single residence, approximately 16,000 to the new service. It wasn't an easy task, but together we made it through. If you do experience an issue or error in the future, please make sure to contact the Priority Waste team directly to speed up the process for a solution. You can reach the Priority dedicated Bloomfield Township Logistic Driver Coordinators (LDC) by phone at 586-228-1200 or 855-927-8365, by email at [bloomfield@prioritywaste.com](mailto:bloomfield@prioritywaste.com), or for more information on their website at <https://www.prioritywaste.com/cities-we-serve/bloomfield-township/>.

I wish you and your family a fun filled autumn season as we approach the holidays and the end of 2023. Please do come and celebrate with me at the Open House on October 1st!

# Q&A with Dani Walsh and Priority Waste

**Dani Walsh (DW)** - With over 16,000 accounts, what is the total # of “touches/stops” that Priority does in the Township, per week?

**Priority Waste (PW)** - Residential – 51,645 weekly touches (garbage, recycling, compost)  
Dumpsters - 91 weekly touches

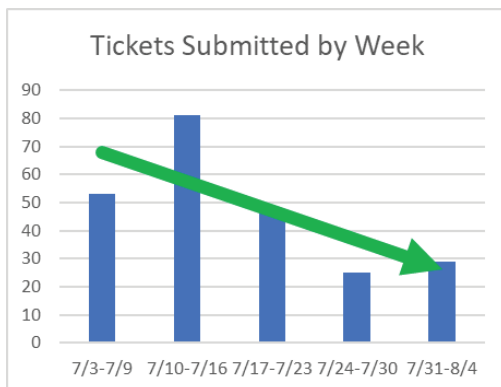
**DW** - How many issues/errors/complaints did you have – week to week? Also, please explain what defines an issue/error/complaint.

**PW** - 235 total service tickets were entered into the portal over 5 weeks.

**That’s a 99.7% Success Rate**

A ticket is created for every service inquiry requiring action. Below is a breakdown of the categories:

- Missed stop (Trash) 118
- Missed Stop (Recycle) 41
- Missed Stop (Compost) 22
- Other 22
- Bulk 17
- Complaint 9
- Education 3
- 1 – bulk education on proper placement and preparing for collection
- 2 – education on late set materials
- Late Set Out 2
- Manager Investigation 1



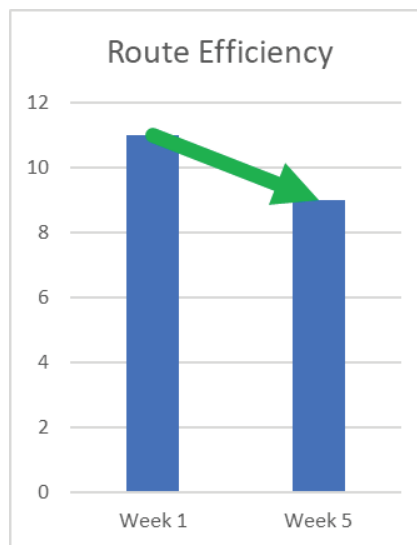
**42% Improvement from Peak to Current**

There has been a constant flow of communication between the residents and officials of Bloomfield Township

and our Bloomfield Township dedicated LDC (Logistic Driver Coordinators) team, throughout the transition. We noticed based on the numbers a spike in portal entries/tickets in the second week. Corrective action analysis determined routing errors that stemmed from improper adjustments made in the first week’s service. We evaluated the routing and corrected errors identified which led to a 42% and 46% decrease in calls over the next two weeks.

**DW** - How has your end-time from week to week been improving?

**PW** - We are experiencing a positive trend in productivity week over week. As our drivers learn their assigned routes and become more familiar with the area, they are much more efficient. Additionally, the LDC’s for Bloomfield Township have been a reliable resource to troubleshoot the problem areas discovered over the first 5 weeks. Most of the route adjustments came from in-field feedback and experience. The Bloomfield Township LDC’s also played a critical role improving the service efficiencies that the residents are experiencing. Route completion time has improved 25% from day 1, down to 8 hours from 11.



**25% Improvement from Week 1 to Week 5**

**DW** - What feedback from the Twp or its residents has resulted in process improvements? What ways have you been responsive to the Township’s unique needs/wants?

**PW** - Priority has received a great deal of information from the Township employees and the residents that have been acted on throughout the initial 5 weeks of service. Having a culture of being open to suggestions is what enables us to continually improve as a collaborative service partner.

- We have increased the houses serviced by the smaller truck to accommodate areas that are difficult to navigate.
- Tight roadways, narrow paths, small bridges, etc.
- Implemented a hotlist of service requests that residents have brought to us. We are accommodating those requests that are within reason as much as possible.

**DW** - How many 95-gallon carts were ordered by Twp residents by week 5? How many have been delivered so far?

**PW** - 216 95-gallon trash carts have been ordered by Bloomfield Township residents. 144 95-gallon trash carts have been delivered with the remaining 72 to be delivered next week. (Data reflects information up to Thursday, August 3, 2023)

**DW** - What type of metrics can you share on call numbers, call times, hold times, etc.

**PW** - Number of Phone Calls – 1,064  
Average Call Length – 2:07 Minutes  
Average Hold Time – 0:22 Seconds

For more information on Trash Collection, please visit

[bloomfieldtwp.org/trash](http://bloomfieldtwp.org/trash).

## Your 6-Point Checklist for Fall Property Maintenance



### Pull Weeds



Remove from flower beds and gardens.

### Clean Gutters



Evaluate for possible maintenance.

### Remove Tools



Store unused mulch, dead plants, pots, etc. out of public view.

### Bag Leaves



Yard Waste in brown paper leaf bags is included with trash collection.

### Check Exterior



Inspect for peeling paint, shutter or roof maintenance.

### Trim Trees



Trim trees and shrubs before they become overgrown and unsightly.

### Yard Waste Collection

March 13–Dec 22, 2023  
Questions? Call DPW at 248.594.2800

Seasonal cleanups are the key to sustaining the high value of your home as well as those properties around you. Contact the Ordinance Division at 248.594.2845 with any property maintenance questions —we'll be glad to assist you.

## BCTV Open House A Success

A Winter Open House is Planned for December 14th;  
Follow BCTV on Facebook For Details

Bloomfield Community Television hosted their first Open House this summer, drawing a large crowd of residents and video production professionals! Visitors were allowed to tour the facility including the 223 square foot podcast studio, 1,000 square foot studio space, and the Birmingham Area Cable Board Production Truck.



Following the Open House, Cable & Community Relations Director Carrie LeZotte presented the departments annual report to the Board of Trustees.

Follow BCTV on Facebook to see her presentation and learn how Public, Educational, and Government (PEG) stations work, how residents can produce their own shows, and the future of Public Access Television. Additionally, you can find photos from the Open House and BCTV programming. BCTV hopes to see you in December at the next Open House!

## Discover Your Senior Center

BBQ at the Senior Center September 14th

Senior Services Director Christine Tvaroha appeared before the Board of Trustees to proclaim September as National Senior Center Month. The theme of this year's celebration is Discover Yours.

Director Tvaroha explained that “it encourages exploring new activities, hobbies, experiences and passions. It emphasizes visiting new places and meeting new people.” She also added that “per the National Council on Aging, research shows that people that attend senior centers have higher levels of health, social interaction and life satisfaction.”

This year's festivities will run the week of September 11th and include numerous musical performances, a visit from Animal Welfare, a self-defense class, health tips and a BBQ on September 14th (this does require a reservation in-advance).

The BBQ will run from 12–1 pm and offers a polish sausage or hamburger cooked on-site and includes pasta salad, chips and an oatmeal cookie. 100% of proceeds work to support Bloomfield Township Senior Services. There will also be live music, comedy, and trivia from 1–2 pm!



## Check the Dashboard

How does Bloomfield Township stand financially compared to other communities? You can find out at a glance by looking at the dashboard.

It can be found on the home page of the Township website, [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org). Just look for Citizen's Guide and Dashboard under Quick Links at the right of the home page. A wide array of financial information about the Township – and data about communities across Michigan – is available on the site.



# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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BLOOMFIELD MI 48303-0489

## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Administration	433-7700
Accounting	433-7712
Assessor's Office	433-7710
Building Division	433-7715
Clerk's Office	433-7702
Community Cable	433-7790
Engineering & Env.	594-2800
Fire Non-Emergency	433-7745
Ordinance Division	594-2845
Planning Division	433-7795
Police Department	
Administration	433-7750
Non-Emergency	433-7755
Animal Welfare	433-7757
Investigations	433-7760
Alarm Info	433-7775
Property	433-7777
Records	433-7776
Public Works	
Road Division	594-2800
Water & Sewer	594-2800
Senior Services	723-3500
Adult Day Service	723-3530
Treasurer's Office	433-7705
Water/Sewer Emergency	433-7730

## Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is Saturday, October 7th

Residents will be able to dispose of hazardous waste this fall, when the popular Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day event returns to the Township campus. This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and basement in an environmentally sound way. Household Hazardous Waste crews will be on hand on Saturday, October 7th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take items such as drain cleaners, weed killer, gasoline, motor oil, starter fluid, transmission fluid, paint, fluorescent light bulbs/PBC ballasts, household batteries and automotive batteries, propane, fire extinguishers, old tires and much more.

No electronic waste, medication



or paper shredding will be accepted at this event. There will be signs on Telegraph and Long Lake directing traffic. The event is open to Township residents only, and proof of residency is required.

To see a complete list of items accepted visit the Township website or scan this QR code.



## Save the Date...

Sept 4 - 7  
Trash Collection Delayed One Day

Sept 14  
BBQ Fundraiser at Senior Center

Oct 1  
Open House

Oct 7  
Household Hazardous Waste Day

Dec 18 - 22  
Last Week For Yard Waste Collection

Dec 25 - 29  
Trash Collection Delayed One Day

# Bloomfield Township OPEN HOUSE

OCT 1, 2023 • 11 AM–3 PM  
4200 TELEGRAPH RD



## Activities

### Included in Your Passport to Fun

#### 1 Fire Department

Fire Department Displays  
Smoke House  
Bounce House

12:30pm Live Fire Safety Demonstration  
Fire Truck Train Rides  
Hot Dogs  
Giveaways

#### 2 Planning, Building, Ordinance

Build a Dog House  
Temporary Tattoos  
Bean Bag Toss

#### 3 Community Television

Studio Tours  
Production Truck Tours  
Interactive TV

#### 4 Public Works

Touch-a-Truck  
Truck Rides  
Popcorn

#### 5 Police Department

Animal Shelter Adoption Info  
Department Tours  
Patrol Car Rides  
Impaired Driving Simulator  
Dunk Tank for Special Olympics

#### 6 Clerk's Office

Voter Registration  
Passport to Fun

#### 7 Engineering & Environmental Services

Pet Waste Bags  
Safety Path Maps

#### 8 Senior Center

Tours  
Cookies

### More Fun

#### 9 Bowers Farm

Petting Zoo

#### 10 Oakland County Parks & Recreation

Rock Climbing Wall  
Nerf Target Practice

#### 11 Oakland County Health

Flu Shots  
Covid Vaccines

#### 12 Bloomfield Hills High School

#### 13 Nature Center

#### 14 Library

Library Card Sign-Up

#### 15 Rotary Club

#### 16 WBFH Radio



#### Food Trucks

Tacos Te Amo  
Poppo's BBQ  
DC Novelty  
Frozen Dreams

Subject to change. Please scan code for website and follow our social media for updates.

MAP ON REVERSE

# Event Map

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP



CAMPUS

Bloomfield Hills High School

LONG LAKE RD



TELEGRAPH RD

Copperwood Drive

ANDOVER RD



## LEGEND

-  Public Parking
-  Road Closures
-  Twp Activities
-  Community Partners
-  Food Trucks
-  Shuttle Stop
-  Restroom
-  Porta John
-  First Aid

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