



# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## Planning strategy for the coming snow

As sure as summer turns to autumn and autumn gives way to winter, the snow is going to fall.

For the Township, that means a season of the unknown: Will we be bombarded with massive snowfalls, like we were two years ago? Or will it be relatively dry? In any case, the Township has to be ready.

And that means getting everything prepared now, while the grass is still green.

"In August we start prepping the equipment for winter," said Rich Davis, superintendent of Public Works. That's a lot. The Township has 14 trucks available to plow the snow, but in all there are about 24 trucks, including pickups, that can be called on in case of a weather emergency.

Tires have to be checked, plow blades must be in order and everything has to be set for the snow. In addition, about 2,500 tons of road salt has to be on hand to be spread on 213 miles of roads in the Township.

But even with everything in place, there's no predicting the weather, at least with certainty. As a result, "We have to rethink things with every storm," said Tom Trice, Public Works director. Some storms hit hard and fast, others drift by with a steady but light snow fall. And some start, stop and start again.

If it's really cold, "We actually stop using salt altogether," Trice said. It won't melt the snow, which will at least provide some traction for vehicles.

Even as the trucks are out plowing, the DPW offices serve



Backed by a mountain of salt ready to be spread this winter are (from left) DPW road workers Richard Bogusky, Duane Poole and Marco Nervo.

as a command center for what is similar to a military operation. Road Foreman Duane Poole serves as incident commander, helping coordinate activities including the trucks that plow 12 routes through the Township, sometimes more than once in a heavy storm. Poole, along with staff members Marco Nervo and Rick Bogusky, have earned Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificates from the American Public Works Association.

Administrative Assistant Tia Kollar handles what can be a flood of calls during a storm. "You get everything," she said. "Some people just want information." Others ask why a cer-

tain road may not have been plowed.

Educating the public on these issues is important, said Katie Schlutow, Public Works manager. "It's explaining how mailboxes get pushed over... why their road hasn't been plowed... that there's planning involved."

As part of the job, all office staff must ride in a plow truck to experience what that involves. So when the heat is on in the thick of a snowstorm, everything is ready and everyone knows just what to do.

### You can help

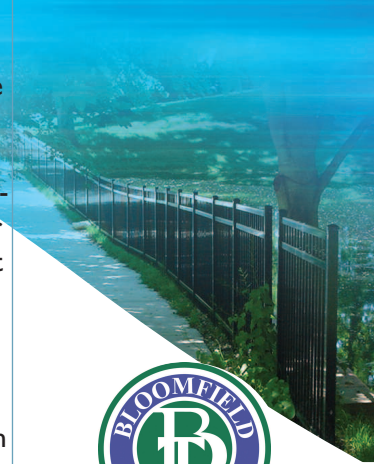
Follow these simple tips:

- While it's still warm, trim tree branches so they are at least two feet from the side of the road and 14 feet above the road.
- Shake your mailbox now. This will tell you if your mailbox is sturdy or needs to be strengthened.



When it snows:

- Pay attention to weather reports.
- Park your car in the driveway, not the street.
- If you plow your own driveway, keep the snow on your own property.
- Clear snow from around your mailbox.
- Call the DPW if the snowplow causes any damage.



BLOOMFIELD  
TOWNSHIP  
BOARD  
2015

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

#### ADMINISTRATION

Leo Savoie, Supervisor  
Janet Roncelli, Clerk  
Dan Devine, Treasurer

#### TRUSTEES

David Buckley  
Neal J. Barnett  
Brian Kepes  
Corinne Khederian

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

Thomas Petinga, Chairman  
Lisa Seneker, Vice Chairman  
Richard Atto  
Neal Barnett  
Tad Krear  
Richard Mintz  
Jeff Salz

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

James Aldrich, Chairman  
Carol Rosati, Vice Chairman  
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Brian Henry  
Tracy Leone  
Lisa Seneker  
Robert Taylor, Jr.  
Justin Winkelman, Alternate  
Pam Williams, Alternate

## Customer services in demand at the Clerk's Office

### Save the date...

#### October 3

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

#### October 11

Township Open House

#### December 18

Last day for yard waste pick-up

Passport and notary services continue to be in high demand at the Clerk's Office. Passport applications number over 1,000 annually and official notarial acts are performed weekly in various Bloomfield Township departments.

Passport processing is available Monday - Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our next special passport day is scheduled for Sunday, October 11, 2015, noon - 4 p.m., during the Township Open House. Passport applications and photos are available on site. Also, applications can be completed online at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) and sub-

mitted to the Clerk's Office for processing. All applicants



Clerk's Office staff provides many services to residents.

must appear in person, including children. Further information regarding passports can be obtained online at <http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/Clerk/PassportServices.asp>.

Notary services at Bloomfield Township ensure successful and pleasant experiences for notarizations on documents like powers of attorney, mortgages, advance health care directives, trusts and deeds. Before a signature can be notarized, a signer must personally appear before the notary with picture identification. There are notaries available throughout Township offices, with the Clerk's Office overseeing notary procedures. Residents of Bloomfield Township receive the first notarized signature at no charge.



#### 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: 248-433-7714

### You're invited

#### Calling all Bloomfield Township residents

You can enter to win a fun-filled dinner event at your local Bloomfield Township fire station. You and your family can be the exclusive guests of the Bloomfield Township Fire Department. Let your family join our family and have some good old-fashioned firehouse cooking. Take this opportunity to experience what it's like to live in the firehouse, be a part of our family, and best yet, it's free. All you have to do is enter your name in our BTFD firehouse dinner drawing and on Nov. 15 one lucky family will get a chance to be

with us at Central Fire Station on the Township campus. The winning family can also take a ride around campus in one of our fire trucks.

The Fire Department is holding this unique event as part of its community outreach and customer service efforts.

If you ever wanted to spend a day and learn about these amazing men and women and their big red trucks go to the link: [www.bloomfieldtwp.org/firedinner](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/firedinner) and

fill out the entry form for your chance to win! For more information email Firefighter Ed Lietz at [elietz@bloomfieldtwp.org](mailto:elietz@bloomfieldtwp.org).



### Information for new residents

Are you new to Bloomfield Township? The Township's website is full of great information for new residents. Go to the home page, [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org), and click on the New Residents button on the left hand side of the page. There you'll find information on utility companies and cable providers, voter registration, dog tags, programs for seniors, and more. Township offices are open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and employees are happy to answer any questions you may have. Call 248-433-7700.



## A NOTE FROM

Leo Savoie, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

# A season of growth

Summer is the season of growth – and we’ve seen a good deal of that lately in the Township.

New in town is the Dogtopia Dog Day Care Center on Telegraph, the First and Main senior living facility planned for Square Lake Road, Jimmy Johns at Square Lake and Telegraph, the Shops at Bloomfield Place on Telegraph, and Tel-Square, a 17,000-square-foot office-retail space planned also on Telegraph. Couple that with recent developments like Café ML, Roadside B&G and Fifth Tavern, and that is a lot to consider.

As good as all that is, I can’t help but look at the Villages of Bloomfield with special anticipation. Haven’t heard of it? Maybe you recognize the site from its old, now notorious name – Bloomfield Park.

For years, that concrete and steel monstrosity has stood alongside of Telegraph, north of Square Lake road as a constant reminder of a plan that went wrong. But now it is getting a new breath of life. Redico, a highly respected

development company, is planning to take over the site and bring in new shops and living spaces. We don’t have all the details yet, but it looks like the site will get two national retailers, several smaller retailers, a movie theater, a senior center, some restaurants and apartments, especially the smaller ones that are appealing to millennials these days.

Some of the existing structures probably will be reused, but others will have to be demolished. When all the pieces are in place this will be a showcase development that will benefit Bloomfield Township, the city of Pontiac and Oakland County. We finally will be free of that glaring stack of empty buildings that reminds me of a pile of bones bleaching in the sun.

This will bring new tax rev-

enue to the Township and enhance the vitality of the whole area. Telegraph, especially north of Square Lake, has become quite a retail hub in recent years. We’ve got Costco, where everyone



Dogtopia Dog Day Care is one of many new businesses in the Township

seems to shop, Dick’s Sporting Goods, the super Target store and so much more,

including the landmark Carl’s Golfland. There’s a reason all of this is coming to Bloomfield Township: Retailers know this is a great place to do business. We’re near main roads and freeways. The customer base is huge, yet selective, and frankly, it’s just a nice place to be.

None of this has happened by chance. The Township Planning, Building and Ordinance Department works diligently with developers to help them realize their

plans, while at the same time ensuring that all the Township’s requirements are met and the best interests of the residents are protected. Our number one concern is the people of Bloomfield Township. No matter what is eventually approved, we make sure it is a good fit and that it enhances the quality of life for our residents.

Developers appreciate that as well. They want to be where they are welcome and can count on a solid customer base. Ultimately our diligence in controlling growth and our reputation as a great place to be is a win-win situation for business and residents.

We can expect to see more growth in the Township, especially as the Villages of Bloomfield comes to fruition, but you can count on us to make sure that growth will be done in a careful, measured way that will always preserve and protect the community to be the way that our residents want and expect it to be.



## Coming soon

The Township Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of a new rescue truck for the Fire Department. The new vehicle will be similar to the one pictured here and will enhance the department’s full range of services for the community. It will take about seven months to complete and deliver.

## Bloomfield Township cited for safety - again

For the second time in less than a year, Bloomfield Township has been rated as one of the safest towns in Michigan.

Back in January, Value Penguin, a personal finance research and analysis firm, named Bloomfield Township as the safest town for its size in Michigan. Now, SafeWise, a security organization “committed to safety education, awareness and preparedness,” singled out the Township for recognition. “Bloomfield Township makes an appearance as one of Michigan’s safest cities for the second time this year,” SafeWise noted on its website. In identifying the safest towns, SafeWise took a broad look at serious crime.

“We analyzed the most recent FBI Crime Report Statistics from 2013 for each city, including both property crime (arson, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft) and violent crime (robbery, murder, aggravated assault, rape). Then, to make everything equitable, we calculated the chance of these crimes occurring out of 1,000 people in each city,” SafeWise noted.

In compiling the survey, SafeWise looked at towns with a population of 5,000 or more.

Bloomfield Township has a population of about 41,800. In the SafeWise survey, its violent crime rate was 0.55 violent crimes

per 1,000 people.

“This is a testament to our Police Department and to the residents,” said Supervisor Leo Savoie. “Our police are proactive in working with the residents and respond immediately when there is a call. And our residents take care of their neighborhoods, always alert for things that don’t look right. While you can never stop crime from occurring completely, we have a great system in place to deal with it.”



An excellent Police Department helps Bloomfield Township remain one of the safest communities in Michigan.

## Hitting the right notes

The piano at Senior Services Adult Day Center Friendship Club was Ok, but it was a little less than it could have been.

Noting that, volunteer Marian Siatczynski Balderi donated funds to buy a new piano.

“She is one of our volunteer musical providers. She knew we could definitely use a new one,” said Julie GeBott, program coordinator.

Accordingly, a Kawai upright piano was purchased and now provides the proper tones for the clients at the center.

And the old piano found a new life. It was donated to an organization in Detroit that provides services to Alzheimer patients.

“That was so generous,” GeBott said of Marian



Marian Siatczynski Balderi presents the new piano to the Friendship Club.

Siatczynski Balderi’s act of kindness.

If you know someone who could benefit from dementia day services call (248) 723-3530.

## BCTV production staff ready to roll

High school sports are ramping up and there are many community events across the Birmingham-Bloomfield area that will be covered by Bloomfield Community TV.

To make sure everything goes smoothly the production staff needs to be thoroughly familiar with the equipment, including the truck used for on-location shoots.

BCTV Operations Manager Steve Rota held a training and refresher overview of the truck operations with the full- and part-time staff in preparation for the fall schedule of programming. Rota conducts the courses quarterly to ensure that the production staff is ready to roll.



Taking part in the truck training are (from left) Senior Production Specialist Greg Black, production staff members Christiaan Scott Michie and Lee Solomon, intern Laura Woodside, staffer Dan Sigler, Rota, and Studio Coordinator David Sommerfeld, Jr.

## Use a little TLC to be safe

You don't want to haul that heavy laptop into the house once you get home after a long day and park in the driveway. So why not just leave it in the car? Who is going to notice it there?

Well, the guy who is going to steal it will notice it. In fact, he knows you probably are going to leave it in the car and just as likely won't even lock that car. Thanks for making his job so much easier.

It seems more and more, people are leaving valuables, including electronics and even purses in plain sight in their unattended cars. Some people are even leaving their homes unlocked.

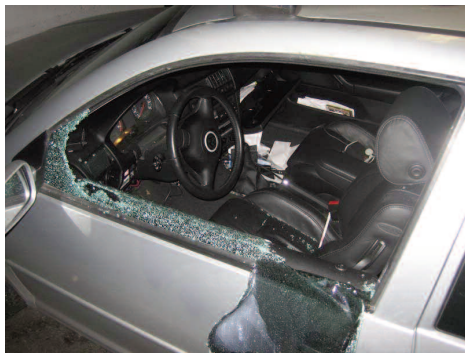
Bloomfield Township is an exceptionally safe community. In fact, two national organizations rated Bloomfield Township among the safest towns in Michigan.

But crime can, and does, happen anywhere. "There's a mindset it doesn't happen here, but it does," said Police Officer Kelly Marthen. A simple way to protect

your valuables is to remember "T-L-C."

Take valuables out of your vehicle. Lock your vehicle - always. Close the windows, including sun roofs.

If you need to leave valuables in your car, lock them in the trunk, out of sight. And if you see suspicious activity, call the police at (248) 433-7755 or dial 911.



Cars containing valuable items are a common target for thieves.

## Keep current through the eNewsletter

What's happening around Bloomfield Township?

You can find out by subscribing to the Township eNewsletter. The eNewsletter is emailed to subscribers every Thursday and it's filled with items on the latest happening in Bloomfield Township.

In addition, bulletins on weather emergencies and other alerts are sent as needed.

The eNewsletter also welcomes input from readers. Have an interesting story to tell or a photo to share. Send it to us for consideration to be placed in the eNewsletter.

Since its inception, the eNewsletter has been expanding to include more information including timely new updates on important issues in the Township.

It's easy - and free - to subscribe. Go to the Township website, [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org), and click on the box at the upper left of the home page. Or send your email address to [gkowsalski@bloomfieldtwp.org](mailto:gkowsalski@bloomfieldtwp.org) and it will be added to the subscription list.

## Clean up for fall

Property values are a major concern in every community, so please do your part this fall to keep your neighborhood looking the best it can be.

With the summer season ending, take time to do a final cleanup of your yard.

Weed the flower beds, clean the gutters, bag your leaves (burning is prohibited), remove unwanted and unused items from the yard.

Remember that Township ordinance prohibits the storage of anything other than an operable, licensed passenger car on your property.

Property maintenance is the key to sustaining the value of your home as well as those around you. Contact the Ordinance Division at (248) 594-2845 with any property maintenance questions.



A neat and attractive yard enhances the value of your home and neighborhood.

## Open House promises an afternoon of fun

Kids and adults will find plenty to see and do at the Township's annual Open House, set for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, on the Township campus, 4200 Telegraph.

The kids will have a great time climbing on the trucks, or holding a spouting fire hose. There also will be rides in police cars, a demonstration of the K-9 unit and plenty of good food available.

Open House is held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4-10. This year's theme is "Hear the beep where you sleep. Every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm."



Kids enjoy handling a fire hose at the Township Open House.

According to the National Fire Prevention Association, nearly half of the deaths occurring in home fires take place between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.

The Fire Department plays a big role in Open House. The department demonstrates its equipment and skills, including vehicle extrication units used for car crashes, and the firefighters present some pretty impressive displays of putting out fires.

All the Township departments will have a presence at the Open House and there will be a full assortment of free food, including pizza, walking tacos, hot dogs and more.



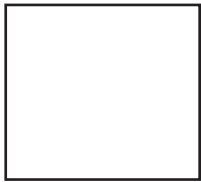
# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Water/Sewer Emergency  
433-7730

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



## Cruise events are a dream

You could hear the roar of the engines racing past on Woodward and see the sun glint off of a sea of chrome. And whether you owned a classic car or not, the annual Woodward Avenue Dream

Cruise was a spectacular event.

For the 11<sup>th</sup> straight year, the Township held its own Dream Cruise events on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield

Hills dealership and the adjoining Comerica Bank building on Woodward.

Dozens of classic cars were on display throughout the day and there was music provided by DJ Rob "D" as well as food and plenty of Dream Cruise merchandise on sale. Even the Boblo Bear paid a

visit, courtesy of a group working to restore one of the original Boblo boats.

The weather was steamy

but no one seemed to mind as the crowds passed



Ken Way of Bloomfield Township and Kate Holman with Ken's '57 Chevy BelAir.



Gary Sobek of Bloomfield Township shows off his Amphicar - a contraption that can ride on the road and sail on the water.

through the sites throughout the day.