

The Bingham Farms Post

February 2021

Snowy Days and Snowy Nights

Southeast Michigan sure had its fair share of snow in February! Keep the following points in mind regarding snow removal.

Road plowing

Bingham Farms continues its contract this winter with Johnson Landscaping to provide snow removal services and salt applications on village-owned public roads. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) handles Thirteen Mile, Fourteen Mile and Telegraph.

Johnson hits the road as soon as two inches have fallen. In heavy storms, Johnson will plow several times to keep the roads passable.

The village will request additional work when conditions warrant. Similar to last year, the village will salt the public roads when necessary. But remember that in the Midwest, conditions can change in a matter of hours.

Johnson's drivers get as close as they dare to mailboxes without damaging them. But homeowners should plan to do their own hand shoveling around mailboxes.

If you have a concern regarding snow removal from public roads, please call the village office rather than the contractor.

Private plowing

The village has an ordinance on its books that prohibits snow from being plowed from one property and deposited on another, public or private. Snow must remain on the property on which it falls. Violators may be ticketed. We prefer to not do that, so please adhere to the ordinance and inform your snow removal contractor to do the same.

'Spring forward' reminder

The time change isn't far off. "Spring forward" at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 14, by turning clocks forward one hour.

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Office open, but contact limited

Coronavirus guidelines are in place at the Bingham Farms office. The public is encouraged to conduct village business remotely whenever possible -- phone, email and regular mail. Only one guest is allowed in the office at any time, and appointments are preferred. Everyone must wear masks during the visit.

All village meetings are held via Zoom. Links to meetings can be found on the village website, www.binghamfarms.org

Important Numbers

Emergency: 911

Police dispatch
248-626-5444

Police office
248-626-9672

Fire office
248-626-9862

DTE: 800-477-4747

Consumers Energy
800-477-5050

Village Welcomes New Treasurer

Colleen Wayland joined the Bingham Farms staff as the new treasurer in December. She replaced Karin Ludwick, who retired after 20 years of faithful and flawless service to the village.

Colleen is familiar with this neck of the county. Prior to joining Bingham Farms, she worked as deputy clerk in the Southfield Township office. Earlier in her career, Colleen worked as the treasurer for the Village of Beverly Hills.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity to serve Bingham Farms residents," Colleen said. "This is such a pleasant and warm community."

She and husband Tim have two daughters, Emma and Laurel. Colleen enjoys bicycling in warmer weather, and country line dancing throughout the year. The family recently adopted a rescued guinea pig, Squeakers.

Recycling: Don't 'Pack and Stack'

The village office receives occasional calls questioning the recycling collection process, particularly regarding cardboard boxes. Here's the situation: A resident with a lot of cardboard in a given week does the "pack and stack," placing it on top of, leaning against, or near their recycling cart. The garbage men toss the cardboard in the trash rather than in the recycling, and the resident is dismayed.

The garbage men follow the "when in doubt, throw it out" rule of thumb. They can't possibly know what's in every stack, and garbage in the recycling stream can either contaminate the true recycling and/or damage the sorting equipment. Hence, when in doubt of any item, throw it out rather than toss it in the recycle cart. And for the record, no waste hauler in any community has ever recommended the "pack and stack."

If someone has more cardboard than will fit in the recycling cart after the boxes have been broken down, simply save it in the garage and place it in next week's recycling load.

Council meetings

The Bingham Farms Village Council meets monthly at 7 p.m. typically on the fourth Monday of the month. Meetings are held by Zoom during the pandemic. Below is the 2021 schedule with holiday adjustments.

Mon. Jan. 25
Mon. Feb. 22
Mon. Mar. 22
Mon. Apr. 26
Mon. May 24
Mon. June 28
Mon. July 26
Mon. Aug. 23
Mon. Sep. 27
Mon. Oct. 25
Mon. Nov. 22
Mon. Dec. 20

Bingham Farms Office

Residents and commercial property owners are encouraged to contact the Bingham Farms staff with any questions or concerns. Call 248-644-0044, email info@binghamfarms.org, and visit www.binghamfarms.org.

Office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.