



THE BINGHAM FARMS POST

Summer, 2009

VILLAGE ELECTIONS SET

Mark your calendars right now. On Tuesday, September 15th, voters will go to the polls to elect five members of the Village Council. The election will take place at Bingham Farms Elementary School. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The following candidates have filed the required Nominating Petitions.

President (4-year term) (Vote for no more than 1 candidate)

- ◆ David M. Leckie

Trustee (4-year term) (Vote for no more than 3 candidates)

- ◆ Mel Ettenson
- ◆ Rodger Kesley
- ◆ Donald Ketai
- ◆ Jeffrey DuComb

Trustee (2-year term) (Vote for no more than 1 candidate)

- ◆ Dorothy Warren

Mrs. Warren, previously on the Planning Commission, was appointed to the Council in March to fill a vacancy. The term for that seat runs until 2011. State Law requires a vacant seat be on the ballot at the next Village election for the unexpired term.

The Council is comprised of a President and six trustees. Terms are staggered to allow for continuity on the Council.

The Council serves as the legislative and governmental body with the authority to pass ordinances and adopt resolutions as deemed necessary.

The President serves as the chief executive of the Village, presides

over meetings and has voting power.

New residents may register to vote at any Secretary of State office or at Southfield Township. The Township is located at 18550 W. Thirteen Mile Rd., just west of Southfield Rd.

Applications for an Absentee Ballot will be available at the Village office. Those voters (age 60 and older) who are on the Permanent List to receive an Absentee Ballot will automatically be mailed applications. Those under age 60 must request an absentee ballot and provide a reason for the request.



Direct any questions to the Village Clerk, Kathryn Hagaman. Call the Village office at 248.644.0044 or email the Clerk at clerk@binghamfarms.org.

GROW ZONES COME TO BINGHAM FARMS

The call for volunteers went out and what a response there was. About 15 people volunteered to help plant “grow zones” at four locations on the medians of Telegraph Rd.

Early on a Sunday morning, they showed up, trowels in hand, eager to start adding some life to Telegraph Rd. More than 300 native plants, six different species, are now part of these “grow zones”. Look for the purple coneflowers, rough blazing stars, wild bergamot, black eyed susans, little bluestem and switch grass. Once established, they will add color from spring to fall.

It will take a few seasons for the plants to reach their full potential, however, it will be worth the wait. To prevent overcrowding, plants will be divided and used to create additional beds along the Telegraph Rd. corridor.

This beautification project was

made possible through a grant received from the Alliance of Rouge Communities. The grant provided funding for the design of the “grow zones” and



purchase of the native plants. Tonya Hunter, Landscape Ecologist for Environmental and Technology Inc. designed the beds. Wildlife Nurseries provided the plants.

The Village picked up the tab for the construction of the beds and will maintain these beds over the next three years to improve the survival rate.

Johnson Landscaping, who performs routine roadside maintenance for the Village, will be responsible for maintaining the beds.

A huge thank you to volunteers from the Franklin Garden Club and Master Gardeners along with the brave residents who came out to pitch in. They donned the safety vests and dodged the traffic. And in no time, it was done!



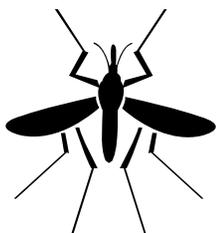
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KEEP FIGHTING THE WEST NILE VIRUS THIS SUMMER

Here we go again. Another season of fighting the West Nile Virus. The rains of the past several months have provided the perfect environment for a banner crop of mosquitoes.

For most people the West Nile 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.

The virus is spread to humans when bitten by a mosquito that carries the virus.



Last year, seventeen human cases were reported state wide, none in Oakland County.

The Oakland County Health Department believes that the low number of human infection is directly related to the prevention methods residents 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, or similar sites.
- ♦ 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.

LIVING PEACEFULLY WITH WILDLIFE

It's not easy living with a growing population of wildlife. At latest count, deer, coyotes, foxes and possibly a pheasant or two have been sited. While they may be wonderful to look at, not everyone loves them.

Take coyotes for example. The good news is that they will take care of the growing population of rabbits, groundhogs and field mice. The problem is that coyotes do not differentiate between small wildlife and small family pets.

Animal control officers strongly recommend that small dogs and cats not be left unattended in the yard. Also, coyotes, although not often, can attack small children. Keep an eye on little kids when they are playing outside.

Coyotes are difficult to trap and hunting them in a populated area is not an option. Some municipalities considered bringing in sharpshooters, but never followed through due to the inherent dangers of hunting in populated areas as well as logistical problems.



As for the deer, they can wreak havoc on trees and plants. Some residents have had success with Liquid Fence to protect plants and trees that are on the deer's food list. It's not practical to spray large areas and re-application must be made after it rains.

There are some plants that deer tend to avoid. A recent article in "Better Homes & Gardens" talked about plants that are deer resistant such as: russian sage, reed grass, dianthus, coreopsis, salvia and stachys (lambs ear).



SAVING THE "BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC"

One by one, local newspapers are disappearing. The internet has become the medium of choice for staying on top of the news.

However, when news of the pending demise of the "Birmingham Eccentric" was announced, some residents said "WAIT". What can be done to keep this newspaper that has been in circulation since 1878?

It's come a long way from a one page flyer to a newspaper covering local news in the five "B's" (Birmingham,

Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills and Bingham Farms. Want to know what's going on in local government? It's in the "Eccentric". How about high school sports? Again, it's in the "Eccentric".

The paper has been given a little reprieve. By reaching several milestones, the paper will continue. **New** subscriptions - 3,000 by July 1 and increase advertising revenue by \$2,500 per week.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

David M. Leckie

Greetings from the President's Corner.

I'm so thankful to be your President and hope I can fill Mary Jane Bauer's shoes adequately. I have served on your village council since 1995 and I'm committed to preserving the quality of life in our village that we have come to enjoy immensely.

Earlier this month I was involved in a Town Hall Meeting to "Save The Eccentric". The Eccentric has been serving our communities for 131 years. However like so many others newspapers that are going out of business, the Eccentric has found itself in the same boat.

A group of community leaders from Birmingham, Bingham Farms, Bloomfield Hills, Beverly Hills as well as our State Representative and Oakland County Commissioner asked for more time to work out a plan to save the paper.

The paper needs an additional 3,000 new subscriptions by July 1 and a total of 5,000 new subscriptions by October 31st.

We all must do our part to save this community nameplate.

BURGLARIES ON THE RISE IN NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

It was not unexpected, given the state of the economy, especially in hard-hit Michigan. Numerous reports came in of cars being broken into late at night. Valuables left inside the vehicles were taken including GPS systems, I-Pods, wallets and purses. In one incident the front wheels and tires were taken right off the car.

The thefts occurred in Franklin, Bloomfield Twp., Farmington Hills and Livonia.

Several suspects were eventually arrested by police in Livonia and Bloomfield Twp.

There are a few steps that can be taken to lessen the potential of being a victim. Don't leave anything of value in

In April, we passed the new village budget and with some belt tightening were able to maintain the 6.8 millage rate again this year. It's a very tight budget so we will only do one major road project this year, trying to avoid having to issue a bond to pay for the remaining road reconstruction projects.

As my predecessors have done before, I would like to send out a request for those interested in volunteering for the Design Review Board or Planning Commission. It's much easier to find good people when they've already let the village know they are interested. Just call the Village office (248.644.0044) for an application.

And remember, in September you have the opportunity to go to the polls and vote for candidates running for Village Council. The people running are willing to give their time to keep the Village running smoothly. See you at the polls.

Finally, have a great Summer.

WE WERE LUCKY AGAIN!

It happened again this week, as it often does. Mobile Watch spotted a vehicle unusually parked in a cul-de-sac but not near any homes in the area. Does it belong to some resident, or was it left there by someone scouting the area? Our job in Bingham Farms Mobile Watch is to spot things like this and make sure that nothing improper is afoot.

Our member recorded the license number, called it in to the police station, and was told to remain there until a patrol car arrived.

Fortunately the vehicle turned out to belong to a resident. But consider the time and effort of the department and our member – all of which could have been avoided if that resident had obtained and used a Bingham Farms automotive decal.



This decal, about two inches square, contains no letters or numbers – only a design of our trees. But when affixed to a rear window of a car or truck, it identifies that vehicle as "belonging" in Bingham Farms.

If you don't have Bingham Farms decals in your vehicles, you should have. It's a help to your neighbors and the Village police department. And they are Free! Just ask any Mobile Watch member or call Dick Holloway at 248.644.2622 to obtain as many as you need.

Thank you for considering this.

Bingham Farms Mobile Watch

NEW PROCEDURE TO BE PLACED ON PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST

New state law has changed the way voters may automatically receive absentee ballot applications. Gone is the phone call to ask to be placed on a permanent list. Now voters (over the age of 60) must request **in writing** that they be placed on the Permanent Absentee Voter Application List. This list allows the Clerk to automatically send out Absentee Ballot Applications for each election.

Either write a letter or fill in the application below and return it to Clerk, Southfield Twp. 18550 Thirteen Mile Rd., Southfield Twp., MI 48025. The office is located just west of Southfield Road.

REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PERMANENT ABSENTEE VOTER APPLICATION LIST

I, the undersigned, request to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list so I will receive an **application** for an absentee ballot for any upcoming elections. (Mail or return to Southfield Twp. Clerk, 18550 W. 13 Mile Rd., Southfield Twp., MI 48025.)

DATE: _____

NAME: _____
Print Name

ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

FRANKLIN FUNDRAISER

The Kreger Farmhouse is an historical building in Franklin. The property was donated to the Franklin Historical Society. While some of the moving costs were donated by the new owners, Franklin is raising more money to cover other costs. Costs



such as putting the house on a foundation and hooking up utilities are anticipated to reach \$240,000. An additional \$180,000 would complete the project which include furnishings, finishing the barn, landscaping and miscellaneous repairs and fees.

Donations are tax deductible.

The Village intends to use the Kreger house as a community center.

For more information log on to www.kregerhouse.org.

Grow Zones Cont. from Pg. 1

Special thanks to the Franklin Bingham Farms Police Dept. for providing extra security. The volunteers who participated were:

- Andrea Stromar (Franklin)
- Sandra Dickerson (Waterford)
- Larry Freedman (Bingham Farms)
- Richard Holloway (Bingham Farms)
- Marion Muma (Bingham Farms)
- Carl Muma (Bingham Farms)
- Yvonne Leckie (Bingham Farms)
- David Leckie (Bingham Farms)
- Jennifer Hagaman (Bingham Farms)
- D. E. Hagaman (Bingham Farms)
- Shallamar Williams (Franklin)



TAXES ARE DUE

BINGHAM FARMS
Due without penalty by
August 31, 2009

SOUTHFIELD TWP.
Due without penalty by
September 15, 2009

VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS 2009

July 27
August 24
September 28

Meetings begin at 8:00 p.m.

YEAR ROUND DROP OFF FOR 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 what amounts. 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.

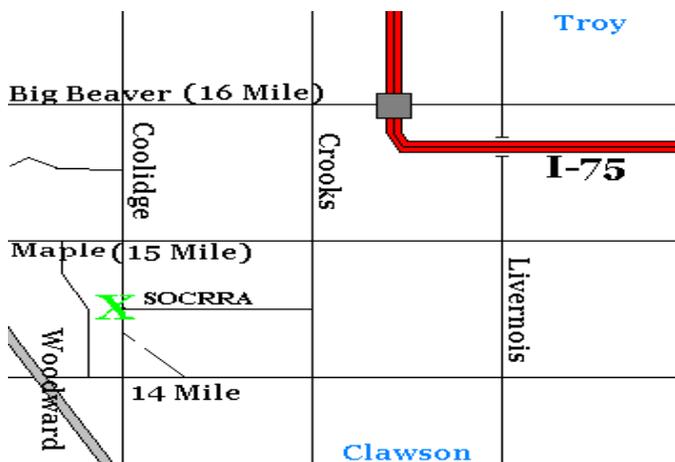
They will remove all the items from your vehicle.

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 law prohibits the facility to handle waste from businesses.

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



**FREE SHREDDING
HOUSEHOLD DOCUMENTS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009
10:00 A.M. - NOON
SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT
18550 W. 13 MILE RD.**

**Will accept five or six storage boxes
Questions: Call 248.540.3420**



DID YOU KNOW?

We're into those easy, breezy days of summer. People are out sprucing up their yards and homes and entertaining outdoors. Here are a few things to remember.

- ◆ Vehicles for Sale - it's a violation to display a vehicle for sale on a public road or right of way. This includes cars parked at the end of a driveway. (Sec.95.10) 
- ◆ Construction noise not allowed after dusk or before 7:00 a.m. No construction on Sundays. (Sec. 95.21 A) 
- ◆ After 11:00 p.m., tone down outside noise (Sec. 95.21 E) 
- ◆ Underground fences for dogs are not to be placed in the front yard unless approval has been granted by the Village Council. (Sec. 157.007 N) 
- ◆ Yard sales are allowed and no permit is needed. Signs must be removed immediately following the end of the sale. 
- ◆ No more than three regulated trees may be removed from a site within a 2-year time period without obtaining a permit. The removal of dead or damaged trees does not require a permit. (Sec. 93.01-93.11) 

The complete ordinances may be found on the Village website, www.binghamfarms.org. On the Home Page, click on "Code". If you have any questions, call the Village office at 248.644.0044.

ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FOR DROP OFF AT SOCRRA

From Your House:

- Aerosols
- Appliance & Flashlight Batteries (especially rechargeable)
- Mercury and Nickel-Cadmium Batteries (camera, calculator, hearing aid, etc.)
- Bug Sprays
- Chlorine Bleach
- Dyes
- Electronic Equipment (computers, TVs, radios, phones, etc.)
- Floor Care Products
- Floor Wax
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Compact Fluorescent Bulbs
- Furniture Polish
- Medicines (expired)
- Oven Cleaners
- Spray Dust Cleaners
- Scouring Powders
- Syringes
- Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Spot & Stain Removers
- Toilet Cleaners



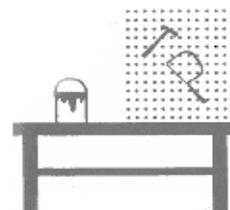
From Your Garden:

- Algaecides
- Ant & Roach Powder
- Bug Sprays, Sticks & Creams
- Fertilizer
- Fly Strips
- Fungicides
- Garden Dusts & Sprays
- Herbicides
- Insecticides & Pesticides
- Rat & Rodent Poison
- Weed Killer



From Your Workshop:

- Alcohols
- Creosote
- Cutting Oil
- Glues
- Mineral Spirits
- Naphtha
- Paint Brush Cleaners
- Polyurethane Coatings
- Rust Remover
- Turpentine
- Wood Stains & Preservatives
- Paints:
 - Automobile
 - Model
 - Oil and Latex-Based
 - Primer
 - Stripper



From Your Garage:

- Antifreeze
- Auto Batteries or Battery Acid
- Brake Fluid
- Car Wax with Solvents
- Diesel Fuel & Gasoline
- Engine Cleaners
- Fuel Oil
- Gas & Diesel Additives
- Kerosene
- Metal Polishes



Miscellaneous:

- Artists' Paints & Mediums
- Dry Cleaning Solvents
- Fiberglass Epoxy
- Gun Cleaning Solvents
- Lighter Fluid
- Moth Balls & Flakes

CALL 248.288.5153 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

YOUTH GROUP TO SOLICIT IN THE VILLAGE

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 seeking to place Christian literature in each home that will accept it and enabling residents to give a donation to help further their missionary training.

Religious ministries such as this are protected by the First Amendment but are subject to reasonable times of solicitation and 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 group has registered with the Village and the police department.

Saving the Eccentric Con't. from Pg. 2

More than 100 people showed up at the Town Hall Meeting held at the Community House on June 3rd.

Neighbors will go to neighbor working on getting those subscriptions. Local merchants will be tapped to commit to advertising.

Why did the Village get involved? The “Eccentric” has value for the community. It also has the lowest rates for publishing the Village’s public notices. Saving the “Eccentric” will save the Village money.

For more information, log on to www.SaveTheEccentric.com. You can download a subscription form or pick up the phone and call 866.887.2737.

POLICE & FIRE PHONE NUMBERS

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

NEW WATER & SEWER RATES

It’s inevitable. The new rates for water and sewer service have been announced.

The Village water supply is provided by SOCWA (Southeast Oakland County Water Authority) which purchases its water from Detroit Water & Sewerage.

The Village also contracts with Oakland County Water & Sewer to handle all operations for the Village. This includes meter reading, issuing bills, collecting payments and maintaining the Village’s infrastructure.



The rate calculation process begins with Detroit Water which forwards its costs for providing the water conduit and the water treatment facilities. They establish separate rates for customers in Detroit and those in the suburbs. These costs are then factored into the operating expenses of SOCWA (which purchases our water) and the County.

The County compiles all the costs and establishes one rate that Bingham Farms residents pay.

The new rates will go into effect July 1, 2009.

	Water	Sewer
Old Rate	\$15.99	\$18.65
New Rate	\$17.29	\$17.60
% Inc.	8%	-6%

The sewer rate shows a decrease this year. The Water Resource Authority, formerly Oakland County Drain Commission, has installed separate sewer meters in specific locations throughout the County. These meters can now measure the sewer flows. A new formula was devised to reflect costs in each municipality. For Bingham Farms, this means a decrease for now.

The Water Resource Authority believes the new formulas in conjunction with the sewer meters provides a more equitable distribution of costs.

EARTH FRIENDLY FERTILIZERS

It’s catching on. More and more home improvement and hardware stores are stocking up on earth friendly fertilizers. These fertilizers do not contain chemicals that can pollute the waterways.

Mis-applied fertilizer gets on sidewalks and driveways which is then carried into storm drains and eventually into the waterways.



To combat the problem, slow release fertilizers are recommended. They promote uniform grass growth and reduce the danger of over fertilization. Look for the Earth Friendly sticker on fertilizer bags.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Do you want to be notified when an emergency or important information comes in for water restrictions, or safety related issues?

All it takes is sending your request to the Village of Bingham Farms via email. All we need to know is your name and email address. Email your request to clerk@binghamfarms.org.

When an emergency notification is needed, the Village emails everyone on the contact list. In a matter of minutes, you will have the most updated information available.

The list is private and stays in the Village office. The emails are set up so other recipients do not have access to anyone else’s email address.

Over the past several years, the Village has sent out just a handful of notices. But it’s always good to be in the know.

COUNCIL ADOPTS FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

With the downturn in the economy, it's getting tougher to scrounge up any good news. Even the Village is having to figure out how to do more with less revenue. The largest problem is dealing with what is now becoming a routine...the state reducing the Village's share of sales tax revenues.

Revenue sharing is that portion of state revenues dispersed to communities to help cover the cost of public safety and municipal services.

The majority of Village revenue comes from property taxes (personal & real), fees from construction and fines from traffic violations. The Village is again pulling from its fund balance to achieve a balanced budget for FY 2009-2010. The total budget is \$2,051,173.

While revenues are decreasing, basic expenditures continue to rise. The Village is fortunate to have joined with other municipalities (especially Franklin) to share services and contain expenses.

Just last year, the Village signed an agreement with Beverly Hills to handle some of our road maintenance and street repairs. This has resulted in considerable savings to the Village and quicker response.

This budget will not increase the Village millage rate of 6.8% which has been maintained at this same level since 1999.

Besides the joint agreements the Village has in place with neighboring municipalities, the Council and staff closely review all expenditures on a monthly basis to stay within the budgeted annual amounts.

Here is a snapshot of Village expenses for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The major cost components of the Budget include Public Safety (Fire & Police), Roads (maintenance & reconstruction) and Administration (includes major costs such as rent, audit, utilities, insurance and salaries).

Administrative	\$ 400,907
Engineering	11,000
Road Improvements	352,218
Library	129,631
Contingency	30,000
Public Safety	1,014,817
Legal	22,000
Rubbish	<u>90,600</u>
Total	\$2,051,173

TAXES ARE DUE

Tax bills are mailed out on July 1, 2009.

BINGHAM FARMS

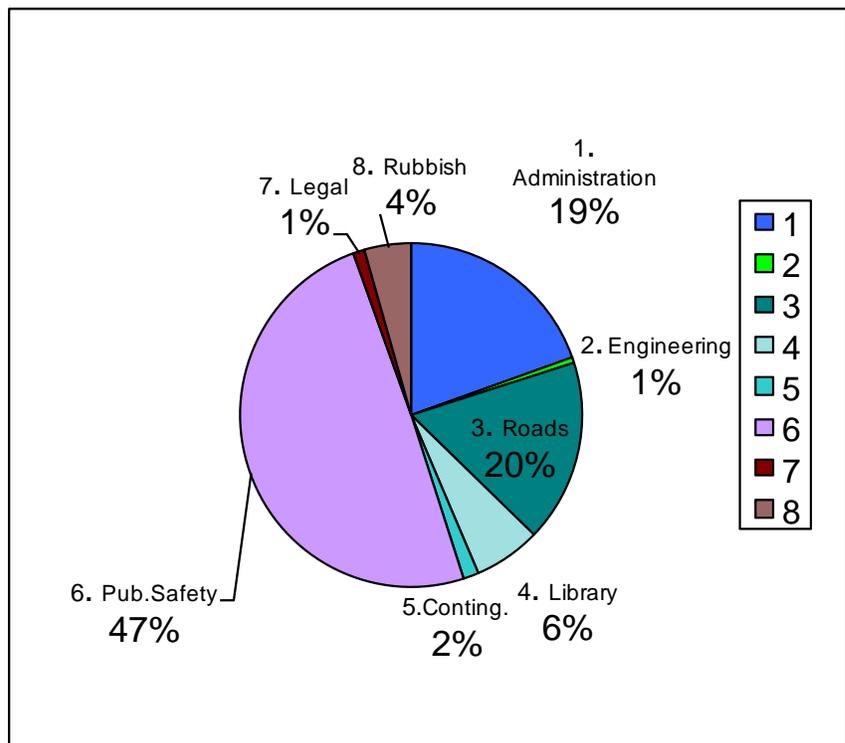
Checks payable to Village of Bingham Farms.

Due without penalty U.S. Postal Service Postmark by August 31, 2009.

SOUTHFIELD TWP.

Checks payable to Southfield Twp.

Due without penalty by September 15, 2009.



CHECK OUT THE

VILLAGE WEBSITE

www.binghamfarms.org

Get the latest on Village activities and upcoming events

POLICE OFFICERS HONORED

You see a number of our police officers out and about every day patrolling the neighborhood. It seems like nothing major ever happens in the Village. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Franklin Bingham Police officers handle many difficult situations and their efforts were recognized at an Award Ceremony on May 21, 2009. The ceremony was held at the Franklin Presbyterian Church.

A prime example of the extraordinary efforts of the police department was solving a series of home invasions in neighboring Franklin. The burglars broke into a house which they thought was unoccupied.

It was around 1 a.m. The ninety-one year old resident was surprised to see lights in the hallway. She yelled out to the culprits and they went scrambling away. She quickly called the police and provided a description of one of the intruders.

Four days later at about 10:45 p.m. another resident observed two suspects prowling around outside her house. She immediately call police and provided a description of their vehicle.

Using a description of the suspects and their vehicle, police spotted the vehicle a short time later travelling west on Thirteen Mile Rd towards Telegraph Rd. Following the vehicle, the police officer pulled the vehicle over on a traffic violation. This officer should have been off-duty hours before but stayed beyond his shift to help his other officers.

An inspection of the vehicle revealed several items, which were later identified as stolen from other homes. The suspects were eventually charged with three home invasions and one attempted home invasion.

The Village is fortunate to have such a group of officers, including reserve officers, who consistently go beyond the call of duty to keep our village safe.

Officers receiving awards were:

Sgt. James Hirschfeld
Detective Lt. William Castro

Officer Michael Bastianelli
Officer James Gardner
Sgt. Brian Crane
Officer David Dwyer
Officer Mark Dyjewski
Officer George Krajewski
Officer Steve Goulet
Reserve Captain Michael Melekian
Reserve Officer Kevin Crane
Reserve Lt. William Ewald
Reserve Officer Joseph Kovacs
Reserve Officer Ron Berris
Reserve Officer Lisa Schaefer
Reserve Officer Tom Kwietniewski
Reserve Officer John Handy.

A special Excellence Award for Outstanding Partnership was presented to Fire Chief Anthony Averbuch, representing the Franklin - Bingham Farms Fire Department.

Seven civilian citations were also presented for their actions which resulted in the apprehension of criminals, lifesaving, or assisting the Department in combating crime.

The ceremony was attended by family and friends of the officers as well as representatives from the Village Councils and Mobile Watch for Franklin and Bingham Farms. A reception followed the ceremony.

Once again, a huge thank you to all the staff of the Franklin Bingham Farms Police Department for their commitment and dedication.



Not all department staff pictured.

BURNING REGULATIONS

Burning of twigs, leaves and logs is permitted in the Village, however there are rules that must be followed.

According to the ordinance:

1. Burning shall not be on any paved or bituminous surfaced street,
2. Burn any type of refuse where smoke, ashes or odor will create a nuisance, public or private,
3. Burn rubbish closer than 15 feet to a building, and
4. Leave a rubbish fire unattended.



It is extremely important that the fire be attended the entire time. If not, the property owner is subject to a ticket.

It is highly recommended that if a large amount of debris is to be burned, notification be made to both the police and fire department, advising them as to when it will occur (date and time) and the estimated time it will take to complete the burn.

It is also recommended that if there will be a prolonged burn, that neighbors also be notified.

Burning should not take place in adverse conditions, such as high winds as it could result in the fire getting out of control. Be very cautious when having an open fire.

Franklin Bingham Fire Dept.

ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, August 3 at 8:00 p.m.
At the Fire Hall
All residents invited



CABLE TV PROBLEMS?

Having problems with your Comcast or AT&T TV service or have a question about your bill?

COMCAST 1-800-266-2278

Local Office 248-549-2100

Local office located at 4500 Delemere Blvd, Royal Oak
(south off 14 Mile Rd., east of Coolidge)

AT&T 1-800-288-2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bingham Farms

Bi-Annual Elections - September 15 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Bingham Farms Elementary School

Birmingham

In The Park Concerts - 7 p.m. Booth Park (new location)
Every Wednesday thru August

Band Jam - July 10 7:00 p.m. Booth Park

Family Movie Night - Booth Park 7:30 p.m. July 24, August 28 at dusk

Day on the Town - downtown July 25 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Woodward Dream Cruise - August 15

Art in the Park - Sept. 26 & 27th Booth Park

Franklin

Music on the Green - downtown Franklin- evenings
July 15, 22, 29

Movies on the Green - downtown Franklin - sunset
July 29, August 5 & 12

Labor Day Parade - downtown Franklin - Sept. 7

VILLAGE OFFICES

will be closed on

September 7 - Labor Day

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

Village of Bingham Farms
24255 Thirteen Mile Road #190
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 644-0044
www.binghamfarms.org

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