

The Bingham Farms Post

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Gas line upgrades at 13 Mile/Lahser

Not in Bingham Farms, but close enough to spur major traffic headaches. In mid-July, Consumers Energy began pipeline repair and replacement at the intersection. The project isn't expected to end until mid-September (yikes!), after the school year begins. The eastbound right turn lane on 13 Mile and northbound right turn lane road on Lahser will be closed on and off throughout the project.

Village tax bills due this summer

Village tax bills were mailed Friday, June 28. The deadline for payment is Tuesday, Sept. 3. Taxes paid after Sept. 3 will incur a 1 percent penalty per month.

Checks for tax payments can be mailed to Treasurer, Village of Bingham Farms, 24255 Thirteen Mile Road, Suite 190, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. Taxes can be paid in person at the village office by cash or check. Charge cards are not accepted. Office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Questions? Call 248-644-0044 or email Karin Ludwick at treasurer@binghamfarms.org.

Safety at home: Technology options

Join the Bingham Farms and Franklin Mobile Watch groups, in partnership with the Franklin-Bingham Police Department, for a presentation on the latest technology in home safety and security. Ron Ross of Vigilante Security will present various protection options available to homeowners. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The event will be held 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11, at the Franklin Community Church, 26425 Wellington Road. Questions can be sent to bfmobilewatch@gmail.com.

Planning an exterior renovation?

Most exterior home renovations and the addition of new structures must be approved by the village's Design Review Board **BEFORE** work begins.

Examples include remodeling and rebuilding; changing the exterior color; some landscaping projects; the addition or alteration of awnings, lighting, solar energy systems, pools, patios, and driveways. The same applies to commercial properties, including signage.

When in doubt, call the village office.

The Design Review Board meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. To have your project added to the board's agenda and discuss requirements and fees, contact the village office.

Call MISSDIG811 before digging

Every day across the country, an underground network of pipelines, cables, and wires carries or transports water, electricity, telecommunications services, sewage, natural gas, petroleum products, and chemicals to manufacturing centers and customers who rely on them. Pipelines are the most reliable way of transporting energy resources. You play an important role in ensuring your own safety while also helping utilities and pipeline companies protect the safety and integrity of their operations.

There is no cost to homeowners for using MISSDIG.

Below are five steps to safe digging:

1. Call 811 or go to elocate.missdig811.org three workdays before you dig.
2. Wait for utilities to be marked.
3. Check status on the website.
4. Respect the flags and markings.
5. Dig with care.

Ever wonder what all those little flags mean?

RED		Electric
YELLOW		Gas, Oil, Steam or Petroleum
ORANGE		Communications
BLUE		Potable Water
PURPLE		Reclaimed Water Irrigation
GREEN		Sewer & Drain Lines
WHITE		Proposed Excavation
PINK		Temporary Surveying

Critter control in the village

Southfield Township provides Bingham Farms with animal control services for both wild and domestic critters. This includes everything from enforcement to advice and even roadkill cleanup. Assistance in wild animal control includes lending live traps. The township also issues annual dog licenses.

To speak with Animal Control Officer David Weber, call the township office, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, at 248-540-3420.

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Council meetings

The Bingham Farms Village Council meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Remaining fourth-Monday meeting dates for this year are August 26, September 23, October 28 and November 25. The December meeting will be held on the third Monday (December 16).

The Council Chambers is located in the village office, 24255 13 Mile Road, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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

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.

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