

# The Bingham Farms Post

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## Village water sampling completed

Higher-than-expected lead levels in drinking water have been reported recently in nearby communities. This has raised Bingham residents' concerns.

The village contracts with the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC) to maintain the water and sewage system (the underground infrastructure). In accordance with state law, WRC tests drinking water annually in every community for which it maintains water systems, and issues a report. The tests include lead and copper content.

On October 4, WRC released its findings: "Lead and copper sampling was completed in the Bingham Farms water system as required by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). A minimum of 10 samples were required and 11 samples were collected from customer homes and analyzed. The results of all samples were below the action level (AL) for both lead and copper. The range of results for lead were all less than the detection limit of 2 ppb and less than the 15 ppb action level. The copper results were between 24-110 ppb and all were below the action level of 1300 ppb for copper. All customers were notified of their results. The report has been submitted to EGLE; they will calculate the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile values that will be reported in the annual Water Quality Reports."

Bingham Farms	# Required	# Collected	Lead range ppb (AL 15)	Copper range ppb (AL 1300)
	10	11	<2.0	24-110

ppb = parts per billion; AL = action level

## Notice of special council meeting

Village Council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 pm Wednesday, October 16, in the Council Chambers. The meeting purpose is to conduct a training session for council and staff.

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## Council meetings to be televised

Beginning with its October 28 meeting, Village Council meetings will be aired on Birmingham Area Municipal Access (BAMA) Television. Meetings won't be broadcast live; they'll be recorded and aired in a timeslot to be determined.

BAMA is channel 15 on Comcast, channel 10 on WOW, and channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse. The village website will also carry the meetings.

## Upcoming meetings

The Bingham Farms Village Council meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month. Remaining regular fourth-Monday meeting dates for this year are 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.

## Rabies confirmed in skunks found in county

Oakland County Health Division received confirmation on Oct. 9 of two new rabies cases in skunks removed from Southfield and Farmington Hills. In 2019, rabies has been verified in four bats and eight skunks in the county. Residents are urged to avoid wild animals such as skunks, bats, raccoons, foxes, and stray cats and dogs. Bats and skunks are the most common carriers of rabies in Michigan.

If a wild animal is found behaving strangely, call Southfield Township Animal Control Officer Dave Weber, 248-540-3420, for assistance.

If you or your household pet is bitten by any wild animal or an animal unknown to you, wash the affected area thoroughly with soap and water and seek medical or veterinary attention immediately. To report an animal bite, call your local law enforcement agency. Then notify the Health Division at 248-858-1286.

If a human has been bitten or scratched by a rabid animal, disease prevention includes rabies vaccines. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of infected animals and is spread through bites or scratches. Rabies is not spread through a skunk's spray. Follow these simple steps to protect against rabies:

- Have pets vaccinated regularly.
- Don't handle stray, wild, or dead animals.
- Keep pets indoors or supervised to limit their exposure to wild animals that may be rabid.
- Use a leash when walking dogs. Don't leave food or water outside for pets when unattended.
- Call local animal control experts for help if an animal is acting strangely, including having problems swallowing, exhibiting lots of drool or saliva, appearing tamer than you would expect, biting at everything, having trouble moving or is paralyzed.
- Keep garbage securely covered, as these items may attract wild or stray animals.

***If you haven't licensed your dog with Southfield Township, this is a good time to do so. Licenses are \$10. The township office is at 18550 W. Thirteen Mile.***

## 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](mailto:info@binghamfarms.org), and visit [www.binghamfarms.org](http://www.binghamfarms.org).

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

The office will be closed Thursday-Friday, Nov. 28-29, for Thanksgiving. The office will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 2 for Christmas and New Year.

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## Volunteer Opportunity

The village is seeking a volunteer to serve as its representative on the Birmingham Area Cable Board (BACB). Meetings are held monthly just down the road in the Beverly Hills Village Council Chambers. BACB resolves cable complaints, protects public rights of way and develops public access programming.

For more information, contact Village Manager Ken Marten.

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## 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