



# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

## New SOAR vehicle enhances emergency response

When is a beverage truck not a beverage truck? When it's transformed into the Fire Department's newest emergency response vehicle, the Special Operations and Rescue (SOAR) vehicle. The recently unveiled SOAR rescue truck carries equipment for a wide variety of emergency situations including water rescue, vehicle extrication, machinery rescue, confined space rescue, building collapse rescue, trench rescue, incident lighting, portable air supply, hazardous materials and structure fires. It also carries the medical monitoring and cooling equipment used to keep the firefighters healthy during long operations. When first responders arrive at an emergency scene with the SOAR vehicle, they have everything they may need, eliminating delays caused by the need to send personnel back to the station for equipment or calling in another department to bring equipment.

One feature of the SOAR vehicle that will greatly enhance the safety of both first respon-

ders and accident victims is the lighted traffic safety board, similar to those used on road construction sites and vehicles. This large lighted arrow sign can be popped up into place to direct traffic around the scene of an emergency. Bloomfield Township is the only fire department in Oakland County to have this important safety device.



Fire Chief Dave Piché initially came up with the SOAR concept several years ago when he was still a lieutenant. As chief, Piché appointed a group of 29 firefighters with diverse backgrounds to further explore the idea. The Penske Group worked with the Fire Department to make the SOAR concept a reality by providing, at a greatly

reduced price, a used beverage truck with many years of service left in it. This private/public partnership saved the Township approximately \$300,000 of the cost of a newly built heavy rescue vehicle. The Department collaborated with local Michigan-owned companies to fabricate and paint the new SOAR vehicle.

Fast and efficient response to emergencies is the highest priority for the Fire Department, and the new vehicle enhances the Department's life-saving abilities. Now all the Department's specialized lifesaving equipment is consolidated in one vehicle that is ready to respond to all emergencies.

"We have had situations in the past when we were called to an event that developed to the extent that we needed specialized equipment that we didn't have on hand," said Lieutenant Chris Whitehead. "With the new vehicle, we always have the necessary equipment available immediately."

## Police Department does more with less

We all know the cliché that has become today's reality: "You have to do more with less." For the Police Department, doing more with less is "business as usual."

Since 2007, the department's personnel have been reduced by three and revenue has fallen.

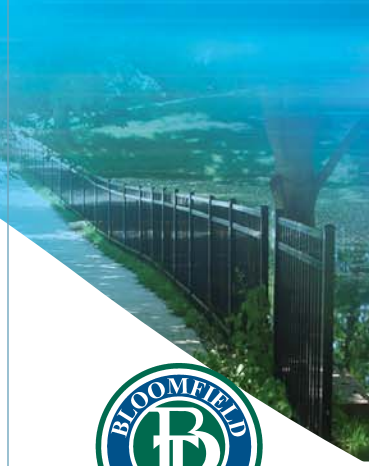
However, through strategic changes, it has maintained the outstanding services for which it is known.

One way to secure specialized protection for residents is to "loan" officers to multijurisdictional taskforces. Our participation enables officers to

receive very specific training while Bloomfield Township residents receive the benefit of the additional law enforcement activity.

One officer now is serving on

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### BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD 2012

#### 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

Scot Goldberg, Chairman  
Jeff Salz, Vice Chairman  
Neal Barnett  
Richard Mintz  
Thomas Petinga  
Vacant Position  
Lisa Seneker

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Robert E. Taylor, Jr., Chairman  
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David Buckley  
Brian Henry  
Lisa Seneker  
Carol Rosati  
Tracy Leone  
Justin Winkelman, Alternate  
Pam Williams, Alternate

Save the date...

**August 7**  
Primary Election

**August 17**  
Superformance Dream Drive

**August 18**  
Classic Car Show

**October 6**  
Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day

**October 14**  
Open House

For more information call 248-433-7700 or go to [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org)



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

Clerk's Office offers tips for voters as elections near

'Tis the season to vote! Redistricting, confirming citizenship, registering to vote, three new polling locations and ballot issues require your attention.

Redistricting occurs every ten years after the census. Changes made to congressional, state and county commissioner districts are noted on our website and on new voter identification cards which will be mailed in June. Bloomfield Township remains in the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and State Representative District 40; however, we move from State Senate District 13 to District 12. Our County Commissioner Districts were reduced from four to two. The table below summarizes the changes.

Citizenship will be confirmed whether you vote absentee or at the polls. Each voter will be asked to answer the question in writing: Are you a U.S. citizen? This question has appeared on the applications to vote since February 2012. Be prepared to check your citizenship status. Only U.S. citizens can register to

vote.

Voter registration forms are available at the Clerk's Office and [www.bloomfieldtwp.org/services/clerk](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/services/clerk). Any U.S. citizen who is at least age 18 on election day is eligible to register to vote. The last day to register for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election is July 9, 2012.

Three new polling locations become permanent beginning with the August 7, 2012 Primary Election.

◆ Precinct 3, formerly located at Wing Lake School, moves permanently to the Gary Doyle Center, 7275 Wing Lake Road.

◆ Precinct 16, formerly Meadowlake Elementary School, moves permanently to West Maple Elementary School, 6275 Inkster Rd.

◆ Precinct 21, formerly located at the Farm Activity Building, moves permanently to the Adams Woods Community Building, 1480 Timberview Trail. This building was made handicap accessible through a federal grant, Voting Access for Individuals with Disabilities

(VOTE) program.

Ballot samples for the August 7, 2012 Primary Election will be on our website at the end of June. This election provides a nominating process for partisan offices at the federal, state, county and local levels. Nonpartisan races exist in the judicial section. Proposals include a millage renewal for Bloomfield Township Public Safety and the Oakland County Public Transportation (SMART), as well as new millage for the Oakland County Art Institute Authority.

This election cycle begins in August and ends with the General Election on November 6, 2012. Make sure your voice is heard – register and vote. The Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office invites you to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or seek further information regarding your federal, state and county districts. Contact us at 248.433.7702 or via email, [clerk@bloomfieldtwp.org](mailto:clerk@bloomfieldtwp.org).

9th Congressional District 2013 - 2022	
Macomb County	Oakland County
Center Line, Clinton Twp., Eastpointe, Fraser, Mt. Clemens, Roseville, St. Clair Shores, Sterling Heights (part), Village of Grosse Point Shores, Warren	Berkley, <b>Bloomfield Township</b> , Clawson (part), Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Madison Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield Township
State Representative District 40 2013 - 2022	
Birmingham, <b>Bloomfield Township</b> , City of Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield Township (part)	
State Senate District 12 2015 - 2024	
Addison Township, Auburn Hills, <b>Bloomfield Township</b> , Independence Township, Keego Harbor, Oakland Township, Orion Township, Oxford Township, Pontiac, Southfield Township, Sylvan Lake, Village of Clarkston	
County Commissioner Districts 2012 - 2021	
<b>County Commissioner District 12</b> Precincts 1-2, 4-9, 12-15, 17-32	<b>County Commissioner District 13</b> Precincts 3, 10, 11, 16



## A NOTE FROM

Leo Savoie, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

# Millage renewal will maintain level of services

The results from the Mitchell Research & Communications Inc. survey are in. This survey was taken to help the Township Board, administration and employees correctly gauge residents' sentiments regarding the upcoming Public Safety millage renewal request. The results were impressive. Overall, the results indicate the renewal has a 75% approval rating from voters.

The millage brings in approximately 1/3 of our revenue for Police, Fire and EMS services. It was levied in 2003 for a ten-year period. It was originally 2.5 mills, but because of the Headlee rollback, the renewal request is for 2.3931 mills. September 2012 is the last time the 2.5 mills can be levied. Even if the renewal is approved, its purchasing power will be approximately \$2,700,000 less than it was in 2003 due to the rollback, the decline in property values and the fact that inflation has decreased its purchasing power.

Pecuniary interests aside, the practical implications of this millage for Police, Fire and EMS protection have become readily apparent over the last several months. We

have had a number of major traffic accidents in Bloomfield Township. Almost all of these were caused by nonresidents traveling through the Township. Every one of these incidents was caused by someone breaking the law. Our police officers diligently patrol our major roadways to keep them safe for each of us. These patrols would have to be cut back significantly without the millage renewal.

Neighborhood patrols would have to be cut as well. Since becoming Supervisor I have gone to numerous neighborhood association meetings. A common complaint is the rate of speed on our residential streets. Our officers are able to address these areas with additional patrols to protect the residents.

In addition to traffic concerns, neighborhood patrols protect our homes and property. Home invasions have fallen considerably over the past year. This does not happen by accident. Our visual presence in the neighborhoods curtails illegal activity.

The impact on residents' safety would be just as great – or even greater – if the Fire Department had to be curtailed because of a loss of

revenue. Over the last several months there have been a number of major house fires in the Township. I have personally witnessed three in the last 30 days that would have been total losses if it were not for the swift response from our firefighters. One of them was in a condominium that would have easily spread to adjacent units if it had not been contained quickly. Over and above the monetary value of the home, our firefighters have been able to save personal items, many of which could not be replaced. Unfortunately, several fires have been total losses. However, even in those circumstances, our firefighters protect the surrounding structures and conduct investigations.

Our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) operations are unusually impressive. All but three of our firefighters are paramedics and the three who are not will soon become paramedics. Every response vehicle is equipped for Advanced Life Support. They are connected to emergency rooms in the area to give the highest level of care on every call. It doesn't matter whether it is a medical

emergency, a vehicle extrication or a water safety incident; our firefighters are prepared to save lives.

The preparation for becoming a Bloomfield Township police officer or firefighter/paramedic takes a significant amount of training. For police the training is in the classroom, at the range and in the gym. Every police officer, regardless of age or rank, is required to qualify on an annual basis for shooting and physical self-defense. Every firefighter/paramedic is continually training to maintain and enhance his skill set. Their training includes medical updates, firefighting techniques and auto extrications, just to name but a few. Long gone are the days of sitting around waiting for the fire. Our officers, both police and fire, are constantly training.

We are fortunate to live in a community in which we have employees who are the best of the best. The survey results bear out the value we place on all the municipal services Bloomfield Township provides. As always, if you have any comments or concerns please feel free to contact me.

## Township enforces sign ordinance

As election season approaches, please remember that Bloomfield Township enforces the ordinance governing the use of political signs. The Township's Ordinance Division enforces the sign ordinance fairly and without prejudice.

- ◆ Keep election signs out of the public right-of-way. Rights-of-way include the areas where you find sidewalks or safety paths, utility poles, hydrants and street signs. Place election signs only on your private property.
- ◆ Political signs should be no

larger than four square feet in area.

- ◆ Remove all political signs within three days after the election.

You can find the complete sign ordinance by following the ClearZoning link on the website [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org)







From the Police Department

## Officer to attend FBI Academy



Lieutenant Phil Langmeyer has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia for the Winter 2013 session. This is the fifth time the Bloomfield Township Police Department has been chosen to send a member to the Academy, remark-

able for a department the size of Bloomfield Township's.

The FBI Academy is located at the Quantico Marine Base 40 miles south of Washington, D.C. In each session the Academy, under the auspices of the University of Virginia, trains approximately 250 national and international law enforcement officials in the areas of law, behavioral science leadership development, forensic science and other law enforcement disciplines. In addition to the academic courses, participants undergo physical training, including completing the Marine Corps obstacle course.

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the Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET). This officer works with a crew of veteran officers who spearhead the battle against drugs and their accompanying violence.

Illegal drugs and violence are synonymous with gangs. While gangs typically operate within a given geographic area and there is no gang activity within Bloomfield Township's boundaries, gangs' illegal activities sometimes spill into other communities. The Township assigns one officer to an FBI task force dedicated to dismantling those organizations.

The Department also has an officer in the Surveillance Intelligence Unit (SIU). It is composed of officers from various agencies in southeast Michigan and is tasked with developing identifying suspects in crimes that have been committed, following them, and then apprehending them, often red-handed.

The Bloomfield Township Animal Welfare shelter provides an example of doing

more with less that is closer to home. There are two Animal Welfare officers and one of them is a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Police officers are sent to assist the Fire Department on certain medical runs and this Animal Welfare officer is often used for that purpose, allowing a patrol officer to stay on his or her patrol.



The mission to "do more with less" has been achievable in part because of the excellent relationship between the Police Officers' Association and the Board of Trustees. The latest contract negotiations resulted in cost savings for the Township and no layoffs of police personnel. This cooperation is rare and benefits all sides, especially the people of Bloomfield Township.

## Citizens' Academy scheduled for Fall

Interested in learning more about the way the Police Department operates? The Bloomfield Township Police Department will hold another Citizens' Academy on Tuesdays, September 4 through October 23, 2012. The academy will meet from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Each night during the academy students will learn about a different aspect of law enforcement. Some of these topics are:

- ◆ Police patrol
- ◆ The Taser
- ◆ Radio communications and dispatch operations
- ◆ Use of the K-9
- ◆ How police officers are hired and trained
- ◆ Equipment police officers use to do their job and stay safe.

The Citizens' Academy is open to any Bloomfield Township resident over the age of 18. A brief criminal history check will be run on each applicant; however, most minor offenses will not preclude participation.

To participate in the Academy, register online at <http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/Police/CommunityServices.htm>

## Secondary meters save water and money



If your water usage is higher in the summer due to a sprinkler system or swimming pool, you may want to consider installing a secondary water meter. A second water meter measures the volume of water that is used exclusively outside, and the sewer rate is not billed on that usage.

Cost of a secondary meter ranges from \$265 to \$520 and may be purchased from the Township. Installation must be done by a licensed plumber and the cost will depend upon the complexity of the existing plumbing in the home. A plumbing permit is required and the work must be inspected and approved by the plumbing inspector before use.

For more information or for help determining if a second meter could save you money, call the DPW at 248-594-2800 or visit the Township website, <http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/PublicWorks/Water>

**A second meter helps you save money. You can also help hold down water rates by avoiding watering during peak hours, 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**



# BTSS expands offerings, participation grows



In the three years since Bloomfield Township Senior Services opened its new Center on Andover Road, the scope of classes, trips, support services and other offerings has expanded steadily. Participation by residents grows each month. In June alone, 144 residents registered for the first time by creating their BTSS profiles.

Each profile that is created represents a person's interest in BTSS programs or services.

People creating profiles may be receiving tax assistance once a year or they may be attending fitness programs three times a week. In order to better track use of the Senior Center, BTSS has introduced a new system of providing registrants with an ID card to be scanned at each visit. The Point of Service scanning system will document each visit to the center and indicate the specific activities or services being used. BTSS will use this information to tailor its programs to residents' interests and needs. Additionally, the system provides greater accountability to taxpayers by documenting exactly how the Center is being used.

Here are some numbers we already have:

- 7,000:** profiles created since the new center opened
- 8920:** total profiles
- 107:** new profiles per month, on average
- 90:** percent of participants in weekly classes who are Township residents
- 100:** percent of participants in the popular Fitness Open Hours and Open Swim who are Township residents
- 63:** hours each week, Monday through Saturday, that BTSS is open
- 25,000:** total visits projected for this year

If you would like to learn more about creating a profile or getting a BTSS photo ID, call 248.723.3500 or visit

[www.bloomfieldtwp.org/seniors](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/seniors). To schedule a BTSS presentation at your next Homeowners Association meeting please contact Christine Tvaroha, Director, at 248.723.3500.



**BTSS employee Delores Atto scans in Sally and John Reinicke as they arrive at the Senior Center**

## Millage Renewal, Township officials on August 7 ballot

Township voters will be asked to vote on a renewal of the Public Safety Millage. The ballot question will read in part as follows:

*Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield be authorized to renew up to 2.3931 mills for a period of ten (10) years to finance continued Fire, Police and Public Safety protection commencing with the December 2013 levy? Approval of this proposal would permit a tax of \$2.3931 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. This pro-*

*posed millage is a renewal of previously authorized millage which expires in 2012...It is estimated that this proposal will result in the authorization to collect \$7,410,947 in the first year if approved and levied.*

Bloomfield Township elected officials are running unopposed. They are:

- Leo Savoie, Supervisor
- Janet Roncelli, Clerk
- Dan Devine, Treasurer
- David Buckley, Trustee
- Neal Barnett, Trustee
- Brian Kepes, Trustee
- Corinne Khederian, Trustee

## Clerk of the Year



Township Clerk Jan Roncelli was voted 2012 Clerk of the Year by the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. She was honored at the MAMC's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Traverse City on June 20. Roncelli was nominated for the award by Township Supervisor Leo Savoie and Michigan

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson, and chosen by vote of all the municipal clerks in the state.

Congratulations, Jan!

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Keep up with what's happening in Bloomfield Township! Subscribe to our news update service and receive periodic email updates from Bloomfield Township on items related to Township services and events. The e-newsletter is typically sent once every three or four weeks. Visit the website at [www.bloomfieldtwp.org](http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org) and click on the E-Mail List link on the upper right of the home page.

Take advantage of the wealth of information on the Bloomfield Township website. There you can find the 2012-2013 budget, the Strategic Plan, the Code of Ordinances, tax information, and much more. You can even watch Township meetings on Video on Demand.



## Ten summertime maintenance tips from the Building Division

1. Check your A.C. condenser to make sure the coils are clean and free of debris. Remove debris and leaves that have fallen on or into the unit.
2. Clean and check your barbecue grill. Check the gas line and burners for signs of excessive wear and replace parts if necessary. Be sure to turn the gas tank off after every use.
3. Check your deck for loose boards and repair and refinish it if necessary.
4. Inspect pool gates. Lubricate the working parts to make sure the gates close and latch on their own. If you have doors that access the pool area, check that they are alarmed and functioning correctly. Learn how to quickly deactivate the pool's suction pump in the event of an emergency.
5. Direct sprinkler heads away from your home's foundation. This will minimize soil erosion next to the walls and will help reduce the chance of water infiltration.
6. Install anti-siphon devices at each hose bib to eliminate the possibility of any lawn chemicals or pesticides applied through the hose getting into the potable water supply.
7. Inspect your garage door. Lube the door rollers and hinges and check the weather strip at the bottom.
8. Clean gutters and check for leaking joints or nails that are not secured properly.
9. Make sure fire extinguishers are easily accessible and check the charge dates. It's a good idea to keep fire extinguishers in the garage, kitchen and basement.
10. Trip and re-set your electrical circuit breakers. Install GFCI receptacles in the kitchen, bath, basement, garage and at outside locations.



## Properly dispose of yard waste

Yard waste is picked up on your regular trash day from March 15 through the second week of December. Follow these guidelines:

- ◆ Place all grass, leaf clippings and twigs in paper yard waste bags or 32-gallon containers clearly marked "Yard Waste" or "Compost." Stickers are available at Township offices.
  - ◆ Branches two to six inches in diameter must be cut to four-foot lengths, bundled and tied.
  - ◆ Any branches larger than six inches in diameter will require a special pick-up by a private contractor or by Rizzo Services for an extra fee.
  - ◆ Bags, containers and bundles must not exceed 60 lbs. each.
- Yard waste in plastic bags is prohibited and will not be picked up.
- Questions? Call the Department of Public Works at 248-594-2800 or Rizzo Services at 866-772-8900.



## Dispose of latex paint with your regular trash

Because latex paint is non-hazardous, it can be disposed of with your regular trash, provided it is completely solidified. Check paint can labels to determine what type of paint it is. Latex paints are soluble in water. Look for the words "latex" or "acrylic" and directions that specify to clean up or thin with water.

Oil or solvent-based paints and stains, on the other hand, are combustible and present particular hazards. Look for the words "oil" or "alkyd" and directions that specify to clean up or thin with mineral spirits or paint thinner. Leftover oil or solvent-based paints, whether liquid or solid, should be taken to the Township's next Household Hazardous Waste Day. Never dispose of oil- or solvent-based paints and stains in your trash.

There are several methods that can be used to properly solidify latex paint for disposal:

- ◆ Remove the lid and let the paint dry out in the can; protect from freezing and rain as well as curious children and animals. This only works when an inch or less of paint is left in the can and is most effective in warmer months.
- ◆ Mix latex paint with an equal amount of cat litter; stir in completely and allow to dry.
- ◆ Mix latex paint with a latex paint hardener; stir and allow to harden. Paint hardener can be purchased at your local hardware store.
- ◆ For larger volumes of latex paint, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag. Add an absorbing agent such as kitty litter, sawdust or shredded newspaper to the box. Pour the paint into the box so that it forms a thin layer (about 1 inch deep) and allow the paint to harden. Repeat this process until all of the paint has hardened.

Once the latex paint has hardened or solidified, it can be disposed of with your regular trash. Empty cans can be placed in your recycle bin. Make sure the lids are removed from the paint cans when you set them at the curb.



## Bloomfield Township recycles

You can recycle many common household items, including plastic, glass, metal and paper. Rizzo Services provides each homeowner with an 18-gallon blue plastic bin for recyclable items. The bin should be set out along with your regular trash for collection.

Need a new bin? Could you use a second bin? Call the Department of Public Works at 248-594-2800 or Rizzo Services at 866-772-8900.

# Classic Car Show returns for 8th year

The Classic Car Show is Bloomfield Township's signature Woodward Dream Cruise event. Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield Hills has generously donated its lot to let us host a fabulous car show featuring well-loved classic and specialty cars. Many are owned by Township residents and others come from as far away as Wisconsin. If you would like to show off your car, there is still time to register. But do it quickly



–reservations started **Car Show enthusiast Bill Wells** coming in as early as March and we expect a sellout this year.

Comerica Bank, right next door, is the site of the newly-named Bill Wells Car Club Classic. Bill Wells was a Township resident who volunteered on the first Car Show committee and worked every year since then to attract car clubs to the event. Sadly, he passed away last fall. However, his car club friends are determined to keep his memory alive by making this part of the event bigger and better than ever. This year, the lot has already sold out! Come see the special display of



Superformance Cobras!

Superformance Cobras!

New this year is the Dream Drive! This is an opportunity for you to take a chauffeured ride in a Superformance Cobra and give three local charities an extra boost.

## Take a Dream Drive!

You're going to love looking at all those Cobras at the Bill Wells Car Club Classic on Saturday, but what you'll really want to do is ride in one of them! Come to the Dream Drive on Friday night and experience what it's like cruising in one of these high performance vehicles.

Superformance Cobra owners have volunteered to take you and your friends or business associates for a spin. Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime chance!

Friday, August 17, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Comerica Bank, 36440 Woodward

Presale: \$15 through July 31

Regular ticket price: \$20 August 1 – 17

### When?

- ◆ Dream Drive: Friday, August 17, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- ◆ Classic Car Show and Bill Wells Car Club Classic: Saturday, August 18, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

### What?

- ◆ Family-friendly car show featuring classic and rare cars, a viewing area for the Woodward Dream Cruise, official merchandise sales, DJ, food, general parking and portable rest rooms.

### Where?

- ◆ Main Event: Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield, 36600 Woodward
- ◆ Bill Wells Car Club Classic, Superformance Displays and Dream Drive: Comerica Bank,
- ◆ General Event Parking: 36700 Woodward



### Why?

- ◆ Enjoy the world's largest one-day free automotive event in comfortable, convenient surroundings
- ◆ Support three local charities: Bloomfield Hills Optimist Club, Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities, Bloomfield Township Police Department Benevolent Fund

### How?

Generously sponsored by

- ◆ Performance Cobras and Motorsports of Cincinnati
- ◆ Daniel Krug & Associates
- ◆ Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield
- ◆ Comerica Bank

### How much?

- ◆ Car Show, Car Clubs and Superformance display: FREE!
- ◆ Dream Drive: \$15 now through July 31. \$20 starting August 1.
- ◆ General Parking: \$5
- ◆ Registration for show cars: \$75/\$50

Check out the Bloomfield Township Classic Car Show on Facebook and follow @BTCarShow on Twitter. Please be sure to add our hashtag (#carshow12) to any relevant tweets.





# BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

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## TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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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
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## BCTV keeps Township residents informed

If you want to know what's going on in the community, just check the latest programs from Bloomfield Community Television. From Township Board meetings to cooking shows, you'll find a number of new programs each week that reflect life and living in Bloomfield Township. In fact, the annual total of original, locally produced programs each year tops 700.

Three young men are at the center of all of these. They work closely with the community's volunteer producers and direct all productions, in addition to carrying out other specialized tasks. Steve Rota, Operations Manager, has overall responsibility for hands-on management of the cable studio. David Sommerfeld, Studio Coordinator, is the first contact in new program development and trains volunteers. Zack Florance is the go-to guy for all technical needs. They fill in for each other as needed to keep things running smoothly.

Steve, David and Zack each have four-

year college degrees in television production. Their learning didn't stop there, however. Ever-evolving technology makes it imperative for them to continually be on top of the newest media formats and equipment. In addition to working with cable TV, they also must be knowledgeable about various internet protocols in order to transmit the programs to the



**Steve Rota at work in the BCTV control room**

Township website and to stream meetings live to your home computer.

Approximately 300 programs produced each year originate from more than 30

nonprofit community organizations. Concerts, lectures and other events that showcase the work these organizations do tell a lot about life in Bloomfield Township. Another 300 are produced by individual residents in the studio. You'll find programs about law, medicine, fashion, and individuals who have unique stories. The remainder of the programs are produced by Bloomfield Township. These include the meetings of the Board of Trustees as well as full-length programs showcasing various public services.

"We couldn't do the number of programs and be as successful as we are without a great team of full and part time staff, interns, producers and volunteers," says Steve Rota. "We take pride in this station and in everything we do."

The cable studio is fully supported by fees paid to Bloomfield Township by the cable providers, Comcast and AT&T. These fees are part of the franchise agreements and are considered "rent" for private use of the public rights-of-way.