



Fall 2026

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It was a Busy Summer in Bloomfield Township, and One Subject Seemed to be on Everyone's Mind: Trash.

The Township entered into an eight-year contract with Priority Waste in early 2024, and many residents have experienced challenges with billing, missed pickups, litter, and customer service. Those concerns became particularly noticeable this past July.



A new garbage truck servicing Bloomfield Township on display at the Open House.

Along with DPW Director Noah Mehalski, we have been meeting regularly with representatives from Priority Waste, including its new CEO, Aaron Johnson. He has shared with us many of the changes the company is making to address the equipment and staffing challenges that have contributed to these issues. He has assured us that these changes are intended to provide more reliable and responsive service, both for curbside pickup and for addressing billing questions by phone or email.

We also learned that Priority Waste experienced significant financial challenges as of September 2025. Since then, the company has taken several steps to strengthen its operations, including securing a \$200 million private equity investment. The company has indicated that these additional resources will help support improvements in equipment, staffing, and service.

Priority Waste has also purchased 70 new trucks, with 12 earmarked for Bloomfield Township. These trucks are designed to operate more efficiently, allowing operators to pick up, empty, and return trash containers more quickly, with an estimated 25% speed improvement over previous equipment and will reduce the amount of litter left behind during collection.

The company has also scaled back its sports sponsorship programs and redirected those resources toward communities. In addition, Priority Waste has increased employee benefits and salaries and created uniform allowances as part of its efforts to attract and retain qualified drivers.

You have likely seen news reports about actions taken by other

communities across Southeast Michigan, including changing vendors or withholding payments. Please know that Bloomfield Township is carefully evaluating all of our options as we work to provide residents with the reliable, high-quality waste service they expect.

We are actively monitoring service levels and reviewing the remedies available to us under our contract, including liquidated damages when appropriate. Our Public Works Department will also continue to address litter left behind after collection and seek reimbursement from the contractor for that work when appropriate.

At the same time, finding a replacement waste hauler capable of serving a community our size presents significant challenges. Our previous vendor now offers only commercial services, while other vendors we have spoken with either do not currently have the staff and equipment necessary to serve our community or have proposed significantly higher costs, in some cases potentially doubling the cost of waste collection and adding charges for services beyond waste and recycling pickup.

We are encouraged by the changes being made at Priority Waste and hope the company's new leadership, additional resources, and investments in equipment and employees will lead to meaningful and sustained improvements for Bloomfield Township.

Our goal is, and will continue to be, providing residents with the first-class service they expect and deserve. We will continue to closely monitor Priority Waste's performance and evaluate all available options to ensure that goal is met.

Please continue to communicate with us about missed pickups, litter, service concerns, or billing issues. Your feedback is important and helps us identify areas that need attention. We will continue to keep residents informed.

Mike McCreedy, Bloomfield Township Supervisor | 248.433.7700 | mmccreedy@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov

The People Who Make Elections Accurate, Secure & Accessible



Our elections have been and are secure, accurate, and accessible. We follow state and federal laws and have developed procedures that have been thoroughly vetted. Importantly, elections ultimately depend upon the people doing the work.

I am happy to report that the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Department is comprised of people who really care about their duty to the community and who will settle for nothing less than "election perfection."

Further, we are supported by hundreds of community members who join us during the weeks leading up to Election Day to staff the precincts and handle numerous other tasks that make it a reality. Allow me to highlight the incredible team who each plays a cornerstone role for the overall function.

In addition to the elected clerk, the department is comprised of one deputy clerk and three clerk associates and one intern. Deana Mondock is the Deputy Clerk. Sean Mueller, Catarina Yankey, and Kelda London are the clerk associates. Each has prioritized professional development. Deana has earned

the Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk II designation and the international designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. Sean, Catarina and Kelda have each earned their Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk certification. Hayley Bedell, the elections intern, is a senior at the University of Michigan. To learn more about these professionals please visit: bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/clerk/about-us.



Pictured left to right: Hayley Bedell, Kelda London, Martin Brook, Deana Mondock, Sean Mueller, and Catarina Yankey.

But what about the rest of Michigan? From my observations during elections, at conferences and training events over the past 6 years, I have witnessed and worked with many talented professionals similarly dedicated to helping their respective communities express their will through the ballot box. Also, municipal clerks support each other through professional associations. There are the Oakland County Clerks Association and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. We frequently gather for education, state-wide updates, and to share best practices.

Thank you to all the hardworking and dedicated people throughout the municipalities of this state who make sure our elections are secure, accurate, and accessible.

Clerk Martin C. Brook, Township Clerk | 248.433.7702 | clerk@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov

Treasurer's Turn: Important Tax Dates as We Approach 2027



Summer taxes were due on September 14th and to date we've collected almost 95% of bills sent. We have mailed out reminder notices for those still owing, which will show the new balance owed, as late payments incur interest (this interest is not kept by the Township, as Summer taxes are primarily all school related). Winter tax bills will be sent on December 1, 2026 and are due by February 16, 2027. If not paid by the due date, a 3% penalty is placed on the bill. As a reminder, we don't accept postmarks, so if you are planning to mail your payment, please do so several weeks before February 16th. On March 2, 2027, any unpaid tax amounts are considered delinquent and turned over to the Oakland County Treasurer's Office.

Winter tax collection is notably different from summer tax collection because the Township collects all its millages during the winter. These millages account for approximately 70% of the revenue in the Township's annual budget, funding critical services, and operations.

Do you have questions about your tax bill, payments, or how funds are dispersed? Please call my office any time.

Michael Schostak, Township Treasurer | 248.433.7705 | treasurer@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov

Important Tax Dates

LAST DAY TO PROCESS TAX PAYMENTS FOR 2026: Wednesday, December 30, 2026 (7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

LAST DAY TO PROCESS 2026 SUMMER TAX PAYMENTS (with interest) without penalty: February 16, 2027 (7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

WINTER 2026 TAX PAYMENTS DUE: February 16, 2027 by 5:30 p.m.

LAST DAY TO PROCESS PAYMENTS FOR ALL UNPAID TAXES AFTER FEBRUARY 16, 2027 (with interest and/or penalty): Monday, March 1, 2027 by 5:30 p.m.

DELINQUENT TAXES COME UNDER OAKLAND COUNTY'S JURISDICTION: Tuesday, March 2, 2027.

Township Board Votes to Place Bond to Build a New Police and Fire Station on November 3rd Ballot

Township voters are being asked to authorize up to \$50 million in bonds, with a maximum repayment period of 20 years, to build new Public Safety buildings. A space needs assessment shows that BTPD needs more square footage than the department currently has inside Township Hall. Additionally, Fire Station #3 at Maple and Telegraph cannot meet the needs of BTFD in its current space. Both buildings are decades old, outdated, and present issues to the work of modern public safety.

The 50-million-dollar taxpayer bond will be supplemented by 23 million in capital reserves to complete construction. Both buildings were originally constructed in 1960 with various additions in the 1970's and 1990's. Both buildings have no more room for expansion or redesign. They cannot accommodate female staff with locker room and bedroom space.

The new Police Department would be built in the current parking lot between Township Hall and the 48th District Court. Police moving out of Township Hall would create space for Bloomfield Community Television. BCTV's current building would then be renovated for Animal Welfare. This approach allows the Township to address several facilities needs while making better use of existing buildings.

Fire Station #3 would remain in the area of Maple Road and Telegraph.

If voters approve the proposal, construction is expected to begin in 2027 and be completed in 2029. For the average residential property in Bloomfield Township, the estimated first-year tax increase would be approximately \$128.96. To find the estimated cost to your home, use the calculator at bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/bond2026. The proposed bond would be for an estimated annual



Modern trucks fail to fit in current garage.



911 equipment is wired in an attic.

Ballot Language

Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow an amount not to exceed Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds in one or more series for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping Township Facilities, including (1) a Fire Station and (2) a Township Police Department building, and conducting all other site work as necessary or advisable, purchasing equipment, and appurtenances necessary or incidental to these projects?

The maximum number of years each series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is 0.2350 mills (which is equal to \$0.2350 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and personal property in the Township); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is 0.4380 mills. Shall this proposal be adopted?

☐ Yes

☐ No

average of 0.4380 mills, repaid over 20 years.

If the bond is passed in November both buildings would be completed in late 2029.

Calculate Your Estimated Cost

For a home with a taxable value of \$294,450 the estimated annual average payment would be \$128.96.

Scan the code or visit bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/bond2026 to use the millage calculator to search your address for the estimated amount.



Learn More



Police Chief James Gallagher and Fire Chief John LeRoy recently discussed the Public Safety Infrastructure Bond with Township Supervisor Mike McCreedy on an episode of *Bloomfield in Focus*.



Take a Police Department Tour

Sign up for a tour of the police station to see for yourself what the station looks like today, or call us to schedule an appointment.





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Fire Non-Emergency	248.433.7745
Ordinance Division	248.594.2845
Planning Division	248.433.7795
Police Non-Emergency	248.433.7755
Senior Services	248.723.3500
Treasurer's Office	248.433.7705
Water & Sewer	248.594.2800
Water/Sewer Emergency	248.433.7730

CONTRACT SERVICES

Comcast Cable	1.888.XFINITY
Consumers Energy	1.800.477.5050
Detroit Edison	1.800.477.4747
Priority Waste	1.855.WASTE65

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PUBLIC SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE BOND

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On the November 3rd Ballot