



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

Summer 2004

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August 3rd Ballot or Absentee Ballot To Have Three Millage Renewal Proposals

All Renewals Necessary to Maintain Current Services

On August 3rd, Bloomfield Township voters will vote on three millage renewal proposals. Voters also may vote by Absentee Ballots. Two millages will determine whether current levels of Public Safety (Police, Fire & EMS) services will continue. The third will determine whether the Township will continue implementation of the master plan for safety paths.

A "YES" vote on both of the Public Safety (Police, Fire & EMS) millages will maintain current levels of Police, Fire and EMS services. A "NO" vote will reduce the Public Safety budget by approximately 30%.

A "YES" vote on the safety path millage will continue the program of safety path construction and maintenance throughout the Township. A "NO" vote will discontinue the program.

The three proposals *continue millage rates at current levels*. None of them increases tax rates.

The first Public Safety millage renewal is for 1.1611 mills for a period of ten years. It will replace a millage that expired in December, 2003. The second Public Safety millage renewal is for 0.7109 mills for a period of ten years. It will replace a millage due to expire in December, 2005. It will not be levied until the current

millage expires. Both must pass to continue current Police, Fire and EMS services.

The safety path millage renewal, for 0.4957 mills, continues the next phase of safety path construction to link existing paths and will fund the continued maintenance of the Township safety paths.

Together, the three renewals will continue a homeowner's rate at approximately \$2.37 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. Taxable value is typically less than one half of market value. To determine your taxable value, please refer to your latest tax statement or call the Treasurer's office at 248.433.7704.

See the stories inside this newsletter to learn more about the programs and services at stake.

Bloomfield Township Mourns Fallen Officer



Off. G. Davis

Excerpts from remarks made by Police Chief Werner at the funeral of Officer Gary Davis on May 17, 2004

Last week was "Police Week," a week dedicated to honoring police officers who gave their life in the performance of their duty. At the start of that week,

we had no idea that we would be giving up one of our own. By the end of that week, Officer Gary Davis' name would be included on that list of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Officer Davis was 36 years old and married to his wife Nicole for nine years. He was devoted to his wife, his hobby of building muscle cars, his boxer dogs and his job.

He started with this police department just over 12 years ago. "Coop", as he was called, was an energetic and enthusiastic young man who loved police work. And, he was good at it. While assigned to the Patrol Division, he was active in training where he became an instructor in many areas including firearms, defensive tactics and rapid deployment

Later, Officer Davis was appointed to the position of School Liaison Officer and assigned to Lahser High School. There, he gained the respect and admiration of students and staff. After serving four years as a School Liaison Officer, "Coop" asked to be reassigned to Road Patrol duties.

He loved working the road. Gary acted as a role model and was always available to other officers. He was known as a true professional and one who could be counted on to do the right thing.

Officer Gary Davis was a good friend who will be missed. He was a member of our family and was taken from us too soon. His passing has left us all with a helpless feeling and a hole in our hearts.

Two Public Safety Renewals Proposed to Replace Expiring Millages

All Renewals Necessary to Maintain Current Services



Bloomfield Township Firefighters work to extinguish a home fire.

There are a total of four millages dedicated to Bloomfield Township's Public Safety (Police, Fire & EMS) budget. Two are due to be renewed. One millage (1.1611 mills) expired last December; another (0.7109 mills) is due to expire in December 2005. To continue current Police, Fire and EMS services, voters must renew **BOTH** millages on August 3rd. or when they vote by absentee ballot. If the proposals are defeated, the Public Safety budget will be reduced by approximately 30%, resulting in reductions in essential Police, Fire and EMS services.

Continuing the 1.8720 mills of the current millages keeps a homeowner's rate at approximately \$ 1.87 for every \$1,000 of taxable value. Taxable value is typically less than half of market value.

Together, these millages contribute approximately \$6,328,000 to the Public Safety portion of the Bloomfield Township budget. The total Public Safety Fund for the 2003 - 2004 fiscal year was \$21,025,000.

Public Safety is the most important service Bloomfield Township provides. Approximately 80% of the Public Safety budget goes toward personnel costs. Without the funds generated by both renewals, Police, Fire and EMS staffing would be significantly reduced.

Emergency response time would be negatively impacted as a result of reductions. Traffic patrol and enforcement would also be affected. Reductions there would have an effect on the safety of your neighborhood streets as well as the main thoroughfares of the Township.

Bloomfield Township has initiated many pro-active Public Safety services in recent years. The Fire Department and EMS have developed one of the nation's leading public access defibrillation (PAD) programs, among other community outreach efforts. The Police Department conducts home security surveys, house checks for vacationing residents, child fingerprinting and babysitting safety classes. They also provide services to schools and they participate in the multi-jurisdictional Narcotics Enforcement Team. Both millage renewals are necessary to continue these and the other Public Safety (Police, Fire & EMS) programs at current levels.

Detention Basin Maintenance Workshop Presented Watershed Information

On May 27th, the Township hosted a Detention Basin Maintenance Workshop, funded in part by federal dollars from a Round V Rouge Program Office grant. The workshop was well attended by local residents and interested individuals from surrounding communities of the Rouge River Watershed. Designed to introduce residents and property owners to general detention basin information and maintenance, the workshop gave additional specific information on watershed issues, vegetation, algae control, West Nile Virus and geese control.

If you did not attend the workshop but are interested in the information, you may watch it on Bloomfield Township's community access channel, Channel 15. Check the weekly online program schedule for dates and times. Or, you may order a VHS or DVD duplication of the program by filling out a dub request form. In addition, video copies of the workshop may be checked-out from the Water and Sewer Department.

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Our community has always been extremely supportive of Bloomfield Township's Public Safety departments. In response to this tragedy, the support has been overwhelming. I would like to personally thank the more than 200 residents and businesses for their expressions of sympathy and support. Thanks also go to our neighboring law enforcement agencies that assisted Bloomfield Township during this difficult time:

Chief Werner Awarded Officer Davis:

The Police Cross,

Which, along with the officer's uniform badge, is awarded posthumously to an officer who lost his life in the active performance of his duty under honorable circumstances.

The Police Memorial Medal,

Which is presented to the next of kin of those members who lose their lives while on duty.

Have Your Child's Safety Seat Inspected!



Community Liaison Officer Pete Matejck delivers an Evenflo® booster seat to Sharman Cobb-Davenport, Executive Director, PATH

Two Bloomfield Township Police officers were recently trained to inspect child safety seats for proper installation. If you would like to have the booster seat in your vehicle checked, please call Sgt. Rob Garofalo at 248-433-7749 to set up an appointment. Or, if you haven't planned ahead but have some time at the last minute, call police dispatch at 248-433-7755 to see if an officer is available.

As a part of the federal grant that funded the training, the Police Department was given 12 new Evenflo® child booster seats. The Department donated six to PATH, a Pontiac-based nonprofit organization helping homeless families, and the other six to the Haven, an organization helping victims of domestic violence.

Safety Path Linkage Depends on Millage Renewal



This safety path runs along Lone Pine Road.

In 1998, Bloomfield Township voters approved a millage to begin construction of safety paths along the main roads bordering their neighborhoods. This enabled children, youth and adults to walk to schools, places of worship and other local destinations on paved pathways, safely away from traffic.

The original safety path routes followed a Master Plan developed by the Township Board and the Township's consulting engineers. The initial phases served separate neighborhoods and were intended to be the first step toward a comprehensive, coordinated Township-wide system.

The construction of these 20 miles of safety path was completed on time and under budget.

The August ballot proposal requests a renewal of 0.4957 mills for a five-year period. It will fund the next phase of construction of 9.5 miles of new paths that will link many of the existing paths together. This will allow people to go for extended distances along the safety path system, rather than limiting people to the area immediately abutting their own neighborhood. The renewal will also fund ongoing maintenance of the paths.

The plan for the continuation of safety paths preserves, to the greatest extent possible, the surrounding natural features. It is based upon anticipated usage, according to input from residents.

A map that shows existing safety paths and proposed safety paths is available at Township Hall. It is also posted on the Township website, www.bloomfieldtwp.org.



Bloomfield Township Fire Chief Leo Chartier and EMS Coordinator Don Bertucci receive the Heartsafe Community Award from the International Association of Fire Chiefs. This was just one of two awards given in the entire nation for excellence in creating and promoting outstanding public access defibrillation programs.



Bloomfield Community Television Celebrates 20 Years! Chairman Ben Craine Recognized for 20 Years of Service



In 1984, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees decided to build its own cable television studio to provide community access programming. That began a tradition of award-winning local programming, inspired by community members who recognized the value of their local public channel.

Over its history, BCTV has produced as many as 500 programs annually that showcase the people and events that make this community unique.

Township resident Ben Craine has been a leader in this effort, serving on the Cable Access Board (originally known as the Access Management Committee) since its inception and chairing it since 1989. Township Supervisor Dave Payne honored Ben saying, "Ben has been a constant source of leadership. Early on, he recognized the potential cable television had for communicating in a meaningful way at the local level. The Township is indebted to him for his wise counsel throughout these twenty years."

BCTV operations are funded by fees paid by the cable provider as agreed upon in the Township's nonexclusive franchise agreement with Comcast.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Time: 8:00 pm
Days: 2nd and 4th
Monday of each month

Location: Township Auditorium

PLANNING COMMISSION

Time: 7:00 pm
Days: 1st and 3rd
Monday of each month

Location: Township Auditorium

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Time: 7:00 pm
Days: 2nd Tuesday of each month

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 Bloomfield Township's Clerk's Office.

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Reduce standing water in your yard. Empty water from potential mosquito breeding sites.

Repel by spraying clothing with insect repellent containing no more than 35% DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors. Maintain window and door screening to keep mosquitoes out of homes and office buildings.

Report dead birds to the Bloomfield Township West Nile Virus hotline number at:

248.642.7645

For more information www.bloomfieldtp.org or pick up the [West Nile Virus Management Program and Mosquito Smarts Brochure](#) at the Township Hall.



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Ryder Cup

If you want details about plans and provisions for public services regarding the Ryder Cup, check the Township website, www.bloomfieldtp.org, or call the Ryder Cup hotline at: **248.433.7780**

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