



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

Bloomfield Township named safest in state

Bloomfield Township is excited to be named *MoneyGeek's* safest small town in Michigan for the second year in a row! *MoneyGeek* is a personal finance website that has been featured on *CNN*, *Forbes* and *USA Today*. They analyzed crime statistics, primarily from the Department of Justice, to quantify the cost of crime and accordingly rank small cities and towns (30,000 – 100,000 residents) nationwide. The cost of crime per capita in the township was \$69 annually, ranking the community 15th safest in the nation and first in the state. These numbers don't just translate to lower rates of violent crime and non-violent crimes alike; they result in lower insurance rates and other factors that make the township one of the best places to live in Michigan.

Niche agreed, naming Bloomfield Township the third best place to live in Michigan in their 2022 Best Places rankings.

Niche researches and profiles schools across the country and analyzed statistics from the U.S. Census to determine their rankings. Township officials and the Police and Fire Departments were thrilled to see the Township rank as one of the best suburbs to live and

raise a family in Michigan.

"As a lifelong resident of Bloomfield Township, these publications confirm what I've always known to be true: this is one of the greatest and safest places to live. Not just in Michigan, but in the entire country," said Supervisor Dani Walsh. "It's an honor to serve as an elected official and watch



Supervisor Dani Walsh is flanked by Police Chief Phil Langmeyer, left, and Fire Chief John LeRoy.

all our employees, not just in public safety, but across the board, provide the first-class services that make our community a premiere place to live."

"Rankings such as this bring a great sense of pride to the Police Department," said Police Chief Phil Langmeyer.

"Additionally, they make the Bloomfield Township Police Department an attractive destination for the best and brightest coming out of the police academy. Several new additions to BTPD turned down offers from other departments so they could work here in the Township. Recruiting the best talent is essential to maintaining this standard of excellence."

"The Bloomfield Township Fire Department is proud to provide the services that help the Township be one of the safest communities in America. The only way it is possible is with the support of the entire community," said Fire Chief John LeRoy.

Residents are the biggest key to keeping the Township a wonderful place to live, work and visit.

Township residents have consistently supported public safety measures, drawing the best of the best public servants to keep them safe.

Links to both articles from *MoneyGeek* and *Niche* can be found on the Township News section of the Township website, bloomfieldtwp.org.



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARDS 2022

ELECTED OFFICIALS

ADMINISTRATION

Dani Walsh, Supervisor
Martin C. Brook, Clerk
Brian Kepes, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

Neal J. Barnett
Michael Schostak
Stephanie Fakh
Valerie Murray

APPOINTED POSITIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

Thomas Petinga, Chairman
Jeff Salz, Vice Chairman
Neal Barnett
Richard Atto
Bruce Selik
Andrea B. O'Donnell
John Kelly

BOARD OF APPEALS

Brian Henry, Chairman
Jocelyn Giangrande, Vice Chairman
Robert Taylor, Jr.
Andrea O'Donnell
Stephanie Fakh
Ed Ford
Scott Gittleman
Jeffrey Drake, Alternate
Glenda Meads, Alternate

Save the Date...

September 14

Last day to pay Summer Tax without interest

October 1

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

November 5

E-Waste, Shredding & Medication Disposal Event



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

Election workers needed for upcoming elections

The Clerk's Office administers all federal, state, and local elections. This vital function could not be performed without the help of those citizens who step up to help work the elections. Election workers assist in giving the community a voice in the democratic system.

"It cannot be overstated how important the nearly 400 people that volunteer to work elections are," said Township Clerk Martin Brook.

Bloomfield Township needs your help to ensure that the voices of our residents are being heard. Be a champion of democracy by becoming an election worker. Applications may be found by clicking the elections icon on the township website or visiting <https://www.bloomfieldtp.org/Resources/Forms/Clerk/ElectionInspector.aspx>



IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

May 19, 2022: Applications to receive an absent voter ballot will be made available to township residents on the website.

June 23, 2022: Absent voter ballots are made available for issuance to voters.

July 18, 2022: This is the last day to register to vote in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August primary.

July 19, 2022 - August 2, 2022: In-person registration with the local clerk with proof of residency for the August primary.

July 21, 2022: Public Accuracy Test.

July 29, 2022: By 5:00 PM, a voter may submit a written request to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot via First Class mail.

August 1, 2022: By 10:00 AM, voters who have returned an absent voter ballot may submit written request in person to spoil their absent voter ballot and receive a new ballot in the clerk's office.

August 2, 2022: Election Day.

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FOR A MORE DETAILED CALENDAR, CHECK OUT THE
2022 MICHIGAN ELECTION DATES CALENDAR AT
[MICHIGAN.GOV/ELECTIONS](https://www.michigan.gov/elections)

Check the Dashboard

How does Bloomfield Township stand financially compared to other communities?

You can find out at a glance by looking at the dashboard. It can be found on the home page of the Township website, www.bloomfieldtp.org. Just look for Citizen's Guide and Dashboard under Quick Links at the right of the home page. A wide array of financial information about the Township – and data about communities across Michigan - is available on the site.

Scan to follow us on social media or to sign up for the eNewsletter. Get all the latest information!



A NOTE FROM

Dani Walsh, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

Excellent Police, Fire Departments make Township the safest

As a lifelong resident, I'm not surprised to see Bloomfield Township rated as the #1 safest small town in Michigan, 15th safest small town in the United States, and the 3rd best place to live in Michigan. My career took me coast to coast and north to south, and there simply is no better place to live than Bloomfield Township!

In addition to wonderful neighbors, beautiful lakes, rolling hills, and high-quality K-12 options, safety is a top reason that Bloomfield Township is one of the best places to live in Michigan. It is the safest in Michigan because of our outstanding public safety: the



Sgt. Weise was promoted to lieutenant in March.

police and firefighters who answer emergencies every day to keep us safe. Public safety does not reach excellence by accident, it comes from providing excellent first responders with quality life-saving equipment to best serve our residents. Whether it is a police emergency, a fire, or a medical emergency, these men and women are there for us. Through the decades, residents have chosen to

invest in public safety measures to ensure that we not only have the best equipment available, but that we also attract the best people in public safety coming here to work. I owe you all, my fellow residents, a big thank you! These rankings are also a reflection of you, the community collective. The act may seem small when we smile and wave as we pass first responders on the street or have a friendly conversation at the grocery store, but those acts are what make the bond between residents and first responders special.

A smile and a wave is what struck Officer Heather Glowacz, one of our newest police officers, on a ride along prior to joining BTPD last November. This was something she was not quite used to in her previous ten years of law enforcement and the community-based nature of our department made her feel like she would be a natural fit. She enjoys talking to the community and bridging the gap between residents and police to eliminate any reservations individuals have about interactions with officers. The culture at BTPD continues to draw the best talent in law enforcement to work here.

At a March Board of Trustees meeting, the board was thrilled to see Sgt. Jeff Weise promoted to Lieutenant after over 20 years working in the Bloomfield Township Police Department! Sgt. Weise is emblematic of the department in that once

he joined, he did not leave and is still serving since his hiring in 1998. The culture at BTPD continues to keep the best talent working here.



Capt. Mike Sova is the Fire Dept.'s EMS Coordinator.

Captain Mike Sova of the fire department was promoted to Emergency Medical Services Coordinator last year due to his excellence in EMS throughout his career. He takes care of arranging all trainings, maintaining EMS licenses and equipment, and



asset to all of Oakland County first responders.

The love of police and fire service is passed down for generations. The VanHeck family has represented the BTFD for the past 27 years. In 1995, Battalion Chief Alan VanHeck was hired in, followed in 2010 by his brother, Firefighter Cory VanHeck. Alan's daughter, Firefighter Maddie Van Heck joined in 2020 and her brother, Drew Van Heck was hired in 2021 as a Fire Service Technician. This lineage proves passion of service truly runs in the blood. I married into a three-generation public safety family and see that passion every single day at home.

I love being a Bloomfield Township resident and am honored to serve as your Supervisor. I'm proud of our public safety measures being honored and recognizing Bloomfield as a premier municipality in Michigan. The best people in public safety want to work here and finish their career here. I will always work to keep it that way.

Battalion Chief Alan VanHeck, left, and his daughter, Firefighter Maddie VanHeck, below.

makes sure all the needs in EMS are managed for the Township. Captain Sova has been working in conjunction with St Joes hospital in planning a 2-day trauma symposium focusing on critical care involving active shooter incidents. This event, scheduled for the first week in June, will be a tremendous



Residential cross-connection surveys to continue this summer

Bloomfield Township is required by the State to begin implementing cross-connection surveys/inspections for all residential water customers. The purpose is to identify potential unsafe interconnections to the public water supply. The Township has contracted with HydroCorp of Troy, MI to assist in managing our Cross-Connection Control Program. HydroCorp specializes in backflow prevention education, cross-connection control program management and inspections/surveys.

What is a Cross-Connection?

A cross-connection is a direct or potential connection between any part of the public water supply system and a source of contamination or pollution. A simple example would be a garden hose style fixture, with no form of backflow prevention, submerged in a pool. Water normally flows in one direction, from the

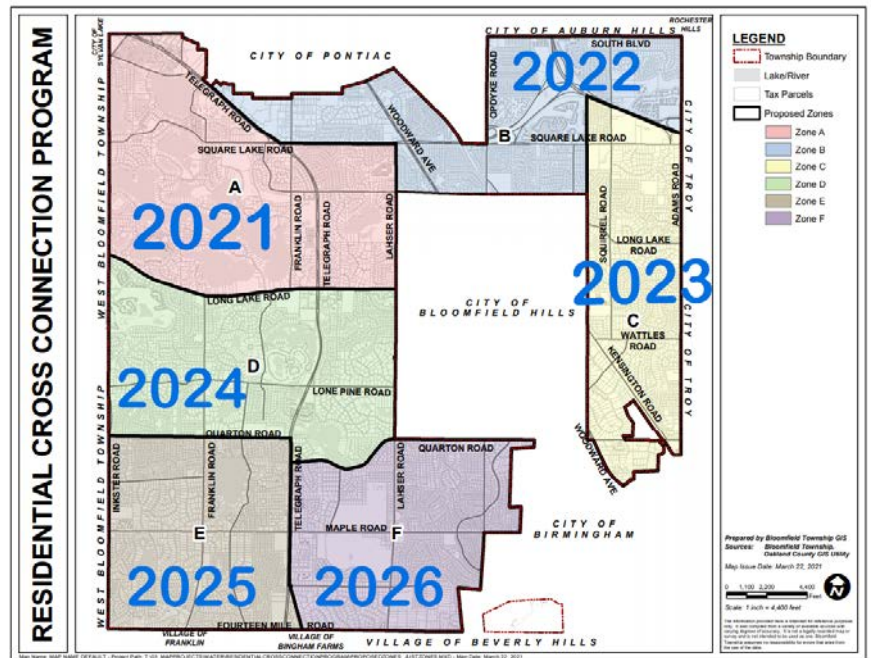
public water system through the customer's cold or hot water plumbing system to a faucet or other plumbing fixtures. Under certain conditions water can flow in the reverse direction. This is known as backflow and, in our hose-in-the-pool example, could cause the non-potable pool water to backflow into the resident's drinking water, creating a hazard for the resident.

What is a Cross-Connection Survey/Inspection?

A cross-connection survey will be a visual survey/inspection of exterior residential properties to detect actual and potential cross connections. A record will be made of each inspection, existing backflow devices/assemblies and corrective action if necessary. Inspection

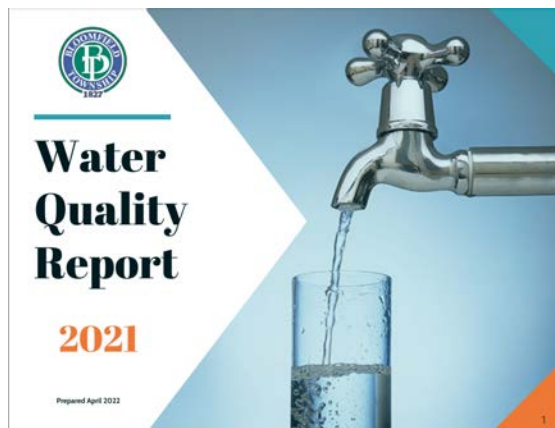
notices will be mailed to water customers approximately two weeks before the scheduled inspection date. There is no fee for the inspection and the homeowner will not be required to be home at the time of inspection. HydroCorp will be performing these surveys during the summer seasons, through 2026. The Township has been

divided into six zones and only one zone per year will undergo these surveys. You can reference the map to determine which year your property will be inspected. Surveys slated for 2022 will be beginning this June. If you have questions regarding the program, please call the DPW at 248-594-2800.



Township water exceeds EPA quality standards

Bloomfield Township is pleased to inform you that in 2021, as in past years, we have surpassed the water quality standards required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). The 2021 Annual Water Quality Report describes the source of our water, lists our test results, and contains important information about water and health. This report is intended to provide consumer understanding of drinking water and to heighten awareness of the need to protect our precious water resources. We hope this report addresses any drinking water quality concerns you might have.



Please go to www.bloomfieldtpw.org/WaterReport to view your 2021 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. If you would like a paper copy of the 2021 Annual Water Quality Report mailed to your home, please call the Department of Public Works at 248-594-2800.

We want to hear from you! Let us know how you prefer to get your Township news and updates on the latest happenings here. Some of the ways we get information out to residents include this quarterly print newsletter, weekly or bi-weekly eNewsletters direct to your inbox, and our social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Email your feedback to cable_dept@bloomfieldtpw.org or call 248-433-7790. We'd like to be sure we are reaching you in the way you prefer with the information you want and need.

Best kept secret? Check out BTSS!

Township residents are often surprised to learn that access for programs at Bloomfield Township Senior Services starts at age 50. Eligibility before the perceived “senior citizen” age of 65 offers the path to healthy aging. Longevity, independence and mobility require investment over time. Nurture your future longevity with physical, intellectual and social opportunities at BTSS. Busy schedule with family, work or travel? Take a look at our hybrid fitness programs. You may participate virtually, in-person or a mix of both.

We don’t stop moving and connecting because we grow old, we grow old because we stop moving and connecting. Whatever age you look or feel, let us be part of your path to aging well.

Note: You will get “carded” on your first visit.



Follow ordinances to keep neighborhoods looking their best

With the warm weather of spring and summer it is important that yards are maintained to the high standards set forth by Township Ordinance. Exterior property should be kept neat, clean and orderly. Grass needs to be maintained at a height no longer than eight inches. Never direct your water onto a neighboring property. Garbage and other containers must be stored out of public view. Open storage of watercrafts, trailers and RVs is prohibited and all vehicles

on the property must be fully operational and properly licensed and plated.

Property maintenance is key to sustaining the value of your home and keeping your neighborhood – and Bloomfield Township – a desirable place to live. Ordinance Enforcement Officers work hard to see that property owners meet these standards. If you have any questions regarding Township Ordinances contact the Ordinance Division at 248-594-2845.



Watch BCTV Live

In addition to watching our programming on Comcast Channel 15 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, you can stream BCTV any time on the Township website. Look for the “Watch BCTV Live” icon on the Township website’s home page, bloomfieldtwp.org. Miss your favorite show? Watch it any time on demand! Contact the Cable Department with any questions regarding finding programming. Call 248-433-7790 or email cable_dept@bloomfieldtwp.org



Steve Rota directs Boomer Health at Home from the Cable Studio control room.

Township ordinance regulates outdoor burning to ensure fire safety

After a long day of property maintenance, you may want to relax by the fire in the evening. Township Ordinance also dictates controlled burning to ensure residents are practicing fire safety at home. Bonfires are strictly prohibited. Recreational fires using dry wood in an approved container are allowed on the property of one or two-family residential dwellings. Approved containers are approximately three feet in diameter by two feet in height. The individual in charge of the fire must be 18 years or older and have complete control over the fire at all times, never leaving the area.

a nuisance it shall be extinguished. No burning shall be permitted within 15 feet of



Burning of any garbage, trash, leaves, construction debris or other refuse is not permitted. If the fire is producing smoke that is creating

any lot line, or within 25 feet of any structure or combustible materials. The code enforcement official or designee is authorized to order the extinguishment of open burning that creates or adds to a hazardous or objectionable situation. You can read the full ordinance in Article II, Sec. 16-27 on the Township website, www.bloomfieldtwp.org.



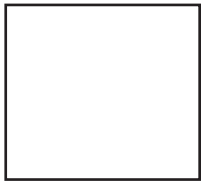
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TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

Water/Sewer Emergency
433-7730

Administration	433-7700
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
Senior Services	723-3500
Adult Day Service	723-3530
Treasurer's Office	433-7705



Police officers receive awards recognizing service and bravery

Awards were handed out recently to the brave members of the Bloomfield Township Police Department for their heroics, good deeds and everyday service in 2021.

Officer Andy Ball received a Letter of Recognition for using his own money to bring gas to a stranded motorist on I-75 and helping get them off the dangerous highway. Officer Ball, alongside Officer Steve Sherwood, was also first on the scene when a car rammed the entrance of a bank in an attempted robbery. They received the Meritorious Service Award for apprehending the suspect, who is now awaiting trial for armed robbery.

Lt. Dan Brown received

the Chiefs Merit Award for pulling over motorists during the holiday season and handing out lottery tickets, not citations, to spread holiday cheer. Village Officer Brian Crane saw a car on the side of the road and arrested a suspect for committing a criminal sexual act. Officer

Marshal Scott located a suspect who had committed larceny from multiple automobiles and recovered all the stolen items. Officers Crane and Scott both received Meritorious Service Awards.

Officers Mike Buczek and Dave Comerford received the Life Saving Medal for sav-

ing the life of someone hit on I-75 and pinned to another vehicle. The Medal of Bravery was awarded for the first time in 30 years to Officer Tony Woycehoski and Officer Rob Ronk, who pulled an elderly disabled man from the upstairs of a home engulfed in flames.

Dispatcher Stacy Prachar received the 2021 Civilian of the Year Award for her work raising money for the Special Olympics. Later this year, she will be honored nationally for her work with the organization. Community Liaison Officer Nick Soley received the Officer of the Year Award for his commitment to helping those in need during the pandemic.



Recipients of the Police Awards were honored at a Board of Trustees meeting.