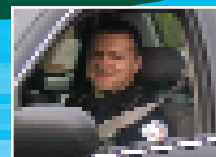


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Bloomfield Township sponsors Open House on October 8

Bloomfield Township families get a chance to see their government's services in action on Sunday, Oct. 8, during the annual Open House.

Each year the Fire, Police Engineering & Environmental Services and Public Works departments open their doors to the public to demonstrate important safety and health measures that families can incorporate into their home lives.

The free event takes place between noon and 4 p.m., Oct. 8, within the Bloomfield Township civic complex on Telegraph south of Long Lake and coincides with National Fire Prevention Week.

"This year's Fire Dept. focus will be on safe cooking," said Bloomfield Township Fire Marshal Mike McCully. "The theme is "Prevent Cooking Fires:

Watch What You Heat" and will be illustrated with literature, exhibits and demonstrations."

Kids will be given goody bags and can visit interactive stations like the BTFD Safety Smoke House, Stop Drop & Roll, Stay Low & Go, the Hazard House and operate an actual fire hose. Sparky the Fire Dog will also be on hand to take pictures with children. Rides in squad cars.

The Dept. of Public Works will show off its heavy equipment and families can also take a ride in a snow plow and other Township vehicles

Children may have the chance to examine the interior of a medi-vac helicopter and the high-tech Oakland County Sheriff Command vehicle provided both are available that day. Visit the NFPA's website at

<http://www.nfpa.org> for more information on this year's fire safety theme and other fire safety topics.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Oct. 7

Bloomfield Township will sponsor its Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day Saturday, Oct. 7, at the north parking lot of the Bloomfield Township administrative building, located on Exeter Rd, west off Telegraph, south of Long Lake Rd. (look for signs on drop-off day). This service is for residents only; proof of residency is required.

The Township website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org contains an extensive list of acceptable materials for drop off.

Most households contain materials that can be hazardous and must be disposed of carefully. Improper disposal can be dangerous to people and the environment. A community the size of Bloomfield Township discards two tons of toilet bowl cleaner, seven tons of liquid household cleaner and two tons of motor oil each month.

www.bloomfieldtwp.org

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Firefighters will demonstrate proper extinguishing techniques among other important safety measures during the Oct. 8, Open House

Improving water quality is a community effort

The drains and ditches that keep yards, parking lots and roadways free of standing water are also potential sources of contamination for the state's fresh water supply because they lead to our lakes and rivers. Any oil, pet waste or even soapy water dumped into a drain will eventually find its way into a lake, river or stream.

Protecting our waterways takes the entire community and can be a simple undertaking. The following will go far to making sure that the water supply in

southeast Michigan remains clean and contaminant-free.

Sweep It. Grass clippings and driveways often contain hidden contaminants like fertilizer and gasoline residue. Hosing off a driveway to clear it of dirt or grass clippings will send these contaminants into the storm water drain and eventually into a lake or river. Sweeping dirt and clippings is the safest way to clean a driveway.

Keep it Clean Storm drains are for storm water only. Clear leaves and clippings from the

drain.

Only Rain in the Drain Dumping motor oil, chemicals, pet waste or soapy water down a storm drain will directly contaminate lakes and rivers.

For more steps on protecting our lakes and rivers, visit the Bloomfield Township website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org or call the Engineering & Environmental Services Department at (248) 594-2800. Remember, our water is our future—and it's ours to protect.



Dollar for dollar, motion-sensing floodlights are one of the best crime prevention investments you can make.

They act as an alert to the homeowner of someone near the home and are inexpensive to purchase and easy to install.

Motion-sensing floodlights should be installed on all sides of the home and should be well out of reach.

Go to www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/Police/OverviewPolice.htm for more crime prevention ideas or call Ofc. Pete Matejck at 248-433-7724.

Keep landscaping trimmed to remove hiding spots for would-be burglars.

A rule of thumb is that bushes should be 36" high or window-sill height, whichever is lower.

Replace the screws in door hinges and lock strike plates with screws that are 2½" or 3" in length.

When away on vacation, have someone frequently check on your home and give it that 'lived-in' look. Consider the purchase of semi-random light timers for your home, as well. Have an alarm professionally installed in your home.



A NOTE FROM

Dave Payne, Bloomfield Township Supervisor

With the voters' approval (55 % favorable) in August of the capital improvement project, Bloomfield Township will begin the design and construction of three new buildings and the renovation of one. A new public services facility, central fire station and senior services center will be built on the Township campus on Telegraph at Long Lake Road. The Westview fire station on the east side of the Township will be renovated.

The first step will be to award a contract to an architect for construction drawings. While the architectural firm Yamasaki worked with the Township to create the conceptual drawings, the continuation of the architectural work must be bid upon. Township personnel will develop a request for qualifications (RFQ) and open the bidding process to qualified bidders. A panel of Township staff will use factors such as technical expertise and experience as well as cost to make the final recommendation to the Township Board of Trustees.

The selected architect will work closely with Township staff and our consulting engineers.

When the architects complete their plans, the construction will be bid out. All building costs will be consistent with the bond language that voters approved. The Township's bond consultant will advise the Board of Trustees regarding the sale of bonds.

We anticipate that construction will begin in approximately one year. The first phase will be the construction of the new fire station and the senior services facility. Next,

the demolition of the old fire station will take place, allowing for the construction of the new public services building on the combined site. While the new public services facility is being built, those operations will be housed in temporary locations. The renovation of the Westview Fire Station will proceed independently.

We will keep the Township website up to date with progress of the design and construction. Of course, if you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, any Board member, or any department head.

Master Plan Update Continues with Residents' Help

More than 200 residents and business leaders were part of the process that will help the Township map out the future by participating in the Master Plan Update process.

Now their suggestions and recommendations in areas like preserving our neighborhoods, natural environment and in supporting the business community are being compiled into a set of recommended goals and objectives by the Planning Commission and will be used to develop the new Master Plan.

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Plan will identify the policies needed to make sure that the Township remains one of Michigan's premier communities, in a coordinated and cost-efficient manner, during the next 20 years.

The Planning Commission should complete a draft master plan before the end of the year, with the final plan approved and published by the Township

Board in early 2007.

The final Master Plan will look different from the version with which many of you are familiar. The updated Plan will offer both hard copy and compact disk versions. Each compact disk will contain more information than typically found in traditional Master Plan documents, will be easier to store and much less expensive for the Township to reproduce.

The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday every month at Township Hall to discuss the plan's content. The meetings are open to the public and your participation is welcome. More information can be found on the Township's website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org.

Senior opinions sought about programming

Bloomfield Township Senior Services/GBSA is initiating a project with the Oakland University Public Administration Masters program.

A selected sample of Township residents ages 50 and over will

be surveyed in the coming months.

The goal is to gain input from residents about any programs or services that they wish to see developed. This will be especially helpful as we move

into creating a permanent location for all senior services. If you receive a phone call or mailed survey we ask that you take a few minutes to share your thoughts and ideas to improve our community.

Exercise your right to vote November 7

On Nov. 7, exercise your right to vote at the polls or by absentee ballot. On your ballot, the following offices will be determined

- Partisan Offices**
 - Governor/Lt. Governor
 - Secretary of State
 - State Attorney General
 - U.S. Senator Michigan
 - U.S. Representative District 9
 - State Representative District 40
 - State Senate District 13
 - Members of State Board of Education
 - Members of University of Michigan Board of Regents
 - Members of Michigan State University Board of Trustees
 - Members of Wayne State University Board of Governors

- County Commissioner District 13, 16, 17, 20**
- Nonpartisan Offices**
 - Justice of Michigan Supreme Court
 - Judge of Court of Appeals
 - Judge of Circuit Court
 - Judge of Probate Court
 - Judge of District Court
 - Oakland Community College Board of Trustees

There will be state-wide ballot proposals to consider from education funding guarantees to a Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. For further information on all statewide proposals, go to Michigan.gov/sos. Two local school issues will be on the ballot. Bloomfield Township residents who reside

in the Birmingham and Pontiac School districts will be voting on millage renewals.

Without a doubt, there are numerous offices and proposals to consider. Your vote will determine who is elected and what proposals are passed. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballot requests can be obtained through the Clerk's Office or on our website at bloomfieldtwp.org.

Vote on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Bloomfield Township had the highest voter turnout in Oakland County for the August 2006 Primary.

Building Department offers fall tips for homeowners

With summer's heat behind us and winter's chill ahead, fall offers homeowners the perfect time to perform important maintenance tasks. The following list of suggestions was prepared by the Bloomfield

- Township Building Dept.:
- Caulk & paint after the harsh summer heat.
- Sealcoat your asphalt driveway.
- Prepare your AC units for winter storage.

- Disconnect your hoses from the hose bibs before freezing nighttime temperatures arrive.
- Winterize your lawn equipment..
- Protect the basement windows with plastic.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

TIME: 8:00 P.M.
DATE: 2nd and 4th Monday
LOCATION: Township Auditorium

PLANNING COMMISSION

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
DATE: 1st and the 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.
PO Box 489 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303-0489
248.433.7702
Fax: 248.433.7714



What's the big Deal?

Bloomfield Township Police Respond to Underage Drinking

“Thank God it was alcohol and not drugs.”

All too often this is the response of a parent who receives a call that their teen was just arrested for underage drinking. Sadly, this thinking ignores some very sobering facts about alcohol and teens:

■ In 2002, more than 6,000 people died from causes related to underage drinking. (Hingson & Kenkel, 2004)

■ More than half of all fatal car crashes on prom weekends involve alcohol (NHTSA, 2005)

■ Traffic crashes are the number one killer of teens. Nearly one-third of teen traffic deaths are alcohol related. (NHTSA, 2004)

■ Teens are at an increased risk through their relative lack of driving experience.

■ Drivers under 21 are more susceptible than older drivers to alcohol-induced impairment of driving skills. (NIAAA, 2003)

■ Parents' drinking behavior and attitudes about drinking have been associated with adolescents' initiating and continuing drinking (NIAAA, 1997)

■ In 2001, there were about 11.5 billion episodes of binge drinking in the U.S. Binge drinking rates were highest among those aged 18-25. (NAMMI, 2003)

■ Approximately 23 percent of suicides deaths are attributable to alcohol. (Smith, 1999)

■ From 1997 through 2002, 2,355 children died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes. Sixty-eight percent of these were

children riding with a drinking driver. (CDC, MMWR, 2004)

■ Emergency room patients being treated for an unintentional injury are 13.5 times more likely to have consumed five or more alcohol-containing beverages within six hours of their injury. (Vinson, 2003)

■ In 2000, there were about 85,000 deaths attributable to either excessive or risky drinking making alcohol the third leading actual cause of death. (Mokdad, 2004)

■ Alcohol kills 6.5 times more young people than all other illicit drugs combined. (MADD)

Don't the police have anything better to do?

There is nothing more important than the protection of human life. Given the overwhelming evidence showing the long and short-term dangers of underage drinking, it remains a critical issue. Underage drinking is also illegal.

Police departments do not have the luxury of deciding which laws they will enforce. If a law exists, it must be enforced until it is modified, removed or overturned by the courts.

Should the police suspect or become aware of underage drinking, they are duty bound to investigate, and if necessary, take an intoxicated child into custody. Failure on the part of a police officers to do so could subject them to termination. They could also be sued personally and prosecuted criminally.

Hosting drinking parties for minors: A risky proposition

Hosting a party where teens can drink safely is illegal and can subject the homeowner to criminal prosecution. The homeowner may also be held civilly liable and criminally responsible for anything that the intoxicated minors may do. Lastly, the homeowner may be held liable if that minor should suffer any injury, alcohol poisoning, or other health emergency as a result.

Each time a homeowner allows underage drinking, they risk losing everything they have: their home, savings, investments, future income, and even their freedom. (See Bloomfield Township Ordinances 450, 1.01(2) and 137,16.01(a))

When we respond to the location of underage drinking, our primary goal is the safety of all involved. We may find it necessary to detain people on the scene until it is reasonably established that no intoxicated minors will be released, thus posing a threat to themselves or others. We may also begin a criminal investigation to determine the facts of the incident. Prosecution subsequent to this investigation is possible.

The following are some of

Michigan laws and Bloomfield Township's ordinances related to minors, alcohol, house parties and driving. Michigan laws can be viewed at www.legislature.mi.gov.

- Michigan Laws**
MCL 257.625a
MCL 436.1703
MCL 436.1906
MCL 257.625
MCL 750.28
MCL 436.1801
MCL 600.2913
MCL 257.625g
MCL 476.1701
MCL 436.1905
Mich Constitution Art. IV s. 40
Bloomfield Township ordinances
483,4.01(2)
450,1.01(2)
483,4.01(6)
137,16.01(a)
458,5.16b
338,5.16c
338,5.66
458.301(1)
483,3.01
301,5.01
338/480, 5.15a(2) (d)
338/480, 5.15(1)(b)
338/480, 5.15(4)(a)
257,41.01/2.01
257,2.01

Rains don't dampen enthusiasm for Bloomfield Township Classic

Despite a second year of near constant soaking, the Bloomfield Township Classic was a success.

The Classic is Bloomfield Township's charity car show that coincides with the Woodward Dream Cruise. This year the Classic raised nearly \$10,000 for three important charities: Oakland Family Services, the Bloomfield Township Fire Dept. Charities and the Bloomfield Optimists.

Nearly 30 cars, half of which are owned by Bloomfield Township residents, were on display.

The Classic was again sponsored by American

Specialty Cars who displayed some of their concept vehicles including an all carbon fiber, coupe version of the Dodge Viper and convertible Hummer H3. The event was made possible by a generous donation of the parking lot and facilities at Mercedes-Benz of Bloomfield.

Entertainment was provided by Bloomfield Township's own Julian Pavone.

Julian has been the focus of much media attention recently and is considered the world's youngest drummer.

Julian played several sets with bassist Ralphe Armstrong. In between DJ Rob Decan entertained the crowd with a

wide selection of oldies.

Though rain was a constant until early afternoon, food vendors Coldstone

Creamery and Kerby's Coney Island kept the spirits of attendees and volunteer workers high with refreshments.



This classic Chevy was among several cars on display during the Bloomfield Twp. Classic on Aug. 19.



The front cover features Wayne and Matthew Peal of Bloomfield Twp. The father and son duo are pictured at last year's Open House

433-7700	Administration
433-7712	Accounting
433-7710	Assessor's Office
433-7715	Building Dept.
433-7702	Clerk's Office
433-7790	Community Cable
594-2800	Engineering & Env.
341-6450	GBSA
433-7745	Fire Non-Emergency
433-7750	Police Department
433-7755	Non-Emergency Administration
433-7757	Animal Welfare
433-7760	Investigations
433-7775	Alarm Info
433-7777	Property
433-7776	Records
433-7709	Road Division
433-7731	Water & Sewer
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In 2002 an estimated 917 lives were saved in the U.S. as a result of the 21 minimum drinking age laws (NHTSA, 2002) The Zero Tolerance laws making it illegal for people under 21 to drive with any measurable amount of alcohol in their system have reduced traffic fatalities among 18 to 20 year olds by 13 percent and saved an estimated 21,887 lives from 1975 through 2002.

