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Summer/Fall 2025

TOWNSHIP



Headline: CPR/AED Training for Staff and Residents

Bystander CPR can save lives before emergency services arrive

This summer, many Township staff were trained in a vital skill: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillators. Or as they're commonly known CPR and AED. Led by Captain Mike Sovo of the Fire Department, these trainings taught the basics of using basic first aid training in a medical emergency. Acquiring these skills can keep blood and oxygen flowing to the brain and other vital organs until emergency crews arrive at a scene.

Communities with more trained individuals have higher survival rates in emergencies. I'm excited to share that these training resources are also available to residents through our Fire Dept. Upcoming dates include September 17, October 15, and November 4. Call 433-7745; email fire_dept@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov; or visit bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/cpr for more information on how to register and see future dates as they're added. Our dispatchers are trained to walk callers through CPR until the professionals arrive, but this skillset is so important for everyone. It's also a fantastic way for the public to interact with Township staff.

Another way for residents to interact with staff is our annual Open House event on September 28th! This popular event features lots of free fun for the whole family – from our fire dept's burn demonstration, to rides in police cars and plow trucks to the performance stage in our BCTV parking lot – there's something for everyone. I think it's key for the community to interact with the staff that works to provide services. Not only does it provide transparency and make for greater customer service, it builds a sense of community.

One more popular event each fall is the Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day on Saturday, October 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. More details on both events can be found in this newsletter on Pages 5 and 7.

If you can't make these events, but want to meet our staff check out my monthly video series on the Township's YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@BloomfieldCommunityTV>. Each month, I've been visiting a new department to talk with staff about their role in the Township. It's a great way to learn about all the services each department provides and the many ways our Township works for you.

If you see me at the Open House on September 28th, please stop to say hello and introduce yourself!



Captain Mike Sovo (top) instructing CPR training with Firefighter/Paramedic Ian Griffith (bottom).

Mike McCready, Bloomfield Township Supervisor | 248.433.7700 | mmccready@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov

On the Cover: Members of the Bloomfield Hills High School marching band perform at the 2024 Township Open House. Photo credit: Zayda Schneider, Bloomfield Township Cable & Community Relations Assistant. For a chance to have your photo featured on the cover of a future Living in Bloomfield, email photo to: cable_dept@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov.



Polling Precinct Consolidation Recognizes Big Shift in Where/When Residents Vote

Bloomfield Township precincts have been consolidated from 18 to 12 and voting locations have been reduced to 10. This action was the result of a 7-month study undertaken by my office that included dozens of community members who work elections, the Township Board of Trustees, and the Township Election Commission. As a result, we will save money by adjusting resources away from Election Day voting and toward Absentee and Early Voting while continuing to ensure that the voter's Election Day experience remains efficient and secure. If your precinct or voting location has changed, you will receive a new Voter Information Card in the mail (formerly known as the Voter ID Card). Also, the back of this page is perforated, so you can remove and keep the new precinct map for reference. As always, call or email my office with questions.

These changes were precipitated by the fact that seventy-four percent of registered voters in the Township voted absentee or early in-person in the 2024 General Election. This is the

reverse of 2016 when seventy-four percent voted on Election Day. The trend is similar statewide. Since most people no longer cast a vote on Election Day, the State updated the law to increase the number of registered voters who can live within a precinct's boundaries from 2,999 to 4,999. Also, it is relevant to note that clerks in other Oakland County municipalities have also consolidated and as a result, there are now approximately 67 less precincts in the county.

There is an election this fall if you live in the Bloomfield Hills or Pontiac school districts. Election Day is November 4, 2025, and Early Voting runs from October 25 to November 2nd. Absentee ballots will be mailed by the end of September to those who are on the permanent ballot list or those that applied to receive an absent voter ballot for this election.

You can find the details on voting and more information on the precinct consolidation in my interview on Coffee with Carrie at bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/elections.

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

Treasurer's Turn: My Summer at Harvard



While fall means back-to-school for the kids, this summer it was my turn to hit the books. I was honored to be selected by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) as a 2025 Taubman Fellow. Each year, SEMCOG sponsors and pays for two local elected officials to attend the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

This three-week program in Boston brings together public officials from across the United States and around the world—including Brazil, Ireland, and Australia. The pace was intense: mornings began with study groups at 7:30 a.m., followed by six hours of class, working lunches, and often evening sessions. Each night included readings and assignments to prepare for the next day's discussions. Far from a summer break, it was an immersive experience in problem-solving and leadership.

The coursework was wide-ranging, covering topics such as policy development, public safety, negotiation, economic development, artificial intelligence, disaster preparedness,

and municipal finance. A highlight was a day on an island in Boston Harbor, where we worked through physical and mental challenges designed to test teamwork and decision-making under pressure.



Treasurer Schostak during his Taubman Fellowship at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

The program culminated in final projects built around real-world issues brought forward by our classmates. My group advised the City Manager of Upper Arlington, Ohio, on how to respond after a major commercial development failed. Drawing on Bloomfield Township's experience with the Bloomfield Park project, I helped frame strategies to rebuild trust, set clear redevelopment goals, and prepare alternative land-use options.

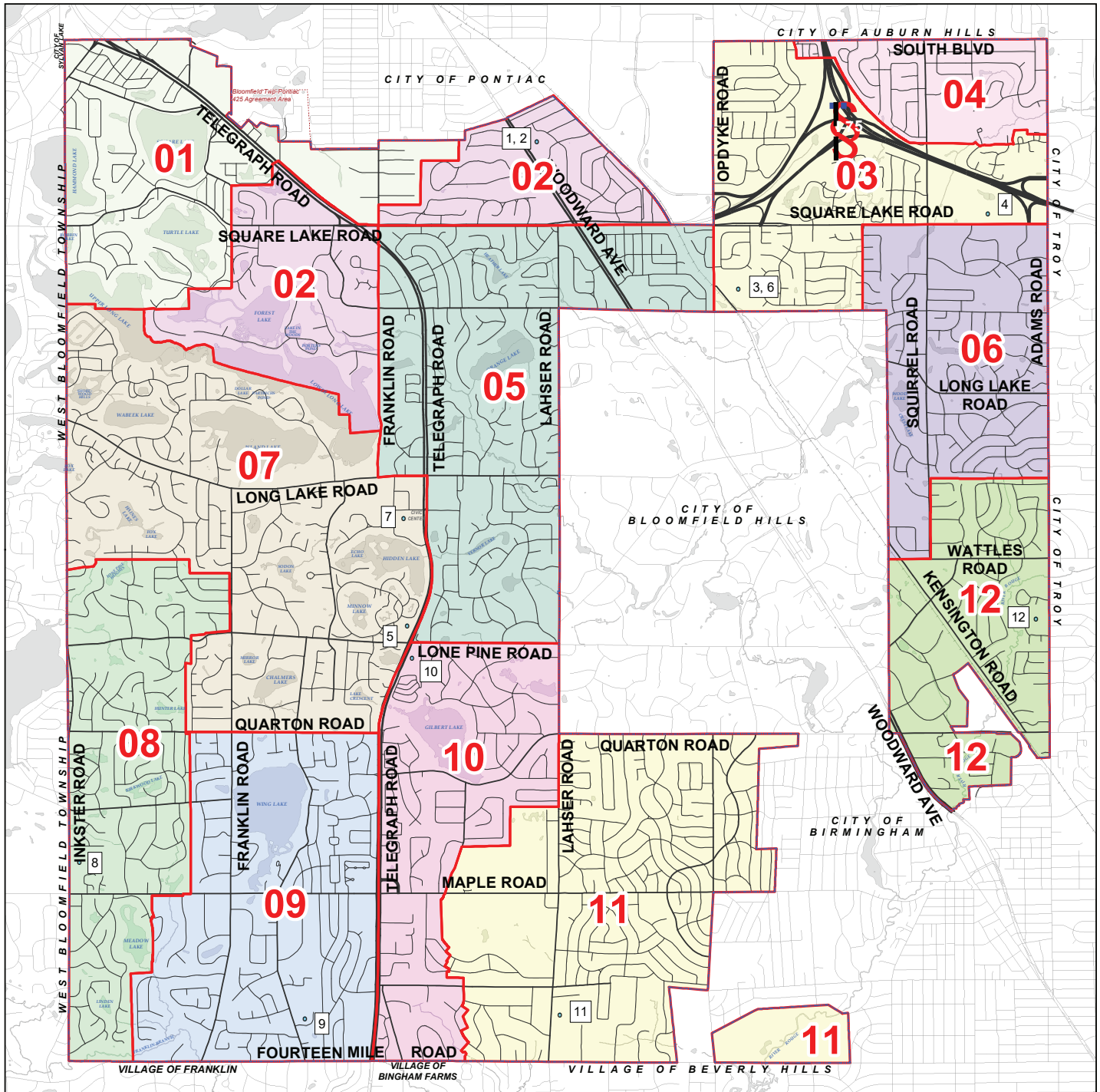
I returned home with new skills, practical strategies, and a strong network of peers across the globe. Most importantly, I came back with ideas directly relevant to Bloomfield Township—tools to strengthen our approach to development, finance, and public service as we look to the future.

You can hear more about my experience on the new Bloomfield in Focus with Supervisor McCready at bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/Schostak-Harvard.

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

**SUMMER
PROPERTY TAX
BILLS DUE**
Sept 15
by 5:30 p.m.

NEW PRECINCT MAP



Precinct Locations

Precinct 1 St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave
Precinct 2 St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 43816 Woodward Ave
Precinct 3 Eastover Elementary School, 2800 Kensington Rd
Precinct 4 Bowers Farm Activity Building, 1229 E. Square Lake Rd
Precinct 5 Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Rd
Precinct 6 Eastover Elementary School, 2800 Kensington Rd

Precinct 7 Bloomfield Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph Rd
Precinct 8 West Maple Elementary School, 6275 Inkster Rd
Precinct 9 Booth Center, 7273 Wing Lake Rd
Precinct 10 Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Rd
Precinct 11 Marian High School, 7225 Lahser Rd
Precinct 12 Harlan Elementary School, 3595 N Adams Rd

Annual Open House on September 28

The Bloomfield Township Open House returns on Sunday, September 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop by to explore the wide range of services your Township offers, meet our dedicated staff, and enjoy treats like donuts, popcorn, and more.

Every Township department has family-friendly activities, important information, and giveaways planned. You won't want to miss the Fire Department's live demonstration at 12:00 p.m., full of life-saving and impactful fire prevention tips. The Police Department will offer many activities, including a dunk tank that will benefit the Special Olympics. This is a chance to meet the first responders who serve your community and get to know them on a personal level.

Families can also participate in our "Passport to Fun." Coordinated by the Clerk's Office, this activity provides kids with their own passport that they are encouraged to have stamped at each Township department. Once passports are complete with 10 stamps, residents can enter into a raffle for prizes that include two rides to school from BTFD and lunch with BTPD.

Additionally, you can look forward to: Building a Doghouse courtesy of Planning, Building & Ordinance; Truck Display courtesy of the Department of Public Works; Driving Simulator courtesy of the Oakland Police Academy; and Lego Building Table courtesy of the Treasurer's Office.

The BCTV Performance Stage will be a showcase for talent including The Bloomfield Hills High School Marching Band; High School Jazz Ensembles "The BH Factor Jazz Combo" and "No Boys Allowed"; Oakland Rhythmic Gymnastics; Dance Academy of Bloomfield Hills; and The Kat Orlando Duo. The stage will be emceed again by Township resident and star of "47 Chairs," Ziggy Klett.

There will also be a designated lot for food trucks. Menus and pricing will be available on the day of the event. The Open House will take place at the Bloomfield Township Campus at 4200 Telegraph Road (just south of Long Lake Road). Open House parking will be available through-

out the Township campus. Visit bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/openhouse for additional details.



Photo Collage (Clockwise): BTFD Burn Demonstration, The Kat Orlando Duo performs, BTPD Dunk Tank, A child at the live animals.

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Bloomfield Township is now using a .gov domain! The move offers us increased security while ensuring visitors know they are getting official information. The new domain for our website and emails will be **BloomfieldTwpMI.gov**. Please update any links, contacts, or bookmarks. All .org webpages and emails will automatically redirect to .gov until further notice.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

TruNarc to Provide Extra Safety to Officers

New and advanced drug detection technology is now available to the Bloomfield Township Fire and Police Departments via TruNarc. BTFD Operations Officer Alan VanHeck trains law enforcement, border patrol, and military across the country with this recently developed drug detection tool. VanHeck states, "With the recent increase in fentanyl distribution, law enforcement agencies needed a new way to test substances that would not harm their personnel."

Recently, VanHeck led training with the police department to incorporate TruNarc in work. The device and training are documented in TruNarc: The Future of Drug Testing which can be found on the Township's YouTube and social media pages. The video includes an overview



Above: BTFD Operations Officer VanHeck holding a TruNarc device.
Below: Watch TruNarc—The Future of Drug Testing on the Township's YouTube page.



of how the device works and the importance of using it safely. BTPD Officer Marshal Scott states, "TruNarc is fairly self-explanatory, with guidelines of what you can and can't use it on. The training shows the risk of not using TruNarc correctly."

TruNarc is designed to test for multiple controlled substances and provides clear, definitive results for presumptive identification with no user interpretation required by utilizing laser technology. The device analyzes key drugs of abuse, as well as common cutting agents, precursors, and emerging threats such as fentanyl; numerous fentanyl compounds, including carfentanyl; common street fentanyl analogs; and pharmaceutical variants (alfentanil and sufentanil), as well as two fentanyl precursors, NPP and ANPP.

SENIOR SERVICES

Fall Prevention Awareness Week Stresses Stability

September 22 will kick off Fall Prevention Awareness Week and both Senior Services and the Fire Department have tips and resources available to help seniors stay safe in their home. Over the last four years, BTFD averaged 513 emergency calls annually related to falls. "Common things we see and can recommend are to check the home for loose surfaces such as rugs, or clutters of cords and wires, that can easily cause falls," says BTFD Captain Mike Sova. "Making sure there's adequate lighting or lamps available to see clearly near stairwells or installing safety features like handrails are also great precautions."

The Senior Center also offers many machines, a new balance assessment, and stretch cage to help residents understand where challenges in their mobility may lie. "The SMART Balance system offers precise, personalized assessments

of a person's stability, helping our fitness staff identify fall risks and tailor exercises to improve core strength and coordination—critical factors in maintaining independence,"

says Senior Services Director Christine Tvaroha. "The stretch cage provides a safe and supportive structure for guided stretching, flexibility training, and functional movement exercises, making it especially valuable for older adults recovering from injury or looking to enhance mobility."

Appointments for balance assessments are open and can be made by asking staff on your next visit or calling the Senior Center at (248) 723-3500. If you

would like a Fire Department representative to conduct a home safety inspection, call (248) 433-7745 during their regular business hours to make an appointment.



Stretch cage and balance assessments available at Senior Center.

CABLE DEPARTMENT

BCTV Holds First Sports Broadcasting Camp

Bloomfield Community Television held its first ever Sports Broadcasting Camp this summer. Students aged 13 – 18 had an opportunity to train with BCTV staff for one week before gathering to help broadcast coverage of the 6th Annual Keith Bernacki Cup – the annual matchup between Brother Rice and Seaholm High School. It was a wonderful way to host young people on the Township campus and utilize a community resource for students.

Students had an opportunity to run cameras, conduct interviews, commentate, and engineer in the production truck including technical direction and replay operation. Special guests in the industry came to speak with students and conduct questions and answer sessions. If you feel your child may be interested in a future broadcasting camp, please contact the Cable and Community Relations Department!



Clockwise from left: Student campers run a television camera, conduct a pre-game interview, and commentate from the press booth on Game Day.



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is Saturday, October 4th

Residents will be able to dispose of hazardous waste when the popular Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day event returns to the Township campus. This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage and basement in an environmentally sound way. Household Hazardous Waste crews will be on hand on Saturday, October 4th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take items such as drain cleaners, weed killer, gasoline, motor oil, starter fluid, transmission fluid, paint, fluorescent light bulbs/ PBC ballasts, household batteries and automotive batteries, propane, fire extinguishers, old tires and much more. No electronic waste, medication or paper shredding will be accepted at this event. There will be signs on Telegraph and Long Lake directing traffic. The event is open to Township residents only, and proof of residency is required. To see a complete list of items accepted visit the Township website at bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/trash/hazardous-waste/.



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2025 MEETING DATES

Sep 8 & 29
Oct 13 & 27
Nov 10 & 24
Dec 8



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Clerk's Office.....	248.433.7702
Community Cable	248.433.7790
Engineering & Environmental..	248.594.2800
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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IMPORTANT DATES

PROPERTY TAX BILLS DUE

Monday, September 15 | by 5:30 p.m.

Visit bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/paymentoptions.

TOWNSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 28 | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Enjoy a family-friendly day of free fun and games courtesy of Township staff. Call 248-433-7790 or visit bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/openhouse for details.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Saturday, October 4 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Safe disposal of household chemicals.

TRUSTEE OFFICE HOURS

5 – 6:30 p.m. | Township Hall Auditorium

Prior to the final board meeting each month.

Opportunity to meet with a Trustee in person.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Board of Trustees | 7 p.m. | 2nd & 4th Monday

Planning Commission | 7 p.m. | 1st & 3rd Monday

Zoning Board of Appeals | 7 p.m. | 2nd Tuesday

Design Review Board | 2 p.m. | 1st & 3rd Wednesday

Location: Township Auditorium

