



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

Winter 2003

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Township Board Approves Bloomfield Park Settlement

All three communities involved in the multiple lawsuits concerning the proposed Bloomfield Park development approved a full and final settlement in the last week of November, 2002.

Bloomfield Township, Birmingham and Pontiac all agreed to conditionally share jurisdiction of land and tax revenues for economic purposes, pursuant to Michigan's Public Act 425.

Birmingham's involvement will cease in 2006. Bloomfield Township and Pontiac will share oversight of the property for 100 years. At that time, an election will be held to determine final jurisdiction.

The land in question, approximately 80 acres just northeast of Telegraph Rd. and Square Lake Rd., was originally

Bloomfield Park Original Proposal	425 Bloomfield / Pontiac & Development Agreement
9 mil. total gross square feet from 3 to 20 stories	4.2 mil. total gross square feet from 3 to 8 stories
1,200 residential units	1,100 residential units (option to 1,234 with reduced non-residential uses)
not addressed	landscaping, lighting, rooftop screening, signage
Bloomfield Planning Commission	Joint Development Council: three representatives 1 Bloomfield; 1 Pontiac; 1 Neutral
not addressed	tiered setbacks for development from Telegraph Road
uses identified as office, retail cinema, hotel, residential & health club	same uses identified as well as specific uses prohibited, such as telecommunication towers, adult uses & casinos

within the jurisdiction of Bloomfield Township but was annexed by Pontiac in September, 2001. Its owner, Harbor Companies, had walked away from a compromise deal that had been reached with the Township just two months earlier that would have allowed four and five story buildings on the property. The developer wanted to build nine 20-story buildings and many other large structures on the property.

Township residents petitioned for a detachment election to take back jurisdiction of part of the annexed property. That election was to be held in February 2002 but the County Executive vetoed it. The Township appealed the veto but it was upheld by the Court of Appeals.

The settlement ends all pending litigation involving the property. The essential components of the settlement are outlined in the graphic above that compares the resultant settlement with the originally proposed development. If you have any questions or comments on the settlement please call the Township Supervisor's office:

248.433.7700

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Bloomfield Township Fights West Nile Disease

While the freezing winter weather gives us a reprieve from the threat of mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus, the Township is actively planning and implementing strategies that are designed to reduce exposure to the deadly virus.

The Township has hired a biologist with a PhD in entomology and his firm to implement a "first step" program focused on finding and killing immature

mosquitoes before they develop into the infectious adult stage. From April through October BioBase Technologies, Inc., will identify mosquito breeding sites on public property within the Township and assess their risk. The company will sample regularly for mosquito eggs, larvae and pupae and apply biological control using natural insecticides that affect only mosquitoes and black flies. They will maintain records of

their risk assessment and treatment data and work cooperatively with state and county personnel to prevent the spread of the virus.

The Township's catch basins along public roadways are the primary targets for this work. Public wetlands will also be monitored.

Fertilized adult female mosquitoes hibernate in catch basins and other sites providing winter protection.

Bloomfield Township

175 Years

Incorporated in 1827, the Charter Township of Bloomfield is one of the oldest remaining townships in the State of Michigan. Over the course of its 175 years, the Township government has evolved from a staff made up of supervisor, clerk and four assessors who looked out for the interests of 30 families to a comprehensive workforce which provides police, fire and emergency medical services as well as road maintenance and water and sewerage for 44,000 people.

Almost every landowner had a civic duty in the Township's early days. Some were appointed as road overseers, some were fence-viewers, others were constables. While the nature of public service has changed with time, the basic responsibilities of public life remain. Today, residents are welcome in local government more than ever. Active participation in neighborhoods, municipal affairs or the business community is important to a healthy society.

If you would like to have a free copy of "Bloomfield Blossoms," commissioned in 1976 by the Bloomfield Township Bicentennial Commission, please stop by the Township Clerk's office while supplies last.

New Township Trustee Appointed

David B. Buckley was appointed to the Board of Trustees in November 2002 to fill the vacancy created by the death of William R. Yaw, Jr. David has a long history of public service. He was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in 2000 and has been in leadership positions of the Republican Committee of Oakland County and the Oakland 2000 Club. He worked as a precinct delegate for 10 years and in 1996 was a candidate for the Michigan State House of Representatives.

In previous Township service, David sat on the Solid Waste Review committee and more recently, he chaired the

Citizens' Committee to Preserve Police, Fire and EMS Services. His community involvement over the last ten years includes board membership on the American Diabetes Association: Michigan Chapter, Angels Place and St. Hugo of the Hills Parish. A market development consultant and insurance agent with a business degree from Michigan State University, he and his wife, Jane, have two sons and he is a lifetime resident of Bloomfield Township.



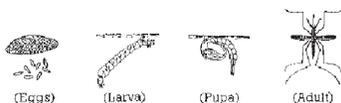
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They look for a blood meal to provide energy for producing eggs from spring warm up through fall. Eggs are laid together as a "raft" that floats in stagnant water and hatch as larva. These feed on organic matter and grow in the water through the pupa state, finally emerging as adult mosquitoes.

Because of Oakland County's large population and many bodies of water, it is a prime candidate for West Nile Virus. In 2002, Michigan recorded 523 cases of the virus

resulting in 41 deaths. Of these totals, 180 cases (34%) and 20 deaths (49%) were in Oakland County. These numbers don't indicate an epidemic but they are large enough to be considered a serious public health issue.



Gypsy Moth Suppression Program Update

This spring, Bloomfield Township will resume its treatment of areas affected by Gypsy Moth with the same fungus that has been successful in the past in suppressing this harmful caterpillar. The fungus does not harm other plants or animals and kills the caterpillars within 7 - 10 days of direct contact. In areas where higher counts are noted, a naturally occurring bacteria specific to the gypsy moth will be sprayed from the ground.



For details about these treatments, call 248.433.7741.

William R. Yaw, Jr. 1933 - 2002

Bloomfield Township mourns the death of William R. Yaw, Jr., a life-long resident of Bloomfield Township who served the Township in various official capacities from 1966 until his death on October 13, 2002.



and was appointed to the Board of Trustees in March, 1979. In 1980 he was elected to the Board of Trustees and was a dynamic leader until his recent death.

"Bill cared deeply about Bloomfield Township and was committed to upholding the high standards which make the Township distinctive," said Supervisor Dave Payne. "The residents of Bloomfield Township are indebted to him for his 36 years of dedicated service. Bill was the epitome of a gentleman and we will miss him."

Mr. Yaw was appointed to the Bloomfield Township Planning Commission in 1966 and to the Zoning Board of Appeals in 1971. He served on these concurrently until March, 1979, when he was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Township

Mr. Yaw graduated from Michigan State University and served his country in the United States Army. He was a Senior Vice-President and Director of Marketing for Standard Federal Bank until his retirement in 1997. After his retirement, Mr. Yaw remained active in many community organizations including Oakland Housing, Inc., the Rotary Club of Bloomfield Hills, St. Thomas More Parish and Camp Oakland Youth Programs, Inc.

He is survived by his wife Carol, also a lifetime resident of Bloomfield Township, four children and seven grandchildren.



Flood Insurance & Floodplain Management

Because last summer was so dry, it may be difficult to realize that there are areas in Bloomfield Township located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). But with the spring rain season coming, you may want to consider participating in the National Flood Insurance Program which allows you to obtain coverage for your home. Since Homeowner's insurance policies generally do not cover damages due to flooding you must specifically request a flood policy. There is a 30-day waiting period for the coverage to take effect. Only properties located within the 100-year floodplain, the SFHA, are required to have flood insurance coverage but any property owner within the Township may choose to purchase a flood policy. Flooding can and does occur anywhere in the Township, not just in the floodplain.

The Township maintains copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) so you may determine what flood zone your home is in. Other flood data, including elevation certificates for specific properties are also available. The maps are located in the Water & Sewer Department, which is open 8 am to 4:30 pm, Mon-Fri. You may also call at 248-433-7731 or submit a written request to find out flood information for a particular property. Please have address or parcel identification number available.

Floodplain management begins with requirements that are designed to protect you and your neighbors, as well as the precious natural features in the Township. Prior to any construction, alterations, re-grading or filling on your property:

- ✓ Check with the Building Department to see what permits your project may require.
- ✓ Make sure that your project is in compliance with all applicable ordinances such as zoning, floodplain, wetland and natural features, among others. Ordinances are available from the Clerk's office at 248-433-7702.
- ✓ Contact the District Office at 734-953-1541 to see if your project requires a State permit; the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality also has jurisdiction over floodplain development.



Bloomfield Township's Planning Department

The Township Board has recently approved the creation of a Planning Department, headed by the Planning Director, Patti McCullough, located adjacent to the Assessor's Department in the Township Hall. Ms. McCullough has 17 years experience in planning and building matters and holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Wayne State University. Robin Carley is the Planning Department Secretary.

The Planning Department processes applications to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Department and lot split requests to the Township Board. For application forms or inquiries involving the Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Commission please contact the Planning Department at:
248.433.7795

DE - ICING for a Better Environment

Winter is here and so is the snow and ice. Keeping sidewalks and driveways safe and clear is important but traditional de-icing salts have negative effects on the environment.

After salt is applied, it is washed off paved surfaces into storm drains or onto adjacent ground and then carried into nearby bodies of water. The normal use of de-icing salt causes an increase in the salinity of the soil or of the rivers, streams, lakes, & wetlands. This can have a detrimental effect on plants and animals, although the effects depend on many factors. The use of de-icing salt can also affect groundwater because the salt dissolves readily and can percolate through the soil.

Simple Tips to Protect the Environment While De-Icing:

1. Store de-icing material in a dry place.
2. Place a small amount of salt down before the snow storm to prevent ice build-up.
3. Slightly wet salt before you apply it so it will stick to snow and ice.
4. Consider alternative de-icing materials in lieu of traditional road salt (NaCl). Although materials such as calcium chloride & calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) are a bit more expensive, they do have less impact on the environment. Sand is inexpensive and inert, but it clogs storm drains, smothers other organisms when it settles out in streams, and creates a mess when tracked into homes and businesses so it is not recommended.

The Township Road Department also makes every practical effort to minimize the environmental impacts of de-icing the roadways, while providing safe and clear roadways. It follows the industry guidelines, commonly referred to as Best Management Practices, of using computer-controlled, calibrated applicators to maximize efficiency of salt application, pre-wetting salt in extreme cold temperatures and practicing proper salt storage and management.

TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Days / Times

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: 7:30 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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Bloomfield Hills, MI
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Household Battery Disposal

Remember, household batteries may be recycled on your regular trash pickup day. Simply enclose AA, AAA, C, D, 9v and others (all except automobile and RV batteries) in a self-sealing plastic bag and place the bag in your recycling bin.



Auto and RV batteries may be disposed of at Bloomfield Township's semi-annual household hazardous waste days held in May and October. Or, during regular business hours they may be taken to:

US Liquids of Detroit
1923 Frederick Street
Call US Liquids in advance at 313.923-0080.



Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees



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Back Row (L - R) Trustees - David B. Buckley; Janet Roncelli; Sherry Stefanos; Jerry Tobias

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Winter brings hazardous driving conditions along with snow and ice. For helpful snow removal and driving tips, see the Township's Website:
www.Bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/Roads

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Animal Welfare	433.7757
Investigations	433.7760
Alarm Info	433.7775
Property	433.7777
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