

# LIVING IN BLOOMFIELD



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# TOWNSHIP



## Leading with Compassion and Integrity Heading into 2026

### Kind Acts Highlight the End of 2025 in Bloomfield Township

I want to wish all residents a safe and Happy New Year in 2026! Upon taking office in November 2024, I went on a listening tour to each department to learn about each service they provide and how elected officials can assist in making them better, more efficient, or helping facilitate needed changes. As I met with each department I was struck by how kind, caring, and compassionate the employees who work for Bloomfield Township are. That was never more evident than this past holiday season where all employees participated in gift giving and donation drives.

The Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities raised over \$17,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in their annual Fill the Boot campaign! You may have seen our firefighter/paramedics on Thanksgiving Eve alongside family members raising money at local grocery stores and coffee shops. Police Department Charities joined the Fire Department in a gift card drive for veterans in need across Oakland County. You may have spotted them throughout December alongside the Grinch! They raised over \$5,000. Once a month, Township employees wear jeans and donate to a local charity that serves the area in a drive called Casual for a Cause. This year they have raised over \$2,000.

While the holiday season was off to a festive start, weather quickly got very cold and we saw heavy snowfall. Our first major snow hit Thanksgiving weekend and December saw steady below average cold temperatures. Our Public Works Road Crew fleet of over twelve trucks have been up to the challenge. On-call 24/7 throughout the winter



Bloomfield Township Fire Department personnel present Stacey Breitlow from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) with a check for \$17,030.



Supervisor Mike McCready, the Grinch, and BTPD Sgt. Nick Soley outside of Kroger during the Holiday Gift Card Drive.



Presents for a local veteran's family underneath the Giving Tree at Township Hall.

season, crews report when they're needed to salt and plow roads. DPW Director Noah Mehalski and his staff reported at 4:00 a.m.

for the first major work of the season. He is continuously monitoring weather patterns to prepare and keep our roads as safe as possible until the spring hits. With over 200 miles of road to maintain, crews work lengthy shifts until the work is complete and I thank them for the incredible work.

On behalf of the Township, I want to wish our community a safe and wonderful year filled with peace and good will. I look forward to serving you in 2026.

**TIP**

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**On the cover:** A snowy view of homes across a lake in Bloomfield Township. Photo credit: Digital Content Coordinator Amy McKaig. For a chance to have your photo featured on the cover of a future Living in Bloomfield, email photo to: [cable\\_dept@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov](mailto:cable_dept@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov).



## Fostering Civic-Minded Adults in Our Community

For nearly a decade, the Government Teachers of Bloomfield Hills High School have worked with the Township to provide their students with a tour of the Township. The students spend time with the Elected Officials, the Police Department, Fire Department, the Department

of Public Works, and more. They learn about the services provided by the Township and meet some of the people who provide these critical services. The students consistently report that this is one of their favorite lessons of the year. Besides the popularity, why do the teachers utilize class time and why does the Township staff agree to plan and implement a meaningful tour? In one word: Civics.



*Students from Bloomfield Hills High School Government Class visit Township Hall with Treasurer Michael Schostak and Clerk Martin Brook.*

the notion enunciated by President Lincoln during the Gettysburg Address: "...that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Students see that local government exemplifies President Lincoln's idea: Local people engaged locally to provide critical services for the local people. Services such as protecting democracy by operating accurate and secure elections, protecting public health by providing clean water and effective collection and treatment of waste, and protection of the people and their property through responsible policing and responsive paramedic and firefighting services.

Our tours will be worth every minute if we inspire just one student to serve their community as a member of local, state, or national government. More good people are always needed.

During each 90-minute tour we do something to advance

national government. More good people are always needed.

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## Treasurer's Turn: Managing the Township's Investments

I usually use this space to write about winter tax collections. This quarter, I want to highlight another important part of my job: managing the Township's investments. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing four distinct pools of money—the Township's operating

reserves (~\$100 million), the pension fund (~\$230 million), the retiree healthcare fund (~\$30 million), and our defined contribution plans (~\$70 million). Each is governed by different rules and regulations.

Managing these funds isn't about chasing high returns or taking unnecessary risks. It's about protecting taxpayer and employee dollars, ensuring sufficient liquidity when bills come due, and earning a reasonable return within strict legal guidelines. State law tightly limits what local governments can invest in, and for good reason. Safety and preservation of principal come first.

Every investment decision is guided by a formal investment policy adopted by the Township Board and reviewed regularly. My goal is simple and non-negotiable: keep the Township financially strong today while positioning it to meet long-term obligations tomorrow—without passing

avoidable costs on to future residents. This work requires constant vigilance, but knowing that prudent management today protects services tomorrow makes it worthwhile.

With interest rates higher than they've been in years, our conservative investment approach is finally generating meaningful returns—over 4% on operating reserves compared to near-zero rates just a few years ago. This

generates additional revenue for Township services without raising taxes. At the same time, we're watching market volatility carefully and maintaining discipline around our asset allocation targets for the pension fund.

To support this work, the Township has a Financial Sustainability Committee that provides an additional layer of oversight and transparency. The committee includes three elected officials,

the Finance Director, and three Township residents, and its meetings are public and recorded. In early 2026 the Board will be expanding the committee to allow for additional resident input. If you—or someone you know—has experience or interest in finance and investments and would like to serve, please contact my office for more information.

Wishing you and yours a happy new year.

Michael Schostak, Township Treasurer | 248.433.7705 | [treasurer@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov](mailto:treasurer@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov)



*Financial Sustainability Committee quarterly meetings are available to watch on-demand at [bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/vod](http://bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/vod).*



# SERVICES THAT

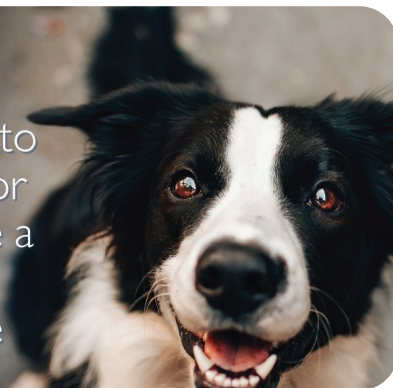
## New Process to Renew or Purchase Dog License in Effect Bloomfield Township Police Department will no longer sell dog tags in person

Effective December 18, 2025, the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center has launched a new website to facilitate purchasing dog licenses. Residents will now be able to purchase their dog licenses directly through DocuPet online, by mail, or phone. BTPD will no longer sell dog tags in person.

New features of the website include:

- No price increase — license fees remain the same as last year
- Fast and easy online registration
- 24/7 lost pet service included
- Optional designer tags
- Tags will be mailed directly to residents by DocuPet

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Important dates to remember:

- 2025 dog license expirations will be extended from December 31, 2025 to March 31, 2026
- June 1, 2026 deadline for current pricing; starting June 2, 2026 delinquent prices will be in effect
- After renewal, dog licenses will be valid one year or three years from the date of

purchase

- 2026 dog licenses will expire December 31, 2026 and 2027 dog licenses will expire December 31, 2027; you will receive renewal information through DocuPet

Please contact the Oakland County Pet Adoption Center at 248-858-1070 or [petadoption@oakgov.com](mailto:petadoption@oakgov.com) with any questions.

## Annual Electronic Waste, Paper Shredding, and Medication Disposal Return on May 2, 2026

The very popular Electronic Waste Day returns on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., offering residents a convenient and eco-friendly way to dispose of unwanted items. This community event provides a drive-thru drop-off service to make the process quick and easy. Drop off is exclusive to Township residents and proof of residency is required.

**Electronic Waste Recycling:** Safely dispose of old electronics, including computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, and other small appliances.

**Paper Shredding:** Securely shred personal documents to protect your sensitive information.

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## HELPFUL REMINDERS • HELPFUL REMINDERS

### WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS DUE

Tuesday, February 17  
by 5:30 p.m.

[bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/  
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### VACATION HOUSE CHECK

If leaving your home for an extended period, you can arrange for a vacation house check. Police Officers will periodically check the exterior of your residence.

Call 248-433-7724.



## SEMCOG present 1.4 Million Dollar TAP Grant to Fund Safety Paths

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments has awarded \$1,427,429 in Transportation Alternatives Program funding for a 1.4-mile safety path between Telegraph Road between Golf Drive and Mail Drive. SEMCOG awarded a ceremonial check at the November 11, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting.



*SEMCOG and State Representatives present a check to Township Engineering Director and Township Trustees for \$1,427,429 to help fund a 1.4-mile pedestrian safety path.*

In addition to closing the 1.4-mile gap, the project will connect to both Pontiac and the Clinton River Trail. State Representatives Sharon MacDonell and Samantha Steckloff were on hand for the check presentation alongside members of SEMCOG and the Oakland County Office for Senator Elissa Slotkin.

"We need to make sure we've got some funding available to make those critical connections – from sidewalks to

our trails, to our safety paths," said Kevin Vettraino, Planning Director, SEMCOG. "We also would like to appreciate and recognize the allies that we have in Congress. They bring great resources to our communities. The need for enhancing our transportation network is real, and we're going to do whatever we can to make sure that there's a program that is going to reach the entire region over the next number of years."

"The addition of this safety path will provide a secure and accessible route for pedestrians, connecting residents to nearby restaurants, retail centers, and other local destinations," said Supervisor McCready. "By improving walkability and expanding non-motorized transportation options, this project enhances both safety and quality of life in Bloomfield Township."

The project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2027.

► **Medication Disposal:** Bring expired or unused medications for safe and responsible disposal - no questions asked.

On the day of the event, there will be two entrances to the event. Both entrances lead onto the Township complex at 4200 Telegraph Rd via Andover Rd. Enter Andover Rd from Long Lake Rd heading south or enter Andover Rd from south bound Telegraph and head west.

For the most up to date information on the event, visit [bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/recycle](https://bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/recycle), follow the Township on social media, or subscribe the weekly eNews.



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### YARD WASTE COLLECTION RESUMES

Curbside collection of yard waste will resume the week of March 16th.

More info at [bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/yardwaste](https://bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/yardwaste)



# PUBLIC SAFETY

## New EMS Simulator Reboots Training

The Bloomfield Township Fire Department is always looking to stay ahead of the curve and make sure their Emergency

Medical Services personnel have the most up-to-date training. This is of the utmost importance in Bloomfield Township, which is home to one of the oldest populations in Oakland County.

With this in mind, BTFD purchased the REALiTi 360 Plus Simulated Patient Monitor (SPM) in February of this year. This state-of-the-art device is a high-fidelity, interactive tool designed to replicate real-world emergency medical scenarios. It combines realistic patient mannequins and scenario-based learning modules to help EMS personnel practice and improve their skills in a controlled, repeatable setting.

In September, this purchase was supported by a 50% match grant from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association as a part of their Risk Avoidance Program. MMRA is a public entity self-insurance pool that provides liability, property, and data breach coverage to governmental entities throughout Michigan. "The paramedics love the new technology; the more interactive, the better. This mannequin can speak and duplicate medical emergencies. That always makes training more interesting," says

Operations Manager Alan Van Heck.



*A simulated test using the new REALiTi 360 Plus Simulated Patient Monitor on realistic patient mannequins.*

The goal of the simulator is to improve the preparedness, confidence, and competence of EMS personnel in handling critical incidents. It addresses key risks such as improper patient assessment, delayed treatment, and poor communication during high-stakes situations. By simulating these challenges, this tool helps reduce errors and improve patient outcomes in the field. The REALiTi 360 Plus SPM has been making a difference in EMS training for over six months.

BTFD Captain Mike Sova shares, "Training paramedics to treat life threatening illnesses and injuries that we don't see every day can be a challenge. With this simulation equipment we can replicate as close to an actual person having an emergency as possible for our training. If our paramedics can see and experience these critical situations in a training environment first they will be much more successful when actually faced with these patients in real life. This allows us to provide the highest level of emergency medical care to our patients when they need it most. We are focusing our training with these devices on low frequency high risk scenarios."

# SENIOR SERVICES

## Let Senior Services Transport You in 2026

With winter weather in full effect, there's never a better time to remind residents that Senior Services offers transportation not just to the Senior Center – but for medical appointments and day trips as well. Last year, the department provided over 5,000 rides and looks to expand on that number this year with a new offering.

"We are pleased to partner with Bianco tours, a leader in group travel since 1979," says Senior Services Director Christine



*A group heading out on one of the over seventy day trips offered by Senior Services.*

Tvaroha. "Their professional drivers and luxury coaches allow us to visit destinations across Michigan." Longer than the standard day trip, attendees can look forward to planned trips to Marshall, Saugatuck, and Traverse City.

To learn more about these trips and the accommodations, please contact the Senior Center at 248-723-3500 or visit the online catalog at [bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/seniors](http://bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/seniors).



# CABLE DEPARTMENT

## BCTV Celebrates 40th Anniversary

Bloomfield Community Television was filled with staff past and present as well as a number of community producers who created television programs across 40 years as they celebrated the milestone anniversary. The evening acknowledged many of the individuals instrumental in shaping the station including Nadine Maynard who was General Manager when the studio opened in 1985. A Township resident herself, Maynard commended the longevity of the staff and producers. Township resident, Henry Gornbein, was recognized for producing over 1,000 shows across 30 years as host of both Practical Law and Gracefully Greying.

Longtime Studio Coordinator David Sommerfeld, Jr. was honored by current Operations Manager, Steve Rota, for his 25-year career. Sommerfeld retired in 2020 amidst the pandemic and was never given a proper sendoff until now. He was able to celebrate with many of the dozens of producers he'd worked with over the years.

Community members were able to tour the studio, attend an orientation on how to produce their own program, and more. Open Houses occur multiple times throughout the year at BCTV and residents can contact the studio at 248-433-7790 or [cable\\_dept@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov](mailto:cable_dept@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov) for information on the next event.



*Clockwise from top: BCTV's first General Manager Nadine Maynard speaks to Open House attendees, Operations Manager Greg Black gives tour to interested residents, Operations Manager Steve Rota honors retired employee Dave Sommerfeld, Jr.*

### Board of Trustees 2026 Meeting Schedule

January 12 & 26	July 13 & 27
February 9 & 23	August 10 & 24
March 9 & 23	September 14 & 28
April 13 & 27	October 12 & 26
May 11 & 26	November 9 & 23
June 8 & 22	December 14

#### ADMINISTRATION

Mike McCready, Supervisor  
Martin C. Brook, Clerk  
Michael Schostak, Treasurer

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Valerie Murray  
Christopher Kolinski  
Mark Antakli



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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
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Water/Sewer Emergency .....	248.433.7730

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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

Tuesday, February 17 | by 5:30 p.m.

Visit [bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/paymentoptions](http://bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/paymentoptions).

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION RETURNS

Week of March 17, 2026

## ELECTRONIC WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

Saturday, May 2 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Recycle old electronics, safely dispose of unused medications, and paper shredding.

## 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 | 6:30 p.m. | 2nd & 4th Monday

Planning Commission | 6:30 p.m. | 1st & 3rd Monday

Zoning Board of Appeals | 6:30 p.m. | 2nd Tuesday

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

**Location: Township Auditorium**

Full board meeting details at [bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/meetings](http://bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/meetings).

