

Did You Know?

You can find pertinent and timely information on the Township's website, including:

- Maps and boundaries for every polling place
- Winter Taxes
- Snow removal
- Winter driving tips
- Solid waste collection schedule
- Contact information for each department
- Links to important local, state and federal websites

Check it out at

www.bloomfieldtp.org!



Front Row (L - R) Wilma Cotton - Clerk; Dave Payne - Supervisor; Dan Devine - Treasurer
Back Row (L - R) Trustees - William Yaw Jr.; Janet Roncelli; Sherry Stefanos; Jerry Tobias

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Wilma S. Cotton Clerk
Dan Devine Treasurer

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Jerry J. Tobias
William R. Yaw, Jr.

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Water / Sewer Emergency 433.7730
Administration 433.7700
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Accounting 433.7712
Assessor's Office ... 433.7710
Building Dept. 433.7715
Clerk's Office 433.7702
Community Cable .. 433.7790
Fax 642.7624
Fire Department
Non-Emergency 433.7745
Fax 433.7787
Police Department
Administration .. 433.7750
Non-Emergency 433.7755
Fax 433.7784
Animal Welfare . 433.7757
Investigations ... 433.7760
Alarm Info 433.7775
Property 433.7777
Records 433.7776
Road Department ... 433.7709
Fax 433.7786
Treasurer's Office .. 433.7705
Water & Sewer 433.7731



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Elected Officials

Administration
Dave Payne, Supervisor
Wilma S. Cotton, Clerk
Dan Devine, Treasurer

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Appointed Positions

Wilma S. Cotton
David J. Lubin
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Appointed Positions

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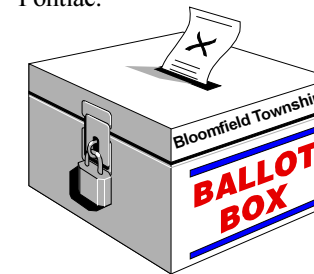
NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2002

**All Township Voters to Have Say in Annexation Issue
Special Vote February 5 Will Decide Status of 28-acre Parcel of Land**

A petition drive by a group of concerned Bloomfield Township voters has assured that *all* voters in the Township will have a say in the question of whether a 28-acre parcel of land near Telegraph Road and Square Lake Road will be returned to the Township. A **special election** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, February 5, 2002** to decide whether the land will be detached from the City of Pontiac or remain a part of the City of Pontiac.

State law dictated that 22 renters living on the property in question were the only Township voters eligible to vote on the annexation question on a September primary election ballot. However, all Pontiac voters were eligible to vote. The February 5th election will be decided by the total votes cast in both Bloomfield Township and Pontiac.



Soon after the September election, a group of concerned Bloomfield Township residents who believed all Township residents should have a say in what happens to the land circulated petitions to undo the annexation vote through a process called detachment. They collected more than 1,500 signatures to request the vote.

"The annexation vote disenfranchised 33,000 voters in Bloomfield Township whose environment and quality of life would be drastically altered if the massive development being proposed by a developer on the site were to be completed," said Bloomfield Township Supervisor Dave Payne. "This special election will restore the voting right to those who were prohibited from participating in the September election."

The annexation attempt was

initiated by a developer who has proposed building up to nine 20-story buildings and close to nine million square feet of building space on approximately 68 acres of land. In addition to the high-rise buildings, the proposed development includes a 300-room hotel, 1,200 rental residential units, a 12-screen movie complex and the requisite parking structures for residents, guests, shoppers and an estimated 10,000 employees who would work on the site.

The proposed office space would rival Detroit's Renaissance Center and the completed development would contain three times as much floor area as that contained in Birmingham's Central Business District on a space less than half the size of the business district.

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Birmingham Central Business District	Proposed Bloomfield Park
Total Area 148 acres	Site Area 80 acres Wetland 12 acres Total Net Area 68 acres
Floor Area .. 3,000,000 sq. ft.	Floor Area .. 9,000,000 sq. ft.

BE SURE TO VOTE ON FEBRUARY 5, 2002!

A special election to determine whether or not a 28-acre parcel of land may be returned to Bloomfield Township will be held on February 5, 2002.

All Bloomfield Township registered voters are eligible to vote in this election. Bloomfield Township Clerk Wilma Cotton explains, "This election is open to all voters registered in the City of Pontiac and in Bloomfield Township. It will take a majority of the total count to approve the detachment. In all, the City and Township have 77,000 registered voters; approximately 33,000 are from Bloomfield Township."

Voting will take place at the regular Township polling locations used for general elections. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. You may check the Township's website,

www.bloomfieldtp.org

under "Services," then "Clerk" to see a map with precinct boundaries and polling place addresses.

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All Township Voters to Have Say in Annexation Issue (con't.)

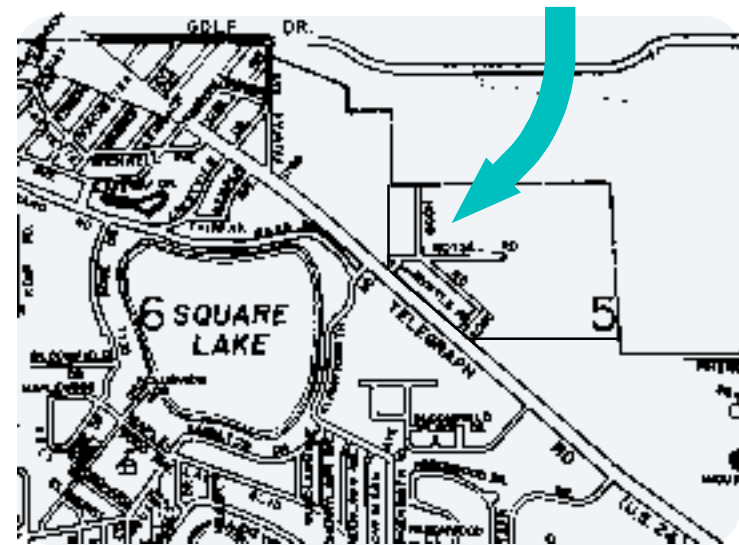
The proposed development far exceeds the height and density limits set forth in the Township's master plan. In December 2000, after a public hearing at which Township residents overwhelmingly opposed the plan, the Bloomfield Township Board of Trustees denied the plan.

After the Board's decision, Township officials continued to meet with the developer with the goal of developing a mutually agreeable plan. As a result of those meetings, the developer's attorney submitted a letter to the Township indicating accord on revised height provisions that had been negotiated for the project.

However, at the same time, despite what the Township Board considered good faith negotiations and the attorney's letter of agreement, the developer secretly approached the City of Pontiac to seek its help and then filed a petition for annexation of the land to Pontiac. In an annexation election, only residents living on the land to be annexed are allowed to vote, depriving other residents of the effected area an opportunity to participate in the decision. The February 5 special election assures that all Township residents will participate in the final decision.

The result of the election will be determined by the cumulative total of votes cast in

the Township and in Pontiac. If a combined majority of voters in the two units of government approve the detachment, the property will be returned to the jurisdiction of Bloomfield Township.



It is extremely important that all Bloomfield Township residents vote in this SPECIAL ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 5th.

BE SURE TO VOTE. . (con't.)

Among other reasons, you may vote by absentee ballot if you are 60 years old or older, if you are disabled, or if you will be out of town the day of the election. To receive an absentee ballot you must submit a written request to the Clerk's Office with your signature.

Simply state the reason for requesting an absentee ballot, the address where you want the ballot mailed and then be sure to sign the request. All ballots must be returned by 8:00 PM on election night in order to be counted.

Mail your absentee ballot request to:

Wilma Cotton
4200 Telegraph Road
P.O. Box 489
Bloomfield Hills, MI
48303-0489

or fax your request to:
248.433.7714

Please allow enough time for your request to be processed!

**Thank you, Oakland County
Board of Commissioners Chairperson
Tom Law and Commissioners Shelley Taub,
David Buckley and Chuck Moss for your
support in scheduling the February 5
election!**



"Save A Heart" Approaches Its First Anniversary

In less than a year since its official launch, Bloomfield Township's "Save A Heart" Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program has placed in service 34 automated external defibrillators throughout the Township.

They were first put in Township buildings, then in most police cars and first-response fire engines. Now you will notice the life-saving devices in churches, golf courses, car dealerships, schools, office buildings, and athletic clubs.

Bloomfield Township firefighters will train employees of private establishments in the proper use of AEDs. To date, 309 people have already learned how to save the life of someone who experiences a sudden cardiac arrest.

**If you would like to know how you can participate, contact
E.M.S. Coordinator Lt. Bertucci at 248-433-7745.**

Township's Emergency Readiness Plans in Effect

Bloomfield Township has had an Emergency Management Plan since 1986. While this plan has always been reviewed and tested on a regular basis, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 have caused the Township administration, public safety and public service departments to assess its emergency readiness specifically in light of potential terrorist acts.

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Township's Emergency Readiness (con't.)

The Fire Department conducted a self-assessment of its preparedness and is in the process of implementing its findings. In addition, it is part of a mutual aid consortium (Oakway) with eight other local communities. Oakway not only provides mutual aid assistance for fire and emergency medical incidents, it has created a hazardous materials (HazMat) team. This team is recognized as one of the best-trained and equipped teams in the State of Michigan.

The Police Department's Emergency Management Plan begins with its participation with law enforcement agencies county wide in the Oakland County Mutual Aid Agreement. Within the department, the Emergency Management Plan involves the Communications Divisions, the Patrol Division, the Animal Welfare Division, the Investigations Division and the Administration. The Emergency Management Plan is designed to maintain effective, uninterrupted law enforcement in the community in the event of a disaster or major catastrophic event, and includes specific assignments and responsibilities for each agency position. It concludes with a redeployment plan that returns the agency to normal operations once a crisis recedes.

The Township's water distribution and sewer systems are essential services in the protection of public health and safety in the event of an emergency. The Water Department has put into place security measures to prevent access to the water and sewer systems. It has an emergency contingency plan in case of a loss of water pressure, or if contamination of the water supply occurs. The routine maintenance of water and sewer systems help prepare the department to respond to different types of emergencies.

Township Police Officer Serving in The National Guard Security Force

On October 1, just 43 days short of the termination of his six-year Michigan Air National Guard service, a young Township police officer (unnamed in this article for security purposes) was called into active duty.

Now stationed state-side at an air base which offers major support to the Afghanistan air operation, the officer considers it an honor and an obligation to serve. "Too many people died on American soil," he said. His previous military experience includes assignments in Italy and in Turkey, both in response to the Bosnia-Herzegovina conflicts in the former Yugoslavia.

Police Chief Jeffrey D. Werner said, "We are very proud of our police officer. He is well-liked and has shown strong potential during his short time with us. We hope and pray for his safe return."



Bloomfield Township firefighters present their check to Battalion Chief #9 in Manhattan.

Firefighters Raise Money for Victims of Terrorists

Bloomfield Township firefighters raised more than \$78,000 in one weekend by "passing the boot" to collect contributions from shoppers in local shopping plazas. All proceeds were given to the Uniformed Firefighters' Association for Widows and Children.

Five Township firefighters drove to New York City to present the money personally. They gave their check to Battalion Chief #9 at a fire house in midtown Manhattan that lost 15 men in the World Trade Centers on September 11.

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

ZONE 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 the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office.

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