

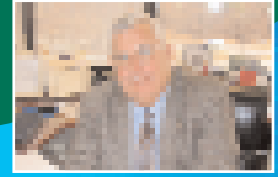
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CERT prepares residents for emergencies

Bloomfield Township residents can become part of a team dedicated to preparing for and helping the community during an emergency through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

During an emergency like the blackout of 2003, police and fire personnel in every community are spread thin. Many of their jobs are highly visible like providing traffic control.

But other, less visible, tasks are still necessary during a crisis. Things like gathering damage assessment information, coordinating volunteers and providing support for temporary shelter areas are critical tasks and perfectly suited to the interested and trained volunteer.

“Having a group of trained volunteers ready and willing to perform any of the dozens of tasks that

emergency personnel are responsible for will really make a difference in a crisis,” said Bloomfield Township Fire Dept. Lt. David Piche.

Piche remembers one of the many critically important roles police and fire personnel performed during the 2003 black out was delivering generators to residents who rely on electric-powered respirators to breathe.

The first step in creating an effective CERT program in the Township involves recruiting and training scores of volunteers.

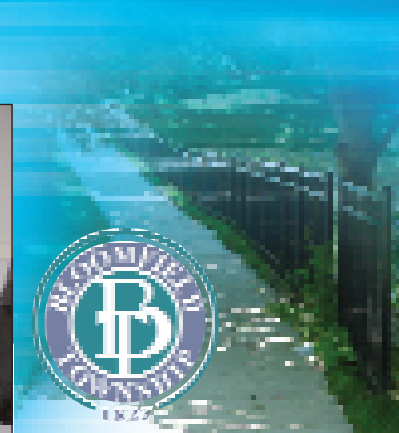
Twenty hours of training are required for CERT volunteers in areas like fire safety, light search and rescue and basic first-aid.

For more information call 248-433-7745.



Firefighter David Piche displays the CERT backpack, complete with flashlight, hard hat and vest, given to each volunteer.

Reminder:
In an emergency tune to BCTV Channel 15 for local information



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Inaugural Clean Sweep program kicks off in April

■ **Grass roots program aims to rid public areas of winter debris**

Let this year’s spring cleaning extend beyond your house and beyond your own yard – take it to the public places surrounding your neighborhood and see what a difference it will make.

“Clean Sweep” kicks off this year as a new partnership among subdivisions, Bloomfield Township’s Public Works Dept. and Waste Management. Scheduled for

Saturday and Sunday, April 29 & 30, Clean Sweep is intended to get rid of winter debris from safety paths and subdivision entrances while having some fun and getting to know your neighbors in the process. Individuals, homeowner associations, scout troops, church groups, school organizations and any others are all encouraged to participate.

To participate, register with the Dept. of Public Works by calling 433-7709. Come to the DPW office to collect plastic bags for general debris and paper bags for

yard waste.

You will receive specific information at that time. Waste Management will pick up the bags on Monday, May 1.

Get some recognition for your friends or your group. Take photos of the action and send them in (prints to Cable Dept.. at Township mailing address; digital to cable_dept.@bloomfieldtwp.org).

They will be posted on a special “Clean Sweep” section of the Township website. Names of individuals are optional, but be sure to include the name of your group.

Cast a vote in three elections this year

On May 2, Bloomfield Township will conduct the election for the following four school districts: Avondale, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, and Pontiac. Polling locations can be found on your Voter I.D. card; however, the precincts are the same for all elections, school, primary or general.

Later in the year, two elections will be held. The State Primary is scheduled for Aug. 8, and the State General Election is scheduled for Nov. 7.

For each election, absentee ballot applications will be mailed to

registered voters 60 years of age and older. However, registered voters who meet one of the following criteria are also eligible for absentee ballots if they:

- are unable to attend the polls without assistance.
- expect to be absent for the entire time the polls are open on election day.
- are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial.
- are assigned to work as a precinct inspector in a precinct other than where they are registered.

are unable to attend the polls because of religious beliefs.

Your vote counts, so make sure you are registered. Access the following link to check your status as well as where you vote: <https://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/mivote/voterSearch.aspx>. Use the Township website at bloomfield-twp.org for voter registration forms by mail and for more detailed information about voting. Or, contact the Clerk's Office by phone at 433-7702.



Speeding in the Subdivision - A Real Danger

When driving in a subdivision, beware that children or pets may suddenly run into the street.

Even traveling at the residential speed limit of 25 mph, a car covers 36.66 feet per-second. Most people require one to three seconds to react. Under these circumstances, a car will travel between 37 and 110-feet before a driver reacts.

Even when reacting within one second, a car will still take several more feet to stop. Under many circumstances, even driving 25-mph in a subdivision may be too fast. These conditions may be when many children are around, or when the road conditions, weather, or visibility are poor.

Township safety path program continues this spring

The Safety Path Construction Program will resume this spring with the completion of the safety path on Adams Road north of Long Lake Road.

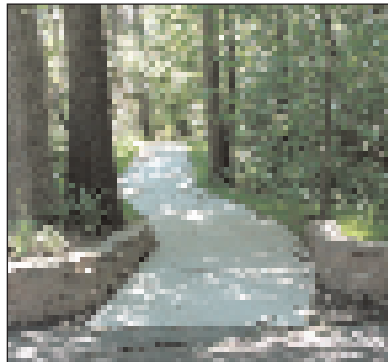
The program consists of constructing concrete safety paths throughout the Township based on input from our residents. The Engineering and Environmental Services Dept., along with our consulting engineers, prepare detailed engineering plans necessary to construct safety path routes based upon the anticipated usage by residents, availability within the existing public right-of-way and to preserve the surrounding natural features.

After construction is completed, summer time maintenance along the safety paths will be managed by the Township's Dept. of Public Works.

New safety paths are planned for construction this year at the following locations:

- Hickory Grove, from Telegraph to London Wall Drive.
- Squirrel from Wattles to Lakecrest Drive.
- Woodward Ave. from Hickory Grove to Millington.
- Lahser between Quarton and Square Lake.

Community support continues to drive the Safety Path Construction Program. The pro-



Entrance to the Lone Pine Safety Path

gram provides many benefits including: providing a safe passage for children walking to school; promoting health and exercise; and increasing awareness of the Township's landscapes and natural features.

Residents who have any suggestions or comments concerning the program can contact the Township's Engineering and Environmental Services Dept. at 594-3800 or at safety-path@bloomfieldtwp.org.

Zimmerman back to lead Bloomfield Township Police

Thirty-six-year Bloomfield Township Police veteran Don Zimmerman is back at the helm of the Township's Police Department after a 10-year retirement.

Zimmerman was appointed Police Chief Feb. 6, by the Board of Trustees following the retirement of 40-year police veteran Jeffrey Werner, who retired Feb. 3.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come back. Police work is all I've ever known," Zimmerman said after being officially sworn in.

As chief, Zimmerman will be busy guiding the Police Dept. through transitions in

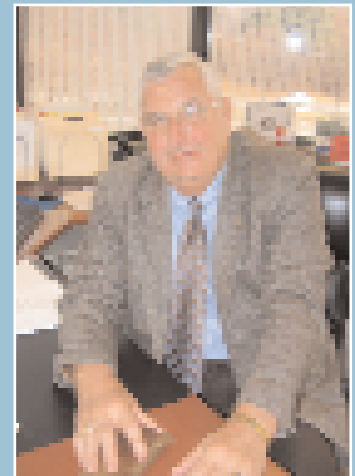
its top ranks, including naming his own replacement.

"I think it's very important to promote from within. There is certainly more than enough talent within this department and its ranks to promote from within," Zimmerman said.

Recommending a new chief will not be a new task for Zimmerman as he suggested Werner for the job a decade ago.

Zimmerman has been married for 45 years to Phyllis Aiuto Zimmerman. The couple has four sons and five grandchildren.

The Bloomfield Township Police Department has 75 sworn offi-



Chief Don Zimmerman

cers and more than 100 employees. The chief administers a budget of \$11 million.

A NOTE FROM

Dave Payne, Bloomfield Township Supervisor



On April 1, 2006 Bloomfield Township began its new fiscal year. The budget recently adopted by the Board of Trustees is balanced, with revenues equaling expenses. Going forward, however, the Township faces the same challenge private corporations across the state face: healthcare and pension expenses are increasing at a more rapid rate than revenues.

To address that challenge, Bloomfield Township has implemented the same strategies the private sector uses to help contain costs. As with many businesses, our single largest expense is the compensation we provide for our employees. We are proud of our staff and think we are able to offer our residents superior services because of the quality of the people who work for Bloomfield Township. At the same time, we must ask them to cooperate in the effort to keep expenses level.

To this end, we have increased the deductible they pay for their health insurance, we have increased the employee contribution to their health care, and we have increased their co-pay for office visits and prescriptions.

Another area of concern for employers in both the private sector and the public sector is future pension obligations. To help stabilize this, we have taken several steps. In most of our labor contracts we have negotiated a change from a defined benefit plan to a defined contribution plan for new employees. We have also diversified our pension portfolio over the past several years to help offset rising pension expenditures.

Our accountability to Bloomfield Township's residents is foremost in our minds as we plan our budgets and implement our services. We know we must be more diligent than ever to assure the continuation of balanced budgets while providing the level and quality of services that residents expect. If you have any concerns about this, please pick up the phone and give me a call.

Spring: the perfect time for home maintenance

The Building Dept. compiled the following list of spring clean-up chores for homeowners.

- Clean out gutters and downspouts. Everything that was on your roof has ended up in your gutters and could create a blockage.
- Check for damage to shingles, roof antennas and siding. The harsh winter winds can

wreak havoc with these outside features. Touch-up the caulking around your doors and windows.

- Shut off the water to your humidifier at the end of the heating season and clean it out. This prevents the formation of mold and bacteria build-up.
- When creating landscaping remember that changes to

grade can negatively impact neighboring properties. Change in the flow of your surface water can cause flooding down-stream if caution is not taken.

Building a fence?

Go to www.bloomfieldtp.org for specific fence codes.

Senior Service Millage supports creation of Adult Day Service

Adult Day Service, a therapeutic program for seniors experiencing memory impairment, opens to 75 Bloomfield Township seniors June 1.

Developed through the Greater Bloomfield Senior Association, the Adult Day Service is a structured program that provides social and support services in a protective and stimulating setting and offers much needed respite for caregivers.

In establishing the program, GBSA staff and administrators developed the following objectives:

- Encourage and support each client's highest level of functioning.
- Enhance the well-being and dignity of each client.
- Provide a safe and stimulating home-like environment.
- Provide respite for caregivers.

In addition to helping seniors stay safe and maintain their current abilities the Adult Day Service can help them maintain their independence and continue living at home with their loved ones.

A lack of space at the GBSA's Wing Lake Road center is forcing the Adult Day Service to be located at 2222 Franklin Road.

The program is not residential and will operate during normal business hours Monday through Friday. In the future the GBSA hopes to combine the Adult Day Service with other programs, thereby, offering even greater service to seniors and providing additional respite for caregivers.

"Our seniors will be served onsite and their caregivers will be served offsite by having the free-



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

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
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Rev up for a good time at the Classic

The Township is gearing up for its second Bloomfield Township Classic, the car show and charitable event that coincides with the Woodward Dream Cruise. Inside this newsletter is an entry form for people wishing to enter their car in the Classic.

The event takes place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Mercedes Benz of Bloomfield Hills, on Woodward south of Quarton.

Last year, more than \$10,000 was raised through sponsorships and car entries.

That money was used to fund outreach programs of the Bloomfield Township Fire Department Charities, The Bloomfield Hills Optimists and



"A great event. Well organized and executed"
Bruce Babiarz

Oakland Family Services.

Last year's event was well attended despite frequent and heavy rains. This year's event promises to be every bit as exciting and will feature family-friendly entertainment, food, music and of course some of the most exciting cars to be seen on Woodward.

Look for future Classic developments on the Township's website at www.bloomfieldtwp.org or call the Community Relations office at 248-433-7790



The front cover features a photo of 4-year-old Ellie Schrader resting during a walk with her mother, Jenifer. The photo was used by Jenifer for a calender she made and captioned with the Margaret Atwood quote *"At the end of the day in Spring, one should be covered in dirt."* We love to feature pictures of residents enjoying various activities in the Township. If you have a photo you would like to see featured on the *Newsletter* cover please send it to Sam Tricomo, 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI. 48303 or by email to stricomo@bloomfieldtwp.org

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The Greater Bloomfield Senior Association has a full schedule of programs designed for nearly every interest and need. Things like health screenings, classes on coping with loss and even courses in defensive driving techniques are available. Check their offerings at www.bloomfieldtwp.org or call them at 341-6450

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