

# HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

Winter 2013 #83

## **Mayor**

Sarah McClure

## **City Commissioners**

Michael J Dul

Patricia A. Hardy, Mayor Pro-tem

Stuart Sherr

Michael T. Zambricki

## **City Manager**

Jay W. Cravens

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## **City Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

## **Non-Emergency**

Police and Fire: 248-644-4200

## **Emergency: 911**

## **City Commission Meetings**

Second Tuesday of every  
month at 7:30 p.m.

## **Planning Commission Meetings**

Second Tuesday of every  
month at 4:00 p.m.

## **Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings**

Third Tuesday of every  
month at 4:00 p.m.



## **Reflections on the Past Year**

*by Mayor Sarah McClure*

As we complete the first six months of our 2012-2013 fiscal year, I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update of City Commission news and progress.

At our December Commission meeting, we accepted the resignation of Commissioner Mike McCready as he will now be representing our area as State Representative. In addition to his tenure on the City Commission and stint as Mayor, over the years Mike also served on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. We thank Mike for his service to the City of Bloomfield Hills and wish him well in his new responsibilities. With help from local media to get the word out, the City Clerk took applications from those interested in completing Mike's term which expires November, 2013. We greatly appreciate the seven residents who wished to be considered. After much discussion the Commission appointed Stuart Sherr, a longtime resident who was previously serving on our Planning Commission. We would like to welcome Stuart to the City Commission.

The Commission and staff continue to examine best practices and efficiencies. The City Manager now includes a status dashboard of City Goals and Objectives in our monthly meeting packets. One goal was to develop a three year road improvement plan. As part of this plan the City recently completed an engineering evaluation of all City streets. This assessment will help determine which streets need replacing and also the appropriate allocation of maintenance funds. We are tentatively looking at replacing Orchard Ridge North this summer as our next major project.

In addition to the purchasing and ethics policy passed last year, the Commission recently enacted a nepotism ordinance to clarify employee family members who may both work for the City. Also, the City elections were moved from May to odd years in November in order to save money and increase voter turnout. We had previously been only one of a handful of Michigan municipalities with May elections. Finally, our City Clerk, Amy Burton, has worked with our City Attorney to evaluate outdated sections of our City Charter. Residents will be asked to vote on these primarily "housekeeping" changes in November, 2013.

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### *Continued...* **Reflections on the Past Year**

With the help of our City Manager Jay Cravens and City Labor attorney, we recently signed new labor contracts with the DPW bargaining unit. We appreciate the union's help in reducing our annual health care costs and long term pension liabilities. These discussions and decisions are not easy, but we continue to work to make our finances sustainable for the long term while still providing competitive salaries and benefits for our employees.

Home sales and prices in the City have been rising which is good news for homeowners in our community. According to our Building Official, Larry Rospierski, there are eight received or expected applications for construction of new single family homes within the City. Oakland County recently notified us that residential Taxable Values have increased 6%. (Taxable Values lag actual sales by 12-18 months) Because Taxable Values can only go up by the smaller of the inflation rate or 5%, we anticipate the Taxable Value for Bloomfield Hills to increase 1.5% to 2.5% for next year. A 2013 taxable

value increase of 1.5% equates to about \$106,000 in City tax revenue. However, the legislation in Lansing to eliminate personal property taxes will cost us over \$30,000 next year and \$220,000 in total as it is phased out. The budget process will begin this winter and residents are always welcome to attend these posted meetings.

Beautification efforts will continue on City owned property and right of ways. I think most would agree that our private fundraising efforts to enhance the Woodward median were very successful. In addition, we recently set up a committee, led by Commissioner Dul, to improve our City commercial properties. Many of our businesses have very attractive landscaping and do a great job; however we would like to find ways to encourage those that are not as well maintained to try to do so.

In closing, I would like to thank my fellow Commissioners and City staff for their continued efforts in making our City a wonderful community in which to live.



## **Farewell** *By Michael McCready, 40th District State House Representative*

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Friends and residents, thank you for your support over the last 5 1/2 years, it has been an honor to serve you as City Commissioner and Mayor. I cannot fully express my gratitude to everyone in this short letter, especially our city staff for their commitment to our community and the city commission.

Reflecting back on my years of service with our City, I have had the pleasure to meet many residents, debate interesting topics such as Planned Unit Developments, library service, safety paths, tree ordinance, budget shortfalls, union contracts, water and sewer upgrades, trash removal, road repair and replacement, building and sign ordinance, mileages, DPW, DPS, Command Units, I will stop there.

I had the pleasure and appreciate the opportunity to serve with Commissioner's Dawkins, Dul, Hardy, Kellett, McClure, Salloum, Toohey, Utley, Zambricki and many friends that serve our Planning Commission, ZBA and Board of Review.

Thank you again for your support and friendship as I go to Lansing serving our 40th district, the State of Michigan, and this wonderful City we call Bloomfield Hills.



# My Introduction

*by Commissioner Stuart Sherr*

Happy 2013! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season as we look forward to this New Year!

My name is Stu Sherr and I am honored, humbled, and privileged to become your new City Commissioner.

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I was recently appointed by your current City Commissioners to fulfill the unexpired term of our new State Representative, Michael McCready. Michael's term expires in November, 2013, and I plan to run for public election to the City Commission at that time.

First, I would like to introduce myself. I am a 20 year resident of Bloomfield Hills and a life-long resident of Oakland County and the State of Michigan. I am 56 years old and am widowed after being married for 22 years to my late wife, Bonnie. She was a physician and was the nicest, kindest, sweetest, most caring and compassionate person I have ever known.

I graduated from Southfield-Lathrup Senior High School in 1974. I then attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a B.S. in Economics with dual majors in accounting and finance. Thereafter, I went to the Wayne State University School of Law and received my J.D. degree in 1981. I practiced law for two years, then became a certified public accountant and practiced public accounting for five years before joining Sherr Development Corporation as vice-president of our family's real estate development and construction company.

I have served on the City's Planning Commission for the past six months, and have been the president of the Vhay Lake Property Owners Association for the past three years. In my real estate business, I have appeared before numerous city councils, township boards, planning commissions, and zoning boards.

To me, running a city is like running a business. It has revenue, expenses, capital expenditures, employees, and requires many of the disciplines I have spent my professional life training for and practicing. Peter

Drucker, widely regarded as the founder of the science of management, said that every good business starts with good management. I believe I have the right and necessary experience and skill set to best perform the job as Commissioner.

I love our city and when I appreciate something, I like to give back. Hence, my desire to serve our community. I have no other agenda. I would like to help make our city as good as it can be. I find it an intellectual challenge and am excited by the opportunity.

The late President John F. Kennedy said ask not what your country can do for you. I say, you should ask what your city can do for you. After all, you are financing our operation through your property tax payments. At the same time, I agree with President Kennedy that you should ask what you can do for your city beyond your payment of taxes.

This is a great community. We are fortunate. The more we all can do, the better we all will be. The ultimate challenge is to continue to grow and improve one's self. Let's do that for our city as well.

In closing, I want to thank every resident of our city for allowing me to represent you. I will give it my best effort. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, and want to hear from you. This is about you, not me. I only pray for the strength, common sense, and good judgment to fill in the gaps. I wish you all a peaceful, prosperous, happy, and healthy new year!

# Clerk's Corner

by Amy L. Burton, City Clerk



# 2013 Election Calendar

November 5, 2013– City General Election

## CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER OF ODD-YEARS

The City Commission voted unanimously to move from an annual May Election cycle to an odd-year November Election cycle. This change will align the city's elections with already scheduled school district elections, resulting in cost savings and greater efficiency.

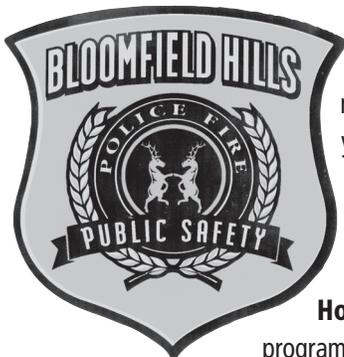
The next City Commission election will be held November 2013, with three commission seats up for election. Beginning November 2015, all five commission seats will be up for election. The term for a City Commissioner remains constant at two years.

## COME JOIN THE BLOOMFIELD HILLS ELECTION TEAM!

The City of Bloomfield Hills is always accepting applications for election inspectors. Qualified election inspectors must (1) be a registered voter in Michigan (2) declare a political party affiliation and (3) attend one training session before Election Day. Election inspectors are compensated for their work. Applications are available on the City's website at [www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net](http://www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net). For more information call the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1403.

# Public Safety Tips

By Public Safety Director Rick Matott



**Shooting Range Availability:** There has been an increase in pistol purchase permits and I'd like to remind you of the Department shooting range that is available for you to use. The use of the range requires you to call the Department to insure one of the Department range instructors will be present when you would like to use the range. We will require that you provide unleaded ammunition in order to shoot. Since the range was built we have kept it lead free in order to train our officers to move and shoot. Maintaining an unleaded range minimizes the officer's exposure to high levels of lead dust. Call the station and speak with a range officer to schedule a time to shoot.

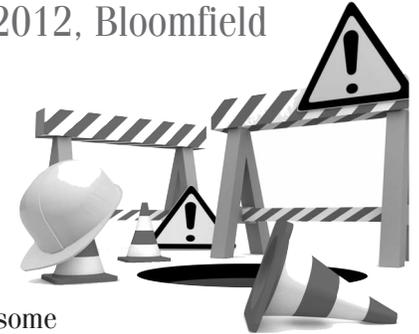
**House Key Program:** Did you know; over 50% of our residents take advantage of our free House Key program (savings to you is between \$50-\$300 if we have to break into your house for fire, police or medical reasons), approximately 25% of our residents utilize our free house watch program when they go on vacation or are away from home for an extended length of time and about 10% of the community utilizes the free basic alarm monitoring program (savings to you between \$300 -\$600 annually). Information on all these programs is available on the City website at: [bloomfieldhillsmi.net](http://bloomfieldhillsmi.net) or just call the station and talk with one of my Command Officers.

**Winter Driving Tip:** Leave for appointments earlier than usual and drive defensively because the other guy isn't. We have at least 12 more weeks of potential slip sliding around driving.

# Roads Remain a Priority

For the past six years Bloomfield Hills has been actively making improvements to the local road network. This past year was no exception. In 2012, Bloomfield Hills successfully completed two road reconstruction projects.

Epping Lane a pleasant and small residential street was completely reconstructed and new water lines installed. The City also embarked on reconstructing Kensington Road, south of Long Lake Road, which had rapidly fallen apart over the past several years. Kensington Road had the traffic lanes slightly widened to promote safe travel. Road shoulders were also installed to allow for vehicles to pull off the roadway and provide some accommodation to pedestrians. Sanitary sewer lines were also installed to provide service to homes that have aging septic sewer systems. The Kensington Road project also included significant storm water improvements. A new culvert was installed, just south of Long Lake Road, which should improve storm water flow from Vhay Lake.



For 2013, the City is looking at reconstructing Orchard Ridge from Vaughan Road, north to Long Lake Road. The City Commission has approved the development of engineering and construction plans for Orchard Ridge. Meetings with area residents have already started. The Commission will decide whether to actually reconstruct the road later this spring.

Road improvement projects for future years will be based upon an asset management plan that is currently being developed by our engineers at Hubbell, Roth and Clark. The asset management plan uses a State approved pavement surface evaluation system for measuring pavement condition. This system uses visual inspection to evaluate pavement surface conditions and assigns a rating from 1 to 10 based on the pavement material and types of deterioration present. A rating of 1 means the road is failing and a rating of 10 means the road is in excellent condition. Results thus far show 98.6% of the roads are in fair condition and 67.6% are in good condition.

The intent of the asset management plan is to provide guidance for the ongoing process of maintaining, upgrading, and operating the City's roads more cost-effectively. Roads do not deteriorate uniformly, and by "catching" roads before they drop to a level where it is more expensive to rehabilitate, the City can extend the service life of a road. Providing rehabilitation such as crack sealing or patching on a good or fair road will extend the life of that road before it needs complete rehabilitation. In 2012, the City began this more aggressive approach and feels it was successful.



Beginning in 2014, the City could spend approximately \$500,000 per year on road rehabilitation and reconstruction. Approximately \$50,000 could be spent on crack sealing and \$150,000 spent on patching, sealing, and overlays. The asset management plan proposes the City to perform crack sealing on all roads that are rated 7 or higher up to \$50,000 each year, and \$150,000 on the roads that are ranked 4-6. The road rating list will be updated on an annual basis and the rehabilitation will continue on an annual basis as roads will continue to deteriorate and need additional work.

Approximately \$300,000 per year on reconstruction projects could start in 2014. The first three years of reconstruction may be Chesterfield from Woodward to Lowell Court, Chestnut Circle and Chestnut Court, and Woodwind Drive. Other candidates include Kensington Road, north of Long Lake, Lahser from Long Lake to Hickory Grove, Hickory Grove, and Yarboro Roads. These roads will be reviewed annually and final determination will be made as budget allows.



# Bits and Pieces

from the City of Bloomfield Hills Department of Building Safety

**ORDINANCE CHANGES:** Over the past several months, several of our Ordinances have been changed. Be sure to check with our website or office staff to obtain updated versions of these new laws.

## IN A NUTSHELL:

- While **fences, walls and gates** on the street side of any property must usually be approved by the Planning Commission, there are certain exceptions. Landscape/retaining walls have been defined and may now be approved by the administrative staff. In each and every instance, City permission (a permit) must first be obtained for this type of work.
- The **Tree Ordinance** was finally adopted, but it is not as restrictive as many neighboring communities. Property owners are required to maintain records of the “regulated” tree removals, and you are always allowed to remove dead, diseased or dangerous trees. There is also a growing list of nuisance-type trees that may be removed no matter the size. Again, it is wise to check the text of the ordinance or talk to the Building Official before any work begins.
- If your improvement project involves working within twenty-five feet of a stream, river, lake, pond, marsh or wetland, the **Natural Features Setback Ordinance** comes into effect. Certain activities (i.e. hydraulic dredging, landscaping, and tree removal) may now be permitted by the administrative staff, while others remain under the auspices of the Planning Commission. Consult with the Building Official before any work begins.
- **Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control** permits are now being issued by the City. Any work that requires earth movement on a property, especially if located near a natural feature or the City storm system, requires a permit and some level of protection and inspections. The SESC program requirements and application are now posted on our website or available at our counter.

**PERMITS:** The number of additions and alterations in the City is on the upswing. Keep in mind that permits are required for many building activities in the City so contact our website or the Building Official to determine if permits are required for the work you are proposing. Contrary to popular opinion, having a permit does NOT necessarily increase your property valuation. It does, however, increase the likelihood of life and health safety! ***It can be costly to work without a permit, but even more costly without proper inspections.***

**LICENSING:** All construction work valued over \$600 must be performed by a licensed builder. Insist that you see an up-to-date copy of your contractor’s license. Also, be sure the contractor is licensed for the proposed work. (Builders may perform all tasks, tile contractors are not licensed for roof replacement!) Their license number MUST be printed on every contract they offer.

**DON’T PAY!** Several rules of common sense to live by:

- Never pay a contractor in full for the work before the work is begun. Never. And don’t fall for the offer of a “discount” if you do. You are only asking for problems that can only be resolved by a lawsuit.
- ALWAYS verify if permits are required for the proposed work. If so, DO NOT PAY the final balance until our inspectors have approved the job and left a **green** sticker on the job.
- We will send out a **RED** post card to you when the permit has been issued. That will confirm that the work must be inspected and advise you not to “conclude business” with that contractor until it has been inspected. Post cards are issued for “stand-alone” work: furnaces, water heaters, A/C, generators, roofing, windows and siding replacement. Ask to see the permit!

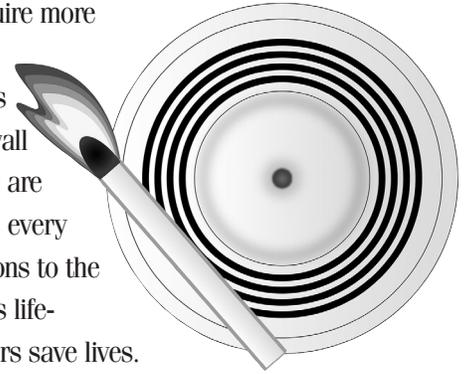
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### *Continued...* Bits and Pieces

■ It is often practice that the owner reimburses the contractor for the cost of permits. That levels the playing field against the frauds that do illegal work. However, ask for a copy of the permit and do not pay for the contractor's registration fee or any "re-inspection fee" because the work wasn't approved by the inspector. And **NEVER** pay for the construction bond: That is a small insurance policy that the contractor finishes the job and all required inspections have been conducted (and approved).

**SMOKE DETECTORS:** The Michigan Codes have long since required that smoke detectors be installed in a home in the various prescribed locations. No longer does the "one per

floor" rule hold true. They must be installed in every sleeping room, in hallways "in the vicinity" of the bedroom doors, and at least one on every floor. This also is not a casually enforced code: When you undertake an interior building project or addition, the whole house must be updated. Some installations are simple, others require more technology. Virtually none of these upgrades require repairs to drywall or plaster. Alternatives are available and we make every effort to provide solutions to the "problems". Our goal is life-safety...smoke detectors save lives.



## Doug Koschik Visits the City Commission

*by Commissioner Pat Hardy*

Doug Koschik, Director of the Baldwin Public Library, attended the December Commission Meeting with numbers in hand regarding our residents' use of the Baldwin Library.

According to Director Koschik's tracking methods, 785 Bloomfield Hills people, from approximately 500 households have registered for library cards and have checked out a total of 18,1890 items, about 1,322 a month, and the numbers have risen to 1,655 a month, beginning with last July's fiscal year. Residents continue to receive the quarterly newsletter, Books & Beyond, and weekly email notices of the Library's activities. There is always something going on at the

Library, but if cold weather keeps you close to home, you can always check the Baldwin stocked bookshelves at City Hall.

For many of us, the arrival of a brand New Year stokes the urge to formulate the proverbial Slate of New Year's Resolutions. I'm adding a new one to my list, "Spend more time in the Baldwin Main Reading Room." That room reminds me so much of my long-gone college years, when the smell of books and the quiet of the library was something to



savor. I'll bet you have some library memories of your own. Could be that it's time to create some new ones, which would make Doug and the Baldwin staff very, very happy. The word is out...they couldn't be more helpful!

# Together We Can...

## Keep Our Youth Safe & Substance Free



## Teen Battle of the Bands.

If you are ready to rock the start of 2013 then join us for the annual Youth Action Board (YAB) Winter Battle of the Bands, a substance free event on **Friday, January 25, 7:00 – 10:30 p.m. at Village Players of Birmingham.** Audience members vote for their favorite teen band. Votes are just \$1/each. Admission is \$2 (and includes one vote). All proceeds support YAB programs, activities and events.

**John Ciecko, III joins BBCC team to coordinate alcohol prevention project focused on high school student athletes.** If John's name sounds familiar, it is because he is also the head athletic trainer at Lahser High School. John's knowledge and expertise with high school and college athletics, coupled with BBCC's federally approved plan, will bring focus on the health and well being of our athletes, not just in sports, but in their overall life as well.

Currently, 50-60% of high school students participate in one or more sports. Part of the Preventing Student Alcohol Abuse Among Athletes (PS4A) project plan is to identify the stressors of athletics and help prevent destructive behaviors that may come with the stress of being a high school athlete. The initial pilot project is taking place at Andover and Lahser High Schools. This project will then move to the other public and private high schools in the BBCC service area over the next four years.

**"What's Your Influence?"** Campaign was created by our YAB teens for teens. What's Your Influence to live drug free can help teens realize living drug free is a choice; a choice all teens can make. And it comes down to knowing what is important to you.

This simple question can also be a great conversation starter for parents with their teen. Supporting materials are available to help reinforce the positive influences in your teen's life.

**For more substance abuse prevention news, information or resources visit:**

**[www.bbcoalition.org](http://www.bbcoalition.org)**

# *City of Bloomfield Hills* **Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Program**

As of January 1, the City has taken over the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) Program from Oakland County Water Resources Commission and is administering the program for construction sites within the City's boundaries.



The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) requires that a SESC permit be issued for all development and re-development sites 1 acre or more in size and/or within 500 feet of a waterway.

In the Summer of 2012, the City Commission approved the decision to take over the County's SESC Program as a result of increasing costs of application and inspection fees and inadequate enforcement procedures.

Anyone commencing construction activity in the City must first apply for a SESC Permit, which is available at City Hall. Larry Rospierski, City Building and SESC Inspector, will be administering the program for the City through inspections and enforcement.

## **What is Soil Erosion and Sedimentation?**

Erosion is the process when soil particles get swept away by wind or rain. Sedimentation is the buildup of soil particles in a river or stream.

## **Why is erosion and sedimentation control important?**

Sediment is the greatest pollutant by volume entering our lakes and streams. While soil erosion and sedimentation occur naturally, caused by wind and rain, human activities

such as construction and other development (changing the landscape from forest to residential yards, streets, shopping centers and roads activities) can accelerate the process by up to 2,000 times. Soil erosion may result in the following:

- Loss of land mass, thus reducing the property value of homes and parcels.
- Increased flooding due to the reduction of stream channel or storm drain capacity.
- Structural damage to buildings and roads.
- Reduced oxygen levels in lakes and streams, which can become detrimental to aquatic life.
- Reduced aquatic habitat for bottom-dwelling plants and animals.
- Soil can carry pollutants, such as fertilizers, oils and greases, etc. to our waterways.
- Erosion costs local governments millions of dollars a year, due to maintenance and inspection expenditures, which increases property and municipal taxes.

For more information on the program, please contact Larry Rospierski, City SESC Administrator and Inspector, at: (248) 530-1408 or: [lrospierski@bloomfieldhillsmi.net](mailto:lrospierski@bloomfieldhillsmi.net).



# Commercial Landscape Beautification Initiative

by Commissioner Michael J. Dul

Rolling topography and mature trees create the greater physical fabric of our five square mile community. Visitors and residents alike agree that its appearance defines the extraordinary quality of our City.

As a Commission, we commit to preserving and enhancing the natural character of our tree canopy and promoting initiatives that make and keep our City green. Over the last several years, through the financial donations of private citizens, we successfully completed the greening of our median islands along the Woodward Avenue Corridor. We planted hundreds of trees, shrubs and flowers, further strengthening our image as of one of the most beautiful environments in the metro Detroit area.

## Our City Commission's eighteen City Goals for 2012-2013 includes:

*To develop a program encouraging local businesses to make landscape improvements to their properties as a means of beautifying the community.*

This goal continues and extends the aesthetics of the median improvements to adjacent commercial properties.

Different than the Woodward Median Project, implemented on public property and funded by private donations, the success of this program depends on the willingness of commercial property owners to make improvements using their own resources.

Your City Commission understands that positive results of this initiative will take time. Its success lies in encouraging commercial property owners to improve their sites at their own expense. We are also confident that, as a community, we all value the physical beauty of our City that makes it a better place to live and do business.

**We encourage you, our citizens or property owners, to contact me Michael@dul4bh.com or our City Manager, Jay Cravens jcravens@bloomfieldhillsmi.net with your suggestions or ideas to help make this initiative successful. Watch this space for updates.**

**Best wishes to you in 2013!**

### Here are the highlights of our initiative:

#### BENCHMARK

- Learn what similar initiatives have been successful in other communities

#### INVENTORY

- Identify and rank commercial properties that could improve their image

#### ANNOUNCE

- Publicize the initiative to commercial property owners, primarily along the Woodward and Long Lake corridors
- Describe the initiative on our City website and Facebook page

#### PROCESS

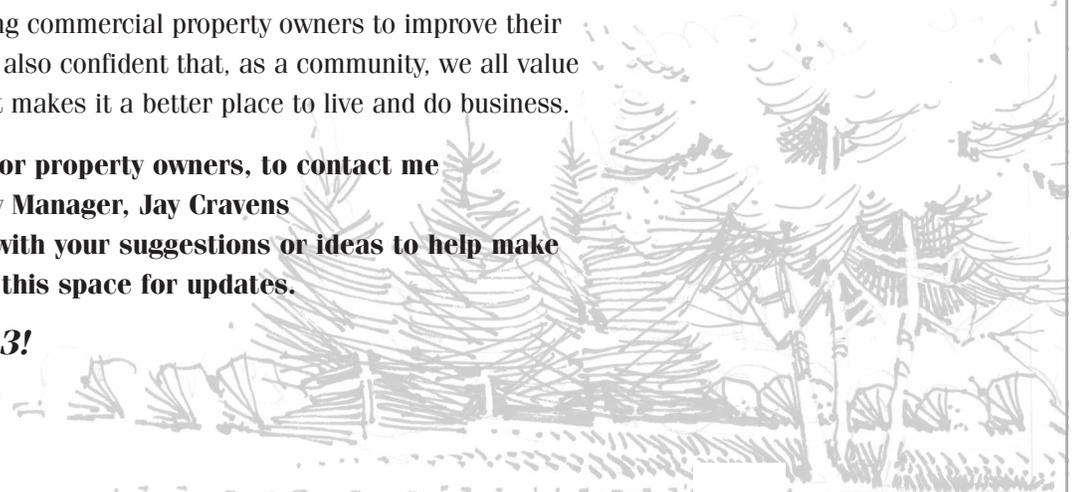
- Provide an allotment of no-charge design consultation

that targets and prioritizes improvements generating the most impact.

- Assemble a cadre of landscape contractors who provide labor at very reasonable pricing and nursery stock at wholesale

#### INCENTIVES

- Upon successful completion of enhancements, the City will recognize and present a certificate of recognition to the property owner during a regular City Commission meeting.
- Property owners who successfully complete landscape enhancements will be recognized on both the City web site and Facebook page



# A Guide to Selecting a Lawn Service for Watershed Protection



The Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) offers an endorsement program for lawn care professionals interested in offering an alternative lawn care program to their customers. Program components include:

Rain and melting snow carry small amounts of oil, grease, soil, debris, and other pollutants to rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Lawn fertilizer and pesticides are major sources of pollution in our rivers and lakes.

- On-site consultation – to address customer needs
- Earth-friendly fertilizers:
  - Low or no phosphorus
  - 50% or more of the nitrogen in slow release form
- Fertilizer quantities of 2, 3, or 4 pounds per 1,000 square feet, applied over the growing season
- Zero pesticides, spot treatment, or one-time rescue operation
- Recommendations to the customer on mowing and watering practices
- Fertilizer-free buffer zones along waterways

Participating lawn care companies typically offer the "Healthy Lawn Care Program" as an option for their customers. For a list of endorsed companies, visit [www.landscape.org](http://www.landscape.org), or contact MGIA at: (248) 646-4992.

## Bloomfield Hills Highlights Also Available Electronically

In an effort to reduce expenditures the City will be limiting the publication of the Hills Highlights in print form. Printed versions of the City's newsletter will be printed in the early summer, early fall and winter.

In 2010, the City launched an electronic version of the Hills Highlights. The electronic version of Hills Highlights will be available about six times a year. For those interested in subscribing please visit the Bloomfield Hills website at:

[www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net](http://www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net).

The process only takes a minute to sign up.



## 2013 Bloomfield Hills City Commission

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Michael J. Dul, Commissioner  
Patricia A Hardy, Mayor Pro-tem  
Stuart Sherr, Commissioner  
Michael T. Zambricki, Commissioner

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Amy L. Burton, City Clerk  
Richard J. Matott, Director of Public Safety  
Larry Rospierski, Building Official  
Jamie Spivy, DPW Foreman

### EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Medical 911  
After Hours (non-emergency)  
(248)644-4200

### CITY GOVERNMENT

Manager's Office (248)530-1404  
Building Official (248)530-1408  
Clerk's Office (248)530-1403  
Finance & Treasurer (248)530-1402  
Police / Public Safety Dept. (248)644-4200  
Public Works (248)203-0621

### CITY SERVICES

Animal Control (248)644-4200  
Building & Permit Info.(248)530-1400  
Building Inspection Line (248)593-9350

## Where to Get Answers

Code Enforcement (248)530-1410  
Fire Marshall (248)530-1409  
Library Service (248)647-1700  
(Baldwin Public Library)  
Planning & Zoning Information (248)530-1404  
Police Services (Non-emergency) (248)644-4200  
Property / Assessing Information (248)858-0084  
(Oakland County)  
Sanitary Sewer Service & Billing (248)356-6299  
(Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner)  
Street Maintenance (248)203-0621 or (248)530-1404  
Voting Information (248)530-1403  
Water Service & Billing (Oakland County W.R.C.)  
(248)858-1110 (hrs.- 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)  
Water & Sewer Line Repair (Oakland County W.R.C.)  
(248)858-0487 (hrs.- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

### OTHER SERVICES

AT&T Repair Service (800)515-7272  
Amtrak (Info / Reservations) (800)872-7245  
Baldwin Public Library (248)647-1700  
Birmingham (City) (248)530-1800  
Birmingham Public Schools (248)203-3000  
Birmingham / Bloomfield Chamber (248)644-1700  
Bloomfield Hills Country Club (248)644-6262  
Bloomfield Hills Schools (248)341-5400  
Bloomfield Township (248)433-7700

Bloomfield Township Police Dept. (248)433-7755  
Bloomfield Township Senior Services (248)723-3500  
Bloomfield Open Hunt (248)644-9411  
Comcast Customer Service (248)855-6971  
Customer Advocate (734)254-1690  
Consumers Power (Service, Billing & Emergencies)  
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