

2014 Bloomfield Hills City Commission

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EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Medical – dial 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

Where to Get Answers

Building Inspection Line (248)593-9350
Code Enforcement (248)530-1410
Fire Marshall (248)530-1409
Library Service (248)647-1700
(Baldwin Public Library)
Planning & Zoning Info. (248)586-0505 (LSL Planning)
Police Services (Non-emergency) (248)644-4200
Property / Assessing Information (248)858-0084
(Oakland County)
Sanitary Sewer Service & Billing (248)858-1110
(Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner)
Street Maintenance (248)203-0621 or (248)530-1404
Voting Information (248)530-1403
Water Service & Billing (248)858-1110
(Oakland County W.R.C.) hrs.– 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
Water & Sewer Line Repair (248)858-0487
(Oakland County W.R.C.) (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)
(800)477-5050
Cranbrook Educational Community (248)645-3000
DTE Energy (Customer Services & Emergencies)
(800)477-4747
Haven (Domestic Violence Counseling) (248)334-1274
(or Toll Free) (877)922-1274
Oakland County (248)858-1000
Oakland County Assessor (248)858-0776 or
(248)858-0740
Oakland County Health Department (248)858-1280
Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds (248)858-0581
Oakland County Treasurer (248)858-0611
Oakland Water Resources Commission
Main: (248)356-6299 Emergencies: (248)624-6366
Road Commission for Oakland County
(877)858-4804 weekday hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. After
hours & weekends call – (248)858-4895
U.S. Post Office – 2050 South Boulevard
(248)332-3981
Village Club (248)644-3450
West Bloomfield Township (248)451-4800
48th District Court – Information & Probation:
(248)433-9373 Criminal: (248)647-1141



HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

Winter 2014 #86



'Tis the Season to be Grateful

by Mayor Pat Hardy

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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.

One blessing we residents share is the good fortune of living in Bloomfield Hills, where the street lights are on, it's safe to walk the neighborhoods, public safety matters are responded to within minutes, the roads are quickly cleared of snow and debris and each resident takes pride in their neighborhood. We weren't haphazardly dropped here, by any means, we purposefully navigated ourselves into this community rich with excellent schools, fine neighbors and a country-living ambiance. How could any of us take these things for granted?

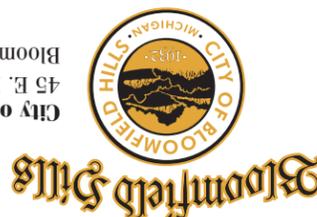
As in every edition of Hills' Highlights, each person who has an important role in running our city takes pen in hand to communicate information they deem valuable. Read their words, and gain a better insight of what it is that inspires them to serve the community with such focus and deliberation. It isn't by accident that this city runs as smoothly as it does. Competent, dedicated individuals— each one working diligently as part of the whole— have enabled us to enjoy life here since our very beginning as a city in 1932.

I am personally thankful for the blessings of good judgment, open debate and mutual respect I have witnessed while serving on the Boards and the City Commission for many years. I am convinced that no matter how good things may presently be, we can strive to make them even better, and when and where problems arise, we can find solutions collectively. How fortunate we are to have an assembly of amazing residents, assurance that we will continue to have outstanding leadership as the years pass by.

As you celebrate memorable times with family and friends this year, may they be emblazoned with blessings for all you hold dear.

Good Health and Good Cheer in the Coming Year!

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Treasury Notes

By Karen K. Ruddy, Finance Director and Treasurer

PROPERTY TAXES



The summer 2013 taxes were due without penalty by August 31, 2013. The City charges ¾ of 1% penalty per month after August 31st. If you are paying these taxes late please call or visit the Treasurer's office to find out the amount you owe. Winter tax bills should have reached taxpayers by December 1st. These taxes are due without penalty by February 14th. Summer and winter taxes, plus any penalties, are due by February 14th each year. All taxes and penalties not paid are turned over to the County on March 1st.

Credit Card Payments will be accepted on-line for property taxes. There is a fee for this service, which is charged by the credit card agency; not the City.

Go to www.PayLocalTaxes.com. You will need your 10-digit tax I.D. number, beginning with "19".

After-hour payments can be deposited in the decorative drop box conveniently located in the lobby of the Public Safety building. The drop box is accessible evenings, weekends and holidays, so please feel free to drop off your tax payment at your convenience. We do ask that you do not place overdue tax bills or cash in the drop box.

Principal Residence Exemption Affidavits

The original deadline has been pushed back and a second filing deadline has been instituted.

- Winter tax levy file by June 1st (previously May 1st)
- Summer tax levy file by November 1st

Principal Residence Exemption as well as Property Transfer Affidavits can be dropped off at the Treasurer's Office at City Hall.



Roads a Continuing Priority

by Sarah H. McClure

The appearance of our City's roads is regarded by our residents as a high priority item and, as such, proper road maintenance is one of the City Commission's goals and is included in the Master Plan. Road maintenance is one of the most significant costs incurred by the City, so the City Administration and Commission exercises care in managing the work. Determining the overall scope of the road improvement program, which roads are scheduled for repair, and how the work will be funded is an important part of the City's agenda.

Road repairs are divided into two phases, reconstruction and ongoing maintenance. The reconstruction phase is by far the most expensive and since 2007 has been funded through \$7 million of road improvement bonds, a special assigned millage, and the City's General Fund reserves. During the past three years the City completed several large reconstruction

projects. They included replacing Lone Pine Road and four related bridge repairs (\$ 3.5 million), Kensington Road-South (\$1.8 million), Epping Lane (\$.3 million), Conge Drive (\$.3 million), and Orchard Ridge-North (\$1 million). An additional \$50,000 was spent each year for general maintenance throughout the City, including patching and crack sealing.



Last year, the City Commission approved a plan which will help manage the road maintenance program as we move forward. Referred to as the Roadway Asset Management Plan, it is intended to assess needs and better balance the costs of road total replacement with protecting existing infrastructure investments to extend roadway service life. The goal is to rehabilitate roads before they deteriorate too far and require more expensive full reconstruction. As part of the plan, our City engineer, Hubbell, Roth, & Clark Inc., recently rated the condition of all roads in the City using the industry-standard Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) system. The review concluded that 90% of our City roads are in "Fair" or "Good" condition.

Based on the PASER assessment and other utility replacements needs, the City Commission recently approved preliminary engineering plans to replace Yarboro and Joyce Court. These roads were among the lowest rated in the City and are smaller projects that can be funded within our current General Fund budget.

In addition, the Commission has requested evaluation of two other roads that were given a lower rating, Cranbrook South and Vaughn Road. Each of these road replacement projects requires funding outside of what is available in the General Fund. Also, because the water and sewer lines under these roads are more than 40 years old, they may be replaced at the same time, which will add to the overall

project costs. Utility funding is separate from the General Fund.

The City is evaluating several financing options and gathering information. To move the road program forward aggressively in the next couple of years on these and other road projects may require issuing additional bonds or raising the millage slightly (under 1 mill) for a two or three year period. Residential property values are appreciating strongly, but City tax revenues are limited to 5% or the rate of inflation, whatever is less.

These discussions will continue for the next few months and as we prepare next year's budget. We want to hear from you. The City of Bloomfield Hills continues to have one of the lowest millages in Oakland County and we understand that our residents expect the City to operate efficiently and maintain as low a millage rate as possible. At the same time, we understand residents expect the City to properly maintain the roads and overall appearance and character of the City.



2014 Election Calendar

August 5, 2014 – Primary Election | November 4, 2014 – General Election



CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS WEBSITE

www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net

Here are just a few of the resident-friendly functions we offer online:

- Historical minutes from the City Commission, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. All the minutes online are fully searchable by keyword or phrase, some minutes go back to the year the city was incorporated - 1932!
- E- Notify: Citizens can subscribe to certain pages on our website to be notified by email when new information is added to the site.
- Citizen Request Form: If you see a down tree on Chesterfield Rd. or if you notice a street light out on Woodward Avenue, you can submit a citizen request form online. Just select the topic and your concern will be emailed directly to the appropriate department to follow up.

- E-Newsletter: Login to register your email address under the e-newsletter subscription and you will receive our city e-newsletters, a supplement to the city's printed newsletter.
- Calendar of Events: View upcoming city, planning and zoning meetings as well as special events, tax due dates and important election dates.
- Government: Use the city website as a resource to contact your local, state and federal elected officials.
- Front Desk: A virtual reception desk - access forms, permit applications and watch previously recorded city commission meetings.

If you have any questions with regard to the city website, I'd be happy to talk with you. I can be reached via email at aburton@bloomfieldhillsmi.net or directly at (248) 530-1403



What It's Like To Serve

by Commissioner Stuart D. Sherr

Charity can either be monetary or be nonmonetary such as the giving of your personal time, effort, and skills. For those of us fortunate enough to have these nonmonetary resources, consider offering your services to your City. Government functions with people. President Abraham Lincoln, in his famous Gettysburg Address, said "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Also recall President John F. Kennedy's famous admonishment to ask not what your country can do for you, but rather to ask what you can do for your country. Your City needs you!

Your City operates with elected officials, hired employees, and individual volunteers within the framework of a City Charter and Code of Ordinances. Your City Commission, consisting of five elected people, makes the broad policy decisions that guide the City. The Planning Commission, consisting of seven appointed volunteers, applies the City's ordinances to specific business and personal issues and also initiates ordinances. Lastly, and lesser known, are the City's Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Review. These again consist of volunteers who apply the City's zoning ordinance to specific business and personal situations, and they consider the fairness of the County assessor's real estate assessments.

We are a relatively small community, demographically speaking. Per the 2010 national census, we have a total of 3,968 residents. Every one of us is important for the continuity of our community. The need notwithstanding, consider the wonderful feeling you get from contributing your personal services to your City. As former commissioner Michael Zambricki said, "this place is special."

In this regard, I would like to share with you my own personal perspective. When my wife and I were looking to purchase our first home, Bloomfield Hills was a top priority. Its combination of large lots, unique estates, residential character, and magnificent environment were, in our opinion, unequalled in any other southeastern Michigan suburb. I have now lived here for almost 22 years and am as happy as ever. So much so I felt compelled to give back as a gesture of appreciation. I love this City!

It is heartwarming and profoundly gratifying to me to be a part of its continuity. I have found the experience to be intellectually challenging, richly rewarding, and publicly productive. I feel prideful, honored, and humbled. I take the responsibility seriously. I have also enjoyed meeting many of our residents and making many new friends. Our City Commission has very good chemistry. And it has been a lot of fun as well.

In addition to our government, there are other ways to contribute to your community. There is the landscape beautification committee who help decorate our Woodward Avenue median. You may also consider the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Or you may consider volunteering at one of our City's great educational or religious institutions. The important thing is to give back to your community.

Monetary contributions to 501(c)(3) organizations are also personally rewarding. At this point in 2013, we are enjoying a GDP of 4.1%, relatively low interest rates, an unemployment rate down to 7.0%, and a recovering automotive industry. We have also seen great appreciation in our equity markets with the Dow up 22%, the S & P 500 up 27%, the Nasdaq up 35%, and the Russell 2000 at an all-time high. With taxable income up and taxes rising (the top tax bracket climbing to 39.6% from 35% and the long-term capital gains rate jumping to 20% from 15% on qualifying dividends), investors can realize significant tax benefits from giving appreciated stock.

Here's to a great 2014. If you are in the position, please consider giving of your time or money to help your community.



MUSINGS

by Jay Cravens

Early last year I received an e-mail from a good friend that had an attachment that contained “38 tips to make a better life for 2013”. The list was rather interesting, so I kept it and occasionally through the year I would look at this list to see if it would help in focusing on priorities. I want to share some of these tips with you that I thought were helpful for me as I dealt with my tasks as your manager

TIP: “Live with the 3 E’s - - Energy, Enthusiasm and Empathy”

The tasks that came across my desk can be somewhat daunting at times. For several weeks the Commission and I had to address changes in the health care coverage for our employees and retirees. This is has been complicated not just by the ramifications of the Affordable Care Act but also State law which limits the cost a municipality can spend on health care for each employee. Bloomfield Hills also has to factor in the prior obligation of providing health insurance to our retired employees. We received our health insurance information quite literally in the eleventh hour this fall, but through hard work we were able to provide current employees and retirees with good health insurance that also saved taxpayers money. I remembered one retiree calling in from out of state expressing gratitude for the City being able to care for him and his wife as their health had diminished and they were deeply concerned about their prescription coverage. In the end I felt the City kept its promise while also realizing our budgetary constraints.

TIP: “Spend more time with people over the age of 70 and under the age of 6”

Working in a public accessible environment where you do not know who the next person will be to walk in your front door is always interesting and seldom dull. Residents stop in to conduct their business of paying taxes or asking questions regarding current development matters related to the city. It’s always a pleasure to see a grandparent and their grandchild in City Hall share in a routine chore and hear the comments on how their day is going. The older residents are always quick to share information about past experiences in Bloomfield Hills,

while the youngsters are good to give a shy comment about the fire truck they recently saw at the public safety garage. Come in and visit with us at City Hall. At the very least we can share a book from Baldwin Library and a Tootsie Roll.

TIP: “You don’t have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.”

One of the most pleasing aspects of serving Bloomfield Hills’ residents is their behavior with other residents who may have a different opinion that theirs on a matter before the City. Most residents seem to respect these differences and try to reach some sort of middle ground. Thank you.

TIP: “The best is yet to come.”

The last few years have been particularly difficult financially for many municipalities. Bloomfield Hills has been fortunate that our finances have been very good and our commissioners wise when it came to the long term interests of the City. As the economy improves the City will take strides to increase our road repair program and make our government even more accessible. Let us know how we can serve you better.



TIP: “Try to make at least three people smile each day”.

There are days that simply don’t go as well as we planned. I have always encouraged our staff to be as friendly as possible to anyone walking in our door or called on the telephone. I want my staff to know that it takes a lot of effort for residents to stop in or call with their concern, when they have many more important tasks to do. Our goal is to make sure your experience with our staff exceeded your expectations in a positive way and perhaps you left with a smile.

TIP: “Don’t take yourself so seriously. No one else does.”

I have to remind myself of this tip often. I am (we are) here to serve. My “title” means nothing. I still remember the young

boy who came in and asked quizzically, “What’s a City Manager?”. What matters is if we effectively and satisfactorily get the job done.

Here are a couple of final tips that don’t need any explanation or comments to all of us who have family out of town, especially our children.

TIP: “Call your family often. (Or email them to death)”

TIP: “Enjoy the ride. Remember this is not Disney World and you certainly don’t want a fast pass. You have only one ride through life so make the most of it and enjoy the ride.”

“Have a prosperous and fulfilling 2014”.



The Beauty and the Beast

by Commissioner Michael J. Dul

Thoughtful residential landscaping with dramatic rolling lawns and an ever-present tree line helps define the beauty of our City. As we walk, cycle or drive our scenic roads, we sense that natural esthetic without thinking about the less attractive infrastructure underneath and within our right-of-ways.

Right-of-ways serve as an essential part of public roads because they facilitate placement and access to underground utilities such as sewer, gas and water. They also allow surface drainage to help keep pavement dry.

As property owners, it is important to keep in mind that a portion of land adjacent and parallel to a public road requires clearance for maintenance or the possibility of utility access. This means digging, trenching, plowing and grading to maintain or replace roads and/or utilities.

In 2004, the City adopted the Road Right of Way Maintenance Ordinance (Section 18-127). This ordinance maintains control of the City’s right-of-ways, considering the cable and telecommunication companies’ desire to access and occupy the right-of-way with their service utilities.

This ordinance also addresses the City’s concern about private owners using the right-of-way as an extension of their property. Many residents placed trees, shrubs, large boulders and structures such as masonry piers, gates, walls and mailbox enclosures within the right-of-way. While the City encourages landscaping, this ordinance prohibits permanent structures within the public right-of-way.

From a safety and liability perspective, large boulders can pose a hazard. So, we permit them no closer than 3 feet from the road’s edge.

As we enjoy our tree-lined roads and maintain our property in all seasons, think about the invisible right-of-way line. Let’s work to keep our right-of-ways safe and accessible. If you have questions about right-of-way locations or permitted treatments, please contact the City. We are here to serve!

Initial Comments from Our New City Commissioner

by Commissioner Michael Coakley

Happy New Year. First I'd like to thank all those who supported me in the election, I am truly honored and humbled to be elected and am looking forward to the work ahead to preserve, protect and promote our great city. Our commission got right down to work after the election at our meeting November 12.

That meeting showed what a great job our Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Board, Manager, Clerk and all the departments have been doing over the years, and the tremendous progress we've made in governance, finance, infrastructure, public safety, public works, building, engineering, ordinances and planning. From Woodward median beautification to communications to roadwork, lots of positive developments are under way and will be brought to completion soon.

Our neighbors on Yarboro and Joyce court have already received letters from HRC on the road replacement work that will take place there in the spring of this year. Preliminary design for this project is well underway. The repeated washouts on Yarboro will be addressed as part of this project. Cost estimates for Cranbrook Road south of Lone Pine Road and for Vaughn Road are being prepared and if approved, design will be done during the winter for

construction later in 2014. Final work on Orchard Ridge Road will be done in the spring. Lone Pine Court sewer repair and road patching have been completed. Woodward Ave. LED retrofit follow up work is underway and tree plantings that did not take have been replaced.

Additional infrastructure projects are underway. The Commission approved replacement of the city's failing phone systems at considerable savings over the existing system while getting better performance through entering a lease as opposed to purchasing a new system. The Commission also approved adoption of a new alarm monitoring system that will provide greater security with a built in back-up system, better data collection and lower cost. Similarly, the Commission approved upgrades to the public safety radio system to improve signal strength and eliminate dead zones in the city for our handheld and mobile radio systems. There is more to come, so look for our city at work as winter fades to spring.



The Importance of Communications for our Public Safety Department

by Chief David Hendrickson

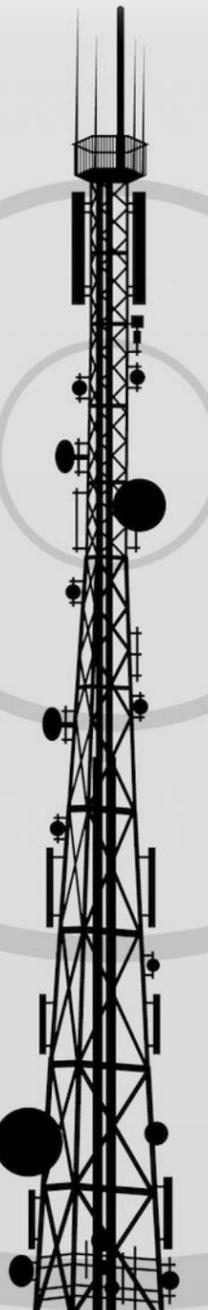


The Public Safety Department has experienced intermittent radio communications problems over the last several years that have raised concern's for the effectiveness of this all important function. The Public Safety Department leases the use of the Oakland County Open Sky radio system as do all Oakland County public safety agencies.

This system is based on cell phone technology and requires multiple cell phone sites to accomplish the needed coverage. Currently there are no cell sites for this radio system in the City of Bloomfield Hills. Some may remember the pursuit of a new radio tower on city property to resolve our radio reception problems. There was much debate on the effectiveness and need for this tower which was never resolved. In the best interest of the Public Safety Department's operations it was important for the Public Safety Department to conduct our own independent study. By doing this we were able to identify all of the areas of concern and then concentrate on the best solution for our communication needs.

Over the period of several months we clearly identified all problem areas of the City that were deficient, and we were also able to forecast the future signal strength in those locations by inserting signal boosting technology in those problem areas. The results were very encouraging for all involved. First we were able to show our own officers that by placing permanent cell technology into those areas we will resolve the issue for good. Secondly we were able to reach agreement of our research findings by not only experienced consultants, but also Oakland County leadership. This data shows that by following the course we are proposing we will fix a long standing issue. Lastly we were able to do this by not building any towers in the City and costing the City very little to complete the project.

The solution to resolve all radio deficiencies in the City of Bloomfield Hills is to place a cell site at the Public Safety Department building on top of our existing tower that is extended approximately 15 feet higher. A second cell site is also needed and would be best placed on top of Christ Church Cranbrook. This two cell site solution is currently being pursued and once completed will ensure our officers have the effective communications they need to keep our community safe.



Improvements to Our Alarm Monitoring

by Chief David Hendrickson

The Bloomfield Hills Public Safety Department has offered free alarm monitoring to the City's residents for decades. Many households take advantage of this program and we realize that it is a very beneficial service.

Because of this we have upgraded our system with new technology that will now accept alarm systems that are based on an internet platform. We have also integrated a back-up solution that will insure those residents that subscribe to this free service will always be monitored directly by our Officers. We hope residents will continue to take advantage of this free program.

It is also important to know even if you have your own privately contracted alarm company you can also sign up with us so that your alarm is dual monitored. The advantage to this is we will automatically send an officer to your home as we are verifying the alarms status. Alarm companies typically will attempt to verify if the alarm is false or not before contacting the local public safety department for response. Our approach may actually catch a thief faster.

Preventing Sewer Backups



Fat, oil, and grease (FOG) in sewer pipes create pollution problems in Bloomfield Hills, and many communities. FOG enters sewer pipes through restaurant, residential, and commercial sink drains. Once in the sewer, FOG sticks to the pipe and thickens. FOG can build up and eventually block the pipe. Blockages in sewer pipes can send sewage backward - out of manholes into streets, rivers, or up floor drains in homes.

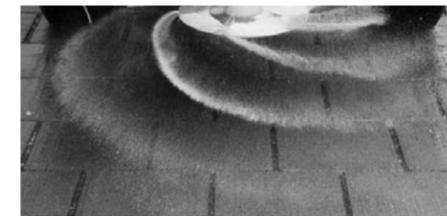
Fat, oil, and grease are by-products of cooking found in: food scraps, meat fats, lard, cooking oil, butter, margarine, or shortening. Follow these tips to protect our environment and keep drains clear of FOG:

- Pour or scrape greasy or oily food waste into a container or jar;
- Allow grease to cool or freeze in the container before throwing it in the trash;
- Do not use hot water to rinse grease off cookware, utensils, or dishes. Wipe it off with a paper towel or dish rag instead;
- Keep drains clean by pouring $\frac{1}{2}$ cup baking soda down the drain, followed by $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

Just a Dash Will Do

Deicing salts applied to your driveway and walkway may save yourself from neck or tailbone injuries this winter, but they can spell disaster for your landscape plants and nearby lakes and streams. Much of the salt flows with melted water into the Rouge River and nearby streams. Apply salts only when necessary and moderately to protect our local waterways.

You can reduce pollution of local streams, lakes and landscape vegetation by selecting the proper materials and methods for removing ice and snow.



- If possible, use less salt than is recommended by the manufacturer.
- Add a small amount of water with the deicer to help initiate melting.
- Protect your plants with burlap or durable plastic screens to shield them from traffic splash.
- Try using more salt-tolerable plants. Check with your local landscaper to find out what is best suitable for your needs.
- Ice melting products are most effective when spread thinly and evenly over the pavement prior to ice formation. It is much easier to prevent ice than to try and melt a thick layer of ice.
- Use alternatives, such as clean cat litter or sawdust to help improve traction on ice (sand is NOT recommended for residential use).

Wedding Bells

by Commissioner
Michael J. Dul

The City of Bloomfield Hills makes for a beautiful place to live but we are also finding that it is a popular place to get married as well. Last November two couples on two separate occasions found their way to our City Hall to "tie the knot!"



Congratulations to Melida and Riad who were married at our City Hall on November 27th!



Keeping Seniors ON THE MOVE!

Birmingham Area Seniors Coordinating Council
2121 Midvale Street,
Birmingham, MI 48009
www.bascc.org
info@bascc.org

A non-profit organization that provides programs and supportive services to adults 50+ in the community.

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BODY, MIND AND SOUL

Join one of the many classes or leagues offered at the senior center. Offerings include: Agebusters workout, stability ball, chair and mat yoga, pickleball, tai chi, or golf, tennis, volleyball and bowling leagues.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOANS

The loan closet contains wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, bath benches and shower stools available for short term use. Stop by the center or call to check current equipment availability.

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

General geriatric counseling, housing and in-home health care options, the Meals-on-Wheels program and prescription coverage options are just a few of the services available to seniors and their family members through the Outreach Department.

Stop by BASCC to sign up, or call (248) 203-5270 to schedule a personal tour.