



# HILLS HIGHLIGHTS

Fall 2016 #94

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**City Commission Meetings:**  
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Month at 4:00 p.m.



## RETURN ON INVESTMENT IN YOUR HOME

*By: Stuart D. Sherr, Mayor*

*“It’s not easy being green.”*

*Sinatra*

### GO GREEN!

No, I am not referring to the Michigan State Spartans.

Nor am I referring to energy efficiency or conservation.

I am referring to Fall as an excellent time to plant landscape material around your home. It is excellent because the cooler, wetter conditions help trees and shrubs get established before going dormant.

*“But green is the color of Spring.”*

In the Spring, the landscape material will emerge from dormancy and add value to your property. You are also adding to the beauty and aesthetics of your City. In addition, if you are growing fruits and vegetables, you can enjoy the “fruits” of your labors!

*“Green can be big like an ocean, or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree.”*

Property values have risen robustly since the Great Recession. In Bloomfield Hills, our property values are among the leaders in Oakland County per the County Equalization records. This is further confirmed by the brokers I know in the community and by Zillow and Trulia.

*“And I think it’s what I want to be.”*

I grew up in the nursery business. I saw firsthand the positive impact landscaping has on property values. For me it is not just a hobby, it is a passion and a labor of love. Make the investment!

For months and indeed recent years, everyone has been searching for yield. This has been difficult in this low rate environment. By way of example and perspective, as I

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write this, annual money market yields are .27%, 90 day commercial paper is at .70%, 5 year CDs are 1.2%, the 10-year note is at 1.7%, the 30 year bond is at 2.45%, 30 year fixed mortgages are averaging 3.47%, and home equity loans are averaging 4.68%. Certain European and Asian bonds actually have negative yields. Central bankers have few tools left in their toolboxes.

The best returns historically have generally come from the equity markets with the Dow, the S&P, and the NASDAQ near all-time highs. Dividends have risen slowly with the best returns coming if you reinvest. Bonds, too, have been in a 30 year bull market.

The rumors of rising rates notwithstanding (the Fed is not expected to act and may leave rates unchanged through December as well), I expect rates to remain low for quite some time to come. GDP has been running at around 1.5%, the CPI is holding at around 2%, employment has leveled off with 151,000 new jobs created last month and the unemployment index holding at 4.9%. The U.S. dollar remains strong, the national debt continues to rise now at \$19T, and oil continues to trade in the \$40 - \$50 per barrel range.

It is my opinion and belief that one of the best returns on investment you can achieve is by investing in your own home. This includes everything from remodeling to rebuilding. Indeed, we have seen a pickup in building permits. The Federal Reserve just reported that for the 2nd Quarter 2016, the following are at their highest levels since 2006: owner real estate equity, household real estate values, homeowner net worth, and household mortgages and debt. We see the corporate equivalent of this with all the stock buybacks taking place. Corporations are finding that their best investment is in themselves.

You may have heard the City is being more austere in the enforcement of our ordinances. This is true. We do this to preserve our community character. To the extent you are investing in structural or landscaping changes to your property, it is important to keep the following general rules in mind per our City ordinances. Note: always refer to our full and complete relevant ordinance language, and do so before you begin any material project as post-improvement

permit and approval requests will not be looked upon favorably. Variances are limited to extraordinary and unusual circumstances and are very difficult to obtain. Note further: our complete Code of Ordinances is available online at Bloomfieldhillsmi.net. If you have doubts or questions, contact our building department.

1. Permits Required – New construction; additions, alterations, or modifications to existing buildings, decks (new and replacement); basement waterproofing; roofing; tennis courts and swimming pools; heating, cooling, and ventilation; generators; retaining and screening walls; windows and exterior doors; piers, walls, gates, and fences; demolition; siding and masonry; all indoor and outdoor electrical work; all indoor plumbing; sanitary, storm, and water services; sprinkler systems and sump pumps; soil erosion controls; work in the road right-of-way; tents and temporary structures; tree removal; and zoning compliance.
2. Grading – Cutting and filling shall be limited to 2 feet. A detailed grading plan is required for basically all single-family new construction or modification of existing structures, driveways, and existing topography, berms, and accessory structures.
3. Retaining Walls and Berms – Shall not exceed 3 feet in height. Retaining walls may only support native (non-imported) material.
4. Entrance Piers, Gates, Walls, and Mailboxes – May not exceed 4 feet with an open design and 3 feet with a solid design.
5. Trees – No more than 3 trees may be removed per year unless they are dead or damaged.
6. Natural Features Setback – No activity permitted within 25 feet of a natural feature (e.g., a water body).

**Overall, it is easy bein' green.  
Happy Autumn everyone!**



# Clerk's Corner

*By: Amy L. Burton, City Clerk*

## November 8, 2016 – Presidential General Election

### Offices to be voted on in 2016

- President/Vice President
- U.S. Representative in Congress
- State Representative
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Regents
- Michigan State University Trustees
- Wayne State University Governors
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of Probate
- Specified County Positions
- Specified School District Positions
- County-wide proposal: REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



### Where do I vote?

Precinct locations will remain the same for the November 8th election. Polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Precinct # 1: City Hall Fire Station –  
45 E. Long Lake Road

Precinct # 2: Congregational Church of Birmingham – 1000 Cranbrook Road

To determine which precinct you reside in – contact the City Clerk's Office phone: (248) 644-1520, email: [aburton@bloomfieldhillsmi.net](mailto:aburton@bloomfieldhillsmi.net) or visit [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote)

### Absentee Voting

Registered voters may request an absentee ballot either in person, via email ([aburton@bloomfieldhillsmi.net](mailto:aburton@bloomfieldhillsmi.net)) or online at [www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net](http://www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net) Voters are required to complete an Application for Absentee Ballot prior to EVERY election, even if you are on the permanent absentee voter list. Absentee ballots are available at City Hall approximately one month prior to Election Day.

### Election Results

Have you ever wondered where you can find the detailed election results after the polls close on Election Night? Our website is updated as soon as all the results are in, visit [www.bloomfieldhills.net](http://www.bloomfieldhills.net) for the breakdown. Results are also posted in real time on the Oakland County Clerk / Register of Deeds website at [www.oakgov.com/clerkrod](http://www.oakgov.com/clerkrod).



# City Finances

*By: Sarah H. McClure, Commissioner*

In recent years the City has been able to add to our General Fund Reserves due to continued good management of expenses and some increased revenues from rising property values. (Tax revenue increases are limited by Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 5%. With inflation running 1-2 % in recent years, City coffers have not benefited significantly from the strong real estate market.)

When it was apparent this spring that the City would end the fiscal year with extra funds, the City made an additional payment to our OPEB (retiree healthcare) liability. We also allocated some funds to take care of a number of City Hall maintenance items, including resurfacing the parking lot, roof repairs, brick tuck pointing, and Public Safety Department interior improvements. We planted some landscaping around the DPW property for better screening and we voted to increase spending for crack sealing and road patching. Even with these additional expenses, the fiscal year ending June 30th ended in a surplus. Since 2013, our General Fund balance has increased by over \$1 million.

However, the \$9.5 million General Fund budget for the current fiscal year, has City expenses slightly higher than revenues. This is primarily due to road related projects. We are currently budgeting for an approximate \$30,000 General Fund loss. Because of the building up of the General Fund balance in previous years, the staff and Commission are comfortable with transferring some funds from reserves this fiscal year. Careful monitoring of expenses may help improve the situation as the year progresses.

Looking forward, the fiscal picture is challenging with low inflation limiting our tax revenue projections, and several important items needing our attention. The first is our ongoing effort to reconstruct our roads and the water and sewer infrastructure beneath them. Although many of our most traveled roads have been completed, we still have a number of residential streets that are in unsatisfactory condition. This fall our city engineers, staff, and Commission will start the review process for identifying the next roads to be redone and how to pay for them. The road prioritization

is primarily based on engineering analysis. We may discuss issuing road bonds as interest rates are low and some existing City road bonds are maturing in the next few years.

Another area needing attention is our over \$9 million unfunded OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) liability. Because new hires do not get retiree health care, rather they participate in Health Saving Accounts, this is a significant but ultimately finite problem for our community. Many municipalities and other governmental entities are not making any payments to their unfunded situation and employees remain in unsustainable retiree health care plans. The City of Bloomfield Hills is making annual payments and in 2016 committed to increasing our extra payments when possible.

Finally, our pension liabilities need frequent oversight. With the issuance of the 2014 Pension Bonds, the City paid off our unfunded pension liabilities. Because going forward all new hires participate in defined contribution plans, the very long term fiscal situation has been improved. As written about previously, the bonds potentially could realize up to \$12.8 million dollars in gross savings in the next twenty years. We understood that if MERS (Municipal Employees' Retirement System) actuarial assumptions changed (i.e. life expectancies, investment returns, etc.), the actual savings might be less than the highest number projected. Last year MERS changed some of the assumptions used. The latest report shows we are 92% funded. This fluid situation will require additional payments in future years.

City Manager Jay Cravens, Finance Director Karen Ruddy, other staff, and the Commission continually examine ways to improve City finances. For example, the City building department is currently evaluating our permitting fee schedule to see if it reflects actual cost. Some of our fees are based upon two inspections while it turns out a complicated project may require twenty. The City needs to be fair to both project owners and other taxpayers.

In closing, City finances require constant monitoring and review in order to keep our fiscal health sustainable, our AAA bond rating, and our lower millage rate.



# Treasury Notes

*By: Karen K. Ruddy, CPA  
Finance Director and Treasurer*

## Property Taxes

**2016 summer** property taxes were due without penalty on August 31st. If you have not paid your taxes please call the Treasury department at 248.644.1520 to get the correct amount. Interest will be charged at a rate of .75% per month.

If you need tax information we have a link on our website where you can find current payment information as

well as payment history. The link can be found at [www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net](http://www.bloomfieldhillsmi.net) on the left hand side of the Treasury department page under Property Tax Lookup. As always, we happy to answer any questions property owners have by calling our office.

Finally, for your convenience we have a new drop box with is located on the left-side of the building at the entrance to the City Hall.

## 2015-2016 Year End

The city's financial audit is still on going. However, the City did end the year with a surplus of approximately, \$260,000. For more information on the 2015-2016 fiscal year result, please look for our audited financial statements on our website around mid-November.



# My Introduction

*By: Keith A. Woodcock, Building Official*

I am Keith A. Woodcock, the new Building Official for the Building and Safety Department of the City of Bloomfield Hills. I would like to thank all of the residents that welcomed me to the city at the recent Public Safety Department open house. It provided a great opportunity to meet and interact with the friendly and welcoming residents that I will now be serving.

My family and I live in the Downriver community of Southgate. My wife Laurie and I have been married for over 26 years and have two bright and ambitious sons currently in college. We enjoy spending many summer days enjoying our cottage in the Irish Hills area where our three dogs do everything we do.

I am a third generation, Master Electrician which is how I started in the building industry. My first professional job out of high school was with the Taubman Company, a Bloomfield Hills icon, where I was able to develop my high standards and work ethic. After 8 years I started my own general and electrical contracting firm which was very successful until an economic downturn. This led me into the inspection industry.

My career with the City of Dearborn, building department was varied and personally rewarding. Chief Electrical Inspector, Existing Structures Manager and Senior Commercial Building Inspector were just some of the ever increasing positions that I held. Mayor Michal A. Guido and I developed a very aggressive and inclusive program to combat the neighborhood blight problems that came during the foreclosure crisis which devastated the country. This program won a Best Practices award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors as well as resulting in numerous speaking engagements around the country to HUD, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and major mortgage firms. I retired from the city in late 2013.

In addition to numerous electrical and building licenses I earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Leadership, Code Administration from Baker College and post graduate certification as a Professional Emergency Manager from the State of Michigan, Homeland Security. I specialized in pre and post disaster mitigation and recovery. I am a state registered instructor in all of the subject matter in which I am licensed. The housing and building stock in the City of Bloomfield Hills is very diverse, intricately detailed, technically advanced and stylistically presented in the lavish green hills of the area. I will be taking great pride in assisting the residents, builders and designers in maintaining and enhancing those qualities in the same tradition that has raised this community to international excellence. I look forward to meeting as many of our residents as possible and welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have.



# Development, Development and More Development

*By: Michael P. Coakley, Commissioner*

With the amount of development, both residential and commercial going on in our City, we face a real challenge to balance the needs of residents and those of the property owners engaging in development. This is even more challenging given the size and complexity of the developments we see in our City, both in terms of the projects themselves and the physical and aesthetic environment in which the projects are being done. As has often been said, context matters. Our context is the green open spaces, expansive tree canopy, hills (who could talk about the Hills, without mentioning them) and extensive varied water and natural features. All of which makes development in our city a complex undertaking, especially to get it right. Fortunately, for property owners and developers there's lot's of help to do it right. First, there are our ordinances, which are readily available to everyone on the City's website, recently updated and revamped to make it very user friendly as well giving access to the most current ordinances. Second, the City recently hired a very experienced and knowledgeable building official, Keith Woodcock. Keith's charge is to be fair but firm. Among Keith's specific duties are to oversee the application process; review

applications, construction plans and building specifications; check for violations of state and local codes; and issue violation notices or stop-work orders. Again, fairly, but firmly.

And, finally there is the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the City Commission for situations that may warrant deviation from strict compliance. The watch word here is, though, "ask." Ask first before undertaking to do something on a property within the City. Check the ordinances, we've worked hard to make them understandable and workable for most situations. If still unclear, ask the building official. And if the answer is believed unworkable or incorrect, there's the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the City Commission. But again, ask first. We're all entitled to firm but fair enforcement of our rules and regulations, and pleas of forgiveness for transgressions cannot be expected to be well received. For our residents, especially those impacted by a development, if you see something say something. If we all work this right, we'll maintain as we should the high standards of beautiful aesthetics in our City.

*Visit our website at*

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

*Please sign up for future email newsletters too.*



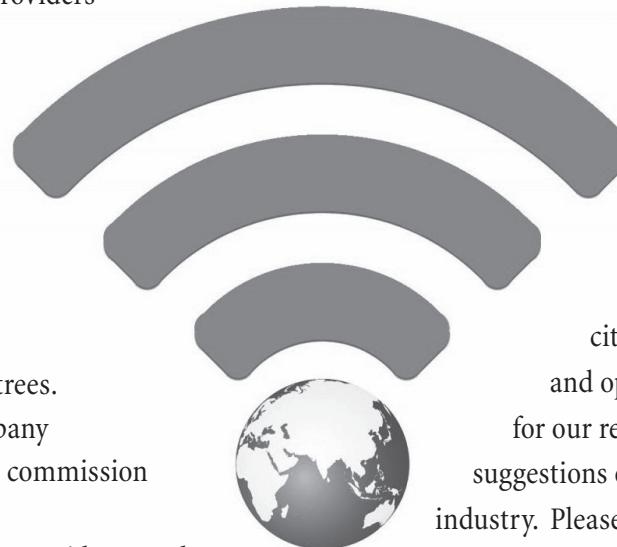
# The Challenge with Wireless Technology

*By: Susan McCarthy, Commissioner*

I am sure everyone has experienced the frustrations of wireless technology. Whether it's a dropped call or you sit and watch the small circling ball waiting to open your internet search. I think we can all agree that in today's world we rely on wireless technology and we are going to rely more and more on it in the future. The city has a comprehensive ordinance regarding wireless technology. We review it and make changes when necessary because technology moves and changes faster than any other industry. The ordinance addresses areas such as the shape, size, construction, location and safety among other important details. Wireless technology is also governed around federal and state laws. This fast growing complex industry has been difficult to manage. Lately we have had private as well as public companies approach the city to erect cellular towers, gain approval to bury underground fiber optic lines and install additional polls with cellular boxes attached. Although this may seem like an easy task, it is complicated. Wireless providers want to install their towers, wires and equipment where it will give them maximum coverage regardless of location or size. I am sure some of you have traveled around to other communities only to see large cellular towers sticking up high in the sky disguised as fake trees. When a wireless technology company comes before the city or planning commission we are committed to asking the tough questions always keeping our residents and

our community safe and preserving the beauty of our city.

I recently had a resident ask me why we do not allow a certain carrier in the city. They were told by their wireless provider that in order for their internet and phone service to work at maximum speed they needed another fiber optic installation along with their current service. I want to assure the residents that the city looks at every opportunity brought before us. The city and the commission believe in advancing our technology and offering a better service to our residents where it makes sense. We recently had a large carrier approach us to put a new cellular tower on city property by Kensington and Long Lake. The City Commission approved the open hearing to explore the idea further. The Planning Commission raised several issues once the final plan was presented. Several neighbors also expressed concerns over the proposed plan and voiced their opinion and asked the city to explore additional options. The Planning Commission discussed a few alternatives and will determine if there is a better solution.



Yes, wireless technology is here to stay and will continue to grow. The city is committed to explore all options and opportunities to deliver better service for our residents. We welcome any comments or suggestions on this complex, ever changing, growing industry. Please feel free to contact the city with complaints or suggestions.



# 2016 Public Safety Open House

*By: Chief David Hendrickson,  
Director of Public Safety*

Perfect weather was on order for this years' Public Safety Open House on September 11th, and Mother Nature came through with flying colors. The Public Safety Department and City Staff, worked hard this year to deliver the best Open House event to date. We couldn't have done this without the support and engagement of our community through their generous support. One of the events highlights, "Taste of Bloomfield Hills", brought many of the City's restaurants and culinary experts together to show off their delectable fare. It was a real challenge for the Taste of Bloomfield contributors to keep their food stocked for the 600 plus who were in attendance.

The free event was packed with family friendly activities that included:

- Cup Cake decorating
- Fingerprints and photos for children
- Face painting
- Photo booth
- Clown
- Stan The Fireman and his train
- Demonstrations
- Equipment and vehicle displays
- Gun range demonstrations
- Station tours
- Ice cream, Kona Ice, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Cookies & more

The event is designed to show our appreciation for our community at no cost. Additionally, we support the Children's Hospital of Michigan through donations earned at the Dunk Tank event. This year Mayor Stuart Sherr and yours truly, were dunked for this good cause.

On behalf of the Public Safety Department and the City Staff, thank you for making this event a great success.



# The City's Newest Public Safety Officers

*By: Chief David Hendrickson, Director of Public Safety*

The Public Safety Department has seen 6 retirements and one officer change jobs in the last several years. Four of these changes have happened in the last 6 months, which has essentially replaced one fourth of the Department's sworn personnel. This change has brought opportunity to those that wish to work as a public safety officer for an exceptional community. Hiring new officers brings energy and vitality to the organization. Our two latest hires, Alex Myers and Fred Bismack, brings the Public Safety Department to full strength.

Alex Meyers is a graduate of Lake Superior State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety and also graduated from the school's police academy in June of this year. Alex graduated at the top of his academy where he also served in a leadership role. Once hired, Alex was immediately placed into our training program where he has

done an outstanding job. To complete his fire training, Alex is currently attending the Oakland Fire Academy which he will complete in early November.

Fred Bismack is our last hire and is also doing well in our training program. Fred attended Central Michigan University and graduated from the Oakland Police Academy this past June. Fred is already a certified fire fighter and brings experience in firefighting and emergency medical response to our Department. Fred has fit right in with the rest of our family.

Both Alex and Fred are now a part of an exceptional group of men and woman who truly enjoy serving the City of Bloomfield Hills.

We are all very fortunate to work for such a great community.



*PSO Alex Meyers*



*PSO Fred Bismack*



## Moving On -- To Be Closer to Family

*By: Jay W. Cravens, City Manager*

On September 21st, I tendered my resignation to City Commission thus ending my 9 1/2 year tenure as your City Manager. My last day working for the City will be October 21st.

The reason for my departure have little to do with my relationship with the City or the City Commission. My relationship with the Commission has been very good and I believe they are conducting the business of the City very well. They all have a deep passion for Bloomfield Hills and want it to remain that special and unique community it has become. They all want Bloomfield Hills to be known as a safe, financially well-managed community that is also aesthetically pleasing place in which to reside.

The reasons for my departure have to do with being closer to family more than anything else. I am moving down to the town of Collierville Tennessee to be closer to my granddaughter, Amelia Rose. My daughter and son in-law will live about 15 minutes away from us. With this close proximity, my wife and I will now be able to more a part of

their lives and be able to develop a closer relationship with our granddaughter and possibly her future siblings. We will no longer be "holiday" grandparents.

I have accepted a position with the Town of Collierville. Collierville is about 20 miles east of Memphis and is the home to the Fed-Ex world headquarters. Collierville is demographically similar to Rochester Hills and Bloomfield Township.

I will be the Director of the Development Department with Collierville. This position will allow me to get back to my career interests which have always been land use planning and development. This Department contains three divisions: Planning Division; Engineering Division; and Building and Codes Division.

The Bloomfield Hills City Commission will be conducting a job recruitment search for a new city manager in the coming weeks. During the interim, Public Safety Director David Hendrickson will take over the helm, with City Clerk Amy Burton providing him advice and assistance along the way. Bloomfield Hills has a tremendous group of department heads and administrative staff that will assure your service needs are addressed to the high expectations that you are accustomed.



*Amelia Rose Stotts*

# Colorful Alternatives for Leaf Disposal

The beauty and splendor of autumn is generally diminished every year by the burdensome task of raking leaves. There are several options for leaf disposal that are not only environmentally beneficial to your landscape, but can also be less labor intensive than raking or blowing leaves.

Here are four simple watershed-friendly ways to use your leaves and enhance your lawn:

1. Compost your leaves. Mix leaves with grass clippings and soil to create your compost pile. Compost can be added to your garden to enrich the soil and suppress plant diseases and parasites.
2. Chop or shred leaves with your mower and use them as mulch around ornamental plants, bushes and trees. Mulch reduces the need for watering and weeding.
3. Let leaves lie where they fall and mow them into the lawn. Leaves eventually decompose and can improve soil. Shredded leaves carry up to 80% of the nutrients a tree extracts from the soil and air.
- 4) Bag extra dry leaves to save for use in your compost pile during spring and summer.

Visit [www.socwa.org](http://www.socwa.org) for instructional videos  
on leaf mulching and tips for home composting.

# Invasive Species Management and Prevention

Invasive species are plants or animals that are not native to a particular location, area, or region. Invasive species can be terrestrial or aquatic. Detrimental impacts from invasive species have been known to disrupt local ecological and economic conditions in addition to posing public health threats. The State of Michigan maintains a categorized list of invasive species that are most prevalent. The following list identifies the most reoccurring types of terrestrial invasive vegetation:



*Asiatic Sand Sedge*



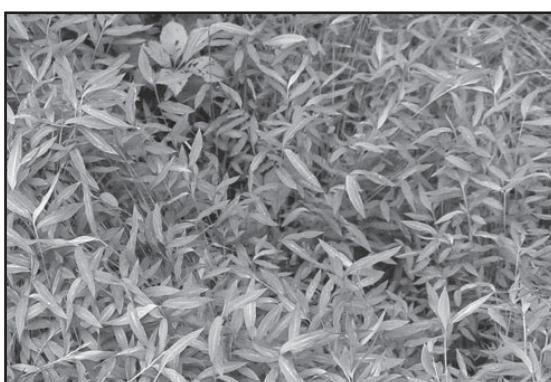
*Chinese Yam*



*Himalayan Balsam*



*Kudzu*



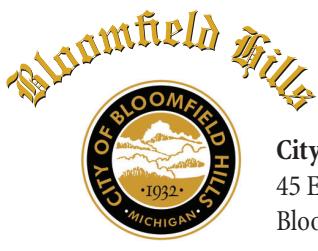
*Japanese Stiltgrass*



*Mile-a-Minute Weed*

To prevent the spread of invasive species, early detection and reporting is crucial. Any inquiries or invasive species sightings can be reported to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division (Sue Tangora; [tangoras@michigan.gov](mailto:tangoras@michigan.gov)). Several photos of the invasive species in question along with the location, date, and time should be noted prior to reporting the incident. Another tool used for reporting is the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) which is a smartphone application allowing for more convenient reporting.

For more information on invasive species, please visit the MSU Extension website at [www.msue.anr.msu.edu](http://www.msue.anr.msu.edu)



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Karen K. Ruddy, Finance Director, Treasurer  
David S. Hendrickson, Director of Public Safety  
Keith Woodcock, Building Official  
Jamie Spivy, DPW Foreman  
Paul Combs, Code Enforcement Officer

### EMERGENCY:

Police, fire, Medical – dial 911  
After hours (non-emergency) (248)644-4200

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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

## Where to Get Answers

### CITY SERVICES:

Animal Control – (248)644-4200  
Building & Permit Info. – (248)530-1400  
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-emerg.) (248)644-4200  
Property / Assessing Info. – (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  
Trash & Waste Pick Up – Rizzo Environmental Services  
(586) 772-8900 or (888) 877-4996  
Voting Information – (248)530-1403  
Water Service & Billing – (248)858-1110  
(Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner  
hours – 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)  
Water and Sewer Line Repair – (248)858-0487  
(Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner  
hours – 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  
(877)922-1274  
Oakland County – (248)858-1000  
Oakland County Assessor – (248)858-0776  
or (248)858-0740  
Oakland County Health Dept. – (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)858-4808  
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