

SBHIA

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE



Greetings to all residents in the South Bloomfield Highlands Improvement Association (SBHIA), especially those who are new to the neighborhood!

All are encouraged to access the SBHIA website ~



SBHIA Website... Check out our website, www.sbhia.org - it is *the* place to go for *information about our water system*, SBHIA bylaws and general subdivision information: including outdoor watering restrictions, hydrant flushing, street lights, street repairs, trash and yard waste pickup, open storage regulations, zoning issues, ordinances and much more.

IMPORTANT! 2018 Water Services... SBHIA is the provider of potable water for its residents. As in previous years, residents have the opportunity to prepay annual water service fees by February 15, 2018 at a discounted rate of \$260. Each quarter is billed at a rate of \$70 (\$280/year); prepaying this bill saves you \$20 or 7.1%.....Don't delay, make your annual payment today to save both time and money!

NOTE: Quarterly statements sent to residents represent water/maintenance fees associated with the management of the two community wells and other neighborhood costs. Costs include street lighting, grounds-keeping of the well houses and common areas, social events, and administrative costs associated with running the system. These fees are separate and distinct from the quarterly billings you receive from Bloomfield Township for sewer charges - if you have any questions or if your last quarterly bill from the Township was about \$300, feel free to contact Board President, Jim Coulter, who can provide you with alternatives that will save you money!

Water Systems 2017 Maintenance...

In 2017 it was determined that the 40+ year old backup generator at our Somerset well house needed to be replaced. The declining reliability of the old Kohler, which was giving our service technicians fits and starts, or more accurately, 'non-starts', and the fact that the manufacturer stopped supporting it, warranted investment in new equipment. After extensive research, a new standby generator was installed this past fall and has 50% more power. We are now confident that a system-wide electrical power failure would not jeopardize maintaining water pressure throughout our system. Here's hoping we will get another 42 years of reliable standby power from the investment in this new generator!

Snow Removal...in the event that you contract for snow shoveling and removal services, please make sure your provider does not obstruct mailbox access for mail carriers or create piles in front of neighbors' driveways. Postal service regulations require access to the mailbox from the delivery truck. If the mail

delivery person cannot get close enough to put mail in the box without getting out of the truck, she/he is not required to deliver it at all.

Voice Your Concerns... Our home is one of the biggest investments we make. Property values remain high when your residence and all homes in the neighborhood are well cared for. If you notice that a home falls into disrepair, or the lawn and garden are full of weeds and overgrown, diminishing its “curb appeal”, don’t hesitate to call the Township to report it: 248.594.2845 (Ordinance & Code Enforcement) or 248.433.7700 (Main Phone Number).

Did you know? Bloomfield Township’s “Dog Ordinance” (Ordinance #423)... Dogs are not permitted to run at-large off owner’s property. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when off the owner’s property, even if the owner is present. It is unlawful to permit a dog to deposit fecal matter other than on owner’s property, unless immediately collected. Violators of this Dog Ordinance are subject to: \$500 fine, plus costs and/or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days. Residents may anonymously report violators to Animal Control of the Police Department.

Did you know? Open Storage... Only licensed operational passenger vehicles are permitted to be parked in a driveway overnight per Bloomfield Township Regulation #1508. Vehicles parked in the driveway may be covered with a tarp. Vehicles are not to be parked on the grass. Commercial and recreational vehicles are not to be parked overnight in a driveway.

Safe Driving..... Adhering to the 25 mile/hour speed limit in neighborhoods and paying attention to posted stop signs is an important step in making sure our streets are safe for our children, walkers, runners, and other drivers. Please make it a point to slow down and observe your surroundings when driving in our neighborhood – all of us will be better off for it!

Calendar of Events... Save these dates to make sure you and your family join with neighbors in Association events. Flyers and/or postcards will be sent out before each event, so watch your mail and the website for upcoming SBHIA events and activities!

EVENT	DATE
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday - March 31, 2018 (Weather Permitting)
Annual Meeting of Members	Thursday - June 21, 2018 (Tentative)
Picnic	Saturday – September 8, 2018
Fall Fest	October 2018 (TBD)

Get Involved... If you are interested in becoming a Board member of your Association, please contact a current Board member. We are always looking for new perspectives and involvement from residents of our neighborhood. Currently, the Vice President position is vacant.

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