



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

We encourage everyone 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! 2017 Water Services... SBHIA is the provider of potable water for its residents. As in previous years, members have the opportunity to prepay annual water service fees by February 15, 2017 at a discounted rate of \$260. Since each quarter is billed at a rate of \$70 (a total of \$280 for the 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: Our quarterly statements sent to residents represent water and maintenance fees associated with the management of the two community wells and other neighborhood costs. These costs include streetlighting, groundkeeping for the wellsites and upkeep of the common areas. 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 billing from the Township was \$291.25, please feel free to contact Board President, Jim Coulter who can provide you with alternatives that will save you money!

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.

Water Systems 2016 and 2017 Maintenance...

Other than routine maintenance, there were not a lot of extra repairs needed at either well-site in 2016. That said, the generator at the Somerset well has shown signs of unreliability (after 40 year in service!) and so a priority for 2017 will be to have it replaced.... The 20KW generator is no longer supported by Kohler and we are in the process of receiving bids to replace this back-up generator, which is required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for community well systems.

Voice Your Concerns... Our home is one of the biggest, if not *the* biggest, investment 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.

Calendar of Events... Save these dates to make sure you and your family join with your 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 - April 15, 2017 (Weather Permitting)
Neighborhood Garage Sale	Friday & Saturday - May 2017 (TBD)
Annual Meeting of Members	Thursday - June 15, 2017
Picnic	Saturday – September 9, 2017
Fall Fest	October 2017 (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 Communications Director position is vacant.

SBHIA Board Members

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