



## **The newsletter of the Township of West Bloomfield**

**WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWN SUPERVISOR** Town Website: [www.townofwestbloomfield.org](http://www.townofwestbloomfield.org)

Happy 2024! I am looking forward to serving another year as your Town Supervisor. The Town Board will have a new member this year—welcome to Ruth Smith. I would like to thank Bob De-Sanctis for his many years of service to the Town—both as a Town Board member and as a member of our Planning Board. Bob has always had the best interests of our residents in mind as we discussed any topic and often brought new and different ideas to our discussions.

The Town Board spent several months on the budget—looking at all alternatives to effectively run the town without having a major impact on our existing fund balance and with only a minimal increase in taxes. We have created a solid foundation for our future plans and to continue to provide the levels of service that you, as residents, deserve from the Town. We have made some changes here at the Town Hall to better prepare ourselves for the future and continue to look at ways to make our current location more effective and accessible.

I have enjoyed being the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors (first from West Bloomfield in a very long time) for the last year and will continue to be an advocate for the Town at the County level. I am also continuing to lead a commission that is evaluating ways to help reduce the population in the County Jail and make more resources available to county residents. Please let me know if you have any issues or questions regarding the County, or if there is something that I may be able to provide some assistance or guidance on.

Remember, we are always looking for residents to assist us on our Boards and also for potential committees. We currently have vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. The best way to get involved is to submit your name and interests (I am collecting e-mail addresses for updates, please send me yours if you would like to be included).

Thank you to everyone who has attended our Town Board meetings over the last couple of months—your feedback is important to me and the Board as we work on the Town's business

My door is open when I am in the office—stop in and visit if you have the chance. I can be reached at my office (585) 624-2461 or via e-mail [tcampbell@townofwestbloomfield.org](mailto:tcampbell@townofwestbloomfield.org)

**Supervisor Todd D. Campbell**

# Happy New Year from the Town Clerk's Office

*Brenda Giglia*

## Tax Reminders & Information

Detailed information on how and where to pay your taxes can be found on your tax bill. Town and County taxes are due in January and are collected at the Town Clerk's Office (9097 Daylight Drive, West Bloomfield, NY). During the month of **January**, Canandaigua National Bank locations will accept **full** payments only. The Statutory deadline for the County to deliver the warrant is December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Warrant grants the Collecting Officer the authority to collect taxes. Without the Warrant the collecting officer cannot accept taxes.

### **State Law**

According to the Real Property Tax Law §922, the failure to mail a tax bill or the failure of a property owner to receive a tax bill will not affect the validity of the taxes or interest prescribed by law. Also, we are not legally allowed to change or rescind penalties, Real Property Tax Law §924.

### **Payment Information**

Please make sure your check is made out correctly, including pay to, date, and matching written and numerical amounts. Any checks incorrectly made out will be returned and may be subject to a penalty if received by the tax receiver after the penalty free period. We do not accept postdated checks; they will be returned and may be subject to penalties. If payment is made by mail, the United States Postal Service postmark (not a postage meter mark) is used as the payment date (RPTL §925). If there is no postmark, the date received will be used as the payment date.

For your convenience, there is a secure drop box located at the Town Hall. Payments by **check** may be placed in the drop box. The box is checked daily by 9 A.M. on regular Town Clerk business days. Payments collected will be considered received on the prior business day. The Town of West Bloomfield now accepts credit cards for municipal payments, including tax payments. Fees will apply.

### **In person or by mail:**

As stated on the tax bill, please return **the entire bill** with your payment to receive a receipt. Address to:  
Town of West Bloomfield - Brenda Giglia – Tax Collector  
PO Box 87  
West Bloomfield, NY 14585

### **General Information**

Upon payment of the taxes by the bank or mortgage company, the receipt is mailed directly to the homeowner within two to three weeks.

If you are responsible for paying the property taxes and have not received your town / county tax bill by mid-January, please contact the Tax Office (585-624-2914) immediately.

If you receive a bill in error (ex: you no longer own the property), please notify and return the bill to the Tax Receiver's Office.

## [Town Hall Information – www.townofwestbloomfield.org](http://www.townofwestbloomfield.org)

### **Tax Collection Office Hours**

MONDAY & TUESDAY: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

WEDNESDAY: 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

THURSDAY: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

### **Closed**

Christmas – December 25 thru December 29, 2023

New Year - January 1, 2024

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 15, 2024

President's Day – February 19, 2024

February 26, 2024

## WEST BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By Suzanne Washburn

**Closed for the Winter – but you can still reach us or check on WBHS news:** ● Visit our website [wbhsny.org](http://wbhsny.org) to contact us or read Society notices. You can also connect with the Town Historian through the site. ● Find us on Facebook at West Bloomfield Historical Society New York. ● Call us at 585-657-7060.

**The Society will re-open in April 2024 with new programs and exhibits. The Community Yard Sale takes place in July.** Find event announcements at our website, on Facebook, in *Community Focus* and the *Genesee Valley Penny Saver*, at the Town Hall or website, and on flyers in the West Bloomfield and Ionia Post Offices.

**Yard Sale 2024:** In late June, we'll begin collecting donations for our annual sale, but we have some limited space now for a few special items. If you need us to take such an item off your hands, please call 585-755-5464 to discuss it. Also keep in mind, volunteers for this primary fund raiser are always welcome, including folks who are not WBHS members.

**We accept new members all year long.** Fees for one year are: Single \$12; Family \$15; Senior age 60+ \$10; Student \$8; Business \$25; Single Lifetime \$100; Senior Lifetime for Couples age 70+ \$150. New Residents and High School Seniors – 1 Year Free. Mail a check with your name & category, address, phone number, and email contact, to WBHS, Box 173, West Bloomfield NY 14585. Or, you can print a form at our website: [wbhsny.org](http://wbhsny.org).



**Treasures in the Collection:** During winter closure we've worked on our local history collection and uncovered some great pieces from West Bloomfield's early families. To name a few . . . a circa 1820 wedding dress . . . 19<sup>th</sup> century children's clothing . . . and men's garments likely worn by Myron Shelly Hall (born 1820). Mr. Hall's daughter wrote that he was "absolutely neat; always wore white shirts which Mrs. Mack declared needed no washing at the end of a week." Our work was aided by two grants from the NY State Council on the Arts/Greater Hudson Heritage Network. One brought the services of consultant Wilma Townsend who taught us about proper care of textiles, garments, and photographs. A second grant provided acid-free storage for such items. We're eager to share more of the collection with you in 2024. Recent donations include a Native American tool from the Factory Hollow area and a Civil War document handwritten by a West Bloomfield resident.

**We need your knowledge:** This year we also plan to ask for your help in identifying some of our unlabeled photographs. Watch for announcement of an "old photo day" at WBHS. And thank you for your support!

## Highway Superintendent's Update

Jeff Ball

This morning I'm looking out my office window at the first measurable snow of the season. It's been warmer than usual this fall season and we've only had a few salt runs on icy mornings. Despite the low snow amounts this year, we at the highway Department are not easily fooled by mother nature. We know that January and February are the snowiest and most bitter months of the year, and we remain ready to respond.

All our trucks and plow equipment are in good working order thanks to the hard working and conscientious highway crew. 2024 will see the addition of one new 10-wheel plow truck and a 1-ton plow truck. The 10-wheeler will replace an older one that will go to auction. The one-ton truck is an all-purpose truck that's used by our night crews to patrol, clean and salt intersections and assist in the main plow runs in the early mornings.

Speaking of early mornings, you might wonder how and when we decide to go out and plow the roads. A lot happens here at night while most people are asleep. A typical winter night sees me or one or the other highway employees out between midnight to 3am watching the road conditions, cleaning up intersections, treating icy spots and deciding whether a full plow run is needed. Once the decision is made to plow, the truck drivers are called at 3am, those drivers arrive, do their safety checks, fill trucks with salt and are on the road by 4am. By the time you're on your way to work and the school buses are out, the roads are clean, and our trucks are safely back in the barn. Occasionally there are some hiccups, like a truck breaking down or getting stuck or so much snow that we barely keep up, but most nights it runs very smoothly.

Even when it's not snowing highway crew stays busy with all kinds of projects including snow fence installation, equipment repairs, building maintenance, tree trimming and generally keeping equipment in tip top shape. We are also doing our brainstorming for the spring cleanup and planning our major road repairs for the summer. This includes meeting with salespeople, discussing new products, gathering bids, and building teams with neighboring towns to assist with the work.

Other than "how do we decide when to plow?" Here's a few other questions that I'm asked every winter:

### **Why do plow trucks go so slow?**

Our trucks plow and salt at between 25-30 mph. This is the optimal speed for the salt to be distributed properly and for drivers to react safely. Please remember this when approaching the trucks and give them plenty of room.

### **Why do the plow trucks fill my driveway with snow?**

We have no control over the snow at the end of driveway. When you plow or clean your driveway make sure to pile the snow on the right side so that we don't push your pile back into the driveway. **ALSO, please remember that it's illegal to push snow across or into the road.** This includes you, someone you hire or from shovels or snow blowers.

### **Will you replace my mailbox if it's damaged by snowplows?**

The Highway Department is under no obligation to replace anything in the right of way, including mailboxes. We do, however, replace a few every year as a courtesy if we are clearly to blame. If your mailbox is hit, we will replace it with a standard metal mailbox. If, however, your mailbox falls over due to the weight of the snow hitting it, we will inspect it to see what caused it. Quite often the post has rotted, or it was poorly installed. Then you'd be informed that it does not qualify for repairs. We always offer a temporary mailbox until you're able to make repairs in the spring.

### **What do you mix with the salt?**

We add a product called Magic which is a blend of magnesium chloride and molasses. This product allows the salt to work at a lower temperature and reduces the bounce of the salt particles as they hit the road. This helps us keep the salt on the road where it belongs. It also works well for pretreating before a snow event. Product specifications sheets are available for anyone interested in my office.

### **Why are the doors locked at the highway department?**

The highway department is a busy place and safety is an utmost priority. There are all kinds of operations going on including backing up of equipment, welding, loud noises, just to name a few. We don't want innocent visitors injured. At other times the crew and I are out on a job, and no one is in the building. If you plan to visit, please call ahead, or use the office entrance at the south end of the building where the old town hall used to be. You're always welcome!

Well, that's about all from me. The next time I write, it'll be springtime and the birds will be singing! As always, if you have questions, give me a call at 585-624-2900



Old school "V" plow on display at the highway department.



## North Bloomfield Cemetery Association, Inc.

1941 NY Route 65, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472

Cemetery Superintendent 585-624-1823

Plots for sale, \$650      Debbie Jahn, NBCA Secretary

Take an afternoon stroll through our cemetery and experience its history. It was established in 1804 and then incorporated in May 1870. Two of the four cemeteries in the town of West Bloomfield have now been “abandoned” to the town, leaving Millers Corners in Ionia and ours. It has been challenging to keep these cemeteries viable as their only sources of income are donations, plot sales, and volunteers. We ask you to consider donating to the North Bloomfield Cemetery this year.



Please make sure holiday decorations are removed by April 1<sup>st</sup> so lawn maintenance can begin.

This past fall we were able to get the trees trimmed back and some dead ones removed. Proactive trimming helps to keep trees from falling and damaging headstones, which are expensive to repair if not impossible.

Find further information and photos at

[www.northbloomfieldcemetery.com](http://www.northbloomfieldcemetery.com) or look up “North Bloomfield Cemetery” on Google Maps. Please consider joining us at the Memorial Day celebration on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am, and for our next annual meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm, in the North Bloomfield Chapel on Route 65 just north of the cemetery.

## The Ionia Women’s Club

**Welcomes all women living in the Ionia area to their meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. We continue to make dresses for the international organization “Dress A Girl” and surgery caps for the children at Golisano Children’s Hospital and donate our collection of items to various local not-for-profits, such as pet and school supplies and Christmas baskets. For information on joining in on the gatherings, call Mary Twardokus 657-7722.**



By **Wayne Parrish**

**Save the date:** The annual 2024 cemetery meeting will be held on the last Wednesday of March at 7:00 PM at the Ionia Fire Hall. Check the Penny Saver a week or two ahead of this date in case there has been a change to the date, time, or location of the meeting.

**Attention lawn mowing contractors:** A contractor will be selected at the annual meeting. You need to send your bid to the superintendent, Larry Evans, prior to the meeting. The address is PO Box 58, Ionia NY 14475. If you have any questions regarding lawn mowing requirements, contact Larry at 585-624-4993.

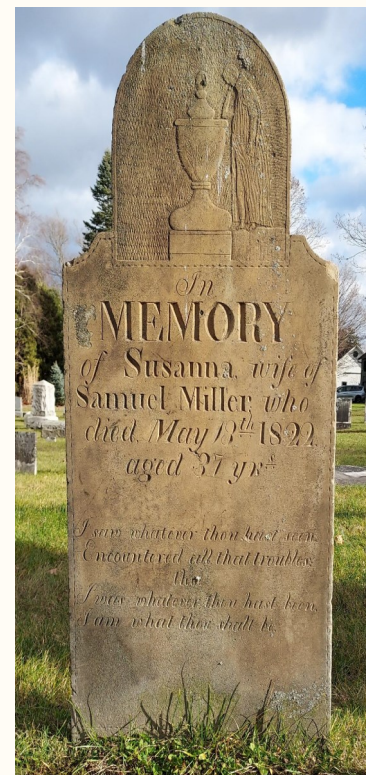
**Holiday decorations:** Holiday greens, wreaths, etc. are allowed after November 1<sup>st</sup>. However, holiday lights, or any lights for that matter, are not allowed at any time throughout the year.

**Donations:** As always, donations are gratefully accepted at any time from anyone.

Make checks payable to the Millers Corners Cemetery and mail them to:

Millers Corners Cemetery, PO Box 52, Ionia NY 14475

**Lastly:** If you wish to purchase a lot or schedule the installation of a monument, please contact the Superintendent, Larry Evans, at 585-624-4993.



## **WEST BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**John MacKenzie, President**

**About the Fire Siren:** We have had some questions about the siren back working and being much louder than it used to be. For a long time, the siren was operating on half of the electric current it should have been operating on. We had the siren removed from the roof by Martin's Electric, Penn Yan, NY, after it completely stopped. They took it to their shop and completely rebuilt it, including rewinding the entire armature and old internal wiring. This siren was purchased in the early 1950s from a building in Buffalo, NY, and brought to West Bloomfield by our own Corky (Alwyn) Rose and other firefighters. It has been on our roof since the current firehouse was built. The siren cycles once at noon, 6 days a week. In earlier years this helped to notify farmers and other workers in the area that it was lunchtime. That tradition continues today.

The fire siren was out of service for months getting repaired. This was a large but needed expense. The fire siren will now go off at noon each day for one cycle as it has in the past. It will cycle through the entire up and down sequence when an emergency call goes into the 9-1-1 center, and they trip the siren and our monitors to alert firefighters of the emergency. The siren will also cycle through the entire sequence on Monday evenings, usually between 1930 and 2000 hours, except on holidays. This is when the 9-1-1 center tests the monitors and sirens of all the fire departments in the county to verify that all emergency alerting systems are working properly. To those questioning the need for the fire siren, feel free to stop at the fire house when you see people there. We will gladly show you that pagers and cell service are not 100% reliable, including inside our firehouse. The fire siren not only alerts firefighters and the public to an emergency, but it also lets the person calling for help know that we are on the way. Lastly, for the few who feel inconvenienced by the sound, please think of all the volunteers who have inconvenienced family, job, and personal life to help their community.

**The West Bloomfield Fire Department officers and members would like to thank everyone who has donated to our annual fund drive.** Every penny goes to equipment, maintenance of vehicles and the building, and repairs. In the fire service, OSHA sets limits on serviceable equipment. All our firefighting hoses are tested annually, and if they do not pass a pressure test, must be replaced. Per OSHA guidelines, they all need to be replaced after 10 years of service. Our firefighter's protective turnout gear must also be replaced after 10 years of service, or if contaminated from a structure, vehicle, or any type of emergency response situation. These OSHA guidelines are set to protect firefighters and to assure equipment is in tip-top shape for emergency use. All the equipment is very expensive because it must be NFPA (National Fire Protection Agency) approved.

With the colder weather upon us, please make sure all wood stoves, fireplaces and chimneys are properly cleaned and maintained and that all Co and smoke detectors are in proper working condition. We do not want the next siren going off to be for your home. Make sure your car or truck is also set for the cold weather. It's always good to be prepared for the worst.

We are always looking for help, not only for fire and emergency calls, but any type of all-around help. Stop at the fire house any Monday night or when you see activity there and we will welcome you.



## Ionia Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

By Lynn Parrish

Our call volume for 2023 was down from recent years, meaning our neighbors had fewer emergencies to contend with this past year. Even with a lower call volume, we continue to train so that we are as prepared as we can be to respond to every emergency. We are continuing our pursuit of finding new and better ways to provide emergency services for the community. Over the last few months, we have been working together with West Bloomfield Fire Department and the Town Board looking at equipment and services that will benefit all of us. The more we continue to work together, the more benefit there is to our community.

**We held our annual dinner and election of officers at our December meeting.** The dinner was also attended by members of our Town Board. Our thanks to Flaherty's in Honeoye Falls for catering a delicious meal for us. Election results were as follows: President – Randy O'Brien; Vice President – John Stein; Secretary/Treasurer – Judy Baldwin; Board of Directors – Pete Baldwin, Curt Barnes, Dan Broadwell, Douglas Kostyk, Chris Tobin; Fire Chief – Carter Whitmore; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief – Jeff Harloff; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief – Darrick Groet; Captain – John Recktenwald; Captain – Douglas Kostyk.

**Highlights from last year:** We accepted 3 new active members. Kaeden Whitmore and Nick Dunne joined as active members. Tyler Parrish, who has been a junior member since 2021, turned 18 and became an active member. Kaeden recently completed Fire Fighter 1 training. We were able to pay off the mortgage on our building.

We are so proud of our new fire station after the devastating fire in our original fire house back in 2015. It's hard to believe it has been 8 years since that fateful July morning. If you haven't visited our new station, we invite you to stop by. We are here every



Monday evening and would love to show you around.

Our fund drive has been underway for a while now and we would like to thank everyone for your generous donations. Each year during the fund drive we also solicit some information about your home and family so we can be better prepared to help in your time of need. If you have not returned this information, please send it to us. We would be remiss if we didn't recognize Wayne Parrish for his tireless efforts in putting together our fund drive letters every year.

In closing, we are looking forward to another productive year with our partners in the West Bloomfield Fire Department to be able to provide quick and efficient service to all of you. BE SAFE!!

**Editor's Note:** Much gratitude to outgoing Fire Chief Lynn Parrish for decades of leadership and service to our community.

## Ionia United Methodist Church

By Mary Twardokus

At the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Road in Ionia, all are welcome to our services, fellowship times, & events!

**Sunday Worship:** 9:30 AM with a “Coffee/ Fellowship Time” after the service.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month:** Birthday Sunday, celebrating people whose birthdays are in that month.

**Last Sunday of each month:** Pot-Luck Brunch after the service, with lots of good food & fellowship.

Check out the information & photos on our website: [www.ioniaumc.org](http://www.ioniaumc.org) and on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/IoniaUMCNY](http://www.facebook.com/IoniaUMCNY)

Our Pastor will hold a Lenten Bible Study in March. All are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions. Also watch our calendar for Lenten/Easter services and events.

Please continue to drop off redeemable pop cans & bottles into the crate behind the church. 100% of the redemption money is used toward our church’s missions for local, national, and international causes. (17,000 cans and bottles were collected in the last year, netting almost \$1,000!) When dropping off pop cans & bottles, please empty & rinse, then place them in plastic bags to donate. Thank you!

We want to thank the whole community for the incredible support of our activities this past year – the can and bottle collection, our socials, dinners, Fall Festival, and Holiday Fair Craft Show!

## West Bloomfield Congregational Church Pastor Corey Keyes, Sarah Williams as Director

9035 Routes 5 & 20, West Bloomfield, 585-624-1313 - Website [wbccucc.org](http://wbccucc.org) - Email [wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com)

West Bloomfield Congregational Church UCC meets on Sunday mornings at 10 am for inspiring worship, song, and discussion. Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page, “West Bloomfield UCC.” We are thrilled to announce a momentous occasion in the history of West Bloomfield Congregational Church – our **225th Anniversary Celebration** in 2024! Over two centuries of unwavering faith, community, and service have brought us to this remarkable milestone, and we want to celebrate it with all of you. We have many exciting plans throughout 2024 to celebrate our **quasibicentennial**.

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> **Day of Curiosity:** Beat the winter doldrums and join us for a fun day of learning and interacting in body, mind, and spirit. Confirmed topics so far are Artificial Intelligence, Decarbonization at Home, Methods of Deep Discernment in Times of Transition, and a Maple Sugaring Workshop. Send an Email to [wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com) if you want to be added to the registration link list.

Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> **Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner**

April 8<sup>th</sup> **Solar Eclipse Party:** Join us for this once in a lifetime event! Eclipse glasses for the first 50 guests.

April 20<sup>th</sup>: **Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration**

**The H.O.P.E. (Helping other people eat) Food Pantry:** We maintain a 24-7 food shelf in the alcove at the south side of the building, accessed by the metal ramp. We also hold “grocery store” style food giveaways four times per year. Our next one is March 28<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30 pm. Donations are also always accepted! Please call the church if you are having a food emergency, 585-624-1313.

**Please also check out our social media presence for information about the happenings at WBUCC**

Instagram page [@westbloomfieldcongregational](https://www.instagram.com/westbloomfieldcongregational)

Facebook, West Bloomfield UCC

## Scout Troop 56

Tim Schiefen, Committee Chairman

Our Troop has been very busy this Fall. Recently we participated in the CTC Trophy Challenge camp-out held at Camp Cutler in Naples. Almost in our back yard, Camp Cutler is a well-established Boy Scouts of America camp. Over the years we have attended many outings there. Our Scouts participated in numerous activities at this year's CTC weekend and had a great time!

**November 11th was our Scouting for Food collection.** Thanks to all who donated items for us to collect and distribute to local food cupboards. Maybe a sign of the times, our collection was down this year. Some donors mentioned they did not get a flyer. We do invest in door-to-door mass mailing each year through the US Postal Service, at a cost of \$500 - \$700. Those dollars are hard earned by our Scouts, but we feel it is well worth the investment to blanket our township with flyers to remind and encourage participation. Year after year we have benefited from getting the word out, and our local food pantries have reaped the benefit.

Maybe you saw or patronized our Scouts at the Local Craft Fair or Holidays in the Hamlet of Mendon. Our enterprising Scouts have been busy selling Holiday wreaths and flowers and bulbs. Thank you for all your support!

**Coming Up: Pancake breakfasts in 2024.** Each Winter our Scouts raise funds to help pay for their Spring trip. Keep an eye on the West Bloomfield Fire Department sign out front for notices of our breakfasts -- usually the last Sunday of January, February, and March. A reasonable price for all you can eat, and we always have locally made pure maple syrup for you sugar junkies!

**Equipment reviews at the Ionia Firehall.** The volunteer firefighters have invited us to join one of their training sessions to show the Scouts what fire apparatus is all about! This includes detailed inspections and explanations of the fire trucks and the other equipment the department keeps in tip top shape to respond quickly to an emergency,

**Our Troop will survive another year!** We have enough Scouts to renew our charter for 2024. Do you have a son or daughter in 6th to 12th grade who may aspire to get out of their comfort zone and try new things? Our program is a great opportunity to learn new skills, and to do things and go places that many would not otherwise do. Our leaders come from diverse backgrounds and have experience in many different areas. They challenge the youth to organize, plan, and follow their own pathways. Our Scouts are not told what they can do – they are tasked with what they are interested in doing. The sky is the limit (safety and sensibility prevail). We urge kids to lose their phones, turn off the computer, and come develop skills that will propel them to a greater future! Please consider joining our Troop.

**Now for a sad note.** It is with deep regret that I must announce the demise of **Cub Pack 56**. For several years we have struggled with lower and lower participation in the Pack. I could spend time citing the reasons, but it boils down to just one thing – no interest. I've spoken to many people in our community, and adults have offered to help in numerous ways. We thank you, but without kids joining us, there can be no Pack. We had just 3 Cubs at the end of 2023 and it takes 5 to renew our Charter, which expired on December 13, 2023.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD  
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### NORTH BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Doreen Haller**

As I write this, it's 51 degrees and pouring rain. It's hard to believe that it's the beginning of December (i.e. Winter), but we all know that snow and cold is on the way. With the rain and cold weather in the early fall, the building repair and painting at the North Bloomfield Chapel did not get completed. We are re-grouping again in early April to finish the project. Stay tuned for additional information in the Spring edition of *Community Focus*. If you are interested in more information about our Community Association, please send an email to [doreen@treeskiers.com](mailto:doreen@treeskiers.com). Our email list is not shared with anyone and we would love to keep you in touch with North Bloomfield events.

Please consider our First Responders this winter. Make sure your house number is visible and can be seen from the road. Help our firefighters by clearing the fire hydrant on or near your home. Don't let them waste time digging out the hydrant while your home burns! Have a healthy and happy Winter season. We will see you in the Spring.



2023 fading away over a West Bloomfield corn field

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.....

Mike Borgeest, Editor

Our town has acquired a significant land parcel immediately adjacent to our Community Town Hall. The Town Hall was built on a very small parcel to make it affordable. But we will certainly need a larger footprint going forward. There are several scenarios regarding the Town Highway building, court room facilities and the eventual shut down of the County landfill in Flint. This additional parcel will give us options.

And you may or may not have noticed a new cell tower in the Northern most part of town. Like it or not we are being propelled into modern technology.