



The Village Voice

Wassail Fest

Presented by the Blissfield Rotary Club

Friday, December 12, 2014

6 – 8:30pm

Downtown Blissfield



Join us in downtown Blissfield on Friday, December 12th, for our 4th annual Wassail Festival. Presented by the Blissfield Rotary Club. The event will start at 6 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

Now, you're probably wondering, what is wassail? Wassail is a mulled cider made out of a base of apples, wine, cinnamon, and other spices. Once mixed, the wassail is then heated to mull the cider for serving.

Mugs can be purchased in advance at the historic Depot and at the Village Office. The cost is still only \$12! Must be 21 to participate in the wassail-tasting. Hot chocolate is available for anyone who does not wish to drink.

Firepits/warming stations will be available. Everyone is encouraged to sing carols, and make the 100-block of South Lane Street a festival holiday atmosphere.

Free parking is located in the parking lot along Pearl & Jefferson Streets, or at the parking lot on North Lane Street, near the intersection of Lane & Adrian Streets.



Thanks to Robin Soff, Jane Kelly, Gary Koppleman and his 5th grade class, the Elem3nt Church, the girl scouts, the DDA/Main Street, and all the volunteers who helped beautify our village by planting flowers, replanting the Eliss Park entrance and putting up Halloween and Christmas decorations.



Saturday, December 13

7pm Downtown Blissfield

Bundle up the family and head downtown for the annual Parade of Lights in Blissfield, Michigan. This hometown event will warm your heart with Holiday Spirit, and become a family tradition for many years to come!



William B. Johnston
Municipal Building
Fact Sheet

Project Timeline
Purchased - July 2013
Design Work - July to December 2013
Construction - December 2013 to
September 2014

Participants
Village of Blissfield
William B. Johnston Estate
Blissfield State Bank
Partners in Architecture
Van Tassell Construction

Finances (Rounded to nearest thousand dollars)

Project Funding Sources---

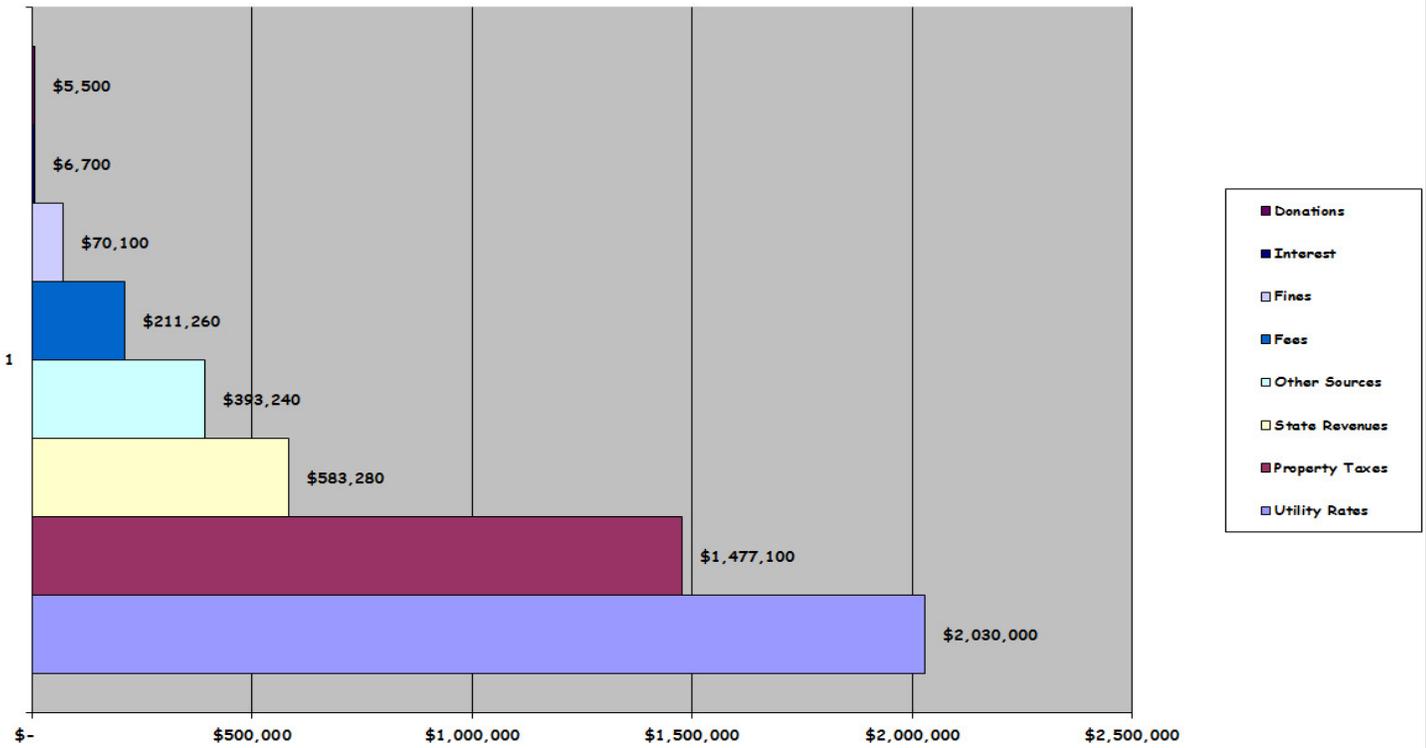
William Johnston Estate	\$ 330,000
Village Capital Project funds	\$ 28,000
Blissfield State Bank loan funds	\$ 736,000
Total Funding Sources	\$ 1,094,000

Project Costs---

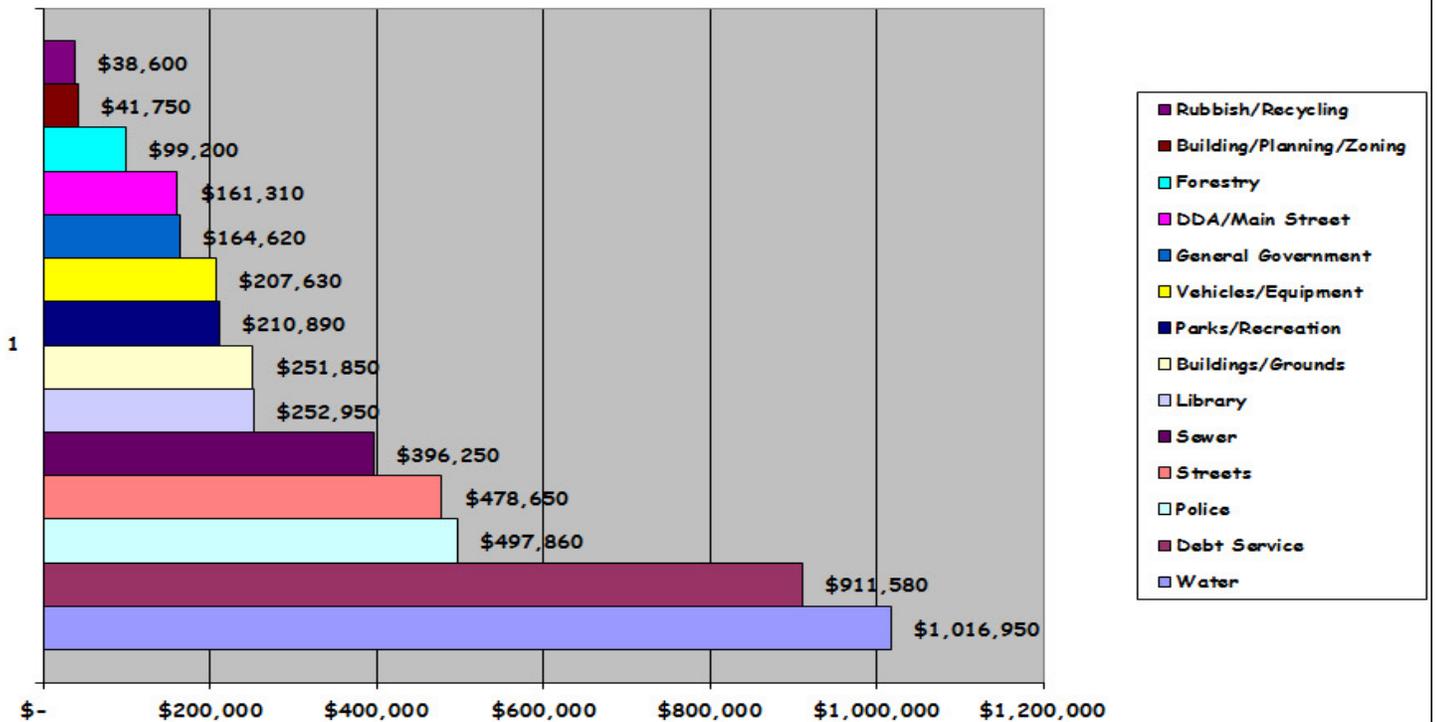
Property purchase	\$ 114,000
Loan and other expenses	\$ 34,000
Design work	\$ 55,000
Construction	\$ 853,000
Furnishings	\$ 38,000
Total Project Costs	\$1,094,000

The following charts summarize the Village Budget for this fiscal year.
 (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015)

Village of Blissfield FY14-15 Revenues



Village of Blissfield FY14-15 Expenditures





The library is heading into its winter programming hiatus, but you still have time to experience our Lego to the Library program which will run every Tuesday, except November 25, at 3:45 pm through December 16. Also we have two StoryTimes left, November 19 featuring mysteries and December 3 with a program on bullies.

The library continues its Adopt-a-Magazine program which allows patrons to support the library by paying for a magazine subscription. The library maintains a list of magazines that need adopting. Also, Food for Fines will return after Thanksgiving and run until December 30. During the program, Instead of paying current fines when returning items, library patrons may bring in a non-perishable food item or personal care product which the library will donate to the Knights of Columbus and the food pantry. You must bring in at least one donated item for each borrowed item to receive the fine waiver. Food for Fines applies to local items only, not items borrowed from other libraries. Food for fines applies only to current fines on items you bring in with the donation, not to previously existing fines on items already returned. Food for Fines does not apply to lost or missing items.

When Library programs return after the first of the year, expect to see the usual Lego to the Library, Storytimes, craft programs, book sale, and Robertson programs, including two new Taste the State experiences, sponsored by Blissfield Family Dentistry, a coffee tasting on some chilly Saturday morning in February and a tea and chocolate pairing at teatime in late April or early May. Call the library for more information, 517-486-2858. Better yet, like the library on Facebook to keep up with details on all the fun.

**Bob Barringer, PhD
Director**





The village office will be closed for the following holidays:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28.

Christmas: Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25.

New Years: Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1.

Blissfield Village Police Department Nixle Emergency Alert System

This Community Information Service helps keep you and your family safe, informed, and connected to your community 24/7.

With emergency alerts, important advisories, community updates, and traffic information, you will receive up-to-date information impacting the areas near you by cell phone, e-mail and on the web.

Spread the word with friends, family and neighbors! Help make your community a stronger, safer, and better place to live.

To sign up, go to the village website at www.blissfieldmichigan.gov, departments, police and follow the instructions.

Snow Emergency Ordinance

The Village will announce a "Snow Emergency" through newspapers, radio stations, TV stations and the Nixle Emergency Alert System. Cars must be removed from on-street parking for the stated duration of the emergency so a thorough job of cleaning the streets can

The Village's Snow Removal Policy:

- * Complete plowing and salting of the streets and public sidewalks after 1 1/2-2 inches of snowfall.
- * Order of removal will be: Downtown streets, major streets, public parking lots, side streets, public sidewalks.
- * Please move landscape rocks out of the street's edge on uncurbed streets.
- * If less than 1 1/2 inches, plowing and salting are performed only as needed.

Who's Who in Village Government?

Village Council:

Ray Jones, President
George Brown, Trustee
Mark Burgermeister, Trustee
Mike Gunter, Trustee
Randy Kelley, Trustee
Bob Valdez, Trustee
Arthur Weeber, Trustee

Administration:

James Wonacott, Administrator
Laura Neuman, Clerk
Peggy Nieman, Treasurer
Holly Koester, Receptionist

Police Department:

Dale Greenleaf, Chief
Jacob Wagner, Sergeant
Tyler Raburn
David Nigh
Chris Portincasa
Carolyn Goetz,
Crossing Guard

Department of Public Works:

Mark Strahan, Supervisor
Josh Crots
Brent Kastel
Bill Wright
Nick Strahan

Water Plant:

Kipp Scott, Supervisor
Nora Kiefer
Steve Mason
Margaret Paul
Jerrick Hoffman

Wastewater Plant:

Rick Frantz, Supervisor

Library:

Dr. Bob Barringer, Director
Susan Harmes,
Assistant Director
Laura Binns
Kara Prielipp
Angelina Marietta
Ken Coopshaw

Building and Zoning:

Holly Koester, Zoning Admin.
Todd Roach, Building Insp.
Brian Bovee, Mechanical Insp.
Don Olszewski, Plumbing Insp.
Lew Sprague, Electrical Insp.

Recreation Department:

Eric May,
Recreation Coordinator

DDA/Main Street Program:

Planning Commission:

Marty Birkenkamp, Chair
Scott Abbott
Ben Fox
Randy Kelley
David Koppelman
Jan Luce
Jim Wonacott

DDA/Main Street Board:

Sandy Lietzke, Chair
Gwen Dusa
Ray Jones
Denise Adams
Julie Goll
Eric Slusher
Lynn Southward
Dorothy Steedle

Parks & Rec Advisory Board:

Chris Burtle, Chair
Andrea Cueto
Dawn Chappuies
Eric May
Dorothy Steedle
Aaron Hinde
Tom Lycans

Library Board:

Sarah Mason, Chair
Gregory Brown
Mary Gregg
Victor Hogue
Lauri Reinhardt
Jo Spiegel

Newsletter is available
on-line at:
blissfieldmichigan.gov or
contact the village office to
have one e-mailed.

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Blissfield, MI 49228
517-486-4347
www.blissfieldmichigan.gov
Village Office hours:
Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Library hours:
Mon, Wed, Fri, and Sat:
10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tue, Thu: 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

All Boards meet at the New Village Office.

November 2014

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9	10 Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	11 No Brush Pickup in November	12 Parks & Rec Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Recycling South of US 223	15
16	17 Village Council Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	18 Parks & Rec. Mtg. 7:00 p.m.	19	20	21 Recycling North of US 223	22
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