



The Blissfield Brief

December 2024



“They very best don’t have to turn it on. It’s always on. They have to turn it off.” – Farnam Street

Have a photo of Blissfield you would like to share and have included in our monthly newsletter? Email administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov

Upcoming Meetings



- Planning Commission Monday December 2, 2024 at 7pm
 - Council Meeting Monday December 9, 2024 at 7pm
 - DDA Mainstreet Wednesday December 10, 2024 at 6pm
 - Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Tuesday December 17, 2024 at 7pm
 - Council Committee of the Whole - 3rd Monday as needed
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Please join us in congratulation the following employees on their recent awards and recognition of service.

Police Officer Christopher Portincasa:

- Length of Service Award – 10 years
- Safe Driving Award – 10 years

Police Officer Matthew Hunkele:

- Advanced Training Award – School Resource Officer

Lieutenant Jacob Wagner:

- Length of Service Award – 20 years
- Safe Driving Award – 10 years
- Advanced Training Award – Active Assailant Instructor
- Advanced Training Award – Police School of Staff and Command

Chief Dale Greenleaf:

- Length of Service Award – 10 years
- Safe Driving Award – 10 years

WTP Operator Nick Conrad:

- Obtained his State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (MI EGLE) Water Plant Operator F-2 Classification.

Congratulations on these accomplishments and thank you for all you do for the Village of Blissfield.



The Village of

Blissfield
MICHIGAN



DID YOU KNOW?



Agendas & Minutes are available to the public and can be viewed online prior to the meeting. Any resident may request a printed copy of the agenda and/or minutes at the Village Office.

[View Agendas and Minutes Here](#)



Notice of Village Council Vacancy

The Village of Blissfield is accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the Blissfield Village Council. The term of office will begin immediately upon appointment and continue through November 2026 or until after the election is certified.

Qualifications: Pursuant to MCL 62.7; Person must be an elector of the Village, and any person in default to the Village is not eligible for any office in the Village.

A letter of interest should be sent to the Village of Blissfield Attn: Village Clerk, 130 S. Lane St. - PO BOX 129- Blissfield, MI 49228. **Closing date is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday December 4, 2024** (postmark is NOT acceptable).

Other Information: This appointed person shall serve in this position until a qualified person is elected in the 2026 General Election. The Village of Blissfield is an equal opportunity employer.

Publication: Blissfield Advance November 27, 2024



Disinfection Byproducts in Drinking Water: Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) Guide for Blissfield Drinking Water Consumers – Nov. 2024

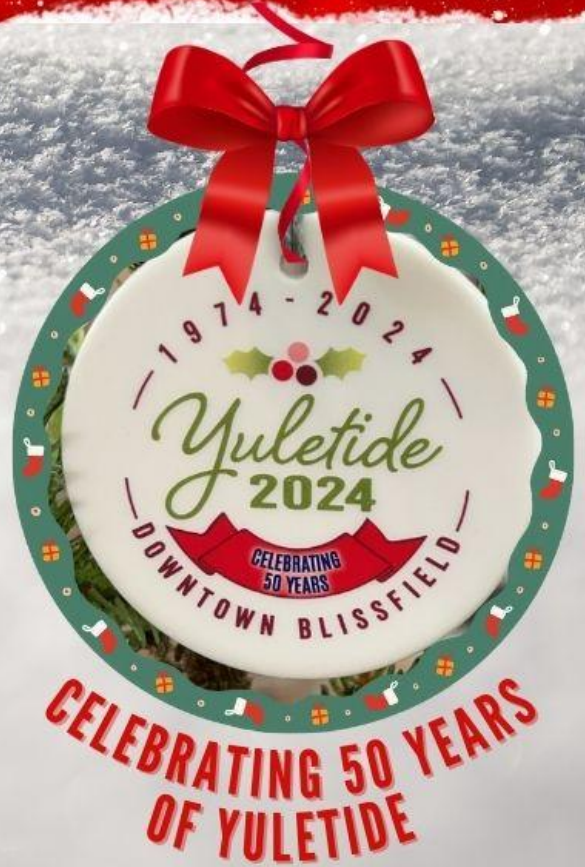
Disinfection byproducts (DBPs) are compounds that form when a disinfectant, in Blissfield's case chlorine, is added to drinking water and reacts with naturally occurring organic material such as decaying leaves, animal waste or bugs that are present in the water. Surface water, like our source (River Raisin) can have higher DBP levels because they naturally contain more organic matter. Blissfield adds chlorine to drinking water to kill harmful organisms that may be present in the water. Adding a disinfectant helps to prevent water related illnesses.

Water age is one of the biggest factors in the formation of DBPs. The older the water is the longer the time the disinfectant has to react with any organic matter in the water. There are many things our treatment plant has done to minimize the formation of DBPs in Blissfield's drinking water. Our hydrant flushing program, with the help of our public works department allows the village to "freshen" up the system by flushing the distribution system twice a year; two weeks in the spring and two weeks in the fall. The village has also added a mixer to our elevated tower to keep the tower from stratifying and creating "older" pockets of water.

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for TTHM and HAA5, protecting human health. The MCL is the maximum level allowed of a said contaminant in drinking water. The state of Michigan (EGLE) enforces the MCLs set by the EPA, the total Trihalomethane (TTHM) MCL is 0.080 mg/L and the Haloacetic acid (HAA5) MCL is 0.060 mg/L. These containments are tested quarterly by the village of Blissfield. Results are reported to the state of Michigan (EGLE) as an annual running average. If at any time the average is over the MCL then the water system is in violation and must notify their customers. As of third quarter 2024 (September), the annual running average of our drinking water in Blissfield is 0.060mg/l for TTHMs and 0.014 for the HAA5s. Both the TTHM & HAA5 are well below the MCL.

If you have any additional questions regarding DBPs you can call Nora Kiefer, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor at (517) 486-3350, the Lenawee County Health Department at (517) 264-5202, or visit <https://www.lenawee.mi.us/1077/Health-Department>. If you want to take additional precautions to further reduce your personal exposure to DBPs, which is primarily related to ingestion and drinking, a carbon filtration or reverse osmosis filter added to your drinking water faucet would be suitable. Always refer to NSF materials that are certified to remove TTHM and or HAA5.

SALE



2024 - BLISSFIELD'S 5TH ANNUAL

LIGHT UP THE PARK

BRINGING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO OUR VILLAGE!

**BLISSFIELD RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, AND GROUPS
ARE INVITED TO DECORATE A TREE AND LIGHT UP ELLIS PARK!**

- Decorated trees will be on display along the sidewalk and trail at Ellis Park for our community to enjoy during the month of December.
- Tree sponsorship forms are available on the Village website and at the Village office starting November 1.
- Limited number of trees available. Proceeds from this event benefits the Village's Parks and Recreation program.

TREE SPONSORSHIP IS \$80 EACH

[HTTPS://LIGHTUPTHEPARK2024.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://lightupthepark2024.eventbrite.com)

[BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/LIGHT-UP-THE-PARK/](https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/light-up-the-park/)

**WANT TO HELP PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LIGHTS FOR THE PARK?
DONATE TO PARKS AND RECREATION VIA VENMO!**



ONLY 6 TREES REMAINING

Sponsorship Form



Saturday, November 30th

First Light Party

Join us at Ellis Park at 5:30pm
for tree decorating, hot cocoa,
cookies, and music to kick off

Light Up the Park
Blissfield!

Blissfield

Adult Volleyball League

When: Sunday Nights starting January 26, 2025

5:30 - 8:30pm

8 weeks

No games on Feb. 9th (Super Bowl) or March 22nd (Spring Break)

Where: Blissfield Middle School Gym

Cost: \$250/team

Teams: Coed with a minimum of 6 players/team

Registration Open through

January 16, 2025

Online ONLY





**AQUATIC CENTER
SEASON PASS
HOLIDAY SALE
DECEMBER
2ND- 19TH**

Resident	Individual	Couple	Family
15% off	\$51	\$85	\$127.50
Non-Resident	Individual	Couple	Family
15% off	\$76.50	\$110.50	\$153



DOWNTOWN BLISSFIELD

Friday, December 13th



6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Registration/Check in
begins @ 5:30 p.m.
122 S. Lane St.

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Presenting Sponsors



**BLISSFIELD
ROTARY CLUB**



TLC Community Credit Union
Community Owned. *Always!*

Sponsors



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Blissfield Heating & Plumbing
Becky's Kountry Kitchen



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Parade

of Lights

Saturday, December 14

Downtown

7 p.m. • Blissfield

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Stitches & Stems embroidery, gifts, florals
Bailey Family Chiropractic
Emmy's Kitchen A BAKE SHOP AND MORE
Blissfield STATE BANK
Treloar Construction

Blissfield Rotary
Becky's Country Kitchen
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DTE Energy
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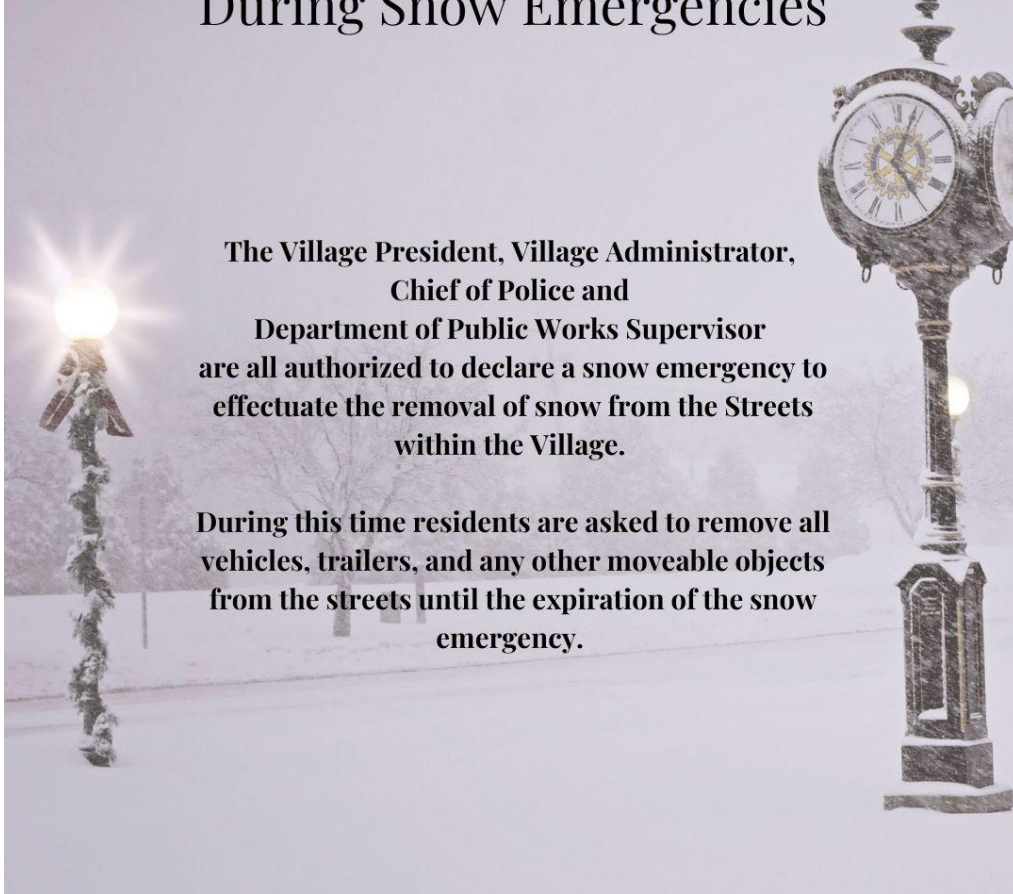
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Parade of Lights Entry Form

CODE CORNER

Parking on Village of Blissfield Streets
During Snow Emergencies

During Snow Emergencies



**The Village President, Village Administrator,
Chief of Police and
Department of Public Works Supervisor
are all authorized to declare a snow emergency to
effectuate the removal of snow from the Streets
within the Village.**

**During this time residents are asked to remove all
vehicles, trailers, and any other moveable objects
from the streets until the expiration of the snow
emergency.**

Snow Emergencies are posted on the Village of Blissfield Facebook page and will be emailed.

Residents can follow us on Facebook by searching [Village of Blissfield](#) or @blissfieldvillage. Residents can sign up for email notifications by visiting our [website](#) or calling the Village Office and providing a valid email address.

More information regarding
Village Ordinance 66.000 Regulation of Parking on Village of Blissfield Streets During Snow Emergencies
can be found [here](#).





VILLAGE OFFICE
HOLIDAY HOURS

CLOSED
DECEMBER 24, 25, 31 &
JANUARY 1

A PAYMENT DROP BOX IS PROVIDED ON THE
WEST SIDE (BACK) OF OUR BUILDING



517-486-4347
administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov

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