



## The Blissfield Brief

March 2025



"Criticism is something you can easily avoid - by saying nothing, doing nothing, and being nothing."  
- Aristotle

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## Upcoming Meetings



- Planning Commission Monday March 3, 2025 at 7pm
- Council Meeting Monday March 10, 2025 at 6pm
- DDA Mainstreet Wednesday March 12, 2025 at 6pm
- Council Committee of the Whole/Annual Joint Board Meeting Monday March 17, 2025 at 6pm
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Tuesday March 18, 2025 at 7pm
- Council Meeting Monday March 24, 2025 at 6pm

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Did You Know?

## Prevent Sanitary Sewer backups!

Sewage is used water and waste discharged by residents and businesses. It is collected from the drains of sinks, showers, toilets and flows into the sanitary sewer collection system. The collection system then transports sewage to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Sewers back up when sewage collection lines get clogged by items flushed down toilets and drains, that should not be flushed, especially Fats, Rags, Oil and Grease (FROG) that get caught and can plug up lines. In addition to the costly repairs, sewer back-ups are messy, foul-smelling and pose a serious public health threat.

FROG disposed of down the toilet or drain can clog sewer collection systems, damage pumps in lift stations and damage sewer treatments facilities, which leads to sewage spills. These items also can contaminate the treated water that is discharged into the rivers, streams and groundwater.

Never flush the following items down the toilet or drain:

- Disposable diapers and baby wipes, facial wipes, rags, cleaning or polishing wipes, kitty litter, paper towels, wipes (even ones that are labeled as flushable-they will flush but won't break down and cause backups) and hygiene products.
- Cooking oil and grease, bacon grease, meat fats, food scraps, shortening, lard, butter, margarine, gravy and other food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings and sour cream.
- Acidic or toxic substances, including paint and paint thinners.
- Motor oil.
- Dye (hair and clothing) and tanning solutions.
- Flammable products, such as lighter fluid and acetone.
- Any solid waste that does not naturally break down, including garbage, plastic bags, hygiene products, flushable wipe (they flush-but do not break down and cause backups)

When fats, oil or grease are poured down kitchen drains or flushed down toilets, it accumulates inside sewer pipes. As the material builds up, it restricts the flow in the pipes and can cause untreated wastewater to back up into homes and businesses, resulting in high cleanup and repair costs for residents, business owners and the Village.

## Proper Disposal Tips

Please do the following:

- Throw diapers, baby wipes, hygiene products, rags, cleaning wipes and paper towels in the trash.
- Freeze small amounts of fats, oils and grease in a container with a tight-sealing lid and dispose of in trash.
- Large amounts of cooking oil and grease need to be properly disposed of by utilizing grease traps and associated maintenance services (typically restaurant businesses).
- Use a strainer in your sink to catch scraps.
- Cover drains with fine screen or catch basket.



## Meter Replacement Project

The Village of Blissfield continues working with USG and their subcontractor De-Cal Inc. to complete the meter replacement project. We are asking all residents who still need their meter replaced to please call and schedule an appointment. This includes residents who were waiting for a different sized meter as our inventory is in. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. Please reach out with any questions. All appointments should be made by calling the number on the card by March 21, 2025.

If you have already have a new meter or live within Coachlight Estates please disregard this notice.



# Blissfield Water Meter Replacement

Blissfield is replacing water meters in your neighborhood

Please schedule an appointment with city contractor, De-Cal Mechanical/USG today!

To make an appointment please call:

**517-888-3869**

And speak to a customer service representative today.

**\*\*Failure to schedule your meter replacement will result in water service being disconnected until a new meter can be installed, additionally residents will be responsible for actual cost of the meter install and the water turn on fee.\*\***

**Appointments must be made by 3-21-25 and ALL work must be completed by 4-4-25**

### To prepare for replacement :

1. Clear a path to water meter and surrounding area for meter installer. Meter may be in your basement along the street side wall.
2. Arrange for an adult 18 or older to be present for the duration of the meter replacement. (approx. 30 minutes)
3. Check for the De-Cal installer identification badge.
4. Water will be temporarily shut off during replacement (approx. 30 minutes).

**Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we strive to make improvements to Blissfield.**



Warren, MI



USG WATER SOLUTIONS



**ZONING REGULATIONS**  
How Zoning is Used to Shape Local Development

**Authority to Create Zoning Rules**

Since the early 20th century, zoning has been defined as a local use of a local government's police power, where regulations are established to "protect the public health, safety and interest." The landmark 1926 US Supreme Court case of the Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty established the village's right to enact a zoning ordinance.

Local governments generally get their authority to establish ordinances from the state. In the case of Michigan, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act is the legislation that allows for zoning at the local level. This state law also includes the rules that local municipalities must follow when creating zoning regulations. While most of these rules involve the process for zoning, but when and how the public is notified of zoning changes, some of the rules relate to what a community can and cannot regulate. Together, all these rules are aimed at recognizing the unique needs of each community in the state, while ensuring the public is heard and all reasonable land uses are accommodated in a balanced way.



- Protect individual property values. Buffering or separating certain less intense land uses from those having negative impacts helps protect property values. In addition, property values are maintained when there is certainty about what will be developed nearby. For example, if someone follows the zoning rules and builds a house in a residential zone, they can feel secure with that investment if they know other property owners have to follow the same rules.
- Provide orderly process for considering changes. Zoning regulations should explain the process to change zoning classifications, permitted uses in a district, and associated regulations.
- Protect a community's historic district or historic sites. For example, many communities with historic downtowns want to keep buildings up to the standards as was done in the past and may have rules that require parking in the rear or sides of downtown buildings.
- Protect and preserve agricultural land uses. Many communities strive to balance agricultural uses on land best suited for that purpose and try to limit spreading residential and/or commercial development.
- Provide standards for development review and approval. The review process should be fair and show consistent results.
- Provide for appeals. The zoning ordinance provides for an appeals process where there are practical difficulties that prevent a property owner from complying with dimensional or other non-use-related zoning regulations.

**What Can't Zoning Do?**

- Eliminate a land use that had been legally established, but due to ordinance changes, is no longer a permitted use (sometimes called "grandfathered" uses).
- prohibit farm buildings that are part of an established commercial farming operation.
- Guarantee that certain development will take place.
- Be used to change or modify other ordinances such as building or electrical codes.

**Who Establishes and Administers Zoning?**

A zoning code or ordinance is adopted by the governing body following a recommendation by the local planning commission. Administration of the zoning ordinance is established in the zoning regulations, but is also influenced by state law, which may require certain bodies to act on certain requests.

**Does Zoning Last Forever?**

No. Zoning rules are in effect until they are repealed or modified. Zoning ordinances contain a procedure that allows for changes to the zoning map (re-zoning) and that amendments to be considered. All changes to the zoning map or text require a public hearing by the planning commission and final action by the governing body.

For more information, please contact Giffels Webster at 601.271.9000 [www.giffelswebster.com](http://www.giffelswebster.com)

Zoning 101 PDF

Visit our Website

## LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Blissfield Village Council will hold a hearing on **Monday, March 24, 2025** at the Village Council Chambers, located at Village Hall, 130 South Lane Street, Blissfield, Michigan, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as reasonable to decide on the following ordinances.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 55 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking, Etc.

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 56 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on South Monroe Street

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 58 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on Beagle Road

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 59A Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking in Bachmayer Parking Lot

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 60 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on S. Lane St.

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 61 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on Pearl Street

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 63 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on Monroe Street

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 64 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on Monroe Street, Beagle Road, Maple Street and River Street

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 65 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on Franklin Street

Ordinance Repealing Chapter 67 Traffic Control Amendment: Regulate Parking on Brenot Court

For a full copy of the proposed amendments stop at the Village Office, visit our website at [www.blissfieldmichigan.gov](http://www.blissfieldmichigan.gov). Comments may also be submitted to the Village Clerk's office at 130 South Lane St. - PO BOX 129 Blissfield, MI 49228.

**PUBLISH:** March 5, 2025

[View Proposed Ordinances](#)

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**FEES**  
U8, U10, U12, U15 - \$75  
U4, U6 - \$60

**REGISTRATION DUE:**  
**MARCH 13TH**

# 2025 SPRING ***SOCCER***

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT AVAILABLE  
ONLINE AT  
[WWW.BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/SOCCER/](http://WWW.BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/SOCCER/)



**HEAD COACH VOLUNTEERS -  
1 CHILD PLAYS FOR FREE**



More Information & Registration

# Public Notice Hydrant Flushing

The Blissfield Public Works Dept. will be conducting a village-wide flushing of water hydrants, from Sunday, March 30, 2025 until Friday, April 11, 2025, to remove sediment that accumulates in the water lines. The flushing will be conducted between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day to minimize any inconvenience to customers.

During the hydrant flushing, residents may notice the water has a rusty appearance. The water is safe to use and drink. Residents should check the color of the water before doing laundry. If the water is rusty, run the cold water for a short time to clear the lines. If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at 486-4347.



# INVITATION TO BID

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## 2025 Tree and Stump Removal

THE VILLAGE OF BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, will receive sealed bids (NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS) for the **2025 Tree and Stump Removal** in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, PO Box 129, 130 South Lane St, Blissfield, MI 49228, **until March 5, 2025, 4:00 pm**. No bids will be considered which are received after the scheduled date and time. All bids will be on separate forms and in sealed envelopes clearly marked with the name of the project "**2025 Tree and Stump Removal**" in the lower left-hand corner.

Bidding documents, including but not limited to bid specifications, are available from the Village Clerk's Office at the address shown above, by calling 517-486-4347, or by downloading them from the MITN website at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/villageofblissfield>. Bidders must use the Village of Blissfield Bid Form. **All questions or to schedule a MANDATORY inspection/site visit concerning this bid should be directed to Brent Kastel, Department of Public Works Supervisor, at (517)202-6377.**

The Village of Blissfield reserves the right to accept deviations from the specifications and to waive any and all formalities or technicalities in the bidding in the sole discretion of the Village. The Village reserves the right to reject all bids or accept any bid, which in its sole and absolute judgment, shall under all circumstances best serve the Village's interests. Bidders must use the Village Bid form.

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# INVITATION TO BID

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## Surplus Items Sale

**THE VILLAGE OF BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN**, will receive sealed bids (NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS) for the **Surplus Items being sold "as-is"** in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, PO Box 129, 130 South Lane St, Blissfield, MI 49228, **until March 11, 2025 at 3 pm**. No bids will be considered which are received after the scheduled date and time. All bids will be on separate forms and in sealed envelopes clearly marked with the name of the project "**Surplus Sale**" in the lower left-hand corner.

Items available to bid on are as follows:

- Pool Cover Reel
- 24' x 40' NiceRink Ice Rink Kit

Bidding documents, including but not limited to bid specifications, are available from the Village Clerk's Office at the address shown above, by calling 517-486-4347. Bidders must use the Village of Blissfield Bid Form. **All questions or to schedule an inspection concerning this bid should be directed to Brent Kastel, Department of Public Works Supervisor, at (517)486-2550. The street sweeper may be seen at 103 N. Lane St. Blissfield, MI 49228.**

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## 1996 Sunvac Street Sweeper

**THE VILLAGE OF BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN**, will receive sealed bids (NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS) for the **1996 Sunvac Street Sweeper being sold "as-is"** in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, PO Box 129, 130 South Lane St, Blissfield, MI 49228, **until March 11, 2025 at 3:30 pm**. No bids will be considered which are received after the scheduled date and time. All bids will be on separate forms and in sealed envelopes clearly marked with the name of the project "**1996 Sunvac**" in the lower left-hand corner.

Bidding documents, including but not limited to bid specifications, are available from the Village Clerk's Office at the address shown above, by calling 517-486-4347. Bidders must use the Village of Blissfield Bid Form. **All questions or to schedule an inspection concerning this bid should be directed to Brent Kastel, Department of Public Works Supervisor, at (517)486-2550. The street sweeper may be seen at 103 N. Lane St. Blissfield, MI 49228.**

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# DOWNTOWN *Wine Around*

Register at that one Place  
121 S. Lane St., Blissfield Michigan

APRIL 4, 2025

6:00PM-9:00PM

*12 pours for \$35 in advance  
\$40 at the door*

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON EVENTBRITE  
AND AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE

**Orsted** **TLC Community Credit Union** **LIGHTNING Quick GAS-N-GO**  
**Blissfield STATE BANK** *Stitches & Stems* *Emmy's Kitchen*  
**Blissfield Rotary** **FARM BUREAU INSURANCE** **SPRINGBROOK COMMONS Shopping Center** **WAGLEY**  
**KNAPP CHEVROLET** **Becky's** **DTE Energy** **mac** **All Phase Roofing** **That One Place**  
**DIOTT** **Smith Trucking** **BLISSFIELD COFFEE COMPANY** **3CEPT** **Bailey Family Chiropractic**  
**Fresh Paradise** **BHP** **Meadowbrook Media PRINTING** **BILL'S SERVICE** **Nichols Laundry Center**  
 Sugar Boys Soda Fountain      Rich Lanes/Shellie's Deli      Blissfield Heating & Plumbing  
 Nutrien Ag Solutions      Stimpson and Associates      Beckey's Kountry Kitchen  
 Garst LP Gas      Sieler Construction      Peppers Mexican Grill

Downtown Wine Around Tickets

# Blissfield CAR & BIKE Show 2025

Held at  
**SPRINGBROOK  
COMMONS**  
WEST ADRIAN STREET (US 223)

Presented by  
**Nichols Laundry Center**  
Meadowbrook Media  
**PRINTING**

**50/50**  
To benefit:  
**Blissfield  
American Legion**      **MAY 8**

**50/50**  
To benefit:  
**Blissfield  
Food Pantry**      **JUNE 12**      **Food Pantry**  
Bring canned goods and get  
an extra entry into 50/50 drawing

**50/50**  
and donations  
To benefit:  
**Hope and Encouragement  
for Humanity**      **JULY 10**

**50/50**  
To benefit:  
**Blissfield  
Food Pantry**      **AUGUST 14**      **Food Pantry**  
Bring canned goods and get  
an extra entry into 50/50 drawing

**50/50**  
To benefit:  
**Blissfield  
American Legion**      **\*SEPTEMBER 11\***      **Grand Finale**  
Live Entertainment  
Bring hats & gloves and get  
an extra entry into door prize drawing

**5PM - 8PM • SET-UP STARTS AT 3PM**

Door Prizes, DJ  
Driver's Pool  
**50/50**  
**ALL SHOWS**  
Proceeds to Local Orgs.      **\*Grand-Prize Giveaway\* Band, Entertainment**  
**September 11**

**Blissfield Main Street**      **A Blissfield DDA/Main Street Event**  
[www.BlissfieldMainStreet.com](http://www.BlissfieldMainStreet.com)      **dda**

# Blissfield

AQUATIC CENTER

**GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!!**

Seasonal Rates

Individual Resident - \$60.00

Couple Resident - \$100.00

Family Resident (Same Household) - \$150.00

Non-Resident - \$90.00

Couple Non-Resident - \$130.00

Family Non-Resident (Same Household) - \$180.00

Daily

Student Resident - \$5.00

Adult Resident - \$7.00

Student Non Resident - \$6.00

Adult Non Resident - \$8.00



**VISIT THE VILLAGE OFFICE TO SIGN UP**

[Visit our Website](#)

# Summer Concert Series

Presented by:

**Blissfield**  
STATE BANK

## 2025 MUSIC IN THE PARK 7-9PM

LEAN TIMES



FRI MAY 30

OL' CREEK ROAD 2 HOUR DELAY



FRI JUNE 13



FRI JUNE 27

THE NORTHWOODS  
RAMBLERS



FRI JULY 18

**SCIENCE DAD**  
FRI AUG 1

**AMELIA AIRHARTS**  
THURS AUG 21

**AARON KROTT TRIO**  
FRI SEP 12

**Orsted**  
Blissfield  
STATE BANK

**TLC Community Credit Union**  
Community Owned. Always!

**LIGHTNING Quick GAS-N-GO**

**Stitches & Stems**  
embroidery.gifts.florist

**Emmy's Kitchen**  
A BAKE SHOP AND MORE

**Blissfield Rotary**

**Becky's**  
Country Kitchen

**D & C COMMUNICATIONS**

**FB FARM BUREAU INSURANCE**  
Terry Insurance Group

**BLISSFIELD BP**

**SPRINGBROOK COMMONS**  
Shopping Center

**W WAGLEY**  
FARMAL HOME

**KNAPP CHEVROLET**

**Smith TRUCKING INC.**  
OTTIUM LAKE, MI

**DTE Energy**

**BLISSFIELD COFFEE COMPANY**

**mac**  
Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station

**All Phase Roofing**  
SERVICES & SUPPLY

**That One Place**  
Blissfield

**IOTT INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
NOT POSSIBLE / RESUME ANY CUSTOMERS

**BHP**  
Blissfield Heating & Cooling, Inc.  
Residential & Commercial

**Meadowbrook Media PRINTING**

**BILL'S SERVICE**  
Blissfield Heating & Cooling, Inc.

**3DPT PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**Bailey Family Chiropractic**

**That One Place**  
Blissfield

Sugar Boys Soda Fountain  
Nutrien Ag Solutions  
Garst LP Gas

Rich Lanes/Shellie's Deli  
Stimpson and Associates  
Sieler Construction

Blissfield Heating & Plumbing  
Becky's Kountry Kitchen  
Peppers Mexican Grill



# Parks & Recreation

## January

Spring Soccer Registration Opens

## April

Adult Sand Volleyball Registration Opens

## May

4th - Community Volunteer Day  
24th - Aquatic Center Opening Day  
Swim Lesson Registration Opens

## June

20th - Movie in the Park  
28th - Glow Crazy Pool Party  
30th - Bliss Adventure Camp  
Adult Softball Registration Opens

## July

8th- Bliss Adventure Camp  
10th- Bliss Adventure Camp  
12th - 3-on-3 Tournament  
19th - Grownup Movie Night  
24th & 31st- Bliss Adventure Camp  
Flag Football Registration Opens  
Fall Soccer Registration Opens

## August

9th - Blissfield on Tap  
16th - Youth Triathlon  
22nd - Family Movie Night

## October

5th - Community Volunteer Day

## November

Light up the Park Sales Begin  
Adult Volleyball Registration Opens

## December

6th - First Light Party

## Board Meetings

3rd Tuesday of the Month

Contact: Emilio Rosas  
recprograms@blissfieldmichigan.gov  
www.blissfieldmichigan.gov

Follow us on Facebook  
for more information  
on these and/or other  
events and updates.



## 2025 SAVE THE DATES

April 4 - Downtown Wine Around

May 8 - Car & Bike Show

May 17 - Black Squirrel

May 30 - Summer Concert Series

June 12 - Car & Bike Show

June 13 - Summer Concert Series

June 21 - Touch a Truck

June 27 - Summer Concert Series

July 10 - Car & Bike Show

July 18 - Summer Concert Series

August 1 - Summer Concert Series

August 14 - Car & Bike Show

August 15 - Tractor Cruise-In

August 21 - Summer Concert Series

September 5 - Farm to Table

September 11 - Car & Bike Show

September 12 - Summer Concert Series

September 20 - Antiques in Autumn

October - Skeletons on Parade

October 2 - Harvest Festival

November 7-9 - Yuletide Festival

November 7 - Taste of Bliss

November 8 - Breakfast with Santa

November 8 - Yuletide Cheer

November 9 - Brunch and Bingo

November 29 - Small Business Saturday

December 12 - Wassail Fest

December 13 - Parade of Lights



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<https://blissfieldmainstreet.com>  
for up to date details on our events!



# SAVE THE DATE!

August 9, 2025



7TH ANNUAL

Christopher Mallow   
517-486-3379



#### CRAFT BEVERAGES

- BLØM MEAD + CIDER
- FOUR KEYS BREWING
- YPSI ALEHOUSE
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD
- TBD



#### MUSIC LINEUP

- 4:30 - 6:30  
**LEAN TIMES**
- INTERMISSION  
**DJ JON FOJTIK**
- 7:00 - 9:00  
**THE MIZER VOSSEN PROJECT**

517-486-4347  
[administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov](mailto:administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov)

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