



The Blissfield Brief

July 2025



"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."
— Coretta Scott King

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 July 7, 2025 at 7pm
- DDA Mainstreet Wednesday July 9, 2025 at 6pm
- Council Meeting Monday July 14, 2025 at 6pm
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Tuesday July 15, 2025 at 7pm
- Council Committee of the Whole Meeting/Budget Work Sessions Monday - Wednesday July 21-23, 2025 at 6pm
- Council Meeting Monday July 28, 2025 at 6pm

Did You Know?

Your Water Meter Can Help Us Help You Sooner!

Our updated water meters allow us to detect unusual usage patterns—like leaks or continuous flow—much faster than before. This means we can often alert you to potential issues before they become costly problems. But there's one catch... we can't contact you quickly if we don't have your current phone number or email on file!

Help us help you! Please make sure we have your up-to-date contact information. Just call the Village Office, email treasurer@blissfieldmichigan.gov, or simply reply to this email with your name, address, and the best phone number or email to reach you.

Let's stay connected so we can keep your home protected.



Harmful Algae, Cyanobacteria and Cyanotoxins



Algae are natural and important primary producers in aquatic ecosystems. Under certain conditions some species can produce toxins that affect human health. In addition, some algae can produce excessive blooms that can lead to harmful impacts on the environment. Such as, unsightly conditions of the water, or taste and odor issues that affect our drinking water. Algal growths that lead to impacts on human health and the environment are referred to as Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae is the species frequently found in freshwater. These microscopic organisms use direct sunlight to produce their own food and are very important to aquatic life. Although important to the ecosystem of the river, excessive growth of cyanobacteria can lead to "blooms" that can cause ecological and human health concerns. Cyanobacteria and green algae blooms are often confused, since both can produce dense surface growths, and cause unwanted odor issues. However, unlike cyanobacteria, green algae are not known to produce toxins. While, some cyanobacteria are able to produce highly potent toxins, known as cyanotoxins, that can lead to a variety of health problems for humans. (e.g., abdominal, neurological, and skin issues). Conditions that enhance growth of cyanobacterial blooms are extended periods of direct sunlight, elevated nutrients available

(phosphorus and nitrogen), elevated water temperature, PH changes, an increase in precipitation events, or lastly if there is a calm or stagnant change in the water flow. The most favorable time of year tends to be late summer.

Microcystis is the most common bloom-forming genus. Its blooms resemble a greenish, thick, paint-like material that accumulates along shores. Scums that dry on the shores of lakes may contain high concentrations of microcystin for several months, allowing toxins to dissolve in the water even when the cells are no longer alive or after a recently collapsed bloom. Multiple treatment processes are in place to remove cyanobacterial cells. The treatment plant is a complete treatment plant that uses coagulation, sedimentation and filtration to remove the intact cyanobacterial cells. The plant also has processes in place, if the cells have released the cyanotoxin. The treatment plant feeds Potassium Permanganate as well as chlorine, which both oxidizes the toxins in the water. Powdered activated carbon is also feed in the plant, the carbon adsorbs the toxins present in the water.

Blissfield completes algal toxin testing all year. During the warmer months microcystins are tested bi-weekly, colder months they are tested monthly. Both the raw water from the river and the tap water provided to our community is tested. Testing is completed through the Michigan department of health and human services.

We can all take action to reduce nutrient pollution through the choices we make around our homes and community.

A few EPA recommendations

Washing Your Car

- Use a commercial car wash; commercial car washes are required to properly dispose of wastewater and many filter and recycle their water.
- If washing your car at home:
 - Wash your car on a surface such as grass or gravel (not concrete or asphalt) so water is filtered before reaching a water body.
 - Use nontoxic, phosphate-free soaps.

Cleaning around your home -Detergents and Soap

- Choose phosphate-free detergents, soaps, and household cleaners.
- Select the proper load size for your washing machine.
- Only run your clothes or dish washer when you have a full load.
- Use the appropriate amount of detergent; more is not better.

Pet Waste

- Always pick up after your pet.

Garden care

- Plant a rain garden of native plants, shrubs and trees that reduce the amount of fertilizer needed and provide a way for water to soak into the ground.
- Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater; the rainwater can later be used to wash your car or water your plants and lawn.
- Use yard waste, which includes grass clippings and leaves, in mulch or compost for your garden. If this is not an option, prepare all clippings and leaves for community composting, or in barrels or secured papers bags for disposal, which keeps them from washing into streams.

Lawn care

- Apply fertilizers only when necessary and at the recommended amount.
- Don't apply fertilizer before windy or rainy days.
- Apply fertilizer as close as possible to the period of maximum uptake and growth for grass and other plants, which is usually spring and fall in cool climate, and early and late summer in warm climates.
- Avoid applying fertilizer close to waterways.
- Do not overwater lawns and garden; use a soaker hose, a porous hose that releases water directly to the ground, which can reduce overwatering that carries away fertilizers that would otherwise enrich lawns and gardens.
- Fill fertilizer spreaders on a hard surface so that any spills can be easily cleaned up.
- Properly store unused fertilizers and properly dispose of empty containers.

PUBLIC NOTICE 30-Day Public Comment Period for the Village of Blissfield Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Village of Blissfield is pleased to announce that a draft of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is now available for public review and comment.

In accordance with state planning requirements, a 30-day public comment period will begin on Monday June 30, 2025 and end on July 30, 2025. During this time, residents, stakeholders, and interested parties are encouraged to review the plan and provide feedback.

The draft plan outlines goals, objectives, and proposed improvements for parks, recreational facilities, and programming throughout the Village. Public input is critical to ensuring the plan reflects the needs and priorities of the community.

How to Review the Plan:

The draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for review at:

- Village Office: 130 S. Lane St. Blissfield, MI 49228; Monday – Thursday 8am - 6pm
- Village Website: <https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/>

How to Submit Comments:

Written comments may be submitted by:

- Email: administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov
- Mail or in person: Village of Blissfield, PO BOX 129 Blissfield, MI 49228

All comments must be received by July 30, 2025.

A public hearing on the draft plan will be held following the comment period. Details will be posted on the Village website and at the Village Office.

For more information, please contact the Village Office at 517-486-4347 or administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov.

Publish: Blissfield Advance, July 2nd, July 9th and July 23rd, 2025.

INVITATION TO BID

2025 Street Crackfill

THE VILLAGE OF BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, will receive sealed bids (NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS) for the **2025 Street Crackfill** in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, PO Box 129, 130 South Lane St, Blissfield, MI 49228, **until Thursday July 17, 2025 2:00 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 Street Crackfill**" 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. **This bid requires a mandatory site visit. All questions or to schedule an 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.

Publish: Blissfield Advance: June 25, 2025.

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2025 Street Spray Patch

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MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Beginning Tuesday, June 3, 2025
the Village of Blissfield will be
conducting a mosquito control
spraying program on Tuesdays,
between 9:00 p.m. and
midnight, and on Fridays,
between 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
(weather permitting).

If you have any questions,
please contact the Village
Office at 486-4347.



Blissfield Parks & Recreation FREE Community Events 2025



Activity: Celebrate Earth Day by taking part in our Self-Guided Nature Walk and Sustainability Challenge! Experience the beauty of nature in your local park while enjoying fun, eco-friendly activities along the way!

Bonus: Complete the challenge in the month of April, you'll win a prize! Once you have completed the Challenge, bring your card back to the Village Office to collect your prize. While all ages are welcome to participate, prizes are for youth only while supplies last and on a first come, first serve basis.



Follow us on Facebook to learn more about these events or stop by the Village Office.



Follow us on Facebook for more information

Blissfield CAR & BIKE Show

2025

Held at
**SPRINGBROOK
COMMONS**
WEST ADRIAN STREET (US 22)

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

Blissfield AQUATIC CENTER

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!!!

Seasonal Rates	Daily
Individual Resident - \$60.00	Student Resident - \$5.00
Couple Resident - \$100.00	Adult Resident - \$7.00
Family Resident (Same Household) - \$150.00	
Non Resident - \$90.00	Student Non Resident - \$6.00
Couple Non Resident - \$130.00	Adult Non Resident - \$8.00
Family Non Resident (Same Household) - \$180.00	

VISIT THE VILLAGE OFFICE TO SIGN UP

Visit our Website

BLISSFIELD AQUATIC CENTER July 2025

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Open Swim 12pm-8pm	Open Swim 12pm-8pm	Open Swim 12pm-8pm	Open Swim 12pm-8pm	Open Swim 12pm-8pm
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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****Hours subject to change****
Updates/changes can be found on the Parks & Rec Facebook page or
blissfieldmichigan.gov/bac/

Blissfield Aquatic Center Swim Lessons



Session 2 Registration ends
July 3 at 5pm

Session 3 Registration ends
July 24 at 5pm

\$50/swimmer/session

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT
517-486-4347 - 130 S. LANE ST. - BLISSFIELD
OR VISIT BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/SWIMLESSONS/




[More Information & Registration](#)





8TH ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

3 x 3

SATURDAY
JULY 12, 2025

\$80/TEAM

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE
DEADLINE: JULY 3, 2025





[More Information & Registration](#)

We need your help!

Our annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament is coming up on July 12th, and we're looking for awesome volunteers to help make it a slam dunk!

We've got morning and afternoon shifts available—pick what works best for you!
All volunteers will score a free tournament t-shirt and our endless appreciation!

Date: July 12
Shifts: Morning or Afternoon or Both
Perk: Free t-shirt!

Interested?
Sign up at <https://forms.gle/f933HtBeMD9VUWHu7> or click the link below.

[Volunteer Sign Up Form](#)

Summer Concert Series
Presented by: **Blissfield STATE BANK**

2025 MUSIC IN THE PARK
7-9PM

LEAN TIMES **OL' CREEK ROAD 2 HOUR DELAY** **THE NORTHWOODS RAMBLERS**

FRI MAY 30 **FRI JUNE 13** **FRI JUNE 27** **FRI JULY 18**

SCIENCE DAD **AMELIA AIRHARTS** **AARON KROTT TRIO**

FRI AUG 1 **THURS AUG 21** **FRI SEP 12**

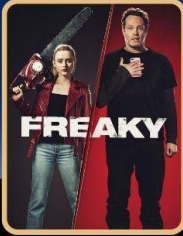
Orsted **TLC Community Credit Union** **LIGHTNING Quick GAS-N-GO**
Blissfield STATE BANK **Stitches & Stems** **Emmy's Kitchen**
Blissfield Rotary **Isoney's** **FARM BEER & BREWERY** **BLISSFIELD BP** **SPRINGBROOK COMMONS** **WAGLEY**
KNAPP CHEVROLET **DTE Energy** **mac** **All Phase Roofing** **That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

BLISSFIELD MOVIE NIGHTS

JULY
19

GROWNUPS MOVIE NIGHT
AT BLISSFIELD
AQUATIC CENTER.

SPONSORED BY



WWW.BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/MOVIES

FEES
U8, U10, U12, U15 - \$75
U4, U6 - \$65

REGISTRATION DUE:
AUGUST 11

2025 FALL SOCCER

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT AVAILABLE
ONLINE AT
WWW.BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/SOCCER/



HEAD COACH VOLUNTEERS -
1 CHILD 50% OFF REGISTRATION



More Information & Registration



Registration Deadline: August 11th

2025 FLAG FOOTBALL

1st -2nd, 3rd - 4th, and 5th- 6th Grades
Fee: \$75



Register & Pay Online: <https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/football-2/>

[More Information & Registration](#)

Blissfield
Parks & Recreation

2025 FALL CHEER

Fee: \$65

Grades 1st -5th

REGISTRATIONS DUE AUGUST 11, 2025
REGISTER ONLINE
[HTTPS://BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/CHEER/](https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/cheer/)

[More Information & Registration](#)



AUGUST 16TH

\$20/person
\$5 ½ Mile Fun Run (Begins at 9am)
Register online



[More Information & Registration](#)



WHERE: ELLIS PARK
WHEN: THURSDAY NIGHTS
DATES: AUGUST 21ST- OCTOBER 23RD
COST: \$600/TEAM
USSA HOUSE RULES

NO TEAM? SIGN UP SOLO!
REGISTRATION ENDS AUGUST 11, 2025



REGISTER ONLINE AT
[HTTPS://BLISSFIELDMICHIGAN.GOV/SOFTBALL/](https://blissfieldmichigan.gov/softball/)

Questions? Contact Emilio Rosas
517-403-0845
recprograms@blissfieldmichigan.gov

[More Information & Registration](#)


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



Follow us on our Facebook page
Downtown Blissfield or check out our website
<https://blissfieldmainstreet.com>
for up to date details on our events!



CODE CORNER



JUST A REMINDER

It is unlawful for any person to store a dismantled, partially dismantled, or inoperable motor vehicle on any parcel of land.

Failure to comply with the village ordinance may result in a fine.

Village Ordinance

120.000 - STORAGE OF DISMANTLED OR INOPERABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OR PARTS THEREOF



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administrator@blissfieldmichigan.gov

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