

## Bloomfield Hills

Because of its small size (five square miles) and limited population (1,520 households and about 3,900 residents) Bloomfield Hills features beautiful residential settings and an exclusive quality of life.

Houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Eero Saarinen, J. Robert F. Swanson and Minoru Yamasaki can be found along its winding residential roads. Many of these estates are graciously secluded behind ivied walls and lush landscaping. Caretaker or in-law cottages, terraced gardens and ponds, private tennis courts and swimming pools, are standard features for these one-of-a-kind estates. New construction is also evident with the new enclaves offering unparalleled luxury for city residents, many of whom are high achievers in business, education, the professions and the arts.

Private schools, religious institutions and private clubs occupy approximately 10-15% of Bloomfield Hills. The Cranbrook Educational Community alone covers 315 acres. While most of these clubs and institutions do not pay taxes the contribution they make to the truly unique social, spiritual and intellectual tradition and lifestyle of Bloomfield Hills cannot be duplicated or replaced.

## Bloomfield Township

Incorporated in 1827, Bloomfield Township was the first Charter Township formed in Oakland County. Today it is a 25 square mile community of approximately 42,000 residents that is known for its natural beauty, rolling hills, winding roads and many lakes that can be as small as a scenic pond to ones large enough to handle small boats and other watercraft.

Ninety-five percent of the Township is residential. Houses range in size from small affordable homes to grand estates. Many of the region's top executives and business owners live in Bloomfield Township because of the unique housing choices and access to quality education systems and recreational facilities.

Bloomfield Township is serviced by four school systems. Bloomfield Public Schools and Birmingham Public Schools are the primary school systems with Avondale and Pontiac schools covering limited areas. Township residents also have access to a number of private schools with national reputations for excellence.

The magnificent Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, located on Long Lake Road, is one of many examples of fine architecture and notable landmarks that distinguish Bloomfield Township. The Township is also home to internationally known Oakland Hills Country Club, which has hosted numerous PGA tournaments and the 2004 Ryder Cup. Several other prestigious golf clubs dot the landscape and the Township benefits from numerous commercial and retail developments along the Telegraph Road and Woodward Avenue corridors.


Bloomfield Township offers a unique blend of nature and sophisticated living.

## Bingham Farms


The Village of Bingham Farms is a small community not much more than a square mile in size. Incorporated in 1955, the village is in that it has virtually no retail establishments, yet it is home to significant commercial/ office developments that hug its Telegraph Road boundary. Most of these office projects were developed in the 1980's.

Although squarely in the path of the development that took place along Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms has been able to maintain its rural charm. Most of the Village is made up of scenic wooded lots with homes of exceptional style and value. The Village of Franklin is no more than a mile away where residents can take advantage of its charming shopping district and historic cider mill (in season). A few miles to the northeast is Birmingham with its upscale downtown area with world-class shopping, dining and entertainment.

Birmingham Public Schools service Bingham Farm residents. With a number of nationally renowned private schools nearby, village residents have exceptional choice of educational options.



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**Area:** 1.25 square miles.

**Economic Base:** Primarily residential with significant office/commercial on Telegraph Road.

**Government:** Village government.

**Housing:** \$470,000 **Income:** 2003 median household \$184,000

**Library:** Baldwin Public Library, [www.baldwinlib.org](http://www.baldwinlib.org); Bloomfield Township Library, [www.btpl.org](http://www.btpl.org).

**Local Newspaper:** *Birmingham Eccentric*, [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

**Location:** Between 12½ and 14 Mile, Telegraph Road and Lahser.

**Medical Services:** Providence Hospital, Southfield; William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak (see *Health Care*).

**Population:** 1,011

**Post Office:** 22200 W. 11 Mile Road, Southfield, (800) 275-8777.

**Protection:** Uses Franklin Police Department, Franklin-Bingham Farms volunteer fire department.

**Schools:** Birmingham School District (see *Public School chart*).

**Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value):** Rate includes Village taxes of 6.8 mills. Birmingham homestead 35.56, non-homestead 44.80.

**Transportation:** SMART bus service.

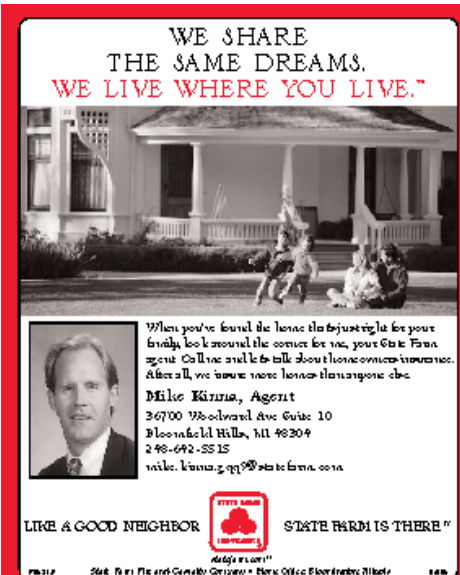
**Utilities:** Consumer Energy (gas), DTE Energy (electric), AT&T (phone), Comcast (cable), City of Detroit water, sewer system maintained by Oakland County.

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