

VOTER GUIDE – NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION
VILLAGE OF BINGHAM FARMS

Tuesday, November 3, 2020
POLLS ARE OPEN 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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4 Candidates for VILLAGE TRUSTEE for THREE 4-year terms

<p>CANDIDATES for VILLAGE COUNCIL</p> <p>THREE 4-year terms <i>Vote for no more than THREE</i></p>	<p>Question 1 (150 Words or less):</p> <p>Provide biographical information and explain why you are running for Village Office, including relevant qualities and skills you would bring to the position.</p>	<p>Question 2 (150 Words or less):</p> <p>What are the top 3 Priority Issues facing your village and what actions would you, as a village official, take regarding each of them?</p>
<p>LISA BLACKBURN 30231 Bristol Ln. Bingham Farms, MI 48025</p>	<p>I have been serving on the Village Council after being appointed to fill a vacated Trustee position in 2018. I have enjoyed my time on the Council and would like to continue to serve the community. We moved to Bingham Farms 5 years ago to be closer to our parents. We chose Bingham Farms because of its diversity, small community feel, and excellent educational opportunities for our 2 children. My husband, Jay, and I now have 2 college students which leaves more time and energy for me to devote to volunteering in the community.</p> <p>I was raised in Grosse Pointe Woods. I received my BS at Western Michigan University and my Masters Degree from Wayne State University. Previous to living in Bingham Farms we lived on Grosse Ile where I was elected to the Board of Education. I believe that experience, along with the two years I have served on the Bingham Farms Council, I have the foundation and experience I need to help me be a successful candidate for Trustee.</p>	<p>I feel we need to focus our attention on several areas to make sure we continue to be a community where people want to live and work. Public safety is of utmost importance to ensuring our community continues to thrive. Supporting our police, fire, and EMS is an area I will continue to focus on. The needs of our public safety team has changed drastically as Covid-19 has become part of our daily life. It is important to make sure they have the resources and training to continue to offer the highest level of safety possible to our community.</p> <p>Our roads have begun to deteriorate and will need to be repaired over the next few years. I will ensure that we are planning and budgeting properly to be able to afford necessary road work.</p> <p>Responsible planning and budgeting will result in the ability to keep taxes low in this time of uncertainty. I will continue to do my due diligence and stay focused on accomplishing projects while keeping costs as low as possible.</p>
<p>CARL GRENAIER 24255 W. Thirteen Mile Ste 220 Bingham Farms, MI 48025</p>	<p>DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION</p>	

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KURT L. JONES 23640 Overlook Cir. Bingham Farms, MI 48025	I have a strong background in accounting from my college days and worked as a bank attorney for more than 35 years. During my career, I promised myself that if I was fortunate enough to retire in good health I would try to give back to the community. When I retired in 2017, I keep that pledge by volunteering to serve on the Village Council and by winning election to the Council two years ago. I hope to continue "giving back" if I am re-elected this year. My accounting background enables me to review the Village's financial statements with an understanding that not everyone has. My legal background enables me, the only lawyer on the Council, to be aware of potential legal problems the Village and the Council may face. I used my legal knowledge to spearhead the effort to update the Village Charter a couple of years ago. I used the negotiating skills I learned as a bank attorney to help negotiate a more favorable deal with the developer of the project at 14 Mile and Telegraph Road.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expenses are increasing faster than income, leading the Council to increase the millage rate the last two years. I will, as I have for the past three years, oppose any spending that is not essential to the Village. This past year I helped lead the renegotiation of the Village's contract with the Baldwin Public Library that resulted in a cap on any annual increase in the amount the Village will have to pay for this service. I hope to help limit the costs of the Village's other contracts for services as they come up for renewal. I voted against this year's millage increase since I believed it was not wise to raise the rate during the current coronavirus pandemic. 2. Encouraging development of the few remaining undeveloped parcels in the Village in a manner consistent with the Village's zoning ordinances and character while also increasing the Village's tax base. 3. While not necessarily a Village priority, I hope to continue to represent the Village as its representative to SOCWA.
AARON KRABILL 31033 Cardinal Ln. Bingham Farms, MI 48025	DID NOT RESPOND IN TIME FOR INCLUSION	

1 Candidate for VILLAGE TRUSTEE for ONE partial term ending 11/21/2022

SPENCER W. DOTY 32766 Bingham Ln., Bingham Farms, MI 48025

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