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Around Birmingham

Passport Day

As of June 1, the government will require U.S. citizens entering the United States at all ports of entry to have a passport, passport card or WHTI-compliant document.

To accommodate families and individuals with busy schedules, the clerk's offices in Birmingham and Bloomfield Township will hold a special Passport Day on Saturday, April 25. Birmingham will hold its Passport Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 151 Martin. Residents and non-residents are welcome. Bloomfield Township will hold its Passport Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Township Hall, 4200 Telegraph.

For additional information, including what you need to apply, contact the Birmingham city clerk's office at (248) 530-1880 or log on to www.bhamgov.org/passports. For Bloomfield Township, call the clerk's office at (248) 433-7702 or check the Web site at www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/Clerk/PassportServices.htm. Regular passport hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Passport information can also be obtained by contacting the National Passport Information Center at (877) 487-2778 or www.travel.state.gov.

BBSO Wine tasting

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra invites friends and supporters to a fund-raising wine tasting party and silent auction at Peabody's Restaurant in Birmingham 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23.

By having this two-hour fund-raising event at a local restaurant, the BBSO wants to make a contribution to the Birmingham community, said Carla Lamphere, BBSO executive director. Peabody's is at 34965 Woodward Avenue, south of Maple Road.

"These are trying times for everyone, and we believe that music is a necessary component of life toward calming the soul and allowing the mind to rest," she said. "For as little as \$50 per person, you can be part of the solution to embrace the arts in the community. Please join us as a salute to this award-winning symphony, right in your own backyard."

Price per ticket is \$50. Wine and hors d'oeuvres are included. Reservations may be made by calling (248) 645-2276 or by mailing a check payable to the BBSO to 725 S. Adams, Suite L-168, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Known to music lovers throughout southeast Michigan, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra is an all-professional ensemble that has won the Detroit Motor City Music Award for "Most Outstanding Community Orchestra" 12 times.

More information about the BBSO is available online at www.bbsso.org.