

Bloomfield Summer 2010 Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township BUZZ

HOT TIMES! Summer in the suburbs



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Enjoy three traditional concerts on the green

The Bloomfield Civic Band will perform its 2010 Summer Concerts on The Green on three upcoming Mondays at 7 p.m. Grab a lawn chairs or blanket and join the fun.

- June 28 – “Salute to America and to the Men and Women in the Armed Forces.”
- July 12 – “The Big Band Era,” 1930s to the 1970s, featuring the music of Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton.

• July 26 - Three tenors (Jeremy Blosssey, Alexander Caraballo and John Hammel) perform the music of Giacomo

Puccini, Georges Bizet, Giuseppe Verdi, Leonard Bernstein and Augustin Lara.

Dominick Ferrara III has conducted the band since 1972. Musicians will perform from the bandstand in the shady town green located on Broad Street across from Bloomfield Library. Enjoy a taste of entertainment from another era. For details, call (973) 338-8140.

Wednesday fitness nights

It's bathing suit season. To keep your figure in tip top shape, check out the Bloomfield Recreation Commission's adult fitness nights at the Civic Center:

- Yoga, Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Zumba, dance workout class, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

Dates for both classes are July 7, 14, 21, 28 and Aug 4, 11.

Summer sports clinics and camps start in late June

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Barlow Golf Tournament aids local citizens

Tee off with Township golfers on Wednesday, Aug. 4, and you'll be contributing funds to programs for Bloomfield's special needs citizens.

The 2010 Hank Barlow Memorial Golf Tournament takes place at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette. The \$95 entry fee includes greens fee, golf cart, hot and cold buffet, prizes and awards. Hole sponsorships are \$100.

Golfers are asked to report to the course by 7:30 a.m.; the shotgun start will be at 8 a.m. Space is limited so reserve your foursome now. Call the Recreation Department for more information, (973) 743-9074.

Mayor's Message

I am keenly aware of the challenging financial problems many of our residents are facing. We in Town Hall are striving to do everything we can to provide the most for your tax dollars. For example, take a look at the outstanding job our Recreation Department is doing. Once again this summer, they will be providing residents with an abundance of free and low-cost activities to tickle the fancies of young and old residents alike. There are summer sports clinics and kids' camps as well as fun adult fitness classes being offered.

Come July, you can enjoy our annual Summer Concert Series on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Brookside Park. All of the concerts are free and have been for years thanks to the



local businesses that support our community. Because of their generosity and municipal spirit, we don't have to budget for this entertainment. Instead, we allocate

money to essential Township services. We are sincerely grateful for the sponsorship of our generous local businesses.

And that's not all on this summer's local music scene. Our very own Bloomfield Civic Band will be performing its Concerts on the Green, a three-part series featuring traditional music led by Dominick Ferrara III. These concerts do not disappoint. So come out in the weeks ahead and join your neighbors and friends for a musical respite from your daily challenges. It'll do us all some good! ✨

Summer Town Council Meetings

All residents are welcome to attend meetings of the Bloomfield Township Council. The summer meeting schedule is as follows:

■ **Regular Meetings:** July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 7, Sept. 20, all at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.

■ **Conference Meetings:** July 26, Aug. 23, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, all at 7 p.m., room 205, law enforcement building.

Eligibility for food stamps is expanded

As of April 2010, people with more income and resources are eligible for the New Jersey Food Stamp Program. You may qualify even if you are not eligible for cash, housing or medical assistance.

Shown at right are the new income limits for food stamps. For a benefits screening, call the Bloomfield Division of Human Services at (973) 680-4017. ✨

People In Household	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,670
2	\$2,247
3	\$2,823
4	\$3,400
5	\$3,976
6	\$4,553
7	\$5,130
8	\$5,706
Each additional	+\$577

Tax sale coming

Don't let your property be taken due to tax debt

Bloomfield is planning a tax sale on Oct. 14, 2010. If you have past-due property taxes, water charges or other outstanding municipal liens for the year 2009 or earlier, you must pay off the debt to avoid having your property sold at the tax sale.

Here's how a tax sale works. When residents are behind on taxes, the Township sells tax liens at a public auction or tax sale. Investors buy the liens for a guaranteed rate of return if and when the delinquent taxpayer pays up. If the taxpayer doesn't pay, the investor can ultimately take over the property. A taxpayer who does pay also incurs late payments and interest, which are used by the Township to pay off the investors.

If you have any questions about your taxes or the upcoming tax sale, call the Tax Collector's Office at (973) 680-4049. ✨

Life resources offered through State Library

Residents and businesses who need assistance during tough economic times can turn to the New Jersey State Library for assistance. At the website <http://gethelp.njlibraries.org>, you'll find a list of statewide assistance programs in the following categories:

- **Work Tools** – Job searching and unemployment insurance.
- **Financial Tools** – bill paying, family assistance, utility bills, grocery bills, food assistance, military benefits, banking issues, investors and investments, tax assistance, tax credits, auto insurance.
- **Housing Tools** – Home-

buying, mortgage assistance and foreclosure guidance, homelessness prevention, reverse mortgage loans for seniors, utility bills.

- **Health Tools** – medical and pharmaceutical assistance, aid for the hearing impaired, domestic violence assistance, transportation to doctor appointments, doctor profiles.

- **Parental Tools** – health insurance, catastrophic illness relief, college student aid, nutrition programs, information for expectant parents, special needs health services.

- **Tools for Seniors** – assistance with utilities, taxes, doctor and medication costs and more. ✨

PBA seeks golfers and tournament sponsors



Bloomfield PBA Local #32 will host its ninth annual golf tournament on Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Hardyston, NJ. All are invited. The cost is \$150 per person, including greens fee, golf carts, range balls, continental breakfast, door prizes, lunch and refreshments.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9 a.m. A four-person scramble format will be used.

Sponsor opportunities range from \$100 tee signs to the \$1,000 "platinum package," which includes a large ad sign and a free foursome. The deadline for participation is July 1. For information, contact Joe Corio at (973) 680-4116 or send a fax to (973) 680-4102.

The Bloomfield PBA is comprised of 125 police officers. Funds raised by the group are used to sponsor local organizations. For information about Local #32, visit their website at www.bloomfieldpba32.com. ✨

Summer Sports Clinics

All clinics are coed unless otherwise stated

Summer sports clinics are \$25 each for residents, and \$35 for nonresidents. Pre-registration is required. Those attending morning and afternoon sessions are asked to bring their own lunches and families should be aware that time between clinics is unsupervised free time. Also, participants must provide their own transportation to and from clinics (except the golf trip). Times, dates and locations are subject to change. For morning weather updates, call (973) 743-7593 after 8:45 a.m. For afternoon updates, call after 11:45 a.m.

Week 1, June 28 - July 2

- **Cheerleading.** Ages 6-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Memorial Park.
- **Fishing.** Ages 6-15 (limit 35) 9:30-11:30 a.m., Clark's Pond.
- **Intro to Weight Training.** Ages 10-15 (limit 20), 12:30-2:30 p.m., Bloomfield High School.

Week 2, July 6-9

- (off Monday, July 5th)*
- **Boys Baseball.** Ages 6-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Memorial Park.
 - **Girls Softball.** Ages 6-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Pulaski Park.
 - **Street Hockey.** Ages 6-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Memorial Park.

Week 3, July 12-16

- **Golf.** Ages 6-15 (limit 35), 9:30-11:30 a.m., Memorial Park. (Includes transportation and fees for one-day trip to Essex County Golf Complex.)
- **Tennis.** Ages 6-9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 10-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Memorial Park (limit 40 in each group).
- **Track & Field.** Ages 6-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Memorial Park.

Week 4, July 19-23

- **Soccer** - Ages 6-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Memorial Park.
- **NEW Design & Technology Problem-Solving.** Ages 10-15 (limit 18), 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bloomfield High School.
- **Bowling.** Ages 6-15 (limit 80), 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Brunswick Zone, 679 Washington Avenue, Belleville. Transportation not provided. Includes two games and shoe rental daily.

Register for summer clinics at Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., plus Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Or, register online at www.Bloomfieldrecreation.org.

Week 5, July 26-30

- **Speed and Agility.** Ages 6-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Memorial Park.
- **Cooking.** Ages 10-15 (limit 18), 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-2:30 p.m., Bloomfield High School.
- **Football.** Ages 6-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Memorial Park.

Week 6, Aug. 2-6

- **Skateboarding.** Ages 6-9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 10-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Memorial Park.
- **Basketball.** Ages 10-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 6-9, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (limit 50, in each group) Bloomfield High School.

Week 7, Aug. 9-13

- **Volleyball.** Ages 10-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 6-9, 12:30-2:30 p.m. (Limit 50, in each group.) At Bloomfield High School.
- **Wrestling.** Boys ages 6-15, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bloomfield High School.
- **Fencing.** Ages 6-9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 10-15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Bloomfield High School, (limit 30, in each group).

Week 8, Aug. 16-20

- **NEW Wiffle Ball.** Ages 10-15, Aug. 16-20, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Felton Field (limit 24).
- **NEW Advanced Art.** Ages 10-15, Aug. 16-20, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Civic Center (limit 18).

Three Summer Camps

Last year's rates remain intact. Call for more information.

- Session 1: June 28 – July 9 (closed July 5)
- Session 2: July 12 – 23
- Session 3: July 26 – Aug. 6

Summer Playgroup - Pre-K or age 4 (by Aug. 14), 9 am. - noon at Oakview School.

Summer Recreation Station - For children currently in grades K-7, at Demarest School, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Note: 8:15 a.m. drop-off is available for an additional fee.)

Station II Camp - A summer program for children with special needs in pre-K to grade 7 operates on the same schedule as the above camps. Two levels are offered: a self-contained program and an inclusion model. For information, call (973) 743-9074.

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Public Works Yard, 230 Grove Street
Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for recycling drop-off

General Recycling Services

Yard Waste Collection April 1 - Oct. 15

Yard waste is collected on regular recycling days. The following rules apply:

- Leaves, grass, clippings, brush, branches and lawn rakings may be collected in biodegradable bags only. Do not place loosely or in piles on sidewalks, gutters or streets.
- The Township will not pick up waste collected in paper or plastic shopping bags or in trash cans.
- Yard waste cannot be combined with household garbage or recycling.
- Landscapers must conform to the same rules.
- Grass clippings can be left on the lawn for "grasscycling." (See www.bloomfieldtpnj.com/grasscycling.php)

■ Metals and Appliances -

Appointment required. Call no later than 3 p.m. Monday for a Tuesday pickup.

Refrigerator Recycling: Call Greener Bloomfield at 973-932-0472.

■ **Bulky Items** (i.e., furniture, carpeting, mattresses, TVs larger than 33", dried out paint cans) - Collected in all zones on the second weekly pickup day. Maximum three pieces per household per pickup. (No call necessary.)

■ **Branch Pickup** - Branches must be cut and tied in lengths not exceeding four feet and less than 25 pounds. Place the bundles at curbside on recycling days.

■ **Large Tree Parts** - Lengths not exceeding three feet. Call 680-4127, press #1 for Maintenance.

■ **Window and Mirror Glass** - Wrap in paper and place in double garbage bags. Place the package for curbside pickup on the second garbage day. For extra-large windows or mirrors, use tape.

■ **Proper Household Battery Management** - Place AAA, AA and 9-volt batteries in house-hold garbage.

■ **Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day** - to be announced.

■ **Motor Oil and/or Antifreeze** - Hold for pickup on specified date or take with tires to a local gas station or dealer.

■ **Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones** Recycle at Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office-Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Walmart or Verizon Wireless. Car batteries not accepted. To find the nearest

retail collection site, visit www.rbrc.org, or call 1-800-8-BATTERY or 1-877-2-RECY-CLE.

■ **Printer Cartridges** - Ask if your retailer recycles them.

Non-Recycling Services

■ **Pothole Repair** - Call (973) 680-4127, press #1 to provide location.

■ **Streetlight Out** - Call (973) 680-4009. Provide the pole number.

■ **Missed Pickup of Trash or Leaves/Grass**
Call (973) 680-4127, press #1 to provide your address.

Curbside Recycling

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled Materials

Report missed pickups
at (973) 674-6266

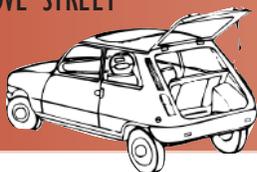
Holiday

Sept. 6 - Labor Day

Where a blacked-out holiday appears, recycling pickups will be delayed by one day after the holiday for the rest of the week. Also, garbage pickups will be suspended on blacked-out holidays and affected residents will have only one garbage collection that week.

Recycling Drop-Off

230 GROVE STREET



Saturdays
9 a.m.
to 1 p.m.

Items Accepted

1. **All Curbside Recycling:** Newspapers, cardboard, mixed paper, bottles, cans.

2. **Computers/Electronics:** Computers, monitors, printers, wires/cables, keyboards, mouse, telephones, computer

components, TVs under 32", VCRs, DVD players, stereos, microwaves, small household appliances.

3. **Hard Covered Books**

4. **Usable Clothing**

This summer, raise your hand to community kindness

When Brian Sullivan's elderly mother had a stroke, there was little he could do to provide ongoing assistance since she lived far away in Canada. It was a great comfort to him knowing that local volunteers were giving their all to help her. "I wanted to do the same for somebody else," he said.



Brian Sullivan

That was eight years ago. Ever since, Brian has served as a Neighbor to Neighbor Network volunteer, delivering food to Bloomfield families and seniors in need through the program developed by the Township's Health & Human Services Department.

"The NTNN Coordinator assigned me a job that fit my schedule," said Sullivan. It was one hour a week in the evening after work. "The peo-

ple I delivered food to were so gracious and grateful. Many times I was invited in for a snack or coffee. I can't think of a better way to make a difference in one hour a week."

If you're a giver like Brian, there are many ways to donate your time to enhance the quality of life for Bloomfield seniors and disabled people. Here are a few:

- Make a simple visit. Provide company and conversation to an isolated neighbor.
- Do grocery shopping and other errands.
- Provide minor home repairs or gardening assistance.
- Mow a lawn.
- Fill out utility assistance applications.
- Work on weekly food pantry deliveries.
- Drive someone to the doctor when public transportation is not available.
- Help out at the John A.

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You may be eligible for utility bill assistance

If you've fallen behind on utility bills due to a temporary financial crisis, help may be available through NJ Shares (NJS). The program offers a one-time grant to moderate-income applicants who can demonstrate a financial crisis and a history of good-faith payment of electricity, gas or oil bills. Applications can be made through Bloomfield's Human Services Division.

Utility assistance is also available for low-income families. The Universal Service Fund (USF) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) both help families pay for electric and natural gas costs. Human Services cannot process the applications but can provide assistance to Bloomfield residents. For more information, call Human Services at (973) 680-4017. ✪

2010 Income Guidelines LIHEAP, USF, NJS

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income		
	LIHEAP 225% FPL*	USF 175% FPL*	CAP for NJ Shares 400% FPL*
1	\$2,031	\$1,580	\$3,610
2	\$2,732	\$2,125	\$4,857
3	\$3,434	\$2,670	\$6,103
4	\$4,135	\$3,216	\$7,350
5	\$4,836	\$3,762	\$8,630
6	\$5,537	\$4,307	\$9,843
7	\$6,239	\$4,852	\$11,090
8	\$6,940	\$5,398	\$12,337
9	\$7,641	\$5,943	\$13,583
10	\$8,342	\$6,489	\$14,830

* Federal poverty level

Households with gross monthly income over the LIHEAP or USF charts and below the NJS 400% cap may apply for NJ SHARES. Households eligible for LIHEAP and USF can call (800) 510-3102 for more information.

Don't suffer with depression

Ten percent of American adults suffer from clinical depression each year, women nearly twice as often as men. Treatment with medication can alleviate symptoms 80% of the time. To deal with the problem locally, the Human Services Division offers free and confidential screenings for mental health disorders. A short questionnaire is used to screen for depression, bipolar disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. Based on the results, referrals to mental health care providers will be provided as necessary. ✪

Upcoming Health Clinics

Screenings are held in the Nursing Division and appointments are required, unless otherwise indicated. Call (973) 680-4058.

- ◆ **Blood Pressure.** Two free locations offered.
 - Nursing Division Office – first and third Thursday of every month, 9:30-10:30 a.m. No charge.
 - Watchung Presbyterian Church – second Friday of every month, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Located at 375 Watchung Avenue.
- ◆ **Bone Density Screenings for Men and Women.** June 29 and Aug.

- 31, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$8 for those 55 and older; all others \$10. Services provided by Mountainside Hospital Community Health.
- ◆ **Respiratory Screening.** Sept. 21, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$5. Services provided by Mountainside Hospital Community Health.
- ◆ **Seasonal Flu Vaccination.** For dates, times and locations, check the website or call the flu hotline,

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The Arts Scene

Garden State Concert Band (973) 338-8140

"Music of the Big Band Era," 1930s to the 1970s, featuring composers Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton. Friday, Aug. 13, 7 p.m. at Kips Castle, 22 Crestmont Road in Verona. Sponsored by County Executive Joseph Di Vincenzo, Jr., the Essex County Freeholders, and the county parks department.

Westminster Arts Center www.bloomfield.edu/westminster

- "Vampyre Macbeth." Based on the classic Shakespeare play and presented by Rogues Company. General admission \$20, seniors \$15. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9-11, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 12 at 2 p.m.
- A Music Exhibition. Singers

and instrumentalists perform an array of musical styles. General admission \$20, seniors \$15. Friday, Sept. 17, 8 p.m.

- "The Fourth Wall" and "The Real Inspector Hound," two comic one-act plays. General admission \$20, seniors \$15. Presented by 4th Wall Theatre, Sept. 24, 25, 26, 30, Oct. 1, 2. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m.

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center

www.Oakeside.org
(973) 429-0960

Summer Art Camp is back. Children ages 5 to 12 work in small groups according to age.

- Week 1, *Three-Dimensional Art*, June 28 - July 2, ages 5-13. Mixed media and art history. Instructor Joanne Domenick de Florio. Tuition \$210.
- Week 2, *American Art*, July 5-9, ages 5-13. Drawing, painting, sculpture and art history,

Instructor Joanne Domenick de Florio. Tuition \$210.

- Week 3, *Crafty Campers*, July 12-16, ages 5-12. Instructor Emmy Feyeux. Tuition \$210.
- Week 4, *Cooking is Fun*, Aug. 2-6, ages 6-12. Instructor Nicole Reilly. Tuition \$230.

See "Showboat" in Atlantic City. Take a bus ride on Monday, July 19 to enjoy the beach, boardwalk, casinos and a Broadway favorite. The bus leaves Oakeside at 9 a.m., then leaves Atlantic City at 5 p.m. Cost: \$30 per person. Call Oakeside for details.

Youth Band seeks new members for 25th season

The Bloomfield Youth Band is seeking new members. The highly acclaimed group of high school and college musicians performs four public concerts a year in Bloomfield. Rehearsals are on Fridays, from 7 to 9:15 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School, plus a few Sunday rehearsals. The performance season runs September through June, concurrent with the school calendar.

The Youth Band has been recognized by the U.S. Congress, the State Legislature and the Mayor and Town Council of Bloomfield for artistic excellence and community service. The founding and current conductor is Patrick Burns.

Next year will mark the band's 25th anniversary season and a celebratory event is planned for June. To learn more about the band, visit www.bloomfieldyouthband.org, or send e-mail to patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com. ✨

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Know what happens to all those candy wrappers and cigarette butts that people toss out so casually? Or the dog poop they throw into storm drains? How about the gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers and pesticides we use?

It all flows into rivers, lakes streams and ultimately the ocean. Along the way, it contaminates drinking water, kills fish and other wildlife and forces the closing of beaches.

Human activity is largely responsible for stormwater pollution. Whether we have clean water is up to you. You have the power to stop your contribution to stormwater pollution. Here's how:

- Place litter in trash cans.

- Use less fertilizer.
- Use pesticide alternatives when possible.
- Put pet waste in the garbage or toilet.
- Don't feed ducks or geese. It results in concentrated animal waste.
- Don't pour household hazardous waste down the drain or toilet and don't discard with the trash. DPW and Essex County offer household hazardous waste disposal days. Call them for information.
- Recycle used motor oil at local service stations or bring to Essex County waste disposal days.
- When washing your car at home, use nonphosphate detergent and do it on your lawn. ♻️

Community kindness

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Bukowski Shelter for Animals.

- Serve on the Domestic Violence Response Team.

"There are people in Bloomfield who want to volunteer, but don't know how to start," said Brian, who recently joined the board of NTNN. "Neighbor to Neighbor is a good way to begin. I recommend it to anyone who wants to lend a helping hand in Bloomfield."

Volunteers are also needed on three NTNN operating committees: public relations, volunteer recruitment and fundraising.

To learn more about volunteering or receiving services, contact Shelley Slafkes, Esq., LSW, Volunteer Coordinator, at sslafkes@bloomfieldtpnj.com, or (201) 259-3080. ♻️

Planning a garage sale?

Here are the Township's guidelines for garage sales:

- Residents are allowed two garage sales a year. After the second sale, a \$10 fee is applied.
- Sales cannot extend more than two consecutive days.
- Signs cannot be posted off the property and cannot exceed 2x2 feet. Signs can be posted up to one week before the sale and must be removed within 24 hours after the sale.
- If you are selling mattresses, bedsprings, cots, lounges or sofas, they must be disinfected and sterilized prior to the sale.
- Fines for violations are \$25 to \$100 or imprisonment of up to 10 days for each violation.

For more information, call the Department of Inspections at (973) 680-4053. ♻️

Free Library Theatre Programs

- Classical pianist Diane Goldsmith, Sunday, Sept. 19, 2 p.m.
- Movies - every Monday and Thursday, 12:15 p.m.

Children's Summer Reading Program

Research shows that children's reading levels fall a little during the summer, but not so for children who participate in library summer reading programs. In fact, reading skill can leap ahead if a child is having fun reading good books.

"Make a Splash @ Your Library" is this year's summer reading program, July 6 to Aug. 19. Children up to grade six will keep reading logs to earn prizes. Related programs include:

- July 6, 2 p.m. – Singer/storyteller Kurt Gallagher
- July 29, 2 p.m. – Ronald McDonald
- Aug. 12, 2 p.m. – Magical H2O Show
- Weekly storytimes and crafts for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and older
- Tuesdays - Book Bingo
- Wednesdays – games
- Thursdays - Chess Club
- Fridays - afternoon movies

Regular children's programs resume in the fall. For a monthly calendar, visit the website, call the library or check local media.

Clubs

- Book Club - Monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. Dates and topics are posted on library bulletin boards, the website and local media, or call ext. 502.
- Poetry Club - Share your work, talk poetry with like-minded people or just listen. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m.

Special Services

- *English as a Second Language, Conversation Classes* – Call x213 or x502 for information.
- *Immediate Online Reference Service* is available around the clock. Go to the library website and click on QandANJ.
- *Free Notary Service* – Call for an appointment.
- *Passport Application Assistance* – Every fourth Wednesday, 2 to 8 p.m. Bring required documents and fees. For details contact the County Clerk's Office at (973) 621-2921 or www.essexclerk.com.

Holiday Closures

- Independence Day (observed) – Monday, July 5
- Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 6

Summer Schedule

Monday through Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed weekends. Normal hours will resume Sept. 11.

Rowland F. Bennett, Interim Library Director

Municipal Directory

Dial 680

+ the following 4-digit direct-dial numbers

Administration	4006
Animal Control	4024
Animal Shelter	748-0194
Assessor (Tax)	4021
Bd. of Education	8500
Building Dept	4054
Clerk's Office	4015
Community Dev.....	4188
Court/Violations	4078
Engineering	4009
Finance	4038
Fire Dept	4153
Health Dept	4024
Info Systems	4670
Law Department	4066
Library	566-6200
Mayor & Council	4080
Parking Authority	8960
Personnel	4005
Police Dept	4141
Public Works	4127, x400
Recreation	743-9074
Tax Dept	4049
Water Department	4051

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Raymond J. McCarthy

Council Members

- 1st Ward, Janice Maly
 - 2nd Ward, Nicholas Joanow
 - 3rd Ward, Robert Ruane
- Council Members At-Large:
- Pat Barker
 - Bernard Hamilton
 - Patricia Spychala

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July thru October

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Upcoming Health Clinics

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(973) 680-4060, on or after Sept. 20. (This season's flu shot does contain H1N1 strain.)

◆ **Child Health Conference.** Most Wednesdays from 9:30 to noon, childhood and school vaccines are administered to uninsured or underinsured Bloomfield residents ages two months through 18 years.

(Also Hepatitis A and human papillomavirus.) Vaccines are available with a one-time \$5 registration fee per child, and a \$5 administration fee per child due at each appointment. Pre-registration is required.

◆ **NEW Adult Vaccination Clinic.** Monday, July 19, 10 a.m. to noon. Includes tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis, meningitis,

pneumococcus, and human papillomavirus. Residents pay a one-time registration fee of \$15, and a \$10 administration fee for each appointment. The vaccines are available to insured, uninsured and underinsured Bloomfield residents age 19 years and older. For information or an appointment, check the website or call Nursing. ✨