

Bloomfield Buzz

July - December 2018

Bloomfield Bond Rating Upgraded, Will Create Major Savings for Taxpayers

Moody's Investors Service has officially upgraded the Township of Bloomfield's bond rating to Aa2, one of the highest ratings available. The rating upgrade is the culmination of a financial management strategy focusing on improving management practices, investing in township infrastructure and more. The improved bond rating will enable the Township to achieve lower interest rates on future bond issues and long term debt used to pay for capital improvement projects, **potentially saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in reduced debt service payments.**

"Bloomfield's financial outlook has never been stronger and that is a testament to the dedicated team we have put in place."
Mayor Michael Venezia

"This rating is further proof that our financial management plan and our sustainable approach to development are both paying off by significantly improving Bloomfield's financial position. I'm excited to continue working to improve our finances and keep property taxes stable," said Mayor Michael Venezia.

Factors cited by Moody's that contributed to the rating increase include Bloomfield's large tax base, ongoing development and strong finances, which the agency attributed to sound budgeting principles and effective management. Mayor Venezia and his team have worked to streamline operations and make government more efficient. Changes have been evident in the Bloomfield Police Department which was completely reorganized, the Bloomfield Parking Authority which has now been dissolved and brought into the municipal government, and many other departments where operations have been modernized and improved.

Mayor Venezia and the Township Council have also prioritized attracting new development to the community in the last several years, resulting in multiple new residential and mixed-use developments primarily located near Bloomfield Center and within walking distance of public transit. This approach is helping to revitalize the township, bringing in new residents and increasing tax revenue to support priorities like enhancing services and facilities, improving public safety and stabilizing property taxes.

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Mayor Michael Venezia and Township Administrator Matthew Watkins review budget documents with Personnel Coordinator Kim Duva

Summer Fun 2018

You know about the Annual Independence Day Celebration, but did you know there will be **SEVEN FREE** outdoor concerts in July? Come be a part of our Summer of Fun!

Did you know the Buzz is available every month, online?

The printed Buzz that you are holding is sent in January and July, but the rest of the year, the best way to learn about events in town is the monthly e-newsletter, E-Buzz. Subscribe Online at

www.tinyurl.com/buzz456 or by texting "EBUZZ" to 22828.



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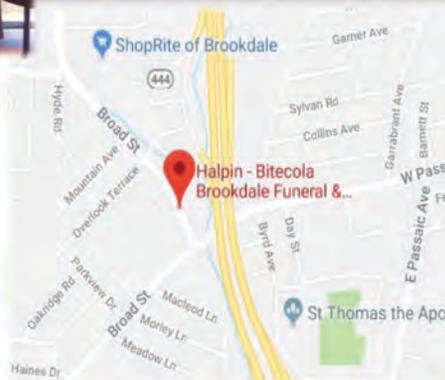
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Bloomfield Council meetings and Clerk's dates:

July 16 (Conference) (Room 205 Law Enforcement Building (LEB) 7:00pm
July 23 (Regular) (Council Chambers) 7:00pm
August 20 (Conference and Regular) Room 205 LEB) 6:30/7:00pm
September 10 (Conference) (Room 205 LEB) 7:00pm
September 24 (Regular) (Council Chambers) 7:00pm
October 15 (Conference) Room 205 LEB) 7:00pm
October 29 (Regular) (Council Chambers) 7:00pm
November 19 (Conference) Room 205 LEB) 7:00pm
November 26 (Regular) (Council Chambers) 7:00pm
December 3 (Conference) Room 205 LEB) 7:00pm
December 17 (Conference and Regular) 6:30/7:30pm

CLERK'S Notices

October 16 - Last day to register to vote or transfer registration. (Municipal Clerk's Office, Rm. 214, is open 8:30am-9:00pm)

October 30 - Last day to apply by mail for Vote by Mail Ballot (Municipal Clerk's Office, Rm. 214, is open 8:30am-4:30pm)

November 6-General Election Day (Polls are open from 6:00am-8:00pm)

Questions: email twpcclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or 973-680-4015

Historical Society of Bloomfield
For all events, contact
www.hsob.org;
info@hsob.org;
973-743-8844

EVENT: Vintage Baseball at Wrights Field
DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018
TIME: 1:30pm
VENUE: Wrights Field (180 Weaver Ave. Located at bottom of Baldwin Place)
Don't expect modern baseball—this game will be played like it's 1864! Rain date, September 22, same time

EVENT: HSOB Semi-Annual Attic Treasures Sale & Bake Sale
DATE: Saturday, September 29, 2018
TIME: 10:00am-3:00pm
VENUE: Bloomfield Library Theater, 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ
Books, memorabilia, collectibles, artwork, ephemera, all kinds of fun things will be for sale

EVENT: The History of Bloomfield College: Celebrating 150 Years
DATE: Tuesday, October 23, 2018
TIME: 7:30pm
VENUE: Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ
COST: FREE and open to the public
Learn about the history, milestones and accomplishments of Bloomfield College in the past 150 years

Fire Department

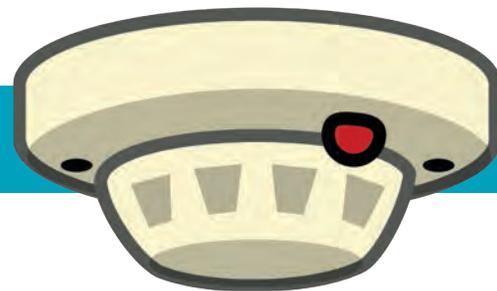
DRAWING A MAP OF YOUR HOME IS MORE THAN JUST AN EXERCISE

Making a home escape plan that involves drawing a map of your home showing all doors and windows and an outside meeting place in front of your home is a key component of escape planning.

Fire Officials agree that when members of a household create a home escape plan and practice what to do and where to go when the smoke alarms sound, the likelihood of a safe escape increases significantly.

Please check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are working. Remember they are your first line of defense.

Also, anyone requiring the installation of child car seats, please feel free to call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 973-680-4153 to make an appointment. We will be happy to do it for you.



Join the Bloomfield Federation of Music Family!

Bloomfield Chorale

The chorale performs international folk music, Americana, classical, pop standards, holiday music, sacred music, show tunes and opera.

Website: www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale

General E-mail: bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com

Conductor Ruth Hsu:

973-667-1440, graciouspeace@gmail.com

Bloomfield Civic Band

Currently, the band is seeking brass, woodwind and percussion players.

Website: <http://civicband.bloomfieldfm.org/>

General E-mail: ldejulio@comcast.net, 973-338-1646

Conductor Frank Ortega: frankonj@aol.com

Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra

Instruments include mandolin, mandola, mandocello, mandobass, guitar, and flute. On October 6, 2018 at 1:00pm, Orchestra Maestro Enrico Granafei will conduct a performance in the Theatre of the Bloomfield Public Library. Free admission.

General E-mail: bmomandolin@gmail.com

Conductor Enrico Granafei:

862-703-0627, enrimus@aol.com

Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

There are current openings for all strings, and limited openings for bassoon, French horn, oboe and timpani.

Website: <http://www.bloomfieldsymphony.org/>

General E-mail: info@bloomfieldsymphony.org

Conductor Israel Herman:

609-273-6869, maestro02@verizon.net

Bloomfield Youth Band

The Youth Band is a community wind ensemble comprised of 55 secondary school and college musicians from the surrounding area which has performed multiple public concerts per year in Bloomfield since 1986.

Website: www.facebook.com/Bloomfield-Youth-Band-58395288567

General E-mail: patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com

Conductor Patrick Burns:

973-495-4397, patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com

**For a FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
contact 973-743-9074**



The Pulaski Park Community Garden is in its fourth year and is lush with eggplants, zucchinis and cucumbers. The 4x8 plots rent for \$50 (fee waived for veterans.) We have a waitlist started for the 2019 season. If you would like to be put on the waitlist or want more information, email bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com. Also check out our Facebook page **BloomfieldCG**.

Supporters of the Bloomfield Animal Shelter Events for Remainder of 2018

Bloomfield PetValu Adoption Events

11:00am–3:00pm at 192 Bloomfield Avenue

(Aldi shopping center).

- Saturday, July 13
- Saturday, August 11
- Saturday, September 8
- Saturday, October 13
- Saturday, November 10
- Saturday, December 8



- Saturday, September 15:

Harris Corporation Charity Event

12:00–5:00pm at 71 River Road, Clifton, NJ.

Please see the SOBAS Facebook page for details and other events and announcements.

<https://www.facebook.com/sobasevents/>

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- **Food programs, utilities assistance, prescription assistance, and limited rental/mortgage assistance** are all available to qualified low-income individuals and families. Human Services conducts free benefits screenings to determine eligibility from their office, the Essex County Mobile Welfare Van, or at home. Call 973-680-4020 for more details.
- **Eliminate health insurance confusion** with Bloomfield's State Health Insurance Assistance Program. Counselors are available to help people wade through difficult insurance decisions. There's also help available for applying for the Affordable Care Act or NJ Family Care.
- **Affordable dental care** is available when the Zufall Dental Van comes to town hall. Services include full mouth X-Rays, comprehensive exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions and partials. Call Gilberto at 973-328-9100, x271.
- **The 2018 Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away** sponsored by Mayor Michael Venezia, will take place Sunday, November 18, from 10:30am-1:00pm in the back parking lot at Town Hall, #1 Municipal Plaza. Must register between October 2 to November 14, call Human Services.
- **One-time rent/mortgage/utility assistance** is available to those suffering a temporary financial setback. To learn more, call Human Services.

Group Walks and Veggie Trucks Tuesdays



Join us as we **WALK** Bloomfield, shop for some delicious produce at the Veggie Trucks, and win prizes!
Walks start at 11:00am, and will alternate locations:
**Bloomfield Public Library July 3 and July 17, August 7 and August 21, September 11 and 25, October 16 and 30, and November 13*
**1 Municipal Plaza on July 10 and July 24, August 14 and August 28, September 18, October 23 and November 6.*
For Walk details go to:
<https://www.meetup.com/Lets-WalkProgram>, or email liz.brady@njbwc.org

Public Health Nursing

973-680-4058 • nursing@bloomfieldtwpnj.com
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED PLEASE CALL THE NURSING DIVISION

All services listed are free and at Town Hall unless otherwise specified.

Blood Pressure Screening

1st Thursday of every month from 9:30-10:30am at Town Hall. 2nd Thursday of every month from 10:00am-12:00pm at Brookdale ShopRite. 3rd Friday of every month from 11:30am-12:30pm at the Bloomfield Civic Center.

Diabetes Screening

4th Thursday of every month from 10:00am-12:00pm; Brookdale Shoprite.

Blood Screening

Includes Health Panel (blood chemistry, CBC, lipid panel, T4) - \$35; PSA - \$35. Health Panel and PSA - \$50. Tuesday, Oct 23 from 8:30-10:00am.

Urinalysis Screening

10:00am-12:00pm. Cost: \$10 Dates: July 23, December 17

Osteoporosis (Bone Density) Screening

Cost: \$12 Time: 10:00am-12:00pm. September 24, and December 10.

Pap Smear and Mammography Screening

Free screening on Thursday October 11, for women who are uninsured and meet financial guidelines, provided by Rutgers University S.A.V.E. Program. Pap smear for women age 21 and over, Mammography for women age 45 and over. Call for more details.

Clinical Breast Exam

This free screening is available for women who are not under the care of a breast specialist. Date: Monday, October 14 10:00am-12:00pm.

Men's Health Screening

For uninsured men age 50-75, African-American men 45 and older. Date: Monday, November 5, 6:30-8:30pm.

Stroke Screening

\$30 per person. September 17 10:00am-12:00pm.

File of Life Program

Your File of Life can fit in a wallet and contains vital information such as: Emergency Contacts; Health Care Providers Names/Numbers; Medication; Allergies; Insurance; Medical Conditions; Health Proxy; Advance Directives; Blood Type.

In addition to screenings, Public Health Nursing also provides these services:

Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD, Mantoux, TST) - Call for information and financial eligibility requirements.

Adult Vaccine Program

Appointment required. 19 and over.

Well Child Program

Most Wednesdays, appointments at 9:00am. Infants to teens, age 2 months through 18. Vaccines, lead screening, autism screening, growth and development assessment, post-partum depression screening.

Garbage and Recycling Calendar

Holidays where pickups will be suspended:

July 4, September 3, November 22,
December 25, January 1, 2019

*Garbage will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled day
Recycling is delayed until next business day*

Unshaded:	Commingled
Shaded:	Mixed Paper only

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Metals and Appliances (not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW no later than 3:00pm the Monday before scheduled Tuesday pickup.

Vegetative Bag Collection will end on December 31. On your recycling day, place grass and leaves in biodegradable bags at curbside. **NO TRASH IN VEGETATIVE** waste bags and no more than 50lbs.

Visit the **Bloomfield Department of Public Works and Parks** on Facebook to get all of our timely updates, or call **973-680-4127** with questions on dates or any service requests.

What CAN or CAN'T go into my curbside recycling container?

GOOD

- ✔ Plastic Bottles & Containers (*Bottles coded with #1, #2, or #5 on bottom*)
- ✔ Mixed Paper (*Newspaper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Catalogs and Phone Books*)
- ✔ Cans (*Aluminum and Steel/Tin Cans and Lids*)
- ✔ Glass Bottles and Jars (*All Sizes and Colors*)
- ✔ Cardboard (*Corrugated, Cereal Boxes, Clean Pizza Boxes, etc.*)
- ✔ Cartons (*Clean Milk, Juice and Food Cartons*)

BAD

- ✘ PLASTIC BAGS
- ✘ DIRTY OR GREASY PIZZA BOXES OR CONTAINERS
- ✘ Styrofoam
- ✘ Dishware, Glass and Mirrors (Call us for a special pickup)
- ✘ Shredded Paper (Put in regular garbage)
- ✘ Pots, Pans and Small Appliances
- ✘ Plastic Containers and Plastic Ware
(*Bottles NOT coded with #1, #2, or #5 on bottom*)

General Recycling

Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day
October 6 from 8:30am-4:00pm, at the fleet maintenance garage, 125 Fairview Ave., Cedar Grove (next to old hospital center). Bring your driver's license as proof of county residence. For details, call **Essex County** at **973-792-9060**.

Paper Shredding Day-- Date TBD. For residents only, at the Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad St.

North End Electronic Recycling-- Date TBD at the Shoprite parking lot across from Brookdale Christian Church. Discard computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, telephones, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, small appliances.

Saturday Recycling Hours--The Public Works Yard at 230 Grove St. is open for recycling every Saturday from 9:00am—1:00pm. No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper, commingled items and electronics.

Bulk Pickup of large items (no metals, appliances) occurs on the second pickup day of each week. Three items maximum. No need to call the office.

Sewer Maintenance

Please be careful what you flush down toilets or down sinks. Like most towns in our area, Bloomfield has older infrastructure, meaning pipes can become clogged if we are not careful. when we apply pressure in those lines to clear blockages, our pipes crack/break leading to much bigger problems. Grease, cooking oil and baby wipes account for almost 70% of our Township's sewer backups.

Bote la grasa en la Basura, No en el Desague!
Evite Problemas y Ahorre Dinero! Cuando botamos grasa en el fregadero o toilette resulta en bloques de desague.

Don't drain grease, TRASH IT!
Save money and avoid messy sewer backups by disposing of grease and cooking oils in the trash — not down the drain or the toilet.

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GREASE CLOGS PIPES!

CLEAN PIPE vs **PIPE CLOGGED WITH GREASE**

• Una obstrucción de grasa puede costar cientos de dólares para eliminar y puede causar bloqueos de desague.
• Bloques de desague son un peligro potencial para la salud.
• El agua caliente potable no impide las obstrucciones de grasa.

• A grease clog can cost you hundreds of dollars to remove and can cause sewer back-ups.
• Sewer backups are a potential health hazard.
• Hot water does not prevent grease clogs. Grease will cool and settle out as it travels through your sewer pipes and into the public sewer system.

Township of Bloomfield Health & Human Services 973-680-4024 www.bloomfieldnj.org

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