

# Bloomfield BUZZ



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## Raise a Glass! to the Bloomfield Health Department

Residents, be proud! Unlike any other public health department in the state of New Jersey, Bloomfield Health & Human Services has scored a coveted accreditation from the national Public Health Accreditation Board.

The achievement – three years in the making and entirely voluntary – was hailed at the November League of Municipalities annual convention in Atlantic City.

What does it mean for Bloomfield?

- Greater consideration for competitive public health grants.
- More outside towns requesting Bloomfield Health's paid expertise.
- Public assurance that Bloomfield HHS wants to do the best job possible.

The five-year accreditation award was announced by PHAB in mid-November. It involved a peer-reviewed community health assessment, a community improvement plan, a strategic plan and management performance plans.

To maintain the accreditation, the department has to uphold its high standards for five years. PHAB will require annual reports to verify continuation of the standards.

"It's really about continuous quality improvement," said Bloomfield Health Department Director Karen Lore. "It puts us on a path of always having processes in place to make improvement – to constantly develop staff and to impact change in the community to create a culture of health."

After five years, when the accreditation expires, the department will need to conduct another community

health assessment to renew the accreditation.

### With visibility comes revenue

PHAB President Kaye Bender said, "In many communities, the health department is almost invisible to the public. That 'out of sight, out of mind' image can create opportunities for funding cuts."

With more visibility comes an expectation of greater success in applying for grants. Last year, Bloomfield Health was awarded \$100,000 in state and federal grant monies. The accreditation could up the ante significantly.

Equally important, the accreditation could attract more attention from admiring outside health departments that have fewer resources and expertise. Currently Bloomfield has consulting contracts with Glen Ridge, Caldwell, Lincoln Park, West Milford and Mountain Lakes. Those departments rely on Bloomfield to administer public nursing, human services, health education and environmental inspections.

In 2014, the department's "inter-local contracts" brought \$178,000 in revenue to Bloomfield. The money was used to expand public health programs specifically benefiting Bloomfield residents.

"This accreditation is an

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Still exhilarated after receiving a coveted public health department accreditation are key members of the Bloomfield Health Department staff. In back, from left, are Jill Scarpa, F. Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Hodges, and Vincent Nicosia. In front, from left, are Donna Williams, Michelle Leonardis, Director Karen Lore and Paula Peikes.

## Do you know your neighbors' names?

### Make friendships in Neighborhood Watch

Last year when Neighborhood Watch was launched in Bloomfield, organizers took a survey asking in part, "Do you know your next door neighbors' names?" About 50% did not, said Michael LoConte.

He's the captain of the 50-member Halcyon Park/Berkeley Avenue Neighborhood Watch group that includes 270 homes. It's one of 25 groups now formed across town.

"There's a misconception that being involved in Neighborhood Watch means you have to go around being a cop," said LoConte, "Really it's as simple

as moving a neighbor's garbage can or newspapers when they're on vacation. It's getting to know your neighbors' routines, like when they normally turn their lights out for the night."

Ellen Bates captains the Greenbrook Drive group. She got involved last spring after participating in the Bloomfield Citizens Police Academy.

She took her new knowledge of Neighborhood Watch to her Greenbrook townhouse association, and said, "Would

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# Fourth grader inspires Bloomfield's new welcome signs



Nick Polidoro, a fourth-grader.

More than a year ago, as Nick was traveling through other New Jersey towns, he noticed the friendly signs welcoming visitors and he asked his mother, Jody Polidoro, why Bloomfield had no such signs.

Nick felt something should be done, so Jody introduced him to Councilman Nicholas Joanow. Young Nick explained his observation and the councilman was so impressed, he invited Nick to speak at a town council meeting

Have you noticed the welcome signs popping up at Bloomfield entry points? They began appearing in mid-November — a positive public relations effort suggested by Bloomfield resident

introduced him to Councilman Nicholas Joanow. Young Nick explained his observation and the councilman was so impressed, he invited Nick to speak at a town council meeting

in October 2014. Council members liked the idea and voted to make it a town improvement project.

When Bloomfield High School held a contest to come up with a slogan to appear on the signs, Senior Raynia Price won with "Our Unity Makes Our Community."



when they're away. Volunteers also participate in related community activities such as garden parties.

Only Bloomfield residents can apply for one of 14 plots, each measuring 4x8 feet. More plots can be added if needed. The rental fee is \$50 for new members — waived for veterans of the garden. Newcomers and veterans must fill out a contract. Novice gardeners can get assistance from other members.

The garden, located at the corner of Howard and Mt. Vernon, is a project of the Open Space Trust Fund Committee in collaboration with the Department of Public Works & Parks, the Recreation Department and the Neighbor to Neighbor Network.

For a 2016 gardener contract go to [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/main/services/forms](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/main/services/forms). Scroll to "Engineering Forms." For information, go to [www.facebook.com/OpenSpaceTrustFund](http://www.facebook.com/OpenSpaceTrustFund); call (973) 748-6462, or email [bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com). ▲

Nick's positive thinking also brought him notice from Marlene Lewis, the owner of Bloomfield toy store Sunshine Sam. Lewis honored Nick with a gift certificate to the store.

Mayor Michael J. Venezia said Nick's program encourages youth to have a voice in local government. ▲

## Neighborhood Watch

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you like to do this?" and they said, "Sure. You're in charge."

Bates set up two organizational meetings and made sure Bloomfield Councilman Nicholas Joanow was there to talk about a proposed municipal park on adjacent property once owned by Scientific Glass.

"That was the draw," said Bates. "People are concerned" that the park could attract an unknown element to the neighborhood."

But the discussion broadened. "Things started coming out," like overgrown trees that reduce visibility on sidewalks, illegal dumping, and parking debacles.

"The police and Joanow followed through," she said. "They helped us solve the problems."

LoConte and Bates cite residual benefits of Neighborhood Watch. "People who would never have met one another are forming friendships," said LoConte. And they're mobilizing for other causes. Bates' group organized a river clean-up in October after the complaints about illegal dumping came out.

**If you've been on the fence** about joining Neighborhood Watch, consider these benefits: It's a way to voice concerns directly with the Bloomfield Police. You'll learn to reduce the risk of being a crime victim. You'll become prepared to respond to suspicious activity. Your property value could rise due to greater neighborhood safety.

For more information, contact Bloomfield Police Sgt. Naomi Zepeda, Community Policing Unit, (973) 680-4627, or [nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com](mailto:nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com). ▲

## Township Clerk's Office

### June primary election deadlines announced

The statewide primary election will take place Tuesday, June 7, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Related voter deadlines are as follows:

- Last day to file petitions for mayor, three at-large council seats, and Democratic and Republican county committees, April 4. (Municipal Clerk's Office, room 214, 8:30-4:30)
- Last day to file party declaration for June primary, April 13. (Municipal Clerk's Office, room 214, 8:30-4:30)
- Last day for new registrations and address transfer, May 17. (Municipal Clerk's Office, room 214, 8:30-9:00)
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, May 31. (Municipal Clerk's Office, room 214, 8:30-4:30)
- Last day to file independent petitions, June 7 (primary election day). Go to County Clerk's Office, 465 Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd., Hall of Records, room 247, Newark, 8:30-4:00.

### Upcoming Township Council Meetings

All meetings at 7 p.m.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jan. 4 - regular mtg.     | Mar. 21 - conference mtg.  |
| Jan. 11 - conference mtg. | April 11 - regular mtg.    |
| Jan. 25 - regular mtg.    | April 18 - conference mtg. |
| Feb. 1 - regular mtg.     | May 2 - regular mtg.       |
| Feb. 22 - conference mtg. | May 16 - conference mtg.   |
| Mar. 7 - regular mtg.     | June 13 - regular mtg.     |
|                           | June 27 - conference mtg.  |

- Regular meetings - Council Chambers, Municipal Building, second floor.
- Conference meetings - Law Enforcement Building, room 205.
- Questions: [twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com) or (973) 680-4015.

# Bloomfield's Collins House makes state historic register

## Restoration under way; \$150K grant anticipated



A 225-year-old Bloomfield house has been added to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places — a designation 11 years in the making.

The Collins House, a Township-owned property located between Broad Street and JFK Drive (next to Kinder Towers), was approved by the Register review board on Nov. 12. Restoration began in early 2015 and blue construction tarps covering the roof can now be seen from Broad Street.

The house is regarded as the centerpiece of the Morris Canal Greenway in Bloomfield. Its earliest residents, the Collins family, played important roles in building and maintaining the adjacent inclined plane (a canal ramp considered an engineering marvel in its day), as well as many locks, bridges and aqueducts. The Bloomfield Plane was one of the busiest locations on the canal.

The Greenway Committee, which applied for the historic designation, has suggested that once the restoration is complete the house should be used as a public meeting space and a permanent museum to highlight Morris Canal history.

The house is also an important example of an East Jersey Cottage home — that is, simple box construction with heavy timber supports. New boxes were added at ground level or upper stories as families grew.

The main part of the Collins House (to the right of the front door) was built

### Why Preserve Old Homes?

Historic preservation honors the heritage of a community and lends it a sense of place and continuity. As franchising and highways make more and more communities look the same, many towns keep their identities intact by preserving the past. Preserved properties add character and charm, while respecting old workmanship. For the practical-minded, historic preservation can also prevent sprawl since the space is already occupied.

around 1790. Another section (containing the current front door) was added in 1820, and the back kitchen was built in the 1950s.

The application for historic designation was written by Greenway Committee members Rich Rockwell, Mimi Michalski, Andrew Kollar and Carlos Pomares. Michalski began the process 11 years ago.

The historic designation is expected to enhance the committee's eligibility for grant monies not previously within reach. For example, a \$150,000 grant from the Historic Trust of New Jersey was contingent upon obtaining the historic designation. If the grant is awarded, the Township will match it with \$2 for every \$3 received.

The Greenway Committee

also has applied to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Collins House joins numerous other Bloomfield structures already on the state and national historic registers, including bridges, commercial buildings, a cemetery, two schools, a golf course, several historic districts and even a

diner.

According to the Bloomfield Historical Society website, Bloomfield "has been completely developed since the 1960s" and "few artifacts from the 1800s remain." That makes preservation of the Collins House a feather in the Township's cap. ▲



### St. Thomas the Apostle School

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#### 2016-2017 Registration Underway (Grades PK3-8)

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- Full-Day Kindergarten
- BeforeCare & AfterCare Programs
- World Language, Art, Music
- Extracurricular Activities

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# Bloomfield Recreation Department



## 2016 Winter Programs

Registration is required for all winter programs. Dates and times are listed on the website. In-person registration takes place Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Or sign up on the Recreation website (Visa and Mastercard accepted).

### Adult Fitness

(age 18 and older)

- Crossfitness
- Morning Body Makeover
- New Year, New You
- Pilates
- Spartan Group X, high intensity interval training
- Yoga
- Zumba

### Children's Art

Grades 1-6

### Baton

(Pre-K and older) Competition A and B levels determined by experience.

### Gymble Tots

Age 4 (continuation of Tumble Tots)

### Hip-Hop Dance

Ages 6-12

### Karate

- New students, ages 5-8
- Returning white belts with stripes, ages 5-8, and new students age 9 or older
- White belts with stripes, age 9 and older
- All colored belts

### Pee Wee Basketball

Grades 1-3

### Tumble Tots

Ages 18-36 months

### Lego Robotics

Grades K-8



## Winter Excursions

Tickets on sale now at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

■ **Disney On Ice** presents "Treasure Trove," at Prudential Center, Sunday, Jan. 17, 5 p.m. Tickets are \$38 including pizza dinner at the Civic Center at 3:15 p.m. and bus transportation at 4 p.m.

■ **Seton Hall Pirates** vs. St. John's Red Storm, at Prudential Center, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m. The \$25 tickets include section 12 seats next to the Pirates tunnel.

■ **NJ Devils** vs. Tampa Bay Lightning, at Prudential Center, Friday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 including seats in section 229, a NJ Devil's Baseball Cap and a shot at the net from the Blue Line.

■ **Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus** presents "Legends" at Prudential Center, Saturday, March 12, at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$35, including continental breakfast at the Civic Center at 9:15 a.m. and bus transportation at 10 a.m.

## Adult Open Gym Basketball

Bloomfield residents (only) can participate in this Thursday night program at Bloomfield High School. Dates are Dec. 10, 17; Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; and Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, from 8 to 9:45 p.m. The \$40 season passes are available at the Civic Center or the high school gym. Valid photo ID is required at sign-up.

## Men's Basketball

Men 18 and older interested in forming a team should contact Recreation for details. Games will be played Monday to Thursday evenings, mid-January through March, at Bloomfield Middle School. For details and registration fees, call (973) 743-9074.

## Play Ball!

### Pitching Clinics

At Bloomfield Middle School

- Grades 3-5, Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5, 1:30-2:20 p.m. Fee: \$20.
- Grades 6-8, Feb. 13, 20, 27, March 5, 2:30-3:20 p.m. Fee: \$20.

### Hitting & Fielding Clinics

At Bloomfield High School

- Grades 1-4, Feb. 20, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$25.
- Grades 5-8, Feb. 27, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Fee: \$25.

**Little League Opening Day** - Ceremonies will take place in April. Details to be announced.

**Peppermint Softball** - Players in grades 3-8 can begin registering on Feb. 1. Player evaluations take place on March 1 and 2. Season play begins in April.



## Save these musical dates

- Civic Band Concerts on The Green: June 27, July 5, 11, 18
- Outdoor Summer Concert Series: July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2

**The next Morris Canal Greenway hike** will be Saturday, April 30. The three-mile trek led by Rich Rockwell and Ron Rice will follow the path of the Morris Canal through Bloomfield with a bus ride to additional canal sites. Included will be a newly reclaimed section of the canal at Oak Tree Lane. Reservations are required. For details and reservations, email [MorrisCanal@gmail.com](mailto:MorrisCanal@gmail.com).



### Senior Citizen Activities

Bloomfield Recreation is revamping its senior citizen programming. Lifetime dues are now \$12, including special events, trips and programming. To learn about programs and events offered January through March, visit the website.

### Special Needs Programs

For more information, call John Baltz, (973) 725-4485

#### • Friday Night Canteen.

People ages 7-17 enjoy recreational fun at Carteret School, plus special outings.

• **Horizons.** Special needs adults, age 18 and older, plan a monthly calendar of events such as bowling, movies, dinners out and more.

• **The CARE Station.** An aftercare program for students age 7-16 is offered at Carteret

School, providing academic support, snacks and recreational activities.

### Camera Club

Meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center. Photographers of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your camera and manual and learn to use your camera to its full potential. Learn about portrait, sports and wedding photography, as well as everyday shots. For more information, contact Otis Sullivan at otisdsullivan@verizon.net, or call the Civic Center at (973) 743-9074.

### Bloomfield Art League

Art classes for teens, adults and children will be held at the Civic center Jan. 4 to Feb. 26, and March 14 to May 6.

For details, email [bloomfieldartleaguenj@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldartleaguenj@gmail.com) or visit the recreation website and click the Art League tab.

■ **The Town Paints art exhibit** will take place on the Town Green on Saturday, May 7.

### May 6 is Family Night

Expect no homework on Friday, May 6 and all sports teams will have the evening off. "Bloomfield Family Night," an initiative supported by the Bloomfield Board of Education and the Township, will be held in conjunction with "National No Homework Day."

Families will be encouraged to turn off phones and devices and spend quality time together. Local restaurants will offer special discounts, and the Recreation Department will

host family oriented activities. Details to follow.

### Summer Camp Registration

• **Full-Day Camp** at Demarest School, grades K-7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Kindergarten Prep Camp**, Forest Glen School, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Details will be announced. All registration will take place at Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Pre-registration will be offered to all who participated last year. All others can register on a date to be announced.

### 2016 Sports Clinics

More than 25 youth sports clinics will be offered this summer. In-person and online registration dates will be announced.

## Cherish a Bloomfield park near you

Can you name the Bloomfield Park nearest your home? Do you know what recreational facilities are in it? Bloomfield's eight municipal parks and fields, plus two in-town county parks are highlighted on the Recreation website under "Facilities." Photos of each park are shown along with lists of recreational features and locations.

Got an upcoming event? A birthday party? A baby shower? Use the website to find out how to rent a park for an outdoor event, or host a cost-effective indoor event at the Civic Center. Details at (973) 743-9074 or fill out the online application.

### Memorial Day Parade

Past and present veterans, community organizations, sports teams, classic cars and more will participate in the parade on Monday, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. The procession will travel from Brookside Park to the Town Green. Groups will assemble at 9 a.m. Rides can be arranged for Veterans unable to march. Classic cars will be staged on Warren Street.

### July 4th Celebration & Fireworks Spectacular

Enjoy great food, kids' rides and games, a flag presentation, awards, live music, and the best fireworks around. The Township's July 4th celebration takes place at Foley Field/Memorial Park on JFK Drive. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and opening ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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### January

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### July

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**Blacked-Out Holidays (Recycling)** - Pickup is canceled until the next business day.

**Report Missed Recycling Pickups** at (973) 227-7020.

### No Regular TRASH Pickup:

Jan. 1 • May 30 • July 4 - delayed until next scheduled pickup

### Got a question or service request?

Contact DPW

(973) 680-4127 or find us on Facebook

## Special Events

**Big Truck Day / North End Electronic Recycling Day**, Saturday, May 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at Brookdale Christian Church, 1350 Broad Street. Trucks used for town maintenance will be cleaned up for kids to touch and climb inside.

**Paper Shredding Day**, for residents only, at the Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad Street. (Specific Saturday to be announced.)

## Recycling FYI

**Christmas Trees** will be picked up on your recycling day.

**Saturday Recycling Hours** - The Public Works Yard is open for recycling every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No trash or bulk drop off occurs during that time. Bring only paper, commingled items and electronics to 230 Grove Street.

**Electronics** can be brought to 230 Grove Street on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Composting Machines** are available for sale at the Public Works Yard, 230 Grove Street, Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: \$55. Make checks payable to the Township of Bloomfield (cash not accepted).

### Not Accepted in Regular Trash or Recycling:

- Car/truck tires
- Electronics
- Construction debris

### Not Accepted in Recycling:

- Rigid Plastic
- Molded Lawn Chairs
- Buckets
- Styrofoam (cups, egg cartons, packing materials)
- Plastic bags (shopping bags, bubble and shrink wrap)
- Auto Glass, (window glass, light bulbs, mirrors)
- Pyrex, ceramic cups/plates, clay bottles/pots, six pack beverage holders)

## Metal Pickup

### What you should know

Metals and appliances (not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call the Department of Public Works, (973) 680-4127, no later than 3:30 p.m. Monday for a scheduled Tuesday pickup.

- Accepted metal items include bed frames, metal curtain rods, metal hangers and loose metal pieces. Metal swing sets must be disassembled.

- Accepted appliances include refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and air conditioners. Remove any appliance doors and place items door side up for pickup.

- Metal paint cans are considered bulk waste. They are picked up on your second weekly garbage day (latex paint only, completely dried out).

If you're unsure whether an item is metal, call DPW.

# This winter, don't get plowed in!



Advisory from the Bloomfield Department of Public Works & Parks

## You May Need to Move Your Car

Below are rules for efficient snow removal on municipal streets.

(1.) Homeowners with driveways must remove vehicles from the street until plowing is finished.

(2.) Those without driveways can park in the following lots, after they are plowed:

- School playgrounds (not in facility lots).
- Recreation Department parking lots: Felton Field (Floyd Avenue), Pulaski Park (Mt. Vernon Avenue), Upper Memorial Park (Division Street), Clarks Pond South (Hobson Street) or Wrights Field (Baldwin Place).

(3.) One or two hours before plowing begins, police with loud speakers will notify residents on snow emergency streets to move their cars to the nearest parking area. Check the

snow emergency streets listed below.

(4.) Major roadways will be plowed first for emergency access, then secondary arteries. All streets will be plowed.

(5.) Do not shovel snow back into streets when clearing driveways.

### Snow Removal Tips

- Remove vehicles from the street to improve plowing.
- Parking on your frozen lawn in snow emergencies won't hurt it.
- Leave the last three feet of your driveway (the apron) covered with snow until the plow comes; avoid shoveling twice.
- If you must clear the apron quickly, pile snow on the left side (facing your home) to reduce plow-back into your driveway.

**If your car is parked on one of the below streets (or street sections) during a snow emergency, it could be towed away by police.**

• Indicates a street newly added in 2015

STREET	FROM	TO
Ackerman St (south side)	entire length	
American Way (east side)	entire length	
Ampere Pkwy	Bloomfield Ave	East Orange line
Arlington Ave	Watsessing Ave	East Orange line
Ashland Ave	Maolis - south	dead end
Baldwin St	Broad St (west)	Essex Ave
Barbara St (south side)	entire length	
Bay Ave	Hoover Ave	Glen Ridge line
Belleville Ave	Glen Ridge line	Belleville line
Bellevue Ave	entire length	
Berkeley Ave	Watsessing Ave	Montgomery St
• Berkeley Avenue	Liberty	Bloomfield Ave
• Berkeley Pl	entire length	
Bessida St (south side)	entire length	
Birch St (south side)	entire length	
Bloomfield Ave	Newark line	Glen Ridge line
Broad St	Bloomfield Ave	Clifton line
Broughton Ave	Bay Ave	Watchung Ave
• Byrd Ave	entire length	
Chapel Street (south side)	entire length	
Civic Place (south side)	entire length	
Coeyman Ave	East Passaic Ave	Nutley line
Conger St	entire length	
Corsi Rd (east side)	entire length	
• Curtis Street	entire length	
Daka Ct	entire length	
Davey St	Belleville Ave N	Forest Glen School
Dewey St (south side)	entire length	

STREET	FROM	TO
Dodd St	Watsessing Ave	East Orange line
Douglas St (east side)	entire length	
East Passaic Ave	James St	Hoover Ave
East Passaic Ave	Nutley line	West Passaic Ave
Elston St (south side)	entire length	
Farrand St	Washington St	Ward St
First Ave	Newark line East	Orange line
Fitzherbert St (north side)	entire length	
Franklin St	Belleville line	Broad St
Fritz St, South	entire length	
Garrabrant Ave	West Passaic Ave	northerly line
• Gillespie Rd	Curtis	Irving
Glenwood Ave	entire length	East Orange line
Grove St	Watsessing Ave	East Orange line
• Hill St	Bloomfield Ave	Orange St
Hobson St (south side)	entire length	
Hoffman Blvd	Arlington Ave	East Orange line
Hoover Ave	Belleville line	Bay Ave
Howard St (south side)	entire length	
Hudson Place (south side)	entire length	
• Irving Terr	entire length	
James St	Broad St	North Spring St
Ketner St (north side)	entire length	
Lackawanna Plaza	Glenwood Ave	Washington St
• LaFrance Ave	entire length	
Liberty St	Williamson Ave	Bloomfield Ave
Lindbergh Blvd	entire length	
Llewellyn Ave	entire length	
Main Terrace South	entire length	
Maolis Ave	Glenwood Ave	Glen Ridge
Maple St	entire length	
Martin St (south side)	entire length	
Montgomery St	Franklin St	Belleville line
Mountain Ave	Broad St	Parkview Dr
Mt. Vernon Ave (east side)	entire length	
Municipal Plaza	entire length	
Myrtle St	Prospect St	Garden State Pkwy
• New Street	entire length	
Newark Ave	Franklin St	Belleville line
North Spring St	entire length	
Norwood Place (south side)	entire length	
Oak Tree Lane (east side)	entire length	
Orange St	Franklin St	Myrtle Ave
Palmer St (south side)	entire length	
Park Ave	Broad St	Glen Ridge line
Park St	Broad St	Bloomfield Ave
Parkview Dr	Mountain Ave	Broad St
Pettit St (south side)	entire length	
Pierson St (south side)	entire length	
Pilch St (south side)	Broughton Ave	dead end
Pleasant Ave (east side)	entire length	
Prospect St	East Orange line	Glenwood Ave
Pulaski St (east side)	entire length	
Rector Place (south side)	entire length	
Sampson St (south side)	entire length	
Sandra Lane (east side)	entire length	
Scott Rd (south side)	entire length	
Spruce St	Montgomery St	Maple St
State St	Bloomfield Ave	Broad St
Stone St (south side)	entire length	
Sylvan Rd	Lindbergh Blvd	Garrabrant Ave
Tomar Ct (south side)	entire length	
Union Place (south side)	entire length	
Walnut St	Montgomery St	Liberty St
Walter St (south side)	entire length	
Ward St	entire length	
Washington St	Franklin St	Glen Ridge line
Watchung Ave	East Passaic Ave	Glen Ridge line
Watsessing Ave	Newark Ave	Dodd St
West Passaic Ave	Broad St	Nutley line
Willet St	Belleville Ave	Belleville line
Williamson Ave	Montgomery St	Belleville Ave

## Cuppa coffee, Officer?

There's a comfy new way to communicate with your local police. It's called Coffee with A Cop.

Bloomfield residents are invited to call the police department to arrange a private meeting with local officers to talk about issues ranging from the unsightly house next door, to suspicious neighborhood activity or questions about police operations.

Since it's a private discussion, there's no need to worry about airing your concerns in front of others.

You'll likely meet with Sgt. Naomi Zepeda and/or Officer Robert Kish, both from Bloomfield's Community Policing Unit. To set up your Coffee with a Cop session, call Kish at (973) 259-3153 or e-mail him at [rkish@bloomfieldnjpd.com](mailto:rkish@bloomfieldnjpd.com).



## BCA hires new director

Olyn J. Lettman, a former director of the Newark Urban Enterprise Zone, has been hired as executive director of the Bloomfield Center Alliance. He now manages operations in Bloomfield's special improvement district, including maintenance and appearance, events marketing, and special initiatives like the

façade grant program, Summer Cruise Nights and Harvest Fest. Lettman holds a masters in public administration from Seton Hall University.

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Events are subject to change without notice and more programs are added all the time. Check the website for updates.

### ■ Continuing Programs

- Book Club – one Monday per month at 6:45 p.m. Call for topic and date.
- Monday and Thursday movies - 12:15 p.m.
- Financial Book Club and Workshops – Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Beginners welcome.
- Bridge Club – Fridays at noon.
- Computer Tutoring - Learn computer basics, online searching and email usage. Current library cardholders only. Registration is required.

### ■ Special Events

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service – Saturday, Jan. 16, chaired by Dr. Wartyna Davis. Work on library projects or a canned food drive. For details, email [drwldavis@gmail.com](mailto:drwldavis@gmail.com).
- Singer/Songwriter Michaela McClain performs Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater — part of National Library Week (April 10-16). Check the website for concert details.

### ■ Children's Programs

[www.bplnj.org/children](http://www.bplnj.org/children), 973-566-6200, x212

Enjoy weekly storytimes for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, as well as special programs like crafts and movies during school vacations. All programs are free. Check monthly online calendars or ask at the library.

### ■ Passports

The Essex County Clerk's Outreach program comes to the library the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2 to 7:30 p.m. Bring all required documents and fees. Details at the County Clerk's Office, [www.essexclerk.com](http://www.essexclerk.com), or (973) 621-2921.

### ■ Bloomfield Historical Society

The Museum (located above the Children's Library) is open Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays (not in summer) from 10 a.m. to noon. More at (973) 743-8844.

### ■ Want to Learn English?

Literacy Volunteers of America is located in the Bloomfield Public Library. If you need help learning English, or would like to volunteer to be a tutor, call (973) 566-6200, x217 or x225.

### ■ Holiday Closures

- New Year's Day – Jan. 1
- MLK Day – Jan. 18
- President's Day – Feb. 15 (closing at 4 p.m.)
- Good Friday – March 25
- Memorial Day weekend – Saturday and Monday, May 28, 30

# Bloomfield Historical Society turns 50

Morris Canal hikes, Bloomfield Cemetery tours and an ice cream social will be among the activities offered in 2016 by The Historical Society of Bloomfield as the group celebrates its 50th anniversary.



orabilia, dioramas, maps, newspapers, postcards, letters, deeds, documents and books. Hours are Wednesdays, 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Or call to make an appointment.

The HSOB was incorporated in 1966 as an outgrowth of Bloomfield's Sesqui-centennial celebration held four years earlier.

To celebrate the milestone, special presentations on local history will be held on March 22, May 24 and Oct. 25 at the Bloomfield Civic Center.

The HSOB museum is on the third floor of the Children's Library at 90 Broad Street. The museum collection consists of furniture, clothing and accessories, tools, household articles, paintings, toys, posters, mem-

**Show Your Support** during this 50th year by joining HSOB and help continue the preservation, interpretation and sharing of Bloomfield history. The tax deductible \$10 per person annual membership (\$15 per couple, \$5 per student) includes a subscription to "The New Town Crier," the society's award-winning official newsletter.

To download a membership form, go to [www.hsob.org](http://www.hsob.org). For information, call (973) 743-8844 or email [info@hsob.org](mailto:info@hsob.org).



## Come sing with us!

If you like to sing, consider joining the Bloomfield Chorale. Members enjoy the pleasures of choral music while learning and practicing in an informal atmosphere.

The group's first rehearsal for the spring season will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. A spring concert is planned for Saturday, June 11.

The chorus is comprised of people from Bloomfield and the Essex County area who perform several concerts each year. Their musical range includes international folk music, Americana, classical and popular standards, Christmas music, and show tunes. Ruth Hsu is the artistic director.

To join, previous choral experience is helpful but not required. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Details at [www.facebook.com/bloomfield-chorale](http://www.facebook.com/bloomfield-chorale), email [bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com), or call Ruth Hsu at (973) 667-1440.

## Greener Bloomfield wants your input

Come to a meeting of Greener Bloomfield, the organization devoted to environmental and economic sustainability in the Township. Meet the members and discuss initiatives you'd like to see the group implement. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Civic Center (84 Broad Street). Check the group's Facebook page for updates. ▲

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## Take the pledge to drive safely

Sign a pledge to drive safely on Bloomfield streets and you'll get a "Let's Yield in Bloomfield" car magnet to declare your safety consciousness.

You may have noticed the pedestrian safety banner floating over Broad Street, or your kids may have heard about the pledge in school presentations. Anyone who signs and sends the pledge will get the magnet. The idea is to encourage drivers to:

- Obey the speed limit.
- Stop completely at STOP signs and don't run red lights.
- Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Yield to pedestrians in unmarked crosswalks at intersections.
- Respect walkers and cyclists.
- Avoid texting or using handheld devices while driving.
- Only talk on hands-free devices when absolutely necessary.

Send your pledge to: Pedestrian Safety Campaign, Bloomfield Health Dept., 1 Municipal Plaza, Room 111, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Or email a signed statement to [healthed@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:healthed@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).



## Food handlers, get the training you need

All food-handlers working in Bloomfield are required by the Board of Health to complete a two-hour basic food-handler training course. Upcoming classes will be offered Jan. 21, March 24 and May 19. The course costs \$20 and pre-registration is required. For details, call (973) 680-4024.

## Get help applying for food stamps, utility assistance and more

Find out if you (or your family) are eligible for food stamps, local food pantries, utility assistance, or prescription assistance. Make an appointment with the Mobile County Welfare Van, which comes to Bloomfield Town Hall once a month. Home-bound seniors and disabled residents can get in-home benefit screenings. Details at (973) 680-4017.

## Know the right way to dump medication

Never pour it down the drain. Waste-water treatment facilities are not equipped to remove pharmaceutical compounds. Eventually they'll end up in your drinking water. Instead, mix liquid medicine, or pills diluted with water, into coffee grinds, cat litter, or dirt. Place in a container in the trash. Do NOT recycle.

## Upcoming Nursing Programs

(973) 680-4058 • [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing)

*Unless specifically noted, all screenings are conducted at the Public Health Nursing Office, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments are required unless otherwise indicated.*

### ◆ Thursday Screenings at ShopRite (NEW)

Free. Hours, 10 a.m. to noon.

- Blood Pressure: second Thursday, January through June.
- Diabetes: fourth Thursday, January through June.

### ◆ Blood Pressure Screenings (free)

- First and third Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Civic Center.
- Second and fourth Tuesdays, 11 a.m. to noon, Civic Center.

### ◆ Osteoporosis Screening – For men and women. \$10-\$12.

March 29 and May 24, 10 a.m. to noon.

### ◆ Pap Smear, Mammography – For women over 40, uninsured or underinsured. No Medicare accepted. March 24 and June 23.

### ◆ Breast Exam - For women 21 to 39, uninsured or underinsured. March 24 and June 23.

### ◆ Urinalysis – April 5, from 10-11 a.m. \$10.

### ◆ Stroke Screening – June 9, 10 a.m. to noon. Includes cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and carotid assessment. \$25 for those 55 and older; all others \$30.

### ◆ Lipid Panel Profile – Cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides. March 21 and June 21, 10-11 a.m. \$20.

### ◆ Blood Screening – April 19, 8-10 a.m.

- Health panel (blood chemistry, CBC, lipid panel, T4), \$35.
- PSA, \$35. • Health Panel and PSA, \$50.
- Other blood tests available. Call for costs.

### ◆ WAVE – April 7, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free annual wellness visit for those with Medicare (not a physical exam). Learn your risk factors and discuss prevention with a physician.

### ◆ Diabetes Screening – March 10 and May 17, 10-11 a.m. \$10. No fasting required.

### ◆ Tuberculin Skin Test - Call for information. \$20.

### ◆ Adult Vaccine Program – Build protection against vaccine preventable diseases. Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Age 19 and older. Call for costs and eligibility.

### ◆ Well Child Program – Vaccines, lead screening, autism screening, growth and development assessment, post-partum depression screening. For ages 2 months to 18 years. Occurs most Wednesdays. Call for details and eligibility.

### ◆ File of Life – Get a free wallet insert and refrigerator magnet to inform emergency personnel about your vital information in time of need.

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### Avoid a penalty. Sign up for ObamaCare by 1-31

Eight out of 10 people who enroll in a health plan at www.HealthCare.gov qualify for financial help to make monthly payments more affordable. Having health insurance is the law. If you go without it in 2016, says the website, you may pay a penalty (\$695 per person or more) when you file your 2016 taxes.

To avoid the penalty, call the Bloomfield Division of Human Services at (973) 680-4017 to speak with a certified application counselor. It's a free

service for Bloomfield and Glen Ridge residents. Get help signing up and find out if you qualify for savings. Open enrollment runs through Jan. 31, 2016. For those who've had a life change, special enrollment will remain open throughout the year.

### Sign up by May 9 for Back to School Store

Qualified children in grades K-5 can get free clothing and school supplies at the annual Back 2 School Store, to be open this year on July 31.

This year's sign-up deadline is May 9. Applications from Bloomfield and Glen Ridge families are being accepted now.

To qualify, families must be eligible for food stamps, food pantry, or reduced-cost school lunch programs. Children must be entering grades K-5 in fall.

Each child gets new clothing (winter jacket, shirt, slacks, sneakers, underwear, socks, hat, scarf, gloves) plus a backpack filled with school supplies and personal care items. All are new.

The one-day shopping experience takes place at Temple B'nai Shalom in West Orange. It is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County section.

Parents can apply at Bloomfield Human Services, 1 Municipal Plaza, Room 213. For details, call (973) 680-4017.

### This January, give some woolly warmth

As the cold sets in, hats, gloves, scarves and socks are precious to those who can't afford them. You can help. From Jan. 1 to 18, hang (or tape) a new scarf, hat, gloves, or socks on the light post by the Bloomfield Library front door (90 Broad Street), or drop it off inside. Attach an anonymous goodwill note. You'll be joining in a coordinated effort of the Township of Bloomfield, Bloomfield Library and the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services.



### Free dental care for kids 12 and under

Qualified Bloomfield youngsters can get free dental care on Friday, Feb. 5, during the 9th annual "Give Kids A Smile" oral health fair sponsored by the The KinderSmile Foundation of Upper Montclair. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Central Presbyterian Church, located at 46 Park Street in Montclair.

Free dental service is provided for low-income and/or uninsured children age 12 or younger (including infants and toddlers). Kids parents, and teachers can get age appropriate information on oral health and related nutrition.

Free lunch, healthy snacks and interactive entertainment will be provided.

Registration is required by Jan. 10. To sign up, call (973) 744-7003 or go to www.KinderSmile.org/Give-Kids-a-Smile.

## Start parking 'smart' today

Don't you hate when this happens? You pull into a parking spot and realize you have no change for the meter. Don't panic. Instead, pay for parking while sitting in the comfort of your car.



can remotely avoid an overtime violation. Here's how it works:

- Use your smart phone to register for free at www.parkmobile.com.

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meter, park your car and enter the zone number posted on the meter.

- Select the length of your

parking session, and click the start button. Payment is made by credit card, debit card, PayPal or "Parkmobile Wallet."

- To avoid tickets, select the method you prefer for receiving a 15-minute alert before your parking session expires.

You can even use the app for help finding your car if you can't remember where you parked it.

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## WELCOME! to Bloomfield's newest businesses

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- **XTRA Shoes, Handbags & Accessories** (55 Washington Street)
- **Nola's Doggie Day Care & Spa** (607 Bloomfield Avenue)
- **Build A Healthy Body** (613 Bloomfield Avenue)

### COMING SOON

- **Tilted Kilt Restaurant** (Glenwood Village)
- **Buy Rite Liquors** (Glenwood Village)
- **Essex Junction Craft Kitchen and Bar** (Glenwood Village)
- **Villa Italiana Restaurant** (Glenwood Village)
- **Aki Asian House** (Glenwood Village)
- **Heavenly Bites** (55 Washington Street)
- **Verizon** (Glenwood Village)
- **Urgent Care Medical Center** (Glenwood Village)
- **Subway** (587 Bloomfield Avenue)

mobile payments.

Parkmobile has been available in Bloomfield since April 2014. It is used throughout the United States, so once you've registered, you can use it wherever it's offered.

For details, visit the BPA website, www.bloomfieldparking.org, the Facebook page, or call (973) 680-8960. ▲

## Municipal Directory

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Administration, 4006 (R-209)  
Animal Control, 415-5755  
Animal Shelter, 748-0194  
Assessor (Tax), 4021 (R-108)  
Board of Education, 8500  
Building Dept, 4054 (R-105)  
Clerk's Office, 4015 (R-214)  
Community Dev, 4188 (R-200)  
Court/Violations, 4078  
Dial-A-Ride, 973-566-7194  
Emergency Squad, 4141  
Engineering, 4009 (R-203)  
Finance, 4038 (R-108)  
Fire Dept, 4153  
Health Dept, 4024 (R-109)  
Human Svcs, 4017 (R-213)  
Info Systems, 4670 (R-203)  
Law Dept, 4066  
Library, 566-6200  
Mayor & Council, 4077 (R-209)  
Nursing, 4058 (basement)  
Office of Emerg Mgmt, 4177  
Parking Authority, 8960  
Personnel, 4039 (R-108)  
Police Dept, 4141  
Public Works, 4127, x400  
Recreation, 743-9074  
Tax Dept, 4049 (R-106)  
Water Dept, 4051 (R-106)  
WBMA TV, 4122  
Zoning, 4012 (R-203)

### Your Elected Officials:

**Mayor Michael Venezia**

Council Members

- 1st Ward, **Elias N. Chalet**
  - 2nd Ward, **Nicholas Joanow**
  - 3rd Ward, **Carlos Bernard**
- Council Members At Large:
- **Wartyna "Nina" Davis**
  - **Joseph Lopez**
  - **Carlos Pomares**

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## Senior Extravaganza returns!

Bloomfield residents age 60 and older are invited to the Senior Extravaganza – an afternoon of friendship, dining, period music, dance and conversation — all offered at no cost, with free transportation for those who need it.

Last year, 110 seniors plus dozens of students and town officials attended. The event's popularity ensured its return in spring of 2016 (date and loca-

tion to be announced).

Bloomfield College nursing students will sponsor the event in collaboration with the Neighbor to Neighbor Network, Bloomfield College, the Bloomfield Recreation Department and Bloomfield Health and Human Services.

Registration is required by March 1. To guarantee your spot, call Bloomfield Human Services at (973) 680-4017. ▲

## Meet Clare and Sherry, pals paired by NTNN

Clare Norris leads a busy life ... mother of two ... law student awaiting acceptance to the New York Bar. Still, she missed the volunteerism left behind when

she and her family moved from England to the United States.

Last summer, Clare, age 38 (at left), discovered the Neighbor to Neighbor Network. Now she's paired with Sherril Thorton, a widow with failing mobility but an ever-sharp mind.

"I see Sherril about once a week. She gives me a list and I do her food shopping. She tends to plan quite well, but I ensure she's always got enough food.



"We have nice chats while I'm there and we talk on the phone during the week. She'll call if she needs anything specific."

The relationship is enhanced because Sherril "has a friend in the U.K., so we have that in common."

And, "she likes to see photos of my kids and dog."

"It's up to you and the person you're paired with to decide how much time you spend together," said Claire. For the small time involved, it's really rewarding – for both sides."

If you've been thinking about community volunteering, call NTNN at (973) 680-4017. ▲

## Accreditation *Cont'd from page 1*

outstanding achievement and recognition of the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services," said Lore.

"The journey has been long but the process has been well worth the effort. As a result, the department is now positioned as a leader in public health in New Jersey, meeting the highest standards." ▲

## By the Numbers

### Bloomfield's 2015 accomplishments

Reported by Township Administrator Matthew Watkins

- 700,000 hours of work by roughly 300 full-time and 100 part-time employees
- 30% - overall crime decrease. (Police Dept.)
- 2,375 emergency calls. 8,000 inspections. (Fire Dept.)
- 3,330 building permits. 4,730 inspections. (Community Development)
- 1,000 requests for public records. 2,300 pet licenses, 100s of other licenses issued. (Clerk's Office)
- 13,000 taxpayers contributed to municipal, school, library and county taxes. (Tax Collector's Office)
- 3,800 curb miles maintained. 4,000 calls for water/sewer service. 1,400 tons of household garbage collected. (Public Works Dept.)
- 7,000 children and adults and 300 senior citizens served. (Recreation Dept.)
- 232,000 patrons served. (Bloomfield Library)
- Substantial parking increase in town center due to new garage. (Parking Authority)

For greater detail, see department reports on the Township website.