

Bloomfield Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township BUZZ

May- August 2012

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Grand Ma/Pa will be gone . . . but not forgotten!

Essex County residents over age 65 can tell their life stories on video — a gift to younger generations of family members and friends.

Bloomfield resident Gene Nichols, a retired public relations professional and journalist, is offering “Life Story Cam” videos as a free community service. He says the 15-minute videos will be a way to keep alive the memory of valued elders.

All videos will be shot in the Bloomfield Public Library board room. Nichols will provide a list of advance questions designed to draw out the subject’s personal history. Subjects will be encouraged to bring photographs, which Nichols will scan on the spot and mix with interview footage.

Ninety minutes of video will be edited down to 15 minutes. Nichols will upload the video to the Internet and give each subject a free DVD copy.

For more information, call Nichols at (347) 560-8056, e-mail him at lifestorycam@gmail.com, or visit www.lifestorycam.com. ❁



Visit the official Bloomfield Animal Shelter Facebook page

Cece came in a little beaten up, but she’s healing now . . . Alec’s lively personality brightens the whole shelter . . . Acrobat cat Edie is getting a forever home.

Animal updates like these are part of the fun on the Bloomfield Animal Shelter Facebook page. It’s a place to see great cat and dog photos and videos, to learn about local animal-related events, and to read comments from fellow animal lovers. Oh! But, all those confusing Facebook sites! How

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Glen Ridge taps Bloomfield for health & animal services

Bloomfield has become the provider of public health, human services and animal services for the community of Glen Ridge. The switch was made largely to gain greater access to social services.

Under a new three-year contract signed early this year, Glen Ridge has become the second outside community to tap Bloomfield’s acclaimed health services. Caldwell Town-

ship has contracted with Bloomfield for public health services, animal control and animal shelter services for many years. Caldwell provides its own human services.

Glen Ridge previously contracted with Montclair for public health and animal services, but the arrangement did not include human services.

“That was one of the primary factors in choosing to

switch from Montclair to Bloomfield,” said Borough Administrator Michael Rohal, in a March 14 article in the Glen Ridge Paper.

Bloomfield’s Human Services Division offers mental health services, and community resources for all types of basic living needs such as access to utility and mortgage assistance, and a food pantry.

In addition, Bloomfield’s

Neighbor to Neighbor Network provides a safety net for people who cannot get the help they need through normal social services channels.

NTNN is proving particularly attractive to Glen Ridge’s senior citizens. One popular service is the Friendly Visitor Program, which matches senior citizens with volunteers for help with grocery shopping,

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Mayor Raymond McCarthy's Message

The weather is changing and the summer of 2012 is upon us. Knowing how much this time of the year means to our residents, the Township is well prepared.

Our most important task is to keep the children of the community active during the summer. The Recreation Department is in the lead with great activities for all.

Daily camps for kids ages three to seventh grade will keep them active and engaged throughout the summer. Included on a weekly basis will be sports camps, educational activities, and trips to local attractions. See details on page 7 of this edition.

Our Memorial Day Parade on May 28th will kick off the summer season. This year, it's not only a parade to honor our great veterans, it is also be part of our Township's Bicentennial Celebration.

The parade will be jam-packed with people and floats celebrating both events. We will also open the time capsule buried by the Bloomfield High School class

of 1962. Afterward, we will have an old fashioned picnic on the historic Town Green. Make sure you mark your calendars for May 28th. It will be a day to remember.

Also coming up this summer are the traditional concerts at Brookside Park, and new this year, concerts in the Bloomfield High School Auditorium. And, of course, the great Bloomfield Civic Band will perform again on Monday nights.



This year's July 4th celebration will take on even greater significance as we celebrate the country's independence and the Bloomfield Bicentennial.

Another great day, this one ending with our best fireworks display ever!

To all residents, I wish you a joyful and safe summer. Enjoy your vacation travels and don't forget to ask our police to check on your home's safety while you are away.

Have a wonderful summer and please to take part in our special Bicentennial events. ❁

Upcoming election deadlines

Primary Election – June 5

- Last day for registration and transfer – May 15 (Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, open until 9 p.m.)
- Last day to apply for vote by mail ballot – May 29

General Election – Nov. 6

- Last day for registration and transfer – Oct. 16 (Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, open until 9 p.m.)
- Last day to apply for vote by mail ballot – Oct. 30

Be a Town Hall greeter

Local senior citizens and high school students have been the cheerful faces greeting visitors to Town Hall, and now more of them are needed.

Seated at the entrance to the main administrative building, greeters help visitors get to the right office without searching door to door and floor to floor, a common occurrence when greeters are not present.

Greeters hand out passes and lead visitors to the right location or provide information as requested. Coverage is needed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hours are flexible.

To learn more contact Samantha DePalma at (973) 680-4006 or sdepalma@bloomfieldtwpnj.com, or drop by the Township Administrator's Office.

Got business with the court?

If you need to make a payment to the municipal court or if you're making a court appearance, go to the Police Department / Law Enforcement Building located to the left of the Municipal Building. To call the court office, dial (973) 680-4078.

Save the Date

Mayor plans 2nd annual charity dinner, Oct. 3

Last fall, local charities took in \$35,000 when Mayor Raymond McCarthy hosted his first annual Charity Dinner Dance. Now it's time to mark your calendar for the follow-up event.

The Mayor's 2nd Annual Charity Dinner Dance will take place Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Three honorees will be selected: a Man, Woman, and Business of the Year. All proceeds will go to causes that benefit Bloomfield residents, including:

- Bloomfield Police Social Services
- Neighbor to Neighbor
- Local food banks
- Direct support to Bloomfield families for utilities, food, and child care
- Transportation for those in need
- United Way of Bloomfield
- Town youth organizations

Among last year's beneficiaries were the United Way of Bloomfield, \$12,500; Bloomfield Municipal Alliance, The Bethel Community Development Rehoboth Food Pantry and Meal Center, and the Neighbor to Neighbor Network, all of which received \$2,500; and the Bloomfield Recreation Department, \$500.

Look for more details about the October gala in the next BUZZ.

Municipal Q&A

Q. Where do I go to pay for tickets and traffic violations?
A. Police Dept., 2nd floor.

Q. If I want to hold a yard sale, what does the town require?
A. Obtain a permit from the Building Dept., room #105, Municipal Plaza. The fee is \$25 (check or money order).

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do you know which one is the official page?

Here's how to figure it out

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The official Facebook page is called "Bloomfield Animal Shelter/John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals" (URL: <http://on.fb.me/H2XtMn>).

You can also link to the

official Facebook page by visiting the Township's website, www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health.

If you google, type in "Bloomfield Animal Shelter," look for **John A. Bukowski Shelter for Animals – Township of Bloomfield**. You'll know you're on track if you get routed to the Township website. From there, click "Official Facebook" page.

Note: When you google, you may see two unofficial shelter Facebook sites with similar names. They are not recommended. Please visit and "like" the official site. ❀

Be a part of the animal shelter fun!

Some children have supported the Bloomfield Animal Shelter with birthday parties by collecting donations instead of gifts. They've posted party photos on the site.

Others who have adopted animals have sent updated photos of newly adopted pets pictured in their new homes. Families write fun captions to go with the photos.

GIDDY-UP! with United Way



Enjoy a bountiful picnic and watch the ponies run at Meadowlands Racetrack while raising funds for United Way of Bloomfield.

On Friday, June 8, at 6 p.m., everyone is invited to dine trackside under the weatherproof canopy at the Secaucus racetrack. Picknickers will have their own parimutuel window and a closed-circuit TV. The trackside locale is a thrill for the little ones, and for parents, fencing ensures safety.

The feast will include hamburgers, hotdogs, corn, salad, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, watermelon, cookies, coffee, soft drinks, and draft beer. The \$45 per person cost includes admission and parking. Children up to age 5 can come for free; ages 6 to 12, \$15; and 13 to 18, \$24.

Proceeds will help United Way of Bloomfield respond to everyday requests for assistance — needs such as utility payment, a food shortage or mortgage assistance.

For more picnic information, contact Janet McCarthy (973) 893-0803; Geri Generazio, (973) 429-8100; or the United Way office, (973) 748-1732. ❀

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Tee up for Scholarships with Suburban Essex

The Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Outing and Scholarship Awards Luncheon on Thursday, June 14 at Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield.

All proceeds will benefit the chamber's scholarship fund. Three high school students will be awarded, each receiving a \$750 scholarship.

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Beverage stations

with assorted drinks and snacks will be provided on course. A BBQ buffet, prizes and a 50/50 will start at 2 p.m.

The cost per golfer, including meals is \$150. The BBQ buffet only is \$35.

This year's gold sponsor is Brookdale ShopRite; silver sponsor, Premier Orthopedics and Sports Medicine; and the bronze sponsor, Belleville Motor Lodge. More sponsorship opportunities are available.

To register or for more details, call (973) 748-2000. 🌸

Runners, on your mark for the Sunset Classic, June 28

Title Sponsor: Investors Bank

The Sunset Classic is back for its 24th running on Thursday, June 28! The charity-driven event will kick off the July 4th weekend.

Runners in three races and their supporters will enjoy hot dogs, ice cream, music and more at Foley Field, the starting and stopping point for all races.

Runners will receive giveaways and shirts.

This year's races include:

- Kids' Sprints - 6:30 p.m.
- Bicentennial Mile - 7 p.m.
- 5-Mile Road Race through Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

The Sunset Classic is hosted by the nonprofit Bloomfield Educational Foundation. All race proceeds will go to their Vocational Educational Special Training Program.

Race sponsors include: Investors Bank (the title sponsor), Lummus Technologies, Brookdale ShopRite, BMW of Bloomfield, Fleet Feet Sports, Saucony, Pharmachem Laboratories, Decker Tape, and JL Mechanical.

For more information or to register for the race, go to www.sunsetclassic.org. 🌸

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General Recycling Services

Public Works Yard, 230 Grove Street
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No TVs at Curbside

Used televisions must be brought to the Bloomfield Public Works Yard, at 230 Grove Street on Saturdays only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

North End Electronic Recycling, May 19

A DPW recycling truck will be stationed in the parking lot across from Brookdale Christian Church on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Accepted items include computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, mouse devices, telephones, TVs under 32 inches, VCRs, DVD players, stereos and small appliances.

Metals and Appliances -

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

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

■ **Plastics, Cartons** - Commingled recycling includes all plastics stamped numbers 1 through 7. Please rinse all.

■ **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.

■ **Household Batteries** - Place AAA, AA and 9V batteries in household garbage.

■ **Motor Oil and/or Antifreeze** - Hold for the Essex County Hazardous Waste Day 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.

■ **General Recycling Drop-Off** at 230 Grove Street includes all curbside recycling, TVs, electronics, hard-covered books and usable clothing. Drop-offs are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ **Branch Pickup** - Cut and tie in lengths under four feet and 25 pounds or less. Bundle at curbside on recycling days.

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

Yard Waste Collection

April 1 - Oct. 15

Yard waste is collected on regular recycling days.

■ Leaves, grass, clippings, brush, branches and lawn rakings - collect in biodegradable bags only. Do not pile on sidewalks, gutters or streets.

■ The Township will not pick up waste collected in paper or plastic shopping bags or in trash cans.

■ Do not combine yard waste with household garbage or recycling.

Essex County Hazardous Waste Days

- Saturday, May 5, and Saturday, Oct. 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage, 99 West Bradford Avenue in Cedar Grove. Bring your driver's license as proof of county residence. Call (973) 857-2350 for details.

Non-Recycling Services

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

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

Paper Shredding Day, May 5

Need to safely dispose of obsolete records? Paper Shredding Day will be held as a free service to residents only on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the municipal parking lot next to the post office. Green Sky Industries will provide the shredding truck, driver and laborers.

- **Missed Trash Pickup** - Call (973) 680-4127 or 4009, press #1.
- **Missed Leaves or Grass** - Call (973) 680-4127, press #1.

Curbside Recycling

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

Holiday Recycling Delays

May 28 - Memorial Day
 July 4 - Independence Day

Where a blacked-out date appears, recycling pickups will be delayed by one day. Also, garbage pickups will be suspended on blacked-out days and affected residents will have only one garbage collection that week.

BLOOMFIELD BICEN

Bloomfield's 200th birthday bash continues with a full line-up of spring and summer events. Be sure to take in all the fun, music, and of course, the local history!

Tues., May 22

The Photography of Charles Warren Eaton. Local historian Rich Rockwell will speak at 8 p.m. about the internationally acclaimed artist and photographer who lived in Bloomfield from 1887 until 1937. Check for the lecture location on www.hsob.org.

Mon., May 28

■ **Memorial Day Parade,** 145th observance. Assembly time 9 a.m. Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. and extends from Brookside Park to the Town Green. For inquiries, call Parade Chairman Joseph Ellmer at (973) 338-4256.

■ **Sesquicentennial (150 years) Time Capsule Opening.** Members of BHS Class of 1962 will open the time capsule on the Town Green, immediately after the Memorial Day Parade.

■ **Bicentennial Picnic** Enjoy an old-fashioned community picnic on the Town Green, right after the time capsule opening.

Wed., June 13

The Role of New Jersey in the Civil War. Rutgers history professor William Gillette, Ph.D., will speak at Oakeside Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.

June (date to be announced)

Bloomfield Cemetery Walking Tour. Stroll through the cemetery at 383 Belleville Ave. with an expert guide. Visit www.hsob.org for date and time.

June (date to be announced)

Virtual Tour, Morris Canal in Bloomfield. Enjoy a virtual tour of the Morris Canal from South Bloomfield to Brookdale. Explore Bloomfield's lock, inclined plane, bridges and aqueducts through historical photographs, maps and postcards. Visit www.hsob.org for the date and location.

Mon., June 25

A salute to America's men and women in uniform, a Bloomfield Civic Band concert at Bloomfield High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Wed., July 4

4th of July Celebration & Fireworks Spectacular, at Foley Field/Memorial Park. Enjoy food vendors, kids' rides and games, a flag presentation, awards, live music by The Kootz, and fireworks. Gates open 5:30. Opening ceremonies, 7:30 p.m.

Mon., July 9

Happy Birthday Bloomfield USA, a concert by the Bloomfield Civic Band at Bloomfield High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Tues., July 10

Childhood's End, a tribute to the classic rock band, Pink Floyd, with laser lights and digital video imaging, at Bloomfield High School, 7 p.m.

Mon., July 16

New Jersey Women in the Arts, a concert by the Civic

Band at Bloomfield High School, 7 p.m.

Tues., July 17

Kenny Vance and the Planotones sing classic songs of the 50s and 60s including their hit, "Looking for an Echo," at Bloomfield High School, 7 p.m.

Mon., July 23

An Old Fashioned Summer Concert presented by the Bloomfield Civic Band. Come sing along on the Town Green. Bring lawn chairs or blankets, 7 p.m.

Tues., July 24

TUSK, the ultimate Fleetwood Mac tribute band, plays popular tunes at Brookside Park, 7 p.m.

Tues., July 31

Bloomfield's own **Bobby Wells performs with The Infernos.** Features music from



the 60s, 70s, 80s and today. At Brookside Park, 7 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 7

National Night Out, Bicentennial Edition. Citizens, law enforcement, civic groups, businesses, and neighborhood organizations will gather in various locales to display outdoor lighting and hold front porch vigils — all to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the fight for a safer community and nation.

Bicentennial Sponsors

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Bicentennial Coordinators

■ The Bloomfield Bicentennial Committee

■ Bloomfield Recreation Dept. / Summer of Fun

■ Historical Society of Bloomfield

■ The Bloomfield Joint Memorial Committee

www.BloomfieldBicentennial.com

Visit the official Bicentennial website to learn more about upcoming events, sponsorships, merchandise, donations and volunteer opportunities.

BICENTENNIAL

Enter the Bicentennial House Decorating Contest!

Can you decorate your house in grand patriotic fashion better than anyone in your ward?

Enter the Bloomfield Bicentennial House Decorating Contest.

One winner in each of the three wards will be selected. Judging will take place on Aug. 7 during the National Night Out Bicentennial Edition. Be sure to enter by Aug. 1.

Each winner will receive recognition on the Bloomfield Bicentennial website and a proclamation from the Bloomfield Bicentennial Committee, to be presented at a future bicentennial event.

Visit BloomfieldBicentennial.com for more details and to enter the contest.



Get your Bicentennial merchandise

Specially designed keepsake items are available in three ways: 1.) online at www.BloomfieldBicentennial.com, 2.) at Bicentennial events, 3.) call or visit the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 North Broad Street, (973) 743-9074.

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Summer Camps

2012 Playgroup at Oakview School

For children ages 4 and 5, not currently in kindergarten. (Must be at least age 4 by Aug. 10, 2012) Hours, 9 a.m. to noon.

- Session 1: July 2-13 (off July 4)
- Session 2: July 16-27
- Session 3: July 30 - Aug. 10

2012 Recreation Station - Demarest School

Grades K to 7. Hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Session 1: July 2-13 (off July 4)
- Session 2: July 16-27
- Session 3: July 30 - Aug. 10

NOTE: Early drop off at 8 a.m. is offered for this camp only, at an additional charge. Inquire at registration.

Camp Registration – Families who participated last year will be mailed a preregistration pack. Newcomers must register in person on Saturday, May 19 at 8 a.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Fees are posted at the Civic Center. Discounts apply for families with multiple children. Full payment, by cash or check, is required upon registration. Please provide a utility, tax or mortgage bill as proof of residency. For age verification, provide a current report card for school-aged children, and a birth certificate for children not yet in school.

Summer Camp Day Trips in the works! Age-appropriate trips include the Floyd Hall Arena, Yogi Berra Museum and Stadium, Turtleback Zoo, and Brunswick Bowling Zone. More details at registration. 🌸

2012 Sports Clinics

More than 20 sports clinics for Bloomfield youth will be offered this summer. Traditional clinics include basketball, soccer, baseball, softball and football. Or try nontraditional options such as fencing, cooking, golf, fishing, wiffleball, art, cheerleading, skateboarding or weightlifting.

Hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Exact schedules will be available in early May. Registration begins Wednesday, May 23. Full payment by cash or check will be required at registration. 🌸

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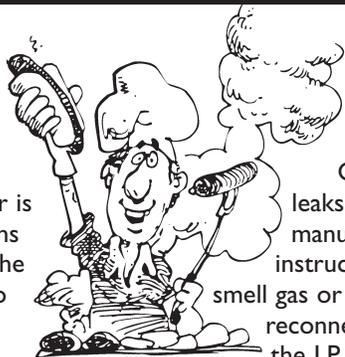
Tips for gas grill safety

Warm weather is upon us. That means it's time to check the tubes that lead into the burner of your gas grill for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.

Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

Move gas hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.

Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.



Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed. ❄

Free Rabies Clinic

Sunday, May 6
9:30 - 12:00

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

■ Holiday Closures

- Memorial Day Weekend – May 26, 27, 28
- Independence Day - July 4

■ Special Events

- Blood Drive – Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Seminar, "Importance of Living Wills" – Friday, June 29, 3 p.m.
- One-on-One Computer Tutoring – by appointment until June. Call for details.

■ Ongoing Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club, Mondays, once a month. Call for topic and date.
- Financial Book Club, first Tuesday. Call for topic and date.
- Drop-in Games - challenge a friend!
- Needlework Club (knitting, crocheting, needlepoint), Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Scrapbooking Crop (club) – first Thursday, 11 a.m.
- Writers' Workshop – first and third Mondays, 10 a.m.
- Chinese Class – Thursdays, 11 a.m.

■ Passports

The Essex County Clerk's Outreach program comes to the library the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2 to 8 p.m. Patrons must bring all required documents and fees. For details, call the County Clerk's Office at (973) 621-2921, or visit www.essexclerk.com.

■ Programs Being Planned

- (Call if interested)
- Paranormal Book Club
 - Gardening/Recipe/Cooking Club
 - Work on it Wednesdays
 - Poetry Club

■ Got a skill or hobby to share?

Consider teaching at the library. Contact Lisa Cohn at x217 or lcohn@bplnj.org.

■ Children's Programs

- Check the website for clubs and special programs.
- Homework Help (grades 1-6), Mondays, Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.
 - Baby Lapsit (0-18 months), Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
 - Toddler Storytime with Craft (19-36 months), Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
 - Preschool Storytime, Craft (3-5 years), Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

■ Summer Reading (July & August)

Children up to age 12 are invited for stories, games, music and more as part of "Dream Big, Read!" this year's Summer Reading Program. Middle and high school student volunteers are needed. Call for information. ❄

Westminster Arts Center
www.bccommunity.org/westminster
 (973) 748-9008, x279

May 12 and 13, Mel-O-Chords Spring Concert. The repertoire of the four-part vocal ensemble ranges from musical theatre to popular music, covering multiple decades. General admission \$20, seniors and students \$15. Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Details at (973) 744.3133 or www.melo-chords.org.

June 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 - "Parade" a musical performed by 4th Wall Theatre, Westminster's resident professional theater company. Parade is the true story of Leo Frank, a Brooklyn-raised Jew living in 1913 Georgia, who was put on trial for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan, a factory

worker under his employ. General admission \$24, seniors and students \$15. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. Details at www.4thwalltheatre.org.

July 16, "A Jersey Voice: Sinatra to Springsteen, and Everyone in Between." This one-night fundraiser, starts at 7:30 p.m. and features John Michael Coppola, former Bloomfield resident and a cast member of the Chicago company of "Jersey Boys." Soloist Coppola and his seven-piece band will perform songs made famous by popular performers from the 1940s through today. Presented by 4th Wall Theatre. Details at www.4thwalltheatre.org.

July 26 and 27, "Once Upon a Mattress," a musical comedy rendering of the story of "The Princess and the Pea," presented by the New Jersey

School of Dramatic Arts and performed by teen players. For tickets and information, call (973) 566-9700, or visit www.njactors.org.

Aug. 25, "Tap 'N Time Performance," the third annual New Jersey Tap festival includes classes to celebrate emerging tap artists, and master classes that culminate in a main stage performance at 7:30 p.m. General admission \$22, seniors and students \$15. Info at www.jerseytapfest.com.

Oakeside Cultural Center
www.Oakeside.org
 (973) 429-0960

May 4, "Hot Tamale: Recipe for Murder." Dine while helping a private eye figure out who killed Mexican food entrepreneur Hector Tamale. Each table is an investigative team and selected audience members will become snitches and suspects. Tickets for the 7 p.m. buffet and show are \$65. Cash bar available. Reservations required. No refunds. ❀

THE FEDERATION OF MUSIC

Civic Band, Youth Band, Chorale, Mandolin Orchestra, Bloomfield Symphony

All events are \$15 unless otherwise indicated

■ **May 16, Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra** performs music by Kok, Kiouphilades, La Barbera, Granafei and more. Enrico Granafei conducts the 3 p.m. concert at Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Details at (973) 780-4249 or www.bloomfieldmandolin-orchestra.org.

■ **May 19, The Bloomfield Chorale** performs "Light and Darkness," with featured flute soloist Emily Jones. Ruth Hsu conducts the 7:30 p.m. concert at Watchung Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield. Call (973) 667-1440.

■ **May 20, Bloomfield Symphony, "Betty Zhou Returns to Bloomfield."** The acclaimed violinist first performed with the symphony at age 14 and has won numerous competitions, including the 2006 NJ Symphony's Young Artist Auditions. Now a sophomore at Juilliard, she is returning to perform the Mendelssohn Concerto for Violin and Orchestra in E minor, Op. 64. Also on the program will be the Schubert

Symphony No. 9 in C Major ("The Great"). Israel G. Herman will conduct the 3 p.m. concert at Bloomfield Middle School. Details at www.bloomfieldsymphony.org.

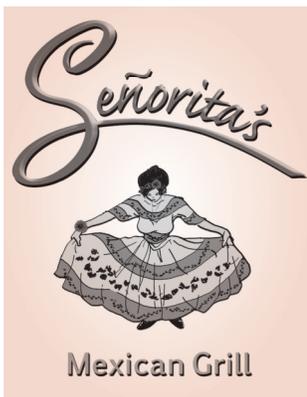
■ **June 9, Bloomfield Youth Band** performs "Hands Across the Sea" with world renowned composer Philip Sparke, 7:30 p.m. at Bloomfield High School Auditorium. Patrick Burns is the founding director. Details at www.bloomfielddyouth-band.org or patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com.

■ **June and July, Four Civic Band concerts.** See page 7, Summer of Fun.

■ **July 4, Garden State Concert Band** performance and fireworks at Veterans Field in Kearny, 7 p.m. Free. Call (973) 338-8140.

■ **Aug. 10, Garden State Concert Band** presents Kim Mesiti singing Gershwin, 7:30 p.m. at Eagle Rock Reservation Park, West Orange. Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Call (973) 338-8140. ❀

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Human Services



Church camp to conduct home repairs

A free household repair program conducted by a church-based summer camp is seeking Bloomfield householders who need home repairs, including interior and exterior painting (no lead paint); fixing or replacing hand rails, steps or doors; building handicap ramps; and yard work. All tasks will be completed the week of June 25 to 29.

United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth, or U.M. Army, is collaborating with Bloomfield Human Services and the Neighbor to Neighbor Network to provide the service in Bloomfield.

Camper fees provide the budget to cover costs. Selected clients must be home for a pre-site inspection around May 18, and during the work period.

The workers cannot do electrical wiring, plumbing, or roofing.

Jobs are selected based on safety issues and greatest need. Approximately 14 teams will conduct the work, each with an adult supervisor.

U.M. Army is a summer camp in multiple states, including New Jersey. Its mission is to foster youth leadership and to teach the value of doing for others.

The deadline for referrals is May 5. For more information call Human Services at (973) 680-4017, or visit umarmy.org.

Need basic living assistance?

You may qualify for food stamps, local food pantries, and prescription assistance. For those needing utility and rental assistance, you may qualify for temporary help if you're able to pay independently in the future. Learn more with a benefits screening at Bloomfield Health and Human Services, or come to the Mobile County Welfare Van stationed in front of town hall each month. Home-bound seniors and disabled residents can get in-home screenings. For information, call (973) 680-4017.

Making back-to-school affordable for all

Before the next school year begins, your child can be paired with a personal shopper to select a winter jacket, school

clothes, personal care items and school supplies.

The Back 2 School Store for qualified low-income families will be open Sunday, Aug. 5 in West Orange, serving children who are entering kindergarten through fifth grade in fall 2012. The program is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section. All items are new and participating families pay nothing. Parents must attend with their children and must provide their own transportation. The location is accessible by bus.

To qualify, families must be eligible for food stamps, a food pantry, or a reduced-cost school lunch program. Applications will be accepted in person June 4 to June 8 at Bloomfield Town Hall, Room 213. For details, call (973) 680-4017. ❁

Glen Ridge taps Bloomfield Health Dept.

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small errands and light cleaning. Seniors also benefit from simple companionship.

NTNN has about 160 volunteers. Stephanie De Santi, the NTNN employee who coordinates the volunteers, says contracting with another town does not strain NTNN's capabilities. Glen Ridge's contract allows her to work more hours and add more volunteers.

"We're really excited to branch out to another community," she said.

Seniors: Need a volunteer? Call (973) 680-4017. ❁

Upcoming Nursing Programs

Screenings are held in the Nursing Division, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments are required, unless otherwise indicated. Contact nursing at (973) 680-4058 or www.bloomfieldtnnj.com/health/public-health-nursing

◆ Free Blood Pressure Screenings.

- *Public Health Nursing Office.* First and third Thursday, every month, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- *Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Ave.* Fridays, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- *New Light Baptist Church, 89 Dewey Street.* Wednesdays, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, 6 to 7 p.m.

◆ **Bone Density Screening,** May 21 and Aug. 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For men and women. \$10 for those 55 and older; \$12 for all others.

◆ **Lipid Panel Profile Screening.** June 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Screening for cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides. Cost, \$20.

◆ **Stroke Screening.** June 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$25 for those 55 and older; \$30 for all others. Screening includes blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose. Carotid artery assessment performed by a clinician.

◆ **Respiratory Screening.** July 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost, \$5.

◆ Pap Smear, Mammography. Free.

Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m. For uninsured/underinsured women age 40 and older. Must meet financial guidelines. Women with Medicare do not qualify.

◆ **Tuberculin Skin Test.** For those starting a job or entering school. Cost, \$20.

◆ **Adult Vaccination Program.** Age 19 and older, uninsured or underinsured. Includes Tdap, human papilloma virus (up to age 26), hepatitis B, hepatitis A, meningococcal, and pneumococcal. Cost, \$15 per visit.

NEW! MMR, Varicella and Zoster vaccines. Call for details.

◆ **Child/Teen Vaccines.** Ages 2 months to 18 years, uninsured or underinsured (insurance does not cover vaccines). Includes school-mandated immunizations, plus hepatitis A, human papilloma virus vaccine (boys and girls), and flu. Cost: \$10 registration and \$10 administration. ❁

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Town Hall (Room #)

Administration, 4006 (R-209)
Animal Control, 4024 (R-109)
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)
Rep. Pascrell, 680-1361 (R-200a)
Court/Violations, 4078
Emergencies: Police, Fire, or
EMS, 4141
Engineering, 4009 (R-203)
Finance, 4038 (R-108)
Health Dept, 4024 (R-109)
Human Svcs, 4017 (R-213)
Info Systems, 4670 (R-203)
Law Dept, 4066 (Annex)
Library, 566-6200
Mayor & Council, 4080 (R-209)
Nursing, 4058 (basement)
Parking Authority, 8960
Personnel, 4005 (R-209)
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 Raymond J. McCarthy

Council Members

- 1st Ward, Elias N. Chalet
- 2nd Ward, Nicholas Joanow
- 3rd Ward, Carlos Bernard

Council Members At-Large:

- Bernard Hamilton
- Peggy O'Boyle Dunigan
- Michael Venezia

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