

Bloomfield September - December 2011 BUZZ

Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township

Comcast seeks franchise renewal

A municipal consent hearing to determine whether Comcast's franchise will be extended in Bloomfield will be held Tuesday, Oct. 11.

The public is invited to comment during the 7 p.m. hearing in council chambers on the second floor of the municipal building.

Town Council will evaluate Comcast's application to renew its municipal consent to own, operate, extend and maintain a cable television and cable communications system in Bloomfield.

Copies of the application are on file in the municipal clerk's office, room 214 — open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ❁



Please take the survey on cable TV subscriber satisfaction. See page 9.

Have fun & get your hands dirty!

Help clean the Morris Canal Towpath

Get messy and have fun with neighbors and friends.

On Oct. 22, the Bloomfield Open Space Trust Fund Committee will hold a fall cleanup of the Morris Canal Towpath, which runs along the Second River.

Volunteers will remove debris from the towpath while the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission pulls garbage from the river itself. The project lets you get close to nature by preserving its beauty.

The cleanup will run from 10 a.m. to noon between Newark Avenue and Wright's Field. Volunteers will be equipped with garbage bags and gloves from the PVSC's River

Restoration division. Children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult.

The Open Space Trust Fund Committee holds several park or river cleanups each year. The spring 2011 event was in Watsessing Park, an effort jointly sponsored by the Watsessing Park Neighborhood Association. More than 100 volunteers participated, including concerned neighbors, local high school students and committee members.

To learn more about the Trust Fund visit www.ostfc.org, find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OpenSpaceTrustFund, or send e-mail to ostfc@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. ❁

Voter redistricting plan adjusts population imbalance

A total of 380 township residents will be affected by a voting ward redistricting plan that will take effect after the November election.

Bloomfield College and nearby residents will be switched from Ward 3 to Ward 1 to correct excess population in Ward 3.

The change comes about due to 2010 Census figures showing 15,306 people in Ward 1, 15,100 in Ward 2, and 16,909 people in Ward 3. The population limit is exceeded in Ward 3 by 348 people.

Voters who are being switched from Ward 3 to Ward 1 will now vote at the Bloomfield Civic Center instead of Central Firehouse.

The entire college was redistricted to consolidate the campus into one ward, allowing one councilperson to represent the college when necessary.

The plan was unanimously accepted by the Bloomfield Ward Commission in a 5-0 vote on July 27. The change will go into effect after the November 2011 election and flyers will be sent to residents notifying them of the change.

Residents living on the following streets will be moved from Ward 3 to Ward 1:

- Liberty Street between Franklin Street and JFK Drive North.

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- Franklin Street between Liberty and Fremont streets.
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- JFK Drive North between Liberty and Fremont streets.
- Austin Place.
- Oakland Avenue between Liberty and Fremont streets.
- Spruce Street between Liberty and Fremont streets. ❁

For as long as the Buzz has been a part of this community, I have had the privilege of taking a corner of the newsletter to speak about what's happening and what is important to this community.

This edition will be somewhat different. I want you to know about what was really special to me and the people of Bloomfield, and that was Pam Walsh. As most of the people of this community know, Pam passed away in April after what seemed a very long battle against cancer. I know there are many who knew of this, just by the droves of people who attended Pam's wake and filled St. Thomas Church for her funeral mass. The memory of all those people at the church is something that will remain in my mind until the day I die. For all those people to be there and show their respect to this special person was a testament to Pam and the wonderful woman she was.

Pam was extremely proud of being first a Bloom-

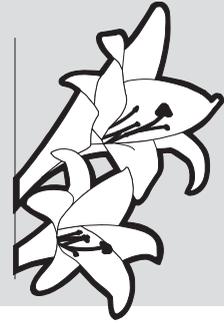
fielder, and second, the secretary to the Mayor and Council. It was a job she was meant to have. She worked tirelessly to make sure when someone came to the office with a problem they would not leave until it was resolved or until a correction could be assured. If someone needed help, they got it, thanks to Pam.

She was what Bloomfield is all about. People who are proud of this community are willing each and every day to do whatever it takes to make it better. That is why I have such a great love for the Family of Bloomfield. Pam was a great part of the family, but for reasons only God knows, she is now gone.

The spirit of Pam lives on in each of our great people. It lives in those of this community who aspire every day to make us a better town. It lives in those people who work hard to make life easier for their fellow man.

In this issue, I write about what makes the

Township of Bloomfield a great place. And I write about a dear secretary, wife, daughter, mother . . . and my friend, a woman we will all miss but are better human beings for having known. ❀



Mayor to host charity fundraiser

An evening of dinner, dancing, music and special honors is planned for Tuesday, Sept. 27, when Mayor Raymond McCarthy hosts the first annual Mayor's Charity Dinner Dance.

The event is a fundraiser for programs that benefit Bloomfield residents, such as:

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

The dinner/dance will be held at Nanina's in the Park restaurant in Belleville, starting at 6:30 p.m. Live music will be provided by The Infernos, and

the mayor will award three special honors: a Bloomfield man and woman of the year, as well as a Bloomfield business of the year.

Tickets are \$125 per person, payable to: Mayor's Bloomfield Charity, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Payment can also be made through Paypal; go to the event website at mayormccarthy-bloomfieldcharity.com.

Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Sponsors are invited to a private cocktail reception and will also receive complementary tickets for 5 to 20 guests depending on the silver, gold or platinum sponsorship chosen.

For more information call (973) 680-4080 or e-mail bloomfieldcharity@gmail.com.



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Bloomfield BUZZ

BLOOMFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT
(973) 743-9074 • www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

2011 Fall Programs



Registration is required for all fall recreation programs and will extend from Sept. 14 through Dec. 21 at Bloomfield Civic Center. In-person sign-ups are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For program details or to register online, go to www.bloomfieldrecreation.org.

Adult Fitness

- (age 18 and older)
- Belly Dance Workout
 - Yoga
 - Zumba

Children's Art

- Alphabet Art, ages 4-5
- Children's Art, grades 1-6
- Advanced Art, grades 4-8

Baton

- Pre-K to grade 1
- Grades 2 and older
- Competition Group A
- Competition Group B (A, B levels determined by experience)

Bowling

Pre-K to high school

Flag Football

Grades 5-6

Hip-Hop Dance

Ages 6-12

Intro to Sports

Pre-K and kindergarten

Karate

Students are grouped in three categories:

- Beginners, ages 5-8
- Returning students ages 5-8, and beginners ages 9 or older
- Returning students, all belt colors

Music In Motion

Ages 3-5

Pee Wee Football

- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-4

Tennis Cure

- Beginner, grades K-2
- Intermediate, grades K-2
- Beginner, grades 3-5
- Intermediate, grades 3-5
- Beginner and intermediate, grades 6-8
- Beginners, high school and adults
- Intermediate, high school and adults

Tumble Tots

Ages 18-36 months

Gymble Tots

Age 4 (continuation of Tumble Tots)

Four Months of Special Events

September 11th Solemnity

The Township will hold its September 11th Memorial Service on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. on the Town Green. Three Bloomfield residents who lost their lives in the tragedy will be honored with a remembrance flag. Join as the community remembers those who were lost 10 years ago.



Howl for Halloween!

Celebrate Halloween with Bloomfield Recreation on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Town Green. Kids can enjoy trick-or-treating, light refreshments, arts and crafts, a pumpkin patch, a costume contest and a live magic show.

The Bloomfield FMBA, Bloomfield PBA and Brookside Garden Center will co-sponsor the event. Rain site: Bloomfield High School.

Christmas Spectacular

Recreation's annual trip to Radio City Music Hall will be Thursday, Dec. 1. The charter bus will leave Bloomfield Civic Center at 5 p.m. Seating will be limited so reserve early. Tickets are \$85 (subject to change).

Annual Tree Lighting

Boy scouts, girls scouts and the Bloomfield High School Concert Choir will sing seasonal carols at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in front of Town Hall. Also on hand: Santa!

Holiday Celebration

The annual Recreation holiday celebration will take place Saturday, Dec. 10 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Civic Center. Children will enjoy light refreshments, arts and crafts, holiday movies and a visit with Santa.



Shutterbugs welcome!

The Bloomfield Camera Club meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Bloomfield Civic Center. Photographers of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your camera and manual and learn about portrait, sports and wedding photography as well as everyday shots. Participants will learn how to use their cameras to their full potential. For more information, contact Otis Sullivan at otidsullivan@verizon.net, or call the Civic Center at (973) 743-9074.

Upgrades coming to Wright's Field tot lot

The Township has been awarded a \$230,000 grant to upgrade the Wright's Field tot lot. Two ADA-accessible play structures will be installed over a rubberized tile safety surface. One structure for ages 5 to 12 will feature climbing stations and a slide; another structure for ages 2 to 12 will have connected play stations grouped to resemble a train.

Community Development Director Glenn Domenick wrote the grant proposal and Township Engineer Paul Lasek helped design the project for bid specifications.

Construction will start in early fall and end by December.



DESIRE and John Bell headline United Way benefit

An appearance by former Z100 DJ John Bell and a concert by the oldies group DESIRE will be the highlights of a fundraiser for United Way of Bloomfield on Friday, Sept. 9.

Bell and DESIRE will appear at no cost and all proceeds will go directly to UWB to assist needy people in Bloomfield. The 7 p.m. performance will take place at Westminster Hall on the campus of Bloomfield College.

DESIRE is an acclaimed a capella group that performs throughout the metropolitan area, reviving hits from the 50s and 60s as well as the doo-wop era of the 40s. The Morristown-based group includes eight vocalists.

John Bell, former co-host of the Z100 morning radio show from New York, will make a brief speaking appearance during the concert. Bell is a friend of Tony Petrillo, a member of the United Way Board of Trustees and emcee for the night's event.

Tickets are \$25 per person, available at the United Way Office, 385 Broad Street, Suite #2, or from any UWB trustee. For more concert information, call (973) 748-1732. ❀

Garden State Concert Band

(973) 338-9190 • (973) 338-8140

The Garden State Concert Band will perform a free seasonal concert on Saturday Dec. 10 at Saint Thomas The Apostle Church (60 Byrd Avenue in Bloomfield). The 7 p.m. concert will include a feature performance by soprano Andrea Covais, as well as holiday selections by the band, conducted by Dominick Ferrara III. Rev. Fr. Charles Miller of Saint Thomas The Apostle Church will narrate "The Night Before Christmas," a poem by Clement C. Moore.

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center

www.Oakeside.org • (973) 429-0960

• **Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.** Take a bus trip to Broadway on Thursday, Sept. 15 to catch this hot new hit at the Palace Theater. The \$170 cost includes orchestra seats, buffet

THE FEDERATION OF MUSIC

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

Bloomfield Symphony

Orchestra will perform Sunday, Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. Guest artist Leva Binderyte will present Violin on Rondo Capriccioso in A minor, op. 28. Conductor Israel G. Herman will lead the orchestra in performances of Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 4, and Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso in A minor, op. 28, for Violin and Orchestra by Camille Saint-Saëns. Tickets are \$15.

Bloomfield Mandolin

Orchestra, conducted by Enrico Granafei, will perform Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. at Oakeside Cultural Center.

The Bloomfield Civic Band

and the **Bloomfield Chorale** will present a holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 4 at Bloomfield Middle School, starting at 3 p.m. Civic Band Conductor Dominick Ferrara III will lead the band on "La Boutique Fantasque" (The Fantastic Toy Shop) by Rossini/Respeggi, as well as

selections from the "Nutcracker Suite," including "March of the Toys" and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers." The concert includes performances by students from Miss Roseanna's School of Dance and by the Bloomfield Chorale, led by Conductor Ruth Hsu. Bloomfield Mayor Raymond McCarthy will narrate "The Night Before Christmas," a poem by Clement C. Moore. Tickets are \$15.

Bloomfield Youth Band,

conducted by Patrick J. Burns, will perform a concert entitled "Tributes," on Friday, Dec. 9, starting at 8 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. (Snow date: Dec. 10.)

Featured pieces will include "The Sun Will Rise Again," by Philip Sparke; "Splendid Star," by Patrick Burns; and "All Those Endearing Young Charms," by Simone Mantia. Guest artist Steven Wasco will perform "Euphonium on Asturias," by Isaac Albeniz (arr. Lopez). Tickets are \$15.

dinner, coffee and dessert, plus round-trip transportation. Dinner is at 5 p.m. Tickets are limited.

• **Music at the Mansion Series.** Four Sunday afternoon cabarets are coming up this fall, all featuring renowned singers from the New Jersey and New York music scene. Show dates are Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18, all starting at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

• **An evening with Carol Dumas.** Come to Oakeside on Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. for Broadway favorites and classic songs performed by the original Sandy in the Broadway version of "Grease." Ms. Dumas is also known for her children's television show, "The Magic Garden," and as Luisa in "The Fantastics."

• **2nd annual Rhett Syndrome Fundraiser Art Reception.** Oct. 11, 6 to 9 p.m.

• **Annual Beefsteak Dinner.** On Oct. 14, Oakeside honors

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General Recycling Services

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

Fall Leaf Collection Oct. 15 to Dec. 31

Residents are asked to place **ONLY LEAVES IN BROWN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS**. The bags will be collected on your recycling day.

No other garden waste will be picked up. Branches and large tree parts also are suspended. No leaves should be placed in the street or in plastic bags.



■ **Essex County Hazardous Waste Day** - Saturday, Oct. 1, 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 your Essex County residence. Call (973) 857-2350 for details.

■ **Metals and Appliances** - Appointment required. Call no later than 3 p.m. Monday for a Tuesday pickup.

■ **Refrigerator Recycling** - Call Greener Bloomfield at 973-932-0472.

■ **Bulky Items** (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.)

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

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

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

■ **Proper Household Battery Management** - Place AAA, AA

and 9V batteries in house-hold garbage.

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

■ **Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones** - Recycle at Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office-Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Walmart or Verizon Wireless. Car batteries not accepted. To find the nearest retail collection site, visit www.rbrc.org, or call 1-800-8-BATTERY or 1-877-2-RECYCLE.

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

■ **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.

Non-Recycling Services

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

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

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

More plastics & cartons now accepted in recycling

Commingled recycling now includes all plastics stamped with the numbers 1 through 7. (Numbers found inside the triangular recycling symbol.)

Also, cartons are now included in commingled items. Two types of cartons are allowed: shelf-stable (e.g., juice, soy milk, soup broth, wine) and refrigerated (e.g., milk, cream, egg substitutes). As with bottle and cans, please rinse all containers. ♻️

Curbside Recycling

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

Holidays:

Sept. 5 - Labor Day

Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day

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

Patrick Burns, founder of the Bloomfield Youth Band, at 6:30 p.m.

• **Cape May Excursion.** Take a trip to Cape May on Oct. 22, for lunch at the Lobster House, a wine tasting and tour of Cape May Winery, and shopping at historic Cape May shops.

• **Halloween Murder at the Mansion.** "The Chiller Thriller Horror Awards" will be presented Oct. 28 and 29. Enjoy interactive dinner theater and have a great time guessing who dunnit!

• **Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra** returns to Oakeside on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. — always a sell-out performance.

Westminster Arts Center

www.bccommunity.org/westminster • (973) 748-9008, x279

• **The Revenge of Hamlet**, presented by Rogues Company, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 2. Catch this post-WWII update of the classic story of betrayal, treason, madness and murder. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$15 for students. Showtimes are Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. For details, go to www.roguescompany.com.

• **The Spitfire Grill** is a musical tale of redemption. A town is brought back to life by the spirit of a single woman. Presented by 4th Wall Theatre, Oct. 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 p.m. General admission \$24, seniors \$20, students \$15. For information, visit www.4thwalltheatre.org.

• **Improv-Mania!** Multiple improv troupes will battle it out for supremacy and for prizes for the audience. Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. at the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts (593 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield). Competitors will include Nutty By Nature, On The Spot, and Sparks of Insanity (New Jersey's first professional teen improv troupe). Tickets are \$15. For information, call (973) 566-9700 or go to www.nuttybynature.org.

• **Jesus Christ Superstar**, the rock music phenom of another generation will be presented Nov. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 by MOC Musical Theatre. Witness the story of Christ and his followers from persecution to crucifixion. Tickets are \$25 general admission, and \$22 for seniors. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. For information, visit www.mocmusicals.org

• **Class Acts: One-Act Play Festival** will feature 10 one-act plays performed Dec. 2 and 3 by students in the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts master class program. Tickets are \$15. Showtime is 8 p.m. For tickets or information, call (973) 566-9700 or visit www.njactors.org.

• **Flop of Ages: Great Songs From Bad Shows.** 4th Wall Theatre presents an evening of memorable songs from musicals that failed to win audiences and critics, Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$25. For information, visit www.4thwalltheatre.org.

• **A Christmas Carol**, the classic Dickens tale, will be performed by Yates Musical Theatre on Friday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. General admission \$10, seniors and students \$8. For information, visit www.yatesmusicaltheatre.com. ❁

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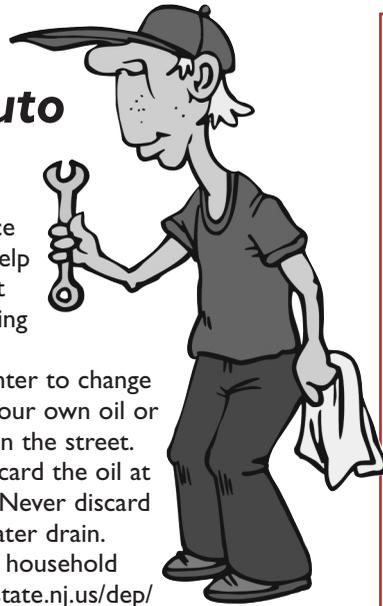
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Anti-pollution and the art of auto maintenance

Your everyday auto maintenance practices can affect water quality. Help reduce the amount of pollution that flows into our waterways by following these tips:

- Take your car to a service center to change oil or antifreeze. If you do change your own oil or antifreeze, do it in a garage, never on the street. Use a self-contained oil pan and discard the oil at a local service center for recycling. Never discard oil, gas or antifreeze into a stormwater drain. Antifreeze should be discarded at a household hazardous waste facility. Visit www.state.nj.us/dep/dshw/rtrtp/hhwcp.htm for a list of local household hazardous waste facilities.
- If you spill hazardous fluid, contain it immediately with rags or cat litter. Clean up the spill and properly dispose of the waste.
- Check your car for leaks and schedule regular tune-ups. If you find leaks or drips, have your car repaired.
- Store hazardous materials properly to prevent spills. Store them in the original closed container.

To find a green automotive repair shop near you, visit njgreenautorepair.org. 🌱



Brookdale run/walkathon benefits children in grief

Come to Brookdale Park on Saturday, Oct. 1 and join in a 5K run and walkathon to benefit the nation's largest bereavement camp.

Comfort Zone Camp, a nonprofit organization that has helped thousands of families heal after the death of a loved one, will receive all proceeds from the event.

The run/walk will start at 8 a.m. on a course that stays entirely within the park boundaries. Dogs and strollers are welcome. Related activities will include a silent auction, live music, a DJ, and face painting.

Comfort Zone provides free camps in California, Massachusetts, Virginia and Blairstown, N.J. for children ages 7 to 17. Camps are staffed by trained grief counselors and campers attend for free thanks to donations from individuals, businesses and civic groups.

Bloomfield resident Nicole Ojakian, a member of CZC's New York/New Jersey Volunteer Council, has attended 14 camps as a volunteer big buddy. She is helping to organize the second annual Bloomfield run/walkathon.

Registration is \$30 for adults; \$20 for teens 13 to 17; \$15 for children 12 and under; and \$5 for dogs. To get the event T-shirt, register before Sept. 12 at www.comfortzonecamp.org. For more information, call (804) 377-3430, x203. 🌱

Dear Neighbor,

Once a year, the United Way of Bloomfield asks for your support to help those in need. Our 2011-2012 appeal is more important than ever, and every dollar you donate goes to help people who live and work in Bloomfield.

Today, the needs have never been greater as families feel the impact of the economic crisis. Not a day goes by at the UWB without a neighbor calling or coming by desperately seeking assistance.

Many are going hungry, some are losing their homes or being evicted from their apartments. Utilities of many Bloomfield families are being shut off — many of them, families with children. Other people are ill, cannot get prescriptions, aren't insured, or can't find jobs.

The UWB provides programs for people with mental illnesses, for children who've been abused, and people who needed counseling, including counseling for suicide.

Without your support, we fail. Please help. Your contribution is sorely needed to do what we do best — help needy people in our town.

Ida Pafundi, Executive Director

Laurence E. Karosen, Esq., President, Chief Volunteer Ofcr.

United Way of Bloomfield, 385 Broad Street, 973-748-1732, www.unitedwaybloomfield.org

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Bloomfield Public Library

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Special Events

Events are subject to change; programs are added frequently.

- Seminar: "Starting and Managing Your Small Business," Sept. 13, 6:30 p.m.
- Seminar: "Bariatric Weight Loss Surgery," Sept. 20, 6 p.m.
- "Shot Down Over Italy: A True Story of Courage and Survival In Nazi Occupied Italy During WWII," Sept. 21, 2 p.m.
- Concert: "When Harry Met the Duke," featuring Rosemary Loar, Sept. 24, 2 p.m.
- Seminar: "Understanding Medicare," Sept. 30, 2 p.m.
- Concert: Mike Luipersbeck Trio, Oct. 29, 2 p.m.
- Seminar: "Financing Your Small Business," Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.
- Seminar: "College Planning," Oct. 25, 6 p.m.
- Seminar: "Marketing Your Small Business," Nov. 2, 6:30 p.m.
- Jazz Concert: Shenole Latimer, "Our Music, Our Culture," Nov. 12, 2 p.m.
- Seminar: "Social Media and the Internet for Your Business," Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.
- Concert: "Multicultural Songs of the Season," with Robin Greenstein, Dec. 17, 2 p.m.
- Kaplan PSAT practice test, Sept. 7, at 4 p.m.
- Kaplan SAT practice test, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m.
- Kaplan SAT/ACT practice test, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m.

Ongoing Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Poetry Club, second and fourth Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
- Book Club, one Monday a month. Call for topic and date.
- Game Nights, Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
- Needlework Club (knitting, crocheting, needlepoint), Fridays, 10 a.m.
- Gardening, Recipes, Cooking Club. Call for details.
- Work-on-it Wednesdays, crafts for adults, call for details, x502.

Got a Skill or Hobby You'd Like to Share?

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

Children's Programs

- Homework Help (grades 1-6), Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Chess Club, LEGO Club, Drop-in Craft, Superhero Party, and holiday programs. Check the website (www.bplnj.org/programs.html) for details.

Storytimes

- Baby Lapsit (up to 18 months), Thursdays, 11 a.m.
- Toddlers, with craft (19-36 months), Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
- Preschool, with craft (3-5 years), Wednesdays, 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.

Library Holiday Closures

- Labor Day Weekend – Sept. 3, 4, 5
- Columbus Day – Oct. 10
- Veterans Day – Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving – Nov. 24, 25 (closing at 5 p.m. on Nov. 23)
- Christmas – Dec. 25, 26 (closing at 3 p.m. on Dec. 24) ❄️

Classified Advertising

JOB - New Horizons in Autism, Inc.

P/T positions in Bloomfield, South Plainfield, and Clark to work with children with autism in our Community Integration Program. Will train. Start at up to \$ 11 per hour. Email resume to sarahpoplyansky@yahoo.com or send fax to (732) 918-0091.

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A Request to Bloomfield TV Viewers

Bloomfield's franchise agreement with Comcast, which provides local cable TV services, is scheduled for renewal. Please help us prepare for contract negotiations by completing and returning this survey by Oct. 3. THANK YOU!

• **Mail:** WBMA-TV / Survey,
84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

• **Fax:** (973) 680-4140
• **Online survey:** www.WBMATV.com
or www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com

1) Why do you subscribe to cable TV?

- Variety of programs
- Movies
- Sports
- Local community programming
- No reception without it
- Other _____

2) How satisfied are you with Comcast Cable's service?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Slightly dissatisfied
- Not at all satisfied

3) What problems if any, have you had in the past six months?

- Picture quality poor on all stations
- Picture quality poor on some stations
- Converter not operating well
- Complete loss of cable for several hours or more
- Other _____

- I have had no problems in the last six months

4) How often would you say outages occur?

- Frequently
- Occasionally
- Only during bad weather
- Hardly ever

5) Is Comcast Cable easily accessible by telephone?

- Always
- Sometimes
- Never

6) Have you had any billing problems with Comcast Cable?

- Yes
- No

7) Was the problem resolved quickly?

- Yes
- No

8) If a Comcast Cable field representative or technician made a service call(s) in the last six months, how

satisfied were you with the service?

- Very satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Not at all satisfied

9) Was the Technician...?

- On time
- Late
- Did not show up
- Courteous
- Knowledgeable
- Solve your problem
- Did NOT resolve your problem

10) Did you know that complaints regarding your cable service could be registered with the BPU: Office of Cable Television?

- Yes
- No

11) Do you know that the Township of Bloomfield has its own local access channels?

- Yes, WBMA-TV Channel 35
- Yes, Educational Channel 34
- No
- What is local access television?

12) Would you watch WBMA-TV (Channel 35) if it was available in high definition?

- Yes
- No

13) What type of programming do you and/or would you watch on WBMA-TV (Channel 35)?

- Council Meetings
- Planning and Zoning Board Meetings
- Board of Education Meetings
- Concerts
- Public Affair/Talk Shows
- Parades
- School Events
- Senior Citizen Events
- News/Documentaries
- Arts
- Holiday Programming
- High School Sports
- Recreation Sports

14) What regular programming on WBMA-TV do you watch?

- Council, Planning and Zoning Board Meetings
- Board of Education Meetings
- Bloomfield Buzz TV
- Saturday Night at the Movies
- Seniorcize with Paula
- If Plants Could Talk
- King Henry
- Cool Beans Music and Art Show
- Peek-a-boo Turtle
- Army News Watch
- Access New Jersey
- WBMA-TV Sports
- Other _____

15) How satisfied are you with the selection of expanded basic cable channels available (Lifetime, Discovery, Sci-Fi, etc.)?

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Not enough channels
- Not at all satisfied

16) How satisfied are you with the current selection of premium channels (HBO, Showtime, Cinemax, etc.)?

- Very Satisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Not at all satisfied

17) Do you watch programming in high definition?

- Yes
- No
- Don't have HD TV
- Have HD TV, but not HD Service

18) What additional channels would you like to see?

19) As we approach a re-franchising agreement with Comcast Cable, what issues are important to you?

Human Services (973) 680-4017

30 Bloomfield children get a back 2 school shopping spree

New clothing and school supplies required for back-to-school can be a budget drainer for many families. That's why the National Council of Jewish Women created the Back 2 School Store, a way for low-income families to get help with the initial expense of a new school year.

On July 31, Bloomfield Human Services collaborated



Bloomfield Mayor Raymond McCarthy is shown speaking with a Back 2 School volunteer. He attended the event as a special guest.

with the NCJW and chose 33 children to shop the store. In all, 500 children from all over Essex County participated.

The Gaelen Family Resource Center inside B'nai Shalom synagogue in West Orange was set up to look like a department store. Each child, assisted by a volunteer personal shopper, selected a new shirt, pants, winter jacket, sneakers, underwear, socks, hat, gloves, and scarf.

They also selected new backpacks filled with school supplies and personal care items.

While the children shopped, their parents gathered information about community resources, career and educational opportunities.

Spare an hour for a neighbor

"I am 75. For the first time in my life, I've had to get help" for the simple things in life," says a Bloomfield resident. "It was hard to do it," but also "wonderful," thanks to the Neighbor to Neighbor Network, and now, "I am grateful to have the help."

For years, NTNN has provided help for Bloomfield seniors and people with disabilities by providing companionship, running their errands and doing

their grocery shopping. If you or someone you know could use that kind of FREE assistance, call NTNN and ask about the Friendly Visitor Program.

NTNN is also looking for more volunteers. "It is a wonderful way to interact with people," says Volunteer Coordinator Paula Peikes. "The benefits are impossible to measure."

For more information on getting help or being a volunteer, call (973) 680-4017.

You may qualify for public assistance

Food stamps, local food pantries, utility assistance, and prescription assistance pro-

grams are available to qualified Bloomfield residents through the Department of Health and Human Services. The department conducts benefits screenings for low-income individuals



to determine eligibility.

The Mobile County Welfare Van is another way to apply for assistance. The van is stationed in front of Town Hall once every month.

Home-bound seniors and disabled residents can call for in-home screenings.

New Service Added – A Social Security representative now comes to town hall on a regular basis to answer Medicare and Social Security questions. Call Human Services for dates.

Managing back-to-school jitters

When summer ends and school begins, children and parents can experience excitement and stress. For kids, the anxiety may persist until new routines, classmates, and teachers become more familiar. Parents should project confidence and optimism for a child's ability to cope, since children can easily absorb a parent's worries.

A family conversation will bring needed reassurance, and

Free Rabies Clinic

A free rabies vaccination clinic will be offered Sunday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bloomfield Animal Shelter. Every dog and cat must receive a rabies vaccination and be licensed. Cats coming to the clinic must be brought in carriers and dogs must be on a leash. For information, call (973) 680-4024.

Flu shots Sept. 26

The Township Health Department will hold a drop-in influenza vaccine clinic on Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fire Station #3 on East Passaic Avenue. No appointments will be necessary.

Traditional Medicare will be accepted, but HMO Medicare (e.g., Oxford, Aetna, Horizon, BC/BS) will not be accepted. For those without traditional Medicare, the cost is \$25. A receipt will be provided for insurance reimbursement.

For more information, call the Flu Hotline at (973) 680-4060, or visit www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com. Information also will be provided via Bloomfield Life, the Independent Press, WBMA, Bloomfield Patch, and Nixle.

parents can use role-playing to manage potential difficulties.

If a child's anxiety persists after an initial adjustment period, contact the teacher, guidance counselor, or principal. A mental health professional can be called on for appropriate screening and assessment.

For more information, call Human Services. 🌸

Sign up to receive weekly health tips

Get HIV Testing. Know Your Family History. Know Gynecological Cancer Signs.

The Health Department invites all residents to sign up for a new e-mail series called "Weekly Health Tips." Subscribe and you'll get brief but important tips delivered straight to your inbox, bringing you the latest and most accurate health information.

To sign up, send e-mail to healthed@bloomfieldtwpnj.com and type "Weekly Health Tips" in the subject line. Or, call (973) 680-4183. Rest assured your e-mail address will NOT be shared.

For a sampling of recent Weekly Health Tips, read below.

Choose Breastfeeding

Babies and mothers gain benefits from breastfeeding. Breast milk is easy to digest and contains antibodies that can protect infants from bacterial and viral infections. Women who breastfeed also may have lower rates of certain breast and ovarian cancers. A baby's risk of becoming an overweight child reduces with each month of breastfeeding. Take a minute to make the choice that's best for you and your baby.

- If you're pregnant, talk to your doctor or nurse about the benefits of breastfeeding.
- If you're a new mother, make the choice to breastfeed.
- Contact your doctor, nurse, or lactation specialist if you have problems or want resources in your area that support breastfeeding.

Get Vaccinated

Vaccinations help prevent infectious diseases and save lives. It is always better to prevent a disease than to treat it. Just a few minutes will protect

Upcoming Nursing Clinics

Screenings are held in the Nursing Division, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments are required, unless otherwise indicated. Call (973) 680-4058.

◆ **Adult Vaccines.** Third Monday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$15. Vaccines include Tdap, Human Papilloma Virus, Meningococcal, Pneumococcal, Hepatitis B, and Hepatitis A. For ages 19 and older. Call for specifics.

◆ **Blood Chemistry and PSA.** Sept. 23, 8 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration required. Cost: \$25 for blood chemistry; \$35 for PSA (for men). A 12-hour fast is advised.

◆ **Blood Pressure.** Two free clinics offered.

- Nursing Division Office, first and third Thursday of every month, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

- Watchung Presbyterian Church, second Friday of every month, 9:30-10:30 a.m., at 375 Watchung Avenue.

◆ **Bone Density.** Sept. 27 and Nov. 29, 10 a.m. to noon. \$12/\$10, ages 55 and older.

Forearm ultrasound identifies osteoporosis risk. Conducted by Mountainside Hospital Community Health.

◆ **Diabetes.** Dec. 8, 9:30-11 a.m. \$10. Fasting recommended. Know your blood sugar.

◆ **Pap Smear, Mammography.** Nov. 17. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. Free for uninsured women, age 40 and over (not on Medicare), or for women age 40 and older whose insurance does not provide coverage for these screenings. Service conducted by UMDNJ S.A.V.E.

◆ **Respiratory (lung capacity).** Oct. 25, 10 a.m. to noon. \$5. Conducted by Mountainside Hospital Community Health.

◆ **Stroke.** Dec. 13, 10 a.m. to noon. \$30/\$25. For those 55 and older. Includes cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings, pulse, carotid artery assessment and stroke-related counseling. Conducted by Mountainside Hospital Community Health.

◆ **Urinalysis.** Sept. 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$10. No appointment necessary.

Child Immunization Program.

Residents ages 2 months through 18 years can get free, age-appropriate vaccines through this program offered by Public Health Nursing. Those eligible must be uninsured, or insured under NJ Family Care. Hours are Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 for a one-time program registration fee, plus a \$10 administration fee per visit, per child. Call for details and to schedule an appointment.

NJ Family Care.

Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, a representative of NJ Family Care is on site at the Public Health Nursing Office to assist residents with Family Care applications and questions. No appointment is necessary, but please call first to ensure that the representative is present.

you and others from diseases.

- Keep track of your and your family's vaccinations as they're received.
- Make an appointment with your family doctor to make sure vaccinations stay up-to-date.

Know Prostate Cancer Signs

The prostate is a walnut-sized gland in men that makes the fluid that carries sperm. Learn the warning signs and symptoms of prostate cancer:

- Blood in the urine.
- The need to urinate frequently,

especially at night.

- Weak or interrupted urine flow.
- Pain or a burning feeling while urinating.
- Inability to urinate.
- Constant pain in the lower back, pelvis, or upper thighs.

If you think you have any warning signs or symptoms, talk to your doctor or nurse right away. Or ask about a screening for prostate cancer.

Assess Your Relationships

Like all violence, intimate partner violence is a learned

behavior that can be changed or prevented. Abuse includes physical abuse, sexual abuse, threats, and emotional abuse. Often, intimate partner abuse starts with emotional abuse and can progress to physical or sexual abuse. Take a few minutes to determine if you or others you care about are in an unhealthy relationship, and get help if needed. Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) to learn about available services for victims and perpetrators of intimate partner abuse and their children. ❁

Municipal Directory

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+ the following 4-digit direct-dial numbers

Administration	4006
Animal Control	4024
Animal Shelter	748-0194
Assessor (Tax)	4021
Bd. of Education	8500
Building Dept	4054
Clerk's Office	4015
Community Dev.....	4188
Court/Violations	4078
Engineering	4009
Finance	4038
Fire Dept	4153
Health Dept	4024
Info Systems	4670
Law Department	4066
Library	566-6200
Mayor & Council	4080
Parking Authority	8960
Personnel	4005
Police Dept	4141
Public Works	4127, x400
Recreation	743-9074
Tax Dept	4049
Water Department	4051
WBMA TV	4122

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Raymond J. McCarthy

Council Members

- 1st Ward, Janice Maly
 - 2nd Ward, Nicholas Joanow
 - 3rd Ward, Robert Ruane
- Council Members At-Large:
- Bernard Hamilton
 - Peggy O'Boyle Dunigan
 - Michael Venezia

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Deadline challenges under new anti-bullying law

The state's new Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights came into effect in September and with it, stringent reporting requirements:

- School staff must report to the principal any alleged

cases they witness or reliably hear about within one day.

- Witnesses must write reports within two days.
- Principals must alert parents, and initiate investigation within one day.

- Investigation must be completed within 10 days.

- Superintendents must recommend intervention or other action at the next school board meeting. Parents may request a hearing.

The rules can be relaxed in extenuating circumstances. 🌸