

# Bloomfield Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township BUZZ



Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act, better known as “Obamacare,” begins Oct. 1, affecting nearly 110,000 uninsured people in Essex County. All uninsured Americans will be required to have insurance coverage as of Jan. 1, 2014.

The Affordable Care Act, or ACA, provides a new way to buy insurance, through a health insurance “marketplace.” It lets you easily compare insurance options.

Everyone must obtain health insurance except for those with private insurance, employer-sponsored insurance, retirement insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare, or VA health benefits. A hardship exemption is available.

ACA consumer protections include the following:

- Since September 2010, insurance companies can no longer deny coverage to a child due to a pre-existing condition.
- Starting Jan. 1, 2014, adults cannot be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition.
- Insurance companies can

no longer put a yearly or lifetime cap on coverage.

■ Insurers must spend 80% of a person’s premium on healthcare or improvements to care; otherwise they must give the consumer a rebate. So far, New Jersey consumers have received more than \$7 million dollars in rebates.

Because the state of New Jersey opted to expand Medicaid eligibility under the ACA, many formerly uninsured people will be eligible for Medicaid coverage or vouchers applied to the purchase of coverage.

To apply by phone after Oct. 1, call (800) 318-2596. Until Oct. 1, call the same number for information, or visit [www.Healthcare.gov](http://www.Healthcare.gov).

In-person application assis-

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September–December 2013

## Celebrate families, fun and FALL! Harvest Fest 2013

A two-day line-up of entertainers is planned for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28 and 29 when Bloomfield will hold its 21st annual Harvest Fest.

This year’s celebration promises two performance stages, two food courts with ethnic and festival foods, street-side booths for learning about civic and community groups, and a kids’ zone with amusements and activities.

Two new events are also planned this year:

- Local green organizations are creating GreenFest, a project aimed at helping people find healthier social, economic and environmental

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## Gardening and bicycling to help reshape Bloomfield

Get on your bikes and ride . . . to a Bloomfield community garden and parks! Bicycling and healthy home-grown food have become Bloomfield’s answers to the national obesity problem. Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services successfully applied for two state grants (\$10,000 ShapingNJ grant, \$10,000 Healthy Eating and Physical Activity grant), which have allowed a study on downtown bike lanes, plus expansion of community gardens and farmers markets.

### “Bikeability” Study

Bike lanes have been under discussion in Bloomfield since downtown redevelopment began. The new infusion of Health Department funding has allowed a consulting firm to pinpoint safe areas to place the lanes. The idea is to link schools, parks and other popular downtown amenities, thereby increasing recreational bicycling while reducing dependence on cars. Safe routes, lane markings and a secure bike locking system are under discussion.

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE: A smile on my face and a tear in my eye

As most of you are aware, my time as Mayor of Bloomfield is ending on Jan. 1, 2014. It is because of my family and my business that I'm not running again, but I want you to know, I have truly loved being Mayor.

In the last 12 years, I have enjoyed working hard for the people of Bloomfield and I'm pleased by your affirmation in electing me to office four times. You believed in me and what I wanted for our community.

Much has been accomplished over the years. Right now, five redevelopment projects are about to begin and this Township will be the Jewel of Essex County we've always known it to be.

Two accomplishments I'm most proud of during my tenure are the Dial-a-Ride program — I can't tell you how often people praise that program — and this newsletter, the Bloomfield BUZZ, another thing that people always thank me for, especially our seniors.

Every time I attend a game at The Challenger Field, my heart is touched. Our special needs field is one of only three of its kind in the state and it still produces inquiries from other towns.

I am exceptionally proud of the world-wide recognition we received when we opted for a lottery-style flu shot system a few years ago. Bloomfield was the center of attention for days because we did something no other community had thought to

do. We showed we can think outside the box.

Of course, none of these accomplishments came about without the help of the people who work for Bloomfield. Our Township employees have made me a better Mayor by their dedication to this community. I can't begin to thank them enough for the stellar job they do every day. They will be friends of mine forever.

We lost many significant people over the last 12 years but none more important to me than Pam Walsh, my

beyond-dedicated secretary. Day in and day out, she worked her public relations magic to smooth my way as a leader. Pam is sorely missed in this Township.

I want to thank my wife Janet who was always there to help with anything that needed attention — when things didn't go according to plan, when I needed help deciding what would be best for the Township.

Looking back on the last 12 years, there's a smile on my face and a tear in my eye. I am so grateful to all the wonderful people who showed me respect and good will. You've let me know that I made a difference and I thank you for being so much a part of my precious time in office.

Warmly,  
Mayor Raymond J. McCarthy



## Senate, General Elections: What you need to know

### U.S. Senate, Special General Election, Oct. 16

The special general election for the U.S. Senate will take place Wednesday, Oct. 16. The winner will fill the remaining term of Democrat Frank Lautenberg who died in office in June. The term ends Jan. 3, 2015.

Local polling hours will be 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 16. All voters will receive sample ballots indicating neighborhood voting places.

Related voting deadlines are as follows:

- Deadline to register to vote or change address: Sept. 25, Bloomfield Clerk's Office. Hours for that day only: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Application for mail-in ballot: Must be received in the Essex County Clerk's Office by Oct. 9.
- Deadline to apply in person for a mail-in ballot: Oct. 15, at 3 p.m., in the Essex County Clerk's Office.

### General Election, Nov. 5

The New Jersey general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 5, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Advance voting ballots will be mailed to homes.

- Deadline to register to vote or change address: Oct. 15, Bloomfield Clerk's Office. Hours for that day only, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Application for mail-in

ballot: Must be received in the Essex County Clerk's Office by Oct. 29.

- Deadline to apply in person for a mail-in ballot: Nov. 4, 3 p.m., Essex County Clerk's Office.

### Alternative Saturday voting

If you cannot vote on Oct. 16 or Nov. 5, the County Clerk's Office, located at the Hall of Records in Newark, will be open to Essex County voters on the Saturday preceding each election.

- Senate Election: Saturday, Oct. 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
  - General Election: Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- You can also obtain an online voting application from Essex County at [www.essex-clerk.com](http://www.essex-clerk.com). Or call the County Clerk's office at (973) 387-7311, or 7312. ✪

### Essex County Clerk's Office

- Hall of Records, 465 MLK Blvd., Room 240, Newark.
- Regular hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Alternative Saturday voting hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Mailing address: P.O. Box 690, Newark, NJ 07101

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# Butterfly Discovery Center comes to town

From brown to beautiful, an ugly 2.2-acre Bloomfield brownfield will soon become a passive public park housing a butterfly meadow and an outdoor classroom for children to learn about the butterflies that make their home in Bloomfield.

The Bloomfield Butterfly Discovery Center, located at the end of Lion Gate Drive off Broad Street, is expected to be completed by November. Entry to the public park will be free.

The garden is "a critically needed habitat for butterflies, grassland birds and small mammals," said Tim Delorm, an urban designer and landscape architect with Terra Noble Design, P.A., of Glen Ridge. Delorm worked with Township officials and NJ Green Acres to design the park. The land was purchased with funds from The Bloomfield Open Space Trust

Fund Committee.

The butterfly park will protect the waters of the Third River while providing a needed wildlife habitat. Its meadows will be dormant in winter, but park paths and seating will remain available to the public.

Located in Bloomfield's open space corridor at the fork of the Third River and its tributary, the park will be located adjacent to the former site of Scientific Glass. It will transform a lifeless property into meadow and forest.

Surface run-off will be slowed and rain water will be cleansed as it makes its way to the river. The garden's open-space designation will prevent development that could create flooding or damage water quality in the river.

Learn more about the park on Sept. 28 and 29 during the

annual Bloomfield Harvest Fest. The Bloomfield Open Space Trust Fund Committee will have a sustainable corner in the

library quad featuring plans for the Butterfly Discovery Center. ❀

## Please don't trash the storm basin

Human activity is largely responsible for stormwater pollution. Everything we put on the ground or into the storm drain can end up in our water.

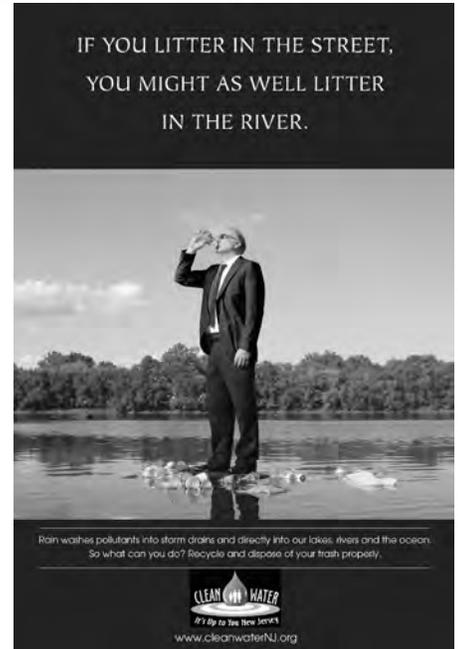
Water from rain and melting snow flows over lawns, parking lots and streets, into catch basins, storm drains and ditches. Usually it's not treated, and gets discharged into lakes, rivers and oceans.

As it travels, the water picks up trash (fast-food wrappers, cigarette butts, styrofoam cups, etc.) and pollutants (gas, motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pesticides and pet droppings). Polluted stormwater can kill fish and other wildlife, destroy wildlife habitat, contaminate drinking water and force the closing of beaches.

So what can you do about it?

- Recycle used oil at certified facilities and maintain your vehicle to prevent leaks.
- Take your car to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.
- Properly dispose of your pet's waste by flushing it down the toilet or by placing it in a bag and throwing it in the trash.
- Follow the directions on the fertilizer bag and do not apply before it rains. Use only when necessary.

These tips come from the Bloomfield Township Engineer's Office and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Clean Water Division. ❀



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## Harvest Fest Cont'd from page 1

ways of living.

• Bloomfield College will offer its first "Deacon's Fest" (named for the school mascot) on Sept. 28. Past, present and future students and their families will be invited to participate.

Harvest Fest has been billed as "Bloomfield's Biggest Celebration," likely to draw 40,000 visitors.

All events are free and will take place on Broad Street between Belleville Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days, rain or shine.

Harvest Fest is managed by a special committee of the Bloomfield Center Alliance. For information, call (973) 429-8050 or visit [www.bloomfield-harvest.org](http://www.bloomfield-harvest.org). ❀

## BLOOMFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(973) 743-9074 • [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

### 2013 Fall Programs

Pre-registration at the Bloomfield Civic Center is required for all fall programs. Sign-up will begin Wednesday, Sept. 11 and continue through the fall. In-person sign-ups will take place Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. For program dates and times and to register online, go to [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org).

#### Adult Fitness (18 and older)

- Belly Dance Workout
- Cross-Fitness • Hula Hoop
- Pilates • Yoga • Zumba
- Total Body Conditioning

#### Children's Art

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

#### Baton

- Pre-K and older
- Competition Groups A, 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 9 or older
- Returning students, any belt colors

#### Pee Wee Football

- Grades 1-2 • Grades 3-4

#### Tennis

Programming options to be announced

#### Tumble Tots

18-36 months

#### Gymble Tots - Age 4

(continues Tumble Tots)

### Thanks for making summer Cool!

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To suggest 2014 Summer of Fun musical acts, e-mail [recreation@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:recreation@bloomfieldtwpnj.com)

### Fall Special Events

#### 9/11 Memorial Service

Bloomfield's September 11th Memorial Service will start at 6 p.m. on the Town Green. Join Township officials, friends, family and residents in remembering all who were lost that infamous day.

#### 2nd Annual Movie Night and Family Camp-Out

Come to Pulaski Park for a free, family movie and overnight camp-out on Saturday, Sept. 21. Ten more campsites have been added this year to meet demand. Campsite pre-registration is required, and someone 18 or older must accompany each camping group.

Live music will precede the movie and the Bloomfield Fire Department and FMBA local #19 will supervise the campfire. Enjoy juice and bagels from Hot Bagels Abroad on Sunday morning.

#### Have a Spooktacular Time

Bloomfield's annual Halloween celebration is set for Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Town Green/Civic Center. Traditional trick-or-treating, pumpkin patch, costume contest and magic show will be offered along with new programs, to be announced. Bloomfield FMBA, Bloomfield PBA and Brookside Garden Center are the sponsors.

#### See Santa, the Rockettes and More

Board the bus to Manhattan for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. The annual Township holiday trip will take place Thursday, Dec. 5. The charter bus will leave the Civic Center (84 Broad Street) at 5 p.m. Early reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$90 (subject to change).

#### Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bloomfield's annual tree lighting ceremony and visit with Santa will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2 in front of Town Hall. Scout groups and the Bloomfield High School Concert Choir will sing carols.

### Upgrades coming to Pulaski B-ball Courts

Pulaski Park basketball court upgrades will begin early this fall. All existing courts will be demolished, re-graded and resurfaced. New rims, backboards and striping will finish the makeover.

The project is the final phase of Pulaski Park refurbishment, funded with an Essex County grant and capital funds. Prior phases brought improvements to the tennis courts and extensive field house renovations, including ADA-compliant bathrooms, a concession stand, locker room upgrades, an exterior overhaul, improved lighting and security cameras. ❁

## Who's got talent in Bloomfield?

Tie up your taps and rosin your bow! Bloomfield is about to hold its own "Most Talented Week."

In the first week of December, you and your talented neighbors will be on stage at Bloomfield High School performing your musical, dancing, acting and other talents before an audience of cheering townies.

Modeled after popular television shows, Bloomfield's Most Talented will be a three-day event featuring celebrity judges who will winnow the competition up to the final round, then award the winner.

The fundraising event is a project of the Bloomfield Cultural Commission. Admission will range from \$1 to \$6. Exact dates and times will be announced.

If you plan to compete, watch for applications at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 North Broad Street, or e-mail Michelle Davidson at mshell-davidson@aol.com.

Meanwhile . . . practice, practice, practice.

### More Cultural Commission Events

#### ■ Two readings by local authors:

- Debra Wilson Brown, "Underneath Savanna," a children's story about a tree rescued by its beloved community. Reading in October.

- James Parker Wollner, "The Bamboo Shoot," a memoir about the author's military experience. Reading in November.

#### ■ The Bicentennial Bus Tour of Historic Bloomfield

returns on Saturday, Sept. 2. Choose one of two free tours beginning at the Civic Center at 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.



**S**pend two years in a war zone handling explosive devices and no doubt your world view will change. Spend 40 days without showering and you'll realize the small things in life really do matter most.

Without a doubt, the Iraq war changed Lech Sierpowski's outlook. But the 31-year-old Bloomfield resident and Marine Corps veteran has emerged from four years of Marine Corps service as a lightening rod of support for returning vets.

"I don't want these guys to be forgotten," he says. "They don't need sympathy, they need help. They're in their 20s and 30s, they've had multiple deployments, they have to start over."

As the volunteer team leader for the Veterans' Network of GE Aviation Systems in Whippany where he now works, Sierpowski coordinates 22 fellow employee-veterans who help plan events involving military families and supporters.

By collaborating with more than a dozen other veterans groups, Sierpowski and the team run projects such as clothing and home goods drives, care packages for active troops, and holiday projects. This summer they held the first annual "Campfire Heroes," a canoe, paintball and zip-lining event for military family and friends.

Sierpowski's proudest

## Lech Sierpowski inspires new era of veteran appreciation

effort was a Veterans' Network project for Memorial Day 2013. Twenty-eight members and supporters planted 1,400 U.S. flags on veterans' graves at Evergreen Cemetery in Morristown.

**Because of a tough mental attitude,** Sierpowski fared better than some returning vets. He came home and earned a B.S. in applied science at Thomas Edison State College. He's now a skilled maintenance technician for GE Aviation, the world's leading producer of large and small jet engines for commercial and military aircraft.

But he recalls the initial floundering when he came

home -- people saying, "Get over it. Get a job."

"That doesn't get you on your feet," he said. "Horrible things happen and you don't move on from that. It becomes part of who you are."

"For every brother and friend that I had to put away, I have to give back. I want people to be more aware of what veterans have done."

If you are inspired by take-action initiative, then consider taking a cue from this Bloomfield patriot: "Hire vets first, revive our veterans organizations, show strong attendance at parades, thank a veteran and welcome them home, fly the American flag in front of your home, and most importantly," says Sierpowski, "be grateful that you live in the United States of America." ✿

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Buy a ticket in the United Way of Bloomfield 50/50 and you could be the winner of a \$10,000 windfall. It happened last year to a lucky Bloomfield resident.

This year's 50/50 ticket sale is going on now and the drawing will occur at 8 p.m. during half-time at the BHS homecoming game at Foley Field on Saturday, Oct. 26. Tickets are \$100 each; all must be sold to achieve the maximum \$20,000 split. To purchase, contact UWB (as noted below).

The United Way of Bloomfield is a source of essential services for local people in need. All funds come from contributions of financial gifts, food, clothing, school supplies, small household items, and more.

Office Liaison Hilary Michel says UWB currently needs non-perishable foods such as pasta,

rice, boxed milk, cereal, soup, canned vegetables and canned fruit; as well as travel-size toiletries and disposable diapers.

Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. If you wish to make regular contributions from your employment pay check, tell human resources in your company that you want to give specifically to United Way of Bloomfield, not "United Way" in general, so that your donation is pinpointed to help Bloomfield residents. Or mail to UWB at 385 Broad Street.

"We are most grateful for each donation and your belief in our commitment to reach out and help the community on your behalf," said Ms. Michel.

For details about the 50/50 or donations, call (973) 748-1732, e-mail [info@unitedway-bloomfield.org](mailto:info@unitedway-bloomfield.org), or visit [unitedwaybloomfield.org](http://unitedwaybloomfield.org). ❀

## Reshape Bloomfield Cont'd from page 1

Popular interest in the bike lane idea was confirmed when the Health Department conducted a community health assessment earlier this year. Among other issues, residents said that improvements for cyclists would make Bloomfield more desirable.

### Community Gardens

An expansion of the community gardens at Oakeside Cultural Center became a second use of the grant money. Last spring, the Department of Public Works cleared an unused part of Oakeside's property to add five new garden plots, all quickly adopted at no cost by

eager residents. The Health Department is now working with the Open Space Trust Fund Committee to identify areas in town for more gardens.

### Farmers Markets

Along with more gardening plots, Bloomfield also wants to establish more farmers markets, where fresh fruits and vegetables are better priced than fast food. Currently, one weekly farmers market operates in the Township. State funding is allowing research to determine where additional markets should be placed to accommodate people with traveling challenges. ❀

## ACA sign-up Cont'd from page 1

tance will be available to Bloomfield residents by contacting the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services. Application informa-

tion will be posted on the department website, [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health). Or call the department at (973) 680-4017 for enrollment assistance. ❀

## Dine and dance with St. Val's Athletic Club

The 90th anniversary dinner dance of the Saint Valentine Athletic Club will be held Saturday, Oct. 26 at Forest Hill Field Club in Bloomfield.

The fundraising event will begin with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a five-hour open bar. Entertainment will be provided by The Flying Mueller Brothers. The cost is \$90 per person.

Advertisers in the anniversary ad book are still needed. For information on tickets or advertising, call Mike McGowen at (973) 680-1551 or Joe Sandora at (973) 743-7264. ❀




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◆ **Yard Waste Collection through Oct. 15.** Collected on regular recycling days. Use biodegradable bags only. Discard leaves, grass, clippings, brush, branches and lawn rakings. No household garbage or recycling.

◆ **North End Electronic Recycling, Sat., Sept. 21, 9 a.m. - noon.** Brookdale Christian Church. Discard computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, mouse devices, telephones, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, stereos and small appliances.

◆ **Hazardous Waste Day Sat., Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage, 99 W. Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove. Bring driver's license to prove residency. Call (973) 857-2350.

◆ **Paper Shredding Sat., Oct. 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Residents only. Municipal lot next to the post office.

◆ **Fall Leaf Collection Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.** Use brown biodegradable bags ONLY (not plastic bags). Collected on your recycling day.

## General Recycling Services

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

■ **Bulky Items** (e.g., furniture, carpeting, mattresses, cans of dried-out paint) - 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.

■ **Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones**

Recycle at Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office-Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Walmart or Verizon Wireless. Car batteries are 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.

■ **Used Televisions** - bring to the Bloomfield Public Works Yard, at 230 Grove Street on Saturdays only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do not leave TVs at curbside.

■ **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.

■ **Missed Trash Pickup** - Call ((973) 680-4127.

■ **Blue Recycling Bins** - Pick up at 230 Grove Street, Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., or Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Recycling List Expanded

Commingled recycling — cans, bottles and plastics (#1 - #7) — now includes: plastic bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, Tetra Pak materials and juice boxes, rigid plastic (such as molded lawn chairs, buckets and toys with no metal parts), aluminum pots and pans, and styrofoam (such as cups, egg cartons, packing materials). Details at [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

### Non-Recycling Services

- **Pothole Repair** - (973) 680-4127, press #1 to provide location.
- **Streetlight Out** - (973) 680-4009. Provide the pole number.

## Curbside Recycling

### SEPTEMBER

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Shaded Dates:  
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:  
Commingled

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

- Labor Day, Sept. 2
- Thanksgiving, Nov. 28
- Christmas, Dec. 25
- New Years Day, Jan. 1, 2014

### What to do when a holiday falls on your normal pickup day

- **Garbage** - expect only one pickup that week.
- **Recycling** - pickup will be canceled. If you wish, bring recycling to the DPW Yard at 230 Grove Street on the following Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Bloomfield Public Library

973-566-6200 • www.bplnj.org

M, T, W: 10am-8pm • Th, F: 10am-5pm • Sat: 10am-6pm (summer closed)

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

## ■ Programs

New seminars are added frequently. Check the online calendar for updates.

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club, one Monday per month. Call for topic and date.
- Financial Book Club and workshops, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Beginners welcome.

- Knitting Club, Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Genealogy Club – Call for dates and times
- Get it Write! Writing Workshop – Call for dates and times
- Computer Tutoring (basic skills) – Bloomfield residents with valid Bloomfield Library cards only. Appointment required. Call for information.

- Job support and networking group (Neighbors Helping Neighbors) – Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

## ■ Share Your Talent or Knowledge

If you have a special talent or subject knowledge, consider sharing it at the library. Teach a course on business, the arts, popular culture or current events. Hold a free concert. Tutor people on computer use. The possibilities are limitless. Contact Lisa Cohn at (973) 566-6200, x213 or lcohn@bplnj.org.

## ■ Children's Programs

Weekly storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers are scheduled year-round. Call the library or check the monthly online calendar at [www.bplnj.org/programs.html](http://www.bplnj.org/programs.html). All programs are free.

## ■ Passports

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

## ■ Need Help Learning English?

Literacy Volunteers is now located in the Bloomfield Public Library. If you need help learning English, or would like to volunteer to be a tutor, call x217.

## ■ Saturday Hours

The library will be open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting Sept. 7.

## ■ Holiday Closures

- Labor Day – Sept. 2
- Columbus Day – Oct. 14
- Election Day - early closing, 4 p.m.
- Veteran's Day observed – Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving – closing 3 p.m. Nov. 27, and all day Nov. 28, 29.
- Christmas – closing 3 p.m. Dec. 24, and all day Dec. 25.
- New Year's Eve – closing 3 p.m. on Dec. 31.

## ■ Support Your Library

- Donate new or lightly used DVDs, hardcover books, audiobooks, newspaper or magazine subscriptions. Current best-sellers are most welcome.
- Donate a Bloomfield public school yearbook to replace damaged copies.
- Join the Friends of the Library. Download the application at [www.bplnj.org/friends.html](http://www.bplnj.org/friends.html). Or donate to: Friends of the Library, c/o Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.
- Monthly public meetings of the Library Board of Trustees are held the first Tuesday at 5 p.m. Public input is welcome. Learn more about support at [www.bplnj.org/giving.html](http://www.bplnj.org/giving.html).



**Matthew gifts the library**

table featuring inset puzzle pieces that spell "Bloomfield Library" and are just right for little hands to maneuver.

The table was custom made for the library by Matthew's father, Danny Birnbaum, of Saco & Birnbaum Fine Woodworking in East Orange. Matthew's mother, Sarah Birnbaum, said the donation is Matthew's first service project and will become an annual tradition of serving the community each year on his birthday. 🌸

**The Children's Room at Bloomfield Public Library recently received an unexpected gift from one of its youngest patrons. Bloomfield resident Matthew Birnbaum, age 1, presented the library with a child-sized wooden**

## St. Val's wins 2013 Little League championship

Baseball season is over, but the boys of St. Val's are still savoring their June 22 win of the Mayor's Cup Trophy, the grand prize of Bloomfield Little League baseball.

Two leagues, American (south Bloomfield) and National (north Bloomfield), competed separately throughout the spring season. Then, in mid-June, the stand-out American League team, the undefeated Elks (sponsored by the Bloomfield Elks Club), competed against the winning National League team, St. Val's (sponsored by St. Valentine's Church).

In tournament play, St. Val's won the first game on their home turf (Vassar Field) with a score of 11 to 1. The Elks took the second game, at Wright's Field, on their home field. With a strong come-back in the final

inning, the Elks won 8 to 7.

Based on a coin toss, the final match-up took place at Wright's Field on June 22. St. Val's defeated the Elks with a score of 8 to 0.

St. Val's Coach Jonathan Cipollina said the Elks "were very good sports about it."

St. Val's 11 players, ages 10 to 12, were so dedicated to practice during the regular season that they exceeded their twice weekly allotment of practices on busy town playing fields and held one or two additional practices per week at pick-up locations.

"The kids were always there and the parents made that happen," said Cipollina.

St. Val's regular- and post-season record shows they scored 87 more runs than the next best competitor. Congratulations St. Val's! 🌸

## Westminster Arts Center

<http://arts.bloomfield.edu/>  
(973) 259-3020, x1279



### ■ Sept. 14 - Stand-Up Comedienne Suzanne Westenhofer

Brave, bold and comic gold, Westenhofer is the reigning shtick chick with a unique sense of self that grabs young, old, gay, straight, and every descriptor in between. Tickets are \$32.50. Showtime: 8 p.m. Details at [www.women2womenproductions.com](http://www.women2womenproductions.com).

■ Sept. 27-29 and Oct. 4-6, “[title of show]” 4th Wall Theatre presents a love letter to musical theater, based on a book by Hunter Bell, with music and lyrics by Jeff Bowen. It’s a musical about writing a musical and chasing after a dream. General admission \$25, seniors \$22, and students \$18. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m., Sunday shows at 3 p.m. Details at [4thwalltheatre.org](http://4thwalltheatre.org).

■ Nov. 8-10 and 15-17, “Evita.” This Tony Award-winning musical follows the rise to power of Argentina’s Eva Peron, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Presented by MOC Musical Theatre. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. General admission \$25, seniors \$22. Details at [www.mocmusicals.org](http://www.mocmusicals.org).

## Bloomfield Chorale holds auditions Sept. 10

If you enjoy singing, consider an audition for the Bloomfield Chorale. The group’s first meeting and audition for the fall season will be Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, second floor. Previous choral experience is helpful, but not required.

The chorus is comprised of people from Bloomfield and the Essex County area who perform a variety of annual concerts, including international folk music, Americana, classical, pop standards, Christmas music, and show tunes – all under the direction of Ruth Hsu.

Members enjoy the pleasures of choral music while learning and practicing in an informal atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesday nights, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale](http://www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale), email [bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com), or contact Director Ruth Hsu at (973) 667-1440.



## Sign up for winter art classes

The Bloomfield Art League will hold winter art classes Jan. 6 to Mar. 17 and spring classes, Mar. 18 to May 19. Classes for adults and teens are held at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. For more information, e-mail [Bloomfieldartleague@gmail.com](mailto:Bloomfieldartleague@gmail.com) or visit the website at [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/recreation/bloomfield-art-league](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/recreation/bloomfield-art-league). ❀

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## Historical Society of Bloomfield

### Former Mayor Conte offers local history talk

Former Bloomfield Mayor Ralph Conte will present “The History of the Ampere Parkway Area of Bloomfield” on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m.

The free lecture, hosted by the Historical Society of Bloomfield, will take place at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, and will include refreshments.

Conte, who served as mayor from 1963 to 1965, grew up in the Ampere Parkway section of town. He attended Carteret School and South Junior High, was a 1947 graduate of Bloomfield High School, and went on to Seton Hall

University and Fordham University Law School.

### Canal tour, Nov. 9

A four-hour excursion along the path of the Morris Canal in Bloomfield will be conducted on Nov. 9 by Rich Rockwell and Ron Rice. The program will start at 10 a.m. with a three-mile walk from Wright’s Field to Hoover Avenue, then a bus ride to still-intact sections of the canal in northern Bloomfield. The bus will return to Wright’s Field at 2 p.m. Historic maps and photos will be provided.

The cost is \$2. Space is limited, and reservations are required. To reserve, e-mail [morriscanal@gmail.com](mailto:morriscanal@gmail.com). ❀

To join the Historical Society of Bloomfield, visit [hsob.org](http://hsob.org) and download a membership form. Or for information on membership and upcoming meetings, contact HSOB at [info@hsob.org](mailto:info@hsob.org) or (973) 743-8844.

### Get your hearing tested by audiology doctoral students

Working with community patients is part of the education for doctoral students at the Montclair State University Center for Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology. That's good news for Bloomfield residents on



Medicare who can get affordable full-service hearing exams there.

The Bloomfield Health Department offers less technical hearing screenings and recommends the audiology center complete exams.

The university tests auditory processing, balance and auditory brainstem response. They also make custom earmolds and provide hearing aid services.

Bloomfield Health Department has added two community services thanks to a new partnership with the audiology center:

- Community and school groups can request presentations on hearing-related issues presented by the audiology center.

- Used donated hearing aids are now being collected at the Health Department and will eventually be refurbished for distribution to those with financial hardship.

For an appointment at the audiology center's off-campus clinic, 1515 Broad Street in Bloomfield, call (973) 655-3934.

Ask about the free monthly hearing screenings during the third week of each month. An appointment is required. The screenings take about 10 minutes and are not as comprehensive as complete exams.

### Don't suffer in silence

Low-income individuals and families can be screened at the Human Services Division to determine their eligibility for food pantry assistance and more. In-home screenings are available to home-bound seniors and disabled residents. For details, call (973) 680-4017.

Additional screenings are conducted for holiday programs, including donated gifts, and home or community holiday meals). To be screened as a potential recipient of a Thanksgiving basket, call Human Services between Oct. 5 to 15 at (973) 680-4017. For December programs, call between Oct. 25 and Nov. 10.

### Bring laughter to a lonely senior

Volunteers are needed to assist elderly Bloomfield and Glen Ridge neighbors with grocery shopping, errands, and simple companionship. The minimum commitment is one hour a week and it flexes with your schedule. For details on volunteering, call (973) 680-4017.

## Upcoming Nursing Programs

Screenings are conducted at Public Health Nursing, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments required, unless otherwise indicated. Call (973) 680-4058 or visit [www.bloomfieldtnj.com/health/public-health-nursing](http://www.bloomfieldtnj.com/health/public-health-nursing)

- ◆ **Flu Shots.** Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., then every Monday thereafter from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., while available. Cost: \$25 or free with traditional Medicare. Medicare HMOs will not be accepted.
- ◆ **Blood Press Screenings** (3 locations)
  - 1st and 3rd Thursday, Nursing Office, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
  - Fridays, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Ave.
  - Wednesdays, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18, 6-7 p.m., New Light Baptist Church, 89 Dewey Street.
- ◆ **Adult Vaccines.** (Age 19 and older) Mondays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes hepatitis B, hepatitis A, Tdap (tetanus, whooping cough), MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), shingles, human papilloma virus, pneumonia, chicken pox, meningitis. Cost: \$15 one-time registration fee, plus \$10 per visit.
- ◆ **Child and Adolescent Vaccines.** Age-appropriate vaccinations are offered most Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Appointments are required. Cost: \$10 per child for registration (first time only), plus \$10 per visit thereafter.
  - 2 months-5 years - service includes growth and development assessment plus screenings for lead risk and anemia.
  - Ages 6-18 - some after-school slots also available.
- ◆ **Bone Density Screening.** Sept. 24 and Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$10 for those age 55 and over; \$12 all others.
- ◆ **Pap Smear, Mammography.** Nov. 14. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. Free for uninsured/underinsured women age 40 and older. Women with Medicare are not eligible.
- ◆ **Free Men's Health Program.** Nov. 13, 5-7 p.m. For men age 40 and older. Includes a PSA and digital rectal exam.
- ◆ **Diabetes Screening.** Dec. 20, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Cost: \$10. Fasting not necessary. Immediate results with health counseling.
- ◆ **Lipid Panel Profile Screening.** Sept. 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$20. Screening includes cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, cholesterol/HDL ratio.
- ◆ **Blood Chemistry and PSA.** Nov. 19, 8-10 a.m. Tests include blood chemistry, \$25; and PSA (for men), \$35.

Other blood tests available for additional fees include: Vitamin D25, Hemoglobin A1C, CRP, blood type/Rh, Hepatitis B immunity, Hepatitis C antibody.
- ◆ **Respiratory Screening.** Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$5.
- ◆ **Stroke Screening.** Nov. 5, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: \$25, age 55 years and older; \$30 for all others. Includes cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, and carotid artery assessment by doctor.
- ◆ **Urinalysis Screening.** Dec. 10, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Cost: \$10. Immediate results with health counseling provided.

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Dial 680 + 4-digit no.

### Town Hall (Room #)

Administration, 4006 (R-209)  
Animal Control, 4024 (R-109)  
Animal Shelter, 748-4041  
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  
Emergency Squad, 6788  
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 **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**
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## FARMERS



## MARKET

Thursday, 1-7pm  
July thru October  
Venner Park  
Water Fountain



Saturday & Sunday  
September 28 & 29  
11am-6pm  
Broad Street, Bloomfield Center

Vendors and Performers: Please call the BCA office for these and other events

**973-429-8050**

## Civic Band and Bloomfield Chorale pair up for holiday concert

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Dec. 8 when the Bloomfield Civic Band will hold its annual holiday concert at Bloomfield Middle School. The program of traditional holiday favorites will be the band's first performance under new director, Frank P. Ortega, who

succeeds long-time Civic Band Director Dominick Ferrara.

The holiday concert will begin at 3 p.m. and will also feature a vocal performance by the Bloomfield Chorale, under the direction of Ruth Hsu.

Ortega, a former tuba player for the Civic Band, has spent

the last 16 years teaching instrumental music in public schools. He is also a principal with the Chelsea Symphony in Manhattan and Waters Edge Brass Quintet.

Tickets for the holiday concert are \$15. ❁