

Bloomfield BUZZ

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September-December 2014

Photo courtesy of the Bloomfield Fire Department



Clip and save your 'life care' flyer

Are you confused about where to turn for no-cost or low-cost health, financial or transportation needs?

On page 11 of this newsletter, you'll find a clip-out flyer that can be placed on your refrigerator or other prominent location. At a glance, the flyer tells you who to contact for vital life care services.

The Bloomfield Health & Human Services Department and its various partners are working on a Community Health Improvement Plan to break down barriers to care. Please make good use of this helpful document. ❁

Did you miss this year's ACA deadline?

Open enrollment for 2014 marketplace coverage in the Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obama Care) ended on March 31, 2014.

Even if you missed the deadline, you may still be eligible to enroll in an insurance plan if you qualify for the ACA special enrollment period, or for Medicaid.

Check the list of circumstances below. Have any of these occurred to you or someone in your household since March 31, 2014? These and other circumstances may qualify you for special enrollment.

- Life events, such as marriage, new baby, divorce, adoption or death.
- Moved to a new address.
- Gained U.S. citizenship.
- Lost health coverage.
- Hospitalized.

- Released from prison or detention.
- Earned less or no income.
- Became qualified for Medicaid.

If you think you qualify for special enrollment, come to the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services to speak to an ACA expert. The representative will ask for information about your situation to determine your eligibility. If you qualify, the representative will help you apply and enroll in coverage. The consultation is free (thanks to a grant from Partners for Health). Call (973) 680-4017 to schedule an appointment.

For ACA coverage starting in 2015, the next open enrollment period will be Nov. 15, 2014 to Feb. 15, 2015. Slots are limited so call to schedule an appointment. ❁

Kick off fall at Harvest Fest, Sept. 27-28

Celebrate fall in its glory! Come to the 22nd annual Harvest Fest, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, rain or shine.

Close to 40,000 people are expected at Bloomfield's biggest celebration of the year, managed once again by the Bloomfield Center Alliance.

Festival goers will enjoy a mile-long outdoor marketplace with more than 100 craft and retail vendors, plus children's rides, games and activities, food galore, and two stages for non-

stop entertainment.

There will also be street-side booths for learning about civic and community groups.

The Bloomfield High School marching Band will parade the festival area at noon on Saturday.

All events are free and will take place on Broad Street between Belleville Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue. Bring the family for a fun-filled weekend.

For more information, call (973) 429-8050 or visit www.BloomfieldCenter.com, then click on Harvest Fest. ❁



Dear Friends & Neighbors,

Driving around Bloomfield Center, you can clearly see that our downtown is being transformed. Between

completed projects and those still in the works, private investors have committed \$350 million have been committed by private investors to improve our Township.

Five residential projects—most of them with built-in retail components—are in varying stages of construction, adding new choices to our municipal housing stock.

Already, the housing boom has attracted hundreds of new residents for a variety of reasons:

1. Most of the projects are transit-oriented developments, meaning they are built near the train station as a commuter convenience.

2. Many people gravitate toward living spaces made from repurposed older buildings, like Parkway Lofts.

3. The changing face of Bloomfield is creating a vibrant downtown. We are becoming a lifestyle destination.

While I've heard it expressed that the influx of new residents will create a tax burden due to the increase in numbers of school-age children, that fear is unfounded. For all of the projects listed here, impact studies were conducted and manageable numbers of children are expected. Four of the five projects are in the center of town, where fewer parents of young children are expected to settle. Check it out:

COMPLETED. Parkway Lofts, 5 Lawrence Street

(developer, Prism Capital Partners of Bloomfield). This newly completed housing development is at the site of the former General Electric factory. Its 350 apartments are being snapped up at a rate of 30 per month, mostly by people in the medical field, since Prism is marketing in area hospitals.

Since the development straddles the town line, about 60% of it is on the East Orange side of the line, but all addresses are in Bloomfield. Rents are roughly \$2,000 a month for a one-bedroom unit with loft, and \$2,500 for a two-bedroom unit.

COMPLETED. Bloomfield College Dormitory

—An 80,000 square foot, four-story residential hall with first-floor retail has just been completed as part of the downtown redevelopment. In September, students will begin occupying the 130 apartment-style dorm rooms. A Barnes & Noble college bookstore, carrying mostly academic books, will be housed in the retail space.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Avalon Bloomfield Station, 300 Glenwood Avenue

(developer, Avalon Bay of Woodbridge). Located across from the train station, this transit-oriented development includes 224 housing units and 60,000 square feet of retail. Half of the retail space has been rented already.

Residential rentals will be available next spring, including studio,

one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. Developer Avalon Bay will manage rents, starting at \$1,600 for studio units.

The Avalon project includes four separate buildings, all four stories high and designed to look like a single structure. Builders are working now on the upper levels of the first building.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION. Oakes Pond, 225 Belleville Avenue

(developer, Garden Homes) Another 330 rental units will be available when this project is completed next spring, and pricing will be about the same as Parkway Lofts. The site formerly housed several factories.

DEMOLITION TO BEGIN THIS YEAR. "Annie Sez Project," corner of Liberty and Broad.

Demolition of the old building that housed Annie Sez on the ground floor will begin in a couple of months. The new five-story structure will include 140 apartments and 15,000 square feet of retail space. Construction should be complete by spring of 2016.

As you can see, our downtown will continue to change dramatically over the next three to five years. Personally, I welcome the changes and all of our new residents, and I hope you do too. Bloomfield is definitely on the rise!

Best regards, Mayor Michael Venezia

Municipal Bulletin Board

General election deadlines announced

The statewide general election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Related voter deadlines are:

- Last day for new registrations and address transfer, Oct. 14. (Go to the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, Oct. 28. (Go to the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Any questions, contact the Clerk's Office at (973) 680-4015 or twpcclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Recycling Yard to be closed

The DPW Recycling Yard will be closed on Saturday, Oct. 4. There will be no recycling at the yard that day.

2.

Tax sale scheduled for October

Are you past due on any property taxes or water charges — for 2013 or a prior year? If so, you should know that a tax sale will take place Thursday, Oct. 2 and any past due municipal charges will be sold at that time. For information, call the Bloomfield Tax and Water Collection Department at (973) 680-4049, fax (973) 680-4046, or visit www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

DPW Hauling Correction

An error regarding bulk waste pickups appeared on the first page of the May-August 2014 Bloomfield BUZZ. The article referred to DPW pickups of bulk waste. In fact, bulk waste is picked up by an outside garbage hauler. If you have questions, call DPW at (973) 680-4127. 🌸

Resident communication has gone mobile



A mobile application that lets Township officials communicate emergency and non-emergency information is now available to all Bloomfield residents.

Bloomfield Mobile is a free download in the iTunes store or at Google Play. It mirrors the Citizen Action Center already on the Township website and expands availability to people who don't have computers.

Bloomfield Mobile lets users access Township alerts, report an issue, submit service requests, and track requests. They can also review information on Township facilities, including hours of operation, contact information and directions.

To obtain the app, go to the iTunes store or Google Play and type "Bloomfield NJ" into the search field, then register your information and start keeping up with your Township. ❀

Housing repair funds available

Could you use a new roof, new heating system, an electrical upgrade or other home repair?

If you own a one-to-three family dwelling and you live in the home, you may qualify for assistance from the Bloomfield Residential Rehabilitation Program.

Township homeowners with eligible rehabilitation needs could get repair and replacement of major systems including roof, electrical safety upgrades, heating, plumbing, windows, lead paint remediation and/or structural repairs.

The program offers a 10-year, interest-free loan of up to \$22,000 for the homeowner unit, and up to \$10,000 for each additional rental unit. Housing specialists and professional inspectors work with homeowners to identify needed repairs and monitor construction.

There is no monthly payment and the loan is fully forgiven if the homeowner maintains title and occupancy for 10 years.

If the property is sold or transferred during the 10-year period, the loan will be due for

the exact amount borrowed with no interest.

Program eligibility is mainly based on household income. The maximum allowable income ranges from \$44,750 for a one-person household to \$84,350 for an eight-person household. All homeowner financial information is kept confidential.

Rental units improved by the program must be affordably rented to low- and moderate-income families for a 10-year period.

The Residential Rehabilitation Program is administered by Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H), a private consulting firm. Funding comes from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Funds are provided on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are expended.

Program details, income guidelines and pre-application go to www.hip.cgph.net. For additional questions, call (609) 664-2783, or e-mail carol@cgph.net.

Local general contractors can use the CGP&H website to apply for construction opportunities. ❀

You're Invited! First-ever Civic Showcase honors volunteers

Bloomfield is grateful for its volunteer organizations and encourages growth in the ranks. That's why the Bloomfield Cultural Commission will hold its first-ever Civic Showcase on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield High School gym.

The event will be dedicated to all Bloomfield civic, sports, school and religious groups. Current members and all Township residents are cordially invited to attend.

Participating groups will display educational information, announce programs and solicit new memberships.

To get your group signed up, contact Davidson at Mshelldavidson@aol.com. Or go to the Civic Center, at 84 Broad Street, for details and an application. ❀

They're baaack! Bloomfield's Most Talented

Last year, middle school student Sajeda Cupido wowed the audience and judges with her rendition of "If I Were A Boy," by Beyonce.

Who will take the trophy in the 2014 edition of Bloomfield's Most Talented?

The Bloomfield Cultural Commission will host its second annual community talent contest on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Van Fossen Theater at Bloomfield College.

The competition is open to any Bloomfield resident, elementary school age to senior citizen. Group performers must include at least one Bloomfield resident. Contestants under age 18 must have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian.

Sixteen finalists competed in last year's show, mostly singers, dancers and musicians. "We hope to attract more of a variety this year," said Bloomfield Cultural Commission Chair Michelle Davidson.

Auditions will be held in the Van Fossen Theater on Monday, Sept. 29 and Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Also, instant auditions will be held during this year's Harvest Fest, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28.

For an application, go to the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. For general information or Harvest Fest audition hours, e-mail Mshelldavidson@aol.com. ❀



Photo: Sajeda Cupido, front center, was last year's winner in Bloomfield's Most Talented competition. Shown with her, from left, are judges Chelsea Wright, Marva Hanks and Mark Scurman, who will judge again this year.

BLOOMFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

(973) 743-9074 • www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

2014 Fall Programs

Pre-registration, required for all fall programs, begins Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Bloomfield Civic Center and continues throughout the fall. In-person sign-ups are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Or sign up online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Program dates and times are listed on the website.

Adult Fitness

(age 18 and older)

- Crossfitness
- Pilates
- Total Body Conditioning
- Yoga
- Zumba

Children's Art

Grades 1-6

Baton

- Pre-K and older
- Competition Group A and B (level 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

Junior Fitness

Grades 1-3

Little Fitness

Pre-K and kindergarten

Karate

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

Pee Wee Football

- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-4

Intro to Rock 'n Roll

Ages 7 and older

Skateboarding

Ages 7-13

Sports Advance

Grades 1-3

Tennis

Programming options to be announced

Tumble Tots

Ages 18-36 months

Gymble Tots

Age 4 (continues Tumble Tots)

Upcoming Special Events

9/11 Memorial Service

Bloomfield's September 11th Memorial Service will start at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, on the Town Green. Join Township officials, family, friends and neighbors as we honor all those who were lost that day.

Movie Night and Family Camp-Out

Bring your s'mores to Pulaski Park for a free, family movie and overnight camp-out on Friday, Sept. 19. (Rain date Saturday, Sept. 20.) The Bloomfield Fire Department and FMBA Local #19 will supervise the campfire. Hot Bagels Abroad will provide juice, coffee and bagels the following morning. Each camping group must include a responsible adult, age 18 or older. Register early to reserve your camp site. No walk-ups.



Have a Spooktacular Time

Trick-or-treating, a pumpkin patch, a costume contest and a magic show will all be on tap at Bloomfield's annual Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the Town Green and Civic Center. Watch for details of the haunted house (age appropriate) on Oct. 30 and 31. Thanks to the Bloomfield FMBA, Bloomfield PBA and Brookside Garden Center for sponsoring the event.

Radio City Holiday Spectacular

Join friends and neighbors for a fun-filled bus trip to Radio City Music Hall on Thursday, Dec. 4. The bus will leave at 5 p.m. from the Civic Center. Early reservations are recommended. Tickets: \$90 (subject to change).



Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bloomfield's annual tree lighting ceremony will take place Monday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in front of Town Hall. Scouting groups and the Bloomfield High School Concert Choir will sing carols. (Psst! Santa may stop by to say hello!)

Thank you Summer of Fun sponsors!

Bloomfield Recreation would like to thank all of the generous sponsors who made the 2014 Summer of Fun a resounding success.

Headline Sponsor: Investors Bank.

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Silver Sponsors: Bloomfield Municipal Alliance, ECRB Towing & Recovery, Hot Bagels Abroad, McDonalds (Brookdale and Broad Street), MJG Promotions, The Provident Bank, The Sign Post.

Bronze Sponsors: A. Lembo Collision, All Guard Fence Co., Bloomfield FMBA Local #19, Bloomfield PBA Local #32, BMW of Bloomfield, IvyRehab Physical Therapy Network, Lynnes Nissan, Resolute Sewer & Drain, State Street Grill.

Got Suggestions for 2015 Summer of Fun musical acts? Please e-mail your thoughts to recreation@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Pulaski Park facilities refurbished

Upgrades to Pulaski Park were completed in July. Basketball courts were resurfaced and color-coated, and new glass backboards and break-away rims were added.

Since recreation staff can lower the new rims to six feet, special practice days are planned for younger children and their parents. Exact dates and times will be posted online.

Also refurbished were the tennis courts and field house, including bathrooms (now ADA-compliant), locker rooms and the building exterior. A concession stand was added, and lighting and security cameras were upgraded.

The project was funded with an Essex County grant and capital funds.

Berkeley Ave. Bridge to be lovingly replaced



By Richard Rockwell, Trustee, The Historical Society of Bloomfield

Who knew that so much care could go into the replacement of a bridge?

The Berkeley Avenue Bridge, built in 1922 in the final

years of the Morris Canal's operation, is one of two remaining road bridges among the 250 built to span the canal. The bridge is part of the

Step back in time with Mayor Conte

He was mayor back in the '60s and now he's itching to tell you the tales of the times. Former Bloomfield Mayor Ralph Conte, the first Democrat to hold the office, will present "To Be the Mayor in the 1960s," on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Find out about the programs, policies, successes and disappointments of his administration, from 1963 to 1966.

Conte grew up in the Ampere Parkway section of town, attended Carteret School, South Junior High, Bloomfield High School (Class of 1947), Seton Hall University and Fordham University School of Law. He was a partner in the law firm of Rospond, Rospond and later served as municipal magistrate in Roseland.

The program will take place at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. For more event information, visit www.hhob.org, e-mail info@hsob.org, or call (973) 743-8844. ❀

Fall canal hike set for Nov. 8

A four-hour exploration of the Morris Canal, including a three-mile walk along the Bloomfield section and a bus ride to explore outside sections, is set for Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Morris Canal Greenway Committee is organizing the event with the help of its co-sponsors: The Historical Society of Bloomfield and the Bloomfield Recreation Department.

Bloomfield's section of the Morris Canal was designated on May 5 as the Morris Canal Greenway. The Township passed an ordinance and officially joined a statewide canal preservation initiative. The canal is deemed environmentally important because it preserves open space and provides a buffer to help protect against flooding.

To participate in the fall canal hike, send e-mail to MorrisCanal@gmail.com. Reservations are required and space is limited. The fee is \$2. ❀

Morris Canal Historic District, which is listed on the national and New Jersey registers of historic places.

Essex County and the NJ Department of Transportation have been given permission to replace the old bridge and, while doing so, must preserve the character of the original.

The work is expected to begin in 2015 and will focus partly on improved safety measures, including better grading, alignment and sight distances.

The Historical Society of Bloomfield collaborated with the State Historic Preservation Office as well as county and state transportation officials to recommend reconstruction standards. As a result, the new

bridge will be built with materials and design features similar to the old bridge. For example:

- Stone will be used for abutments and piers.

- Sidewalks will be cantilevered (extending horizontally beyond their vertical supports).

- Decorative lattice railings will be replaced.

- The towpath trail under the bridge will be preserved as part of the Morris Canal Greenway.

- One historical interpretive sign will be placed on the bridge and another on the towpath.

The bridge's history has been documented according to standards of the Historic America Engineering Record, and archeological tests were performed and documented. ❀

Photo from the Rev. Wilson S. Phraner collection of "Magic Lantern Slides," donated to the Historical Society by Phraner's grandson, David Phraner. See more photos at: <http://hsob.org/phraner>.

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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.

■ Holiday Closures

- Labor Day – Sept. 1
- Columbus Day – Oct. 13
- Veteran's Day observed – Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving – 3 p.m. closing on Nov 26. Closed all day, Nov. 27 and 28.
- Christmas – 3 p.m. closing on Dec 24. Closed Dec. 25.
- New Year's Eve – 3 p.m. closing on Dec. 31.

■ Attend Library Board Meeting

The Library Board of Trustees meets the first Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. Call (973) 566-6200, x204 to check on meeting time changes.

■ Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies - 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club – one Monday per month at 6:45 p.m. Call for topic and date.
- Financial Book Club & Workshops – Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Beginners welcome.
- Knitting Club – Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Computer Tutoring – one-on-one basic skills instruction is offered by appointment to any residents with a valid Bloomfield Library card. Call for details.

New programs are added frequently. Check the library calendar or website for current events.

■ Share Your Talent or Knowledge

If you have a special talent or subject knowledge, consider sharing it at the library. Teach a course, present a free concert, tutor someone. Call (973) 566-6200, x213, or e-mail reference@bplnj.org.

■ Fall Children's Programs

Beginning after Labor Day. Details at x603.

- Toddler Stories and Crafts, ages 1-1/2 to 3, Tuesdays and Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Pre-K Storytime, ages 3-5, Wednesdays, 11 a.m.
- Baby & Me Lapsit, Thursdays, 11 a.m., newborn to 18 months.
- Spanish Storytime, ages 2-5, Mondays, 11 a.m.

■ Special Services

• Passports – The Essex County Clerk's Outreach program comes to the library the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2 to 7:15 p.m. Patrons must bring all required documents and fees. For details, call the County Clerk's Office at (973) 621-4921, or visit www.essexclerk.com.

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

Want to help improve Brookdale Park?

The Brookdale Park Conservancy is conducting an online survey of residents to gather feedback on park usage. By completing the short survey, you will help the conservancy learn more about park users' wants, needs and overall satisfaction with the park. Help guide future conservancy initiatives, activities and advocacy for Brookdale Park. Tell us about it at www.BrookdaleParkConservancy.org.

Bloomfield's Rick Wright authors New Jersey birding guide



The American Birding Association has published a book by Bloomfield resident Rick Wright, a renowned birding expert, author and university professor. The "Field Guide to the Birds of New Jersey" features information and color photographs on 255 bird species, plus details on habitats, vocalizations, and when and where to find the birds.

Organized by species for quick reference, the book includes a complete state bird list (more than 375 species) and a directory of birding destinations. Birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts will also enjoy Wright's lessons in natural history.

Wright was a long time editor for *Birding and Winging It* magazines, and is the current book review editor for *Birding*. He also writes the American Birding Association blog and is a popular lecturer at birding events around the world.

The guide is available in paperback from Amazon for \$18. 🌸



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Scheduled 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 - Dec. 31. Use brown biodegradable bags ONLY (not plastic bags). Collected on your recycling day.

◆ **Leaf pickup will be suspended** Jan. 1 through March 31 while DPW handles other seasonal priorities.

◆ **Hazardous Waste Day**
Saturday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage, 125 Fairview Avenue, Cedar Grove. Bring driver's license as proof of residency. For details, call (973) 857-2350.

◆ **North End Electronic Recycling, Saturday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. - noon.** Brookdale Christian Church, 1350 Broad Street. Discard computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, mouse devices, telephones, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, small appliances.

◆ **Paper Shredding Day**
Saturday, Oct. 18, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Residents only. Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad Street.

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.

■ **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 off on 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 (973) 680-4127.

■ **Missed Trash Pickup** - Call (973) 680-4009 or (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.

What to Include in Commingled Recycling Cans, Bottles and Plastics (#1- #7)

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 and packing materials). Details at www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

- **Pothole Repair** - Call (973) 680-4127 to give pothole location.
- **Streetlight Out** - Call (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) 227-7020

Black Out Days

- **Garbage** - Expect only one pickup during a week with a black-out date
- **Recycling** - Pickup will be the next business day (Monday - Friday) with no other changes for the remainder of the week: *Labor Day, Sept. 1 (pickup Sept. 2). Thanksgiving, Nov. 27 (pickup Nov. 28). Christmas, Dec. 25 (pickup Dec. 26). New Year's, Jan. 1 (pickup Jan. 2).*

The Arts Scene

Become a singer with the Bloomfield Chorale

Do you enjoy singing? If so, consider joining the Bloomfield Chorale. The group's first rehearsal for the fall season will be Tuesday, Sept. 30, 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 several 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, e-mail bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com, or call Director Ruth Hsu at (973) 667-1440.

Civic Band Concerts

www.civicband.bloomfieldfm.org

• **Tales from a Darkened Theater,** Saturday, Oct. 18 (tentative date), 8 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. Tickets \$15.

• **"Holiday Spectacular,"** Saturday, Dec. 13 (tentative

date), 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. Performers will include the Bloomfield Chorale and Miss Roseanna's School of Dance. Tickets \$15.

Oakeside Cultural Center

Reserve at (973) 429-0960

• Sept. 21 - **Music at the Mansion**, \$10 per person, including refreshments.

• Sept. 24 - Trip to see **"Beautiful, the Carole King Musical."** \$165 per person, including 4:30 p.m. dinner at Oakeside, orchestra seats, and round trip bus transportation.

• Oct. 5 - **The Mandolin Orchestra** will present "Viva La Musica Italiana," 3 p.m. at Oakeside. Tickets, \$15, including refreshments.

• Oct. 8 - **"Party with the Pumpkin"** is a children's program featuring arts and crafts and goodies. The fun starts at noon. \$12 per person.

• Nov. 16 - **Great American Songbook**, 3 p.m., \$15. Artists to be announced.

• Nov. 30 - **Music at the Mansion**, \$10, refreshments. Artists to be announced.

• Dec. 6 - **Oakeside will be participating in the Essex County Holiday House Tour.** Come see the mansion decked for the holidays. Open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Dec. 7 - Lula Vaobivia performs **"Sangre Latina,"** 3 p.m. Tickets \$15.



• Dec. 13
Tea with
Mrs. Claus

Families will enjoy finger sandwiches, cookies, arts and crafts, and photos with Mrs. Claus. Two seatings available: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Reservations are required. Adults \$12, children \$15.

• Dec. 28 - **Music at the Mansion**, \$10 with refreshments. Artists to be announced.

Garden State Concert Band
(973) 338-8140

Free Holiday Concert, Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., at Saint Thomas the Apostle

Church, 60 Byrd Avenue. Featuring soprano Andrea Covais, and Rev. Charles Miller as narrator of "The Night Before Christmas."

Westminster Arts Center

She Loves Me: In Concert - A musical based on the book and movie, "You've Got Mail," presented by 4th Wall Theatre. Show times are Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 and 25 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. For information and reservations, call (973) 566-9255.

Godspell - The Montclair Operetta Club presents this popular musical based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 8 p.m.; and Sundays, Nov. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m. For information and reservations, call (973) 744-3133.

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Free farmers market vouchers available

Bloomfield Human Services is distributing free farmers market vouchers, a once-a-year opportunity to obtain \$20 worth of fresh foods. The vouchers apply at the Bloomfield Farmers Market, open Thursdays through Oct. 31, from 1 to 7 p.m., at Bloomfield Avenue and State Street; or at other approved community farmers markets. (Call Human Services for the full list of approved markets.)

To qualify, you must be age 60 or older with an annual income of less than \$21,590. For information, call (973) 680-4017.

You may qualify for valuable assistance

- Food Stamps
- Local Food Pantries
- Utility Assistance
- Prescription Assistance
- Rental Assistance
- Health Insurance

To find out whether you qualify for one or more of the above programs, you must be screened for eligibility. Appointments can be scheduled at the Human Services office at Town Hall; in the Mobile County Welfare Van, stationed in front of Town Hall one day a month; or for home-bound seniors and disabled residents, in your own home. For any type of appointment, call (973) 680-4017.

Are you eligible for holiday programs?

Before major holidays, low-income families can contact Human Services to be qualified for holiday meals, gifts for children, gift baskets, or community meals. On the dates listed below, call (973) 680-4017.

- For Thanksgiving meal

baskets, call between Oct. 5 and Oct. 15.

- For December holiday programs, call between Oct. 25 and Nov. 10.

Library garden inspires home growing

It wasn't what you'd expect to see at a library. All summer, the 4x4 garden outside the Bloomfield Public Library has been filled with tomatoes, herbs and other vegetables.

Funded by "Shaping NJ," a state program, the library garden has been a demonstration of small-space gardening. It shows how edible landscapes can thrive on public properties where residents are free to help themselves to the bounty.

Next spring, you are likely to see more edible landscapes on Bloomfield's public properties.

Sign up for Register Ready, a special needs disaster service

In a natural disaster or other emergency, people with physical or cognitive incapacities may find it difficult to get to safety.

That's why the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management has developed a free, confidential, web-based program called New Jersey Register Ready that identifies people most in need during disasters.

Emergency responders collect vital information from special needs individuals or their caregivers so that emergency personnel can check on them during an evacuation or other emergency. The information is updated periodically and never made public.

To register, go online to www.registerready.nj.gov. Or call Bloomfield Human Services for assistance at (973) 680-4017.

Upcoming Nursing Programs

(973) 680-4058

www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing

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

◆ Free Blood Pressure Screenings (2 locations)

- First and third Thursdays, every month, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- Fridays, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

◆ **Adult Vaccines.** Every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost: \$15 one-time registration fee, plus \$10 per visit. For ages 19 and older. Vaccines include MMR, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, meningitis, human papilloma virus, and Tdap.

◆ Child / Adolescent Vaccine Program.

Held most Wednesdays, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Cost: one-time \$10 registration fee per child, plus \$10 administration fee per child per visit. For ages 2 months through 18 years. Available for those uninsured or underinsured (meaning, insurance does not cover immunizations).

◆ Hearing Screenings.

Third week of every month at Montclair State University,

Center for Audiology and Speech Language Pathology, 1515 Broad Street in Bloomfield. No cost. Call for an appointment, (973) 655-7076.

◆ **Prostate and Digital Rectal Exam.** Tuesday, Sept. 9 starting at 5 p.m. No cost. Must be age 50 or older; 45 or older if African American).

◆ **Lipid Panel Profile Screening.** Friday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost, \$20. No fasting required. Includes cholesterol, LDL, HDL, triglycerides. Call for financial/insurance guidelines.

◆ **Bone Density Screening.** Tuesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$10 for those 55 and older; \$12 for all others. Screening via wrist ultrasound. Health counseling provided.

◆ **Diabetes Screening.** Tuesday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost \$10. Fasting not required. Health counseling provided.

◆ **Pap Smear and Mammography.** Thursday, Oct. 9 starting at 8:30 a.m. No cost. Must be age 40 or older. Call for financial/insurance guidelines.

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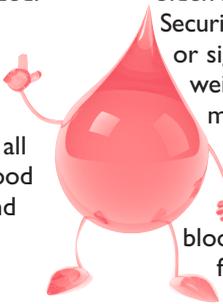
◆ **Blood Screening.** Friday, Oct. 10, 8-10 a.m. Blood chemistry: \$25. PSA: \$35. Other blood tests available for an additional fee. Pre-registration required.

◆ **Urinalysis Screening.** Friday, Oct. 24, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost \$10. Immediate results and health counseling provided.

◆ **Cardiac Assessment.** Tuesday, Oct. 28, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$25 for those 55 and older; all others \$30. Includes blood pressure, cholesterol and body fat assessment.

◆ **Stroke Screening.** Thursday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to noon. Cost: \$25 for those age 55 and older; all others \$30. Includes cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and carotid artery assessment.

◆ **Community Blood Drive.** Tuesday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. For ages 17 years and older. Have your Social Security number and a photo or signed ID. Minimum weight: 120 pounds. Eat a meal and drink water one hour before donating. The Blood Center of New Jersey bloodmobile will be in front of Town Hall. ✿



Get Ready for Flu Season

This year's flu vaccine will protect against four strains of the virus, compared to last year's three strains. Shots are free with traditional Medicare. Bloomfield Nursing cannot accept Medicare HMOs such as Aetna, Oxford, BC/BS or Horizon. If you have a Medicare HMO, the fee is \$25.

State law requires flu shots for any child age 6 months to 59 months who attends a child care center. Shots must be administered between

September and December. The fee is nominal; call for information.

Flu Shot Dates on:

- Nixle (sign up at www.Nixle.com)
- Twitter: @BloomfieldHDNJ
- Bloomfield Pulse Facebook
- Township website: www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health

Or call the Flu Hotline: (973) 680-4060. ✿

Your Health Dept. wants to stay in touch

Municipal health officials are eager to keep you informed. What's the best way for them to contact you?

Nixle, the community alert system now available throughout Bloomfield, lets you receive important health updates as they occur. Choose text or e-mail alerts, or both. Sign up at: www.nixle.com.

Or, if you like tweeting, follow us @BloomfieldHDNJ. ✿

Direct assistance makes Bloomfield United Way **UNIQUE**

• *When a single mother of two came to UWB with a PSE&G shut-off notice, she was nervous and embarrassed; she had never asked for help before. But after she'd been laid off from work she couldn't keep up with bills while seeking new employment. United Way of Bloomfield paid the utility bill and gave the family a one-month ShopRite card.*

• *Last summer, a young man who'd been unemployed for an extended period stopped by the UWB office to say he'd found a job, but the company expected him to have his own appropriate work shirts. A UWB staffer gladly took him on a quick trip to the mall for three new shirts.*

Interventions like these are normal procedure for United Way of Bloomfield. In 2013, the agency provided emergency assistance to more than 150 individuals and families in town. They helped with utility bills,

rent, prescriptions, food and clothing.

UWB's direct assistance is unique for a United Way organization, most of which raise funds and turn them over to selected social service providers.

UWB relies on private contributions to help those in need. Any donation large or small is appreciated. If your company has an annual charity contribution program, consider listing UWB as your charitable recipient. Your donations will be forwarded automatically to the Bloomfield office.

UWB moved recently to 98 Broad Street across from the Town Green. There's also a new website: www.unitedway-bloomfield.org, and an ongoing Facebook site.

To donate, to get crisis assistance, or to volunteer, call (973) 748-1732, or e-mail info@unitedwaybloomfield.org.

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- Holiday Meals, Child Gift-Giving
- Food Stamps
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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, 4141
Engineering, 4009 (R-203)
Finance, 4038 (R-108)
Fire Dept, 4153
Health Dept, 4024 (R-109)
Human Svcs, 4017 (R-213)
Info Systems, 4670 (R-203)
Law Dept, 4066
Library, 566-6200
Mayor & Council, 4077 (R-209)
Nursing, 4058 (basement)
Office of Emerg Mgmt, 4177
Parking Authority, 8960
Personnel, 4039 (R-108)
Police Dept, 4141
Public Works, 4127, x400
Recreation, 743-9074
Tax Dept, 4049 (R-106)
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WBMA TV, 4122
Zoning, 4012 (R-203)

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- 2nd Ward, Nicholas Joanow
- 3rd Ward, Carlos Bernard

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- Joseph Lopez
- Carlos Pomares

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