

Bloomfield Winter 2011 BUZZ

Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township

Ah yes . . . Civility! Just what Bloomfield needed to energize its planning



In three year's time, if four municipal goals are accomplished, Raymond McCarthy will be the happiest mayor in New Jersey. And the good news, he says: "All four are do-able; it's more reality than possibility."

So what exactly IS on the newly re-elected mayor's to-do list?

- 1.) Rebuild the downtown center.
- 2.) Rebuild 225 Belleville Avenue.
- 3.) Turn the DeSimone property into a "natural park."
- 4.) Bring 4 Foley Field "back to its old glory."

Each plan is already in motion, said McCarthy, and thanks to the last election, the Town Council is now "made up of people who put the community first as opposed to putting themselves first."

That stop-stalling sentiment was what propelled the Nov. 2 municipal election. Along with McCarthy, voters gave Councilman Bernard Hamilton a fourth term, returned Peggy O'Boyle for a third, but not consecutive, term (she lost by four votes in the prior election), and brought in young newcomer Michael Venezia.

McCarthy is embarking on a fourth mayoral term, still short of the five-term record served by past Mayor John

Kinder (1972-1987).

"I'm thrilled by the longevity," said McCarthy. "I greatly appreciate the fact that people have found the confidence in me and Councilman Hamilton to elect us to fourth terms."

As a part-time mayor, McCarthy has always maintained his own business, McCarthy Appraisal Services on Whittle Avenue. Sometimes, he says, the business has taken a back seat to what's happening at Town Hall, and some clients "don't want to be in second place. But I've been able to find new clients. And sometimes, being a real estate appraiser is a great asset to being mayor." McCarthy understands development, zoning, and real estate pricing. "It's a huge advantage," he said.

O'Boyle speaks boldly about the council's former bitter division. "They weren't working for the good of the town. Everybody was working for their own personal issues. Whatever the mayor wanted, they fought him."

Now, she says, "I think everybody is going to vote as an individual. There won't be petty politics. I just want to see Bloomfield move on."

Venezia, a 29-year-old council newcomer, is not new to politics. As a senior evalua-

tor for U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, he has worked with Hamilton and McCarthy on local issues.

"One of my main duties is helping out municipalities," said Venezia. "I thought I might be a good asset on the council."

O'Boyle and Venezia both believe the time is now for Bloomfield to build prosperity around its train station, since other commuter communities like Montclair and Hoboken have grown increasingly exclusive.

Venezia also has a long-term goal of developing a youth recreation facility with a huge gymnasium, multi-purpose community rooms and facilities for many sports.

Bernard Hamilton's plan for the coming term is to ensure Township solvency through critical fiscal oversight of resources, and redevelopment to support local business and rebuild the local economy. He said his fourth term is "an honor I don't and have not taken lightly."

Three other council members who remain at the table with continuing terms are Janice Maly (first ward), Nicholas Joanow (second ward) and Robert Ruane (third ward).

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It's a common thought among Bloomfield's administrators that the new council civility will make Bloomfield a much better town. "I am truly enthused about what is going to happen in the next three years," said McCarthy. "I drove through town the other day and called a couple of department heads and said, 'Finally, it's going to happen.' Those long-anticipated tasks on his to-do list "are going to be done." ❁

Due to lacking space, BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY news was omitted from this edition. For current programs and information, please visit www.bplnj.org or call (973) 566-6200.

Thanks to AmVets, now you can read the monument's words

"I passed by that monument many times," said Louis Ginefra, "and I couldn't read what it said."

But what it said was important: "A tribute to the dead, a memory for the living, an inspiration for posterity."

For as long as most Bloomfield most residents can remember the words chiseled on the granite Soldiers and Sailors Monument were impossible to read. The township landmark has stood tall and proud in the Broad Street traffic island since 1912. Its base inscriptions honor the memory of local citizens who served our country "for the defence of her freedom and honor."

Ginefra, a Korean War veteran and commander of American Veterans Post 70 in Bloomfield, convinced members to open their own pockets to pay \$671 to darken the letters.

Karl Jensen of Jensen's Monument Company recalls the day last fall when Ginefra first asked about the project. "I didn't even know there was any lettering on



it," said Jensen. "There may have been something that darkened the letters when it was built, but it hasn't been readable for a long time."

Jensen's stone cutter used a special paint that penetrates stone to darken the letters.

In addition, a newly installed AmVets plaque features the post's logo and these words: "Dedicated to the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument by American Veterans, Bloomfield, NJ, Post 70 - 2010." ❀

Join AmVets - Young veterans willing to participate in American Veterans Post 70 meetings are "desperately needed," says Post Commander Louis Ginefra. "We accept every person who's been in service in any branch since 1941." Membership is free for the first year. Send e-mail to ginesee@gmail.com. ❀

Help the PBA help Bloomfield

Last year, the Bloomfield PBA (Police Benevolent Association) gave \$1,000 to a resident who lost his home in a fire. They gave another \$500 to 1st Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey (a small school in Belleville) for technology to improve communication between students and staff.

Every year, Local #32 contributes thousands of dollars to youth sports, the Bloomfield Educational Foundation, Special Olympics, DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education), scholarship funds and more.

To help make that impact, says President Joe Corio, the PBA holds an annual "sticker drive," this year starting in late February or early March. Letters containing PBA decals, a

donor coupon and information about PBA philanthropy will be mailed to all households.

Corio said typical contributions average \$10 or \$20, but some donations are as high as \$500.

New in this year's charitable slate is a \$2,000 scholarship called the Alyssa Martino Scholarship Fund, established in memory of Assistant Township Attorney Steve Martino's 19-year-old daughter who died last fall.

With or without the donor coupon, residents may contribute by mailing a check to: Bloomfield PBA Local #32, Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. For more information about the PBA, visit www.bloomfieldpba32.com. ❀

Bloomfield food pantries need your help



Two Bloomfield food pantries help needy residents throughout the year. Your generous donation of food or a check will help keep their shelves stocked.

For those making food donations, please check expiration dates before dropping off items. The pantries are pleased to receive canned meats, soups, vegetables, dried pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly and cereal.

Bethel Rehoboth Food Pantry and Meal Center at Bethel Church of Love and Praise, 55 Lawrence Street (corner of Dodd Street) in Bloomfield, (973) 566-9100. Ask for Minister LeWanda Pleasant. Open second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and first and third Thursdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Times may change.) Meal on first and third Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Donations** - Drop off at the church, second Saturday, 10-11 a.m. Checks payable to Bethel Rehoboth Food Pantry and Meal Center.

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, 147 Broad Street. Must have a food pantry referral. Call the church at (973) 743-1796 or visit www.BPCOG.org for details. Food pantry open Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Feeding the Hungry Meal (all welcome), third Monday of each month, 5 to 7 p.m., in the Parish House.

Donations - Drop off at the church office, Church Street entrance, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Checks payable to Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green. Note "Food Pantry" on the memo line. ❀

Make your car inconvenient to thieves

Two drivers stopped at a Bloomfield coffee shop on a frigid week in December, both leaving their cars running while they were inside the shop.

Surprise! Both cars were stolen.

Bloomfield Police advise making your car "inconvenient" so thieves won't be tempted.

- When you park, close the windows and sunroof.

- Don't leave a spare car key in the vehicle; thieves know

where to look.

- Keep your vehicle registration and proof of insurance with you. Copy them for other drivers in your family to carry.

- Leave nothing with your name and address, social security number or other personal information in your vehicle.

- Don't leave items in plain sight on car seats or the floor. Purses, wallets, GPS units, and electronic devices are tempting targets for thieves. ❀

Winter 2011 Recreation Programs

Registration for Winter 2011 Classes has begun. You may register in person at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Wednesdays, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Or register online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Alphabet Art - Ages 4 to 5. Wednesdays, Jan. 12 to Mar. 2, Civic Center, 4:30-5:30, \$35.

Children's Art - Grades 1 to 6. Saturdays, Jan. 15 to Mar. 5, Civic Center, 10:00-11:00 \$35.

Advanced Art - Grades 4 to 8. Saturdays, Jan. 15 to Mar. 5, Civic Center, 11:30-12:30, \$35.

Baton - Saturdays, Jan. 22 to Mar. 19, Bloomfield Middle School, \$30.

- Team A, 9:00-9:45.
- Team B, 9:50-10:35.
- Pre-K to Grade 1, 10:40-11:25.
- Grade 2 and up, 11:30-12:15.

Bowling - Saturdays, Jan. 22 to May 14 at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange.

- Pre-K thru high school seniors, 1:30-3:00. Pre-register, \$10.
- Ages 3-14, bowl two games, weekly fee \$8.

Hip Hop Dance - Ages 6 thru 12. Wednesdays, Jan. 12 to Mar. 2, Civic Center, 4:00-4:45, \$40.

Karate - Ages 5 to 15. Mondays, at the Civic Center, Jan. 10, 24, 31 (off Jan. 17); Feb. 7, 14, 28 (off Feb. 21); Mar. 7, 14, 21. Registration \$10; each lesson \$7.

- New students, ages 5 to 8, 5:00-5:45.

- Returning students, ages 5 to 8, and new students ages 9 and older, 5:50-6:30.

- All colored belts, 6:40-7:20.

Magic Class - Grades 1 to 6. Thursdays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 24, Civic Center, 7:00-8:00, \$50.

Music In Motion - Ages 3 to 5. Saturdays, Jan. 15 to Mar. 5, Civic Center, 11:15-12:15, \$40.

Pee Wee Basketball - Sundays, Jan. 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13 at Bloomfield High School, \$25.

- Grade 1, 11:30-12:30..

- Grade 2, 12:30-1:30.

- Grade 3, 1:30-2:30

Tumble Tots - Two classes for toddlers ages 18 to 36 months, Civic Center, \$35. Fridays, Jan. 14 to Mar. 4, 9:30 or 10:30.

Gymbie Tots - Ages 3 and 4. Fridays, Jan. 14 to Mar. 4 at the Civic Center, 11:30-12:30, \$35.

Acting & Drama - Fridays, Jan. 14 to Mar. 4, \$40.

- Grades 2 and 3, 4-5 p.m.
- Grades 4 to 6, 5-6 p.m.

ADULT FITNESS

All classes at the Civic Center

Belly Dance Workout - Fridays Jan. 21 to Mar. 11, 7:15-8:15 p.m., \$50.

Pilates - Mondays, Jan. 24 to Mar. 21 (off Feb. 21), 7:30-8:30, \$50.

Qi Gong - A free class for adults, Wednesdays, Feb. 2 to March 30, 7:00 to 8:00.

Yoga - For men and women. Saturdays Jan. 22 to Mar. 12, 9:30-10:30, \$50.

Zumba Dance Class

Two sessions for high school and adults, \$50. Tuesdays, Jan. 18 to Mar. 8, 7:00-8:00; or Fridays, Jan. 21 to Mar. 11, 6:00-7:00.

Peppermint Softball coming soon. Register in early February.

Dear Neighbor,

Every day, another Bloomfield neighbor calls or comes into our office in desperate need of assistance. Some are hungry. Some are being evicted. Some are suffering the cold because their utilities have been shut off. For others, illness and unemployment have left them helpless.

Tragic letters such as these arrive in our office:

■ *"My husband is unemployed. Our baby of four weeks needs formula."*

■ *"I am diabetic and cannot afford insulin. Please help so I don't have seizures. I have two children."*

United Way of Bloomfield supports programs and cares for people who have mental illness, who need counseling, who've been victims of abuse. We support Family Day Nursery, which provides early education for children from low-income families.

Please help people who live and work in our town by giving generously to the United Way of Bloomfield.

I/We pledge \$ _____ to impact what matters to our community.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Check enclosed (payable to United Way of Bloomfield)

Please bill quarterly

Stock gift (call 973-748-1732 for information)

MasterCard AmEx Visa Discover

Account Holder Name _____

Account # _____ CCV# _____

Signature _____

Exp. Date _____



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. ♻️

No more electronics in household garbage

Curbside collection of electronic devices is no longer permitted, as per the NJ "Electronic Waste Management Act," effective Jan. 1. Televisions, computers, monitors, radios and laptop computers can no longer be placed in household trash.

Bloomfield residents can take electronic items to the Public Works Yard at 230 Grove Street every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Three electronics collections will be conducted in the northern section of town in spring, fall and winter. (Details on the Township website.) ♻️

General Recycling Services

Public Works Yard, 230 Grove Street

Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for recycling drop-off

■ Christmas Trees and Potholes

From Jan. 1 through March 31, DPW will not pick up biodegradable bags of leaves. During the winter, Christmas-tree pickup, pothole repair and other work will be undertaken.

■ **Next Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day** - Saturday, May 5, 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, x140 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, TVs larger than 33", 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 9-volt batteries in household 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.rbcc.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, electronics, hard-covered books and usable clothing. Drop-offs are on Saturdays from 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.

Curbside Recycling

JANUARY

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

Snowfall may require you to move your car

When snowfall reaches three inches and continued snow is forecast, the following plan will go into effect:

- (1.) Homeowners with driveways must remove vehicles from the street until plowing is finished.
- (2.) Those without driveways can park at:
 - School playgrounds (after they've been plowed, and not in teacher lots).
 - Recreation Department parking lots -- Felton Field (Floyd Avenue) or Pulaski Field (Mt. Vernon Avenue). Wait until lots are plowed.
- (3.) One or two hours before plowing begins, police

with loud speakers will notify residents on snow emergency streets to move their cars. Please cooperate to avoid a summons and/or towing. Check the snow emergency streets listed on this page.

(4.) Major roadways will be plowed first for emergency access, then secondary arteries. All streets will be plowed. If you have a driveway, please use it to increase plowing efficiency for everyone.

(5.) Do not throw snow or plow snow back into the the street when clearing driveways. Doing so is a violation of Township code 230-8C.

**Missed Snow Plowing
Call (973) 680-4127**

Snow Removal Tips

- Parking on your frozen lawn in snow emergencies won't hurt it.
- Leave the last three feet of your driveway (the apron) covered with snow so you won't have to shovel again.
- If you must clear the apron quickly, pile snow on the left side (facing your home) to reduce plow-back into your driveway.

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

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

If your car is parked on one of these streets during a snow emergency, it could be towed away by police.

To Your Health

BLOOMFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

(973) 680-4024 www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health

Seniors: Need a helper?

Do you find yourself unable to do grocery shopping? Run errands? Handle small household repairs? Are you feeling isolated?

The Neighbor to Neighbor Network is a nonprofit organization that assists seniors and disabled Bloomfield residents with a registered network of volunteer service providers. Currently, NtNN is actively seeking seniors in need of help.

Do your heart good; volunteer for NtNN

The Neighbor to Neighbor Network is a volunteer corps that assists the homebound

and disabled, seniors, families with limited income, and homeless animals. If you have a few hours a month to spare, NtNN could use your help for:

- Weekly food pantry deliveries to residents.
- Visits with isolated seniors and disabled adults.
- Grocery shopping and errands for those who can't manage those tasks alone.
- Maintenance projects such as building clean-up, lawn mowing and painting.
- Filling out utility assistance applications.
- Transporting people to medical and other appointments.
- Assisting at the Bukowski Shelter for Animals.

In addition, volunteers are needed for NtNN public rela-

tions, volunteer recruitment, and fundraising. An attorney with nonprofit experience is also needed.

To learn more, contact Paula Peikes, (973) 680-4017 or ppeikes@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Test your home for radon

Free radon testing kits are available from the Bloomfield Health Department.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that moves through the soil and into homes through cracks in the foundation and other openings. High radon levels are associated with a greater risk of lung cancer.

If you have tested in the past, a new test will tell you

whether concentrations in your home have changed.

For a free testing kit, contact Michael Hodges at (973) 680-4183 or mhodes@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Help assess our town health

To ensure that Bloomfield is meeting the public health needs of our residents, the Health Department is conducting a comprehensive community health assessment. Your input is needed to help assess resident access to care, local health risks, the current community health status, local health resources, at-risk populations and more. To help, call Michael Hodges at (973) 680-4183 or mhodes@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

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Nursing Clinics

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

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

• Nursing Division Office, first and third Thursday of every month, 9:30–10:30. No charge.

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

◆ **Diabetes.** Jan. 13, 9:30–11. Fasting not required. \$10.

◆ **Adult Vaccines.** Mondays, Jan. 24, Feb. 14, Mar. 21, April 18, 10:00–noon. Program sign-up \$25, vaccines free. Includes Tdap, Meningococcal, Pneumonia, HPV.

◆ **Bone Density.** Jan. 25, Mar. 29, 10:00–noon. \$10–\$12.

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The Arts Scene

Bloomfield Civic Band

celebrates National Women's Month, Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. General admission \$10; children under 12, \$5. Guest artists: sopranos Carmen Artis and Andrea Covais. Guest conductor: Martha Bougner. Details at (973) 780-4249.

Bloomfield Youth Band

"Images in Sound" will be presented Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at Bloomfield High School. (Makeup date: April 2, 7:30 p.m., BHS.) General admission \$10; children under 10, free. Featured soloist: percussionist Barry Centanni. Special guests: The Bloomfield High School Band, directed by Brendan Hughes. For details and admission discounts, visit www.bloomfieldyouthband.org.

Westminster Arts Center

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

• Jan. 21–22, 8 p.m.; Jan. 23, 2 p.m. – "Funny Girl," a concert, \$20/\$16/\$15.

• Jan. 30, 3 p.m. – Ionisation, chamber music, \$25/\$15/\$10.

• Feb. 19, 11 a.m. – "Peter Rabbit," family entertainment, \$10/\$8.

• Feb. 19, 8 p.m. – "La Traviata," Metropolitan Repertory Ballet, \$20/\$15.

• Mar. 10–12, 7:30 p.m. – "Wicked Moon," contemporary musical comedy, \$15/\$12.

• Mar. 18, 8 p.m. – "Viva Flamenco," song and dance, \$20/\$15.

• Mar. 24–27 – "The Brothers Booth," drama, \$20/\$15. Thursday, 7:30. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m.

• April 1, 8 p.m. – "The Tap Connection," New Jersey Tap Ensemble, \$20/\$15.

• April 29, 8 p.m. – Mosaic Dance Theater Co., Near East and Mediterranean dance, \$20/\$15.

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• Feb. 12. Noon - Valentine Treats with "Tweety."

• March 12, noon - Lunch with the Leprachaun.

• April 9, 10 a.m. and noon Brunch with the Easter Bunny.

Bloomfield Art League

(973) 743-9074

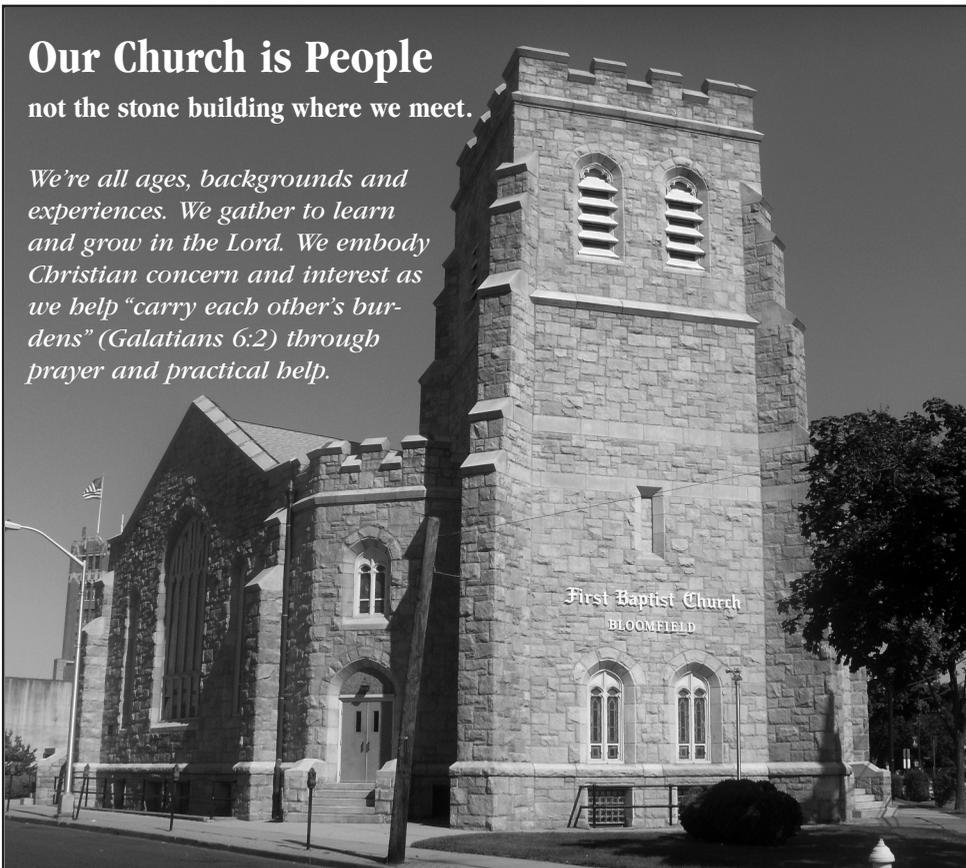
• Feb. 6, 1:30–4 p.m. – League meeting and reception at the Civic Center. Watercolor demo by Maryann Burton.

• Mar. 6, 1:30–4 p.m. – Reception for members' exhibition, at Cranes Mill. Exhibit remains until March 31.

• April 3, 1:30–4 p.m. – League meeting and reception at the Civic Center, with pastel demo by Martha Lindau.

Our Church is People not the stone building where we meet.

We're all ages, backgrounds and experiences. We gather to learn and grow in the Lord. We embody Christian concern and interest as we help "carry each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) through prayer and practical help.



- ◆ Sunday School Classes for children, youths and adults, 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday Adult Small Group Bible Study, 5:45 p.m.
- ◆ 2nd Tuesday J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Club, noon
- ◆ Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ *Miercoles Estudio Biblico en Español*, 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday Ladies Bible Study, 1:30 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday Young Adults Group, 9:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Audio MP3 Ministry - recorded Sunday sermons
- ◆ Christian Resource Library - books and videos for all ages

New state-of-the-art chairlift provides access to anyone in a wheelchair and anyone unable to climb stairs. Handicap accessible entrance is on Franklin Street.

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Municipal Directory

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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
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YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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- 1st Ward, Janice Maly
- 2nd Ward, Nicholas Joanow
- 3rd Ward, Robert Ruane

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- Bernard Hamilton
- Peggy O'Boyle Dunigan
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You could be eligible for food and prescription assistance

The Bloomfield Health Department offers benefits screenings to low-income individuals and families to determine their eligibility for assistance programs, including food stamps, local food pantries, utility assistance, and prescription assistance programs.

Appointments also can be made for the Mobile County Welfare Van stationed in front of Town Hall on a regular basis.

For home-bound seniors and disabled residents, benefit screenings can be conducted in the home. 🌸

Nursing Clinics Cont'd

◆ **Respiratory Assessment.** Feb. 22, 10:00–noon. \$5.

◆ **Cholesterol.** Feb. 25, 11:00–1:00, \$10–\$12.

◆ **Blood Screening.** Mar. 25, 8:00–10:00. Blood chemistry \$25. PSA (for men) \$35. Pre-registration required; 12-hour fast recommended.

◆ **Urinalysis.** Mar 28, 10:00–noon. \$10. No appointment necessary.

◆ **Pap Smear / Mammography.** Mar. 31 starting at 8:30. Free for eligible women. Pre-registration required.

◆ **Stroke.** April 26, 10:00–noon, \$25–\$30. Includes cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings, plus carotid artery assessment.

◆ **Flu Shots.** Free with Medicare Part B; self-pay \$25. HMOs not accepted. 🌸



The Open Space Trust Fund Committee is planning two park or river cleanups in the coming year, with the first tentatively set for Saturday, April 30. More details will be available in the months ahead.

The last cleanup on Oct. 16 took place on 1,000 feet of the Morris Canal Towpath, between Newark Avenue and Wright's Field. Boy Scout Troup 23 and many residents contributed to the three-hour effort.

The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's River Restoration division provided garbage bags and gloves for volunteers, then hauled the debris to Newark.

To learn more about the Open Space Trust Fund visit www.facebook.com/OpenSpaceTrustFund, or call Councilman Nick Joanow at (973) 748-6379. 🌸

Find out if you qualify for utility bill assistance

If you've fallen behind on utility bills due to a temporary financial crisis, help may be available through NJ Shares (NJS). The program offers a one-time grant to moderate-income applicants who can



demonstrate a financial crisis and a history of good-faith payment of electricity, gas or oil bills. Applications can be made through Bloomfield's Human Services Division.

Utility assistance is also available for low-income families. The Universal Service Fund (USF) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) both help families pay for electric and natural gas costs. Human Services

cannot process the applications but can provide assistance to Bloomfield residents. For more information, call Human Services at (973) 680-4017. 🌸