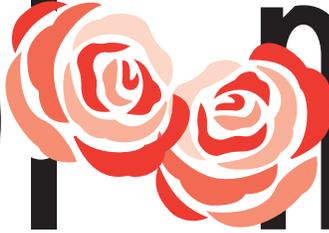


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Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township

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Crime is down 12.5% in Bloomfield

Overall crime in Bloomfield was down a remarkable 12.5% from January to August 2009 compared to the

ple to protect themselves." For example, people who use windshield-mounted GPS units often stow them in glove compartments as a theft deterrent. But if car owners are not

tionship because more information is coming from community sources, which has further helped to reduce crime. Another crime deterrent is police interaction with youth.



	Rape	Robbery	Aggrav. Assault	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	TOTAL
Jan.-Aug. 2008	3	41	14	134	538	104	834
Jan.-Aug. 2009	6	40	18	79	480	106	729

No murders in either year

same period in 2008. Police Chief Mark Leonard attributes the decrease to good police work, technological advances and training.

According to the State Police Uniform Crime Report, Bloomfield crime increased in January and February, then dropped significantly from March through August, as shown in the chart.

Leonard said putting more officers on the street has been a deterrent, even though manpower stands at 125 officers, down from the optimum level of 135.

He partly credited community policing, a practice that used to be "just showing up at events. But now when we have a problem area, we send investigators and patrol, and we also send community policing. We do spread sheets of crime in the area and sit down with the residents. Then we teach peo-

wiping the suction cup marks off the glass, thieves "know it's in your glove compartment," said Leonard.

Bloomfield's increased emphasis on community policing is a two-way working rela-

Drug and gang resistance education programs are prominent in Bloomfield schools.

The department is now seeking Township approval to hire nine more officers. ✪

Health Dept. to be accredited

The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services has been selected as the only public health agency in New Jersey to participate in a test of the first-ever national public health accreditation program.

"We are thrilled to showcase our best practices, demonstrating that we do make a difference in our own community," said Director Karen Lore.

Bloomfield is one of 19 local public health agencies out of 145 applicants nationwide

selected by the Public Health Accreditation Board. The volunteer agencies will help PHAB launch its national program in 2011. Bloomfield health officials will attend a training session, provide detailed documentation and host site visits.

The test program runs from fall 2009 to the end of 2010. Bloomfield is receiving \$27,000 in grant money to complete the test program. Afterward the Health & Human Services Department will be eligible for

expedited accreditation in 2011, but without the cost that other departments will incur once the program is launched.

National accreditation is expected to improve and protect public health by advancing the quality and performance of health departments across the country. Similar standards already exist for hospitals, schools, law enforcement agencies and even daycare centers. ✪



As you've no doubt noticed, this issue of The Bloomfield BUZZ covers nearly two quarters instead of just one. The current budgetary situation demands cost-saving measures in every way, including The BUZZ, but we hope to resume normal publication in 2010. Please be sure to note that five months of recycling calendars can be clipped and saved from page 10.

I'd like to call your attention to several topics:

Leaf collection is in full swing and I ask everyone's cooperation during the fall season. Please collect your leaves in brown biodegradable bags and place the bags at the curb for pickup. Our Department of Public Works tries hard to collect bagged leaves on your weekly recycling day, but sometimes an equipment problem or holiday can cause a delay in the schedule. The current collection system has worked extremely well and is environmentally conscious. It saves the Township money, keeps the curb area clear and prevents car fires and other safety concerns during leaf season.

Snow season is coming, so remember to keep your sidewalks clear of snow and ice after a snowfall. And remove your vehicles from the roadways during snow storms to allow Public Works to thoroughly clear the streets.

Revaluations. Most Bloomfield homes have already been inspected for revaluation. If yours has not, it will be happening soon. Once

the process is complete, your home will be assigned a new assessment value. If you wish to discuss the result, you will have the opportunity to do so at a hearing planned as part of the revaluation

process. (See page 7 for more on revaluation progress.)

All properties will see an increase in their assessments, bringing them to 100 percent of market value. However, the tax rate will be adjusted downward. That means some properties may experience a tax increase while others get a decrease or remain about the same. The last revaluation in Bloomfield took place in 1992, and the current revaluation was ordered by the Essex County Board of Taxation.

Holiday Wishes. At this writing, it's still a little early, but I want to wish all of our residents a safe, happy, joy-filled holiday season and best wishes for 2010. Please remember not to drink and drive; keep yourself and others on the roadways safe from harm.

During the holiday season, it's important for all of us to be willing to help out the less fortunate in our community. There are many ways you can help. Donate to the annual toy drive, sponsored by the chief of police and organized through the Youth Aid Bureau. Or donate to the United Way of Bloomfield, a valued part of our community for 50 years. United Way assists those who don't have money for food, gas or electric bills. This is the time of giving, so please be generous and you'll know in your heart that you have done something good for your fellow man. ✿

NJ Transit adds weekend trips from Bloomfield

Weekend train trips from Bloomfield to New York City have become a reality. Starting Nov. 8, New Jersey Transit has begun operating weekend trains approximately every two hours to and from Hoboken, with stops at Bay Street, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Watessing Avenue and Newark Broad Street stations.

From Hoboken, riders can transfer to the PATH for a quick hop into the city.

From Newark Broad Street, they can connect to Midtown Direct service or points west on the Morris & Essex lines.

In the past, Bloomfield, which is on the Montclair-Boonton line, had no weekend rail service. Anyone traveling to the city from Bloomfield had to drive to Orange station on the Morristown line or go directly to Newark Penn Station.

The new service has come about due to the volume of requests from Montclair, Bloomfield and Glen Ridge residents. Monday-to-Friday rail schedules will not change. ✿

Bloomfield restricts water usage year-round; brings water bill savings

To protect against drought and to reduce the costs of treating and delivering fresh water, the town council has amended the water use ordinance that applies to all properties — residential, commercial and public.

Passed in September, the amendment promotes common-sense practices to reduce wasteful water consumption (particularly in the summer

months). The measures will reduce water bills.

The restrictions are based on typical area rainfall and recommendations from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. Specific restrictions include the following:

- Lawns may be watered any two days a week between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., with no more than 30 minutes of watering in a single area. (Newly sodded lawns or landscapes may be watered as necessary in the first 21 days of planting.)

- No lawn watering is permitted when it is raining or on days when it has rained for 30 minutes or longer.

- Flowers and shrubs can be watered as needed with a hand-held, automatic shut-off hose.

- Vehicles may be washed any day with an automatic shut-off hose.

- Sprinkler/irrigation systems installed after Sept. 8, 2000 must be equipped with rain sensors. Those installed earlier should be updated with a rain sensor.

Certain exemptions from the ordinance do apply:

- Commercial crop and sod farms, golf courses, nurseries or retail outlets that sell nursery stock.

- One-day treatment of chemical application to preserve a new landscape.

- Newly installed watering systems to check effectiveness for short periods.

The ordinance established procedures for declaring water emergencies and additional restriction that may be enforced.

Any first violation of the ordinance will result in a written warning. Subsequent offenses could result in a fine ranging from \$25 to \$2,000, and/or imprisonment or community service up to 90 days. ✿



Pay Off Delinquent Taxes/Fees Tax sale set for Dec. 3

A Township tax sale will be held Dec. 3 in the council chambers starting at 10 a.m. All municipal delinquencies for the year 2008 or earlier will be sold to the highest bidder. Any resident with past-due property taxes, water or maintenance charges should make arrangements to pay the fees by the end of the working day on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Payments in certified funds or cash can be made at town hall, room 108. For more information, call (973) 680-4049. A list of payment delinquencies will be advertised in the Independent Press for four weeks before the Dec. 3 tax sale. ✨

Help Science! Measure precipitation in your back yard

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network is looking for volunteer weather observers in Bloomfield. CoCoRaHS, a nationwide volunteer network, has more than 10,000 volunteer observers in 46 states. The New Jersey office at Rutgers University needs volunteers to report backyard rain and snow-fall using a 4-inch plastic rain gauge. Volunteers report daily readings online along with other weather conditions. Volunteer readings are used by scientists and agencies whose decisions depend on timely and high-quality precipitation data. For example, hydrologists and meteorologists use the data to warn about floods and droughts.

Training is provided online or in group sessions at locations around the state.

To learn more, visit www.cocorahs.org. Or call Dr.

David Robinson, 732-445-4741, or Mathieu Gerbush, 732-445-3076, both at Rutgers. ✨

Bloomfield Trivia

What Wikipedia says about us!

Interesting to see what the online encyclopedia has to say about our town . . .

Bloomfield was incorporated as a township from portions of Newark Township by an Act of the New Jersey Legislature on Mar. 23, 1812. The new township took its name from the Presbyterian parish named after Joseph Bloomfield, who was governor of New Jersey from 1801 to 1812.

At the time it was incorporated, the township covered 20.52 square miles (compared to its current 5.4 square miles) and included several villages that became separate towns in the nineteenth century:

- Belleville - 1839
- Montclair - 1868
- Woodside - 1869
- Glen Ridge - 1895

Notable points of interest, according to Wikipedia: Glendale Cemetery, Holsten's Brookdale Confectionery (filming site of "The Sopranos" final episode), and Oakeside Mansion.

Notable current and former residents (partial listing):

- Hank Borowy (1916-2004), Major League baseball player for the New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers.
- Roger Cook, artist, born 1930.
- Connie Francis, singer, born 1938.
- Peter David, science fiction and fantasy author known for his work in comic book and "Star Trek" novels, born 1956.
- John Gibson, Olympic runner (1905-2006).
- Kelly Tripuka (born 1959), pro basketball player for several teams, including the New Jersey Nets, for whom he now broadcasts. ✨

Bloomfield Public Library

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Library Theatre Programs

- St. Paul Seven vocal ensemble - a musical holiday journey around the world, from medieval times to the present day, Saturday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.
- Tenor Salvatore Chiarelli - popular arias in English and Italian, Sunday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m.
- Richard Reiter Swing Band - Saturday, Jan. 10, 2 p.m.
- "The Dinosaur Play" - an interactive theatrical performance for children ages 4 to 10, Jan. 30, 11 a.m. Registration begins Jan. 23.
- Dan Faulk Jazz Trio - Sunday, Feb. 21, 2 p.m.
- Ben Silver - Circle Singing & Vocal Improv Workshop, time and date to be announced.
- Movies - every Monday and Thursday afternoon, 12:15 p.m.

Children's Programs

Storytimes, homework help, crafts, book discussions, and more. Additional programs will be announced.

Clubs

- Book Club - Monthly meetings are at 7 p.m. Dates and topics are posted on library bulletin boards, the website and local media, or call x502.
- Poetry Club - Share your work, talk poetry with like-minded people or just listen. Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m.

Check Out Our Improvements!

- New furniture will soon be arriving in the Children's Department.
- New exhaust fans have been installed in both restrooms near the library theatre.

Special Services

- *Immediate Online Reference Service* is available round the clock. Go to the library website and click on QandANJ.
- *Free Notary Service* - Call for an appointment.
- *Passport Application Assistance* - Every fourth Wednesday, 2 to 8 p.m. Bring required documents and fees. Details at County Clerk's Office, (973) 621-2921, or www.essexclerk.com.
- *Upgrade Your Library Card* to the BCCLS (Bergen County Cooperative Library System) to access resources at more than 150 New Jersey libraries. Download audio books and searchable databases. Walk into other libraries to borrow materials, reserve or request materials online.

Holiday Closures

- New Year's Day - Jan. 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday - Jan. 18

Library Hours

Monday to Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday to Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.



Bloomfield has received an initial 500 doses of the H1N1 vaccine as of Oct. 15, and thousands more are anticipated, according to the Township's Health & Human Services Department. The initial doses have been used to vaccinate first responders and emergency personnel.

In early October, Bloomfield Health placed its vaccine order with NJ Health and Senior Services, the earliest possible order date. As the vaccine is received, notifications will be posted on www.bloomfieldtwp-nj.com/health, on the flu hotline (973) 680-4060, channel 35, local newspapers, schools and reverse 911.

The vaccine will be administered in accordance with the following federal guidelines:

- First tier: pregnant women, children ages 6 months through 24 years, EMS and health care workers, those who care for infants less than 6 months old, age 25 to 64 with medical conditions from influenza. (All of the above have equal priority.)

- Second tier: Healthy people age 25 to 64.

- Third tier: Individuals age 65 and older. (Current studies indicate risk from infection for those over 65 is less than the risk for younger people.)

Symptoms of H1N1 flu virus include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Contain coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, and use hand-shaking etiquette. ✿

Human Services Programs

Pre-registration is required for most programs. Call 973-680-4017.

Utility Assistance

NJ SHARES (Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services) helps those who have fallen behind on utility bills due to a temporary financial crisis. Eligibility is based on a demonstrated financial crisis and a history of good-faith utility bill payments. Once-a-year grants are offered to qualified applicants: for natural gas (up to \$700), electricity (up to \$300) for a combined maximum of \$1,000; for an all-electric home, \$700 maximum; for deliverable fuel, up to \$700. Other utility programs are available for those who do not meet NJ SHARES criteria.

Mobile welfare van visits Bloomfield monthly

Food stamps, Medicaid, and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families are among the social services programs now accessible to Bloomfield residents through the Essex County Welfare Mobile Office. During the van's monthly stops in front of the municipal building, residents can apply for multiple programs.

Mental health screenings

Free, confidential mental health screenings are available to Bloomfield residents every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the municipal building, room 213. (Alternative scheduling is available by appointment.) A short questionnaire is used to screen for depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. Referrals are provided for more extensive evaluation and treatment as necessary.

Benefits screenings

Low-income individuals and families can come to Human Services to find out if they are eligible for federal and state benefit programs, including food pantries and assistance with utility, telephone and pharmaceutical bills. Call for an appointment. Home-bound seniors and disabled residents can be screened in their own homes.

Join the Senior Women's Support Group

Single women age 60 and older have a place to talk about loss, new friendship, memories, remaining active, health issues and choices for the future. The group meets the third Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Registration is required.

Neighbor to Neighbor Network

Do you find yourself unable to do grocery shopping or run errands or handle small household repairs? Feeling isolated? Registered network volunteers provide these services and more to homebound and disabled residents, seniors and families with limited income.

NtNN needs help with:

- Weekly food pantry deliveries to residents.
- Visits with, and grocery shopping for, isolated seniors.
- Maintenance projects such as building clean-up, painting and lawn care.
- Bloomfield Animal Shelter.
- Domestic Violence Response Team.
- 501(c)3 legal services.

Upcoming Health Clinics

Screenings are held in the Nursing Division and appointments are required, unless otherwise indicated. Call (973) 680-4058.

- ◆ **Bone Density (Men and Women).** Tuesday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m. - noon. Screening performed via ultrasound of the wrist. Dietary advice provided. Cost: age 55 years and older is \$8, all others \$10. Provided by Mountainside Hospital Community Health.

- ◆ **Blood Pressure (Nursing Division).** First and third Thursday of every month, 9:30-10:30 a.m. No cost.

- ◆ **Blood Pressure (Watchung Presbyterian Church).** Fridays, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m. No cost.

- ◆ **Urinalysis.** Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9:30-11 a.m. Cost: \$5. A screening for blood, leukocytes, protein, ketones, and glucose in the urine. Immediate results provided.

Clinics, First Quarter 2010 - Call the Nursing Division or visit the Health Department website, watch WBMA (channel 35), or read Bloomfield Life and Independent Press.

To Your Health

NJ Family Care

Most Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., a representative from NJ Family Care is stationed at the Nursing Division to assist Bloomfield residents with NJ Family Care applications. No appointment necessary; call Nursing to verify the representative's availability.

Vaccines for Uninsured/Underinsured

For children ages 2 months to 18 years. Prior vaccine records required. Appointments on Wednesday mornings at the Nursing Division. Initial registration \$5 per child; administration \$5 per child per appointment. Vaccines free.

New police technology improves local safety

Automatic license plate readers coming soon

Cameras mounted on patrol cars are coming soon to the Bloomfield Police Department to help identify dangerous drivers. The Automatic License Plate Recognition System is being purchased with a Justice Administration Grant.

The cameras take pictures



of all license plates the police vehicle encounters, whether parked or moving. They alert officers to licenses held by suspended or revoked drivers, or drivers wanted for auto theft.

Nixle brings instant community alerts

Nixle has come to Bloomfield. The community information service, quickly spreading all over the country, alerts residents to local public safety threats and community information via web, e-mail, and cell phone text message.

It is available at no cost to residents or police, and uses the same operating model as social applications, like Twitter and Facebook. But its critical security ensures that messages received are authentic.

Users choose the type of alert they want, for the locations they want. They also choose the delivery, whether by cell phone text message, e-mail, or web. To learn more, visit www.nixle.com.

Officer compliance improved

How can an officer be certain that the enforcement step he's about to take will be admissible in court? Help is coming from PowerDMS, web-based software that manages departmental directives and standard compliance regulations. When an officer logs in, he has instant access to important records, patrol alerts, and other information to ensure that he is operating by the law.

The system is accessible from any computer terminal, including those mounted in police vehicles. It also links to NJlearn, a system of police training and standard operating procedures created by New Jersey Homeland Security. ✪

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Bloomfield progresses in sustainability

Bloomfield is one of 47 New Jersey communities that have completed application for Sustainable Jersey certification. The program is an accepted benchmark for evaluating a municipality's progress. In all, 231 communities registered to apply, including five in Essex County.

Registration gives Bloomfield some priority in grant applications, and certification will help bring additional funds for sustainability projects. The Greener Bloomfield community organization was designated by the township council to coordinate the certification effort.

The organization submitted documentation for these projects: Green Team, Community Education and Outreach, Green Fair, Green Design for Buildings, Anti-Idling, Sustainable Land Use Pledge, Natural Resource Protection, Water Conservation, Recycling, Waste Reduction, and a demonstration project for its Paperless Council system.

Sustainable Jersey is a certification program for municipalities that want to go green, control costs, and take steps to sustain long-term quality of life. It is an initiative of state agencies, nonprofits and experts in the field. ✨



Get cash back by recycling your refrigerator/freezer

Now you can collect \$30 for recycling your old refrigerator/freezer. A new initiative of the New Jersey Clean Energy Program offers free pickup of old appliances.

The program is offered because newer models consume 1,000 fewer kilowatt-hours annually than a refrigerator/freezer manufactured before 1990.

To participate in the program, you must be a customer of JCP&L or PSE&G. You must own the refrigerator/freezer being recycled and it must be between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size. It must be in working condition. Limit: two units per residential address.

For more information, contact JACO Environmental at (877) 270-3520 or call your local utility. Pickup can be scheduled online at www.jaco-inc.net. ✨

Idling gets you nowhere

Running your vehicle while you stop for an errand or wait for something is called "idling." Idling burns dollars and fuel and contributes to public health problems. Exhaust, especially from diesel vehicles, sends soot and harmful chemicals into the air, contributing to asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory diseases. Children and the elderly are most susceptible to these problems. An estimated 25% of New Jersey school children have asthma, and a key contributor is vehicle exhaust.

Idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than turning the engine off and on again. An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than one moving at 30 mph. Idling also increases auto maintenance costs due to fuel residue build-up.

In the winter, fuel consumption is higher, and emissions from a cold engine more than double the normal level. The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. If you're not driving, turn it off.

Besides, idling for more than three minutes is illegal by both Bloomfield and state law, with fines beginning at \$100 for a first offense.

For more information, see www.GreenerBloomfield.org/idling. ✨

Ramp up the energy efficiency of your business - at No Cost

The New Jersey SmartStart Buildings Program can provide a range of support for your business — at no cost to you — and with substantial savings, both now and for the future.

The program offers free support to improve energy efficiency of commercial and

industrial buildings and projects, including new construction and additions, renovations, remodeling, and equipment replacements. Comprehensive design services, modified design support for large projects, and technical assistance for smaller projects are all available.

The site also provides finan-

cial incentives on equipment and design to cover partial project costs. Or if you're in the building trades, find out if you're eligible to be listed as a trade ally

To learn more, go to www.njsmartstartbuildings.com, or contact TRC energy services at (866) 433-4479. ✨

Volunteer to be a Town Hall greeter

You're friendly, you like to help people and you've got a steady finger for pointing people in the right direction. Perfect! Bloomfield needs you! The Township is creating an information desk at the main entrance to Town Hall and volunteer greeters are needed to man the desk.

Duties include smiling warmly, handing out visitor passes and pointing people in the direction of the office they are seeking.

Coverage is needed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hours will be divided according to the availability of volunteers.

The information desk will enhance the new security system recently installed in Town Hall. The service will be initiated as soon as enough people volunteer.

For more information, drop by the Township Administrator's Office, or call (973) 680-4006.



Revaluation Update: Figuring your piece of the pie

Property inspections throughout the Township have been in process since May. Here's where the process stands now:

- All residential field inspections will be completed in November.
- All commercial field inspections are completed.

- Property photographs are nearly completed.
- Sales, income and expense data are being analyzed.
- Preliminary assessments will be established soon.

Pending Interior Evaluations

Appraisal Systems Inc. (ASI), the appraisal firm working with the township, is now sending letters to homeowners requesting appointments with those whose interior evaluations have not been conducted.

To ensure that you pay no more than your fair share of property taxes, please comply with the request.

Assessment Reviews

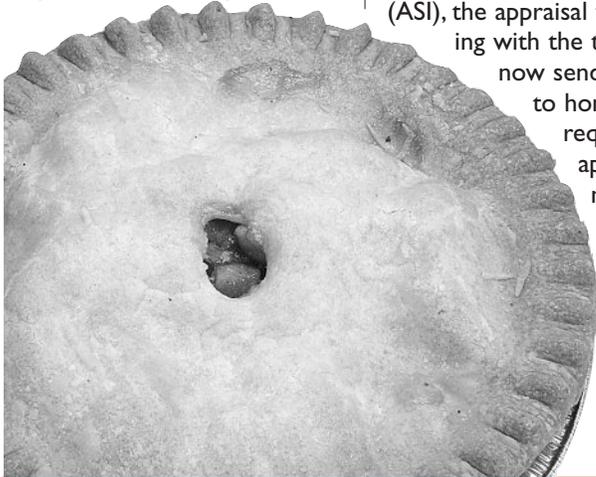
By late December or early January, ASI will send letters to taxpayers stating their 2010 property assessment value. Those who wish to do so can make an appointment for a one-on-one assessment review with an ASI representative. The sessions will take place at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

The revaluation process will be finished when all taxpayer reviews are completed and the new assessment list is signed by the assessor.

Assessment Appeals

Any taxpayer not satisfied with the review may file an appeal with the Essex County Board of Taxation, (973) 395-8525. If an assessment is over the \$750,000 threshold, the taxpayer may file an appeal directly with the State Tax Court. The appeal deadline is May 1, 2010.

For more information about the assessment process, call the assessor's office at (973) 680-4021. ✪



The Magic of Mexico Right Here in Bloomfield

Senorita's Mexican Grill and Bar continues to raise the standard for Mexican cooking in New Jersey. The Star Ledger gives us four stars and the New Jersey Monthly readers' poll rated us as the "best Mexican restaurant in northern New Jersey." They've confirmed what everyone is already talking about: Innovative Mexican dishes alongside some of your authentic favorites. The right combination for an incredible dining experience! Come and get your piece of Mexico, just south of Bloomfield!

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Holiday Celebrations

Annual Township Tree Lighting Ceremony -

Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in front of town hall. Christmas carols will be sung by the Bloomfield High School Choir and by Bloomfield Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Santa Claus will make a special appearance.



Bloomfield Recreation's Annual Holiday Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center. Enjoy light refreshments, arts and crafts, face painting and an appearance by Santa — all free!

Winter Sports

In-Town Basketball & Suburban Traveling Basketball

Suburban Basketball tryouts took place the week of Nov. 9. However, for In-Town Basketball, limited spots remain for girls and boys in 6th to 8th grades. Call as soon as possible to reserve a spot. In-Town Basketball is \$45.

Adult Open Gym Basketball

The program begins the first week of December and runs through March. All open gym dates are at Bloomfield High School. Season pass \$30. For Bloomfield residents only.

Men's Adult Basketball League

An organizational meeting will be held in December at the Civic Center for all interested players. Games will begin in the first week of January. All games will be at Bloomfield Middle School, Monday through Thursday evenings. Cost: \$325 for registration plus officials' fees.

Suburban Traveling Wrestling

Junior team, grades 2 to 4. Senior team, grades 5 to 8. Practices at Bloomfield High School will be held weekdays and Saturdays, beginning the week after Thanksgiving. Cost: \$45.

Volleyball

- *Adult Co-Ed Open Gym* at Oakview School, Tuesday nights, October through December.
- *Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League* at Oakview School, Wednesday and Thursday nights through March. Cost: \$150 per team.

Adult Exercise Programs

Aerobics – 30 minutes of aerobic exercises and 30 minutes of strength training.

Pilates – Learn exercise and physical movement designed to stretch, strengthen and balance the body and mind.

Yoga – Men and women strengthen mind, body and soul while learning the basics from a registered yoga teacher. Saturday mornings at the Civic Center.

Winter Program Registration

Begins Wednesday, Dec. 16,
Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Plus Wednesdays, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Or online any time at our website.
(Most classes start in early January.)

Children's Programs

All classes at the Civic Center unless otherwise indicated.

NEW! Mommy and Me Art Program

- The Bloomfield Recreation Department is teaming up with Crayola to offer an art class for boys and girls 20 months to 36 months. Each week, children will be challenged to explore a variety of visual art mediums, tools and techniques. Materials include paints, textures and papers. Imaginative lessons and play help children build fine motor skills. Adult participation and supervision is required.

Children's Art – Boys and girls in grades 1 to 6 enjoy fun, creative art projects. Held on Saturday mornings.

Advanced Art – Boys and girls in grades 4 to 8 learn techniques and advanced art strokes on Saturday mornings. A great follow-up to Children's Art.

Karate – Boys and girls ages 5 to 15 learn Karate from a black belt instructor. The Monday class enhances self-esteem, self-discipline and safety awareness. Students learn self-defense, not aggressiveness.

Baton Twirling – Children of all ages learn from Bloomfield's own National Baton Twirling Champion. Saturday afternoon classes are offered for everyone from beginner to advanced. Location to be announced.

Bowling – For boys and girls, kindergarten through high

school, on Saturday afternoons at Eagle Rock Lanes in West Orange.

Pee Wee Basketball – For boys and girls in grades 1 to 3. Held Sunday afternoons at the high school. Instruction is provided by coaches and players from the Bloomfield High School boys and girls basketball teams.

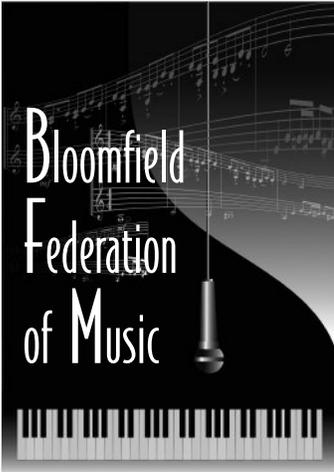
Hip Hop Dance – Boys and girls ages 8 to 12 learn and rehearse basic dance moves.

Music In Motion – Boys and girls ages 3 to 5 express themselves through singing, dancing and playing musical instruments.

Tumble Tots – A parent and child favorite! Classes are for boys and girls ages 18 months to 36 months. Parents and children participate in lessons to improve children's motor skills while they socialize with other youngsters.

NEW! Gymbly Tots – A continuation of Tumble Tots. Children ages 3 to 5 build motor skills and socialization with more advanced exercises. Parental participation is not required but parents may watch if they so choose. Classes will be held on Friday mornings after Tumble Tots.

Alphabet Art – Boys and girls aged 4 to 6 years are encouraged to learn and be creative through lessons based on favorite children's stories.



Bloomfield Chorale

Conducted by Ruth Hsu

(973) 667-1440

General admission \$8; free for children under 12

◆ Holiday Favorites With Friends (with the Bloomfield Civic Band) - Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. Program: Ding Dong! Merrily on High (Old French carol), "Silent Night" (Franz Gruber), "For Unto Us a Child is Born" (from Händel's "Messiah"), and "Jazz Gloria" (Natalia Sleeth).

Bloomfield Civic Band

Conducted by Dominick Ferrara, III

(973) 338-8140 • General admission \$8; advance

tickets \$5; free for children under 12

◆ The Fantastic Toy Shop - Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m., Bloomfield Middle School. Enjoy seasonal favorites such as "Sleigh Ride" (Anderson), selections from "The Nutcracker Suite" (Tchaikovsky), "March of the Toys" (Herbert). Other highlights include a visit from Santa, a performance by students from Miss Roseanna's School of Dance, and a guest performance by the Bloomfield Chorale.

◆ Three Tenors Concert - Sunday, Mar. 14, 3 p.m., Bloomfield Middle School. Program includes arias from "La Bohème" (Puccini), "Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo), "Turandot" (Puccini), "Rigoletto" (Verdi), and "Granada" (Bizet).

Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra

Conducted by Enrico Granafei • <http://nj.mandolins.home.att.net>

◆ From Holland To Italy - Sunday, Nov. 22, 3 p.m., Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center. Program: music by Dutch and Italian composers. Tickets \$10. To reserve, call (973) 429-0960.

Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Conducted by Israel "Buzz" Herman

General admission \$8; free for children under 12 • www.bloomfieldsymphony.org

◆ Pretty Moving Movements - Sunday, Nov. 15, 3 p.m., Bloomfield High School. Program: "Nimrod" from Enigma Variations (Elgar), Adagio from Symphony No. 1 (Bizet), "March to the Scaffold" from "Symphony Fantastique" (Berlioz), "The Moldau" from "Ma Vlast" (Smetana), and Symphony No. 40 in G minor (Mozart).

◆ Annual Family Concert - Sunday, Feb. 21, 3 p.m., Bloomfield Middle School. Program: Sousa marches, Beethoven and Mozart overtures, "American Rhapsody," and movie medleys. Featuring the world premiere of "The Plain of Six Glaciers" by 14-year-old composer Michael Parsons.

Bloomfield Youth Band

Conducted by Patrick Burns

www.bloomfielddyouthband.org • patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com

General admission \$8; free for children under 12

◆ Song and Dance - Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m., Bloomfield Middle School. (Make-up date, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.) Program: "Choreography" (Robert Sheldon), "Dancing in Air" (Yo Goto), "In Late November" (Randall Standridge), and Galop from Genevieve de Brabant (Jacques Offenbach). Guest conductor: Bloomfield High School Band Director Brendan Hughes. Special guests: Montclair State University Jazz Ensemble.

◆ Inspirations - Saturday, Mar. 20, 7:30 p.m., at Bloomfield High School. (Make-up date, April 17, 7:30 p.m.) Program: "Ricochet" (Sean O'Loughlin), "A Dakota Rhapsody" (Mark Camphouse), "Sempre Avanti" (Patrick Burns), and music from "The Incredibles" (Michael Giacchino). Featured soloist: euphonium player Jason Ham from West Point Military Academy. Guest conductor: Montclair State Band Director Dr. Thomas McCauley. Guest performers: Verona High School Symphonic Band.

Garden State Concert Band

Conducted by Dominick Ferrara, III • (973) 338-8140

◆ 'Twas The Night Before Christmas - A free concert, Saturday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Program: selections from "The Nutcracker Suite" (Tchaikovsky); music of Bach-Gounod, Frank and Mozart; and popular seasonal selections. Guest soloist: soprano Andrea Covais. Rev. Charles Miller will narrate "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Westminster Arts Center

www.bloomfield.edu/westminster

• The Mel-o-Chords, Essex County theatrical choral ensemble, Nov. 14, 8 p.m.; Nov. 15, 2 p.m. General admission \$20, students and seniors \$15.

• "The Lion in Winter," a dramatic look at the interpersonal dynamics and political wrangling of King Henry, his wife and sons, all vying for the



English throne. Jan. 22 and 23 at 8 p.m.; Jan. 24 at 2 p.m.

General admission \$18; seniors \$13.

• "The Wizard of Oz," an adaptation of

the classic story about Dorothy traveling over the rainbow to follow the yellow brick road.

Mar. 13, 11 a.m. General admission \$10, children \$8.

• "Othello," Shakespeare's classic tale of love, lies, envy, betrayal and disloyalty. March 18, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m.; Mar. 21 at 2 p.m. General admission \$18; seniors \$13.

4th Wall Theatre

www.4thwalltheatre.org

• "A Hundred Years into the Heart," an Italian family and the secrets they keep. Witness a new musical come to life on stage. Includes a talk-back with the creative team. Feb. 4, 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Westminster Arts Center. General admission \$15; seniors \$13.

NJ Tap Ensemble

www.njtap.org

• "Salute to Bill Robinson," Feb. 13 and 14, join a weekend master class with tap great Bill Robinson, at Westminster Arts Center.

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center

www.Oakeside.org • (973) 429-0960

• Tea with Mrs. Clause - Dec. 5, noon and 3 p.m. Arts and crafts, photos with Mrs. Clause, storytelling, plus tea and lite fare. For kids ages 2 to 8 with adult. Kids \$15, adults \$12.

• Murder Under the Mistletoe - Friday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$61.95 per person including dinner and show. Cash bar available.

• "The Addams Family" - Take a bus trip with your neighbors to Broadway on Wednesday, Mar. 24. Show, dinner and round-trip transportation is \$170 per person.

• Children's Art Classes - Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., now through June. Students learn line, shape, form, composition and color with instructor Joanne Deflorio. Tuition, \$90 per month.

• Adult Art Classes - Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., now through June. Students explore modern drawing and painting materials and methods. Instructor Maria Miele. Tuition \$90 per month.

General Recycling SERVICES

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

■ **Printer Cartridges** - Ask if your retailer recycles used cartridges.

■ **Fall Leaf Collection** - Oct. 15 to Dec. 31. Put leaves in biodegradable bags and place for collection on your recycling day. No need to call for pickups. (Jan. 1- Mar. 31 - no collection.)

No other garden waste will be picked up. Do not place leaves in the street, in plastic bags or in any other container.

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

■ **Bulky Items** (i.e., 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 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 house-hold garbage.

■ **Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day** - Next date in spring. Drop-offs are at 99 West Bradford Avenue, Cedar Grove.

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.

Proof of residency required. To find out what items are accepted, call (973) 857-2350.

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

Curbside Recycling

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Holidays

- Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25 - Christmas
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

Recycling and garbage pickups are delayed by one day after a holiday for the rest of the week. Only one garbage collection will occur in that week.

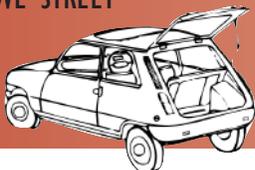
Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled Materials

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

Recycling Drop-Off

230 GROVE STREET



Saturdays
9 a.m.
to 1 p.m.

Items Accepted

1. **All Curbside Recycling:** Newspapers, cardboard, mixed paper, bottles, cans.

2. **Computers/Electronics:** Computers, monitors, printers, wires/cables, keyboards, mouse, telephones, computer

components, TVs under 32", VCRs, DVD players, stereos, microwaves, small household appliances.

3. **Hard Covered Books**

4. **Usable Clothing**

Residents on these streets may need to move cars when it snows

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.

- (4.) Major roadways will be plowed first for emergency access, then secondary arteries. All streets will be plowed.
- (5.) Do not throw snow or plow snow back into the street when clearing driveways. Doing so is a violation of Township code 230-8C.

Any questions, call Public Works at (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

Municipal Directory

Dial 680

+ the following 4-digit direct-dial numbers

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

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Raymond J. McCarthy

Council Members

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

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- Pat Barker
- Bernard Hamilton
- Patricia Spychala

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- MORRISTOWN
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- SOUTH ORANGE
- and more...

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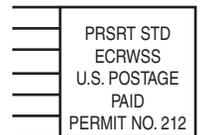
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