

Bloomfield Fall 2010 Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township BUZZ

United Way launches annual appeal

GIVE and you will get way more in return

Sharon and her three children were locked out of their Bloomfield apartment by the landlord and had no money for food. When Sharon got a list of emergency shelters, she found that none of them would accept her family because they couldn't accommodate her oldest child who is bound to a wheelchair by spina bifida.

That's when United Way of Bloomfield stepped in. They placed the family in a hotel until an apartment could be located by the Spina Bifida Association.

"From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you," said Sharon in a post-crisis letter. "Without your help, we would have been in the streets. You took the time to help us when nobody else would."



Emergency intervention is one part of what United Way of Bloomfield does for our community.

"Our priorities are meeting basic needs and responding with services that help our neighbors in crisis," says Executive Director Ida Pafundi.

Right now, UWB is launching its 2010/2011 annual giving campaign and all residents and businesses are asked to be as generous as possible. "Times are tough now," says Pafundi. "More than ever we need resources to help people in Bloomfield."

Five years ago, UWB was operating with a \$400,000 budget. Last year, resources dwindled to less than \$100,000, meaning fewer people were helped. Yet the agency managed to assist 7,978 people.

Letters about this year's

annual appeal will be sent to all households and businesses in the first half of September. To the givers, Pafundi says, you'll get "something unforgettable" in return — the joy of knowing that you helped.

In general, United Way provides people in need with basic necessities — medical treatment, food, shelter and wholesome activities.

UWB Basic Services

- Day care for children from low-income families.
- Help for children at risk
- Early education programs.
- Intervention for the mentally ill, rape victims, abused women.
- Strengthening neighborhoods for families.
- Programs for the elderly.
- Aide to military veterans.
- Support for people with debilitating diseases.

What Your Donation Buys

- \$35 - one hour of nursing for a frail older adult.
- \$52 - a night of emergency shelter for a family.
- \$75 - eight hours of care for an Alzheimer's patient.
- \$100 - three days of care for a victim of human trafficking.
- \$100 - distribution of 169 pounds of food.

UWB conducts just one mailing a year and roughly 20% of the resulting donations come from individuals. More comes from small businesses and local corporations like ABB Lummus and IBM. A simultaneous appeal is carried out among township employees.

For years, United Way of Bloomfield has partnered with

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50-ride pass introduced on commuter shuttle

A new 50-ride Bloomfield Shuttle Bus pass is now offered to commuters traveling to and from Bloomfield train station. The personalized card does not expire and the cost is \$25.

Riders show the card to the bus driver who punches a hole in the numbers 1 through 50. When the card runs out, the rider purchases a new card.

The new pass was put into use on Sept. 7 to defray the loss of commuter shuttle

funding previously provided by New Jersey Transit. Cash payment for single rides is not permitted; no money is exchanged on the bus.

Cards can be purchased at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, during normal business hours — Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cards can be purchased by cash, money order, or check payable to Bloomfield Recreation Department. For more information, call (973) 743-9074. ♣

Clip box tops to improve local school budgets

With school budgets in a crisis, several Bloomfield parent organizations are trying to raise funds for their children's schools by clipping box tops, each valued at 10¢.

Sound crazy? Not really. General Mills, the world's sixth largest food company, will donate up to \$20,000 per school through their program, Box Tops for Education.

Last year, participating Bloomfield schools earned a combined total of \$8,560 "for little pieces of cardboard," said Vivian Lambert-Broadfoot, an advisor for the Middle School's Box Tops program. Twelve public and private schools collected box tops, and Lambert-Broadfoot expects greater collections this year.

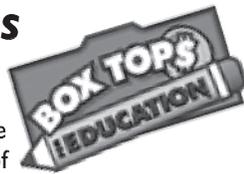
Nationwide, Box Tops for Education has contributed over \$300 million to participating

schools since the launch of the program in 1996. It is open to any accredited public, private or parochial school, grades K through 8. Participating schools are issued two checks per year, in December and April.

Any Bloomfield parent with a child in the school system is encouraged to send box tops to his or her school. The Home and School Association or Parent Teacher Association determines how the money will be spent, whether for computers, books, playground equipment or some other use.

"Even if you don't have a student in the Bloomfield school system, this is a way to help the school budget," said Lambert-Broadfoot.

General Mills box tops are on hundreds of everyday gro-



Friends of the Library to celebrate 75 years

It was 1935 when Helene Taylor, public relations director of the Bloomfield Public Library, convinced the Woman's Club of Bloomfield and the American Association of University Women to sponsor the first Friends of the Library association in the eastern U.S.

Now, the Bloomfield FOL is inviting all residents to attend the group's 75th anniversary celebration on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. in the library's Little Theater. Guests will enjoy music, refreshments and a brief history of the FOL's role in enhancing library

services.

Since 2000, the FOL has donated more than \$250,000 to the library. Key to their success is a planned giving program for designating the FOL as the beneficiary of retirement plans, insurance, bank and brokerage accounts. FOL memberships, at \$10 a person or \$15 per couple or family, also bring income to the library. Organizations and businesses can join for \$25.

To learn more about the celebration, joining FOL, or about planned giving, visit www.bplnj.org/friends. ✨

cery products, items such as cereal, soup, butter and jelly. A list of products can be found at www.boxtops4education.com.

To help out, just clip the box top and send them to the school of your choice. The des-

ignated Box Tops volunteer coordinator will send them to General Mills for redemption. You can also drop box tops in collection boxes at Bloomfield Library or Brookdale ShopRite. ✨



Today your neighbor may be healthy, physically and mentally. But what about tomorrow?

Tragedy strikes quickly and unexpectedly, sometimes afflicting your closest neighbors. United Way of Bloomfield provides medical treatment, food, shelter and wholesome activities to all who require them. And, we take great care in seeing that the money you give helps those for whom it is intended.

Our caring and intervention helps neighbors in crisis meet basic needs:

- Nurturing children and youth.
- Improving the health of the elderly and disabled.
- Building self-sufficiency for the homeless and disadvantaged.
- Strengthening neighborhoods for families.

Employee payroll deductions are the easiest way to help. Firms and individuals can pledge now and we will bill you in 2011. Or you can contribute online.

By giving to United Way of Bloomfield, you prove that our community is united in concern for the handicapped, elderly and disadvantaged.

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

Fall 2010 Recreation Programs

Registration (required for all fall programs) has begun at the Bloomfield Civic Center and will continue through the fall. In-person sign-ups are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Or sign up online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org.

Dates and times for all programs are listed on the website.

Adult Fitness

Age 18 and older

- Belly Dance Workout
- Pilates
- Qi Gong (offered with the Woman's Club of Bloomfield)
- Yoga
- Zumba

Children's Art

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

Baton

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

Bowling

Pre-K to high school

Flag Football

Grades 5-6

Hip-Hop Dance

Ages 6-12

Intro to Sports

Pre-K and kindergarten

(New) Teen Weight Watchers

Karate

Students are grouped in three categories:

- Beginners, ages 5-8
- Returning students ages 5-8 (white belts), and beginners age 9 or older
- Returning students, all belt colors

Music In Motion

Ages 3-5

Pee Wee Football

- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-4

Tennis Cure

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

Tumble Tots

Ages 18-36 months

Gymble Tots

Age 4 (continuation of Tumble Tots)

Tennis & field house upgrades coming to Pulaski Park

Four tennis courts are being reconstructed at Pulaski Park, with an expected finish date of late September. Energy efficient lighting and new fencing are part of the package.

The Pulaski Park field house is being expanded to include a locker room with an ADA-compliant bathroom for the Bloomfield High School Girls Softball Team. Also, a small concession stand will be constructed in the field house to accommodate events held at the park. All field house improvements will be completed by March 1.

Funding for the Pulaski Park improvements comes from the Essex County Open Space Trust Fund and Township capital funds. ✨



There's more than just candy at this Halloween celebration!

Bloomfield Recreation's annual Halloween celebration will be held Saturday, Oct. 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a new location: Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center on Belleville Avenue. Kids can enjoy trick-or-treating, light refreshments, arts and crafts, a pumpkin patch, costume contest and a live magic show.

The Bloomfield FMBA, Bloomfield PBA and Brookside Garden Center are co-sponsoring the event. In case of bad weather, the event will be moved to Bloomfield High School, starting at a later time in the afternoon. ✨

New recycling bins expected to cut down on park trash

Bloomfield has been awarded a grant for 15 recycling bins from Coca Cola/Keep America Beautiful — one of 82 grant recipients out of 1,700 applicants nationwide. The Recreation Department has strategically placed the bins in city parks to encourage recycling instead of littering.

Please help keep our parks clean and recycle whenever you can. Like the signs in Brookside Park say, "Enjoy your stay... please leave nothing behind but your footprints." ✨

Check out the Rec. Department's newly upgraded website:

www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

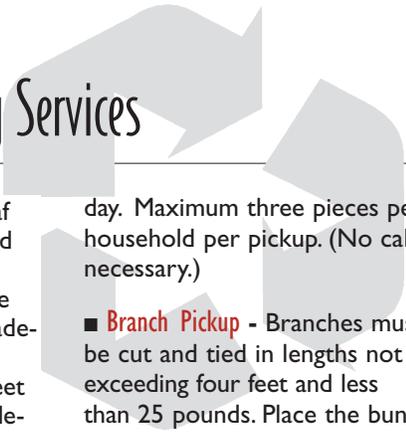
It has a new look and easier navigation.



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

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

General Recycling Services



■ **Fall Leaf Collection** - The leaf collection period will extend from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31. Residents are asked to place all leaves in brown biodegradable bags only. No leaves should be placed in the street or in plastic bags. Biodegradable bags will be collected on your recycling day. No need to call for pickup.

■ **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** (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 household garbage.

■ **Next Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Day** - Saturday, Oct. 2, 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.

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

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

■ **Essex County Computer Recycling** at Advanced Recovery, 3 Montgomery Street, Belleville. Fee: \$11.50 per monitor. All other components accepted free. Call 973-450-9400 for information.

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

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

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled Materials

Report missed pickups
at (973) 674-6266

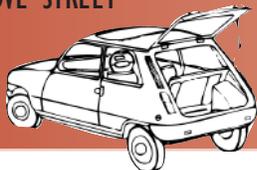
Holidays

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 25 - Christmas

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

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**



Economic crisis making you anxious or depressed?

These days it is common to be angry or worried if you've lost your retirement fund, job, or house. But negative feelings shouldn't prevent you from doing daily activities or interacting with friends and loved ones.

Bloomfield Health and Human Services will provide free, confidential mental health screenings to Township residents on National Depression Screening Day, Thursday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Room 213.

Sign up for Nixle The Bloomfield Department of Health and Human services is using a new community information service to deliver important news to residents. Nixle is a no-cost service provider that connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time via text messages, e-mail and internet. Register now and learn more at www.nixle.com. Or contact Michael Hodges at the Health Department, (973) 680-4183 or mhodges@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

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16 local social services agencies, each of whom had to prove responsible spending practices and valued services before being affiliated with United Way.

When this year's United Way appeal arrives in your mailbox, remember these words from Ida Pafundi:

"Today your neighbor may

Screenings will include depression, bipolar disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder. Referrals to mental health providers will be given as needed. For information, call (973) 680-4017. ✨

Animal Shelter/NTNN hold first annual tricky tray

Volunteers of the Bloomfield Animal Shelter's Neighbor to Neighbor Network will hold their first annual tricky tray fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Essex Manor, 11 Broughton Avenue in Bloomfield. Proceeds will benefit the shelter animals. Admission is \$40 in advance, or \$45 at the door, including dinner, a sheet of tricky tray tickets and a gift bag.

For tickets or information, contact Bonnie at (973) 202-0701 or basfundraising@gmail.com.

be healthy, physically and mentally, but what about tomorrow? Tragedy strikes quickly and unexpectedly. There are many of your neighbors living within Bloomfield, who have experienced such reversals. We all need help from time to time."

Please give generously to the United Way of Bloomfield.



com. Make checks payable to NTNN/Animal Shelter, 1360 Clifton Avenue #321, Clifton, NJ 07012. ✨

What to do when back-to-school jitters persist

It's normal for children to experience some anxiety at the beginning of a new school year until routines, classmates and teachers become familiar. If

your child's anxiety has persisted, contact the teacher, guidance counselor or principal. For more information, call the Bloomfield Division of Human Services at (973) 680-4017. ✨



Upcoming Health Clinics

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

◆ **Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics** will be held in early October. For specific dates, call (973) 680-4060, visit www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health or check your Nixle account. Medicare card required; no HMO Medicare.

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

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

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

◆ **Blood Screening.** Oct. 21, 8-10 a.m. Blood chemistry \$25, PSA \$35.

◆ **Urinalysis.** Sept. 30, 10-11:30 a.m. Cost \$5. No appointment needed.

◆ **Bone Density.** Oct. 26 and Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to noon. For men and women. \$8 for those 55 years and over; \$10 for all others.

◆ **Stroke.** Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to noon. \$20 for age 55

years and over; \$30 for all others. Includes blood pressure, pulse and cholesterol reading.

◆ **Pap Smear and Mammography** (free). Nov. 17. For uninsured women ages 40 to 64, (not Medicare recipients).

◆ **Adult Vaccine Clinic.** Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration fees are charged. For ages 19 and older. Includes Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, adult pertussis), meningitis; Pneumovax and human papilloma virus.

◆ **Child Health Conference.** Most Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Registration fees are charged. All age-appropriate, catch-up immunizations and development assessments are conducted, plus lead and anemia screening up to age 6.

◆ **NJ Family Care.** Most Wednesdays, 9-11:30 a.m. Application assistance provided. Call in advance. ✨

The Arts Scene

Bloomfield Civic Band

The band will perform "La Boutique Fantasque" (The Fantastic Toy Shop) by Giacchino Rossini and Ottorino Respighi, on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. The concert includes performances by students from Miss Roseanna's School of Dance and by the Bloomfield Chorale. Other featured composers include Morton Gould, Hershey Kay, Leroy Anderson, Clement C. Moore and Tchaikowsky. General admission is \$8; and \$5 for children under 12. The band is conducted by Dominick Ferrara, III.

Bloomfield Chorale

The Bloomfield Chorale, conducted by Ruth Hsu, will perform in the Bloomfield Civic Band holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 5. (See item at left.) Featured works will include "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "O Holy Night" and "Carol of the Bells."

Bloomfield Youth Band

"Our Yesterdays Lengthen Like Shadows," the first performance in the Youth Band's 25th Anniversary Season, takes place Friday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School, under founding Director Patrick Burns.

Featured works will include "Echoes of the Hollow Square" by Johnnie Vinson, "Our Yester-

days Lengthen Like Shadows" by Samuel R. Hazo, "Valelrius Variations" by Philip Sparke, and "La Boutique Fantasque" by Rossini/Respighi. James Caldwell High School senior Andrew Rosenberger will perform Carl Maria von Weber's Concertino for Clarinet.

General admission \$8; children 12 and under free.

Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra

To honor Italian history and culture month, the orchestra, under Conductor Enrico Granafei, will perform a program of mostly Italian music at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24 at Oakeside Cultural Center. Included will be pieces by John LaBarbera.

Bloomfield Symphony

The symphony's fall concert, "Czech Mate," will take place Sunday, Nov. 14 at Bloomfield High School starting at 3 p.m. Conductor Israel Herman will lead a program

featuring music by or about Czechs, including works by Antonin Dvorák, Bedrich Smetana, and W.A. Mozart.

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center

www.Oakeside.org
(973) 429-0960

• *Think Pink* and benefit the Susan Komen Fund. The fourth annual Think Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Walk-A-Thon takes place Sunday, Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. Registration for the three-mile walk is \$25 per participant and \$5 per pet.

• *From Italy to America: Faces of Italian Immigrants/Italian Americans* is an exhibit of art works by Seton Hall professor Sandra Lee, on display from Oct. 1 to 28. Opening reception Oct. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

• The second annual Beef Steak Dinner honoring Oakeside's person of the year will be held Friday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40.

• *The Great Jack-O-Lantern*

FEDERATION OF MUSIC CONCERT HOTLINE (973) 780-4249

Call about performances by the Civic Band, Youth Band, Chorale, Mandolin Orchestra or Bloomfield Symphony

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The Arts Scene

Blaze is an excursion to Van Cortlandt Manor at Croton-on-Hudson, NY, on Saturday, Oct. 16. See more than 4,000 hand-carved illuminated pumpkins. The \$40 cost includes admission and transportation. The bus leaves at 6:30 a.m.

• *Cape May Halloween Trip.* The bus leaves at 9 a.m. Enjoy lunch at Blue Pig Tavern, shop in quaint downtown Cape May, and take two tours: "Phantoms of the Physick Estate" and the "Ghosts of Cape May" trolley tour.

• Come to *Grape Adventure*, Friday, Nov. 19, a \$25 wine tasting presented by Stew Leonard Wine Shop in Clifton. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Westminster Arts Center

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

• "The Fourth Wall" and "The Real Inspector Hound," two comic one-act plays will be presented by 4th Wall Theatre, Sept. 24, 25, 26, 30, and Oct. 1, 2. Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 2 p.m. General admis-

sion \$20, seniors \$16.

• "Sinatra Meets Swan Lake," excerpts from "Swan Lake" will be performed by the Metropolitan Repertory Ballet and complemented by a second act of "Sinatra Classics" staged in a NYC nightclub. Oct. 9 at 8 p.m. General admission \$20, seniors \$15.

• "Company" - a Stephen Sondheim musical, Oct. 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. General admission \$25. Call (973) 744-3133.

• *Anton Delforno & Sons*, guitar virtuosos, Friday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m. General admission \$20, seniors \$15.

• *Improv Mania VI*, some of New Jersey's premiere improv groups provide a night of comedy, Saturday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. All tickets \$10. Call (973) 566-9700.

• "Class Acts" - The New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts presents its one-act-play festival highlighting adult students' work. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4, 8 p.m. Admission \$15. Call (973) 566-9700.

• "Chess in Concert." See the musical that defined a

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Shop local; keep Bloomfield prosperous

Catalogues, malls and internet shopping can be a huge distraction from our downtown stores. And that's tough for a new business that typically invests \$20,000 to thrive. That's after considering carefully the shop location and whether the town can support the business.

Bloomfield Center Alliance is a nonprofit organization that partners with the Township of Bloomfield to promote business retention and recruitment in Bloomfield's Special Improvement District, an area that includes a portion of Bloomfield Avenue and the adjacent streets within one block.

To draw attention to local businesses, BCA hosts free

family events year-round — concerts, car shows, holiday celebrations — for people who live in or near our city.

The central business district boasts a variety of businesses for every need or whim: everything from a ceramic studio and martial arts to clothing stores and plenty of eateries.

As residents, we control the consumer demand that our businesses depend on. When you find a local business that meets your needs, please commit to sustaining it for the long term.

For event information or a Bloomfield store directory, call BCA at (973) 429-8050 or visit www.BloomfieldCenter.com. ❁

Bloomfield Public Library

973-566-6200 • www.bplnj.org

■ **Amnesty Week** - Sept. 20 to 26. All unreturned library materials may be returned without penalty. Fees for lost or damaged items and debts to other libraries will still apply.

■ Seminars

- "Longevity," Sept. 27, 12 p.m.
- "Headline News!" (Journalism History) Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
- "Choosing the Best College," Oct. 6 and Nov. 3, 7 p.m.
- "Reinventing Yourself in Today's Economy," Nov. 10, 7 p.m.
- "Connecting with Dementia Patients," Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

■ Special Events

- Friends of the Library 75th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 10, 2 p.m.
- Italian arias with Tenor Salvatore Chiarelli, Oct. 17, 2 p.m.
- Meet the author, poet Linda Cronin, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
- "World War II: Words and Music," with Maggie Worsdale, Nov. 28, 2 p.m.
- "Mistletoe and Holly," with Karen Luschar, Dec. 5, 2 p.m.

■ Regular Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Poetry Club, second and fourth Wednesdays, 1 p.m.
- Learn Mandarin Chinese, Thursdays, 1 p.m. Call to register.
- ESL and basic computer courses. Call for information.

■ Children's Holiday Events

- Halloween, Oct. 29, 11 a.m., all storytime ages; 3:30 p.m., grades K-4.
- Thanksgiving craft, Nov. 24, 3 p.m., grades K-4.
- New Year's celebration, Dec. 29, 1 p.m., all ages.
- Saturday family movies, 1 p.m., Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27, Dec. 18.

■ Storytimes (through Nov. 17)

Sign up in person or call x212

- Baby Lapsit (0-18 months), Mondays, 11 a.m.
- Toddler with craft (19-36 months), Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
- Bedtime (all ages), Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Preschool craft (3-5 years), Wednesdays, 11 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- English/Spanish (all ages), Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

■ Holiday Closures

Columbus Day (Oct. 11) • Election Day (5 p.m. closing Nov. 2) • Veterans Day (Nov. 11) • Thanksgiving Week (5 p.m. closing Nov. 24; closed Nov. 25 and 26) • Christmas (Dec. 24 and 25) • New Year's Eve (Dec. 31)

Events are subject to change and new programs are always added. Call ahead for current information. Registration may be required.

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

Council Members At-Large:

- Pat Barker
- Bernard Hamilton
- Patricia Spychala

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SEPTEMBER

Harvest Fest

Saturday/Sunday
Sept. 25 & 26
11am - 7pm



OCTOBER

Halloween Magic Show

Saturday, Oct. 30
2-4pm

NOVEMBER

Holiday Gift Shopping

at Local Merchants
Friday, Nov. 26
through the holidays



DECEMBER

Holiday Characters

Visit Bloomfield Center
Saturdays 10am-2pm

Bloomfield Center and **NJ TRANSIT** connects family and friends for the holidays.

Let the street cleaning begin ... Please!

Residents have been calling Town Hall to say that street sweepers cannot get near the curb because neighbors' garbage and recycling cans are in the way. All residents are asked to be courteous and avoid putting bins in the street or curb area. Instead, place your receptacles on the grassy area between the curb and sidewalk to allow for efficient street cleaning.

Town ordinance #497-39 (Obstruction and Encumbrances) says that no public street or public place in the Township can be obstructed with any article without permission from the town building inspector. ✨

The Arts Scene

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decade, with music from the writers behind the group ABBA. Saturday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. Tickets \$25.

• "The Nutcracker Suite" performed by the Metropolitan Repertory Ballet on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$20; children and seniors, \$15. ✨