

# Bloomfield BUZZ

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January 2015

## E-BUZZ is here!

Want to have the latest Bloomfield Township news conveniently delivered right to your inbox? Now you can. It's fast, easy and free! Just go to [tinyurl.com/buzz456](http://tinyurl.com/buzz456) and subscribe to the new E-BUZZ. Provide your name and e-mail address and we'll start sending you our monthly electronic newsletter to bridge the gap between printed editions. Your first E-BUZZ, the February 2015 edition, will arrive on Jan. 30.

Don't have e-mail? No worries. The January edition you're reading right now contains information about ongoing Township services, such as the January through June recycling schedule. In July, you'll get another print edition covering the second half of the year.

E-BUZZ will be delivered at the beginning of every month except January and July. You'll get timely updates on important issues, notifications of community events and other information you need to know. Sign up today for your Bloomfield E-BUZZ, and rest assured, your email address will never be shared with any third parties and you will receive only the type of content for which you signed up. ★

### Two Ways to Sign Up

■ **Join Online:** Go to [tinyurl.com/buzz456](http://tinyurl.com/buzz456) and the incredibly short registration form will pop up instantly.

■ **Text to Join:** Use your smart phone to text the keyword EBUZZ to 22828.



### Mayor's Message

The start of a new year is a good time for The BUZZ to come into the 21st century, and I hope, if you're reading this message, that you'll help us spread the word. Please share that URL and text keyword (at left) with your friends and family.

Some of you may want to know why we're doing this, and there are two simple reasons:

■ **More Communication with Residents.** In recent years, the BUZZ has been printed only three times per year. The long lead time meant that relevant items were sometimes omitted because too little was known about them at production time.

An online newsletter printed 10 times per year will make our communication with you more timely and thorough, while two annual print editions (January and July) will provide essential municipal information

(particularly half-year recycling schedules) to those who don't have online access.

■ **Inexpensive Production.** Printing and postage are two high costs that will not be incurred with online editions. The only costs will be the editor's fee, plus a minimal fee for the online provider. The bottom line is 12 communications per year for the same cost as three communications in the past. To my mind, that's fiscal responsibility.

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## Park coin-free in downtown Bloomfield

You can pay for donuts and coffee with a smart phone. Why not when you pay for a parking meter?

Since April 2014, the Bloomfield Parking Authority has offered Parkmobile on meters throughout Bloomfield, a convenience also available in some neighboring towns. Not only can you stop fumbling with quarters, you can also remotely avoid an overtime violation. Here's how it works:

- Register for free at

[www.parkmobile.com](http://www.parkmobile.com). It takes about one minute. Use your iPhone, Android, Windows 7, Blackberry or any tablet to tap into the program. (Don't have a smart phone? Dial the toll-free telephone number posted in every parking area.)

- Next, find a parking space, enter the zone number posted on the meter, select the length of your parking session, and click the start button. Payment is made by credit card, debit card, PayPal or

"Parkmobile Wallet."

- To avoid tickets, select the way you would prefer to receive 15-minute alerts before your parking session expires.

You can even use the app for help finding your car if you can't remember where you parked it.

Time limits still apply and Parkmobile will not let users purchase more than the maximum meter time. A 35¢ transaction fee will initiate each parking session and will be added

to the regular meter charge.

Just so you know, Bloomfield parking officers carry hand-held devices to identify your Parkmobile payments.

The Bloomfield Parking Authority notes that parking rates have remained unchanged on all meters since the introduction of Parkmobile, and coin payments continue to be accepted.

For more details, go to [www.bloomfieldparking.org](http://www.bloomfieldparking.org). ★

## Bloomfield's hungry depend on church-based food pantry



Food Pantry Director  
Bruce Turnbull

A small room, barely bigger than a walk-in closet and lined with shelves from floor to ceiling is the hub of a massive volunteer effort to feed struggling Bloomfield-area residents.

Every Wednesday and Friday, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., and the fourth Saturday of every month, from 10 a.m. to noon, the Food Pantry at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green serves local clients.

"Hunger is not just an inner city problem," said Ruth Boling, pastor of the church. "It's a problem right here in Bloomfield." Boling estimates the Food Pantry has responded to more than 42,000 requests for emergency food in its 35 years of operation.

"The canned goods that you donate will absolutely not stay on the shelves until their expiration dates. They will go back out the door and end up on someone's dinner table in a matter of days."

Food drives and financial gifts from area religious groups, civic organizations,

businesses and schools keep the shelves stocked, even as the number of clients grows steadily.

The Food Pantry served a record 98 families and 283 individuals in November 2014, said Bruce Turnbull who directs the all-volunteer staff.

"We always receive a lot of food during holidays," said Boling, "but people are hungry year-round. Food collections and donations during the slower months of winter are especially helpful."

All Food Pantry clients are required to have an authorized referral (from a social worker, veterans affairs office, United Way, Bloomfield Human Services, etc.) each time they visit the Food Pantry.

To sponsor a drive for the Church on the Green Food Pantry, to make a donation, or to learn more about pantry operations, call (973) 743-1796, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The church is located at 147 Broad Street. The Food Pantry is accessible from the cul de sac at the end of Church Street. ★

## Find the best downtown deals more easily

There you are at the corner of Broad and Bloomfield, trying to remember the name of that great new restaurant your friend just told you about, and for the life of you, you can't remember.

Well don't just stand there! Tap into the cost-free Bloomfield Center Alliance App. The newly developed smart phone application lets you find what you're looking for in any category of business — eatery, shops or services.

Best of all, it lists things not in alphabetical order but according to what's closest to where you're standing.

Other features include a parking lot finder; timely information on local events, coupons and other business offers, municipal alerts, and easy

connection to social media so you can comment on what you're finding.

Each directory listing shows the location of the business on a map, and GPS directions to get there — same as the parking lot feature.

The app was launched in November and "more and more businesses are adding deals to make shopping in Bloomfield Center easier and more fun," said BCA Executive Director James McCrone.

To get the app, here's where to go:

- iPhone users — go to the iTunes App Store.
- Users of Android and other devices — go to Google Play Store and type "bloomfield center" into the search. ★

## Township Clerk's Office

### 2015 Township Council Meeting Schedule

All sessions at 7 p.m.

- Jan. 12 — regular mtg.
- Jan. 26 — conference mtg.
- Feb. 2 — regular mtg.
- Feb. 23 — conference mtg.
- March 2 — regular mtg., Demarest School, 465 Broughton Avenue
- Mar. 16 — conference mtg.
- April 13 — regular mtg, Public Library, 90 Broad St.
- April 27 — conference mtg.
- May 4 — regular mtg., Berkeley School, 351 Bloomfield Ave.
- May 18 — conference mtg.
- June 1 — regular mtg.
- June 15 — conference mtg.

**Regular meetings** are held in Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building, unless otherwise noted.

**Conference meetings** are held in room 205 of the Law Enforcement Building.

**Information** at the Clerk's Office, (973) 680-4015.

### Primary election deadlines announced

The statewide primary election will take place Tuesday, June 2, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Related voter deadlines are:

- Last day for new registrations and address transfer, May 12. (Go to the Clerk's Office, Room 214, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
- Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, May 26. (Go to the Clerk's Office, Room 214, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Any questions, contact the Clerk's Office at (973) 680-4015 or [twpcerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:twpcerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

# Meet William Batchelder Bradbury, a famous resident of Bloomfield Cemetery

Article provided by the Bloomfield Historical Society

In 1862, William Batchelder Bradbury found the poem "Jesus Loves Me" and put it to music, adding his own chorus, *Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.* The song became one of the world's most popular Christian hymns, and contributed to the composer's fame in his own time.

Bradbury was a 19th century pioneer of children's church music and he's buried at Bloomfield Cemetery.

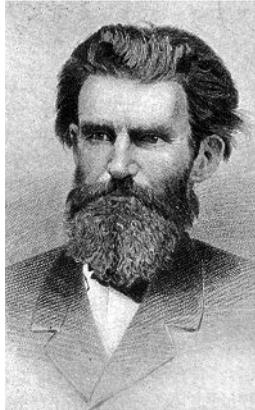
Long before he found that special poem, Bradbury was a much-accomplished musician. He prolifically put poems to music, and penned his own poems. He believed that spiritual conditions were declining and he wanted fresh tunes that children would understand and

enjoy.

From 1841 to 1867, he compiled 59 sacred and secular books of children's songs, hymns and his own tunes. Evangelists of the time used his work to introduce gospel singing to the world.

Among Bradbury's popular hymns, still found in hymnbooks and songbooks today, were *Depth of Mercy, Even Me, He Leadeth Me, Holy Bible Book Divine, Just As I Am, Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us, The Solid Rock and Sweet Hour of Prayer.*

Bradbury was born Oct. 6,



1816 in York, Maine where his father was a choir leader. By age 14 he had mastered almost every musical instrument available, but never saw an organ or piano until 1830, when his

parents moved to Boston. There, he attended Boston Academy of Music and became a protégé of Lowell Mason, who is called the Father of American public school and church music.

Bradbury went on to become an organist and teacher in Brooklyn

for many years and gained renown for his school concerts that sometimes numbered 1,000 performers.

He and his brother Edward also ran the Bradbury Piano Company in New York City.

For a time, Bradbury lived on Newtown Road (now Belleville Avenue) in Bloomfield. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church, which would have been across the road. He died of tuberculosis on Jan. 7, 1868 and is buried in the Bloomfield Cemetery. ★

## Other Notables Buried at Bloomfield Cemetery (383 Belleville Avenue)

- Hank Borowy (1916–2004), Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher who played for the New York Yankees, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Phillies, Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers.

- Thomas Cadmus (1736–1821), businessman, Revolutionary War officer and community leader.

- A. J. Davis (1803–1892), architect.

- Charles Warren Eaton (1857–1937), artist best known for his tonalist landscapes.

- John Franklin Fort (1852–1920), Republican Governor of New Jersey from 1908 to 1911.

- Franklin W. Fort (1880–1937), represented New Jersey's 9th congressional district from 1925 to 1931.

- Charles Griffes (1884–1920), composer.

## Get in touch with Bloomfield history

Support the Historical Society of Bloomfield by becoming a member. Annual dues are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a couple, \$5 for students under age 18, \$10 for nonprofit organizations and \$25 for commercial organizations.

Meetings are held three times a year, the fourth Tuesday of March, May and October at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. For more information, visit [www.bloomfieldhistorical.org](http://www.bloomfieldhistorical.org).



## St. Thomas the Apostle School

The Catholic School of Bloomfield  
50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield  
[www.StThomasTheApostleNJ.com](http://www.StThomasTheApostleNJ.com)

### 2015-2016 Registration Information (Grades PK3-8)

- **Open House Sunday**  
January 25, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- **New Family Information Day**  
Thursday, January 29, 2015, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- **New Family Registration begins February 2, 2015**

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## BLOOMFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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### Winter Children's Programs

Registration for winter recreation programs will continue all winter. Sign-up is required for all programs.

Register at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or Wednesdays, 6 to 8:30 p.m. For online registration, visit the website.

Note: MasterCard and Visa now accepted.

#### Mondays

**Karate** - Jan. 5 to Mar. 16. Registration, \$10; weekly fee, \$9.

- 5-5:40 p.m. - new students, ages 5-8.
- 5:50-6:30 p.m. - returning white belts with stripes, ages 5-8 and new students ages 9 and older.
- 6:40-7:20 p.m. - white belts with stripes, ages 9 and older.
- 7:30-8:10 - all colored belts.

#### Tuesdays

**Intro to Rock 'n Roll** - Jan. 13 to Mar. 3, ages 7-10, \$70.

- Drum Line - 6-6:45 p.m.
- Intro to Vocals - 7-7:45 p.m.

#### Wednesdays

**Fitness Fun** - grades K-3, Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, 4-4:40 p.m., \$35.

#### Thursdays

**What's for Dinner (NEW!)** - grades 1-6, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 5-6 p.m., \$50. Students will prepare a complete meal to take home.

#### Fridays

- **Tumble Tots** - ages 18-36 months, Jan. 9 to Feb. 27, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$40.
- **Gymble Tots** - ages 3-4, Jan. 9 to Feb. 27, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., \$40.
- **Hip Hop Dance** - ages 6-12, Jan. 9 to Feb. 27, 4:45-5:30 p.m., \$45.

#### Saturdays

**Children's Art** - grades 1-6, Jan. 10 to Feb. 28. Two sessions: 10-11 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fee: \$35.

**Baton** - at Bloomfield Middle School, Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, \$35.

- PreK and older (beginners) - 9-9:45 a.m.
- Competition teams A and B - 9:50-10:35 a.m.

**Bowling** - PreK to high school, Jan. 17 to May 9, 1:30-3 p.m. at Eagle Rock Lanes. Registration, \$10; weekly fee, \$8.

#### Sundays

**Pee-Wee Basketball** - at Bloomfield High School, 4th floor, Jan. 11 to Feb. 8 (no class on Feb. 1), \$35.

- Grade 1, 11 a.m. - noon.
- Grade 2, noon - 1 p.m.
- Grade 3, 1-2 p.m.

All classes are at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, unless otherwise indicated.

### Adult Programs

#### Fitness Classes

Age 18 and older. All classes at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

- Pilates - Tuesdays, Jan. 13 to Mar. 3, 6-7 p.m., \$50.
- Zumba - Tuesdays, Jan. 13 to Mar. 3, 7:15-8:15 p.m., \$50.
- Yoga - Wednesdays, Jan. 28 to Mar. 18, 6-7 p.m., \$50.
- New Year, New You - Wednesdays, Jan. 14 to Mar. 4, 7:15-8:15 p.m., \$50.
- Crossfitness Intermediate - Thursdays, Jan. 15 to Mar. 5, 7-8 p.m., \$50.
- Crossfitness Advanced - Thursdays, Jan. 15 to Mar. 5, 8-9 p.m., \$50.
- Yoga - Saturdays, Jan. 24 to Mar. 14, 9:30-10:30 a.m., \$50.

#### Open Gym Basketball

Open gym is for Bloomfield residents only on Thursdays from now through March 5, from 8 to 9:45 p.m. at Bloomfield High School. Season passes are available at the Civic Center or the high school gym for \$35. A valid photo ID is required at registration. Visit the recreation website for exact dates.

#### Men's Basketball League

Form a team and play Monday through Thursday nights at Bloomfield Middle School (schedules determined by staff). The league is open to men age 18 and older. The season begins in mid-January and runs through March. For details and registration fees, call (973) 743-9074.

### Spring Recreation Forecast: Loads of Fun!

#### Watch for details in E-BUZZ

**Little League Baseball Opening Day** will take place on a Saturday in mid-April at Wright's Field and Vassar Field.

**Peppermint Softball** opening ceremonies will take place the Sunday after Little League opening ceremonies at Pulaski Park.

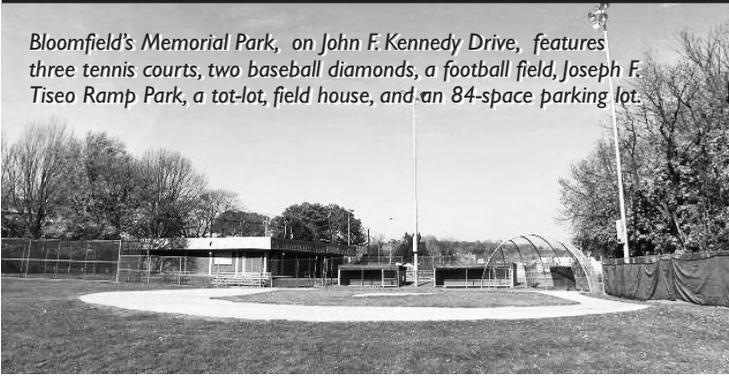
**Summer Camp Registration** - Pre-registration will be offered to last year's campers. For all others, first-come-first-served registration will take place Saturday, May 16 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

#### Kindergarten Preparation Camp (New for 2015) -

Bloomfield Recreation is developing a new kindergarten program to replace the former half-day camp at Oakview Elementary School. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More information will be distributed through the schools and E-BUZZ.

**2015 Sports Clinics** - More than 25 sports clinics for Bloomfield youth will be offered this summer. In-person and online registration will begin May 20. Full payment by cash, check or credit card will be required at registration.

Bloomfield's Memorial Park, on John F. Kennedy Drive, features three tennis courts, two baseball diamonds, a football field, Joseph F. Tiseo Ramp Park, a tot-lot, field house, and an 84-space parking lot.



## Take advantage of affordable rental rates for your next indoor or outdoor event

Hosting a picnic? How about a pick-up sporting event? Or a family reunion?

If you need a cost-effective location for an indoor or outdoor special event, the Bloomfield Recreation Department offers affordable options right here in town.

### Park Rentals (for special events)

The Township owns eleven beautifully maintained public parks, with ball fields, tennis courts, picnic grounds, playgrounds, fishing, parking lots and more. Visit our website, [www.BloomfieldRecreation.com](http://www.BloomfieldRecreation.com), and choose the park with the amenities you need.

A three-hour rental for a passive park area ranges from a low of \$20 on weekdays to a high of \$60 on weekends. For an athletic field only, the range is \$35 to \$115. For a passive area and athletic field, the range is \$40 to \$135.

Any park rental requires a permit. To apply, send a written

request at least one week before the event. Include the following information:

1. Your name, street address, e-mail address, and phone numbers
2. Rental date and time requested
3. Name of selected park
4. Purpose of the rental
5. Insurance certificate (if required)

Submit the letter to:  
 Director Michael L. Scurman  
 Bloomfield Recreation Dept.  
 84 Broad Street  
 Bloomfield, NJ 07003

### Civic Center Rentals

The Recreation Department has rented the indoor space at the Civic Center for hundreds of special events such as birthday parties and baby showers. The hourly rate is \$40 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. For a rental application form, call (973) 743-9074 or visit [www.BloomfieldRecreation.org](http://www.BloomfieldRecreation.org).

## Mark Your Calendar for these holiday events

Details in upcoming editions of the E-BUZZ

■ **Memorial Day Parade** - On Monday, May 25, give a cheer for our past and present veterans, wave to community organizers and athletic teams, admire classic cars and more. Enjoy the scene of classic Americana.

■ **4th of July Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular** - Plan on a day of live music, flag presentations, kids' rides and games, awards, and of course, the best fireworks around!

## Special Needs Recreation Programs

(973) 725-4485

[www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

• **Friday Night Canteen** (age 7-17) - Recreational fun at Carteret School plus special field trips.

• **Horizons** (age 18 and older) - The monthly calendar includes bowling, movies, dining out and more.

• **The CARE Station** (students age 7-16) - The aftercare program at Carteret School provides academic support, snacks and recreational activities.

## Senior Citizen Activities

• **Exercise Classes** - Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Fee: \$1 per class.

• **Bloomfield Senior Citizen Association** - Meets the third Friday of every month at the Civic Center, from noon to 2 p.m. In addition to social meetings, members enjoy monthly excursions, holiday parties, health screenings and special trips. A nominal membership fee is charged. For details, call (973) 743-9074.

## Bloomfield Camera Club

The club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. People of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your camera and its instructional manual and learn about portrait, sports and wedding photography as well as everyday shots. Learn to use your camera to its fullest extent. For more information, contact Otis Sullivan at [otidsullivan@verizon.net](mailto:otidsullivan@verizon.net), or call the Civic Center at (973) 743-9074.

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# Commingled Curbside Recycling



## JANUARY

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Shaded Dates: Mixed Paper Only  
Unshaded Dates: Commingled

Report missed recycling pickups at (973) 227-7020

## What to Include in Commingled Recycling

### Cans, Bottles and Plastics

Plastic bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, Tetra Pak materials and juice boxes, aluminum pots and pans, and styrofoam (such as cups, egg cartons and packing materials).

Details at [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

## Holiday Delays (Black-Out Days)

- New Year's Day, Jan. 1 (recycling pickup Jan. 2)
- Memorial Day, May 25 (recycling pickup May 26)

**Garbage** - Expect only one pickup during a week with a black-out date.

**Recycling** - Pickup will be the next business day (Monday-Friday) with no other changes for the rest of the week.

## Essex County Recycling Services

The following collection events will take place at the Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage, 125 Fairview Avenue, Cedar Grove (next to the old hospital center). Bring your driver's license as proof of county residency. For details, call (973) 857-2350.

- **Hazardous Waste Day**, Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **Computer and Electronics Recycling Day**, Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Non-Recycling DPW Services

- **Pothole Repair** - Call (973) 680-4127 to give the pothole location.
- **Streetlight Out** - Call (973) 680-4009. Provide the pole number.

## Scheduled Recycling Services

◆ **Christmas Trees** will be picked up on your recycling day.

◆ **Leaf Pickup Suspended** Jan. 1 through March 31.

◆ **Leaf and Yard Waste** - Starting April 6, DPW will begin collecting leaf and yard waste on regular recycling days. There will be no need to call for pick-up. Once collections begin, do not bring yard waste to the recycling center.

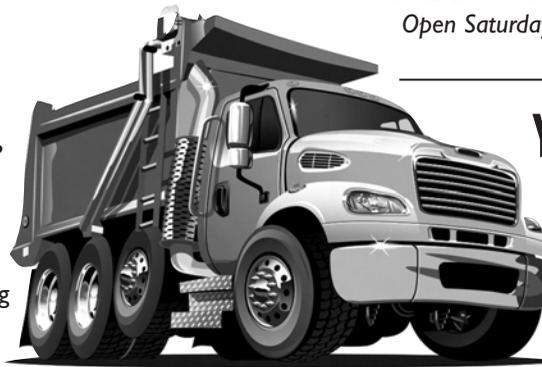
### Yard Waste Preparation:

- Accepted: leaves, grass, clippings, brush, branches and yard rakings.
- Do not place loosely or in piles on sidewalks, gutters or streets.
- Vegetative matter must be collected in separate bags, not combined with household garbage or recycling.
- Use only biodegradable bags. The Township will not pick up yard waste collected in paper or plastic shopping bags or in trash cans.
- Landscapers must conform to the same rules.

◆ **Paper Shredding Day**, Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Residents only, at the Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad Street.

◆ **North End Electronic Recycling**, Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m. to noon at Brookdale Christian Church, 1350 Broad Street. Discard computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, telephones, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, small appliances.

◆ **Saturday Recycling Hours**. The Public Works Yard is open for recycling every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No trash or bulk drop off occurs during that time. Bring only paper, comingled items and electronics to 230 Grove Street.



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

## Yo! Bring the kids to **BIG TRUCK Day!**

Finally! Joey gets to sit in a dump truck and Patty can check out a giant snow plow. Saturday, May 16 will be Big

Truck Day for the Bloomfield Department of Public Works and Parks.

All the outsized trucks used for town maintenance projects will be cleaned up and waiting for your child to climb in, walk around, sit at the wheel, and generally satisfy that longing to be one with a behemoth machine.

Big Truck Day kicks off National Public Works Week, and occurs the same day as the North End Electronics drop-off event. So while your kids are exploring, you can drop off your old computers, printers and other electronics.

It all takes place at Brookdale Christian Church, 1350 Broad Street, from 9 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call (973) 680-4127 or visit the township website. ★

## General Recycling Services

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

■ **Bulky Items** - (e.g., furniture, carpeting, mattresses, cans of dried-out paint) - Collected in all zones on the second weekly pickup day. Maximum three pieces per household per pick-up. (No call necessary.)

■ **Household Batteries** - Place AAA, AA and 9V batteries in household garbage.

■ **Motor Oil and/or Antifreeze** - Hold for the Essex County Hazardous Waste Day or take with tires to a local gas station.

■ **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.

■ **Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones** Recycle at Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office-Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Walmart or Verizon Wireless. Car batteries are not accepted.

■ **General Recycling Drop-Off** at 230 Grove Street includes all curbside recycling, TVs, electronics, hard-covered books and usable clothing. Drop off on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Buy a home composter from DPW



Public Works is now selling three-foot-tall home composters for \$55 each. The "Earth Machine" lets you collect carbon-rich household items such as fruit and vegetable scraps, egg shells, coffee grounds, stale bread and napkins, together with yard waste such as flowers, leaves, plant trimmings and grass.

Stir occasionally to add oxygen and let it cook. Come spring, you can mix your compost with soil to make the soil healthier and more productive.

To purchase, come to the DPW office during normal workdays, Monday to Friday. Checks only are accepted for payment. ★

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

■ **Branch Pickup** - Cut and tie in lengths under four feet and 25 pounds or less. Bundle at curbside on recycling days.

■ **Large Tree Parts** - Lengths not exceeding three feet. Call (973) 680-4127.

■ **Missed Trash Pickup** - Call (973) 680-4009 or (973) 680-4127.

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

## You May Need to Move Your Car

The Public Works & Parks Department wants to help you make snow removal around your property as efficient as possible this winter. Some recommendations:

(1.) Homeowners with driveways must remove vehicles from the street until plowing is finished.

(2.) Those without driveways can park in the following lots, after they are plowed:

- School playgrounds (not in facility lots).
- Recreation Department parking lots: Felton Field (Floyd Avenue), Pulaski Park (Mt. Vernon Avenue), Upper Memorial Park (Division

Street), Clarks Pond South (Hobson Street) or Wrights Field (Baldwin Place).

(3.) One or two hours before plowing begins, police with loud speakers will notify residents on snow emergency streets to move their cars to the nearest parking area. Check the snow emergency streets listed on this page.

(4.) Major roadways will be plowed first for emergency access, then secondary arterials. All streets will be plowed.

(5.) Do not shovel snow back into the street when clearing driveways.

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

## Snow Removal Tips

- Remove vehicles from the street to improve plowing.
- 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 until the plow comes; avoid shoveling twice.
- 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	
Coyman 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 (or street sections) during a snow emergency, it could be towed away by police.

# Bloomfield Public Library

973-566-6200 • www.bplnj.org

M, T, W: 10am-8pm • Th, F: 10am-5pm • Sat: 9am-5pm • Sunday closed

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



## ■ Viva! Viva! La Befana!

People of all ethnic groups will enjoy a taste of Italian culture on Sunday Jan. 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Storytelling will be combined with live music, singing and dancing – a unique version of the traditional Befana legend. Arts and crafts, a tarantella dance lesson, and refreshments will be included. The program is free but reservations are required.

## ■ Continuing Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies - 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club – one Monday per month at 6:45 p.m. Call for topic and date.
- Financial Book Club and Workshops – Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Beginners welcome.
- Knitting Club – Fridays, 11:30 a.m.
- Computer Classes – one-on-one tutoring in computer basics, e-mail, and online searching. A current Bloomfield Public Library card and advance registration are required.

## ■ Children's Programs

www.bplnj.org/children, 973-566-6200, x212

Weekly storytimes for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, as well as family movies, crafts, and special holiday programs are scheduled year-round. Sign up in person or call the library. Get details on the library website or pick up a flyer.

## ■ Bloomfield Historical Society

The Museum (located above the Children's Library) is open Wednesdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call (973) 743-8844.

## ■ Special Services

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

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

## ■ Holiday Closures

- New Year's Day – Thursday, Jan. 1
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, Jan. 19
- President's Day – Monday, Feb. 16 (closing at 4 p.m.)
- Good Friday – Friday, April 3.
- Memorial Day Weekend – Saturday, May 23
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 25

# Help the library fund 150 'Fetch' chairs

There was plenty of kiddie seating in the Children's Room but too little for adults. So in November, the Bloomfield Public Library bought 22 adult chairs, called "Fetch" chairs, from the company Izzy Plus.

Everyone liked them so much that a campaign is now on to raise funds for 150 more Fetch chairs for use in the rest of the library. Total cost: \$18,750 or \$125 per chair.

The fundraising effort has become a campaign of the Bloomfield Friends of the Library, called Adopt-A-Chair. The Friends are asking library users to help out by making contributions. Donations of all sizes are welcome,

but those who donate \$125 can get a commemorative plaque with their choice of wording, up to 40 characters.

Library Director Adele Puccio said the new chairs will replace the sadly worn, upholstered chairs now in use. Fetch chairs (shown here) are armless, easy-lifting and stackable. They are constructed of strong thermal plastic. Their comfort and durability have made them popular in other high-use facilities such as Union Station in Washington, D.C.



and the Philadelphia Public Library.

Donations are tax-deductible. For an order form, go to the library, or call (973) 566-6200. ★



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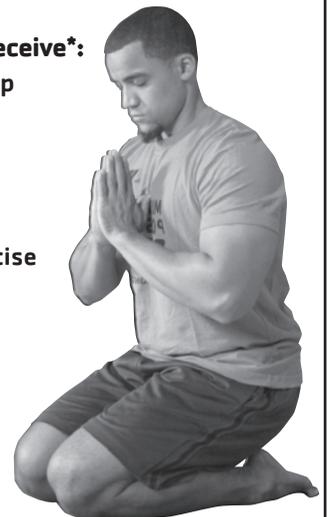
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# Community Events

## Bloomfield Art League

973-743-9074

[bloomfieldartleagueenj@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldartleagueenj@gmail.com)  
[www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/recreation](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/recreation)

### Teen/Adult Art Classes

Winter Session, Jan. 5–Mar. 13  
Spring Session, Mar. 16–May 22

■ Oil Painting and Pastels (all levels), Mondays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each 10-week session, \$140.

■ The Art of Drawing (all levels), Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each 10-week session, \$140.

■ Open Studio for Art League members, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

■ Open Studio for Art League members, Wednesdays, 9 to 3 p.m.

■ Watercolor (all levels), Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each 10-week session, \$140.

■ Drawing and Painting, all media (all levels), Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., eight weeks, \$112.

### Children's Art Classes

See Recreation, page 4

### Town Paints Art Exhibit

Bloomfield's annual juried art exhibit will take place Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Town Green, across from the Civic Center. All artists are welcome to enter the show. Bloomfield Art League membership is not required.

Prizes are awarded in categories of watercolor, oils, pastels, acrylics, and photography; in professional and amateur divisions. In the children's competition, prizes are awarded by age, from K-12.

During the show, children's activities will include games and face painting.

In case of inclement weather, the show will be moved to the Civic Center.

## Upcoming Concerts

### Bloomfield Federation of Music

(973) 743-9074

• Sunday, March 15, 3 p.m.,

**Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra**, at Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road.

• Sunday, April 26, The

**Bloomfield Chorale** will join the **Mandolin Orchestra** in a combined concert at Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road.

• Saturday April 25, 8 p.m.,

**Bloomfield Civic Band**, at Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road.

• Saturday, June 13, 3 p.m.,

**Bloomfield Chorale**, at Bloomfield Library, 90 Broad Street.

• **Bloomfield Civic Band**

Summer Concert Series: June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20. All shows at 7 p.m., on the Town Green (Broad Street).

• Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m.,

**Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra**, at Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road.

## On Stage at Westminster

*Bloomfield College*

• Jan. 9-11, **Rent**, the rock opera loosely based on Giacomo Puccini's opera "La Boheme," will be performed by the NJ School of Dramatic Arts, Encore Youth Theatre. Tickets are \$18. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. For more details and reservations, go to [www.njactors.org](http://www.njactors.org), or call (973) 566-9700.

• March 13-15, **Next Fall**, a play that explores what it might cost to lack faith, will be performed by 4th Wall Theater. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$22 for seniors and \$18 for students. Showtimes are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m. For details and reservations, call (973) 566-9255, or visit [www.4thwalltheatre.org](http://www.4thwalltheatre.org).

• June 5-14 (weekends only)

**Hands on a Hard Body**, is a

musical based on a documentary about 10 Texan contestants who vie for a hardbody truck. 4th Wall Theatre will present the show Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$25 general admission, \$22 for seniors and \$18 for students. For details and reservations, call (973) 566-9255, or visit [www.4thwalltheatre.org](http://www.4thwalltheatre.org).

## Bloomfield Earth Day

[greenerbloomfieldnj@gmail.com](mailto:greenerbloomfieldnj@gmail.com)

[www.greenerbloomfield.org](http://www.greenerbloomfield.org)

Greener Bloomfield will host its second Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 25, in the Bloomfield Public Library plaza, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day's events will include demonstrations of home-based environmental practices and children's activities. An award will be given for environmental leadership.

Expected event participants will include NJ Master Gardeners, Purple Dragon Food Co-op, Community Garden at Oakeside, Brookdale Park Conservancy, Bloomfield Open Space Committee and Bloomfield Recycling Committee, NJ Peace Action, Essex-Passaic Green Party, and the Bloomfield Children's Library.

## Historical Society of Bloomfield

973-743-8844

[www.hsob.org](http://www.hsob.org) • [info@hsob.org](mailto:info@hsob.org)

"New Jersey in the American Revolution," a 50-minute slide presentation, will be given on Tuesday, March 24 at Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Arthur S. Lefkowitz, author of "The Long Retreat," will focus on the book's narrative about the British invasion of New Jersey in late 1776. The invasion ended with Washington's famous Christmas-night raid on Trenton. Lefkowitz will demonstrate that the closest the British ever came to winning a military victory in the American

Revolution was at New Brunswick on Dec. 1, 1775.

## Sunset Classic Road Race

(973) 509-9707

[paul@fleetfeetmontclair.com](mailto:paul@fleetfeetmontclair.com)

The annual Investors Bank Sunset Classic road race will take place Thursday, June 25 at Foley Field in Bloomfield. Race options will include a five-mile road race, a one-mile fun run, and infield sprints for the kids. Watch for details in forthcoming editions of the E-BUZZ.

## Oakeside Cultural Center

[www.Oakeside.org](http://www.Oakeside.org)

(973) 429-0960

**Taste of Bloomfield.** On April 26, sample signature dishes prepared by more than 20 restaurants in Bloomfield and the surrounding area. Enjoy live entertainment and a raffle for 12 \$100 restaurant gift certificates.

### Murder at the Mansion.

Six times a year, guests enjoy dinner and a show while participating in solving the crime of the night. Theme nights coming up this winter are Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, and St. Patrick's Day on March 13. Other dates will be announced.

**Grow your own food at Oakeside Gardens.** Oakeside Community Garden is where Bloomfield residents can grow their own produce in small plots while sharing tools, soil and a sprinkler system. The deadline for 2015 sign-up is April 30. Apply online or call for details.

**The King and I.** Hop aboard the bus to New York's Lincoln Center to see this classic musical on April 9. Enjoy dinner at Oakeside before the bus departs.

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### Free pregnancy testing now available

Not sure whether you're pregnant? The Health Department can let you know quickly and confidentially. Testing days are Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon at One Municipal Plaza. For information, call (973) 268-2280, x145.

### Get help coping with new parenthood

If the stress of having a new baby is getting you down while coping with the rest of life, there is help. Through the Healthy Families-TIP program, a family support worker can be assigned to visit your home and teach the entire family ways to care for the new baby and to strengthen your family life. The support worker may help with doctor visits and other appointments. All services are free. For information, call Kalimah Wilson, (973) 268-2280, x152.

### Need health insurance?

Open enrollment in the Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, continues through Feb. 15. If you need help applying for the now-mandatory health insurance, Bloomfield Human Services has a certified ACA-application counselor to help you understand your enrollment options. The consultation is free thanks to a grant from Partners for Health. To schedule an appointment, call (973) 680-4017.

### Bring cheer, run errands for someone lonely or disabled

Simple companionship and help with errands such as grocery shopping, can make a world of difference in the life of a person who's mostly confined to home. The Friendly Visitor Program matches

volunteers to local seniors and people with disabilities. If you've got one spare hour a week and you'd like to volunteer, opportunities are available to meet your schedule.

"I'd like to thank the Friendly Visitors for sitting with me and making me laugh a lot," said one Friendly Visitor client. "It's good medicine to laugh."

To submit someone's name for service or to volunteer as a visitor, call (973) 680-4017.

### Do you qualify for social services?

Individuals and families who need financial assistance can be screened at the Human Services Division to determine their eligibility for food stamps, food pantries, rental assistance, utility assistance, prescription assistance and more. Or, visit the Mobile County Welfare Van stationed in front of Town Hall one day per month. Home-bound seniors and disabled residents can schedule in-home screenings.

To learn more, call (973) 680-4017 to speak with a certified benefits application counselor.

### Sign up for Register Ready. It may save your life!

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

The New Jersey Office of Emergency Management offers a free, web-based program, called New Jersey Register Ready, that identifies people most in need during disasters.

Emergency responders collect vital information from special needs individuals or their caregivers so that emergency personnel can check on them during an evacuation or other emergency. The informa-

tion is updated periodically and never made public.

To register, go online to [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov), or for assistance, call Bloomfield Human Services at (973) 680-4017.

## Request a health presentation for your event

Are you part of a group that would like to know more about peanut allergies, anxiety, sexually transmitted diseases or other health issues?

Michael Hodges, the health educator for the Bloomfield Health Department, is available to make presentations on these and many other health-related topics.

Hodges can speak to any civic, business or school group, to any faith-based organization or neighborhood association in Bloomfield. Groups can request a topic tailored to their interests or Hodges can suggest a subject.

### Back 2 School Store

If your child is entering grade K-5 this fall, find out if your family qualifies for no-cost clothing and school supplies. It's a free day of assisted shopping. Call to apply by May 8. ★

Typical presentation categories include current issues in the national health media, specific diseases, how to prepare for a public health disaster, helpful health department programs, stress management, general nutrition or diet and exercise.

To reach Hodges, e-mail him at [health@d@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:health@d@bloomfieldwpnj.com) (preferred method), or call (973) 680-4183. State the topic you're interested in, ages of the group's members, the number of people attending and the meeting location. ★

## We've got the vital goods on you!

973-680-4029 • [health@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:health@bloomfieldwpnj.com)

Birth, marriage and death. The three biggest events in most of our lives.

At some point, you're going to need documentation about those events and the place to find it is the Bloomfield Vital Statistics office, located at Town Hall.

Vital Statistics records and safeguards key documents often needed to obtain a driver's license, a passport or to secure a job. For a small fee, you can obtain the following documents:

- **Marriage/civil union licenses:** \$28. One individual must reside in Bloomfield. Before a license can be issued, a minimum 72-hour wait period is required. The application is

valid for six months. A one-year extension may be granted to either individual. Once issued, the license is valid for 30 days.

- **Affidavit of domestic partnership:** \$28.
- **Birth certificate:** \$20 per copy.
- **Marriage certificate:** \$20 per copy.
- **Death certificate:** \$10 per copy, up to 10 copies; \$5 per copy thereafter.
- **Corrections to vital records:** \$25 per correction form.

Payment for all documents is accepted in the form of personal checks, money orders, credit cards (except American Express), or exact cash. ★

**Environmental Health Division**

## We're protecting your health in public places

973-680-4024 • [health@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:health@bloomfieldwpnj.com)

Every year, Bloomfield's Environmental Health Division conducts routine sanitary inspections of more than 500 business establishments and service providers within the township. Citizen complaints generate another 1,000+ inspections, many requiring multiple field visits. Here are some of the ongoing services.

### Inspections

Annual inspections are conducted at retail food establishments, schools, churches, daycare centers, boarding homes, hair and nail salons, body art shops, gyms, pet shops, youth camps and public pools. Routine inspection results are posted on the Health Department website.

### Citizen Complaint Management

If you've got a complaint about the sanitary conditions of a business, residence or public facility, the Environmental Health office will investigate. Typical complaints include improper solid waste disposal, litter, rodents, noise, odor, animal bites, vegetative overgrowth and poor property maintenance.

### Drinking Water Tests

To ensure the quality of Bloomfield's drinking water, the Environmental Health Division collects 50 potable water samples per month from residential and business locations throughout the township. Samples are analyzed for bacteria, lead and copper. Additional specific water analyses are performed as necessary.

### Lead Poisoning Inspections

Children are the usual victims of in-home lead poisoning. After inspecting a dwelling for lead poisoning, an investigator may issue an abatement order to the homeowner, and there will be a follow-up investigation. In addition, the Nursing Division will provide the family with diet and nutritional information for the affected child. Nurses also assist in the investigation, properly questioning the child's parent or guardian. ★

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## Upcoming Nursing Programs

(973) 680-4058 • [www.bloomfieldwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing](http://www.bloomfieldwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing)

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

### ◆ Adult Vaccine Program

Bloomfield residents age 19 and older who have no health insurance can be immunized against an array of common diseases: tetanus, pneumonia, HPV, hepatitis, shingles and more. A one-time registration fee of \$15 is charged, plus \$10 per visit. For eligibility information or an appointment (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), call (973) 680-4058.

◆ **Cardiac Screening** – Get your blood pressure, cholesterol level and body fat assessed by a physician. Cost: \$25 for those 55 and older; all others \$30. May 14, from 9-11 a.m.

◆ **Diabetes Screening** – May 29, 10-11 a.m. \$10. No fasting required.

### ◆ File of Life Program

Do you carry around a battered scrap of paper that lists your medications in case of emergency? Get rid of that thing!

Come to the Nursing Office for a free "File of Life." The wallet-sized card lists your vital medical information and comes with a protective plastic cover. You also get a magnetized card containing the same information for your fridge.

File of Life includes your emergency contacts, health care provider names and numbers; your blood type, medical conditions, medications and allergies; insurance, health proxy and advance directives.

File of Life is sponsored by the Bloomfield Emergency Squad and The Bloomfield Office of Emergency Management.

◆ **Hypertension Screening** (2 locations)

• Public Health Nursing Office, first and third Thursday of every month, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Includes blood pressure and pulse assessment plus health counseling.

• Bloomfield Civic Center  
84 Broad Street, third Friday of every month, 11:30 -12:30.

◆ **Lipid Panel Profile** – The \$20 screening includes cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides. April 27, 10-11 a.m.

◆ **Osteoporosis Screening**  
Men and women are checked via wrist ultrasound. Cost: \$10 for individuals age 55 and older; all others, \$12. Dates are March 31 and June 11, from 9-11 a.m.

◆ **Pap Smear and Mammography Screening**  
Women age 40 and older who are uninsured and meet financial guidelines can be screened March 12 or June 17. Those with Medicare do not qualify.

◆ **Stroke Screening** – A physician checks you cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and carotid artery. Cost: \$25 for those 55 and older; all others, \$30. April 7, 9-11 a.m.

◆ **Tuberculin Skin Test** – Includes PPD, Mantoux, TST. \$20. Call for scheduling.

◆ **Urinalysis Screening** – March 23, 10-11 a.m. \$10.

◆ **Well Child Program** – Qualified children age 2 months to 18 years can get vaccinations for common illnesses, plus health screenings for lead and autism, growth and development assessments, and, for young women, post-partum depression screenings. Appointments are scheduled on most Wednesdays, starting at 9:30 a.m. There's a one-time registration fee of \$10, and \$10 per visit thereafter. Call for details and eligibility requirements.

**Yoga at the Mansion.**

Certified yoga teacher Liz Pagan leads classes for active beginners and continuing students on Mondays from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. A seven-class series is \$84 or \$17 per drop-in class. To register, contact Liz at (973) 429-0288 lizpagan@verizon.net.

**Music at the Mansion.**

Come hear vocally acoustic performances in a beautiful, intimate setting on Feb. 22 and March 22. (Additional monthly

performances will be announced.)

**Summer Art Camp.**

Kids enjoy art lessons in varying media, hands-on cooking classes and a bit of gardening. Multiple one-week sessions start in July.

**Brunch with the Easter Bunny.** On March 28, children ages 3 to 9 create a craft project, get photographed with the Bunny, and receive a balloon and a special treat. ★

**Calling All Community Groups!**

**Three ‘Civic Get-Togethers’ in the works**

When last year’s town-wide Civic Showcase was held in November, a whopping 37 organizations participated in its planning. The concentrated strength of purpose has inspired the Bloomfield Cultural Commission to continue the good will with a series of 2015 “Civic Get-Togethers.”

Three regular Commission meeting dates will be set aside this year to allow as many groups as possible to gather in one room and explain their missions and what they’re currently working to achieve. Participants also will brainstorm ways to combine efforts for the betterment of Bloomfield.

Part of each event will be a trade-show-like arrangement with various groups setting up display tables.

The general public will be invited and opportunities for local volunteerism can be explored.

Get-Together dates will be announced in future editions of the E-BUZZ. To reach Cultural Commission Chair Michelle Davidson, e-mail her at mshelldavidson@aol.com, or call (973) 303-8884. ★

**Mayor's Message** Continued from p1

Yes, council members and I are already on Facebook and Twitter; we know that many residents look for us on those platforms. But we’re not forgetting residents who don’t use those media options.

That’s why special emphasis will be placed on January and July editions of The BUZZ. They will contain “keepable” information about township services, anticipating your municipal needs as best as possible for the six months ahead. Please,

keep your latest print BUZZ on your coffee table, or post it on your refrigerator. Sometimes print information is more handy than the electronic variety.

To everyone in Bloomfield, have a Happy New Year. We look forward to updating you more frequently on the progress, new initiatives and important events in our wonderful township.

**Cheers!**  
**Mayor Michael Venezia**



**United Way of Bloomfield**

**Change a life with random kindness**

Hold a door for a stranger. Make a meal for a homebound neighbor. Donate a new book to a local school or library. If you think about it, a random act of kindness, with no expectation

of return, could change a life.

How? ... There you are, out shopping again for somebody’s present and you’re stumped on what to buy. Another sweater? The latest food processor? A box of chocolates?

Scrap those tired ideas and instead buy a gift donation from the United Way of Bloomfield in the name of your friend or family member. Your recipient will be touched and the gift will go to someone who has fallen on hard times and really needs the assistance.

Contributions can be mailed to the UWB office at 98 Broad St., 2nd Floor, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, or use PayPal. Just click on the “Give” button. To make a gift in someone’s name, include the recipient’s name and address along with the donation amount.

The United Way of Bloomfield was established over 50 years ago and is a local source of essential assistance. For information, call (973) 748-1732, e-mail info@unitedwaybloomfield.org, or visit the website www.unitedwaybloomfield.org. ★

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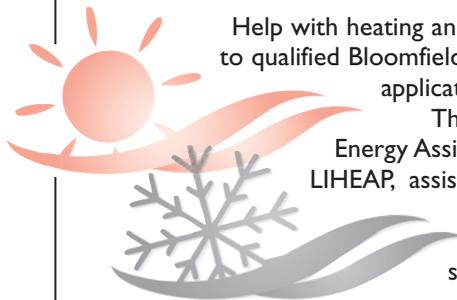
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## Find out if you qualify for heating/cooling bill assistance



Help with heating and cooling bills is available to qualified Bloomfield households. The 2015 application deadline is April 30.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, assists with bills and provides emergency fuel or emergency service on heating systems.

Applications must be filed with the Bloomfield Community Development Office at Town Hall.

To qualify for LIHEAP, households must have a gross income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. The amount of heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type, and heating region.

LIHEAP-eligible households may also be eligible for assistance with certain electric and natural gas costs.

For more information, visit [www.energyassistance.nj.gov](http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov) or call (800) 510-3102. ★

## CDBG: It's not a new nightclub. It's vital public funding

It may sound like the famous New York hot spot of yore, but in towns across America, CDBG's impact is far greater than late night entertainment.

When major improvements are made to a Bloomfield municipal park, when a sewer project is undertaken, when housing repair funds are distributed to low-income homeowners – chances are the funding came from the Community Development Block Grant.

Every year, Bloomfield receives approximately \$1 million in CDBG funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funds are used for physical improvements on public facilities, to revitalize neighborhoods, expand affordable housing and pursue economic opportunities. Most often, the funded programs benefit low- and moderate-income families.

The residential rehab program, described below, is an example of a CDBG-funded program. ★

## Housing repair funds available from the Township

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

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

The program offers a 10-year, interest-free loan of up to \$22,000 for the homeowner unit, and up to \$10,000 for each additional rental unit.

Housing specialists and professional inspectors work with homeowners to identify needed repairs and monitor construction.

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

If the property is sold or transferred during the 10-year period, the loan will be due for the exact amount borrowed with no interest.

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

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

Applications are accepted year-round as long as the funding remains. Eligible applicants are selected on a first-come first-served basis.

For program details, income guidelines and pre-application go to [www.hip.cgph.net](http://www.hip.cgph.net). For additional questions, contact Carol at Community Grants Planning & Housing, (609) 664-2783, or e-mail [carol@cgph.net](mailto:carol@cgph.net). ★

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## New senior housing complex to be finished in two years

Construction on Heritage Village at Bloomfield is expected to wrap up around the end of 2016. The affordable housing complex for seniors is being built at the former parking lot across from Town Hall, the corner of Franklin Street and Municipal Plaza.

The complex will contain 82 rental units for people age 55 and older, plus a 1,400-square-foot community center. Included will be 74 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom apartments, all energy-efficient and handicapped-accessible. On-site property management will include 24-hour emergency maintenance service.

Applications are not yet being accepted. As construction proceeds, watch for application details in local media.

Mayor Michael Venezia said the project will have "little or no impact on local taxpayers due to our success with applications for federal and state housing funds."

The development was awarded Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. The credit resulted in \$12.9 million of equity for the project.

Another \$5.3 million came from the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Action Plan, Sandy Disaster Recovery Program, a fund created to rebuild and rehabilitate affordable housing in areas affected by Superstorm Sandy.

The Heritage Village developer is Community Investment Strategies, Inc., of Lawrenceville, N.J. ★

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### Dial-A-Ride

On-call transportation is available at no cost to eligible Bloomfield residents with disabilities and to those age 60 and older. Buses travel anywhere in Essex County with priority given to riders with medical needs. Less urgent rides can be arranged depending on the day's schedule.

Two of the four Dial-A-Ride vehicles are equipped with wheelchair lifts. When calling, let the dispatcher know if you need

one of them. Normal hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., except holidays.

### Bloomfield Senior Citizens Bus

One senior citizen bus runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, on fixed routes that include Brookdale ShopRite and many downtown shopping locations.

### Commuter Shuttle Bus

Shuttles to and from Lackawanna train station run Monday through Friday except holidays. Morning loops run from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m., and evening loops from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A 50-ride pass, valid indefinitely, costs \$25. Purchase your pass at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

## Answers to frequently asked questions

### Where do I go to pay for a traffic ticket or violation?

The Law Enforcement Building, second floor.

### Where can I find out about yard sale rules?

Building and Inspections Office, Town Hall, room #105. The fee is \$10, payable by check or money order.

### How do I obtain a marriage license or civil union license?

See page 10 of this publication, Vital Statistics.

### Where can I get a resident parking permit for on-street parking?

The Law Enforcement Building, first floor.

### Where can I obtain a license for my dog or cat?

Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Room 214, (973) 680-4015.

### I need a copy of my marriage/civil union certificate.

**Where should I go?**  
Vital Statistics Office, inside the Health Department, Town Hall, Room 111.

### Where do I go for a limousine or taxi license?

Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Room 214, (973) 680-4015.

### I want to know more about Recreation Department summer concerts?

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Animal Control, 4024 (R-109)  
Animal Shelter, 748-4041  
Assessor (Tax), 4021 (R-108)  
Board of Education, 8500  
Building Dept, 4054 (R-105)  
Clerk's Office, 4015 (R-214)  
Community Dev, 4188 (R-200)  
Court/Violations, 4078  
Emergency Squad, 4141  
Engineering, 4009 (R-203)  
Finance, 4038 (R-108)  
Fire Dept, 4153  
Health Dept, 4024 (R-109)  
Human Svcs, 4017 (R-213)  
Info Systems, 4670 (R-203)  
Law Dept, 4066  
Library, 566-6200  
Mayor & Council, 4077 (R-209)  
Nursing, 4058 (basement)  
Office of Emerg Mgmt, 4177  
Parking Authority, 8960  
Personnel, 4039 (R-108)  
Police Dept, 4141  
Public Works, 4127, x400  
Recreation, 743-9074  
Tax Dept, 4049 (R-106)  
Water Dept, 4051 (R-106)  
WBMA TV, 4122  
Zoning, 4012 (R-203)

### **YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Mayor **Michael Venezia**

Council Members

- 1st Ward, **Elias N. Chalet**
- 2nd Ward, **Nicholas Joanow**
- 3rd Ward, **Carlos Bernard**

Council Members At Large:

- **Wartyana "Nina" Davis**
- **Joseph Lopez**
- **Carlos Pomares**

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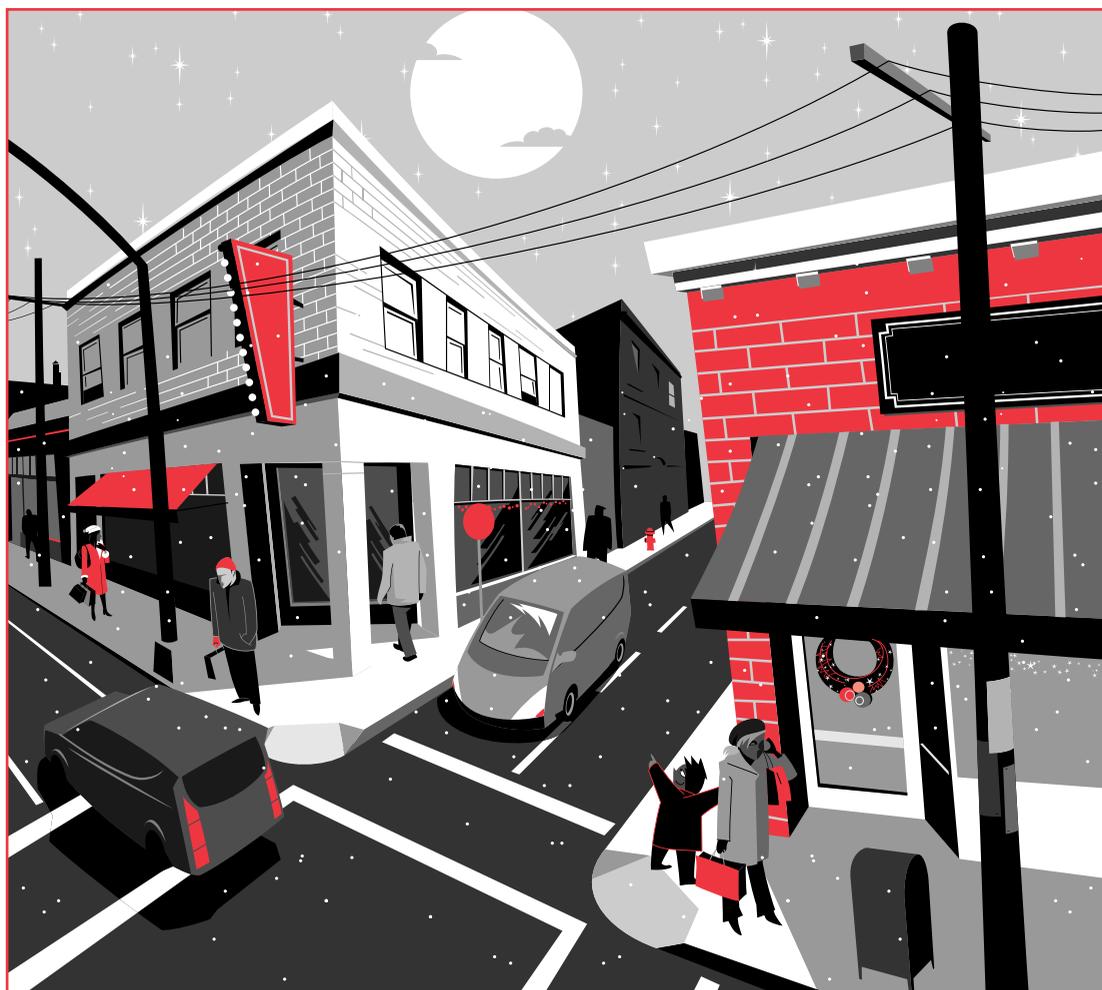
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