

Bloomfield Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township BUZZ

January-April 2013

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Seasoned administrator takes the reins at Town Hall

Meet Ted Ehrenburg, Bloomfield's new Township Administrator as of Dec. 3.

Ehrenburg succeeds former Administrator Yoshi Manale who resigned in early June after 17 months on the job.

"I'm up for the challenge of providing some leadership and direction that maybe Bloomfield could benefit from," said Ehrenburg, who calls himself as "an approachable guy."

He comes to the job after

seven years as administrator of Bloomingdale Township in Passaic County, a community of 7,600 people. Bloomfield is "a bigger scale," he said, but "I look forward to new challenges. This would be daunting for someone not in an administrative position before, but I've been down this road."

Before Bloomingdale, Ehrenburg was the 11-year chief of police in Washington Township (Morris County),



Ted Ehrenburg

where he had a 28-year law enforcement career.

He holds a masters in human resource manage-

ment and is certified in public management by Rutgers University. He and his wife Regina currently reside in Hackettstown and are the parents of two grown children, one a teacher, the other a police officer.

Bloomfield Council voted to hire Ehrenburg on Nov. 5. More than 50 people had applied for the job and finalists were interviewed during two closed sessions in October. ❁

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Fix your roof, plumbing, windows, etc. with funds from the Township

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

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

Low- and moderate-income homeowners can apply for repairs including roof, electrical, heating, plumbing or sanitary plumbing, weatherization (windows, insulation, etc.), lead-based paint hazard remediation and/or structural repairs.

Ten-year, interest-free forgivable loans of up to \$15,000



are available 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.

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Seniors! Learn to control your health

A new six-week seminar taught by healthcare professionals is being offered this winter to help senior citizens focus on preventative health management.

The free course, called "Learn to Control Your Health," includes weekly three-hour sessions. Specific scheduling will be determined by participating students.

The seminar is offered by Bloomfield Human Services through partnership with the Neighbor to Neighbor Network. Instructors will be from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Seniors will get round-trip bus transportation provided by the Recreation Department, snacks at every session and a free course book. To register, call (973) 680-4017 by Jan. 30. ❁

Mayor Raymond McCarthy's Message

Happy New Year, Bloomfield!

Yes, it IS going to be a happy new year, even if recent events seem to defy my positive outlook. Between the horrific economy and Hurricane Sandy it was a challenge for some of us to appreciate the just-passed holiday season. But we are blessed in this community by so many neighbors who are willing to share their good fortune with others, and who do so on a regular basis.

That was certainly the case in October when I held my second Mayor's Charity Gala. Thanks to the caring residents who supported our important cause, we netted more than \$30,000 to help people in our community who cannot always help themselves.

On behalf of all who have benefited from that generosity, I thank our gala supporters for putting others before yourselves. You forever remind us why the Family of Bloomfield is outstanding.

In 2013, all residents are going to see downtown development that will

improve our economic prospects, our appearance and our general community spirit. Where there has been stagnation, construction will soon begin and I look forward to all the changes.

And speaking of uplifting efforts, please join me in recognizing all who have made Bloomfield's 200th Anniversary such a huge success. Many thanks to Michelle and Harry Davidson, Mike Scurman and Janice Litterio. The bicentennial events have been fantastic, and the wrap up in March promises to be the best day of them all. I com-

mend the many, many people who have volunteered and worked so hard for this year-long community celebration. It has been a fun-filled way to forget about the economic doldrums and simply enjoy our own community.

Bloomfield is a great place to live, raise a family and run a business. That fact will be no more evident than in this year, the 201st in our history. ❀



Bloomfield musical landmark remembered

Excerpted from *The Town Crier*, newsletter of *The Historical Society of Bloomfield*, October 2012 edition (www.hsob.org)

The Dirt Club, located in the basement and ground floors of 10 Orange Street (corner of Myrtle Street) was an alternative musical and cultural institution from 1979 to 1991. It was housed in a three-story, gothic structure painted to resemble a medieval castle with a partially demolished brick wall.

The club had originally been Delmar's Lounge, a neighborhood, blue collar go-go bar. Despite its economic challenges—the demise of the alternative music scene in New Jersey, corporate consolidation of FM radio, market-research-driven music programming—not to mention, opposition from some locals, The Dirt Club was successful.

In a typical five-night week, The Dirt booked between 10 and 25 local, regional and national acts, almost 10,000 sets in a decade. The club was known for its eclectic and radical mix of punk, new wave, rockabilly, hardcore, reggae, art rock, performance art, power pop, blues rock and the occasional classical chamber performance. Nowhere else were these divergent musical styles and influences seen in one club, much less on the same night.

The Smithereens, who later went on to national fame, were, for a while, the Thursday house band at The Dirt Club.

At the helm was owner and former carnival barker Johnny Dirt (John Schroeder, shown above), who lived with his family on the second and

third floors of The Dirt Club. Together they ran the Dirt Empire: The Dirt Club, Dirt Records (an independent record label that produced several compilation albums of Dirt bands) and a T-shirt and poster printing operation.



Schroeder, born in Newark in 1945, was one of the main attractions at The Dirt Club, outgoing and fast-talking, but above all a music lover, passionately committed to building a music scene in Essex County.

Schroeder's Dirt Club was often compared to Greenwich Village's CBGB music club, but never had the international reputation. It was known for its inventive, creative programming, its willingness to give oddball bands a shot, and its grungy but comfortable and welcoming interior.

The Dirt Club was acknowledged at the 2011 "Jersey Rocks" exhibition at the Morris Museum.

The beloved Bloomfield music hall is no longer standing and Johnny Dirt died of prostate cancer at his Mount Holly, N.C. home in 2011 at age 66.

"I never made any money in The Dirt Club," Schroeder told *The Star-Ledger* in 2001. "My motivation was I became part of something. And that overtook everything else I was doing." ❀

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That's a big Code Red!

Register your text and e-mail access on the town emergency call system

For more than a week after Hurricane Sandy, Code Red emergency updates went out to resident and business phones across Bloomfield. But more than half of them didn't receive the messages because so many landlines, powered by electricity, were inoperable.

Bloomfield's Office of Emergency Management aims to strengthen the system by encouraging more people to

register their smartphone text and e-mail access with Code Red.

The Code Red Emergency Notification System was adopted in Bloomfield several years ago as a way for the town to issue emergency alerts.

Individuals and businesses input their own contact numbers into the system database,



and there is no cost for the service.

Tom Pelaia from OEM urges those already in the system to re-register so that e-mail and text access can be added.

He said re-registration will not trigger multiple calls from the system because updated information automatically eliminates duplicates.

Those who have never registered for Code Red are particularly urged to sign on.

Just log onto the Township website, [www.bloomfieldtwp-](http://www.bloomfieldtwp-nj.com)

www.bloomfieldtwp-nj.com, and click on "Code RED Community Notification Enrollment." Or call the Office of Emergency Management at (973) 680-4177. You'll be asked for your name, street address, primary phone number, and any additional phone numbers.

Data collected will be used only for emergency notification purposes. ❁

Mailbox quandary

Let me see ... Mail box, flag drop? Mail box, flag drop? Where should I put my letters?

Apparently there is some confusion about the drop box in front of the Bloomfield Police station. It has been repeatedly mistaken for a mailbox

when in fact it is a drop-off for American flags only.

Yes, the box is shaped like a regular mailbox but the patriotic paint job indicates it has been re-purposed.

Police say they take mail across the street to the post

office whenever they find it in the flag box, but senders may experience a delayed delivery.

How can you know for sure if that big metal box with a slot in it is for flags or mail? There's one sure test. Ask the box. ❁

Key tags for shopping discounts available from Bloomfield Chamber

Gencarelli's does it. So do J.T. Murdoch Shoes, Roxy Florist and Zippo Car Stereo. These Bloomfield businesses and many more offer special discounts to people who purchase \$5 MVP Key Tags from the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce.

For example, show your key tag and get 10% off any construction or repair job by HALO Design Concepts. Or, get \$50 off any installation job of \$500 or more from Bloomfield Carpet and Tile.

The list of participating merchants is growing.

For Chamber members, key tags are a benefit of membership. For all others, they are \$5 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office at 256 Broad Street, Room 2F.

One key tag applies to all current offers and will be valid as long as the MVP program continues.

Current discounts can be reviewed on the Chamber website, www.suburbanessex-chamber.com. From the home page, click the green button for "Membership Value Program." To purchase or for details, call (973) 748-2000, or e-mail admin@suburbanessexchamber.com. ❁

Housing rehab from page 1

Program eligibility is based on household income. The maximum allowable income ranges from \$45,500 for a one-person household to \$85,800 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 the 10-year period.

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

For more information, income guidelines and an application, visit www.cgph.net, call (609) 371-1955, or email joan@cgph.net. Local general contractors may apply directly at www.cgph.net. ❁

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Snowfall may require you to move your car

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

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

(2.) Those without driveways can park at:

- School playgrounds (after they've been plowed, and not in teacher lots).
- Recreation Department parking lots -- Felton Field (Floyd Avenue) or Pulaski Field (Mt. Vernon Avenue). Wait until lots are plowed.

(3.) One or two hours before plowing begins, police

with loud speakers will notify residents on snow emergency streets to move their cars.

Please cooperate to avoid a summons and/or towing. Check the snow emergency streets listed on this page.

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

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

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

Snow Removal Tips

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

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

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

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

General Recycling Services

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

Recycling List Expanded

Commingled recycling — cans, bottles and plastics (#1-#7) — now includes:

- Plastic Bags
 - Plastic Wrappers
 - Bubble Wrap
 - Shrink Wrap
 - Tetra Pak materials and juice boxes
 - Rigid Plastic such as molded lawn chairs, buckets and toys with no metal parts
 - Aluminum pots and pans
 - Styrofoam such as cups, egg cartons, packing materials
- For a complete list, visit www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

North End Electronic Recycling Saturdays, Jan. 5, May 18

A DPW recycling truck will be in the lot across from Brookdale Christian Church on both dates from 9 a.m. to noon. Accepted items include computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, mouse devices, telephones, TVs under 32 inches, VCRs, DVD players, stereos and small appliances.

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

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

■ **Plastics, Cartons** - Commingled recycling includes all plastics stamped numbers 1 through 7. Please rinse all.

■ **Window and Mirror Glass** - Wrap in paper and place in double garbage bags. Place the package for curbside pickup on the second garbage day. For extra-large windows or mirrors, use tape.

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

■ **Motor Oil and/or Antifreeze** - Hold for the Essex County Hazardous Waste Day 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.

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

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

Leaf Bag Pickup Suspended

From Jan. 1 to March 31, there will be no pickup of biodegradable leaf bags. Priority will be given to other work including Christmas tree disposal and pothole repair.

■ **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 680-4127, press #1 for Maintenance.

■ **Missed Trash Pickup** - Call (973) 680-4127 or 4009, press #1.

■ **Missed Leaves or Grass** - Call (973) 680-4127, press #1.

Paper Shredding

Saturdays, May 4, Oct. 19

Paper Shredding Day (for residents only) takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the municipal parking lot next to the post office.

Essex Hazardous Waste Day

Next date in May. Details in the next BUZZ, or call the county at (973) 857-2350.

Non-Recycling Services

■ **Pothole Repair** - Call (973) 680-4127, press #1 to provide location.

■ **Streetlight Out** - Call (973) 680-4009. Provide the pole number.

Curbside Recycling

JANUARY

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APRIL

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

2013 Holiday Pickup Policy

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| New Year's Day | Labor Day |
| Memorial Day | Thanksgiving |
| July 4th | Christmas |

When these holidays fall on your normal garbage pickup day ...

- **Garbage** - expect only one pickup that week.
- **Recycling** - pickup will be canceled. If you wish, bring recycling to the DPW Yard at 230 Grove Street on the following Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Testa brings new umph! to Twp recycling

"Watch our recycling program. It's going to become one of the better programs in Essex County, if not the state!"

So says Joe Testa, the Bloomfield Township veteran who in September became the Recycling Coordinator after a half-year "internship" under his predecessor Carl Bowles.

"I have probably one of the best recycling committees in Essex County because they're dedicated people," said Testa.

Last year, the committee's beefed-up efforts produced Bloomfield's first two public shredding events, and electron-

ics recycling collections grew exponentially thanks to a heightened public relations effort.

In addition, new recycling agreements with the Board of Education have cut school recycling costs dramatically.

"I'm very proud to be in this position," said Testa, who simultaneously retains his 12-year position as supervisor of the Township electrical department. Testa began his career with the Township as a signal repairman 24 years ago and his enthusiasm has never shorted out! ✿

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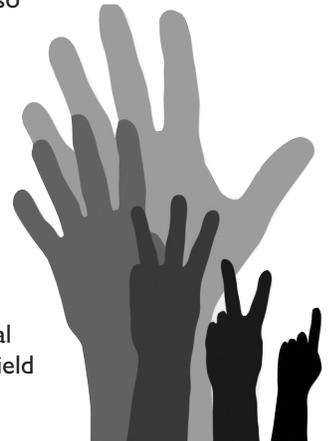
Hard work deserves a reward, and the folks who made Bloomfield's Bicentennial a soaring success are about to get theirs.

Bicentennial volunteers, sponsors and guests will enjoy an evening of great food, music and dancing on Friday, March 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight at Oakeside Manor. You too, are invited to help count down the final hours of the celebration that began on March 22, 2012.

Contents of the 200th Anniversary Time Capsule and plans for its final resting place also will be revealed.

Bicentennial Committee Chairperson Janice Litterio promises "a once in a lifetime opportunity for Bloomfield citizens to share in the culmination of our year-long program that honored Bloomfield's rich history."

Tickets will be \$50 per person. Watch for details in local newspapers and at www.BloomfieldBicentennial.com. ✿



Save the Date!

Sunset Classic, June 27

The 25th running of the Investors Bank Sunset Classic road race will take place June 27 in downtown Bloomfield. The event includes a 5-mile road race, 1-mile fun run and kids' sprints. Watch for more details in the next BUZZ.

Greener Bloomfield blooms again

Greener Bloomfield, a community organization that promotes sustainable living, is sprouting again after a three-year hiatus. All are welcome to the group's next meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Civic Center (84 Broad Street).

Greener Bloomfield works on economic, environmental, and social aspects of sustainability. Anticipated projects include green fests, cleanups, and public education programs. In addition, "we'll again work to get Bloomfield re-certified with

Sustainable Jersey," said spokesman John Palomaki. (Bloomfield was among the first municipalities certified under the state program.)

In the past, the group developed award-winning green building guidelines for the Bloomfield Center Redevelopment Plan, delivered free energy-efficient light bulbs to 1,650 households, and developed green community ordinances and resolutions.

For more information, go to www.greenerbloomfield.org.



Dear Neighbor,

The United Way of Bloomfield needs your support to help those in need. Every dollar you donate helps people who live and work in Bloomfield.

Not a day goes by at the UWB without a neighbor calling or coming by, desperately seeking assistance. Many are going hungry, some are losing their homes or being evicted from their apartments. Others are ill, cannot get prescriptions, aren't insured, or can't find jobs.

The UWB provides programs for people with mental illness, for children who've been abused, and people who need counseling, including counseling for suicide.

Without your support, we fail. Please help by visiting our website and donating online. Or call for more details.



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2013 Winter Programs

Pre-registration is required for all winter programs and will continue through the winter. In-person sign-ups take place at the Civic Center (84 Broad Street), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Or sign up online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. (Visa and Mastercard are now accepted.) Program dates and times are listed on the website.

Acting and Drama

- Grades 2-6

Children's Art

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

Baton (pre-K and older)
Competition Groups A & B
(levels determined by experience)

Bowling

- Pre-K to high school

Hip-Hop Dance

- Ages 6-12

Intro to Magic

- Grades K-6

Karate

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

Music

- Intro to Rock Instruments, ages 4-6
- Intro to Guitar, ages 10 and older
- Intro to Keyboards, ages 7 and older

Pee Wee Basketball

- Grades 1-3

Tumble Tots

- Ages 18-36 months

Gymble Tots

- Age 4 (continuation of Tumble Tots)

Adult Fitness

- (age 18 and older)
- Belly Dance Workout
- New Year, New You
- Pre-Natal Fitness
- Total Body Conditioning
- Yoga
- Zumba

Open Gym Basketball

For Township men and women only, at Bloomfield High School. Season passes are \$35. Visit the website for exact dates.

Open Gym Volleyball

Men and women age 18 and older play Tuesday nights from 8-9:30 p.m. at Oak View School. No fee, no registration deadline.

SAVE THE DATES! Youth Baseball season openers

Opening ceremonies for Bloomfield's youth leagues will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14. On Saturday, American Little League ceremonies will start at 10:15 at Wright's Field, Babe Ruth at 11 a.m. at Big Wright's, and National Little League at noon at Vassar Field. On Sunday morning, Peppermint Softball opening ceremonies will be held at Pulaski Park.

Bloomfield Restaurant Week returns in March

The second annual Bloomfield Restaurant Week is in the works for March—specific dates to be announced. Up to 30 downtown restaurants will likely participate, offering fixed-price menus of \$30 or less, not including drinks, taxes or tips.

As restaurateurs sign on to participate, their special offers will be posted on the event website, www.bloomfieldrestaurantweek.com, and signage will appear in their windows. Regular-menu dining also will be available. ❁



Bloomfield Camera Club

The Bloomfield Camera Club meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. People of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your camera and manual and learn about portrait, sports and wedding photography as well as everyday shots. Learn how to use your camera to its full potential. For more information, contact Otis Sullivan at otidsullivan@verizon.net, or call the Civic Center at (973) 743-9074.

Bloomfield Art League

Art classes for all age groups will be held at the Civic Center (84 Broad Street) Jan. 7 to Mar. 11, and Mar. 18 to May 20. (Summer sessions will be listed in the next BUZZ.) For details, e-mail BloomfieldArtLeagueNJ@gmail.com or visit www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/recreation/bloomfield-art-league.

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That's the kind of caring applied every day by the shelter and its fundraising arm, the Neighbor to Neighbor Network. Volunteers found Sarah, brought her to the shelter and cared for her during post-surgery recuperation. Many



other shelters would have put her down because of her severe condition and her age, estimated at 10 years.

Like Sarah, all animals rescued by the Bukowski Shelter are nurtured back to health, vaccinated, spayed/neutered, identified with a microchip, and socialized before adoption.

If you would like to give a home to a rescued animal, stop by the shelter at 61 Bukowski Place to visit our available cats and dogs. Adoption hours are Monday to Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Or see photos and profiles of available animals online at www.petfinder.com. Just plug in Bloomfield, NJ.

See you at the shelter! 🌸

Bloomfield Public Library

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

■ Holiday Closures

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday – Jan. 21
- Presidents' Day – Feb. 18 (closing at 4 p.m.)
- Good Friday – March 29

■ Support Your Library

- **Donate** your new or lightly used DVDs or books to the library. Books should be hardcover and popular. Best sellers are welcome. Or donate a newspaper or magazine subscription.
- **Support the Friends of the Library** by becoming a member. Download an application at www.bplnj.org/friends.html. Send your donation to the Friends of the Library, c/o Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003.
- **Meet with Us.** The library Board of Trustees holds monthly meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. Meetings are open to the public; comments and questions are welcome. Call in advance to confirm the date and time.

■ Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club meets one Monday night a month. Call for details.
- Computer Tutoring (one-on-one sessions by appointment).
- Friday Morning Knitting Club – Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Get it Write! Workshop – second and fourth Saturdays, 2 p.m.
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors (job search support group and networking), Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

■ Programs Being Considered

- Genre book clubs (i.e., sci-fi, romance)
- Gardening/recipe/cooking club
- Coupon club
- Craft programs
- Poetry club

Got a skill, hobby or talent to share? Consider performing or teaching a course. Contact Lisa Cohn, (973) 566-6200, x217 or lcohn@bplnj.org.

■ Children's Programs

Weekly storytimes are available for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers; special evening and weekend programs are geared to school-aged children. All are free. Check monthly calendars on the library website.

■ Special Services

- **Literacy Volunteers of America** has moved its HQ to the Bloomfield Public Library. If you need help learning English, or want to tutor, call (973) 566-6200 x217.
- **Passports** – The Essex County Clerk's Outreach program comes to the library the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2 to 8 p.m. Details, call the County Clerk's Office at (973) 621-2921, or visit www.essexclerk.com. 🌸

Mark Your Calendar for the first annual PBA Beefsteak dinner to be held at Essex Manor, 41 Broughton Avenue, on Saturday, Feb. 2., from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets, \$50 each. Proceeds will go to the Lembo/Loza families. Details at (973) 680-4116.

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• **Jan. 11-12, 8 p.m.** - "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be presented by the New Jersey School of Dramatic Arts. Enjoy an award-winning musical full of quirky students and grownups. Adults \$15, students \$12. www.njactors.org

• **Feb. 21, 22, 23, "Having Our Say"** - Celebrate Black History Month through the story of the Delany sisters, two women looking back on the 100 years of their lives. Presented by 4th Wall Theatre. General audience \$22, seniors \$20, students \$18. Thursday to Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday matinee, 2 p.m. www.4thwalltheatre.org

• **April 19-21 and 26-28, "In The Heights"** - In a lively New York neighborhood, the

coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. Catch this Tony Award-winning musical presented by MOC Musical Theatre. General audience \$25, seniors \$22. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. www.mocmusicals.org.

• **Also featured this spring at Westminster** will be the comedy troupe the Mask & Wig Club from The University of Pennsylvania on March 8, 4th Wall Theatre's Annual Benefit Concert on March 22, and Yass Hakoshima Movement Theatre on April 6. Check for details as the dates approach.

Oakeside Cultural Center

www.Oakeside.org
(973) 429-0960

• **May 5, brunch and "Matilda" on Broadway.** Families will love the award-

winning hit based on the book by Roald Dahl. A buffet brunch at Oakeside Mansion will start at 11:30 a.m., then it's off on a bus trip to New York City. Total cost: \$142 per person,

including brunch, round-trip bus transportation, front mezzanine seats, taxes and tips. Reservations and minimum five-day advance payment are required. No refunds. ☼

'Lost Bloomfield'

presented by **Bloomfield Historical Society**

Local historian Richard Rockwell will premiere a then-and-now slide show of former homes and buildings in the Bloomfield Historic District and Bloomfield Center on March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Civic Center (84 Broad Street).

Explore the Bloomfield of yore, when factory and store owners lived in stately homes on The Green and on Belleville Avenue. See structures that no longer exist, or have been significantly changed, and compare them to today's structures.

The archival photos were sourced from the Historical Society of Bloomfield and the Russell Collection at Glen Ridge Public Library.

Rockwell is a HSOB trustee and has created a number of historical websites, including one for the Halcyon Park Historic District. For more information, visit www.hsob.org.



www.bloomfieldfm.org

Bloomfield Federation of Music

Except for free events, admission to Federation events is \$15, or \$10 with a discount coupon from the Federation website.

■ **Feb., 3 - Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra** (Conductor Enrico Granifei) at 3 p.m. at Oakeside Cultural Center. Admission \$15. No discount available.

■ **March 3 - Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra** (Conductor Israel G. Herman) presents the Annual Family Concert, 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. Hear music from Broadway, the movies, light classics, and Sousa marches. Kids will enjoy a petting zoo for orchestral instruments.

■ **March 10 - Bloomfield Civic Band**, 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School. During the concert, the band will continue its tradition of honoring women who have excelled in

various professions. They will be included in the night's performance as vocalists, instrumentalists or even as conductors.

■ **March 15 - Bloomfield Youth Band** (Founding Director Patrick J. Burns), performs with the Bloomfield High School Band (Brendan Hughes, Director) and bass clarinet soloist Sara Gonzales. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. at Bloomfield High School. For details, e-mail patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com.

■ **April 28 - Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra** (Conductor Enrico Granifei), 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School.

All dates are tentative. Verify details at www.bloomfieldfm.org

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Human Services

Free home repair service returns this summer

If your home needs painting, yard work, repair or replacement of hand rails, steps, doors or handicap ramps, and you cannot perform the tasks yourself, you may qualify for a free household repair program to be offered this summer.

United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth (UM ARMY) is returning to Bloomfield in 2013. Teams of volunteer youths will perform repairs during a summer camp scheduled the week of July 22 to 28.

Every job is previewed so that clients can meet with a UM ARMY representative who will determine whether volunteers can perform the requested work. (They cannot do electrical wiring, plumbing, roofing and other tasks that require trade certifications.)

Bloomfield Human Services has begun collecting referrals for this year's program. Job selection is based on safety

issues and need. The deadline for referrals is April 15. For details, call (973) 680-4017.

You may be eligible for assistance programs

Benefit screenings for low-income individuals and families are offered by Health and Human Services to determine eligibility for assistance programs, including food stamps, food pantries, utility assistance, prescription assistance and more. Screenings also are conducted from the Mobile County Welfare Van, stationed at town hall once a month. Homebound seniors and disabled residents can request in-home screenings.

Help a Neighbor in Need

Volunteers are needed to assist Bloomfield seniors, low-income families, homebound and disabled residents, and homeless animals. Volunteers help isolated neighbors by running errands and doing small home repairs. They provide companionship and deliver food pantry meals. To volunteer or to request assistance, call (973) 680-4017.

Upcoming Nursing Programs

Screenings are at Public Health Nursing, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments required, unless otherwise indicated.

(973) 680-4058 www.bloomfieldtnj.com/health/public-health-nursing

◆ Free Blood Pressure Screenings.

- 1st and 3rd Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Fridays, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Avenue.
- Wednesdays, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20, April 17, 6-7 p.m. at New Light Baptist Church, 89 Dewey Street.

◆ Adult Vaccines (age 19 and older)

- Mondays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Vaccines available: hepatitis B, hepatitis A, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, mumps, rubella, shingles, human papilloma virus, pneumonia, chicken pox, meningitis, seasonal flu.
- \$15 per visit.

◆ Child Health Conference (2 months to 5 years)

- Most Wednesdays, appointments at 9:30 a.m.
- Age-appropriate vaccinations administered.
- Growth and development assessed.
- Screenings for lead risk and anemia.
- Cost per child: \$10 registration (1st time only), plus \$10 per visit.

◆ Childhood/Adolescent Vaccine Program (ages 6 to 18)

- Most Wednesdays, appointments at 9:30 a.m. Some after-school appointments available.
- Age-appropriate vaccinations administered.
- Cost per child: \$10 registration (1st time only), plus \$10 per visit.

◆ Bone Density Screening. Jan. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for age 55 and older; \$12 for all others.

◆ Diabetes Screening. March 5, 9:30 to 11 a.m., \$10.

Fasting not necessary. Immediate results provided.

◆ Lipid Panel Profile Screening. Friday, Feb. 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$20. Immediate results provided.

◆ **Pap Smear, Mammography.** Feb. 14, appointments start at 8:30 a.m. Free for uninsured/underinsured women age 40 and older. Women with Medicare are not eligible.

◆ **Respiratory Screening.** April 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$5.

◆ **Urinalysis Screening.** April 9, 9:30 to 11 a.m., \$10. Immediate results provided.

◆ **Vision Screening (NEW!)** March 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Ages 18 and older.

Get free emergency info

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Please don't hang up!

This winter, the Bloomfield Health Department will conduct a telephone survey to assess the health status of Township residents. Randomly selected survey participants will be asked their views on Township health needs, so the department can adjust its services accordingly. A summary of the results will be posted on the health department website this winter. Hard copies will be available.

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- Building Dept, 4054 (R-105)
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- Emergency Squad, 6788
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