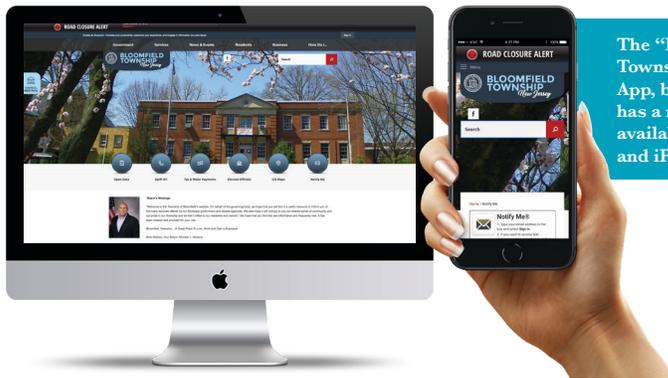


Bloomfield Buzz

January - June 2019

Township of Bloomfield Launches Brand New Municipal Website, Mobile App

Bloomfield residents are noticing a more accessible, social media-friendly communications system. The municipal website has been completely transformed, with a modern, responsive design showcasing relevant information and helpful tools up front. The official 'Township of Bloomfield' Facebook page has been synced with the website to post public information about important events, and the Township's Information Technology Department, lead by Director Jean-Guy Lauture, has launched the "Bloomfield Township, NJ" mobile App where residents can receive push notifications about events, alerts and more.



The "Bloomfield Township, NJ" Mobile App, by CivicPlus, has a red icon and is available to Android and iPhone users.

“We are beyond excited for our new website and mobile app to help Bloomfield residents stay more connected and informed.”



Mayor
Michael Venezia

These improvements will yield long-term benefits as more residents can stay better informed about events that matter to them. The Township held a forum for residents to have their ideas about municipal communication heard and received input from a resident survey which laid the framework for this new site. The new secure website, bloomfieldtwpnj.com, features up-to-the-minute traffic and road closure alerts, which will prove helpful during heavy Winter snowfalls. Residents can also opt-in to receive text notices about water advisories, Parks and Recreation notifications, community alerts, and more.

Montgomery Street Bridge Closed for Repairs

The New Jersey Turnpike Authority is closing the Montgomery Street bridge for repairs beginning later this month and continuing until November, as part of its extensive repair work around the the Garden State Parkway between mile 144 and 152.

NJTA has set up a 24/7 hotline for residents to call with questions: 800-374-5137, and residents can receive weekly text or email updates. Questions can be emailed to info@gspexit145.com.

During construction, detour signs will be posted throughout the area, with maps available online, at www.gspexit145.com. All repairs are being paid for by the NJTA, which will give a presentation at an upcoming Bloomfield Council meeting. Please continue to read more information on the Bloomfield municipal website.

Did you know the Buzz is available every month, online?

The printed Buzz that you are holding is sent in January and July, but the rest of the year, the best way to learn about events in town is the monthly e-newsletter, E-Buzz. Subscribe Online at www.tinyurl.com/buzz456 or by texting "EBUZZ" to 22828.

pictured below: the Bitecola family of Bloomfield



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pictured above the exterior: funeral home welcoming room

Bloomfield Council meetings and Clerk's dates:

- January 7 | Organizational/Conference Chambers 7:00pm.
- January 28 | Regular Chambers 7:00pm.
- February 11 | Conference LEB Bldg. 7:00pm.
- February 25 | Regular Chambers 7:00pm.
- March 11 | Conference LEB Bldg. 7:00pm.
- March 25 | Regular Chambers 7:00pm.
- April 8 | Conference LEB Bldg. 7:00pm.
- April 29 | Regular Chambers 7:00pm.
- May 6 | Conference LEB Bldg. 7:00pm.
- May 20 | Regular Chambers 7:00pm.
- June 17 | Conference LEB Bldg. 7:00pm.
- June 24 | Regular Chambers 7:00pm.

Chambers – Council Chambers,
2nd Floor Municipal Building
LEB Bldg. – Mayor's Conference Room,
2nd Floor, Law Enforcement Building

CLERK's Notices

Petitions for Mayor and Council at-large can be picked up in the Municipal Clerk's Office, 8:30am to 4:30pm, beginning February 1

Monday, April 1 - Deadline to file petition for the June primary is 4:00pm (*Municipal Clerk's Office*)

Wednesday, April 10 - Last day for party declaration

Tuesday, May 14 - Last day to register to vote or transfer registration (Municipal Clerk's Office, is open 8:30am to 9:00pm this day)

Tuesday, May 28 - Last day to request vote-by-mail ballot

Tuesday, June 4 - Primary election day. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm

The Municipal Clerk's Office is located in room 214.

Questions: email twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com
or 973-680-4015

Supporters of the Bloomfield Animal Shelter Events Coming Up

Come meet adoptable pets from the Bloomfield Animal Shelter!



Bloomfield PetValu Adoption Event

Saturday, January 12
11:00am–3:00pm at 192 Bloomfield Avenue
(Aldi shopping center, Bloomfield)

Clifton PetValu Adoption Event

Saturday, January 19
11:00am–3:00pm at 225 Allwood Road, Clifton
(Clifton Towne Square, Clifton)

Please see the SOBAS Facebook page for details and other events and announcements.

<https://www.facebook.com/sobasevents/>

Historical Society of Bloomfield

For all events, contact

www.hsob.org;

info@hsob.org;

973-743-8844

EVENT: The Garden State Parkway: How it has affected Bloomfield.

DATE: Tuesday, March 26

TIME: 7:30pm

VENUE: Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street

COST: FREE and open to the public

EVENT: Morris Canal Greenway Hike through Bloomfield

DATE: April

VENUE: For more info email MorrisCanal@gmail.com

COST: FREE and open to the public

This three mile hike conducted by Rich Rockwell and Ron Rice explores the path of the Morris Canal through Bloomfield using historic maps and photos.

EVENT: The Diners of Bloomfield & Essex County

DATE: Tuesday, May 28

TIME: 7:30pm

VENUE: Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street

COST: FREE and open to the public

Take a step back in time to remember Willie's Diner, the Short Stop Diner, the Nevada Diner, the White Circle Diner and many others with historian Michael Gabriele, author of *The History of Diners in New Jersey*.

EVENT: 4th Annual Ice Cream Social

DATE: Saturday, June 8

TIME: 7:30pm

VENUE: Historical Society Museum, 90 Broad Street,
(Third Floor of Children's Library)

COST: FREE and open to the public

Join the Pulaski Park Community Garden Wait List!



The Bloomfield PPCG, located on the corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Howard Street, is home to 27 rentable garden plots available to Bloomfield residents. The cost to rent a garden plot is \$50 per growing season with the fee waived for veterans. All plots are currently filled for the 2019 season which begins Saturday, April 6.

Visit www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/376/Community-Garden and Bloomfield-NJ Community Gardens on Facebook to learn more!

Join the Bloomfield Federation of Music Family!

Bloomfield Choral

The choral performs international folk music, Americana, classical, pop standards, holiday music, sacred music, show tunes and opera.

FB: www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale

General E-mail: bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com

Bloomfield Civic Band

Currently, the band is seeking brass, woodwind and percussion players.

Website: <http://civicband.bloomfieldfm.org/>

General E-mail: ldejulio@comcast.net, 973-338-1646

Bloomfield Mandolin Orchestra

Instruments include mandolin, mandola, mandocello, mandobass, guitar, and flute.

General E-mail: bmomandolin@gmail.com

Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

There are current openings for all strings, and limited openings for bassoon, French horn, oboe and timpani.

Website: <http://www.bloomfieldsymphony.org/>

General E-mail: info@bloomfieldsymphony.org

Bloomfield Youth Band

The Youth Band is a community wind ensemble comprised of 55 secondary school and college musicians from the surrounding area which has performed multiple public concerts per year in Bloomfield since 1986.

FB: www.facebook.com/Bloomfield-Youth-Band-58395288567

General E-mail: patrickburnsmusic@gmail.com

For a **FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** contact 973-743-9074 or visit www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

- Our upcoming concerts -

Youth Band, Patrick Burns, Founding Director

Saturday, March 16, 8:00pm

Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road

Symphony Orchestra, Israel Herman, Conductor

Sunday, March 17, 3:00pm

Guest Artist Brett Deubner, viola • Bloomfield Middle School

Civic Band, Frank Ortega, Director

Sunday, April 7, 3:00pm

Bloomfield Middle School, 60 Huck Road

Bloomfield Federation of Music Diamond

Anniversary Gala

Thursday, May 2, 7:00pm

Chandelier, 340 Franklin Avenue, Belleville

Mandolin Orchestra, Maestro Enrico Granafei

Sunday, May 5, 3:00pm

75th Annual Spring Concert:

"Mandolin and the Movies", Bloomfield Middle School

Symphony Orchestra, Israel Herman, Conductor

Sunday, June 2, 3:00pm

Premiere of BSO Woodwind Quintet

Bloomfield High School, 160 Broad Street

Chorale, Ruth Hsu, Director

Saturday, June 8, 3:00pm

Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, 147 Broad Street

Youth Band, Patrick Burns, Founding Director

Saturday, June 8, 8:00pm

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Food programs, utilities assistance, prescription assistance, and limited rental/mortgage assistance are available to qualified low-income individuals and families. Human Services conducts free benefits screenings to determine eligibility. Please call 973-680-4017 for an appointment.

Social Workers are around to screen residents for eligibility in programs including but not limited to:

<i>Food Assistance</i>	<i>Senior Services</i>
<i>Monthly NJ SNAP Appointments (Food stamps)</i>	<i>Prescription Programs</i>
<i>Affordable Care Act Assistance (Health Insurance)</i>	<i>Medical/Dental Clinics</i>
<i>Transportation Services</i>	<i>Mental Health Services</i>
	<i>Utility Assistance</i>
	<i>Holiday Programs</i>

**Resources available in both Spanish and English. Available by appointment only -- 973-680-4017*

Bloomfield's Division of Human Services will be participating in the Back 2 School Store, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section.

This **FREE** one day event for children entering Grade K-5 in the Fall 2019 will be held in July and will provide Essex County elementary school children from low income families with new clothing, school supplies, and other necessities for the beginning of school. **Please contact the Division of Human Services for eligibility criteria at 973-680-4017 by May 15.**

Don't miss the **4th FREE Senior Extravaganza** coming this Spring. All Bloomfield residents age 60 and older are cordially invited to the Senior Extravaganza to enjoy a full meal, listen to period music, dance (if you like), and make new friends — all at no cost. Spots are limited. **If interested call 973-680-4017 by March 15, 2019. Sponsored by Neighbor to Neighbor (NTNN) Network and Bloomfield College.**



NTNN matches volunteers to help Bloomfield's seniors and disabled community members as part of our Friendly Visitor Program. These "Friendly Visitors" provide companionship and can help you with errands or grocery shopping. If you or someone you know could use **FREE** weekly assistance, call the NTNN Volunteer Coordinator at 973-680-4017. Volunteers are encouraged to call too!

Nursing List of Screening Events 2019

973-680-4058 • nursing@bloomfieldtwpnj.com
APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED PLEASE CALL
THE NURSING DIVISION

All appointments at Bloomfield Public Health Nursing Office; 1 Municipal Plaza; Lower Level, and all screenings are provided by HackensackUMC Mountainside Hospital Community Health, unless otherwise specified.

Bone Density/Osteoporosis Screening from 10:00am to 12:00pm

February 19 & June 18 • Cost: FREE

Memory Assessment from 10:00am to 12:00pm

March 5 • Cost: \$12

Skin Cancer Screening

June 18 • Time: TBD • Cost: FREE

Stroke Screening from 10:00am - 12:00pm

March 5 • Cost: \$30/per person

Pap Smear & Mammography Screening at 9:00am

March 7 • Cost: FREE

Screening provided by Rutgers University S.A.V.E. Program.

Blood Chemistry Screening from 8:30 to 10:00am

• April 4

• Cost: \$35/person (SMAC23, Lipid panel, CBC w/ Diff, T4)
\$35/person PSA only

\$50/person for blood screening plus PSA

Additional charges for request of additional labs to be drawn.

Service provided by Gentle Hands Mobile Phlebotomy

Appointment & pre-registration is required.

Urinalysis Screening from 10:00am to 12:00pm

February 5 & May 7 • Cost: \$10

Screening provided by Bloomfield Health Dept. Nursing Division

Appointment and pre-registration is required.

• Tuberculin Skin Test by appointment only

• Lead Screening by appointment only

• Additional screenings & dates to be added

Please call Bloomfield Nursing Dept at 973-680-4058 to schedule an appointment

The Bloomfield Municipal Alliance Committee (BMAC) is a community-based organization that plans, coordinates and conducts alcohol, tobacco, and other substance abuse prevention programs. BMAC is comprised of local community leaders, school and municipal employees, a clergy member, a police department representative and private citizens who want to be involved in preventing alcohol, tobacco and substance abuse in the township. BMAC recently organized events such as **'Tame the Teen'** and **'Night of Conversation.'**

If you would like to attend a meeting or get more information, contact BMAC coordinator Maya Lordo at 973-680-4022 or mlordo@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Garbage and Recycling Calendar

Holidays where pickups will be suspended:

January 1, May 27 and July 4

*Garbage will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled day
Recycling is delayed until next business day*

Unshaded:	Commingled
Shaded:	Mixed Paper only

January							February							March						
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General Recycling

Paper Shredding Day

April 27, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Available to Bloomfield residents at the Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad Street.

Big Truck Day/North End Electronic Recycling

May 18, 9:00am to 12:00pm. Discard computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, telephones, TVs, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, small appliances. Big trucks used by DPW will be around for children to climb inside.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

May 4 – Held at the fleet maintenance garage, 125 Fairview Avenue, Cedar Grove (next to old hospital center). Bring your driver’s license as proof of county residency. For details please call 973-792-9060.

Saturday Recycling Hours

The Public Works Yard at 230 Grove Street is open for recycling every Saturday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper, commingled items and electronics.

Bulk Pickup of large items (no metals, appliances) occurs on the second pickup day of each week. Three items maximum. No need to schedule with the office.

Metals and Appliances (not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW no later than 3:00pm the Monday before scheduled Tuesday pickup.

Accepted metal items include bed frames, metal hangers and loose metal pieces. Metal swing sets must be disassembled. Accepted appliances include refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and air conditioners. Remove any appliance doors and place items door-side-up for pickup. **Metal paint cans** are considered bulk waste. They are picked up on your second weekly garbage day (latex paint only, completely dried out). If you’re unsure whether an items is metal, call us!

Visit the **Bloomfield Department of Public Works and Parks** on Facebook to get all of our timely updates, or call 973-680-4127 with questions on dates or any service requests.

NOT Accepted in Regular Garbage (or Recycling):

- ✗ Car/truck tires
- ✗ Any auto parts
- ✗ Electronics
- ✗ Construction Debris

NOT Accepted in Recycling:

- ✗ Rigid Plastic
- ✗ Molded Lawn Chairs
- ✗ Buckets
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Plastic Bags
- ✗ Auto Glass
- ✗ Pyrex, ceramic cups, plates, clay bottles/pots, six pack beverage holders
- ✗ Pizza Boxes and Wrapping paper
- ✗ Lightbulbs

Christmas Trees will be picked up on your regular recycling day until February 1, after which they will be picked up by the garbage company.

2019 Winter Programs

Registration is currently underway and most programs start the first or second week of January. Register today and take full advantage of our winter program offerings.

Pre-registration is required for all winter programs.

In-person signups are **Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm**, and **Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 8:30pm**.

You may also sign up online any time through our website at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org.

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

Mondays

Mixed Martial Arts – Civic Center
Ballet & Tap - Civic Center
Hip Hop Dance - Civic Center

Tuesdays

Pilates – Civic Center
Zumba – Civic Center

Wednesdays

Yoga - Civic Center
Meditation for Relaxation - Civic Center
Kiko .893 Robot Workshop - Civic Center
Chef It Up: Battle of the Week – Civic Center

Adult Open Gym Basketball (men & women) 18 & Up

Thursday Nights – Bloomfield High School Gym - 8:00 – 9:45pm
Jan 3, 10, 24, 31 • Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

Must be a Bloomfield resident to participate* (ID required)

Season passes can be purchased for \$40. You may pay at open gym or at the Bloomfield Civic Center.

No one will be allowed in the gym without a pass

Men's Adult Basketball League

Men 18 years and older (no longer in high school) are encouraged to form teams for an adult basketball league. The league will begin in mid January and run through mid March. Games will be played at the Bloomfield Middle School at 8:15pm or 9:15pm Monday through Thursday. Full teams are required and there is a \$325 team fee. Please email **Thomas DeSiervo** for more information at tdesiervo@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Spring flag football unisex registration

for grades 3-4 and 5-6 will begin in February. Check for more information on www.bloomfieldjrbengals.com.



Thursdays

Knitting – Civic Center
Qigong – Civic Center
Watercolor – Civic Center
Full Steam Ahead – Civic Center

Fridays

Tumble Tots - Civic Center
Gymble Tots - Civic Center

Saturdays

Boxing Fitness - Civic Center
Children's Art - Civic Center
Adult Yoga - Civic Center
Baton - Bloomfield Middle School

Sundays

Pee Wee Basketball – High School

Bloomfield Art League

Registration is open for the Bloomfield Art League. Membership is only \$25 and includes: \$5 off art classes, demonstrations by award winning artists, juried exhibition opportunities, 10% Discount at Jerry's Artist Outlet, community events & celebrations, and Open Studio Access on Wednesdays from 12:45 - 3:45pm.

Town Paints, our annual art exhibit will take place on the *Historic Town Green on Saturday, May 11.*

Watercolor

Pat Flaherty, Instructor

There is a new class every week, focusing on styles from still life to color mixing. We delve into backgrounds, use photographs and carry out individual projects too.

Thursdays 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Civic Center.

For more information on these classes and our special membership packages contact *Gabriela Guida* at gguida@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

A Look Towards Warmer Weather

Bloomfield Little League Baseball Is Right Around the Corner!

What are the registration dates, times and locations?

Answer: Friday, January 11 from 6:00 to 9:00pm
Saturday, January 12 – 9:00am to 1:00pm
Middle School Gym, 60 Huck Road

When are player evaluations/tryouts?

Answer: Sunday, March 3, time TBD
Middle School Gym

What are the league fees?

Answer: \$95 per child • \$135 for 2 or more children

**All registrations after January 13:
\$120 per child; \$160 for 2 or more children**



A Look at Warm Weather

Baseball and Softball

Opening Day Ceremonies

Little League Opening Day will be held on Saturday, April 13 and Softball Opening Day will take place on Sunday, April 14. More details to follow.

Softball Clinics

Please keep an eye out for our pitching, fielding and hitting clinics in February. Sign up for the monthly EBuzz newsletter to stay informed! Subscribe Online: www.tinyurl.com/buzz456 Subscribe by Text: Text "EBUZZ" to 22828

Peppermint Softball

Registration for grades 3-8 will begin in early February. If you are interested in coaching please contact the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department at tdesiervo@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. The season will begin in April and run into June.

Bloomfield Soccer Club

The Bloomfield Soccer Club will open general registration for play in our spring in-town youth soccer league in February. Teams are co-Ed for children in Pre-k (3 year olds) through 8th grade. Spring soccer runs from April to June. For more information please visit www.bloomfieldsoccer.us

Bloomfield Babe Ruth Baseball

The Bloomfield Babe Ruth League is a baseball organization offering structured play for the youth of our community. All players will be drafted to a team regardless of talent level. The spring, fall and summer leagues are for players ages 13 through 16. There is also a league in the summer for players ages 16 through 18. Refer to the website for more information, www.bloomfieldbaberuthbaseball.com

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 27 at 9:30am

- Memorial Day Parade (Brookside Park to Town Green)
Groups to assemble at 9:00am
- Past and present veterans, community organizations, sports teams, classic cars and many more!
- Rides can be arranged for Veterans who are unable to march
- Classic cars are asked to "stage" on Warren Street and join in the festivities

4th of July Celebration and Fireworks Spectacular

Thursday, July 4 - Gates open at 5:30pm



Registration

The Recreation Station, a full day summer camp held at Demarest School for children in grades 1-7, is a Bloomfield tradition! Campers will create lasting friendships. The camp schedule is designed to pique a variety of interests and enhance social skills. This camp also gives parents the convenience of early drop off and late pick up for an additional nominal fee.

BPRCA will be bringing back its Kindergarten Preparation Camp for the fifth year and will run from 8:30am to 3:30pm. This camp is housed at the Forest Glen Early Childhood Center. Returning campers can pre-register in early April. If you are new to camp you will be able to participate in open enrollment in the beginning of May.

Sports Clinics

More than 25 sports clinics for Bloomfield youth will be offered this Summer at the end of the school year. Sign up for the monthly EBuzz newsletter for the exact dates and times of the sports clinics.

Teen Travel Camp

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department will offer 12 individual weeks of travel camp in July geared for boys and girls in grades 7 – 10. Staff members are researching various locations for daily trips which could include: Waterparks: Hurricane Harbor, Sarah Sam's, Camelbeach Mountain, Statue of Liberty, Medieval Times, Dave & Busters, IPlay America, Indoor Go Kart Racing and many other fun and exciting locations!

Prices TBD, will include transportation. Registration will begin towards the end of May.

Special Needs Programming

The CARE Station

Aftercare program for students age 7 through 16 are held at Carteret School and provide academic support, snacks and recreational activities.

Friday Night Canteen

Children ages 7 through 17 ~ Friday Nights
Recreational fun at Carteret School and various trips!

Horizons

Adults ages 18 and up
Special needs adults plan a monthly calendar of events such as bowling, movies, dining out, etc.

For more information on any of our special needs programming contact John Baltz at 973-725-4485

Greener Bloomfield wants you to think about your Green New Year's Resolution

What if you:

- Walked your kids to school instead of driving them?
- Cooked one vegetarian dinner per week?
- Carried a reusable water bottle with you?
- Habitually asked for drinks “without a straw” when at restaurants?
- Upgraded your home’s insulation?
- Explored investing in solar energy?
- Tried growing some food this year? — you can at one of Bloomfield’s community gardens!

Composting Workshop

Spring 2019 — Stay Tuned on Facebook

Greener Bloomfield’s goal is to become a more sustainable town by working with the township to implement Sustainable Jersey projects while also encouraging residents to adopt sustainable habits. Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at the Civic Center.

Find out more at
www.facebook.com/GreenerBloomfield or
Greenerbloomfield.org.

With Greener Bloomfield’s help, the Township of Bloomfield received a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable Jersey to carry out a project entitled “Township of Bloomfield Composting and Food Waste Diversion Initiative.” The Township has received certification from Sustainable Jersey every year since the organization was founded in 2009 and is consistently exploring new ways to bring renewable energy to township facilities and directly to residents.



EarthDay Festival

At Brookside Park on Sunday, April 28

Information, Activities, and Giveaways Including:

- River Cleanup
- Young Tree Giveaways
- Recycling Information
- Learn about Gardening, Butterflies, and Composting

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January 28th, 2019.

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Bloomfield Police Department 973-680-4141

The entire Bloomfield Police and Fire Departments, and emergency medical services are now equipped with state of the art radios and a system interface that can hold up in the event of an unexpected radio blackout. These system upgrades, to what is known as a 7/800 mhz digital trunking system, are secure and will allow the Division of Public Safety to communicate with other law enforcement, EMS and government agencies on assigned wavelengths when collaborating on cases, or even in the event of a natural disaster.



The Bloomfield Police Department has used part of its capital budget to purchase enough body cameras for every Police Officer in uniform, who must wear these and upload footage during their shifts.

Sign up for police alerts/messages. A new community notification system from the Bloomfield Police gives you access to crime alerts, lets you text police anonymously with tips, and provides departmental information through social media. To sign up, go to www.tip411.com/people/sign_up?agency_id=734.

The Police Department wants to throw a pizza part for your child! Apply online at <http://www.bloomfieldnjpd.com/>

The ongoing Coffee with a Cop Program brings police officers and the community together over coffee. Sign up by emailing Lt. Naomi Zepeda at Nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com

Your help is needed to keep our neighborhoods safe. Join the Neighborhood Crime Watch, also by contacting Lt. Zepeda.

Learn more on the **Bloomfield Division of Public Safety Facebook Page**, or <http://www.bloomfieldnjpd.com>.

Be on the lookout for the following Bloomfield Center Alliance events:

Bloomfield Center Give Back Day

- March

Bloomfield Station Block Party (Washington Street)

- June

Cruise Night Summer Series (Broad Street)

- June – August

Dinner under the Stars Al Fresco Dining Series (Washington Street)

- June

For up-to-date information on these and other Bloomfield Center news, please visit the BCA website (<http://www.bloomfieldcenter.com/>).



Books, Games, Concerts and More at the BPL!

Library programs are added all the time. Check our website, <https://www.bplnj.org/> for current information, or call us at 973-566-6200.

Ebooks, Emagazines & databases available 24/7 from our website. Some of our regular programs are:

- Genealogy Club meets the second Wednesday of every month (*email lcohn@bplnj.org if interested*)
 - Monday and Thursday movies - 12:15pm
 - Book Clubs – Call for topics and dates
 - Finance Club Workshops – Tuesdays at 6:00pm – beginners welcome.
 - Bridge Club – Fridays at 12:00pm
 - Knitting Club – First and Third Thursdays at 12:00pm
 - Musical Concerts – Saturdays, Monthly at 1:00pm
 - Storytimes for babies, toddlers and Preschoolers.
- Special events such as movies and crafts for kids

The Bloomfield Public Library 90 Broad St.



Monday-Wednesday
10:00am–8:00pm;
Thursday-Friday
10:00am–5:00pm.
Saturdays
9:00am–5:00pm
(Closed-Summer)

Contact the Library

In person or mail: 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield

By phone: 973-566-6200

By email: reference@bplnj.org

Find us online at www.bplnj.org and sign up on our homepage for our email news

Bloomfield Fire Department 375 Franklin Street 973-680-4153

“It is an honor to serve those who work, live, and visit Bloomfield, one of the most diverse and thriving communities in New Jersey. Our members take great pride in meeting and exceeding the expectations of those we serve. Over the next few years your Fire Department will make significant investments in training, apparatus, and equipment in order to become more efficient and effective. We are committed to providing superior service for our great community”

-Fire Chief Louis Venezia

Clara Maass Medical Center: Among the best in the US, again.

Nationally recognized for patient safety and quality for the 11th time.



Continuing a tradition of delivering health care excellence, Clara Maass Medical Center earned an A grade for patient safety and quality from The Leapfrog Group for Fall 2018.

This marks the 11th time overall that we have achieved the highest national standard for the quality and safety of the care we provide, and we are grateful to the patients and families who choose Clara Maass Medical Center for their health care. We remain committed to putting our patients first.

Congratulations to the Medical Staff, employees and volunteers at Clara Maass Medical Center on this remarkable achievement.

**Clara Maass
Medical Center**

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Municipal Directory

Administration 973-680-4006
Animal Control 973-680-4141
Animal Shelter 973-748-0194
Assessor 973-680-4021
Board of Ed 973-680-8500
Building/Zoning 973-680-4053
Clerk's Office 973-680-4015
Housing (Section 8) 973-680-4188
Court/Violations 973-680-4078
Dial-A-Ride 973-566-7194
Engineering 973-680-4009
Finance 973-680-4038
Fire Dept 973-680-4153
Health Dept 973-680-4024
Human Svcs 973-680-4017
Law Dept 973-680-4066
Library 973-566-6200
Mayor & Council 973-580-4077
Nursing 973-680-4058
Office Emerg Mgmt 973-680-4177
Parking 973-680-8960
Personnel 973-680-4000
Plan/Zoning Boards 973-680-4012
Police Dept 973-680-4141
Public Works 973-680-4127
Recreation 973-743-9074
Tax Dept 973-680-4049
Technology 973-680-4670
Water Dept 973-680-4051
WBMA TV 973-680-4122

Emergency & After Hours
973-680-4141

Your Elected Officials:

Mayor Michael Venezia

Council Members:

1st Ward, Jenny Mundell
2nd Ward, Nicholas Joanow
3rd Ward, Sarah Cruz

Council Members At Large:

Wartyna "Nina" Davis
Ted Gamble
Rich Rockwell

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A Holiday Message From Mayor Michael Venezia

2018 was a great year for our town, and I am looking forward to what 2019 has in store. Over the last 12 months the Township Council and I have worked hard to make improvements in several different areas of municipal government, all while working to keep property taxes stable for homeowners, renters and businesses.

Just last year, we saw our Fire Department receive a top rating for its operations and our Township receive a bond rating of Aa2 from Moody's Investor Services that will allow us to receive lower interest rates on future capital expenses, saving taxpayers dollars. Our Police Department committed to increasing transparency by holding several public forums and roll calls open to the public, and has instituted a policy where all officers will wear body cameras during their shifts. Our Police, Fire, and EMS were upgraded to state-of-the-art radios and communications, so we are prepared to respond to any emergency, and won't be affected by a temporary blackout.

Our capital and safety improvements will save residents money, and potentially save lives. But we are also committed to keeping Bloomfield visually beautiful, which is why we've planted new Colorado Blue Spruce trees outside Town Hall, and purchased and installed new street signs in Downtown Bloomfield, with street signs coming to the North End this Spring

I have lived in Bloomfield my entire life, and am proud to be raising my two young daughters here. From my family to yours, thank you for your involvement in making our community a great place to live, and have a happy, healthy 2019.



Mayor Michael Venezia