

Bloomfield Buzz

July - December 2019

Lion Gate Park to Open Later this Year



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The Township of Bloomfield held its Groundbreaking Ceremony for the upcoming Lion Gate Municipal Park project in March. The long discussed project will repurpose the 18.2 acre site of the former Scientific Glass Factory, creating multi-use turf field, playground and walking paths along Third River.

By removing a little over four acres of upland historic fill in this densely developed area and converting it to a functioning floodplain wetland, the project will restore valuable ecological functions, increase flood storage capacity, and enhance wildlife habitat.

By reducing the impact of future floods, this project - 30% of which was funded with state grants - will lower flood insurance rates in this neighborhood.



By taking an underutilized parcel of land and turning it into a beautiful park and waterfront space to be enjoyed by the public, we are fulfilling our commitment to preserving and enhancing open space. When this park is opened later this year, it will instantly become a Bloomfield landmark.

Mayor Michael Venezia



Over 500 trees and shrubs will be planted in the new wetland with additional trees and shrubs being planted along Lion Gate Drive and in existing woodlands. The selected native plant species all provide important wildlife value such as providing fruit for migratory birds. The park will open some time in the Fall.

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 best way to learn about events in town during the rest of the year is through the monthly e-newsletter, E-Buzz. Subscribe Online at www.tinyurl.com/buzz456 or by texting "EBUZZ" to 22828.

Looking for outdoor fun this summer?

Turn to page 8 for all of our free events for you and your family.






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Bloomfield Council Meetings and Important Dates:

Township Council Conference Meeting Schedule

July 8, 7:00pm

Law Enforcement Building
Township Council Conference Meeting

July 22, 7:00pm

Civic Center, 84 Broad St. 1st Floor
Township Council Regular Meeting

August 19, 6:30pm

Town Hall - Municipal Building
Township Council Conference/Regular Meeting

September 9, 7:00pm

Law Enforcement Building
Township Council Conference Meeting

September 23, 7:00pm

Town Hall - Municipal Building
Township Council Regular Meeting

October 7, 7:00pm

Law Enforcement Building
Township Council Conference Meeting

October 28, 7:00pm

Town Hall - Municipal Building
Township Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00pm

Law Enforcement Building
Township Council Conference Meeting

November 25, 7:00pm

Town Hall - Municipal Building
Township Council Regular Meeting

December 9, 7:00pm

Law Enforcement Building
Township Council Conference Meeting

December 16, 6:30pm

Town Hall - Municipal Building
Combined Conference/Regular Meeting

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

Clerk’s Notices

Tuesday, October 15

Last day to register to vote or transfer registration
(Municipal Clerk’s Office is open 8:30am to 9:00pm this day)

Tuesday, October 29

Last day to request a “Vote by Mail Ballot” by mail

Tuesday, November 5

General Election Day. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm

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

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

Pet Adoption events hosted by Supporters of Bloomfield Animal Shelter

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Come meet adoptable pets from the Bloomfield Animal Shelter!

Bloomfield Pet Valu Adoption Event

11:00am-3:00pm at 192 Bloomfield Avenue
(Aldi shopping center, Bloomfield)

Saturday, July 13

Saturday, August 10

Saturday, September 14

Saturday, October 12

Saturday, November 9

Saturday, December 14

Clifton Pet Valu Adoption Event

11:00am-3:00pm at 225 Allwood Road, Clifton
(Clifton Towne Square, Clifton)

Saturday, July 20

Saturday, August 17

Saturday, September 21

Saturday, October 19

Saturday, November 16

Saturday, December 21

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

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



Oakeside Art Camps

All classes are held Monday to Friday,

9:00am to 2:00pm

240 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

973-429-0960 www.oakeside.org

Call for pricing

Session 1: Wizard School: Magical Crafts & Games

July 8 - 12

Session 2: Adventures in Cooking

July 15 - July 19

Session 3: Art Around the World

July 22 - July 26

Session 4: STEM: Science Exploration Camp

July 29 - August 2

Township Continues Improvements to the Dodd-Watsessing Corridor, Includes Newer, Rodent-Proof Trash Receptacles

As a part of a project to replace the signalization at Dodd St., Watsessing Ave and Orange St, new heavy trash containers will be put into place to keep our streets clean and keep out wild animals. As the Township continues improvement projects, existing street trash cans will be replaced with these newer, heavier trash cans.



Throughout town, residents are encouraged to tie their trash bags tightly, and place them in sealed garbage bins with strong, heavy lids.

Historical Society of Bloomfield

For all events, visit www.hsob.org or contact info@hsob.org; 973-743-8844

Vintage Baseball

Saturday, September 28, at 1:30pm

Wrights Field

(180 Weaver Ave. Parking lot located at bottom of Baldwin Place).

History buffs and sports fanatics alike can appreciate a fast-paced and historically accurate vintage baseball game at Wright's Field as the HSOB welcomes vintage baseball clubs the Bloomfield Buzzards vs. the Hoboken Nine. Don't expect modern baseball—this game will be played like it's 1864!

Theatre of Terror: Shooting Horror Films in Bloomfield

Tuesday, October 22, at 7:30pm

Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield.

FREE & open to the public.

Join Bloomfield filmmaker Tom Ryan as he discusses using beloved town landmarks Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center and Bloomfield Center—as well as other nearby locales, such as the Glen Ridge Library—as the backdrop for his 2018 horror anthology "Theatre of Terror."

Morris Canal Hike through Bloomfield.

November - TBD

The excursion is co-sponsored by The Bloomfield Morris Canal Greenway Committee, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and the Historical Society of Bloomfield.

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The Bloomfield Federation of Music Invites New Members to Join

With its wonderful variety of music from five Ensembles - youth band, mandolin, orchestra, chorale and civil band - there is something for everyone. Our 76th Season will begin in September 2019 and will conclude in July 2020. Visit www.bloomfieldfm.org to learn more.

SAVE the DATES:

SUMMER CONCERTS WITH THE CIVIC BAND

First four Monday evenings in July, 7 PM On the Green
(see page 8 for more details!).

Fall 2019: Mandolin Group Classes, sponsored by the Montclair Public Library
(inquire at bmomandolin@gmail.com).

Fall 2019: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Bloomfield Chorale
(inquire at bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com).

Clothing Drive Fundraiser for the Bloomfield Chorale - August 3 from 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Parking Lot of the Bloomfield Schools Administration Building on Broad St. across the street from the High School. Bring your lightly used clothes or household linens in bags to support the Chorale.

The Township of Bloomfield Health & Human Services Department has been awarded a grant to assist Essex County residents with back rent, security deposits or PSEG past due balances. In order to qualify for assistance, residents must prove to be sustainable in paying their bills moving forward. **Potential applicants can call 973-680-4017.**

We also offer benefits screenings to individuals and families to determine if they are eligible to apply for various assistance programs, which may **include food stamps, local food pantries, utility assistance programs, limited rent and mortgage assistance, and prescription assistance programs if qualifications are met.** For home-bound seniors and disabled residents, benefit screenings can be provided in the home. *Resources available in both Spanish and English.

Bloomfield Human Services now has a Certified Application Counselor on-site who can provide residents with free help understanding their insurance options under the Affordable Care Act (Obama Care).

Mayor Venezia's 2nd Annual Back to School Party and Book Bag Giveaway

August 25 at Felton Field, 145 Floyd Ave Bloomfield, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Food, Games, DJ and a Book bag giveaway for Bloomfield Pre-K thru 6th grade students. Call Human Services at **973-680-4017** to register. Limited slots available. *Sponsored by Mayor Venezia and the Township Council.*

Mayor's Turkey Giveaway

The 2019 Thanksgiving Turkey Give-Away sponsored by Mayor Michael Venezia will take place Sunday November 24 from 10:30am to noon in the back parking lot of **Town Hall, 1 Municipal Plaza.** *Must register between October 2 to November 15.* Limited slots available. **Call Human Services for criteria and to register at 973-680-4017.**

Human Services works with community partners during the holiday season to assist low income residents who do not have the ability to provide holiday food and presents for their family. **If you would like to sponsor a family or senior citizen, please call Human services 973-680 4017.**

The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services is offering Complimentary Lead Testing of Common Household Items and Soil for all residents on the following dates: **July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at Bloomfield Health Department, 1 Municipal Plaza, Room 111, from 10:00am-12:00pm.** Limited to three items, which may include *Toys, Ceramics, Metals, Plastics, Painted Products, Liquids, Makeup, Spices, Wood and more.*

Questions? Contact Gina Marie Behre at 973-680-4031 or Gbehre@bloomfieldtwpnj.com

NURSING LIST OF SCREENING EVENTS | JULY-DECEMBER 2019

The Nursing Department hosts its Well Child Program select Wednesdays during the month. **Appointments are required.** Please call nursing office at 973-680-4058.

WIC program every Friday in Bloomfield, 9:15am-3:15pm, by appointment. Call in advance: 973-395-8960.

Blood Pressure and Diabetes Screenings occur throughout the month. **TB Screenings** available by appointment only. Connect with Nixle for Important Health Department Information Sign up at www.nixle.com.

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. Please call Bloomfield Nursing Dept at 973-680-4058 to schedule an appointment for the following:

August 6 - Urinalysis Screening
10:00am-12:00pm Noon - \$10.

November 5 - Urinalysis Screening
10am-12:00pm Noon - \$10

September 24 - Osteoporosis Screening
10:00am-12:00pm Noon - \$12

December 17 - Osteoporosis Screening
10:00am-12:00pm Noon - \$12

October 9 -Pap & Mammography Screening
FREE, pending income requirements

October 21 - Blood Chemistry
By Appointment. Pre-payment & Pre-registration Required

November 19 - Men's Health Screening
FREE 6:30-8:30pm

Would you like to buy farm fresh vegetables right in your neighborhood?



The highly successful **Veggie Truck** is coming back to **Bloomfield Public Library (90 Broad St.)** at a **NEW TIME!!** 4:30 to 6:00pm every other Tuesday

July: 2, 16, 30 | **August:** 13, 27

September: 10, 24 | **October:** 8, 22 | **November:** 5

Cash, Credit, Debit, and S.N.A.P. Accepted. Senior Checks/ W.I.C., and S.N.A.P. Dollars Doubled.

For more information, contact the Bloomfield Health Department at 973-680-4024 or email mlordo@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Garbage and Recycling Calendar

Holidays when pickups will be suspended:
 July 4, September 2, November 28, December 25
 and January 1 (2020).

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

Unshaded:

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Shaded:

MIXED PAPER ONLY

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Events

Paper Shredding Day

Saturday November 2 from 9:00am-12:00pm. For residents only (must provide proof of residency), at the Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad St. This is not for commercial or industrial facilities.

Saturday Recycling Hours

The Public Works Yard at 230 Grove St. is open for recycling every Saturday from 9:00am-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 garbage pickup day of each week. Three items maximum. No need to call 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.

Fall Leaf Bag Collection will extend through December 31. On your recycling day, place leaves in biodegradable bags at curbside.

Christmas trees will be picked up on your regular recycling day December 26, 2019 through February 1, 2020.

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 or any service requests.

NO TRASH IN VEGETATIVE waste bags and no more than 50lbs.

Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
 Saturday October 5

Essex County Computer and Electronic Waste Recycling
 Saturday October 19

Both events at Essex County Fleet Management
 99 W. Bradford Ave.
 Cedar Grove, NJ
 Call 973-792-9060 for more information.

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

Accepted plastic recycling codes: 1, 2 and 5 ONLY

During Snow emergencies, please check out this link to see if you live on a snow plow route:
<https://bloomfieldtwpnj.com/246/Public-Works-Park-Maintenance>



Summer Camps & Clinics

Spots remain open in all of the following camps and clinics running July 1 through August 9.

Playgroup (age 4-5 and kindergarten) at the Forest Glen School.

Recreation Station (grades 1-7) at Watsessing Elementary School.

Station II – Special Needs Inclusion Camp at both camp locations.

Teen Travel Camp (grades 7-10) bus trips to Hurricane Harbor, The Funplex, iPlay America and more (July 8 – July 19)

Summer Sports & Activity Clinics (ages 6-13) traditional and non-traditional sports, or non-sport activities, typically two hours in the morning & two hours in the afternoon.

Co-Ed Summer Fitness Programs For ages 13 and Up

Location: Civic Center, 84 Broad St. \$50 each
Yoga – Tuesdays July 9, through August 13 from 6:00 to 7:00pm.
Zumba – Tuesdays July 9 through August 13 from 7:15 – 8:15pm.
Barre Pilates – Wednesdays, July 10 through August 14 from 6:00 to 7:00pm.



Friday Fun Nights

Parents' Night Off select Fridays: July 19, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 15, and December 6 and 13. Your kids will enjoy games, crafts, movies and pizza. (Additional assistance is provided for children with special needs.) The fee is \$20 per child and pre-registration is required.

Hank Barlow Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 7 at 8:00am at Farmstead Golf & Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. Proceeds will benefit the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs special needs program. The \$100 fee includes greens fee, cart, lunch and prizes.

Free Movies in the Park

Thursday, July 18 - WALL-E at Pulaski Park at 8:30pm. Presented in conjunction with Greener Bloomfield.
Friday, September 13 - Family Friendly movie and Family Camp Out in Pulaski Park. Pre-registration begins September 2.
Friday, September 20 - Family Drive-In Movie at Demarest Elementary School at 7:45pm. Pre-registration begins September 2.

Join the Bloomfield Art League!

Membership is only \$25 and includes class discounts, demonstrations by award winning artists, 10% Discount at Jerry's Artist Outlet, Community Events & more. Open Studio Access on Wednesdays from 12:45 - 3:45pm and 7:00 - 9:00pm,

Upcoming Demos & Events

July – Art in the Garden. Enjoy a guided painting lesson at Pulaski Park Community Garden on July 13. Free for members - \$25 for non-members

September – Joy of Painting demo

October – Pottery demo

November – Oakeside Art Exhibition
All local artists are welcome to participate! To enter the exhibition, email or mail a photo of your work (up to 3 pieces) to **Gabriela Guida** at gguida@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. The top 20 entries will be hung at Oakeside Manor from November 2 until November 29 . Prizes for 1st , 2nd and 3rd place. All mediums accepted.

Open to ages 14 and up. The exhibition is free to enter and a special reception will be held on November 2

Fitness & Programs for Bloomfield Seniors



At the Civic Center. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Senior Exercise – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:00am

Zumba Gold – Fridays, 10:00-11:00am

Seniorcise – Monday to Friday, 10:30am and 3:30pm, a new class airs each day. Tune to channel 35; for Verizon Fios, channel 30.

Senior Club Meetings are held the third Friday of every month (except August) at noon in the Civic Center. Dues are \$20 per year.

For details, call Dana Morton at 973-743-3332.

Bloomfield Dial-A-Ride is a free transportation service available to residents aged 60 and older or any resident with a disability. Vehicles travel throughout Essex County. Rides can be scheduled a month in advance. To schedule, call (973) 566-7194 Monday through Friday, between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Summer Fun!

Independence Day Celebration. July 4, at Foley Field.

Gates open at 5:30pm.

Enjoy music, food vendors, kids' amusements, face painting, games and awards. Fireworks start at 9:30pm. Last year's finale was short lived due to a fuse malfunction but our firework company added more shells to this year's finale to make it one you will remember!

Civic Band Concerts (Mondays, 7:00pm)

Bring lawn chairs and blankets to the Historic Town Green.

July 1 - An American Tribute

July 8 - Best of the Season

July 15 - Best of the Season 2

July 22 - Back to Broadway

* In case of inclement weather the concerts will be moved to Sacred Heart Church

Summer Concert Series (Tuesdays, 7:00pm)

Bring lawn chairs and blankets to Brookside Park

July 9 - Radio Nashville - Country Music Hits & Classics

July 16 - Jam Stampede - Grateful Dead Tribute

July 23 - One More Once - Big Band Music

July 30 - Professional Laser Light Show choreographed to the music of Led Zeppelin * Show starts at 8:15pm

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Department along with the Bloomfield Cruisers, Universal Technical Institute and Shelbourne will continue the Car Cruise Nights every Wednesday night in August from 6:00-9:00pm in Universal Technical Institute's parking lot at 1515 Broad St.

August 7 - First Responders' Night

August 14 - Automotive Dyno Run at UTI

August 21 - Featured Attraction - Famous TV Cars

August 28 - Drive In movie on a 25' Outdoor Movie System

Thank You, Sponsors!

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department extends its thanks to all of the generous sponsors of the 2019 Summer of Fun.

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IUOE Local 68	XCEL Federal Credit Union
Jack's Super Foodtown	Zi Zia Pizzeria & Trattoria

**Our sponsor list is up to date at the time of print, June 15, 2019

Fall events

Haunted Trail

Saturday, October 12

A scary stroll on the Bloomfield Morris Canal Greenway starting behind Demarest School to Morris Canal Park from 7:00-10:00pm. (Rain date October 13.)

Halloween Spooktacular

Saturday, October 19 at the Historic Town Green and Civic Center (Rain Date Saturday October 26)

Veteran's Day Parade

Monday, November 11, 10:30am - Join the mayor, town council and distinguished guests at a parade led by the Bloomfield High School Marching Band.

Radio City Holiday Excursion

Sunday, December 8 - Sign up for the annual bus trip to Radio City Music Hall for the Christmas Spectacular. Call for pricing.

Annual Holiday Event

Either Monday, December 2 or 9 at 6:30pm - Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Bloomfield High School and Middle School concert choirs will sing carols in front of Town Hall. Santa will make an appearance.

Children's Holiday Program

Saturday, December 14, 1:00-4:00pm - The celebration at the Civic Center will include refreshments, arts and crafts, face painting and pictures with Santa (bring your own camera).

Holiday House Decorating Contest

Show your holiday creativity. Email a JPEG photo and entry form to gguida@bloomfieldtwpnj.com, or bring them in person to the Civic Center by December 13.

2019 Fall Programs

Pre-registration begins Wednesday, September 4.

Sign-up at the Civic Center or online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Program dates and times are listed online, and include:

Adult Fitness:

Pilates, Yoga, Zumba

Tennis - All ages

And the following programs for kids:

- Children's Art
- Ballet & Tap
- Chess
- Cooking
- Hip-Hop Dance
- Intro to Sports
- Martial Arts
- Mad Science
- Pee Wee Football
- Sports Advance
- Tumble Tots
- Gymbly Tots



Bloomfield LGBTQ+ Pride hosts a happy hour from 6:00 to 7:00pm the first Monday of every month and the planning committee meets the second Monday of every month at the Bloomfield Civic Center from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

The Bloomfield Center Alliance hosts Dinner Under the Stars Friday July 12, 26, and all five Fridays in August, between 6:00-10:00pm on Washington St. Enjoy music, art and al fresco dining tables all along Washington St.

Car Cruise Nights continue Wednesdays July 10 through 31 on Broad St. between Bloomfield Ave. and Liberty St. The final Cruise Night will feature a great parade of cars. Call **973-429-8050** for more information on these and other great BCA events, follow **@BloomfieldCenter** on Facebook or Twitter or visit **www.bloomfieldcenter.com**.

Also be on the lookout for **HarvestFest**, Saturday October 12 from 11:00am - 7:00pm in Bloomfield Center.

The gazebo at Brookside Park is surrounded by a native wildflower garden funded by the Recreation Department and designed, planted and maintained by Greener Bloomfield. It is in its third year. Stop by and see the display anytime.

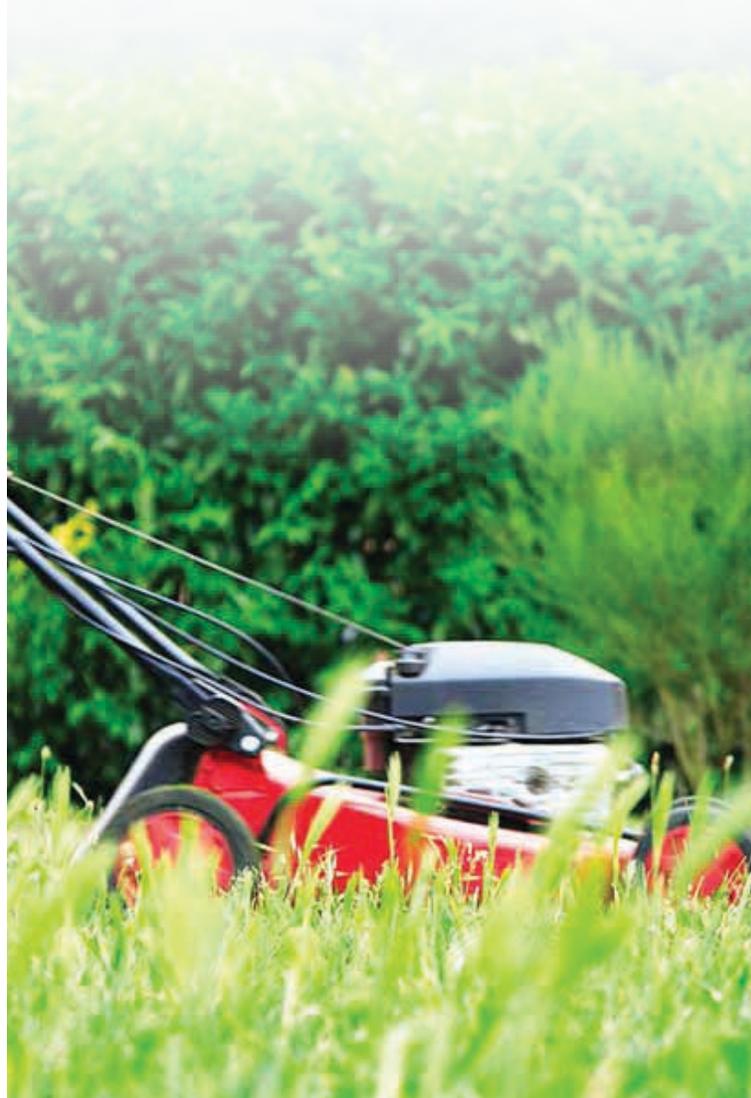
Bloomfield Community Gardens is hosting its **Second Annual Butterfly Class** Saturday, July 27, from 10:30 - Noon at Pulaski Park Community Garden (at the corner of Mt. Vernon and Howard -- parking lot on Mt. Vernon). Identify eggs, learn how to raise caterpillars and watch them grow into butterflies. Learn about the Community Garden's other events at **<https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/376/Community-Garden>**, or by emailing **bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com**.

Try Treating Lawns More Sustainably This Summer!

Lawn clippings are largely nitrogen and water. Left in place they feed the lawn naturally. **Clippings decompose rapidly, especially during summer months, when growth slows down. You may need no other fertilizer.** Taken out of the waste stream, left-in-place clippings lower municipal costs of pickup and reduce environmental costs related to transport and disposal.

Mowing lawns at a higher height (two and a half or three inches) is another practice that produces healthier lawns. It encourages deeper roots which help sustain a lawn through periods of drought.

Greener Bloomfield Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at the Civic Center during the winter and in the Mayor's conference room in July and August. Find out more at **www.facebook.com/GreenerBloomfield** or **Greenerbloomfield.org** or on twitter **@greener07003**.



News from the Bloomfield Division of Public Safety

Police Dept 973-680-4141 • Fire Dept 973-680-4153

The Fire Department is happy to help residents install smoke alarms and create a fire escape plan for your families, as well as install child car seats.

Grilling Safety

Only grill outside. Be sure to keep it at least 3 feet from any siding, eaves or deck rails. Open the lid of the gas grill before attempting to light it. Clean your grill after each use. This will remove grease that can start a fire. Call **973-680-4153** if you would like Fire Department personnel to come to your home or business and do a home safety inspection. We will schedule a time convenient for you and go over fire safety procedures and help identify any potential risks.



The Bloomfield Animal Shelter and Animal Control Division, which are managed by the Police Department, have obtained a new state-of-the-art vehicle for responding to calls. **Animal Control responded to 677 total calls for domestic animals and wildlife**, and this new vehicle makes our responders better prepared for these situations



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 highly successful annual Jr. Police Academy, for Middle and High School Students, will continue this summer, with engaging and educational itineraries weekdays **July 22-August 2** (Middle School) and **August 5-16** (High School). Due to an historic number of Middle School applications, some Middle School cadets will be allowed to join the High School program. For Registration info and application, **contact Brianna DeMaio at BDemaio@bloomfieldnjpd.com**

National Night Out, a community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, will be held on August 6 at Foley Field. Will have free pizza, drinks, amusements, give-aways, and a **Police vs Fire Annual Softball Game**. At 7:30pm, **Alotta Colada** will play your favorite party, island and summer music! Run in conjunction with Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs.

The Police Department wants to throw a pizza party for your child! Apply online at http://www.bloomfieldpdnj.com/pdfs/pizza_party_app.pdf



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**.

Bloomfield Fire Department Brunch and pictures with Santa

Date: November 30 - 10:00am-3:30pm

Location: 375 Franklin St Bloomfield, NJ

Requesting canned food for a \$2 discount on pictures with Santa which goes to Church on the Green food pantry (price TBD still). Breakfast for \$10 proceeds goes to BLFD Health Dept for a needy family in town.

VFW meetings at 369 Broughton Ave Bloomfield at 8:00pm every 3rd Tuesday of the month. If interested in joining please come and bring your **DD-214**.

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(Closed: July-August)

Holiday closings:

July 4, September 2, October 14, November 28 and December 25. Early closing November 27, December 24 and 31.

The Children's Department offers weekly Storytime Programs, monthly offsite Storytime events & special programs on Saturdays for elementary school students, and of course our sensational Summer Reading Program which runs from June 25 - August 1. **The Adult Department** will host both a Young Adult and Adult Summer Reading Program.

There are also programs including **Monday & Thursday** movies and monthly clubs where you can practice **Genealogy, Bridge, Knitting, Financial Education, Gaming and more.** There are book clubs for all reading interests (short stories, cookbooks, non-fiction, fiction). Special musical performances resume in **September on Saturdays:**

September 21, 1:00pm- The Joy of Hispanic Music

October 19, 1:00pm- Stroll in the Piazza: Collection of Italian, Classical, Traditional, Folk & Contemporary Hits

November 23, 12:00pm-

Mosaic Dance Middle Eastern Dance

December 14, 1:00pm- Mandolin Orchestra

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Mayor Michael Venezia

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

Council Members At Large:

Dr. Wartyna "Nina" Davis
Ted Gamble
Rich Rockwell

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A Summer Message From Mayor Michael Venezia

Happy Summer, everyone!

We are halfway through another great year in Bloomfield. *Thanks to the hard work of our Township employees and great civic engagement of thousands of residents*, we have:

- ✓ Maintained our Bond Rating of Aa2, which has allowed us to make capital improvements for millions of dollars less (As an example, in the recent restructuring of debt, we saved over \$2 Million)
- ✓ Upgrade our infrastructure, including water mains
- ✓ Upgraded our Police, Fire and EMS radios to operate even during the event of an emergency situation
- ✓ Introduced a Library homebound delivery system (in collaboration with our Recreation Department) so residents with limited mobility can still have great reading and multimedia resources at their fingertips
- ✓ Added accessible and free or very affordable health screenings through our Nursing Department
- ✓ Given out thousands of free PUR filters to residents to increase public health
- ✓ Upgraded our website, and launched the customizable Bloomfield Township, NJ Mobile App for Android and iPhone
- ✓ Planned wonderful summer events for residents of all ages, as you've read about in this edition, and many more accomplishments. This is truly a great time to live in Bloomfield.

From my family to yours, thank you for your involvement in making our community a great place to live, and **have a happy, healthy Summer!**

Mayor Michael Venezia

