

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



### Holiday Celebration!

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Bloomfield Civic Center

The event is FREE, but pre-registration is required and begins on 12/1. There are 3 time slots to choose from.

1:00-1:45 – Movie, refreshments, pictures with Santa, arts & crafts

2:00-2:45 – Story Time with the Children’s Library, pictures with Santa, arts & crafts

3:00-3:45 – Magic Show with Joe Fischer, pictures with Santa, arts & crafts

### Winter Program Registration

#### **Begins Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Our staff is excited to offer new classes such as the Art of Film making and Bridges & Building while continuing to offer many of your favorites!

Programs include Adult Fitness and Art Classes such as Yoga and Zumba, and Water coloring. Children’s programs including Pee Wee Basketball, Dance, Yoga Kids, & Winter Wonderfood! Register online 24 hours a day. Programs will begin in January 2022!

### Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

**FREE to enter and kit is included. Pre-registration is required and begins on 12/1. Limited kits available. Bloomfield resident winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Zi Zia’s Pizzeria (1 per household). New this year, Chanukah Gingerbread Houses by**

request.

**Gingerbread House Decorating Contest!**

FREE to enter and kit is included. Pre-Registration is required and begins Wednesday, December 1st @ 9:00am via [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org). Limited kits available. Winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate from

*Zia Pizzeria & Trattoria*  
80 Bay Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
Winner will be notified by December 20th!

For more info or to register, contact:  
**BLOOMFIELD**  
Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs  
(973) 743-9074 | [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

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**Holiday House Decorating Contest**

**Show your holiday spirit and creativity!**

Open to all Bloomfield households. To enter, please return the entry form below and a photo to the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department by mail or email no later than Friday, December 17, 2021.

Winner will receive a \$100 gift card for  
*Angelo's Restaurant & Pizzeria*  
303 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ  
Winner will be notified by December 20th!

Please complete entry form below and return to:  
Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
Or email [culturalaffairs@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:culturalaffairs@bloomfieldtwpnj.com)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

[culturalaffaris@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:culturalaffaris@bloomfieldtwpnj.com)

House Decorating Contest

Open to all Bloomfield residents. To enter, please email or mail a photo of your decorated home (inside or outside), along with your name, phone # and address to the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Dept. by December 17th. The winner will receive a family dinner (for 4) at Angelo's Pizzeria! Winner will be notified by 12/20/21.

[To access the form click here.](#)

For more info about events, or to enter contests, contact: (973)743-9074

Winter Sports

Currently practices are underway for our Suburban Girl's & Boys Travel and our Intown Girl's & Boys basketball teams. Suburban games will begin on December 11th.

Wrestling practices have been underway for a few weeks but limited spots still

**2022 High School Boys  
Intramural Basketball League**

Games will be played at:

Bloomfield High School  
160 Broad Street

**Informal shoot around and evaluations**

Saturday, Dec 11th - 3:00pm to 5:00pm  
(Main Gym)

**Practice**

Saturday, Dec 18th - 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

**Saturday game dates: (Mid Afternoon - ( 2, 3, 4, 5pm)**

Jan 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 Mar 5

Playoffs start week of Mar 7

Please fill out the form below and return it along with the  
\$50 registration fee to the Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

by 4:30PM - Thursday, December 9th, 2021

No participation with out pre-registration - No sign ups on 12/11/21

Or you can sign up at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

**\*\* Pre-Registration required. Limited to the first 90 people - First Come First Served\*\***

<b>Registration Starts Dec. 1st 9am</b>	<b>Registration Hours:</b> Monday - Fridays 8:30AM - 4:30PM Wednesday Nights 6:00PM - 8:30PM Or On-line anytime!	<b>Registration Starts Dec. 1st 9am</b>
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REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00

(Please make checks payable to the Bloomfield Recreation Department)

\*\* You must be a Bloomfield Resident to play in this league \*\*

You will be notified of your team name and first practice time by the end of the  
day on Thursday, Dec 16th

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(Cut here and return to the Bloomfield Recreation Department with \$50 payment)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: sm med lrg x-lrg xx-lrg Position: Guard Fwd Center

Skill Level: (circle one) 1st time player Average Above average

remain if you are interested.

Boys High School Intramural Basketball, will begin registration on December 1st @ 9:00am. Games will be played on Saturday afternoons starting in January. This league is offered to all boys high school students who are not on the high school team. Spots will be limited to 90 players so register today! [To access the form click here.](#)

Adult Co-Ed Open Gym Basketball will be available for two age groups as follows:

Mondays at Oakview Elementary School for ages 35+ from 8:00pm – 9:45pm.  
Thursdays at Bloomfield High School for ages 18+ from 8:00pm – 9:45pm.

If you are interested in participating please email [dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com) for more information.

Co-Ed Adult Pickle Ball Open Gym

Wednesday Nights at Oakview School for ages 18+- 8:00pm – 9:45pm.

Bloomfield Senior Citizen Programs

The Senior Zumba Gold runs all year long and is once again being offered as a live class in tandem with Zoom! Limited in-person spots! You can register online at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org), or by phone (973)743-9074.

Wednesdays & Fridays | Zumba Gold 10:00am – 11:00am held virtually at the Civic Center and via Zoom.

Senior Exercise is a low impact class designed especially for seniors to stay active and get fit at their own pace, and it will begin in January 2022!



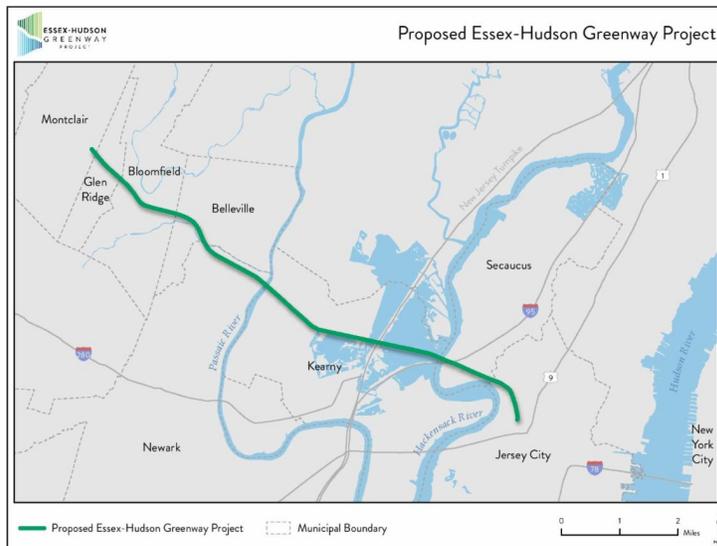
**Bloomfield Center  
Alliance**

Bloomfield Center Holiday Hunt (Saturday, December 11th/1 – 4 pm) – Remember to shop local and come on down to Bloomfield Center to do your holiday shopping this season! The Bloomfield Center Alliance

makes it a fun experience with an easy to follow “treasure map” that helps you find various sales and specials at participating retailers. Later, hang out at the Six Points Plaza (corner of

Bloomfield Avenue and Glenwood Avenue) for an afternoon of food, music, and ice sculpture carving! Details and registration information can be found at [www.bloomfieldcenterholidayhunt.com](http://www.bloomfieldcenterholidayhunt.com).

Bloomfield Center Holiday Window Design Contest (December 11<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>) – Help the BCA crown this year's best holiday window design in downtown Bloomfield. Participating stores will dress up their windows, after which pictures will be posted on the BCA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/BloomfieldCenter>). The public is invited to vote for their favorites by posting their "Likes" and the business with the highest number is named the winner! Join in the fun of this friendly competition that helps foster and promote the holiday spirit in downtown Bloomfield.



## Essex-Hudson Greenway Takes a Big Step Forward

The proposed Essex-Hudson Greenway came a big step closer to reality last month when Governor Murphy came to Bloomfield to announce that the state had committed to purchasing the 9-mile-long stretch of abandoned railway. "This new park will be a crown jewel of our state park

system," said Murphy, "providing much-needed recreational space to New Jerseyans and out-of-state visitors, while revitalizing and protecting environmentally sensitive areas."

The concept of turning the former Boonton branch line between Montclair and Jersey City into a hiking and biking trail was born more than a decade ago here in Bloomfield, according to Councilman and Environmental Commission Council Liaison Nick Joanow. Once completed, the greenway will provide opportunities for exercise and enjoying nature along its full length as it passes through suburbs, urban areas and the Meadowlands. Plantings along the route will provide food and habitat for butterflies and other pollinators.

Governor Murphy's announcement represents the first step in a lengthy process of creating the Greenway once the state's purchase of the land is complete. The Environmental Commission and other environmentally-focused groups in Bloomfield plan to be involved in the park's planning.

For more information, visit <https://www.essexhudsongreenway.org/>



## December Recycling and Garbage Calendar

Week of 12/5-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 12/12-cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 12/19-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 12/26- cardboard and mixed paper recycling

*Leaf bags will be picked up until the end of December weather permitting. Leaves must be bagged in biodegradable bags and weigh under 50lbs. After that date, please call the office. 973-680-4127*

*DPW Offices are closed December 24th*

*No garbage collection December 25th*

*Recycling Depot will be closed December 25th*

*Recycling Depot will be open on December 26th (9am – 1pm)*

*DPW Offices are closed December 31st*

*No garbage collection January 1st*

*Recycling Depot will be closed January 1st*

*Recycling Depot will be open on January 2nd (9am – 1pm)*

*Real Christmas Trees will be collected on your recycling collection day until February 1, 2021*

## Saturday Recycling Hours

The Public Works yard at 230 Grove St. is open every Saturday from 9am-1pm. No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper, commingled items, cardboard, metal and electronics.

## Bulk Pickup

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)

Picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW no later than 3pm the Monday before scheduled Tuesday pickup.

## Recycle Coach App

Recycle Coach: The Township of Bloomfield has partnered with Recycle Coach to help residents reduce waste and become better recyclers. The Recycle Coach App is available for FREE, download on Android and iPhone.

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## December Council Meetings

The Monday, December 13, 2021 Combined Conference/Regular Meeting will be a

hybrid meeting beginning at 6:30pm and open to the public. The public always has an opportunity to make public comments to the Mayor and Council during public meetings.

The Township Council Meeting will be streaming live on Channel 35, (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), YouTube or Facebook Live. A link for the livestream will be posted on the township website, [www.bloomfieldwpnj.com](http://www.bloomfieldwpnj.com).

The public will be able to be in person in the Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003, but seating will be limited due to COVID-19. When you are called upon at the meeting, please state your name, address and then your comment. You will have five minutes total to speak.

Or if you choose to call-in during the meeting - please dial-in using this number 425-436-6348 Access: 277839#. When you are called upon, please state your name, address and then your comment. You will have five minutes total to speak as well. Or if you have a comment or a question, but are not attending the meeting, you may submit it in writing to the Township Clerk at [twpcclerk@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:twpcclerk@bloomfieldwpnj.com). The Municipal Clerk will read on the record your question or comment during the public comment portion of the meeting. You should submit your name, address and state your question or comment. Submissions will be accepted until 6:15pm on the day of the meeting.

The agenda as well as supporting resolutions and ordinances can be found on the township website.

Any questions should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office at 973-680-4015 during regular business hours 8:30am-4:30pm.



### **Bloomfield VFW Post 711 Looking for New Members!**

Bloomfield VFW Post 711 is eagerly looking for active members to join our post. We meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm. The meetings are at the post 369 Broughton Ave. Bloomfield, NJ 07003. If interested in joining please bring a copy of your DD-214 for verification purposes.



The Bloomfield  
Police Department

Annual  
**TOY  
DRIVE**

THE BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO  
CONTINUE WITH OUR ANNUAL TRADITION OF THE  
CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE.  
DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND THE SAFETY OF ALL  
INVOLVED, THIS YEAR WE WILL BE DELIVERING TO THE  
HOMES OF FAMILIES IN NEED.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN NEED THIS  
HOLIDAY SEASON,  
PLEASE CONTACT OUR YOUTH AID DIVISION BY  
DECEMBER 13, 2021  
(973) 680- 4159  
SMALDONADO@BLOOMFIELDNJPD.COM

\*DELIVERIES WILL BEGIN  
DECEMBER 20, 2021\*




**ADOPT -A- FAMILY**

Spread the holiday cheer by sponsoring a Bloomfield family in  
need with gifts this holiday season.  
Contact Neighbor to Neighbor Network to get more details on how  
you can help.

Register here to help:  
<https://forms.gle/iuZevTo6riMicZve6>

Or contact us via  
[Ntnnvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:Ntnnvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com)  
973-680-4017



**NEIGHBOR to neighbor  
NETWORK®**



the Dukes Stole Christmas

12/6 @6:30 Monday

BookClub: Apeirogon by Colum McCann

12/21@6:30 Non Fiction

BookClub: Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr, Malcolm X, and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation

12/11@2:30 holiday card-making demonstration/session (ages teens+adults).

Experiencing hunger? Free "Healthy Meal in a Box" sponsored by Toni's Kitchen (sandwiches also available). Food pantry in courtyard open 24/7.

Loan a tablet or hotspot at the Circulation Desk (Bloomfield cardholders ages 18+

Seasonal Storytime: Dec 7, 14 & 21: Tuesdays at 2 & 2:45pm; Thursdays at 10:30 and 11:15am. All events require registration through our website;

<https://www.bplnj.org/library-calendar>

Masks are required for everyone (ages 2+). Snacks provided by Toni's Kitchen.

12/8@11am: Storytime Boogie with Ms. Katie from Shooting Star Dance Center. Registration required (use the link above).

12/11@11am: Children take turns reading with Brady the Therapy Dog in small groups. A take-home craft will be provided. Masks are required. No registration but groups will be assembled on a first come/first served basis.

Stay tuned for special programs to take place during the week the Bloomfield Schools are closed! Details to be revealed on our website and social media pages.



**The Bloomfield Chorale will perform for the first time since 2019 with a Concert of Peace and Joy for the Holidays. Come join us to start your Holiday Celebration with the Sounds of the Season.**

**When: Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**

**Where: The Watchung Presbyterian Church  
375 Watchung Avenue  
in Bloomfield**

**Admission is FREE! It is our gift to the Community to give back for your loyal support over the years. (Donations will be gratefully accepted.)**

**Please note the following measures we are taking in light of the COVID Virus still present in our Community for the safety of our Singers and our Audience.**

- Masks are mandatory for admittance.
- We ask that you Social Distance in your seating.
- Our Singers will be wearing what's known as a Sing Safe Mask at all times.
- We will not be having a Sing-Along or Refreshments because that would necessitate the removal of masks.

## Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services

Call Bloomfield Human Services if you need help with back rent, mortgage, utilities, food, prescriptions, or health insurance. Experienced social workers will provide an in person or virtual screening and help any residents who meet eligibility criteria with applications for an assortment of assistance programs. We also help seniors who are in need of Medicaid, Medicare, or home health aides. Human Services social workers can be reached at 973 680 4017.



**BLOOMFIELD HUMAN SERVICES CAN HELP!**

Call Bloomfield Human Services if you need help with:

- **Back rent**
- **Mortgage**
- **Utility assistance**
- **Food programs**
- **Prescription programs**
- **Health insurance**
- **Senior services**
- **Mental Health Services**

Experienced social workers will provide an in person or virtual screening and help any eligible residents with applications for an assortment of assistance programs.

Human Services social workers can be reached at **973-680-4017**



**Public Health**  
Protect. Promote. Prevent.

## ¡BLOOMFIELD HUMAN SERVICES PUEDE AYUDAR!

Llame a Bloomfield Human Services si necesita ayuda con:

- Alquiler atrasado
- Hipoteca
- Asistencia de servicios públicos
- Programas alimentarios
- Programas de prescripción
- Seguro de salud
- Servicios para personas mayores
- Servicios de salud mental

Los trabajadores sociales experimentados proporcionarán una evaluación en persona o virtual y ayudarán a los residentes elegibles con las solicitudes para una variedad de programas de asistencia.

Los trabajadores sociales de Servicios Humanos pueden ser contactados al 973-680-4017



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