

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



Bloomfield's Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs is proud to offer a summer camp experience at three locations. Activities will include safe and socially distant games, crafts, outside play, and more!

**Oak View School** (Students currently in Pre-K & Kindergarten) **Brookdale School** (Students currently in grades 1 - 2) **Watsessing School** (Students currently in grades 3 - 7)

In the month of July, we're offering afternoon hours only so that we can observe social distancing guidelines as the school district hosts summer school activities each morning.

**JULY 6 - JULY 30**

Afternoons only | 1:30PM - 4:30 PM  
(Doors open at 1:00PM)  
\$85 per week

**AUGUST 2 - 13**

Full day | 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
(Doors open at 8:00AM)  
\$150 per week

Online Registration will begin **Wednesday, May 5 at 10:00 AM** at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org). Prepare to upload photos for proof of residency and your child's current report card for proof of grade level.

**BLOOMFIELD** Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs (973) 743-9074 [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

Summer Camp registration has been underway for over a month and available spots are filling up quickly. Don't miss the opportunity for your children to have fun, meet new friends and get back to some sense of normalcy.

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is proud to offer a summer camp experience at three locations. Activities will include safe and socially distant games, crafts, outside play, and more! Limited number of spots are available at each camp to ensure social distancing guidelines are met. Visit [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) to access our online registration system, Community Pass. Full credit card payment at time of registration is required. Please be prepared to upload documents for proof of residency

as well as your children's current report card for grade verification.

Oak View School: Students currently in Pre-K and Kindergarten (must turn 4 by 8/13/21)

Brookdale School: Students currently in grades 1 - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Watsessing School: Students currently in grades 3 – 7<sup>th</sup>

In the month of July, we are offering afternoon hours only, so that we can observe social distancing guidelines as the school district hosts their "Unfinished Learning Summer School Program" each morning.

July: Afternoons Only, \$85 per week

1:30 - 4:30pm (Doors open at 1:00pm)

Week 1: July 6 – 9 (off July 5)

Week 2: July 12 – 16

Week 3: July 19 – 23

Week 4: July 26 – 30

August: Full Day, \$150 per week

8:30am – 4:30 PM (Doors open at 8:00am)



## 2021 Summer Sports Clinics

**AGES 6 - 13 YEARS**  
All clinics are Co-Ed and \$40 Each | Bloomfield residents only.

Clinics run Monday - Friday and all equipment is included. For inclement weather updates call 973-743-7593 after 9:00AM for morning sessions, and after 12:00PM for afternoon sessions. Additional assistance will be provided to children with special needs.

Online Registration begins **Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

<b>WEEK 1</b> July 6 <sup>th</sup> - July 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WEEK 2</b> July 12 <sup>th</sup> - July 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WEEK 3</b> July 19 <sup>th</sup> - July 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>FISHING</b> 9:30AM - 11:30am @ Clarks Pond	<b>BASKETBALL</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Pulaski	<b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Lion Gate
<b>FOOTBALL</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Lion Gate	<b>TRACK &amp; FIELD</b> 12:30pm - 2:30pm @ Lion Gate	<b>SOCCER</b> 12:30pm - 2:30pm @ Lion Gate
<b>BASKETBALL</b> 12:30pm - 2:30pm @ Pulaski	<b>WEEK 5</b> Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WEEK 6</b> Aug 9 <sup>th</sup> - Aug 13 <sup>th</sup>
<b>WEEK 4</b> July 26 <sup>th</sup> - July 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FISHING</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Clarks Pond	<b>SPEED &amp; AGILITY</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Lion gate
<b>SOCCER</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Lion Gate	<b>BASEBALL/SOFTBALL</b> 9:30am - 11:30am @ Pulaski	<b>FOOTBALL</b> 12:30pm - 2:30pm @ Lion gate
<b>GOLF</b> 12:30pm - 2:30pm @ Pulaski	<b>SPEED &amp; AGILITY</b> 12:30pm - 2:30pm @ Lion Gate	<b>ADDRESSES</b> Pulaski Park - 24 Mt. Vernon Ave Clark's Pond - 111 Dewey St. Lion Gate - Lion Gate Dr.

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## Summer Sports Clinics

Location: Pulaski Park, Clarks Pond & soon to be completed Lion Gate Park

Ages: Ages 6 through 13

Dates: Individual weeks – 6 Weeks – July 6 – August 13

Time: Morning sessions and/or afternoon sessions

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department will offer a wide variety of outdoor sports clinics with traditional sports such as: soccer, football, baseball, softball, basketball, track & field, and tennis. Nontraditional sports such as: fishing and golf.

All programs are affordably priced and most start at \$40 for the week and all social distancing and safety protocols will be followed based on the CDC and the State guidelines. All clinics have maximum capacities so register today!

\*\* All of our program offerings are welcoming of children with special needs and additional assistance will be provided to insure an enjoyable experience. \*\*

## Summer Fitness Classes

Registration for our Summer Fitness Classes will begin on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. You can register online at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) or call us at 973-743-9074.

Line Dance Class – Via Zoom

Mondays 10:00am – 11:00am July 12 – Aug. 16

Yoga Kids – On the Green (84 Broad St.) and streamed via Zoom

Mondays 4:00pm – 4:45pm July 12 – Aug. 16



# 2021 Summer Adult & Youth Classes

**Pre-Registration is Required**  
**Classes are \$15 for all 6 weeks. Equipment is not included.**

For inclement weather updates call 973-743-7593.  
 Additional assistance will be provided to children with special needs.

Online Registration begins **Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

## Line Dance

**ZOOM Virtual Class**  
 Get ready to stomp, twirl and scarf with instructor Katie Hickey! This class will teach 1-2 beginner line dances a week using both country and non-country music.

**Mondays** | Ages 18 and up  
 10:00am - 11:00am  
 July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16

## Yoga Kids

**OUTDOOR** | Town Green & Streamed on Zoom  
 Students will learn kid friendly techniques with longtime instructor Sandy Gola of Anesthyst Project.

**Mondays** | Ages 7-12  
 4:00pm - 4:45pm  
 July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16

## Yoga

**OUTDOOR** | Town Green & Streamed on Zoom  
 Students will learn classic techniques with longtime instructor Sandy Gola of Anesthyst Project.

**Mondays** | Ages 18 and up  
 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
 July 12, 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16

## Qigong

**ZOOM Virtual Class**  
 Qigong (chi kung) is an ancient Chinese practice that incorporates slow, gentle, low-impact movements in harmony with breathing. Taught by instructor Maxine Becker.

**Tuesdays** | Ages 18 and up  
 10:00am - 11:00am  
 July 6, 13, 20, 27, Aug 3, 10

## Zumba

**OUTDOOR** | Town Green & Streamed on Zoom  
 An aerobic fitness program featuring movements inspired by various styles of salsa, flamenco and merengue. Taught by instructor Eve Kalloudis.

**Wednesdays** | Ages 13 & up  
 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
 July 7, 14, 21, 28, Aug 4, 11

## Zumba Kids

**OUTDOOR** | Town Green & Streamed on Zoom  
 Kid friendly routines based on original Zumba choreography. Taught by instructor Katherine Godoy.

**Thursdays** | Ages 7 - 12  
 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
 July 8, 15, 22, 29, Aug 5, 12

## Zumba Family

**Every participant must register.**  
**OUTDOOR** | Town Green & Streamed on Zoom  
 Family friendly Zumba routines. Taught by instructor Katherine Godoy.

**Fridays** | All Ages  
 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
 July 9, 16, 23, 30, Aug 6, 13

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Zumba For The Family – On the Green (84 Broad St.) and streamed via Zoom  
 Fridays 5:00pm – 6:00pm July 9 – Aug. 13

## Summer Senior Fitness Classes

Zumba Gold – via Zoom

Wednesdays & Fridays 10:00am – 11:00am June 16 – Aug. 20

Yoga Adults – On the Green (84 Broad St.) and streamed via Zoom  
 Mondays 5:00pm – 6:00pm July 12 – Aug. 16

Qigong – Via Zoom  
 Tuesdays 10:00am – 11:00am July 6 – Aug. 10

Zumba Adult – On the Green (84 Broad St.) and streamed via Zoom  
 Wednesdays 6:00pm – 7:00pm July 7 – Aug. 11

Zumba Kids – On the Green (84 Broad St.) and streamed via Zoom  
 Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm July 8 – Aug.

## 2021 Summer of Fun

The 2021 Summer of Fun might look and feel a little different, but we are committed to providing free fun family events for our residents through the summer and into the fall! As we continue to follow social distancing guidelines and outdoor maximum capacity requirements, we are hoping Executive Orders allow for larger social gatherings as the year progresses.

As we proved last year, we can safely administer outdoor movies in the park, drive in movies and Classic Car Cruise Nights. We are also planning Youth Band and Civic Band Concerts in the summer and we are diligently planning to bring back our Free Music Concert Series in the fall! Additionally, we plan to have our Annual Fireworks Spectacular in the fall at our last scheduled concert!

Here is a look ahead for our 2021 Summer of Fun

Youth Band & Civic Band Concerts In the Park

Youth Band Concerts – Sunday Afternoon – June 13 – 1:00pm and Friday, July 23 – 7:30pm

Civic Band Concerts – Monday Evenings - June 14, 28, July 12, 26 – Pulaski Park

Outdoor Movies / Drive-Ins

Outdoor Movies/Drive In – Tuesday Evenings – July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3 – Locations TBD

Hank Barlow Golf Outing

Wednesday, August 4 – Farmstead Golf & Country Club – 8am

Hot Summer Nights Car Show/Cruise Nights

Wednesday Evenings, August 4, 11, 18, 25 – Universal Technical Institute – 6–9pm

Overnight Family Campout/Movie

Friday, September 17 – Pulaski Park – 6pm

Free Fall Concert Series

Tuesday Evenings - September 21, 28, October 5 – Locations TBD

Fall Concert Series Finale & Fireworks

Saturday, October 16 – Foley Field – Time TBD

*Thank you to our generous sponsors who are supporting our 2021 Summer of Fun*

Platinum Headline Sponsor

Arlington Developers  
Investors Bank

Gold Sponsor

Brookdale ShopRite  
Town Pub

Silver Sponsor

Bloomfield Steak & Seafood House  
Clara Maass Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas Health  
CME Associates  
ECRB Towing & Recovery  
Glendale Cemetery Association

Bronze

Bloomfield College  
Bloomfield FMBA Local #19  
Bloomfield PBA Local #32  
Bloomfield Window and Door Company  
Jack's Super Foodtown  
Metro Real Estate Development Corp.  
Millennium Strategies  
O'Boyle Funeral Home  
Provident Bank  
Shooting Star Dance Center  
Sports and Golf Solutions  
Universal Technical Institute

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*BHS Football Alumni Coaching Staff includes:  
current & former, NFL players & coaches and  
Division I, II & III student-athletes and coaches.*

WHEN: **Saturday, June 26th 2021 (RAIN or SHINE)**  
WHERE: **FOLEY FIELD TURF**  
TIME: **8:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
DETAILS: **1. Boys & Girls Entering: Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**2. Check in 8:30 - 9 am.**  
**3. Campers should bring turf cleats and / or sneakers.**

*Visit our website to Register!*

<https://www.bhsfootballcamp.com>

\*Online Registration will be taking place during May - June.

\*Our website also has specific information about the camp, Intro to Volunteer Coaching Staff, the Camp Schedule, Camp Pictures, etc.

## **BHS FOOTBALL ALUMNI CAMP 10th Anniversary**

Since 2010, the Bloomfield High School Football Alumni Camp has been a huge success due to the generous donations we receive from our sponsors.

These donations have allowed well over 1,500 Bloomfield Youth to attend our football camp for FREE!

This year each camp participant will receive an Alumni Camp T-shirt, Bengal Gator Mask, 10th Anniversary Camp Wristband, offensive and defensive position-specific group instruction on

football techniques and drills.

Our volunteer staff consists of BHS Football Alumni that continued their athletic careers in college, and some onto the NFL!

Our Alumni Volunteer Staff has over 300 years of football playing and coaching experience!

The Bloomfield High School Varsity Football Program is also part of the Alumni Camp. Our Alumni Staff runs a morning position-specific workout with the Bengals.

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## Recycling Calendar



### June Recycling Calendar

*Monday, May 31-Memorial Day-Garbage is cancelled until next pick up on Thursday, June 3; Recycling is delayed one day, and picked up on Tuesday, June 1. The rest of the week's schedule remains the same – no changes. See Below for Recycling Schedule:*

*Schedule:*

Week of Tues. June 1 -mixed paper and cardboard

Week of June 7 -commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of June 14 -mixed paper and cardboard

Week of June 21 -commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

Week if June 28 -mixed paper and cardboard

### Leaf/Grass Clippings

Picked up on your Recycling day. Collection will continue weekly under November. All leaves and lawn debris must be placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags. Bags shall be limited to a weight of 50 pounds or less. Any bags weighing more than 50 pounds will NOT be collected. Limbs, branches, loose wood, and brush shall be cut and tied in lengths not exceeding 3 feet and not to exceed 25 pounds.

### Saturday Recycling Hours

The Public Works Yard at 230 Grove St. is open for recycling every Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm (closed July 4). No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper/cardboard, commingled items-glass, aluminum and plastic (recycling codes 1,2 and 5 ONLY), electronics and used water filters. MASKS REQUIRED.

### Bulk Pickup of Large Items

(No metals, appliances) occurs on the second garbage pickup day of each week. Three items maximum. You do not need to call the office to have items picked up.

### Metals and Appliances

(Not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW at 973-680-4127 no later than 3:00pm the Monday before the scheduled Tuesday pickup. NO TRASH, DIRT AND ROCKS IN VEGETATIVE waste bags. Large branches must be bundled and tied in 4ft. lengths. (Waste bags and bundles may not weigh more than 50lbs).

## 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.

## 2021 Recycling Calendar

For a full 2021 recycling calendar click [here](#).

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## The Essex-Hudson Greenway Project

Have you heard about the Essex-Hudson Greenway project that will utilize the 8.6 miles of abandoned train tracks on the former Boonton train line? It's an exciting project that has been in the works for years and is now at the final steps of approval. Here's a quick summary of what this project entails:

The Open Space Initiative (OSI) is in negotiations with Northern Southern Railway to purchase the entire line before the property is divided and parceled out. Engineering surveys and environmental studies are underway.

The greenway would extend through eight towns beginning at the tip of Montclair and following the former train line through Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Belleville, Newark, Kearney, Secaucus, and into Jersey City.

The project would provide 135 acres of new green space.

The Greenway path will be 100 ft. wide to include biking and walking space.

Entranceways would be located at specific spots along the greenway, as well as seating areas.

For more details and a map of the proposed area, go to [www.essexhudsongreenway.org](http://www.essexhudsongreenway.org)

Can you imagine being able to walk from Bloomfield across both the Hackensack and Passaic Rivers right into Jersey City? Want to show your support for this wonderful project? Send a letter supporting the project to Gov. Murphy via the website link above.

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## Bloomfield High School Theater Department

The Bloomfield High School Theater Department is closing out a successful season with their final show for the year, SIX FEET APART. The students and staff have successfully produced 3 performances with in-person audiences through the season. Theater teacher and director, Brandon Doemling has worked long hours to create COVID- compliant productions that allowed the students to perform with as little restriction as deemed safe, and for the audience experience to be accommodating and comfortable. The Thespian Society has been recognized with nominations from the MSU Theatre Night Foxy Awards, taking place in late May. The groups were nominated for the following awards:

### ABBOTT & COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN

1. Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Play (Unmasked)

Andrew Lo Monte Wilbur

2. Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Play (Unmasked)

Kyron Roberts Chick

3. Outstanding Achievement by an Acting Ensemble of a Play (Unmasked) 4.

Outstanding Achievement in Sound Design

5. Outstanding Production of a Play (Unmasked)

#### THE DROWSY CHAPERONE

1. Outstanding Achievement by an Acting Ensemble of a Musical

2. Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Musical

Marcus Jean Robert Martin

3. Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Musical

Grace Carlin Fan in Chair

4. Outstanding Performance by an Actress in a Musical

Elizabeth Nucci Janet Van de Graaff

5. Outstanding Production of Musical

*The Drowsy Chaperone*

Brandon Doemling

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## June Council Meetings

Due to multiple Executive Orders declared by Governor Murphy and in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19, the Monday, June 14, 2021 Conference Meeting and the Monday, June 28, 2021 Regular Meeting will both be hybrid meetings beginning at 7pm 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 Meetings 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.

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 [twpclerk@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:twpclerk@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 6:45pm 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.

### Important Upcoming Election Dates

Tues., June 1 is the Last Day to Apply for a Vote-by-Mail Ballot for Primary Election.

Tues., June 8 is Primary Election Day. Polls open 6am to 8am.

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

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### **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 3rd 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.



### **Bloomfield Public Library**

June 2 @ 6:30pm - Broadway Bound, free concert on zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84481652084>

Queer Book Club starts 6/15 @6:30pm

June 18 @ 2pm - Online Seminar - Warning signs of teen drug abuse including Vaping. Info TBA

June 23 at 6:30 - Journaling meetup in person, outside in the library courtyard

Adult Summer Reading Challenge begins 6/28. Pick up your bingo card beginning that day, and submit anytime before August 27 to be entered to win our grand prize

June 29 - Non Fiction book club meets.

#### **Outdoor Storytime Events in the Library Courtyard:**

Tuesday June 1 Storytime Boogie Pajama Party! 6pm. Rain date June 8.

Monday June 7, 6:30pm Monday Book Club

Saturday June 12 Read with Brady the Therapy Dog 11am. Weather permitting.

Thursday June 17 Pop Up Storytime 11am. Weather permitting.

**Summer Reading Program begins June 28.** For children up to age 12. Check our website for a schedule of programs and events.

Please follow us on Facebook for more details and information on library programs!  
Or give us a call at 973-566-6200 with any questions.



## **ANNOUNCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF A NEW FOOT PATROL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE**

On Monday May 3, the Bloomfield Police Department initiated a new foot patrol community engagement initiative in various commercial areas of the township. The foot patrols are designed for our officers to have positive interactions with members of the business community as well as the pedestrians and customers that are patronizing these areas.

“Our Police Department works incredibly hard to keep residents safe and they do a tremendous job of that every day,” said Mayor Venezia. “It is critical to all of us that interactions between our police officers and the community are overwhelmingly positive and a great way to ensure that this is the case is by having our officers engage with the community on a regular basis. Community policing is a key component of policing in our township and it will continue to be in the future.”

Veteran Police Officers Victor Gonzalez and Teobaldo Osis have been selected by the Public Safety Director to lead this initiative.

“These officers have a record of superior performance and a love for the department and community that makes them a perfect fit for this type of initiative,” said Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio. “We want the same officers out there in the selected areas every day so the residents and business owners can get to know them personally and build a positive connection.”

The initial areas selected for the patrols are the Bloomfield Center, the North Center, segments of Bloomfield Ave. and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. The foot patrols will be supplemented with bicycle patrols and Segway patrols as well as we expand through the township as the summer progresses.

Creating positive interactions and relationships with the community has been a goal of Mayor Venezia for the past 5 years. This initiative adds to the many community engagement initiatives that have been implemented and continue to be implemented throughout the township. It is the daily mission of BPD to have a seamless and mutually positive connection of trust and respect with the community they serve.

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## **Bloomfield Police Hold Mental Health and De- Escalation Training for 50 Officers**

The Bloomfield Police Department recently conducted mental health and de-escalation training for 50 Police Officers. The training was provided by Cavanaugh & Keenan LLC and focused on 5 main topics:

1. Overview of Mental Illness
2. De-Escalation and Active listening
3. Use of Force Guidelines
4. Culture, LGBTQ and Biases
5. Deal with Anger/Empathy

Responding to mental illness and de-escalating encounters with citizens has become a daily occurrence in police work. De-escalation is a method of using verbal and nonverbal actions to reduce a person's agitation, by communicating, understanding and acknowledging the issue that is causing their aggravated state.

"Our officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our community, especially so during the COVID-19 health crisis and for that we are eternally grateful," said Mayor Venezia. "In order to ensure that encounters between the public are overwhelmingly positive, our officers take part in training which gives them the skills to deal with a variety of situations. Director DeMaio and the entire Bloomfield Police Department are leading the way in always being ahead of the curve on public safety."

Officers face scrutiny and potential liability with each encounter. To some people, having the ability to de-escalate comes naturally while for others, teaching the information to respond in a thoughtful manner, is a tool that they may need to avoid intensifying a situation.

Mental illness and de-escalation is a complex and ever changing field. The course the officers attended, will make officers think about information that would assist them in an interaction to achieve the best possible outcome.

On August 10-11, 2021, three officers including the commander of the BPD training bureau, will attend a practical de-escalation tactics and critical decision-making instructor course provided by Homefront Protective Group. This course will enable the Police Department to conduct in-service training for officers on an annual basis.

This course will equip each officer with the appropriate and effective skills to maintain public and officer safety. It will focus on how to integrate the effective communication for reducing conflict into the agency's current policies and procedures for immediate implementation.

"I cannot stress enough how important it is to equip our officers with the absolute best possible training so that they are prepared for any situation they may encounter," said Public Safety Director Samuel DeMaio. "The goal is always to ensure the safety of our officers as well as the safety of the public. As policing continues to change, the Bloomfield Police Department will continue to be at the forefront of the best training and technology available to us."

Having members of the department trained as trainers in these areas will enable the BPD to make this not a one-time event, but an ongoing part of its annual curriculum for in service training. This will keep officers at the cutting edge of the best training possible which is always evolving.

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# The Bloomfield Police Department's JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY



THE BLOOMFIELD JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PURSUING A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

THIS FREE ACADEMY PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RECRUITS TO EXPERIENCE WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER.

BOYS AND GIRLS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN 5TH, 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADE ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.

**THE JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY TRAINING WILL BE HELD MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 9:00AM- 2:00 PM LOCATION: BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL JULY 19- JULY 23 (6TH GRADE) JULY 26- JULY 30 (7TH GRADE) AUGUST 2- AUGUST 6 (8TH GRADE) AUGUST 9- AUGUST 13 (9TH GRADE +)**



**25 SPOTS AVAILABLE PER GROUP APPLICATION DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2021**

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY ACTIVITIES:  
GANG AWARENESS, K9, CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION,  
ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING, SWAT DEMO, MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS,  
DRILL & CEREMONY AND MORE...

**FOR REGISTRATION INFO AND APPLICATION, CONTACT BRIANNA DEMAIO  
BDEMAIO@BLOOMFIELDNJPD.COM**

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## Human Services is Here to Help!

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. ([English](#) and [Spanish](#) Flyer)

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## 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**



## ¡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**



## BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE PRESIDENT MARCHETA P. EVANS RECOGNIZED WITH NAACP FREEDOM FUND PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Bloomfield College President Marcheta P. Evans, Ph.D.,



was bestowed with a President's Award as a "Thought Leader" by the Oranges and Maplewood Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at its 108th Annual Freedom Fund Gala held virtually on May 8, 2021.

This year's event theme was "When We Fight, We Win," focusing on the leadership that the organization has shown in creating transformative change for its members.

"The NAACP has made significant strides to advance our quest for justice and equality, for all people. There is nothing more powerful and rewarding than to know you have had a hand in transforming someone's life. Helping them realize their full potential. At Bloomfield College, we have the opportunity and responsibility to be those change agents," said Marcheta P. Evans, Ph.D., president of Bloomfield College.

The keynote address was given by Congressman Hakeem S. Jeffries (D-Brooklyn 8th District) who serves in the House leadership as Democratic Caucus Chairman. Additional honorees across a total of nine categories for the 2021 Class included William Michael Barbee (Business), Weldon Montague (Civic), Mary LaMar (Education), Cynthia Brown (Unsung Hero), Charles Smith, III (Corporate), Rev. H. William Rutherford, III (Religious Affairs), Dorathaan Kirk (Community), and Tom Puryear (Service).

The NAACP Oranges and Maplewood Branch is the oldest NAACP unit in the State of New Jersey, and third oldest in the Nation, founded on April 18, 1913. NAACP Freedom Fund events are the major fundraising activity of all Units of the organization. The proceeds from the Gala finance the year-long programs sponsored by the Branch in the areas of education, housing, economic development, health and our youth.

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