

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



### BLOOMFIELD

Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs

84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Main Office: 973-743-9074

Weather Update: 973-743-7593

[www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

2021 - 2022

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

### Boys Basketball Tryouts & Evaluations

★ Welcome Back !!! ★

Individual 6th grade team, 7th grade team & 8th grade team.

All players wishing to play basketball this winter should attend all three tryouts/evaluations. If you are not selected for the Suburban team you will automatically be placed on an In-town team.

All tryouts will be held at **Bloomfield High School - 160 Broad Street**

Thursday, October 28th	6th & 7th 8th	7:30 - 8:30PM 8:30 - 9:30PM
Monday, November 1st	6th & 7th 8th	5:00 - 6:00PM 6:15 - 7:15PM
Tuesday, November 2nd	6th & 7th 8th	7:30 - 8:30PM 8:30 - 9:30PM

**\*No spectators will be allowed in the lobby or the gym\***

\*Mask is required at all times when in the building except for players during tryout activity\*

Pre-Registration is required & begins **10/13/21**. A spot can't be guaranteed the day of the tryouts

**Pre-Registration Fee on or before 10/22/21= \$55.00**

**Pre-Registration Fee after 10/22/21= \$60.00**

*An additional \$15.00 will be required if you are chosen for the Suburban Team  
(Please make checks payable to Bloomfield Recreation Department)*

**\*\* You must be a Bloomfield Resident to play Suburban Basketball \*\***

**\*\* If you do not live in town but attend a private school in Bloomfield, there will be an additional \$10 fee \*\***

#### Registration Hours:

On-line any time - [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

Monday - Fridays 8:30AM - 4:30PM

Wednesday Nights 6:00PM - 8:30PM

In-Town times and dates are tentatively set for  
Mon-Fri from 8:00PM- 9:00PM at the Bloomfield Middle School  
- Times, dates, and locations are subject to change -

## Winter Sports

Basketball is back! While 2 of the 3 tryouts/evaluations were already conducted there is still one scheduled date remaining on Tuesday, November 2nd. Pre-registration is required so please call 973-743-9074 to see if there is available space. Limited space is available and some age levels might be at their limit. We will have a 6th, 7th & 8th grade travel team for both boys & girls as well as in-town teams. Suburban traveling basketball will start immediately and Intown basketball will start in early December.

Wrestling open mat is set to begin on November 9th for the Junior Division and November

10th for the Senior Division. Open mat allows interested wrestlers to participate in a few simulated practices before having to commit to participating and pay the registration fee. Registration is open for both OPEN MAT and WRESTLING via [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) or in person at the Civic Center, 84 Broad St. [Click here for the form.](#)



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## Veterans Day Event

On Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> please join the Township of Bloomfield as we celebrate Veterans Day and honor all those who fought for our freedom. A small parade will step off from the steps of Town Hall at 11:30am and a ceremony will be held at the Veteran's Monument on the corner of Liberty St and Franklin St at 11:45am. All veterans are invited back to the Town Pub, 378 Broad St for a luncheon (Military ID Card/DD 214 required). There will be a \$20 charge for all other attendees.

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department would like to expand on our virtual celebration of our Bloomfield Veterans. Last year we recognized nearly 80 past and active military personnel from Bloomfield. If you have served our country in the past, are currently serving or know of a family member, friend or neighbor who is a veteran, please email a picture of them in JPEG format to [msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

In the email please provide the following sample information:

Name: Doe, John  
 Military Branch: Army  
 Years of Service: 1942-45  
 Rank/Class: Sergeant

If you provided this information last year we still have it on file and will include it again this year. If you are uncertain, please feel free to email it again to assure the veteran will be recognized.

A post will be made on our social media outlets on Veterans Day, Thursday

November 11th. Please spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and anyone from Bloomfield who served our country in the armed forces.

### Transportation Services

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department provides free transportation services to our residents, 60 years and older and/or with disabilities Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Face coverings must be properly worn prior to entering our vehicles and must be kept on for the duration of your ride.

The Senior Citizen Bus Service is a fixed route service that stops at predetermined locations and brings residents to Bloomfield shopping center in various parts of town.

The Dial A Ride Program is a “curb to curb” service that picks up residents from their home and takes them to and from the doctors (well visits) on a first come first served basis. Eligible residents can schedule rides by calling the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department’s Transportation number 973-566-7194 during regular business hours. Appointments must be made at least 72 hours in advance and are on a first come first served basis.

### Commuter Shuttle Service

The North End Shuttle and South End Shuttle is back up and running every Monday through Friday (except municipal holidays) from approximately 5:30am to 8:30am in the morning and approximately 5pm to 8:30pm in the evenings. The **North End Shuttle** has four morning routes traveling from the corners of East and West Passaic Ave. south on Broad St. to the Bloomfield Train Station on Lackawanna Place.

**The South End Shuttle** has six morning routes traveling east on Belleville Ave., south on Willet St. and west on Montgomery St. to the Bloomfield Station.

Both shuttles operate on a fixed route and riders will be picked up at designated times and locations along the route.

In the evening, both shuttle buses pick up riders coming off the trains and take them home in reverse order of the morning routes.

During inclement weather or NJ Transit equipment failure a **Level #1 or Level #2 service** may be implemented.

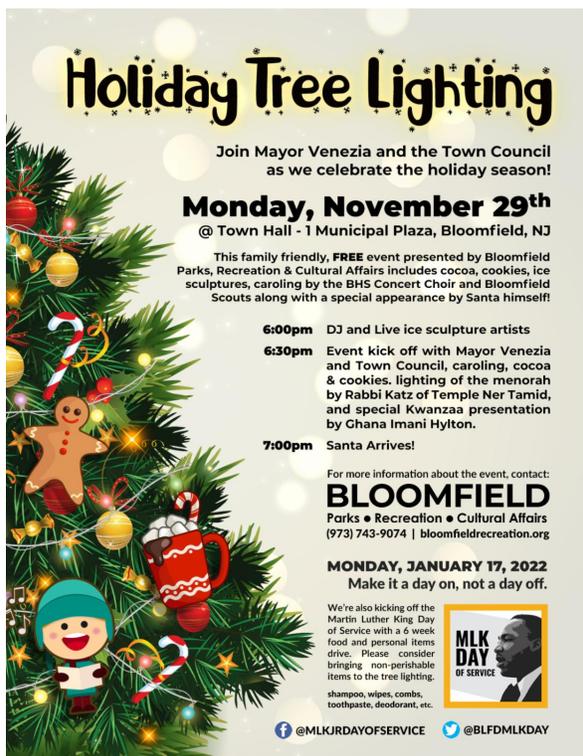
Shuttle bus passes must be purchased at the Civic Center located at 84 Broad St. Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm and Wednesday nights from 6pm to 8:30pm. Other times can be arranged by calling 973-743-9074 during normal business hours.

A 50 ride pass costs \$25 dollars. Upon entering the shuttle bus, your pass will be “punched”.

Face coverings must be on prior to entering the bus and must be kept on for the

duration of your ride. All high touch areas will be disinfected daily.

For more information or to download the most up to date schedules please visit [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) or call 973-743-9074.



**Holiday Tree Lighting**

Join Mayor Venezia and the Town Council as we celebrate the holiday season!

**Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
@ Town Hall - 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ

This family friendly, **FREE** event presented by Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs includes cocoa, cookies, ice sculptures, caroling by the BHS Concert Choir and Bloomfield Scouts along with a special appearance by Santa himself!

**6:00pm** DJ and Live ice sculpture artists  
**6:30pm** Event kick off with Mayor Venezia and Town Council, caroling, cocoa & cookies. lighting of the menorah by Rabbi Katz of Temple Ner Tamid, and special Kwanzaa presentation by Ghana Imani Hylton.  
**7:00pm** Santa Arrives!

For more information about the event, contact:  
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022**  
Make it a day on, not a day off.

We're also kicking off the Martin Luther King Day of Service with a 6 week food and personal items drive. Please consider bringing non-perishable items to the tree lighting:  
shampoo, wipes, combs, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.



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### Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Municipal Plaza (Town Hall)

We hope to see everyone at our Annual Holiday Tree, Menorah & Kinara Lighting in front of Town Hall on Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. You may arrive at 6pm and the official ceremony will start at 6:30pm. We will have live ice sculpture artists, caroling, hot chocolate, cookies and a special appearance by Santa! The event will also serve as a drop spot for nonperishable food items along with personal products such as toothpaste, shampoo, wipes, etc.

It's a great way to kick off the holiday

season!

### Bloomfield Senior Citizen Programs

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is striving to keep our senior citizen residents active and engaged by offering Zumba Gold on both Wednesday and Friday morning from 10:00am to 11:00am. Classes are being held virtually via ZOOM and our instructor Katterine Godoy will be sure to motivate you and get you moving about in the comfort of your own home! You can register online at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) or by phone (973) 743-9074.

Seniorcise – Channel 35, for Verizon Fios tune into Channel 30 - Monday – Friday 10:30am and 3:30pm. A new class each day.

### National CSI Class

Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center

This educational class is open to 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students who have an interest in law enforcement or related forensic sciences. Students will learn



## National CSI Camp

Saturday, December 4th

9:00am – 4:00pm

Open to 5th – 12th graders

\$80 per student. Lunch Included.

(Class will be held at the Civic Center, 84 Broad St.)

register online @ [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org)

for more info contact Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs at 973-743-9074

This educational class is open to 5th-12th grade students who have an interest in law enforcement or related forensic sciences. Students will learn general problem-solving skills and how physics, geometry, triangles and the Pythagorean theorem; simple algebraic math, sin/cosine problems relating to blood splatter and bullet trajectory, and other science disciplines that relate to solving a crime scene.

After the classroom portion of the lecture, students will process a mock crime scene by collecting evidence using the most up-to-date modern techniques and methodologies. The class is designed to challenge all students while having fun solving the crime. This class is co-hosted by the National CSI camp and the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department and is taught by current or recently retired law enforcement Detectives. For additional details about this class, please visit [NationalCSICamp.org](http://NationalCSICamp.org).

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### Cultural Affairs

Starting in 2022 the first floor of the Civic Center, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ, will be used as a gallery space for local artists. Our first show will highlight Native American artists, (Date TBD), and the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation

& Cultural Affairs Dept. plans to hold multiple shows throughout the year. If you're interested in displaying your artwork at the Civic Center, or would like to create your own show, please contact [culturalaffairs@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:culturalaffairs@bloomfieldwpnj.com). The space is free to use and there will be no fees or costs to the artist if artwork is sold.



### Reminder! General Election Day November 2

Tuesday, November 2 is General Election Day. Polls will be open from 6am-8pm. All election questions should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office at 973-680-4015.

### Bloomfield Chorale is Calling all Tenors and Basses!

We are growing our Sopranos and Altos, but need the rich tones of Tenors and Basses to complete our sound! If you would like to sing with a group of lovely ladies, please visit a rehearsal and consider joining us!

The Bloomfield Chorale has reconvened and started rehearsing for the Fall/Winter Season 2021.

We have established COVID safeguards like Singers' Masks and Social Distancing at rehearsals and concerts and we invite interested singers to join us.

Come and enjoy singing with a group again while learning and practicing in an informal atmosphere.

Previous choral experience and ability to read music are a plus but not required.

Weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesdays, starting September 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church on The Green on Broad Street in Bloomfield. Contact us to sit-in on a rehearsal or for more information visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale](http://www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale), email [bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com), or call Fran Gardella at 848-448-4335.

The Bloomfield Chorale was organized in 1933, is part of the Bloomfield Federation of Music, and is one of the oldest community choruses in New Jersey.

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### Bloomfield Recertified by Sustainable Jersey

Exciting news - Bloomfield has once again been awarded the Bronze Level Sustainable Jersey Certification! Sustainable Jersey's certified municipalities are national leaders in implementing solutions to key sustainability challenges. Bronze certification means Bloomfield has made a commitment to sustainability and succeeded in implementing the first significant steps. The Bloomfield Green Team documented completion of 16 actions by the township that protect our natural resources, support local businesses, create community programs, and other sustainability initiatives.

According to the Bloomfield Environmental Commission, the certification gives the township access to grant money, training, and technical assistance to pursue more actions to reduce waste, cut greenhouse gas emissions, improve public health, stimulate the local economy, increase resiliency and progress toward an equitable society. The certification, good for three years, is a renewal of a previous bronze certification issued in 2017. Separately, each of Bloomfield's public schools has received bronze certifications from the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Congratulations, Bloomfield!

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### Bloomfield Center Alliance

Bloomfield Center Alliance invites you to join in on the Holiday fun at our second annual Holiday Hunt!

The Holiday Hunt is a small business spectacular that encourages patrons to support local businesses and enjoy some holiday fun and entertainment, within our community. The festivities kick off at Six Points Plaza, but the real fun happens inside downtown Bloomfield's local retailers.

Shoppers are given a "scorecard" which challenges them to visit participating downtown retailers and "hunt" for great holiday sales and gift items to purchase. Once they complete the mission, their names are entered for a chance to win baskets full of holiday goodies, gift certificates, and more!

Bloomfield Center's Holiday Hunt takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving – November 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. For more information and event updates, please check out the event website [bloomfieldcenterholidayhunt.com](http://bloomfieldcenterholidayhunt.com) or follow the BCA [@bloomfieldcenter](https://www.instagram.com/bloomfieldcenter). Click [here](#) to see a video from last year showing fun images of this activity that encourages our community to "shop local" and kick off

the holiday shopping season in Bloomfield Center!

## Bloomfield Community Gardens

Bloomfield has two community gardens – one at Milbank Park and one at Pulaski Park - and we would like you to join us!

You would have the opportunity to learn from others and grow plants, herbs and vegetables in your very own 4 foot by 8 foot plot. Gardeners have grown everything from peppers and sunflowers to lemongrass and dill.

Our season runs from April-November each year; dues are \$50 a year and water and soil are provided! As an active working operation, all gardeners must attend mandatory opening and closing days and commit volunteer time for monthly tasks and workdays.

Gardeners have donated almost 700 pounds of produce to a local food pantry during the 2021 season.

Please fill out this link ([tinyurl.com/bloomfieldgardens](https://tinyurl.com/bloomfieldgardens)) to register your interest; email [bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com) for more information.

**Get your COVID-19 Shot**

**Where:** Bloomfield Civic Center, first floor  
84 Broad Street, Bloomfield

**When:** November 3, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

All 3 COVID vaccines are available. Appointments required. Vaccines are FREE regardless of insurance or immigration status.

If interested, call the Public Health Nurses at 973-680-4058 to schedule an appointment.

**Reciba su vacuna contra el COVID-19**

**¿Dónde?:** Centro Cívico de Bloomfield, primer piso  
84 Broad Street, Bloomfield NJ

**¿Cuándo?:** 3 de noviembre, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Las tres vacunas contra el COVID estarán disponibles. Se requiere cita previa. Las vacunas serán gratis independiente de si tiene o no seguro médico o su estado migratorio.

Si estas interesado(a), llame a la División de Enfermería de Salud Pública al 973-680-4058 para programar su cita.

## Bloomfield SEL Puppet Initiative

For many students, transitioning back to classes and the school routine is difficult and brings on a ton of emotion. This year as we battle back from a pandemic, that population, those feelings and emotions were magnified. As a school district we knew we had to do something to help our students reduce that stress and anxiety and help transition them back to in person learning.

It was brought to our attention, through one of our great parents, how puppets were being used in schools and classrooms across the country. Research showed us that many children relate to puppets and often feel more comfortable sharing feelings with them. With the want to create a “safe” community for our students, this was something

that we needed to pursue. Through one of our parents, who asks to remain nameless, but deserves a HUGE thank you, we were able to supply each of our classrooms in the district, from kindergarten to 5th grade, with a puppet.

We had each classroom focus on 3 initiatives with the puppets, 1. Use puppet play to encourage conversation. 2. Use puppets to get students to answer questions. 3. Use puppets to talk about feelings. Our staff and students bought in and absolutely love it!

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## Recycling Calendar



### November Recycling Schedule

Week of 11/1-cardboard and mixed paper

Week of 11 /8-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 11/15-cardboard and mixed paper

\*Week of 11/22-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

*\*Thursday, 11/25 is the Thanksgiving Holiday: Garbage is cancelled for this day, and will be picked up on Monday, Nov 29th; Recycling (commingled) will be delayed until the next day, Friday.*

Week of 11/29- cardboard and mixed paper

Leaf/Grass Clippings are picked up on your recycling day. Collection will continue weekly through 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 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.

### Fall Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, November 6 from 9am-Noon at Pulaski Park Parking Lot, 24 Mt. Vernon Ave. This event is for residents only and you must provide proof of residency. This service is not available to commercial or industrial facilities. Call 973-259-3162 for more information.

### **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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### **November Council Meetings**

The Monday, November 8, 2021 Conference Meeting and the Monday, November 22, 2021 Regular Meeting will both be hybrid meetings beginning at 7:00 pm 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.bloomfieldtwpnj.com](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.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 [twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.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 6:30pm 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 8:30a-4:30p.

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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.



## Community Farmers Market Running Every Tuesday Through November 9

The market is up and running every Tuesday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., through November 9, featuring City Green's mobile veggie truck along with a variety of other vendors.

Market and veggie vouchers will also be made available to those who qualify. For more information on the vouchers, please contact Paula Peikes at [ppeikes@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:ppeikes@bloomfieldtwpnj.com)



## Bloomfield Public Library

- 11/1, Monday Book club - Sleep No More by PD James
- 11/15, 6:30pm Zoom concert - JoAnn Roberto
- 11/16, NF Book Club - Lost Moon: the perilous voyage of Apollo 13 by Jim Lovell.
- 12/1, Romance BookClub

Finance Club & Poetry Club resume in November. Call for details.

In place of our regular Storytime schedule for the first week of November, we have special events in our courtyard for kids in grades PreK-6: Scavenger Hunt - with prizes! Wed 11/3 at 4pm. Spanish Storytime & Snacks Thur 11/4 at 11am.

Virtual Spanish Storytime Fri 11/5 at 11am on Facebook  
Brady the Therapy Dog returns for a festive Storytime and Takeaway Craft on Sat 11/6 at 11am

Tue 11/9 at 11am - Stories & Snacks  
Wed 11/10 @ 11am - Storytime Boogie with Ms. Katie from Shooting Star Dance Center  
Wed 11/10 at 4pm - Stories & Snacks  
Virtual Spanish Storytime Fri 11/12 at 11am on Facebook

All in-person events are outside in the courtyard and take place weather permitting; please provide your own seating.

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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.



A flyer with a green background and a white central box. The box contains the title "BLOOMFIELD HUMAN SERVICES CAN HELP!" in green, a list of services, and contact information. At the bottom of the flyer is the logo for the City of Bloomfield Public Health.

**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**

The logo for the City of Bloomfield Public Health, featuring a shield with a cross and the text "City of Bloomfield" and "Public Health".

## ¡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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