

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



### Halloween Events and Activities

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department has modified our Halloween activities to take into account social distancing protocols. While the two events below are free, we now require pre-registration to allow our department to properly prepare and purchase supplies for these events. You can register via our website

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

### Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Haunted Pumpkin Patch

7:30pm – 9:30pm

Come take a stroll through our spooky jack-o-lantern pumpkin patch. The event is FREE for spectators and the carving contest is open to

adults and children 10 and up. All artists will receive a free pumpkin and candle. (1 per family. Families can submit up to 3 separately purchased pumpkins.) Sign-up deadline is October 2nd.

# HAUNTED PUMPKIN PATCH

## JACK-O-LANTERN CARVING CONTEST

**SÁBADO 9 DE OCTUBRE**  
**7:30PM-9:30PM**  
 En el histórico Town Green  
 84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ

Ven a dar un paseo por nuestro espeluznante huerto de calabazas Jack-o-lantern. El evento es gratuito para los espectadores y el concurso de talla está abierto a adultos y niños de 10 años en adelante.

Todos los artistas que participen recibirán una calabaza y una vela gratis. (1 calabaza GRATIS por familia. Las familias pueden enviar hasta 3 compradas por separado)

Se requiere preinscripción para participar en el concurso.  
**973-743-9074 | bloomfieldrecreation.org**

La fecha límite de inscripción es el 2 de octubre. Las linternas Jack-o-lanterns completadas DEBEN ser entregadas al verde de la ciudad antes de las 6:30 PM del 9 de octubre.

Premios para el 1er, 2do y 3er lugar.  
 Ganadores anunciados el 10/12/21

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## HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

— ON THE HISTORIC TOWN GREEN —  
 Across from the Civic Center - 84 Broad Street.

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**  
 (Rain date October 24th)

The event is FREE. Pre-registration is required.  
 All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
 Social distancing guidelines will be in effect and  
 face coverings MUST be worn at all times.

5:30pm Pick-your-own pumpkin patch, halloween photo backdrop, sealed goodie bags, guess the candy corn and prizes for best costume. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

6:15pm Watch *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* on the BPRCA's outdoor movie screen. Please bring lawn chair or blanket!

FOR MORE INFO | Bloomfield Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
 CONTACT | ☎ (973) 743-9074 🌐 www.BloomfieldRecreation.org

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

- 👉 Bloomfield FMBA Local 19
- 👉 Bloomfield PBA Local 32
- 👉 Brookside Garden Center

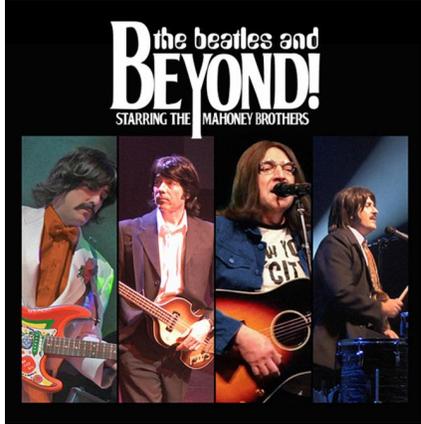


Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Halloween Spooktacular on the Historic Town Green

5:30pm – 7:00pm  
 The event is FREE, but pre-registration is required. Pick your own pumpkin patch, Halloween photo backdrop, sealed goodie bags, guess the candy corn and prizes for best costume - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place and an outdoor showing of Charles Schulz's - *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* at Dusk.

The Fall Outdoor Music Concert Series Continues with the Following concerts:

Mahoney Brothers – Beatles Tribute  
 Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00pm at Vassar Field



**FREE**  
*Concert Series*

**Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00PM**

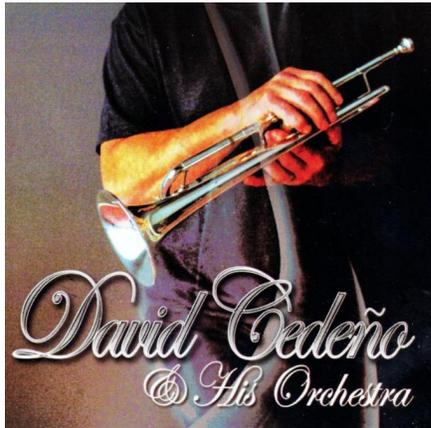
**@ Vassar Field**

60 Byrd Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

Concession stand will be open. Proceeds will go to Bloomfield Little League.

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**FREE**  
*Concert Series*  
TUESDAYS @ 6:00PM

**October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
(rain date from 9/28)

**@ Wright's Field**

180 Weaver Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

Concession stand will be open. Proceeds go to Bloomfield Baseball Association.

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\*\*David Cedeño and his Orchestra have been rescheduled to October 12th at 6:00PM at Wrights Field.

Fall Concert Series Finale & Fireworks

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> – Foley Field

Gates open at 3:00pm

Opening Ceremony – 5:30pm

New Power Soul – 6:00pm

Fireworks – 7:30pm

There will be blow up amusements, games of chance, face painting, DJ, food and ice cream vendors, Live Music Performed by New Power Soul and a Fireworks Spectacular!



**FREE**  
*Concert Series*

**Saturday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00PM**

**@ Foley Field**

John F Kennedy Dr N, Bloomfield, NJ

**Fireworks @ 7:30PM**

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## Suburban Basketball – Basketball Tryouts & Evaluations 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

All players wishing to play basketball this winter, get ready for travel basketball.

Registration is set to begin on October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00am

Pre-Registration Fee on or before 10/22/2021 = \$55.00

Pre-Registration Fee after 10/22/2021 = \$60.00

All tryouts will be held between October 26<sup>th</sup> – November 5<sup>th</sup> at Bloomfield High School – 160 Broad Street between 6:00pm – 10:00pm.

All registered participants will be notified by email with dates and times of the tryout.

In-Town times and dates are tentatively set for Mon- Fri from 6:00pm – 9:00pm at BMS- 60 Huck Road

\* Times, dates, and location are subject to change\*

### Bloomfield Senior Zumba Gold Class - \$20.00

#### ZOOM Virtual Class

An aerobic fitness program featuring movements inspired by various styles of salsa, flamenco and merengue. Taught by instructor Katterine Godoy.

Wednesdays & Fridays | Ages 55 & Up

10:00am – 11:00am

Remaining Classes Oct. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 Nov. 3, 5, 10, 12

### Senior Exercise is BACK!!!! \$20.00 \*Mask is required\*

In person class with instructor Kathryn Farano

Thursdays | Ages 55 & Up

10:00am – 11:00am

Oct. 7, 14, 21 Nov. 4, 18 Dec. 2, 9

Seniorcise – Channel 35, for Verizon Fios tune into Channel 30 - Monday – Friday 10:30am

and 3:30pm. A new class each day.

The majority of our fall programs started last week. There are still several classes that don't begin until April. Regardless of whether or not your desired class has started or not you can still register today!

### Fall Programs 2021

Our traditional fall program has a new look just like our digital program guide. COVID-19 has required our department to modify our programs to now offer in-person, hybrid and full virtual classes. While class sizes have been reduced, we are proud to still offer programming that enhances physical, social and cultural growth of all residents.

Our Adult Fitness classes include Zumba, Yoga, Meditation and more. Our Youth classes include RE/CO Robot, Beginner Traditional Kung Fu, Chef It Up! Zumba, Yoga and Dance classes.

We also have awesome classes beginning in October such as Stand-Up Comedy, American Sign Language, Beginner and Intermediate Spanish, Ceramics, Children's Art, Drawing from Imagination, Jewelry and Comic Book Design!

The links below are "live" links and the digital guide will receive periodic updates so click for up to the minute updates or call the office during regular business hours 8:30am to 4:30pm.

<https://my.visme.co/view/w4j7rm30-fall-program-guide>

<https://my.visme.co/view/x43mzonq-guia-del-programa> *(Spanish Translation)*

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### **Commuter Shuttle Resumes Service**

Following a 20 month hiatus due to COVID-19, the Bloomfield Commuter Shuttle bus will resume service on Monday, September 27.

Full service will resume on both the North End Shuttle and South End Shuttle, 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 busses 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."

As a courtesy to allow riders to test the shuttle service and/or purchase passes, there will be no fees until Monday, October 4.

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.

Riders are also encouraged to download and register for the Blue Swift911 Mobile App. By registering for the app, you can get up to the second alerts about service and weather related issues.



### **Bloomfield Center Alliance**

**Bloomfield Center Alliance** has created the "**Bloomfield Center Businesses- Ida Relief Fund**" to assist businesses in the downtown area that were greatly affected by Tropical Storm Ida. Like many others, businesses in Bloomfield's center had difficulty reopening after the storm, due to water damaged basements and

ruined equipment. We are asking for the community to assist your neighbors in need. Please share our message and donate today. Donations are accepted via our **Go Fund Me** page and by check. Checks must be made out to "**Bloomfield Center Disaster Relief Fund**" and mailed to **P.O. Box 1618 Bloomfield, NJ 07003**.

Remember - every dollar, makes a difference! Thanks for your support!

### **October Town-Wide Cleanup**

Join Mayor Venezia and the Town Council for a fall town-wide cleanup on Saturday, October 16, 9 a.m. - 12 noon,



hosted by the Bloomfield Beautification Committee and supported by the Bloomfield DPW. All cleanup materials, including t-shirts and supplies are provided. Residents are asked to identify their own locations and are welcome to join the event as individuals or in groups. [Register here by October 2.](#)



**Troop 20340 has installed a Little Free Pantry at the Firehouse at 144 East Passaic!**

Please spread the word! "Take what you need" If it is empty please email us at [troop20340@gmail.com](mailto:troop20340@gmail.com).

If you want to "give what you can" and would like to donate non perishable items (food, health and beauty, baby) you can just place in the box, drop off at Shooting Star on Broad Street during business hours, or send us an email.

Thank you!

## Recycling Calendar

### October Recycling Schedule

Week of 10/4-cardboard and mixed paper

Week of 10/11-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)



Week of 10/18-cardboard and mixed paper

Week of 10/25-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

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.

## **Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

Saturday, October 2nd from 8:30am-4pm, 99 West Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove. Call 973-792-9060 or visit [ecuanj.com](http://ecuanj.com) for more information. The list of acceptable and not acceptable items is on their website.

## **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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## **October Council Meetings**

The Monday, October 4, 2021 Conference Meeting and the Monday, October 18, 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 8:30am-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.



### **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)

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## Bloomfield Public Library

Monday night book club meets

10/4 @ 6:30pm - Hispanic Heritage Month Concert on Zoom

10/4 @ 6:30pm - Monday night bookclub

10/27 @ 6:30pm - Romance bookclub

Copies of the books being discussed can

be found at the circulation desk.

Fire HD 10 Tablets and Hotspots provide Internet service & access to web resources to adult patrons 24/7, 2 week loan

The Children's Library will hold special activities at community events including the weekly Farmers Market in the library courtyard! Stop by our table to register for a library card, grab some stickers and bookmarks, or paint a pumpkin!

Regular programs and events schedule:

Stories & Snacks Tuesdays at 11am, Wednesdays at 4pm, Thursdays at 11am

Virtual Spanish Storytime Fridays at 11am on Facebook

Special programs and events:

Fire Prevention Storytime with the Bloomfield Fire Department, Tuesday 10/5 at 11am

Collaborative Storytime with Caldwell Public Library, Friday 10/8 at 11am

Stories and Crafts with Brady the Therapy Dog, Saturday 10/16 at 11am

Storytime Boogie with Ms. Katie from Shooting Star Dance Center, Wednesday 10/20 at 11am

ALL in-person programs and events listed above are weather permitting and take place in the library courtyard. All changes will be announced on social media or can be confirmed by calling the library the day of the event. Please provide your own seating at our outdoor programs.

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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**



The logo for the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services, featuring a shield with a cross and the text "Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services" and "Public Health" below it.

## ¡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



## Important Election Dates

Tuesday, October 12 is the last day to register to vote or to transfer voter registration for the general election (Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, Town Hall, is open 8:30am-9pm this day).

Tuesday, October 26 is the last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot for the general election.

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.

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