

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Bloomfield's September 11th Remembrance Ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 11th at 7:00PM on the Historic Town Green. This year marks the 20th anniversary

of this tragic event and the Township will have 2,977 luminary bags placed around the perimeter of the Town Green to honor each life that was lost that day. Volunteers are being sought to assist with this initiative. Please visit www.bloomfieldrecreation.org for more information and to sign up to volunteer.

Concert Violinist David Podles will perform starting at 6:00PM. The official ceremony will begin at 7:00PM. The Sacred Heart Choir will perform during the ceremony and immediately following in the church. The luminary bags will remain lit until 9:11PM.

Please join Township officials, friends, family and residents to remember and honor all those who were lost that day.

2021 Girls Volleyball League

TRY-OUT DATES: Monday,
September 13th & Tuesday,
September 14th - 7:00PM -
8:30PM

Bloomfield High School Main Gym
- 160 Broad Street

Registration Fee = \$25.00

All 7th and 8th grade girls are encouraged to try out for the Bloomfield Suburban Volleyball League! If you are not selected for the team you will automatically be

2021 Suburban Traveling Girls Volleyball



All 7th and 8th grade girls are encouraged to try out for the Bloomfield Suburban Volleyball League! If you are not selected for the team you will automatically be placed on an In-town team.

Please keep in mind that if there is low enrollment for the In-town program, a supervised open gym will be available to those players that don't make the suburban team.

TRY-OUT DATES:

Monday, September 13th

Tuesday, September 14th

7:00PM - 8:30PM

Bloomfield High School Main Gym - 160 Broad Street

Pre-registration is required!

A spot can't be guaranteed the day of the try-outs

Pre-Registration Fee = \$25.00

An additional \$35.00 will be required if you are chosen for the Suburban Team

**** You must be a Bloomfield Resident to play Suburban Volleyball ****

*** If you do not live in town but attend a private school in Bloomfield, there is an additional \$10.00 fee***

Please register at the Bloomfield Civic Center or on-line at:

<http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org>

Registration Hours:

On-line any time or

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

Wednesday Nights 6:00PM - 8:30PM

*In-Town times and dates are tentatively set for
Wednesdays from 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the Bloomfield High School*

www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. The Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St and will be open for in person sign-ups Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm, and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30pm.

We will offer a variety of programs such as our traditional Yoga class for kids & adults, Zumba for kids & adults, tennis, Pee-Wee Football, Chef it Up & Minds in Motion, Dance, Magic, and beginner traditional Kung FU. However the opportunities don't end there. We have Spanish and American Sign Language classes, Children's Art, Drawing, Jewelry Making and Ceramics.

Special Needs Programming

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department's Special Needs Programming is getting ready to kick off with the new school year. We offer three unique programs for our special needs community ages 7 – 17 and 18 and older. All programs are designed to promote self-confidence, social interaction and life skills. To find out more information about our special needs programs please contact John Balz at 973-725-4485.

Senior Citizen Programming

We are looking to bring back our thriving Senior Citizens Club with over 75 members that participate in a wide variety of programs, activities and events. There is a yearly \$20 membership fee however club membership has its benefits. Members receive discounts on fitness programs, activities, excursions and access to seasonal parties for free! If you stay active the membership pays for itself. We will have more information in the upcoming weeks.

Zumba Gold – Via the Zoom App – New Class Begins Sept. 1

placed on an In-town team that plays on Wednesday nights. Pre-registration is required!

2021 Fall Programs

Registration (Pre-registration required for all fall programs) will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 9am via our online registration system via

Zumba Gold is for active older seniors who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves you love at a lower-intensity.

Senior Exercise - Begins 9/23 - 10am - 11am - \$20

Active Adult Exercise Classes

Seniorcise – Channel 35 Comcast, Channel 30 Verizon – Classes air 7 days a week at 10:30am and 3:30pm.

Cabin Fever Fitness: Mon, Wed and Fri @ 10am; Tues and Thurs @ 4pm

Zumba: Mon, Wed and Fri @ 4pm; Tues and Thurs @ 10am



Shadow of the 60's
9/21 @ BROOKSIDE PARK
MOTOWN TRIBUTE

David Cedeno & His Band
9/28 @ WRIGHTS FIELD
LATIN & SALSA MUSIC

Mahoney Brothers
10/5 @ VASSAR FIELD
BEATLES TRIBUTE

New Power Soul
10/16 @ FOLEY FIELD
R&B, CLASSIC ROCK, TOP 40
FIREWORKS @ 7:30PM

Fall Concert Series

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is happy to announce our Fall Music Concert Series at several municipal parks around town! Don't forget to bring your lawn chair and/or blankets! Food will be available for purchase at each location.

Free Fall Concert Series – Shadows of the 60's – Motown Tribute

Tuesday, September 21 – 6:00pm at Brookside Park

Free Fall Concert Series – “Daniel Cedeno – Latin & Salsa

Tuesday, September 28 – 6:00pm at Wrights Field

Free Fall Concert Series – Mahoney Brothers – Beatles Tribute

Tuesday, October 5 – 6:00pm at Vassar Field

Fall Concert Series Finale & Fireworks

Saturday, October 16 – Foley Field

Gates open at 3pm

Opening Ceremony – 5:30pm

New Power Soul – 6:00pm

Fireworks – 7:30pm



10th Annual Movie in the Park & Overnight Family Campout

Friday, September 17th
(Rain Date Saturday, September 18th)
Pulaski Park - 24 Mt. Vernon Ave, Bloomfield, NJ



7:45pm
Movie Start

REGISTER THROUGH:
Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ
973-743-9074 www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Camp-Out

Dust off your sleeping bags! Residents are invited to Pulaski Park for a free, family friendly movie, Sonic the Hedgehog and overnight family camp-out on Friday, September 17 (Rain Date Saturday, September 18). Each camping group must have

a responsible adult (18 or older). Hot Bagels Abroad will provide juice and bagels the following morning. There will be a supervised campfire by the Bloomfield Fire Department so bring your S'mores supplies. The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department will be providing free individual bags of chips (while supplies last) and will be selling soda, water and traditional movie snacks for a nominal fee.

Pre-Registration will begin on line Wednesday, September 1 at 10:00am. There are only 40 sites available this year and it will be first come first serve so don't miss out on this unique opportunity. You must have a pre-registered campsite in order to camp overnight! If you are only coming to view the movie you do not need to pre-register but you must exit the park following the movie.

Fiesta Latina – Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month

Saturday, September 25 – 1:00pm to 5:00pm (Rain Date 9/26) Felton Field

Come out and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with friends and neighbors at Felton Field. There will be a DJ, Live Music, artwork on display, activities for children and food for purchase!

Clara Maass Medical Center will be on site along with the Essex County Mobile Vaccination Vehicle to provide free vaccinations.

FIESTA LATINA
Bloomfield
2021

Celebrando
EL MES DE LA
HERENCIA
HISPANA

MÚSICA | ARTE | COMIDA

SÁBADO, 25 DE SEPTIEMBRE (fecha de lluvia 9/26)
1 to 5pm @ Felton Field
145 Floyd Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

Este es un evento familiar gratuito con arte, vendedores, camiones de comida, actividades divertidas para niños, bandas en vivo y un DJ.

ESTE EVENTO ES REALIZADO POR **BLOOMFIELD** MAYOR & COUNCIL
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Bloomfield's
**FIESTA
LATINA**
2021

Celebrating
**HISPANIC
HERITAGE
MONTH!**

MUSIC | ART | FOOD
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th (rain date 9/26)
1 to 5pm @ Felton Field
145 Floyd Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

This is a **FREE** family-friendly event with art, vendors, food trucks, fun activities for kids, live bands & a DJ.

THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY | **BLOOMFIELD** Parks & Recreation & Cultural Affairs |  **MAYOR & COUNCIL**



**Bloomfield
Town-Wide
CLEAN UP**

**October 16th
9:00 am - 12 noon**

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.
tinyurl.com/2021BLOOMFALLCLEAN

October Town-Wide Cleanup

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Spotted Lanternfly Alert – Get the Facts Before You Stomp!

The spotted lanternfly has arrived in Bloomfield and, while the New Jersey Department of Agriculture urges people to [report](#) and kill these pests (which are dangerous to trees but not to people or animals), the Bloomfield Environmental Commission wants to be sure everyone knows what they're looking for and learns how to eliminate these dangerous insects without accidentally killing beneficial bugs.

There is quite a bit of excellent information – including a link for reporting sightings - on the state's main spotted lanternfly webpage at <<https://tinyurl.com/7jtv82jp>>. In addition, the "About" page at <<https://tinyurl.com/y43drbws>> has photos of the lanternfly in different life stages as well as a chart of other insects with which it is commonly confused. Finally, the "Homeowner Resources" page <<https://tinyurl.com/47jdv5vj>> provides information on controlling the bugs. Please note that most insecticides that are effective against spotted lanternflies are also highly toxic to bees and other pollinators, so they should be used only as a last resort.



Applications for Cultural Preservation Advisory Committee

The Mayor and Council are inviting applications for the Cultural Preservation Advisory Committee. This committee will be responsible for working with

the Director of Cultural Preservation and the Council Liaison to create recommendations for policies and strategy around the cultural assets of the Township of Bloomfield. To apply, send a resume and letter of interest, including an explanation of why you feel you are qualified to serve on the committee, to Councilwoman Jenny Mundell at jmundell@bloomfieldtwpnj.com by October 31. Applications will be reviewed over the next few months and appointments are anticipated in early 2022.

Recycling Calendar

September Recycling Schedule



Monday, 9/6 is the Labor Day Holiday: Garbage is cancelled for this day, and will be picked up only on Thursday this week. Monday Recycling (cardboard and mixed paper) will be delayed until the next day, Tuesday.

Week of 9/6-cardboard and mixed paper

Week of 9/13-commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 9/20-cardboard and mixed paper

Week of 9/27-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 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](#).

September Council Meetings

The Monday, September 13, 2021 Conference Meeting and the Monday, September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting will both be hybrid meetings beginning at 7:00pm 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.

The public will be able to be in person in the Council Chambers, 2nd 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@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 6:15pm 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 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 to Run Every Tuesday Through November 9

The Township of Bloomfield is pleased to announce it will be launching a Community Farmer's Market on Tuesday, September 21 in the Bloomfield Public Library

Courtyard. The market will run every Tuesday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., through November 9, and feature City Green's mobile veggie truck along with a variety of other vendors. As part of the market, the Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market Committee welcomes applications from Bloomfield small businesses to be featured at the market.

If you are a Bloomfield resident or local small business owner that offers pre-made goods or services, please reach out to Councilwoman Jenny Mundell at jmundell@bloomfieldtwpnj.com by September 6 with Your Name, Your Business Name, Contact Information, Company Website and Social Media Handles, Plus an In Depth Description of your Business and Offerings. If your products are Food Based, please also include Proof of Insurance and Necessary Food Handlers information. Please also include your preferred market date(s) - any Tuesday between 9/21 and 11/9.

Market and veggie vouchers will also be made available to those who qualify. For more



Bloomfield Public Library

Wednesdays: Free "Healthy Meal in a Box" sponsored by Toni's Kitchen: box of ingredients and a recipe to make a healthy meal for your family! (Sandwiches also available). Visit the library's little free food pantry in the courtyard anytime.

Tablets on Loan program (supported by funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library) circulates Fire HD 10 tablets to Bloomfield cardholders (18+).

9/11 @6pm - Violinist Dr David Podles, begins the township's 9/11 memorial program.

9/13 @6:30pm: Monday Night Bookclub will read "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer

9/21 @ 6:30pm: Non-Fiction Bookclub reads "When Truth is All You Have: a Memoir of Faith, Justice and Freedom for the Wrongly Convicted" by Jim McCloskey

9/27 @6:30pm: Queer Bookclub "How it All blew Up by Arvin Ahmadi.

Children's Dept Programs:

For these and more programs, visit us online at www.bplnj.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Sign up for our email blasts for more news!

Children's Library:

Stories & Snacks begins on Tuesday 9/14 at 11am. The schedule is as follows: Tuesdays at 11am, Wednesdays at 4pm, and Thursdays at 11am.

Virtual Spanish Storytime will post on Fridays at 11am on Facebook, beginning 9/17.

Special Event: Storytime Boogie with Ms. Katie from Shooting Star Dance Center on 9/15 at 11am in the Library Courtyard. Rain date 9/22.

Saturday Event: Takeaway Craft 9/25 at 11am (In case of rain we will be inside the Children's Library)

All in-person programs will take place under the tent in the Library Courtyard, weather permitting. Kindly provide your own seating. Children of all ages are welcome at all of our events!

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)

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.



The flyer is titled "BLOOMFIELD HUMAN SERVICES CAN HELP!" and lists various services offered. It includes a list of services such as back rent, mortgage, utility assistance, food programs, prescription programs, health insurance, senior services, and mental health services. It also provides contact information for Bloomfield Human Services, including the phone number 973-680-4017. The flyer features a green background with a white central box containing the text and a logo for the City of Bloomfield Public Health at the bottom.

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**


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¡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.



Gardening with Nature Year Round

Gardens are full of life all year round, even during colder months when it's harder to see. A variety of native bees and other pollinators make their winter homes under autumn leaves and bark, or nest in old plant stems. Many birds, including

New Jersey's state bird, the goldfinch, depend on seeds from plants like coneflowers and black-eyed Susans to survive during the cold winter months.

The Bloomfield Beautification Committee suggests resisting the urge to cut back

your garden's plants in the fall or to use a leaf blower to "clean" your yard. Leaving "spent" plant stems and seed heads in the garden over the fall and winter may make it look "messy", but earthworms and a variety of insects just below the surface are creating next year's fertilizer -- rich new topsoil that will result in a healthy garden. Come late spring, cut back dead flower stems and leave them in the garden to help provide even more nutrients for the new spring plants.

Bloomfield Board of Health Strengthens Noise Ordinance to Protect Quality of Life Concerns

The modification to the ordinance pertains to excessive sounds from stationary stationary vehicles including commercial vehicles with continuous jingles or sounds if or when parked in a fixed location. The ordinance also addresses times at which certain levels of noise can be broadcasted in accordance with local and state noise control ordinances.

The board is confident that this modification to this ordinance will help continue to keep a high quality of life by controlling noise nuisance through passage of this ordinance.

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