

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

2022 Softball Hitting & Fielding Clinic

Join the Bloomfield High School Varsity Softball Coaches and Recreation Travel Coaches for a hitting and fielding clinic at Bloomfield High School. Two separate sessions, Grades 1-5 and Grade 6-8, will be offered towards the end of February (dates and times to be determined). Players will participate in 1 ½ hours of fielding instruction and 1 ½ hours of hitting instruction. This clinic will be held at the Bloomfield High School and is \$25.00. Spots are limited.

Girls Softball Registration

Peppermint Softball registration for girls in Grades 3 - 8 will start on Wednesday, February 9th. The registration fee on or before March 9th is \$55.00 and after March 9th is \$60.00. To register visit www.bloomfieldrecreation.org.

Player evaluations will take place at Bloomfield High School at the following dates and times:

Monday, March 14th

Grades 3rd, 4th, & 5th

6pm-8pm – *encompasses all drills*

Wednesday, March 16th

Grades 6th, 7th, & 8th

6pm-7pm – running, fielding & throwing – *required*

7pm-8pm – hitting – *required*

8pm-830pm – pitching - *optional*

Peppermint Softball Opening Day will be held on Sunday, April 24 and the season will run until early to mid June. Games and practices take place several days a week, Monday – Saturday. If you are interested in being a volunteer coach, please contact Dana Morton at 973-743-9074 or email:

dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Senior Exercise Programs -

Qigong - \$30

Qigong is used to reduce stress, increase vitality and improve overall wellness!

MONDAYS from 10:00am - 11:00am via ZOOM

Remaining Dates – February 7, 14, 28 – March 7, 14, 21

NO CLASS 2/21

Senior Exercise - \$20

Senior exercise is a low-impact class designed especially for seniors to stay active, and exercise at their own pace.

THURSDAYS from 10:00am - 11:00am at Civic Center and streamed on Zoom

Remaining Dates – February 3, 10, 17, 24 – Mar 3, 10, 17

Zumba Gold - \$20

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

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS from 10:00am - 11:00am at the Civic Center and streamed on Zoom

New session will begin on February 4th and run to April 13th!

Dates as follows:

February 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25

March 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

April 1, 6, 8, 13

Many Stories Matter: Art of Global Africa

Take an in-depth look into the Newark Museum's renowned African Art collection. Discover the many stories and multiple meanings of art in African cultures and beyond through powerful historical objects as well as compelling recent artworks.

Saturday, February 27th @ 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Tickets: \$15.00 (limited space available)

Includes transportation from the Civic Center and back. *Per Museum: all visitors must be vaccinated and wear masks over the nose and mouth at all times.* For ages 12 and up. All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Valentine's Day Party at the Civic Center

Monday, February 14th

5:30PM – 8:30PM

Children Grades K-6

Includes supervision & pizza dinner along with a special arts & craft project, movies and games. A quiet space and help will be provided for children who need to complete their homework.

\$20.00 Registration Fee per Child. Additional assistance will be provided for children with special needs.

Drawing From Imagination Class

A common frustration of many developing artists is that a drawing doesn't "look like it does in their head." This course is designed to challenge that problem head on, and aid students in bringing their vision to life in a way that satisfies them. Students will learn basic drawing & painting skills in addition to techniques in sharpening their mind's eye to create work that is all their own. Taught by instructor Peter Dougherty. Supplies included.

Tuesdays | Ages 13 and up
7:00pm-8:30pm

FEB 1, 8, 15, 22
MAR 1, 8, 15, 22

Recycling Calendar



February Recycling and Garbage Calendar

Week of 1/31-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 2/7-cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 2/14-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 2/21- cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 2/28-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Spring Paper Shredding Event

May 14th 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.

Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

May 7th 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.

Essex County Computer and Electronics Collection Day

May 21st from 8:30am-4pm, Essex County Fleet Management, 99 West Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove. For more information call 973-792-9060 or visit ecdpcw.org.

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. Accepted metal items include bed frames, metal hangers and loose metal pieces. Metal swing sets must be disassembled. Accepted appliances include refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and air conditioners. Remove any appliance doors and place items door-side-up for pickup. Metal paint cans are considered bulk waste and are picked up on your second weekly garbage day (latex paint only, completely dried out). If you're unsure whether an item is metal, call us.

Recycle Coach App

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.

Visit the Bloomfield Department of Public Works and Parks on Facebook to get timely updates, or call 973-680-4127 for questions or for service requests.

NOT Accepted in Recycling

Car/truck tires
Molded lawn chairs
Buckets
Styrofoam
Plastic bags
Auto glass/parts
Pyrex, ceramic cups, plates, clay bottles/pots, six pack beverage holders
Pizza boxes and wrapping paper
Lightbulbs

Accepted plastic recycling codes: 1, 2 and 5 ONLY

Snow Emergencies

Go to the following link to see if you live on a snow plow route:

Bloomfieldtwpnj.com/246/Public-Works-Park-Maintenance

February Council Meetings

The Monday, February 7, 2022 Conference Meeting and the Monday, February 28, 2022 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.bloomfieldtwpnj.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 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.

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.

Important Election Date

After Tuesday, February 1-petitions for Mayor and Council At-Large seats are available at the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, 8:30am to 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.

Celebrate Women's History Month by Nominating a Bloomfield Woman to Watch

In honor of Women's History Month in March, Councilwomen Cruz, Davis, and Mundell invite you to nominate a Bloomfield Woman to Watch. Nominees must be a current Bloomfield woman resident who has inspired you professionally or personally, who breaks down biases through example and/or action, and who is committed to creating an environment of success and growth for others. Selected nominees will be featured in the councilwomen's annual Township social media takeover on International Women's Day (March 8) and will be recognized as part of the Women's History Month Proclamation at the Regular Council Meeting on March 28. **To nominate a Bloomfield Woman to Watch, please send an email to Councilwoman Mundell at jmundell@bloomfieldtwpnj.com** with your nominee's full name and contact information, your contact information, and an explanation of why you feel this woman should be recognized, based on the criteria above. Nominations will be accepted through February 28.

Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market

Vendor applications are being accepted for the Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market through March 21. The market will run every Tuesday, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., beginning June 7 through October 25. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and accepted vendors will be notified by the first week in April. **Vendors can obtain application and fee structure by emailing mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or visiting the market webpage (coming soon).** Local businesses interested in being a one-time Community Spotlight are also encouraged to apply by submitting business name, contact

information, company website and social media handles as well as a description of the business and offerings to msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Spring Town-Wide Cleanup

Please save the date for the Spring Town-wide Cleanup on Saturday, April 30. Additional details and signup form will be provided in March.



Bloomfield Public Library

2/7@6:30pm - Monday Night Bookclub (in person)
2/8@6pm -- Dramatic Reading - Boneyard by David Mills (zoom)

In this program, poet David Mills will read from and reflect upon the research behind his recent collection, Boneyard, the first-ever book of poems about slavery in New York City.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89722457150>

2/15 @6:30pm - NonFic Bookclub - War Lovers by Evan Thomas (zoom)
2/23@6:30pm - Romance Bookclub (in person)
2/22 @ 6:30 Journaling workshop (zoom)
2/26@10am - Vestibular Exercises Presentation (in person -theatre)

Winter Storytime begins from Feb 1st!

Storytime in the theater Tuesdays at 11

Spanish Storytime in the theater Fridays at 11

Storytime Boogie with Ms. Katie from Shooting Star Dance Center in the theater Wednesday Feb. 23 at 11

Read to Brady the Therapy Dog in the theater Saturday Feb. 19 at 11

All Children's programs require registration; visit www.bplnj.org/library-calendar for details!

BPL now loans laptops for public use (within the building). We also loan tablets, hot spots, cake pans, and check out our new Library of Things. Call the library for more information or check out our website at www.bplnj.org

Important New Environmental Laws Signed

Governor Murphy signed several bills in January that will have a significant impact on our environment. The Bloomfield Environmental Commission offers the following brief description of each, as well as links for more information:

- 1) Native Plants Bill – As more gardeners learn the value of native plants, the "[Jersey Native Plants Program](#)" law encourages garden centers to identify native plants and will educate the public on their importance. [Click here for more info.](#)
- 2) "Save the Bees" Bill – [This new law](#) will ban most non-agricultural outdoor uses of insecticides known as "neonicotinoids" or "neonics." Neonics are absorbed by plants and

poison insects that feed on them. According to the [Natural Resources Defense Council](#), they are a leading cause of bee losses; a threat to birds, other wildlife, and human health; and a cause of widespread water contamination.

3) Recycled Content Bill –[This law](#) bans the sale of foam "packing peanuts" and gradually increases the percentage of recycled material that must be used in plastic, glass and paper packaging products sold in the state. The new law takes effect in 2024. [Click here for more info.](#)

Bloomfield Public Schools

Students of the Bloomfield Public Schools participated in the 2021 Student Essay Competition sponsored by the Civil Rights Commission of Bloomfield Township. The contest was open to all students in grades 6-8th grade. The Commission stated that the “goal of this essay competition is to inspire students to explore the impact of human and civil rights in their lives.

Fifty sixth-grade students submitted essays, almost half coming from Berkeley School’s community. We are proud to share our student acknowledgments. All winners were recognized at the virtual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration on January 18, 2022, have their names featured in the local newspaper and Commission websites, in addition to receiving a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble. We congratulate the achievements of these young Bengals!

Samir Rangwalla
Brookdale
My Dream for America
1st place

Tamaya Hardy
Berkeley
My Dream for America
2nd place

Alice Kinkade
Oakview
Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice
3rd place

Rishauna Pryce-Stoney
Berkeley
Are We Truly Free in the United States?
4th place

Emil Gonzalez
Carteret
A Dream for America Berkeley
Honorable mention

Christopher Ordon
Berkeley
My American Dream
Honorable mention

Waiting List for Section 8 Housing to Open March 1

The waiting list for Section 8 housing will open on March 1, 2022. A link will be available on the township website. If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services at 973-680-4017.

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**



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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



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