



TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCT DRIVE

Sponsored by
Councilwomen Cruz, Davis, & Mundell
in collaboration with
the MLK Season of Service Committee

MARCH 1-31

Let's ensure
our community has what it needs.

Period.

Drop off donations of tampons, pads, liners,
menstrual cups, period panties, and intimate
wipes at participating locations.

BLOOMFIELD CIVIC CENTER	BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
BIG BILL'S CORNER CAFE	F45
BLOOMFIELD STEAK AND SEAFOOD	IRIS YOGA
23 SKIDDOD CAFE	LOVLEE ART STUDIO
GREEN GROCER FOOD HUB	MARTINEZ MARTIAL ARTS & FAMILY FITNESS
	SHOOTING STAR DANCE CENTER

*Donations will be distributed to local schools and
food pantries in partnership with Bloomfield
Health and Human Services*

Women's History Month

- **Township of Bloomfield Menstrual Hygiene Product Drive:** In honor of Women's History Month, the **Women of Bloomfield's Town Council**, in collaboration with the **MLK Season of Service Committee** and the **Department of Health and Human Services**, are hosting the third annual **Menstrual Hygiene Product Drive**. Drop off tampons, pads, liners, menstrual cups, period panties, and intimate wipes at participating locations through the month of March. Donations will be distributed to local schools and food pantries. Locations include: **Bloomfield Civic Center,**

Bloomfield Public Library, Big Bill's Corner Cafe, 23 Skiddoo Cafe, Green Grocer Food Hub, F45, Lovlee Art Studio, Martinez Martial Arts & Family Fitness, and Shooting Star Dance Center.

- **Bloomfield Women to Watch:** Tune in to the **Township of Bloomfield Facebook page** on March 8, International Women's Day, as the Women of Bloomfield's Town Council take over the social media feed to recognize Bloomfield Women to Watch, which will include women of our community who have inspired others professionally or personally, break down barriers through example and/or action, and who are committed to creating an environment for the success and growth of others. These women will also be recognized by proclamation at the Township Council Meeting on March 28.

Healing & Hope: Women's History Month Art Show

Civic Center 84 Broad Street
On view from March 5th –
March 31st

The 2022 Women's History

Healing & Hope

Women's History Month Art Show

theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Gallery Hours | March 5th - March 31st

Mondays 8:30am - 4:30pm & 5:00pm-7:00pm
Tuesdays 8:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesdays 8:30am - 4:30pm & 7:30pm-9:00pm
Thursdays NOON - 4:30pm & 6:00pm-9:00pm
Fridays 8:30am - 4:30pm
Saturdays 10:30am - 2:00pm

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Peppermint/Traveling Softball Evaluations Registration Grades 3-8

Peppermint Softball registration for girls in Grades 3-8 will start on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.
The registration fee on or before March 4th is \$55.00 and after March 4th is \$60.00

NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 13th

An additional \$15.00 will be required if you are chosen for the Suburban Travel Team
** You must be a Bloomfield Resident to play Suburban/Travel Softball **

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

<u>Monday, March 14th</u> Grades 3 rd , 4 th , & 5 th	<u>Tuesday, March 15th</u> Grades 6 th , 7 th , & 8 th
6pm-8pm – encompasses all drills	6pm - 7pm – Running, fielding & throwing – required 7pm - 8pm – Hitting – required 8pm - 8:30pm – Pitching – optional

 In order to make balanced Peppermint teams, players should attend evaluations whether they are interested in playing traveling softball or not.

 Players will be rated based on ability. All teams will be selected by designated recreation personnel to make them as equal as possible. **No team requests will be taken.**

 If there is an issue of transportation it can be addressed with other participants on your assigned team to make accommodations.

 If you are interested in coaching, please contact Dana Morton at 973-743-9074 or dmorton@bloomfieldtnj.com

Practices will start the end of March or the 1st week in April. Peppermint Softball Opening Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 24th and the season will run through mid-June.

Register online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

We have several new programs that we are excited about! More information on our spring program offerings will be available on www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Girls Softball Registration

Girls Softball registration is currently underway and we are looking for girls in grades to 3rd, 4th and 5th to participate in our Peppermint Softball Minor League Division. We are seeking 6th, 7th and 8th grades to play on our Suburban Traveling Softball team as well as our Peppermint Softball Major League

Division. Evaluation/Tryouts start Monday, March 14th so register today to reserve your spot!

Peppermint Softball Opening Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 24th and the season will go on through mid-June. Games and practices take place 2-3 days a week, Monday – Saturday.

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SOFTBALL HITTING & FIELDING CLINIC

This Hitting & Fielding clinic is designed to improve fundamental softball skills, and provide a fun learning environment that will help future Bengal softball players bring their game to the next level. Instruction will be given by Bloomfield Head Softball Coach, Bob Mayer, Bloomfield Recreation Travel Coaches and the 2022 Lady Bengal Softball Team. Don't miss your opportunity to learn from Bloomfield's best!



Saturday, March 5
Grades 1-5 12:30PM - 3:00PM

Saturday, March 5
Grades 6-8 3:30PM - 6:30PM

Fee: \$25.00



All Clinics will be held at Bloomfield High School Upper Gyms

*Please wear sneakers and bring a softball glove to all clinics.
Participants are welcome to bring their own bat, but it is not required.
Please label all equipment!*

It is recommended that you bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated!

Registration Taking Place Now!
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

Pre-Registration REQUIRED!!!
Register at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street
Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm & Weds Nights 6-8:30pm or online @
<http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org>
Accepting VISA & MASTERCARD

at dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com

Softball Hitting & Fielding Clinic

Members of the Bloomfield High School Softball Coaching staff and Recreation Softball Staff are conducting a hitting and fielding clinic to sharpen your daughter's softball skills before the season starts. The clinic will be held in the Bloomfield High School Upper Gym.

Saturday, March 5

Grades 1 - 5 12:30PM - 3:00PM

Grades 6 - 8 3:30PM - 6:30PM

Fee: \$25.00

Adult Men's Slow Pitch Softball

If you are 18+ years old and you would like to form a team to participate in our Men's Slow Pitch Softball League please email Recreation Leader, Dana Morton

Bloomfield Little League Baseball Ages 5 – 13

Today is the last day to register your 5 year old to 8 year old slugger. Registration is closed for 9 and up! There are limited spots available in the 5 – 8 age levels so be sure to register today via <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/297340>

Bloomfield Babe Ruth Baseball Ages 13 -17

Play organized wood-bat baseball under the lights, right here in Bloomfield. Sign-up for the spring season with your classmates, family, or even with friends from neighboring towns. All skill levels are welcomed, and all players will be assigned to a team. All games are played during the week. No travel and no weekends. Register online by at www.BBA.world or call (973) 680-4280 for additional information.

Important Do's and Don'ts at Bloomfield Parks

Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market

The Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market is set to kick off on Tuesday, June 7th and will run every Tuesday from 3:30pm to 6:30pm until October 25th. The Committee is accepting Vendor Applications through March 21st. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and accepted vendors will be notified by the first week in April.

The market will also offer opportunities for local businesses to participate one time at a market, free of charge, through the Community Spotlight program. If you are a local business interested in being a one-time Community Spotlight business, you are encouraged to send an email to msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com and provide your business's name, contact information, company website and social media handles as well as a description of the business and offerings.

If you would like more information about the Bloomfield Community Farmers Market please email the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department Director, Michael L. Sceurman via email at msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or call 973-743-9074 or visit the market webpage at <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1570/Bloomfield-Community-Farmers-Market>.

Follow the Famers Market on Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/bloomfieldfarmersmarket/>



Township of Bloomfield
**2022 Spring
Town-Wide
Cleanup Day**

sponsored by
the Mayor and Council and
the Bloomfield Beautification Committee

**Saturday, April 30, 2022
8am-12 noon**

Pick Your Site
Identify an area of town you'd like to clean up (your block, a park, a street, an empty lot, etc.). We've listed a few common sites on the registration form, but it's up to you!

Gather Your Group
Get your family, friends, classmates, teammates, and neighbors involved!

Sign up...we'll see you there!
Register at tinyurl.com/2022BloomSpringClean by April 22.
T-shirts and tools will be delivered to the location you choose.

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Register by April 22
Questions? Email beautifulbloomfield@gmail.com

The flyer features a decorative border on the right side with colorful illustrations of flowers and leaves in shades of pink, orange, blue, and green. At the bottom right, there is a small circular logo for the Township of Bloomfield.

Recycling Calendar

March Recycling and Garbage Calendar



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

Week of 3/7-cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 3/14-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 3/21- cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 3/28-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 ecdpw.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:
Bloomfieldwpnj.com/246/Public-Works-Park-Maintenance

March Council Meetings

The **Monday, March 14, 2022** Conference Meeting and the **Monday, March 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.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 in 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 in 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@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. 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 Election Information

· Petitions to run for Mayor and Council At-Large seats can be picked up at the Municipal Clerk's Office during regular business hours 8:30am-4:30pm.

· Save the Date: Bloomfield Commission on Civil Rights invites you to their virtual Voter Information Session on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 7-8pm.

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 Housing Authority Choice Voucher Program Waiting List Opens March 1

The Housing Authority of the Township of Bloomfield will accept 75 applications for its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program waiting list. A point system will be utilized to identify prioritized populations. Applicants having the same number of points will be prioritized by date/time of submission. Applications will be available online on the Bloomfield Township Website starting March 1, 2022 at 8:30 am and ending March 7, 2022 at 4:30pm.

Elderly and/or disabled persons wishing to apply that require assistance with the application process can contact Bloomfield Housing Authority at (973) 680-4188 or (973) 680-4189, March 1, 2022 through March 7, 2022; Monday through Friday 8:30am to 3pm.

Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age or older and meet the following Housing and Urban Development Income Limits:

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons
\$37,600	\$43,000	\$48,350	\$53,700
5 persons	6 persons	7 persons	8 persons
\$58,000	\$62,300	\$66,600	\$70,900

All applicants will be treated equally without consideration to race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, familial status, marital status, or disability.



Bloomfield Public Library

3/7 @ 6pm: Monday Book Club (In-Person): Lady Clementine by Marie Benedict

3/8 @ 6pm: Finance Club: Understanding Cryptocurrency (In-Person)

3/8 @ 6:30pm: Queer Book Club (Zoom). All My Mother's Lovers by Ilana Masad.

3/15@ 6pm: Revolutionary War Women (Zoom). <https://bit.ly/3gMJUYg>

3/15 @ 6pm: Nonfiction BookClub (In-Person). Unfollow by Megan Phelps-Roper.

3/23 @ 6:30pm: Women's History (Zoom): discuss great women in history & in our lives

Laptops on loan for use in the library. iPads for 7-day loans to assist patrons with telehealth appointments, mental health support, and more (sponsored by NJ HealthConnect @ Your Library). We also loan hot spots, cake pans, and check out our new Library of Things.

Children's Library

2/28-3/4, daily @ 11am: Read Across America Week features community members reading their favorite books, daily (Facebook)

3/1, 3/ 8 & 11 @ 11am: In-Person Winter Storytimes. Take-home crafts to follow.

3/12 @ 11am: Read to Brady the Therapy Dog (take turns in small groups).

3/23 @ 11am Storytime Boogie with Ms. Katie from Shooting Star Dance Center

3/29 @ 11am: Spring Storytime begins

Franklin and Berkeley Schools students artwork on display beginning March 9.

All in person programs (except Brady) take place in our Theater require registration via <https://www.bplnj.org/library-calendar> .

Build Your Big Bag of Bags

If you haven't yet started building up a collection of reusable shopping bags, now is the time, according to the Bloomfield Environmental Commission. Under a new state law that takes effect on May 4, supermarkets and most other stores may no longer give or sell customers single-use plastic or paper bags to carry home their purchases. You will need to bring your own, or purchase reusable bags (most supermarkets sell them).

There are some exceptions, including bags to hold raw meat and fish, loose fruits and vegetables, deli purchases and prepared foods, as well as prescription drugs and laundry/dry cleaning bags. Reusable bags must have sewn-on handles and must be washable, according to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection. A complete list of exceptions, along with other frequently asked questions, may be found online at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law>. Please don't give store employees a hard time about not providing bags. It is state law and businesses that do not comply may face heavy fines.

Also taking effect on May 4 is a ban on most polystyrene (Styrofoam®) food containers. More about that next month...

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**



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