

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



Spring Program Registration

Registration for spring programs is ongoing and will be open until classes begin or hit their maximum capacity. We are happy to announce we are offering a Free Trial for select programs the week of April 11th. Residents will be allowed to participate free of charge and without a full-season commitment. If you enjoyed the free

trial you can register for the program that will start the week of April 25th. Please note program registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and all programs have a minimum and maximum capacity.

Spring programs include tennis, track, and field, pee wee baseball, and rookie league softball to name a few. We've also brought back popular classes, like Yoga, Ceramics, Watercolor, Chef it Up, Youth Dance, Children's Art, and much more!

New for 2022: Lego Robotics and Coding, Ball Room Dance, Solar Bot.14, Teen Entrepreneurship, Adult Fitness Boot Camp, Creative Writing, Video Game Music Composition

<https://my.visme.co/view/4dyown7z-spring-program-guide-2022>

<https://my.visme.co/view/w4zr3q11-spanish-spring-program-guide-2022>

For more information or to register for any of our events and programs, contact:

Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ
(973)743-9074
fvolante@bloomfieldtwpnj.com

Register online www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Free trial week for select programs begins April 11th! The regular season begins on April 25th!

2022 Summer of Fun Sponsorship
Opportunities

If you own a business and need a viable



sponsorship opportunity, why not support the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs 2022 Summer of Fun. It is a great way to support your town while getting exposure for your business! The “Summer of Fun” is a collection of popular, well-attended events including Music Concerts in the Park, Drive-In Movie

Series, Holiday Celebrations, the Hank Barlow Golf Outing, Classic Car Cruise Nights, and more! Multiple sponsorship levels are available. For details, e-mail the Director at mscurman@bloomfieldwpnj.com.

Thank you to all of the local businesses that have donated thus far!

Platinum Headline Sponsor

Arlington Developers

Gold Sponsor

Brookdale ShopRite
Halpin Bitecola Funeral Home
Town Pub

Silver Sponsor

CME Associates
ECRB Towing & Recovery
Jack’s Super Foodtown
Provident Bank
State Street Grill

Bronze

Bloomfield FMBA Local #19
Bloomfield PBA Local #32
Bloomfield Steak & Seafood House
Local 68
Metro Real Estate Companies
Millennium Strategies
Montclair Radiology
O’ Boyle Funeral Home
Shooting Star Dance Studio
Sign Post NJ
Universal Technical Institute
Enviroscapes, Inc.
Hackensack Meridian / Mountainside Medical Center

Sports Equipment Exchange

Have some lightly used sports equipment that you or your children have grown out of? Do you have children interested in sports for the first time but want to see if they like the sports before you buy equipment? Then the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department’s Equipment Exchange Program is for you!

The Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street currently has a wide variety of cleats, shin guards, baseball/softball gloves, bats, helmets (with or without protective masks) baseball/softball uniform pants, and some football pads/equipment. To donate, all items must be in reasonably good condition and in proper working order.

To acquire this free equipment you must be a Bloomfield resident and call 973-743-9074 to set up a time to come to the Civic Center

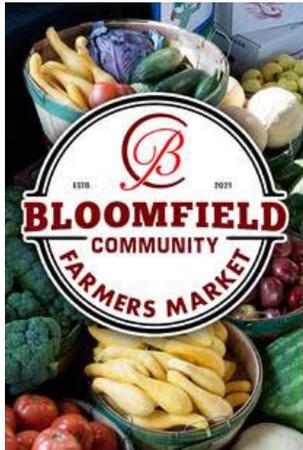
Bloomfield Senior Citizen Programs

Tuesdays/Thursdays – Senior Exercise – 10-11am @ the Civic Center

Wednesdays/Fridays – Zumba Gold – 10-11am @ the Civic Center/via Zoom

Baseball & Softball Opening Day

Little League Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd – Senior League – Wrights field. Little League – Parade from Oakview School to Vassar Field steps off at 11am. Softball Opening Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 2nd at Pulaski Park Exact time is to be announced!



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 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 mscurman@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. Scurman via email

at mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or call 973-743-9074 or visit the market webpage at <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1570/Bloomfield-Community-Farmers-Market>. Follow the Farmers 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.

tinyurl.com/2022BloomSpringClean

Register by April 22

Questions? Email beautifulbloomfield@gmail.com



April Recycling Calendar and Information

Week of 4/4-cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 4/11-commingled recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1, 2, 5)

Week of 4/18- cardboard and mixed paper recycling

Week of 4/25-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](https://www.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](https://www.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

April Council Meetings

The **Monday, April 11, 2022**, Conference Meeting and the **Monday, April 25, 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 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

Wednesday, April 13 – Last Day for Party Declaration (Municipal Clerk's Office open during regular business hours 8:30am-4:30pm).

Dog/Cat License Renewal

Dog/Cat 2022-2023 renewal applications will be mailed out mid-April 2022 - if a pet's rabies vaccination expires BEFORE April 30, 2023, you MUST get your pet re-vaccinated.

The Free Rabies clinic will be on May 14, 2022, from 9am – 12pm at the Firehouse #3 – 124 East Passaic Avenue

Last names beginning with A-M are scheduled to attend between 9am – 10am.

Last names beginning with N-Z are scheduled to attend between 10am – 12pm.

Any questions regarding the free rabies clinic, please contact the Animal Shelter at 973-748-0794.

Any questions regarding Dog/Cat licensing, please contact the Clerk's office at 973-680-4015.

Licensing fee is as follows: \$22 (spayed/neutered) or \$25 (non-spayed/non-neutered)

Payable only via check or money order. Credit Cards are accepted in the office.



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.

Brookdale Sports
ShopRite
1409 Broad Street • Bloomfield, NJ
34th Running

TOM FLEMING SUNSET CLASSIC
Thursday Night, June 30, 2022
Foley Field, Bloomfield, NJ

7:30 PM - 5 Mile Road Race, 7:00 PM - Mile Fun Run
6:30 PM - Kids' Infield Sprints
Benefits The Bloomfield Educational Foundation

Featuring Classic Technical Shirts, Music,
Complimentary Food, Ice Cream, and
BEER after the race at Town Pub with bib and ID.

Info and Registration @ www.thesunsetclassic.org
Entry Fees
5 Mile \$45 by June 26 (Technical Shirt)
USATF \$42 by June 26 (Technical Shirt)
\$ 30 after June 26 and on Race Day
Mile Fun Run \$20 (Tee Shirt)
Kids Sprints \$12 (Tee Shirt)

Tech and Tees to all pre registrants by May 15th, and post registrants while supplies last.
Race packet pick up on Tues, June 28 and Wednesday, June 29
at Fleet Feet 603 Bloomfield Ave. Bloomfield, NJ

IMPORTANT INFO:
Online registration only by June 26. There will be Race Day registration.

**Bloomfield Municipal
Community Blood Drive**
April 25th | 10:00 am -4:00 pm
Oakeside Cultural Center
240 Belleville Ave. Bloomfield, NJ 07003

A partnership to save lives!

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE 732-235-8100 ext. 221 or online at rwjuhdonotclub.org

SAVE THE DATE!

Celebrate Juneteenth with the
township **Saturday, June 18**
in Bloomfield Center

Rain or shine



7B Pi Day Celebration

In celebration of Pi Day on 3-14-22, Bloomfield Middle School team 7B held a “Pi” Your Teacher in the Face event. Students pre-purchased raffle tickets, and each ticket counted as an entry for the chance to smash a pie in the face of a teacher or administrator.

On Monday, student names were randomly chosen in front of a crowd of students and staff, and students smashed a whipped cream pie in the face of the person of their choosing. In addition to the 7B team teachers, Superintendent Mr. Goncalves,

Assistant Superintendent Mr. Fleres, Math Supervisor Mrs. Keller, Principal Mrs. Vayda-Manzo, Assistant Principal Mr. Sarmiento and Officer Comacho also volunteered to get “Pi”ed in the face.

It was an event that brought smiles, laughter, and a lot of whipped cream to everyone who participated! All proceeds help to reduce the cost for students to attend the spring field trip.

CATV Advisory Committee Accepting Applications

Are you passionate about content creation, streaming media, broadcasting and would like to help make a difference in our community? The Township of Bloomfield is now accepting applications for the CATV Advisory Committee.

Learn more about WBMA-TV, the township's award-winning cable access channel that is New Jersey's premiere municipal access channel serving the local community on Comcast, FiOS, Apple TV, ROKU and Amazon Fire.

If you are available once a month for a couple of hours and are interested in serving, please reach out to Councilman Ted Gamble at tgamble@bloomfieldwpnj.com. Giving back to the community can be both fun and rewarding being part of the Cable Advisory Committee.



Bloomfield Public Library

Follow us on Social Media, sign up for our emails to be notified of new programs. Stay tuned for Poetry Month celebrations and for Children's programs during Bloomfield Schools Spring Break!

- 4/4 @ 6:30pm: Monday Bookclub. The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Morris.
- 4/5 @2pm (Zoom): Become a US Citizen (Conversation with USCIS).
- 4/6 @12:30pm: Midday movies resume (Wednesdays).
- 4/5 @6pm (Zoom): Medicare 101. Registration required.
- 4/12 @6:30pm (Zoom) Queer Bookclub: Amateur by McBee.
- 4/19 @6:30pm: Non-Fiction Bookclub: Destiny of the Republic by Millard.
- 4/23 @ 2pm: Elvis is in the building! In-person concerts resume with our in-person impersonator
- 4/23 @11am Earth Day (courtyard) featuring Environmental Commission, Greener Bloomfield, Open Space Committee, Essex County Native Plant Society, and more. Pick up a free sapling & visit our seed library...
- 4/27 @6:30pm Romance Bookclub

Spring Storytimes @11am. Registration Required.

Ms. Cheryl's Storytimes: Tuesdays/Thursdays, Bilingual Storytimes: Saturdays.

4/23 @11am (outside, weather permitting): Read to Brady the Therapy Dog.

Now circulating:

NJ HealthConnect@YourLibrary iPads, preloaded to enable Bloomfield residents to conduct telehealth appointments or job interviews, and links to trustworthy sources of medical and mental health information. Also circulating is our [Library of Things](#). Kindle Fire tablets/hotspots circulate for 2 weeks, Dell laptops (in-library use only).

Links:

4/5 zoom link for US Citizen: [link:https://bit.ly/3HH2UT6](https://bit.ly/3HH2UT6)

4/5 program, Link to register for Medicare 101 [link to register:](#)

<https://bit.ly/3xiTNo8>

last paragraph, [Library of Things](#). [link: https://www.bplnj.org/library-of-things](https://www.bplnj.org/library-of-things)

Morris Canal Greenway Hike in Bloomfield to resume!

Saturday, April 23, we will be hiking a section



of the Morris Canal Greenway in Bloomfield (hike only - no bus ride). The hike will be approximately 3 miles, starting at Oakeside at 10:00 AM and following the path of the Morris Canal to Wrights Field, then return to Oakeside approximately 1:00 PM. Most of the walking will be on paved sidewalks, some on gravel with the possibility of some muddy areas, most of it fairly level. Parking is available at the Oakeside parking lot.

To sign up, email MorrisCanal@gmail.com.

The hike will be conducted by long-time Canal Society of New Jersey member and Morris Canal enthusiast, Ron Rice and Bloomfield Councilman, Rich Rockwell.

A 20-page booklet with historical photos and colored maps of the canal will be available for \$5.00.

You will be required to sign a waiver that will be sent after you sign up.

Rain date is Sunday, April 24.

Exit the Clamshell

Polystyrene (Styrofoam®) take-out containers – often called "clamshells" because of the way they close – will be a thing of the past in New Jersey as of May 4, when the next portion of the state's ban on single-use plastics takes effect. According to the Bloomfield Environmental Commission, foam drink cups, plates, and egg cartons are also prohibited. In addition, the new law forbids the sale of polystyrene food containers for home use.

According to the State Legislature, "an estimated 100 billion single-use plastic carryout bags and 25 billion Styrofoam plastic coffee cups are thrown away in the United States each year (and) approximately 8 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean annually," harming sea life and causing significant pollution that affects humans as well as wildlife.

As with the ban on single-use plastic and paper bags discussed here last month, there are some exceptions in the new law, but these are only exempted for two more years. They include foam trays for raw meat and fish, food pre-packaged by the manufacturer on foam trays, and a few other specific products. For more information, visit https://www.nj.gov/dep/get-past-plastic/#foam_products.

IMPORTANT ACTION REQUIRED FOR YOUR WATER METER

If you have not already done so, please make arrangements to have your water meter replaced by June 1, 2022, and avoid potential fees!

The process is FREE and simple!



Call to schedule your appointment with National Metering Services at 201-246-1115 or 888-448-0009.

Questions, comments, and concerns, contact the Bloomfield Engineering Department - at 973-680-4010

The full text of the ordinance is available online at

<https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/454/Water-Advisories-Information>

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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