

## Bloomfield High School Holds Socially Distanced Graduation



Bloomfield High School's Class of 2020 celebrated their graduation in-person on July 15th at 10:30am at Foley Field. Over 300 members of the Class of 2020 gathered to celebrate their high school graduation by marching to Foley Field and gathering as a class one last time.

All students and staff were provided a Class of 2020 facemask and students were seated six feet apart while they waited for their name to be called so they could stand and be recognized by their peers. Because of the Governor's Executive Order limiting crowds to 500 people or fewer, parents were not allowed onto Foley Field to watch the ceremony but they could watch a live feed on Facebook as well as a taped version of the ceremony which is posted on the school's website.

## Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



**Hot Summer Nights – Classic Car Cruise Night**

**Wednesday Nights in August – 6:00PM – 9:00PM**

**Universal Technical Institute, 1515 Broad St**

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department along with the Bloomfield Cruisers, Universal Technical Institute & Shelbourne invites you to our FREE family friendly cruise nights every Wednesday in August from 6:00PM to 9:00PM in Universal Technical Institute's parking lot, 1515 Broad St, Bloomfield, NJ

No registration required | Gates open @ 5:45pm | No early birds



Check out different first responder vehicles from fire trucks, police cruisers, ambulances to specialty vehicles & more!

**Mark your calendars for Aug 12, 19, 26th**

Specific details to be advertised each week!

Music by DJ Uncle Roy Yokelson of Antland Productions and various local food vendors on site!

All cars, years, makes and models are welcome for this FREE event | Social distanced spots!

Best in Show trophies awarded each night | Face coverings required when social distancing is not possible

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is partnering with the Bloomfield Cruisers, Universal Technical Institute and Shelbourne to present (4) FREE Classic Car Cruise Nights in Universal Technical Institute's parking lot at 1515 Broad St (Just north of the Brookdale Shoprite).

All classic, show and specialty vehicles are invited to participate in this free event regardless of year, make or model and spectators are



encouraged to attend this family friendly event. There will be onsite parking for spectators. Each Wednesday night will feature a special theme:

**August 5** – First Responders Night featuring Police, Fire, EMS vehicles and staff from Bloomfield and Essex County. RWJBarnabas Health|Clara Maass Medical Center will also bring their WAVE Van and have giveaways!

Mark your calendars for future shows **August 12, 19 and 26**

Antland Productions will be playing hits and classic music and trophies will be awarded each night. There will be a food truck and ice cream vendor selling a wide variety of food items at these events.



**BLOOMFIELD  
FEDERATION OF MUSIC  
PRESENTS**

**SUMMER  
CONCERT  
Series**

**MONDAYS**

**7:30PM @ Pulaski Park**  
24 Mt. Vernon Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**CIVIC BAND**

**July 13th** American Salute  
**July 20th** Hands Across the Sea  
Music From Great Britain to Broadway!  
**July 27th** Jazz, Latin & Popular Favorites

**YOUTH BAND**

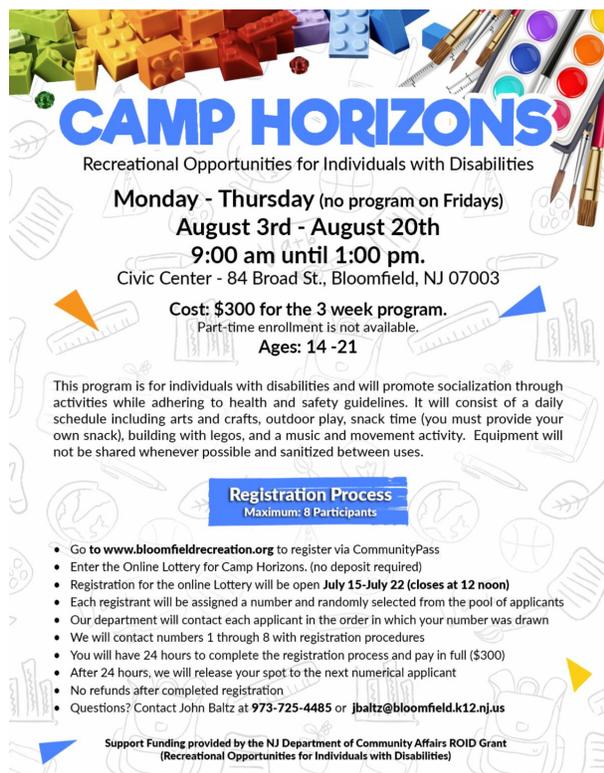
**Aug 3rd** The Colors of Summer

All concerts are **FREE** | Social distancing guidelines will be in effect  
Bring a blanket or lawnchair | Masks are required by all spectators

## Free Musical Performance by Bloomfield Youth Band

**Monday, August 3, 2020 – 7:30PM**  
**Pulaski Park, 24 Mt Vernon Ave**

Come to Pulaski Park for a free musical performance by the Bloomfield Youth Band, a community wind ensemble comprised of some 55 secondary school and university musicians from Bloomfield and the Greater Essex County area. The group is conducted by Bloomfield resident and founder Patrick Burns. Please bring a lawn chair, blanket and a face covering. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect and enforced.



**CAMP HORIZONS**

Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities

**Monday - Thursday (no program on Fridays)**  
**August 3rd - August 20th**  
**9:00 am until 1:00 pm.**  
Civic Center - 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Cost: \$300 for the 3 week program.**  
Part-time enrollment is not available.  
**Ages: 14 -21**

This program is for individuals with disabilities and will promote socialization through activities while adhering to health and safety guidelines. It will consist of a daily schedule including arts and crafts, outdoor play, snack time (you must provide your own snack), building with legos, and a music and movement activity. Equipment will not be shared whenever possible and sanitized between uses.

**Registration Process**  
Maximum: 8 Participants

- Go to [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) to register via CommunityPass
- Enter the Online Lottery for Camp Horizons. (no deposit required)
- Registration for the online Lottery will be open **July 15-July 22 (closes at 12 noon)**
- Each registrant will be assigned a number and randomly selected from the pool of applicants
- Our department will contact each applicant in the order in which your number was drawn
- We will contact numbers 1 through 8 with registration procedures
- You will have 24 hours to complete the registration process and pay in full (\$300)
- After 24 hours, we will release your spot to the next numerical applicant
- No refunds after completed registration
- Questions? Contact John Baltz at 973-725-4485 or [jbaltz@bloomfield.k12.nj.us](mailto:jbaltz@bloomfield.k12.nj.us)

Support Funding provided by the NJ Department of Community Affairs ROID Grant  
(Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities)

## Camp Horizons

**Aug 3 – Aug 20 – 9:00am to 1:00PM**  
**Civic Center, 84 Broad St**

This summer camp was created to provide recreational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. This program is geared for young adults ages 14 to 21 and each day will include arts and crafts, outdoor play, Lego building and a music and movement activity.

This 3-week program will run Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm from August 3 to August 20 and will be held at the Bloomfield Civic Center. Contact John Baltz for more details at (973) 725-4485.

## **Sports Clinics**

Week 5 – August 3 – August 7

There is still time to register for the last week of Sports Clinics, but hurry spots are limited!

Golf - 9:30am to 11:30am – Felton Field

Baseball/Softball - 12:30pm to 2:30pm – Felton Field

## **Fall Program Registration**

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is working diligently to provide recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities this fall. While they would love to be able to provide their traditional fall programming, they are aware that COVID-19 will impact some of their offerings. The department is confident that they can build off the momentum they created during the spring and summer season and offer both in person and virtual programs to residents. They will adhere to all social distancing protocols and disinfecting procedures to ensure a safe and effective environment for our participants.

More details will be available in September.

## **Join the Art League!**

The Bloomfield Art League is one of the longest running art organizations in New Jersey. It takes pride in serving the Bloomfield community and neighboring towns by promoting and stimulating interest in art. The organization is sponsored by the Bloomfield PRCA Department and traditionally holds classes, lectures and demonstrations throughout the year.

Membership is \$25 and includes:

- \$5 off art classes
- Demonstrations by award winning artists
- Juried exhibition opportunities
- 10% Discount at Jerry's Artist Outlet
- Community events & celebrations

Adult and Junior memberships are available.

(Junior Art League members will receive a beginner's art kit.)

Upcoming Demos

Demos are FREE for members, but you do not have to be a member to register.

Guided Painting Lesson - \$15

Saturday, August 8

2:00PM - 4:00PM

Ages 8 to 13

In-Person - Town Green

All supplies are included.

Art in the Park - \$25

Saturday, August 15

2:00PM - 5:00PM  
Ages 14 and up  
In-Person - Town Green  
Guided Painting Lesson. All supplies are included.

Printmaking - \$25  
Saturday, August 22  
2:00PM - 5:00PM Ages 14 and up  
In-Person - Civic Center

All supplies are included.

### **Get Your Artwork Photographed**

The Art League is proud to partner with [Anthony S. Torres Photography](#) to give our local artists the opportunity to have their artwork professionally photographed. Artists will receive high resolution, digital copies of up to (2) pieces of art that can then be used for prints, marketing, social media, etc. This opportunity is FREE, but you must be an Art League member to participate. For more info on how to join the Art League or reserve a spot contact [culturalaffairs@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:culturalaffairs@bloomfieldwpnj.com).

### **Thank You to the Generous Sponsors**

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department extends its thanks to all of their generous sponsors of the 2020 Summer of Fun. Their support allows the township to offer a variety of free special events throughout the summer.

#### **Platinum Headline Sponsor**

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Provident Bank

## Valuable Services at the Bloomfield Public Library!



The Bloomfield Public Library continues to offer valuable services in spite of COVID-19. Follow the library on Facebook for the latest news and updates. Residents may also call, email or chat should they have any questions: [www.bplnj.org](http://www.bplnj.org), [reference@bplnj.org](mailto:reference@bplnj.org), 973-566-6200. Curbside pickup will continue and WiFi has been extended into the courtyard.

**8/5 at 6:30pm**, Jazz Concert on Zoom!  
"Evening with Elly: Music of the 1940s-1970s, Jazz Standards and International - Vocals plus Sax".

The library will have Children's staff members outside with the veggie truck (weather permitting) on **Aug 4 and 18 from 4:30pm-6:00pm**, distributing SRP care packages and other library goodies.

Special Virtual Storytimes, sponsored by the United Way of Bloomfield: **Tuesday 8/18** The Night Before Preschool and **Wednesday 8/19** The Night Before Kindergarten. Copies of these Natasha Wing books to distribute to children have been supplied by UWB which will begin on **August 18**.

SRP ends on **August 21** with a virtual finale scheduled for 2pm. All aboard the Imagination Express with magician Steven Woyce! The video link will be posted to the library's social media platforms. Fun for all ages!

As always, watch for special news and announcements from the library as they continue to connect with young patrons during this time.

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## Reminder for Pet Owners



The Township of Bloomfield requires a license for dogs and cats within the township limits.

Renewal notices for the licensing year of 2020-2021 went out in *late April* and all pets should have their license issued by *August 30, 2020*. New applications can be found on the township website.

You will need to mail in

- The *application* filled out.
- A copy of the *Rabies Vaccination Certificate* (Valid until after May 1, 2021)
- A *check* payable to the Township of Bloomfield: \$22 (Spayed/Neutered) or \$25 (Not Spayed/Neutered).

If you have an emotional support pet, please send the corresponding documents. Fee is waived. Any updates regarding your pet or if you did not receive the renewal form, please contact the Clerk's office at (973)680-4015 or email [mvasquez@bloomfieldtwp.com](mailto:mvasquez@bloomfieldtwp.com)

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## Recycling Calendar

**Week of August 3**-Commingled (Glass, Aluminum, Plastic Recycling Codes 1,2,5)

**Week of August 10**-Mixed Paper/Cardboard

**Week of August 17**-Commingled (Glass, Aluminum, Plastic Recycling Codes 1,2,5)

**Week of August 24**-Mixed Paper/Cardboard

### Saturday Recycling Hours

The Public Works Yard at 230 Grove St. is open for recycling every Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm (closed July 4). No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper/cardboard, commingled items-glass, aluminum and plastic (recycling codes 1,2 and 5 ONLY), electronics and used water filters. MASKS REQUIRED.

### Bulk Pickup of Large Items

(No metals, appliances) occurs on the second garbage pickup day of each week. Three items maximum. You do not need to call the office to have items picked up.

### Metals and Appliances

(Not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW at 973-680-4127 no later than 3:00pm the Monday before scheduled Tuesday pickup. NO TRASH, DIRT AND ROCKS IN VEGETATIVE waste bags. Large branches must be bundled and tied in 4ft. lengths. (Waste bags and bundles may not weigh more than 50lbs).

### 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.

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## Council Meeting Schedule

Both Conference and Regular Council meetings will take place in Council Chambers, which was recently updated with modern style seating. Seating may be limited due to COVID-19. The meeting dates and times are:

### Township Council Conference Meeting Schedule

August 24, 6:30pm  
Combined Conference/Regular Meeting

September 14, 7:00pm  
Conference Meeting

September 28, 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting

October 5, 7:00pm  
Conference Meeting

October 19, 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting

November 9, 7:00pm  
Conference Meeting

November 23, 7:00pm  
Regular Meeting

December 7, 7:00pm  
Conference Meeting

December 14, 6:30pm  
Combined Conference/Regular Meeting

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### **Playgrounds Reopen**

Eight township playgrounds will reopen on Saturday after being closed as a precaution against COVID-19. The playground equipment will be disinfected every morning though, social distancing and facemasks will still be required. Signs will be placed at the playgrounds with rules that must be followed to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19. The playgrounds will be open from 10:00am to dusk and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

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### **Bloomfield to Conduct Survey to Identify Properties that may be Designated as Local Historic Sites**

In a continued effort to honor and preserve the historic character of Bloomfield, the Mayor, Town Council and Historic Preservation Commission are beginning a survey of historic resources in the township. The survey, which has been contracted to Richard Grubb and Associates (RGA), will identify properties that have a significant architectural, cultural and historic value that can be designated as local historic sites.

Through the Summer and Fall, residents may see RGA staff in their neighborhood photographing properties from the sidewalk or public right-of-way to gather information to include in the field survey. All RGA vehicles are marked with the RGA logo and RGA staff will not enter private property without permission. The findings of the survey will be made available to the public at the completion of the survey.

If you have any questions about the survey, or if you wish to share information about the history of your property, please contact Bonnie Flynn, Planning Director at [bflynn@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:bflynn@bloomfieldtwpnj.com) or 973-680-4192.

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## 2020 Census

Thank you to all residents that have completed the 2020 census! Thus far, the participation rate in Bloomfield is 67.4% meaning that there are still households that have not yet completed the census. The township is urging residents to complete the census as soon as possible to ensure that Bloomfield gets the funding it deserves. The census is quick and easy to fill out and is completely confidential. You can fill out the census by going to <https://2020census.gov/en.html> today.

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## Population Health Outcomes Survey

The Health Department would like to remind all Bloomfield residents to participate in the Population Health Outcomes Survey, currently accessible on the township website: <https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1534/Population-Health-Outcomes-Survey>. The survey is anonymous and all data collected will help to identify health related gaps/ disparities within the Bloomfield population and inform on the effectiveness of current programs/services offered through the department.

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## CPAWNJ Needs Cat "Bed & Breakfast" Recovery Locations!

CPAWNJ (Communities Promoting Animal Welfare New Jersey), a nonprofit that works with caregivers to trap, neuter and return community/feral cats

to their locations, is in need of comfortable spaces for the cats to rest and recover after surgery.

If you have room for a 6 ft table in a garage or outdoor shed (that can be cool in the heat, warm in the cold), please open your heart to make a special B&B experience for neighborhood cats as they recover. You'll be helping an outdoor cat live a longer, healthier life.

Each cat requires a small amount of time a day during their stay with you. All supplies and training will be provided.

## Nursing Division

Due to COVID-19, the schedule of the Nursing Division clinics, screenings, and events are pending at this time. Please call 973-680-4058 for information and updates!

At this time, the Nursing Division would like to remind residents of five easy steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or use your elbow when you sneeze or cough
- Wear a cloth face covering over your mouth and nose when around others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces around your home and work frequently.
- Keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others if you are in public.

STAY SAFE!

## Health and Human Services

**Bloomfield Human Services is here to help!**

Call us for assistance with :

- Food stamp applications
- Food pantry info
- Food shopping for seniors/disabled residents (limited based on availability of volunteers)
- Health Insurance applications (Medicaid/ACA)
- Assistance with unemployment applications
- Utility assistance programs
- Rental assistance (if funding is available)
- Mental health services
- Wellness calls
- Senior Services

**Call Human Services 973-680-4017**

(If you get our voicemail please leave a message and a social worker will call you back)



Bloomfield Human Services está aquí para ayudar!

Liámenos para asistencia con:

- Solicitudes de cupones de alimentos
- Información de despensa de alimentos
- Compra de alimentos para personas de la tercera edad / residentes discapacitados (limitado según la disponibilidad de voluntarios)
- Solicitudes de seguro de salud (Medicaid / ACA)
- Asistencia con solicitudes de desempleo
- Programas de asistencia de servicios públicos
- Asistencia de alquiler (si hay fondos disponibles)
- Servicios de salud mental
- Llamadas de bienestar
- Servicios para personas de la tercera edad

Llame a Servicios Humanos al 973-680-4017

(Si recibe nuestro correo de voz, deje un mensaje y un trabajador social le devolverá la llamada).



## WATSESSING WALK

Enjoy a socially distanced walk through Watsessing Park to Bloomfield's Mobile Veggie Truck at the Bloomfield Library.



★ **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** ★

15 Person Limit  
Please Register at: <https://www.meetup.com/Lets-WalkProgram/>

**Date:** Tuesday September 1, 2020  
**Time:** 4:30 pm  
**Meet-Up Location:** 90 Broad Street, Bloomfield Library

**FREE**



The Bloomfield Department of Health & Human Services will be at the Veggie Truck giving out \$10.00 vouchers to those who complete the walk.

The walk will be led by Liz Brady from New Jersey Bike & Walk Coalition. She will discuss healthy eating and healthy recipes that you can make with the vegetables provided at the Veggie Truck.



## Watsessing Park Walk

A socially distanced walk from Watsessing Park to the Bloomfield Public Library is set to take place on Tuesday, September 1 at 4:30pm. Everyone that completes the walk will be given a \$10.00 voucher from the Bloomfield Health and Human Services Department to redeem at the veggie truck set up at the library.



**DOUBLE**  
SNAP, WIC, & SENIOR CHECKS  
at all locations

**Bloomfield Library**  
90 Broad St.  
4:30pm - 6pm  
July 7, 21  
Aug. 4, 18  
Sept. 1, 15, 29  
Oct. 27  
Nov. 10

**VEGGIE MOBILE**

GROWING HEALTHY CITIES  
citygreenonline.org  
@citygreenNJ  
info@city-green.org

Partners for Health FOUNDATION

FOOD

Township of Bloomfield  
Department of Health & Senior Services  
Public Health

Veggie Mobile farm stands added regularly!  
citygreenonline.org/markets

## Resources for Families Coping with Mental and Substance Use Disorders:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/families>

### Volunteer to Help Elderly Bloomfield Residents

The Neighbor to Neighbor Network (NTNN) is seeking caring individuals to volunteer to assist elderly Bloomfield neighbors in need. The NTNN matches volunteers to Bloomfield seniors to help them with grocery shopping, errands, or just to provide some conversation and companionship. This volunteer opportunity is very flexible and would take about an hour of your time. You can also volunteer to shop or pick up food at a food pantry for a homebound or ill resident. If you or anyone you know could benefit from our services or would like to volunteer, please contact the NTNN Volunteer Coordinator at 973-680-4017.

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