

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
8:30AM - 12:30PM | Held Virtually
on ZOOM

Santa Claus will be ZOOMING into town to wish a very Merry Christmas to the children of Bloomfield. Each family will have some time to greet Santa and let him know what they want for Christmas. Pre-Registration is required and begins Friday, December 4th at 9:00am via www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Time slots will be available until the maximum number of participants is reached.

BLOOMFIELD | For more info or to register
Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs (973) 743-9074
www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

[Virtual Holiday Wish List With Santa](#)

Saturday, December 19
Via Zoom
8:30am to 1:00pm

We ask parents/guardians to pre-register via our [Community Pass link](#) to reserve a time frame for their children to speak with Santa. Each family will be allotted between 3-4 minutes with Santa so they can review their holiday wish list and Santa can determine if they have been naughty or nice!

Once registered you will receive a confirmation letter (with link to meeting) along with a special craft from

Santa. Registration will begin on Friday, December 4 at 9:00am and will remain open until all the slots are filled. Please remember this is for Bloomfield residents only and spots are limited.

[Winter Program Registration](#)

Begins Wednesday, December 9, 2020

BPRCA staff is working hard on creating new and exciting virtual programs for the winter months.

Programs include Adult Fitness Classes including Yoga, Zumba, and more. Children's programs including Zumba Kids, Dance, Yoga Kids, & Healthy Happy Kids Cooking! Register online 24 hours a day. Programs will begin in January 2020!

[Bloomfield Senior Citizen Programs](#)

The Senior Zumba Gold virtually on the Zoom App runs all year long. New session begins on December 9, 2020. You can register online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org, or by phone (973)743-9074.

Wednesday & Fridays | Zumba Gold 10:00am – 11:00am held virtually via Zoom
Coming Soon: Senior Line Dance Class – Virtually on the Zoom App
Get ready to stomp, twirl and scuff with instructor Katie Hickey! This class will

teach 1-2 beginner line dances a week using both country and non - country music.



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Holiday House Decorating Contest

Show your holiday spirit and creativity!

Open to all Bloomfield households. To enter, please return the entry form below and a photo to the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department by mail or email no later than Friday, December 18, 2020.

Winner will receive a \$100 gift card for
Angelo's Restaurant & Pizzeria
303 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ
Winner will be notified by December 21st!

Please complete entry form below and return to:
Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs, 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Or email culturalaffairs@bloomfieldtwpnj.com

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Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____

House Decorating Contest

Open to all Bloomfield residents. To enter, please email or mail a photo of your decorated home (inside or outside), along with your name, phone # and address to the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Dept. by December 20. The winner will receive a family dinner (for 4) at Angelo's Pizzeria! Winners will be notified by 12/28/20.

For more info or to enter, contact: Gabriela Guida (973)743-9074

gguida@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.



Gingerbread House Decorating Contest!

FREE to enter and kit is included. Pre-Registration is required and begins Friday, December 4th at 9:00am via www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Kits will be available until the maximum number of participants is reached. Winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate from

Zi Zia's Pizzeria
80 Bay Ave, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
Winner will be notified by December 21st!

For more info or to register, contact:
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Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

Open to all Bloomfield residents and free to enter. All supplies are included. Pre-registration is required and starts December 4. The winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Zi Zia's Pizzeria! Winners will be notified by 12/21/20.

Winter Sports

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is following the winter sport guidelines set forth by the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association), the governing body of high school sports. Following the Governor's Executive Orders, we have decided to push the start of basketball season back to January 11 and the wrestling season back to



All tryouts will be held between December 14th–18th at Bloomfield High School—160 Broad Street 6:00pm - 7:15PM or 7:45pm - 9:00PM

All registered participants will be notified by email on November 30th of the tryout date and time.

8th Grade registration begins on Friday, November 13th 6th & 7th Grade registration begins on Saturday, November 14th

In-Town times and dates are tentatively set for Mon–Fri from 6:00PM-9:00PM at BMS - 60 Huck
**Times, dates, and locations are subject to change*

Pre-registration is required!
NO registrations will be accepted after November 27th
Registration Fee = \$60.00
An additional \$15.00 will be required if you are chosen for the Suburban Team

- You must be a Bloomfield Resident to participate
- To adhere to CDC and NJ State regulations **NO spectators will be allowed in the gym**
- Masks are required at all times if the child is not in the game

For more info or to register, contact:

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March 1.

We urge any boy or girl in 6th, 7th and 8th grade to pre-register to reserve your spot. At this time we are **NOT CHARGING A FEE** until we get closer to the start date. In order to ensure compliance with state regulations and social distancing we have a limited number of spots so please register today!

Please visit our website

www.bloomfieldrecreation.org to register today!

Pre-registration will begin for wrestling in February 2021.

New Jersey's New Bag Ban and You

Governor Murphy recently signed into law the nation's toughest ban on single-use plastics, a major source of pollution. It takes effect in May, 2022. Here are some of the new law's practical impacts, via the Bloomfield Environmental Commission:

- Restaurants, convenience stores and large supermarkets (over 2500 square feet) will no longer be allowed to pack customers' purchases in either single-use plastic or paper bags. Reusable bags only.
- Polystyrene (Styrofoam®) food containers will be prohibited for takeout or leftovers (except for small businesses and/or if there are no practical alternatives)
- Restaurants may provide plastic straws only if requested (this part of the law takes effect next November).
- The law provides money for three years to fund public information efforts and provide free reusable bags.
- There are exceptions. It will still be OK to use polystyrene trays and plastic bags to package and wrap raw meat; bags may be used for loose items such as fruits and vegetables, for dry-cleaning, prescription drugs and newspapers, as well as live fish and insects from pet shops.

Time to start collecting reusable grocery bags...

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be collected on your recycling day until February 1. Christmas trees need to be placed out on the curb with no tinsel, lights, ornaments, stand and not bagged. After that, they will be collected by the garbage company on your scheduled garbage day.

Recycling Calendar



Week of December 7 - commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1,2,5)

Week of December 14 - mixed paper/cardboard

Week of December 21* - commingled (aluminum, glass, plastic recycling codes 1,2,5)

Week of December 28 - mixed paper/cardboard

*Due to the Christmas Holiday on Friday, Dec. 25, there is no garbage pickup on this day. Garbage will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled day which is Tuesday, Dec. 29, and Recycling will be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 26. There are no other changes to the schedule.

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.



Snow Removal

In order to clear the roads throughout town in the event of a snow storm, use [this link](#) to figure out if/where you need to move your car.

December Council Meetings

Due to multiple Executive Orders declared by Governor Murphy and in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19, the December 14, 2020 Township Council Combined Conference/Regular Meetings will be closed to the general public.

The Township Council meetings will be streaming live on Channel 35, (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), YouTube or Facebook Live starting at 6:30 p.m. A link for the livestream will be posted on the township website, www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com .

The public always has an opportunity to make public comment to the Mayor and Council during public meetings. However, with this new format, if you have a comment or a question, please submit it in writing to the Township Clerk at twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

If there are any public comments on the Ordinances on Second Reading please submit those as well. The Township 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 6:15 pm, Monday, December 14, 2020.

If you choose not to email, and would rather speak 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. 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



Sign Bloomfield's Green Challenge Pledge TODAY!

Commit to Bloomfield's Green Challenge Pledge and help the township reach 2,500 signatures. Your commitment will not only keep Bloomfield environmentally friendly and sustainable, but will help get the township one step closer to renewing its Sustainable New Jersey certification. Bloomfield residents who are 18 and over can participate:

<https://tinyurl.com/BloomfieldGreenChallenge>

Biodegradable Bag Guidelines

- Your biodegradable bags (leaf/grass clippings) are picked up on your recycling

day. Collection will continue weekly until November.

- All leaves must be placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags.
- Leaves placed in plastic bags of any type will not be collected.
- Leaves must be free of miscellaneous debris, e.g. dirt, rocks, stones, etc. Leaf bags containing these items will not be collected.
- Leaf bags shall be limited to a weight of fifty (50) pounds or less. Leaf bags weighing more than fifty pounds will not be collected.
- Limbs, branches, loose wood, and brush shall be cut and tied in lengths not exceeding three feet and not to exceed 25 pounds.
- LEAVES MAY NOT BE BLOWN INTO THE STREET BY EITHER RESIDENTS OR LANDSCAPERS. ALL LEAVES MUST BE PLACED IN BIODEGRADABLE BAGS.

As stated in the Township ordinance (491-7 C), NO grass clippings, brush, branches or other vegetative matter shall be placed loose or in piles on the sidewalk, gutters or streets of the Township of Bloomfield. If you have a DPW related issue, question or service request, please call 973-680-4127.

Check out the new [DPW Facebook page](#) for updates and changes to the schedule.



Bloomfield Public Library

12/9, 6pm: Free lecture and music on Zoom: Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement

12/16, 6:45pm: Journaling meetup on Zoom

Virtual Programs on Facebook:

Spanish Storytime Mondays at 11

Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 11

PreK Storytime Wednesdays at 11

Baby Storytime Thursdays at 11

Craft Time Fridays at 11

SPECIAL VIRTUAL PROGRAM: Storytime Boogie 12/2 at 11am

IN-PERSON PROGRAM:

After-school Books & Snacks for grades K-12, every Tuesday from 3-5 inside the main entrance. Students can come grab a snack and request/pickup library materials on-the-spot. EXTENDED HOURS for 12/29: 10-12:45 and 2-5.

Please contact the library for more information on all library programs and services. Reference@bplnj.org or call us at 973-566-6200. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Adopt a Pet Today!

The animal shelter will be promoting a 'Homes for the



Holidays' adoption special during the month of December. All adoption fees for adult cats and kittens will be reduced by half. Potential adopters can view available pets and adoption instructions by going to the shelter Facebook page @sobasnj, Instagram page @bloomfield_animal_shelter, and www.petfinder.com. For more information, please feel free to call the shelter during daily business hours 9am-5pm at 973-748-0194.

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!

Llámenos 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).



Resources for Families Coping with Mental and Substance Use Disorders:

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

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