

Halloween Update



The Township of Bloomfield understands residents are looking forward to October and activities associated with Halloween. As a community, we must remain diligent in our fight against COVID-19 by practicing social distancing, good hygiene and wearing a face covering.

Township officials are monitoring COVID-19 concerns and will share recommended practices for Halloween celebrations as we get closer to the holiday. For now remain diligent and stay safe.

Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs

Halloween Events and Activities

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is currently working on adjusting its Halloween activities to take into account executive orders and social distancing protocols. Unfortunately the extremely popular Haunted Trail has been canceled but the department is asking residents to save the date for the following events:

Saturday, October 17 – Halloween Spooktacular on the Historic Town Green

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Pumpkin patch and decorating kit, sealed goodie bags, Halloween photo backdrop, costume contest and an outdoor showing of Charles Schulz's - It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.

Saturday, October 24 – Haunted Pumpkin Patch

7:30pm – 9:30pm

A pumpkin carving contest open to adults and kids 10 & up. Take a stroll through a spooky jack-o-lantern pumpkin patch on the Historic Town Green. Artists will receive a free pumpkin and carving kit.

More details will be provided as we get closer to the events but please mark your calendars so you don't miss out on these events!

Morris Canal Greenway Walk Challenge

It's not too late to join in on the walk challenge. Although the walk challenge began on September 25, it will continue

MORRIS CANAL GREENWAY BLOOMFIELD

Walk Challenge

Friday, September 25th to Monday, October 12th

Bloomfield residents are challenged to stay active and get fit by walking along the Morris Canal Greenway.

HOW IT WORKS

Use the mobile app to track your activity and plan your fitness goals
 Post pictures on our social media site
 Free shirt to the first 100 registered participants.
 Give aways and prizes including water bottles and Fit Bits

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

No Charge to participate
 Pre-register at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org
 Download the Mobile App
 Stay active, get fit and have fun!

Logos for New Jersey State Parks, PHAB, University of Bloomfield, and Public Health.

through Monday, October 12. Pre-registered participants are challenged to stay active and get fit by walking along the Morris Canal Greenway in Bloomfield. A free t-shirt given to the first 100 registered active participants, along with many giveaways and prizes, including water bottles and Fitbits! Use the mobile app to track your activity and plan your fitness goals, post pictures on social media and record your physical activity to meet thresholds to be entered into the prize pools.

Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Presents

BASKETBALL JAMBOREE IN THE PARK

WHEN Saturday, October 10, 2020 (rain date Oct. 11)

WHERE Pulaski Park Basketball Courts, Bloomfield

TIME
 10:00am - 11:00am Girls Grades 5/6
 11:15am - 12:15pm Boys Grades 5/6
 12:30pm - 1:30pm Girls Grades 7/8
 1:45pm - 2:45pm Boys Grades 7/8

FEE \$25 (limited enrollment)

3 Fun Contests in 1 Event!

Racked and Ready to Shoot
 Each player gets 60 seconds to shoot 14 balls beyond the 3 point line. Basketballs have different point values. Highest point total wins!
 **3 point line adjusted for younger groups

Everyone Loves Hot Shot
 Each player gets 60 seconds to shoot from various spots on the court. Hot Shot spots have different point values. Highest point total wins!

Got Skillz?
 Players showcase their dribbling ability, passing accuracy and shooting proficiency in a race against time. Best time wins!

Limited capacity at 24 participants per session. Sign up bloomfieldrecreation.org

Basketball Jamboree in the Park

The Bloomfield PRCA is hosting a basketball jamboree at Pulaski Park. It is a one day event, partnered with Blaze Hoop Crew and Naismith Hall of Fame Basketball player Carol Blazejowski. 3 point, hot shot, and got skillz contests.

When - **Saturday, October 10** (Rain Date - October 11) Where - **Pulaski Park Basketball Courts**

Fall Outdoor Movie Series

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department expands upon its extremely popular summer drive-in movie series and is now offering a free fall outdoor movie series which includes movies in the park and drive-in movies. Pre-registration starts every Sunday morning at 9:00am for the upcoming week's movie. Social distancing guidelines will be in effect and face coverings are

Outdoor MOVIE NIGHTS

FREE outdoor movies will be shown on Bloomfield's 25ft movie screen at various locations throughout town. Bloomfield residents must pre-register weekly starting every Sunday at 9:00am.

Social distancing guidelines will be in place and face coverings must be worn. Please bring your own blanket and/or chair.

Movie show time is around 7:00pm.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH - ALADDIN (2019)
@ Wright's Field | 180 Weaver Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST - THE ADAMS FAMILY (2019)
@ Vassar Field | 60 Byrd Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH - PRINCESS AND FROG
@ Pulaski Park | 24 Mt. Vernon Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH - MOVIE TBD
@ 322 Glenwood Ave | Downtown Bloomfield Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD - REMEMBER THE TITANS
@ Foley Field | JF Kennedy Dr N, Bloomfield, NJ

HOW TO REGISTER

BLOOMFIELD | www.bloomfieldrecreation.org
Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs | 84 Broad St., Bloomfield, NJ
(973) 743-9074



required when social distancing is not possible. Spots are limited so don't miss out on your chance for a free, family friendly event in your hometown. Movies will start when it gets dark, generally between 6:30 and 7pm.

Thursday, October 1 - The Adams Family (2019) Vassar Field
With a special showing of Theatre of Terror's "Soothsayer" by Bloomfield filmmaker Tom Ryan at 6:30pm

Thursday, October 8 - Princess and The Frog @ Pulaski Park

Saturday, October 10 - Movie TBD @ Glenwood Ave

Friday, October 16 - McFarland USA @ Bloomfield College

Friday, October 23 - Remember the Titans @ Foley Field

Thank you to all of the sponsors for their generosity and support in making these events free to the community!



Fall Programs 2020

The traditional fall programs have a new look just like the [digital program guide](#). Covid-19 has required a modification of programs to now offer in person, hybrid and full virtual classes. While class sizes have been reduced, programming that enhances physical, social and cultural growth of all residents continues to be offered. For a Spanish version of the digital program guide go [here](#).

The adult fitness classes include Zumba, Yoga, and more.

The youth classes include Pee Wee Football, Magic with Joe Fischer, Zumba, Yoga and dance classes.

Comic Book Design, Printmaking, Ceramics, Children's Art and several fall one day workshops are being offered!

Bloomfield Senior Zumba Gold Class - \$10.00

Zoom Virtual Class

An aerobic fitness program featuring movements inspired by various styles of salsa, flamenco and merengue. Taught by instructor Katterine Godoy.

Wednesdays & Fridays | Ages 55 & up

10:00am – 11:00am

September 30 October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30

Seniorcise – Channel 35, for Verizon Fios tune into Channel 30 - Monday – Friday
10:30am and 3:30pm. A new class each day.

Fill out the 2020 Census TODAY!



Help create a BRIGHT FUTURE for us all

It's not too late to fill out your Census!
Please help Bloomfield get an accurate
count to help funding in our community.
It's SAFE, it's EASY and it's
IMPORTANT!

Go to www.2020CENSUS.GOV
or call [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) to fill it out

See the Bloomfield Township website
for more information
www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com

Data collection for the 2020 Census has been extended through the end of October. If you have not yet filled out your Census form please do so immediately.

Responding to the Census is quick and safe and has a great impact on the township for the next decade. The current response rate in Bloomfield is 72.6% therefore, there are still many residents that can still get their responses in. Go to <https://2020census.gov/en.html> to complete the census today!

Less Food Waste in our Communities

It is estimated that 20-25% of all solid waste produced in New Jersey is food-related. But according to the Bloomfield Environmental Commission, a new law will take much of that unused and wasted food out of the trash and into recycling. Earlier this year, Governor Murphy signed a new law which requires large generators of food waste - such as restaurants, supermarkets and some schools - to recycle food waste rather than have it sent to incinerators or landfills.

Each generator that produces more than 52 tons of food waste per year must separate the food waste from normal trash and send it to a recycling facility that handles food. There are two exemptions in the new law: (1) if no food recycling facility exists within 25 miles; or (2) if the cost to transport and dispose of the food waste at a food recycling facility is more than 10% higher than the cost of

disposing of it at a landfill. Onsite composting or anaerobic/aerobic “digesters” are also allowed.

The law will go into effect next October.

Important Voting Information



Voter Information Link:

<https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/1541/Voter-Information>

If you have any questions regarding the General Election or voter registration, please contact the Clerk’s Office: 973-680-4015 (open Monday-Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm)

The General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 will be conducted mainly via vote-by-mail ballots.*

The last day to register to vote, change a mailing address of an existing voter or update signatures/names is Tuesday, October 13. The Clerk’s Office (Room 214, 1 Municipal Plaza) will be open from 8:30am to 9:00pm on October 13 and will be accepting voter registration forms.

*There are three ways to return your completed ballot: Via regular mail (postage included), via a secure ballot box (in front of Firehouse #3, 124 East Passaic Avenue, Bloomfield) or by handing it to a poll worker at your designated polling location. You must go to the one assigned to you (which may be a different location for this election). You will receive a postcard from the County of Essex prior to election day with your designated polling place.

Recycling Calendar



Week of October 5-mixed paper/cardboard

Week of October 12-commingled (glass, aluminum, plastic recycling codes 1,2,5)

Week of October 19-mixed paper/cardboard

Week of October 26- commingled (glass, aluminum, plastic recycling codes 1,2,5)

Paper Shredding Event- Saturday, November 7 from 9:00am-12:00pm at NEW LOCATION Pulaski Park Parking Lot, 24 Mt. Vernon Avenue Ave.

This event is for residents only and you must provide proof of residency. This service is not available to commercial or industrial facilities. MASKS REQUIRED.

Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Date: October 3, 8:30am-4:00pm

99 West Bradford Ave, Cedar Grove

Call 973-792-9060 or visit ecuanj.com for more information

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.

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

October 5, Monday Conference Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building

October 19, Monday Regular Meeting, 7:00pm, Council Chambers, 2nd floor of the Municipal Building

Seating may be limited due to COVID-19.

ALL MEETINGS (Conference and Regular) are held in the Council Chambers on the 2nd Floor of the Municipal Building, unless noted otherwise. All questions should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office at (973) 680-4015.

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>

Register for Bloomfield's Town-wide Cleanup on October 24

The Mayor and Council along with Bloomfield's Beautification Committee invite you to join them for a town-wide cleanup on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Residents are invited to choose a location in their neighborhood and

spend the morning "cleaning" and "beautifying" the community. The DPW will drop off all materials at the location you designate, including gloves, masks, garbage pickers, bags, and more and will pick up materials, filled bags, and debris after noon. Please adhere to masks and social distancing recommendations. Registration is required by October 16:

<http://bit.ly/BloomfieldCleanup>

Accepting Applications for Bloomfield Farmer's Market Committee

The Township of Bloomfield is starting a committee to explore and plan a Farmer's Market for Bloomfield. Residents who are interested in volunteering as committee members should send a resume and statement of interest to Councilwoman Jenny Mundell at jmundell@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and new members will be selected and recommended to the Mayor and Council for official appointment by January. Please submit applications by November 15.

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

“The Joy of Hispanic Music” Singer/musician Manny performs Latin dance music such as Merengue, Salsa, Rumba, Bolero plus jazz standards kicked up Latin style. Manny is also showcasing his talent on conga drums. Manny will dazzle you with his spicy and energetic show. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88176752566>

10/14, 7pm. What's All This About "Fake News"? on Zoom. Jason Luther, Assistant Professor at Rowan University will explain why "fake news" spreads so easily, how to identify truth from fact, and how to overcome it.

<https://www.bplnj.org/civic-engagement>

October Virtual Programs listed below. All post on Facebook weekly at 11am:

- Mondays - Spanish Storytime
- Tuesdays - Toddler Storytime
- Wednesdays - PreK Storytime
- Thursdays - Baby & Me Storytime
- Fridays - Craft Time

Special Virtual Storytime Programs:

Wed 10/7 Storytime Boogie posts on FB at 11am

Fri 10/30 Spooky Snacks Storytime with the United Way of Bloomfield and Brookdale Shoprite, posts on FB at 11am

Onsite Event: After-School Books and Snacks

K-12 students are invited to stop by the courtyard on Tuesdays from 3-5pm for library materials, card registrations, and instructions on using your library card for online resources. Snacks provided by Toni's Kitchen. BPL is here to help you through this unique school year!



Fall Plant Swap

Do you want to plant something new and different indoors or for the spring? Come to the fall plant swap at Milbank Community Garden located at 264 North 17th Street on Saturday, October 17 between 10:00am - 12:30 pm! Bring some bulbs, rhizomes, whole plants or cuttings you don't need and exchange them for some that will add a new

look to your garden or inside your home. Meet fellow plant lovers and garden enthusiasts and go home with materials for an exciting new indoor or outdoor garden, at no cost.

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.)





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

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



NARCAN saves lives! For a list of pharmacies participating in the free giveaway, click [here](#).



NALOXONE SAVES LIVES

**FREE NALOXONE GIVEAWAY
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2020**

The **State of New Jersey** is providing naloxone for free at participating pharmacies.

-  No Individual Prescription Needed
-  No Payment or Insurance Required
-  No Name Required

Naloxone can reverse opioid overdoses. It will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Limit one per person.
Visit nj.gov/humanservices/stopoverdoses for a list of participating pharmacies. Available while supplies last.

Note: Professionals, professional entities, first responders and first responder entities, as defined in N.J.S.A. 24:6J-3, are not eligible to obtain the opioid antidote through this project.

**For Addiction Help 24/7
CALL 1-844-REACHNJ**



NJ Department of Human Services
Phil Murphy, Governor | Sheila Oliver, Lt. Governor | Carole Johnson, Commissioner



LA NALOXONA SALVA VIDAS

**ENTREGA GRATUITA DE NALOXONA
24-26 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2020**

El **Estado de New Jersey** está ofreciendo naloxona gratuita en farmacias participantes.

-  No necesita receta médica individual
-  No necesita pagar o tener seguro médico
-  No necesita dar su nombre

Naloxona puede revertir las sobredosis de opiáceos.
Sera distribuida por orden de llegada. Limite de uno por persona.
Visite la página nj.gov/humanservices/stopoverdoses para ver una lista de farmacias que están participando.
Disponible mientras que duren los suministros.

Note: Profesionales, entidades profesionales, equipos de primer respuesta y entidades de primera respuesta, como definidos en N.J.S.A. 24:6J-3, no son elegibles para obtener el antidoto opiáceo a través de este proyecto.

**Para ayuda con adicciones 24/7
LLAME AL 1-844-REACHNJ**



Departamento de Servicios Humanos de NJ
Phil Murphy, Gobernador | Sheila Oliver, Vicegobernadora | Carole Johnson, Comisionada

THE BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HOSTING A

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE!

Sunday, October 11, 2020

The Bloomfield Police Community Bike Ride is an opportunity for the public and members of our department to socialize and enjoy a 2.4 mile recreational bike ride through the Township of Bloomfield.

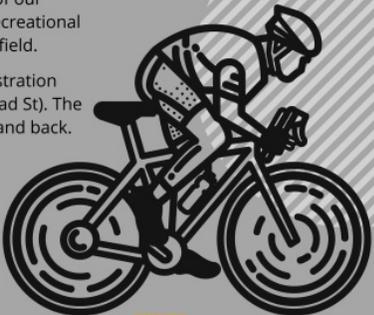
This event is free and open to all ages. Registration begins at 9:00am from the Civic Center (84 Broad St). The ride route will be Broad St. to Brookside Park and back.
The ride will begin at 10:00am!

Helmets and Masks required!

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For more information please contact
Lt. Naomi Zepeda
nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com

This event will be sponsored by Brookdale ShopRite. Water & Snacks will be provided during registration.


Resources for Families Coping with Mental and Substance Use Disorders:

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

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