

Town-wide Events

Save the Date for the Next Bloomfield Spring Town-wide Cleanup on April 22nd!

Organized by the Bloomfield Beautification Committee and with support from the Bloomfield Department of Public Works (DPW) and Division of Public Safety, the Spring Town-wide Cleanup Day is a twice-yearly event that encourages residents to actively participate in the upkeep of their neighborhoods and think about the small ways they can make a difference year-round. Participants chose their own location and gloves, garbage pickers, bags, rakes, and shovels are dropped off and picked up by the Bloomfield DPW.



Township Seeks Nominations for the Women's History Month Bloomfield Women to Watch

We all know a woman who supports a world where difference is valued and encourages all to embrace equity as she champions a gender-equal world...and she lives in Bloomfield!

Now is your chance to honor these incredible women by nominating them as 2023 Bloomfield Women to Watch.

The Bloomfield Town Council and the Women's History Month planning committee are currently accepting nominations through February 21, please email Councilwoman Mundell with your nomination's name, contact email, and explanation of why she exemplifies someone who champions equity and equality at jmundell@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

We will feature the winners during the women of Bloomfield Town Council's annual Township of Bloomfield social media takeover for International Women's Day on March 8 and by proclamation at the regular council meeting on March 27.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department Seeks Nominations for Annual Award Presentation

If you know of anyone who has given unselfishly to help others and who meets any of the below criteria, please submit the appropriate nomination form to the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department by March 31st.

Nomination forms will be reviewed in April and the final selections will be made at the May meeting. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. If your nomination is not selected, there is no need to resubmit. All submitted nominations forms will be reviewed annually.

We are currently accepting nominations for:

Bloomfield Service Award - presented to a resident, service organization, or business who has consistently shown exemplary effort and dedication to benefit the residents of Bloomfield.

[**Service Award Nomination Form \(PDF\)**](#)

[**Formulario de nominación al premio por servicio \(PDF\)**](#)

Bloomfield Outstanding Citizen Award - a resident who has helped the Township of Bloomfield and their fellow citizens through extraordinary acts kindness, selflessness, devotion, encouragement and skill. During their daily lives they consistently put others happiness, wellbeing and security before their own and have made a lasting positive impact on that individual and community as a whole.

[**Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form \(PDF\)**](#)

[**Formulario de nominación ciudadana sobresaliente \(PDF\)**](#)

Nomination forms can be mailed to the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Attn: Committee Chairperson or **Recreation Director Michael Scurman**. A confirmation receipt will be sent.

For more information please call Michael Scurman, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs at 973-743-9074.

Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department - Winter Programs

While most of our winter programs kicked off the last week of January there is still time to sign up and enjoy the rest of the season!

We are also offering two great new programs at the Oakeside Cultural Center starting in late February.

You can sign up for these classes or any of our other programs by visiting our website: www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Fundamentals of DJ'ing

Tuesday Nights February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21
Co-Ed - Grades 7th to 12th
At Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave
6:30PM - 7:30PM

Learn the fundamentals of DJ'ing from DJ Corey of CSA Entertainment and friends!

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FUNDAMENTALS OF DJ'ING

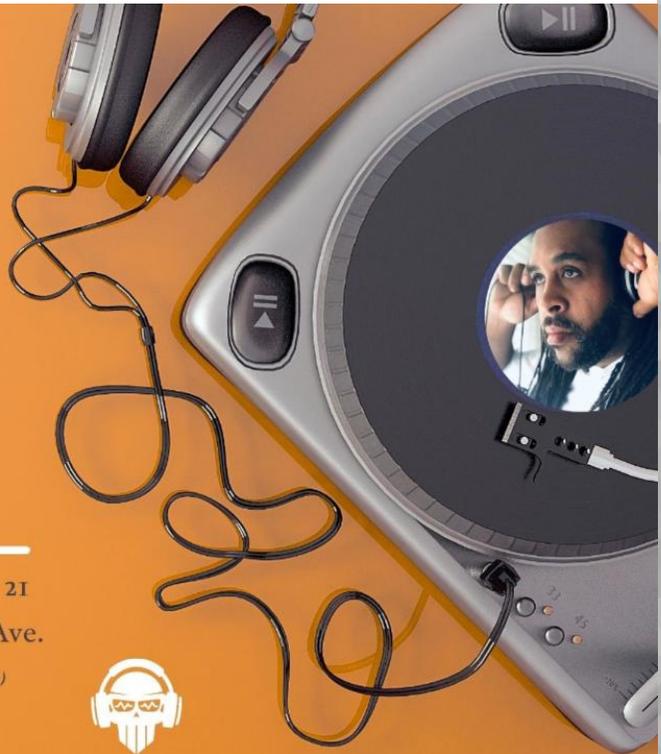
Tuesdays - February 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21
Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave.
Boys & Girls - Grades 7th - 12th (*residents only*)
6:30pm - 7:30pm - \$20.00



This 5 week DJ Class will teach participants the basics of becoming a DJ. Our "hands-on" approach will allow you to practice on professional equipment while exploring and creating your own personal technique. Instructor DJ Corey of CSA Entertainment

Register via www.bloomfieldrecreation.org or call 973-743-9074 for more information

Introduction to Photography



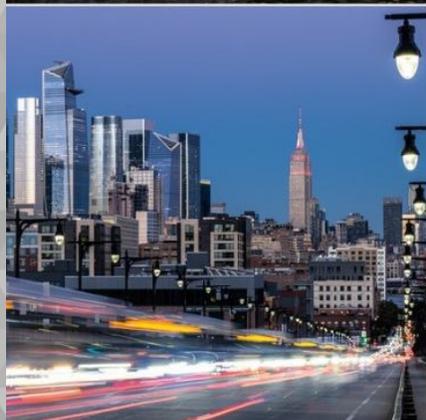
Thursday Nights February 23 March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6, 13

Ages 18 and up

At Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Learn photography skills from Award-winning photographer Anthony DiMatteo



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Intro To Photography

WITH INSTRUCTOR

Anthony DiMatteo

Thursday Nights at Oakeside
Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave



February 23
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6, 13
7:00PM - 8:00PM

\$80.00

Register today at
www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA

At the conclusion of this course you will know:

Basic camera settings

ISO, Shutter and Aperature settings

Light and Shadows

Depth of field

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 973-743-9074

Crime Scene Investigation: *How STEM is Used to Solve Crimes*

Looking for something your child can participate in when the schools are closed for President's Day? This fun filled and informative class runs from 9:00AM to 4:00PM and includes lunch!

All students will be able to identify fingerprint as a loop, arch, whorl and be able to recover fingerprints using powder and tape; Cast their own footprints; Process a mock crime scene; learn science and math including triangles, trajectory, splatter patterns used to solve crimes; and so much more.

February 20th at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street

Cost: \$80.00

Co-Ed - Grades 5-12

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S.T.E.M. CSI CLASS



Process a mock crime scene!

Explore STEM concepts relating to Forensics and solving crime scenes. The lecture, labs and exercises will cover many "CSI" topics including: collecting, analyzing and classifying fingerprints, creating & examining blood spatter patterns, casting footprints, and so much more. This is a very hands-on and interactive enrichment class for students. Current or former Detectives teach this class.

February 20th

9AM-4PM | \$80 | Lunch included

Civic Center | 84 Broad St

Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Register via Community Pass! (Grades 5-12)
bloomfieldrecreation.org | 973-743-9074



2023 Softball Hitting & Fielding Clinic

Join the Bloomfield High School Varsity Softball Coaches and Recreation Travel Coaches for a hitting and fielding clinic at Bloomfield High School. We will offer two separate sessions, one for Grades 1-5 and one for Grades 6-8 towards the end of February (dates and times to be determined). Players will participate in 1 1/2 hours of fielding instruction and 1 1/2 hours of hitting instruction. This clinic will be held at the Bloomfield High School and is \$25.00. Spots are limited.

Girls Softball Registration

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

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

Monday, March 13th
Grades 3rd, 4th, & 5th

6:00PM - 8:00PM – *encompasses all drills*

Thursday, March 16th

Grades 6th, 7th, & 8th

6:00PM - 7:00PM – running, fielding & throwing – *required*

7:00PM – 8:00PM – hitting – *required*

8:00PM – 8:30PM – pitching - *optional*

Peppermint Softball Opening Day will be held on Sunday, April 16th and the season will run until early to mid-June. Games and practices take place several days a week, Monday – Saturday. If you are interested in being a volunteer coach, please contact Dana Morton at 973-743-9074 or email:

dmorton@bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Monday Night Music at the Oakeside Cultural Center

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is excited to present our brand new monthly concert series.

The Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave, will host musicians and vocalists representing a wide variety of musical styles. Each artist is eager to share their exceptional talents with the Bloomfield Community.

Monday, February 27th, 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Robbin Gordon Cartier, Harpist

www.robbingordongcartier.com

Monday, March 27th, 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Elegant Music Group, Pianist and Vocalist

www.elegantmusicgroup.com

Monday, April 24th, 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Julius Tolentino Jazz Quartet

www.jtolemusic.com

Pre-registration is currently underway at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org and there are limited spots available for each concert. While there is no cost, donations will be graciously accepted at the time of registration.

Monday Night MUSIC

at Oakeside Cultural Center

*The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation
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is excited to present our
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The Oakeside Cultural Center, located at 240 Belleville Avenue, has long been a hub for artists and musicians in Bloomfield and surrounding communities. With this new concert series, we're excited to open our doors to musicians representing a wide variety of musical styles who are eager to share their exceptional talents with our community in an exceptional venue.

All performances begin at 7pm, followed by a "meet the artist" light reception at 8pm.

Admission is free, though we will graciously accept donations to our Financial Assistance program at the time of registration.

Registration is required due to limited indoor capacity (approx. 60 people). Please register at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. For more information please call 973-743-9074.

JANUARY–APRIL 2023

Concert Schedule

MONDAY EVENING 7:00 PM



Jan 30
Jazz Pianist
Robert Stephens

<https://www.robstephensmusic.com>



Feb 27
Harpist, Robbin Gordon Cartier

<https://www.robbingordongcartier.com>



Mar 27
Pianist and Vocalist from
Elegant Music Group

www.elegantmusicgroup.com



Apr 24
Julius Tolentino Jazz Quartet

<https://jtolemusic.com>

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2023 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 2023 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, Outdoor 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 msceurman@bloomfieldwpnj.com.

Your support is needed now more than ever!

Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market

The Bloomfield Community Farmer’s Market is set to kick off on Tuesday, June 6th and will run every Tuesday (except July 4th) from 3:30PM to 6:30PM until October 31st. If you are interested in becoming a vendor in 2023 please send an email of interest to msceurman@bloomfieldwpnj.com. We are currently updating the applications and a revised application will be sent to you.

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

Follow the Famers Market on Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/bloomfieldfarmersmarket/>

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, February 26th

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department (BPRCA) is teaming up with Anthony’s Cheescake to run a fundraiser to support the BPRCA’s Financial Assistance Program and the Bloomfield Animal Shelter!

There will be finger foods, desserts and live music. This event will be held at Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave from 4:00PM to 6:00PM. More details will be available soon!

Exciting news about the Bloomfield Community Gardens!

In an ongoing effort to streamline processes, the Township of Bloomfield has

moved the administration and oversight of the Bloomfield Community Gardens under the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department (BPRCA).

All returning gardeners, in good standing, have been given the courtesy to renew their garden plot for 2023. Starting Wednesday, February 1st at 10:00AM all remaining available plots will be available to residents via www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Bloomfield Community Gardens Locations:

Oakeside Cultural Center – 240 Belleville Ave

Pulaski Park – 24 Mt Vernon Ave

Milbank Park - 264 North 17th St

As with all of the BPRCA programs you can register on-line through our website www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Garden plot rentals are \$50 for the season which runs from April to the middle of November. The rental fee is waived for Veterans (with DD214 Form).

Over the next few weeks the department will be updating the 2023 contracts, rules, regulations and other related information. Each gardener is required to attend a pre-season orientation, maintain their plot throughout the season, participate in volunteer days, as well as support with other initiatives to make the Community Gardens successful.

For more information, please email Michael L. Scurman at mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or call 973-743-9074.

Senior Citizen Programming

Senior Organization is back at the Bloomfield Civic Center

Membership Dues: \$20 and valid until August 31, 2023

Members meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month

Why should you join the Senior Organization?

- \$2 off traditional senior seasonal programming
- \$5 off trips/excursions
- Enjoy FREE monthly meetings/gatherings (\$10 for non-members)

The more you participate, the greater the savings!

The next meeting is February 16th: Valentines Celebration from 12:00PM - 2:00PM

Free for Senior Org. members, \$10 for non-members

Senior Organization Schedule 2023

Senior Membership Registration via Community Pass
www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

February

2nd: Amber Court of Elizabeth Assisted Senior living Presentation
11:15am-12:00pm @ Bloomfield Civic Center

16th: Valentines Celebration: 12:00-2:00pm (Lunch Provided)
Live Musical Performance



March

16th: St. Patrick's day Celebration : 12:00-2:00pm (Lunch Provided)
Bingo Games & Gift Card Prizes, Celtic Musical Performance



April

12th: Trip to Wind Creek Casino: **TBD**

20: "Our" Easter Celebration: 12:00-2:00pm (Lunch Provided)

May

18th: Monthly Meeting: 12:00-2:00pm

June

15th: End of the Year Celebration: 12:00-2:00pm: Barbeque Style Lunch
Live DJ



Please note that additional trips, excursions, workshops, etc. may be added. As things change, the updated schedule will always be available at Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad, also online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Lastly, all schedule updates will be emailed to all members who have an email and also be available via hard copy at all our meetings/events.

Neyden Kinch-Sousa (973) 743-3332 : nsousa@bloomfieldtwpnj.com

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Senior Fitness Classes

Senior Fitness Classes - Sign up for the Winter Season Today!

Our extremely popular Senior Citizen Fitness Programs have all hit their maximum capacities. We are adding an additional Zumba Gold Class on Wednesdays and Friday from 11:15AM to 12:15PM starting February 1st. Register today at **www.bloomfieldrecreation.org**!

Zumba Gold - \$20.00

Zumba Gold is 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

11:15AM - 12:15PM (Wednesday)

11:15AM - 12:15PM (Friday)

Feb 1 – April 7

Please visit us online at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org or call (973)-743-3332 to inquire about all senior fitness classes.

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Winter 2023

SENIOR PROGRAMS

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84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Tel#: 973-743-3332

www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

Senior Coordinator: Neyden Kinch-Sousa (nsousa@bloomfieldtwpnj.com)

Classes meet @ Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St.

Register for classes via Community Pass.

SENIOR EXERCISE- \$20

(\$20) Tues. & Thurs. 10 am - 11 am **(FULL)**

Jan 17-March 23

(\$20) Mon. & Wed. 11 am - 12 pm **(FULL)**

Jan 23 –April 3

Senior exercise is a low-impact class designed especially for seniors to stay active and get fit at their own pace.

SENIOR STRETCH - \$20 (FULL)

Tues. & Thurs. 11 am – 11:30 am

Jan 17-March 23

The class is free if you are already registered for Senior Exercise

T'AI CHI EXERCISE-\$20 (FULL)

Mondays 10 am-11 am

Jan 23-April 3, No Class Feb. 20

T'ai Chi is an ancient Chinese practice that uses specific movements as exercise. T'ai Chi is great for flexibility, upper/lower body strength, and balance.

ZUMBA GOLD - \$20 (FULL)

Wed. (10:15am-11am)

Fri. (10:00am-10:45am)

January 25-March 31

**** Adding additional classes from 11:15am to 12:15pm on Wed & Fri. Sign up today!**

Zumba Gold is for active, older adults who are looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves they love at a lower intensity.

SENIOR ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP- \$20

Meet once a month @ Bloomfield Civic Center, trips, excursions, & holiday functions. Yearly membership valid until August 31th, 2023

Membership Perks:

\$2 off traditional seasonal senior programs

\$5 off trips and excursions

FREE monthly meetings/functions **\$10 for non-members**



Senior Knitting Club

Meets every first and third Tuesday of the month starting February 7th. From 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Enjoy knitting, crocheting, and socializing with others. Please bring your own material and work on projects/pieces you may already be working on.

Senior Gaming Club

Meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month starting January 24th from 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Come enjoy Chess/Checkers, Uno, Scrabble, and card games while socializing with others. You may also bring games of your own that others may enjoy with you.

These clubs are FREE, however, registration is necessary. To register, please visit www.bloomfieldrecreation.org.



Bloomfield Senior's
**Knitting
Club**



FREE for All Senior Citizens

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY (2/7-6/20)
1:30PM-3:00PM AT BLOOMFIELD CIVIC CENTER**

**REGISTER AT
WWW.BLOOMFIELDPRECREATION.ORG
VIA COMMUNITY PASS**

973-743-3332



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Join us for Senior Game days

BLOOMFIELD SENIOR CLUB

GAME Club

EVERY 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY (1/24-6/27)

BLOOMFIELD CIVIC CENTER
 FROM: 1:30PM UNTIL: 3:00PM
 FROM: JANUARY UNTIL: JUNE

Enjoy BOARD GAMES - CARD GAMES - SOCIAL TIME

FREE
 For All Senior Citizens

REGISTER AT
 WWW.BLOOMFIELDPRECREATION.ORG
 VIA COMMUNITY PASS
 973-743-3332

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Transportation Services

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department provides free transportation services to our residents, 60 years and older and/or with disabilities Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

The Senior Citizen Bus Service is a fixed route service that stops at predetermined locations and brings residents to Bloomfield shopping center in various parts of town.

The Dial A Ride Program is a “curb to curb” service that picks up residents from their home and takes them to and from the doctors (well visits) on a first come first served basis. Eligible residents can schedule rides by calling the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department’s Transportation number 973-566-7194 during regular business hours. Appointments must be made at least 72 hours in advance and are on a first come first served basis.

Commuter Shuttle Service

The North End Shuttle and South End Shuttle is back up and running every

Monday through Friday (except municipal holidays) from approximately 5:30am to 8:30am in the morning and approximately 5pm to 8:30pm in the evenings. The **North End Shuttle** has four morning routes traveling from the corners of East and West Passaic Ave. south on Broad St. to the Bloomfield Train Station on Lackawanna Place.

The South End Shuttle has six morning routes traveling east on Belleville Ave., South on Willet St. and west on Montgomery St. to the Bloomfield Station.

Both shuttles operate on a fixed route and riders will be picked up at designated times and locations along the route.

In the evening, both shuttle busses pick up riders coming off the trains and take them home in reverse order of the morning routes.

During inclement weather or NJ Transit equipment failure a **Level #1 or Level #2 service** may be implemented.

Shuttle bus passes must be purchased at the Civic Center located at 84 Broad St. Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm and Wednesday nights from 6pm to 8:30pm. Other times can be arranged by calling 973-743-9074 during normal business hours.

A 50 ride pass costs \$25 dollars. Upon entering the shuttle bus, your pass will be “punched.”

For more information or to download the most up to date schedules please visit www.bloomfieldrecreation.org or call 973-743-9074.

[CLICK THIS LINK TO VIEW THE MOST UP-TO-DATE BUS ROUTE TIMES AND INFORMATION](#)

Special Needs Programming

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department’s Special Needs Programming is getting ready to kick off with the new school year. We offer three unique programs for our special needs community ages 7 – 17 and 18 and older. All programs are designed to promote inclusion, self-confidence, social interaction and life skills.

To find out more information about our special needs programs please view the **flyer** or contact John Balz at 973-725-4485.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Bloomfield Chorale Welcomes New Members!

Do you love to sing and are looking to join an established chorus?

The Bloomfield Chorale is seeking all voices. The Chorale is one of the oldest Community Choruses in New Jersey. Founded in 1933 during The Great Depression, it has been delivering Live Music to the delight of audiences since then.

Our classically trained conductor with a Masters of Music from Westminster Choir College is in her 15th season with the Chorale. With her education and experience, she always puts together wonderful Concert Programs.

We rehearse and learn in an informal atmosphere on **Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30** and perform a wide variety of music: **Classical, Folk, Pop, Show Tunes, Soft Rock, Sacred, Opera, Holiday Pieces and more!**

We offer opportunities to solo, and our concerts are enhanced by guest musicians and a talented and accomplished accompanist. Come be part of a great tradition.

Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass, come one, come all!

For more information or to drop in and visit us, please email bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com, call President Fran Gardella at 848-448-4335, or visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale.

We look forward to singing with you!





Bloomfield Division of Public Safety



BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

PARK SMART- SECURE YOUR VEHICLE

ITEMS MOST COMMONLY STOLEN FROM VEHICLES

- Cash/Wallets
- Electronics
- Tools
- Cell Phone
- Sunglasses
- Sports Equipment
- Loose Change
- Purse



TIPS TO PREVENT THEFT:

Whenever you park your car, take your property with you, including key fobs.

Ensure your vehicle is locked, alarmed, and parked in a secure, well lit location.

Always keep windows closed when unoccupied.



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PUBLIC SAFETY**

@BLFDPUBLICSAFE

AUTO THEFT PREVENTION TIPS:

DO NOT LEAVE KEYS IN THE IGNITION!

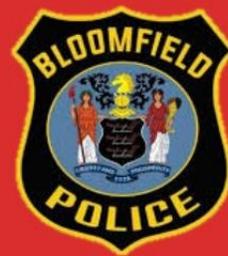
Vehicles left unattended with keys in the ignition are easy targets for car thieves! Leaving keys in the car allows for an easy theft.

REMAIN ALERT!

Don't create an opportunity to become a victim.

WHEN LEAVING YOUR VEHICLE:

- Close your windows.
- Turn off the ignition.
- Remove your keys.
- Lock your doors!





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PHONE SCAM CHEAT SHEET

Utility Scams: Imposters that call pretending to work for utility companies such as Gas Co. & Water Co, demanding immediate payment for an overdue bill, and threatening to shut off service.

Arrest Scams: Callers claiming that a family member has been arrested, and require bail money for them to get out of jail.

IRS Scams: IRS generally sees a surge in scam phone calls by individuals threatening potential victims with arrest, deportation and license revocation if the victim doesn't pay a bogus tax bill.

Accident Scams: Individuals that call claiming that one of their family members have been in an automobile accident and injured someone, and need a lawyer to avoid going to jail.

To avoid becoming a victim,

- NEVER give ANY personal information over the phone (your social security number, or date of birth) without verifying who you're speaking with.
- In utility scams, hang up the phone and call the number on your utility bill, or visit a branch office and speak to someone in person.
- Unless you made previous arrangements with the IRS by visiting their branch office and actually speaking to someone in person, don't make payments over the phone.
- In accident/arrest scams, don't panic! Hang up the phone and call the family member back, or call other family members to help verify the story.

Just Hang Up!



@blfdpublicsafe

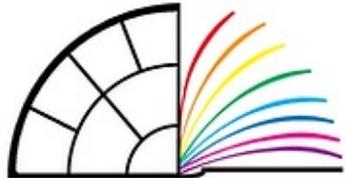


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for more information:
please contact

Lt. Naomi Zepeda

nzepeda@bloomfieldnjpd.com



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

February Programs at the Library

- **February 8 at 6:00 pm (on zoom):** Rutgers Interdisciplinary Opioid Trainers Learn about the current opioid crisis, how addiction is a brain disease and the science behind the medications for Opioid Use Disorder. Register online at <https://rutgers.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqc--gpzsoG9f7zIzemHo3BZF9ySiHyqMV>
- **February 25 at 10:00 am:** Homebuying Seminar in English, Seminario para Comprar Casa (**en Espanol a las 11:00 am**)
- **February 25 at 2:00 pm:** Dramatic reading of the work Harlem Renaissance writer Langston Hughes - affectionately known as Shakespeare in Harlem -is brought to life through a dramatic rendition of his poems and short stories. The show is no mere recitation of Hughes' work. Actor and writer David Mills' performance takes the audience on an odyssey spanning five decades—from the 1920s-through the 1960s-- of Hughes' writings, where Mr. Mills portrays Hughes' notable characters, such as Madam Alberta K. Johnson and Jessie B. Simple. Mr. Mills enacts excerpts of Hughes' iconic, poetry collection "Montage of A Dream Deferred."
- Finance Club (call for information) - returns 2/15
- Genealogy help: Would you like help climbing your family tree? Email Lisa.Cohn@Bloomfield.bccls.org for some assistance from a librarian who specializes in genealogy.

Book Clubs (all book clubs meet at 6:30 pm): Call for date and topic

- Monday Book Club, February 6: Nettle & Bone by T. Kingfisher
- Non-Fiction Book Club, February 21: Robert E. Lee and Me by Ty Seidule
- Queer Book Club, February 14 (on zoom): The Prophets by Robert Jones Jr
- Romance Book Club, February 22: How to Marry Keanu Reeves in 90 Days by K.M. Jackson

Now circulating:

Kindle Fire tablets/hotspots circulate for 2 weeks, Dell laptops (in-library use only). 15 Chromebooks that may be borrowed by BPL cardholders for 2 weeks. Five of these Chromebooks will be bundled with Hotspots, which provide an Internet connection. These new circulating computers are part of the Library of Things and reservations to borrow them can be made at bplnj.org/library-of-things. Our [Library of Things](http://bplnj.org/library-of-things) also includes games, household tools, craft supplies and more! Check it out!

Bloomfield Library Additional Chromebooks are available from the Childrens Library for parents and caregivers here with children. These are for in-building use only. Please call the library at 973-566-6200 with any questions or email reference@bloomfield.bccls.org.

Midday Movies: Wednesdays at 12:30

Bring your own lunch & beverage or pick up a free sandwich (from Toni's Kitchen) in the adult library at noon! June movie selections:

- **February 1 – The Banshees of Inisherin** - This critically acclaimed film is set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland and follows lifelong friends Pádraic (*Colin Farrell*) and Colm (*Brendan Gleeson*). Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship. A stunned Pádraic, aided by his sister Siobhán (*Kerry Condon*) and troubled young islander Dominic (*Barry Keoghan*), attempt to repair the relationship, refusing to take no for an answer. Winner of Golden Globe awards for Best Film (Comedy), Best Screenplay, and Best Actor (*Farrell*). 2022 - Rated R – 1hr 54min.
- **February 8 – Tár** -A psychological drama set in the international world of Western classical music. The film centers on Lydia Tár (*Cate Blanchett*), widely considered one of the greatest living composer-conductors. Winner of Best Film and Best Actress (*Blanchett*) awards from the LA Film Critics, NY Film Critics, and National Society of Film Critics. *Blanchett* also won the Best Actress (Drama) award from the Golden Globes. 2022 – Rated R – 2hr 38min.
- **February 15 - Ticket to Paradise** - David (*George Clooney*) and Georgia (*Julia Roberts*), two divorced parents who can't stand each other, head to Bali after their daughter, Lily (*Kaitlyn Dever*), announces her plans to marry a local islander (*Maxime Bouttier*) she just met while on holiday. They decide to put aside their differences and work together to stop the wedding, believing that doing so will keep Lily from making a dreadful mistake similar to their own. 2022 - Rated PG-13 – 1hr 44min.
- **February 22 – I Love My Dad** - This funny and sweet film is inspired by *James Morosini's* true life experience. It follows Chuck (*Patton Oswalt*), an estranged father who desperately wants to reconnect with his troubled son, Franklin (*James Morosini*). Blocked on social media and concerned for his son's life, Chuck impersonates a waitress online and starts checking in with Franklin. 2022 – Rated R - 1hr 36min.

Children's Department Programs:

Mondays at 11:00 am: Stories and snacks with Ms Cheryl

Tuesdays at 4:00 pm: Bilingual Storytime

Wednesdays at 11:00 am: Welcome Wednesdays with the Department of Public Works (February 1), Storytime Boogie (February 8), BFD (February 15 and 22)

Tuesday February 14 and 28: STEAM for children, 5pm. Grades 3-6.
Registration Required

Brady the Therapy Dog on February 11 at 11:00 am

Read Across America Week starts on Tuesday February 28 during our 4:00 pm Bilingual Storytime.

Municipal Clerk's Office

February Council Meetings

The **February 6th Conference Meeting and February 27th Regular Meeting** will be hybrid meetings beginning at 7:00 pm and open to the public. The public always has an opportunity to make public comments to the Mayor and Council during all public meetings. The Township Council Meetings will be

streaming live on Channel 35, (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), 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. 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, you may submit it **in writing** to the Township Clerk at twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.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, 8:30a-4:30p.

Bloomfield Board of Education

Bloomfield High School Presents

BENGAL TALKS

FEBRUARY 2023

FEB

8

Sarah Hill: Director of Sustainability
Room(302)
Simon Galperin: Journalist
Room(305)



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FEB

15

Carolyn Nephew: Director Advertising & Media
(300)
Daniel Bitecola: Funeral Director
Room(302)
Asia Edwards: Nonprofit Loan
Administration
Room(303)
Marquetta Alexander: Director of Diversity & Inclusion CMMC
Room(305)
Eileen Murray: Chief Academic Officer
Room(306)



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For more information: ibanasiak@bloomfield.k12.nj.us or
chalpin@bloomfield.k12.nj.us

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Bloomfield High School is working on bringing more opportunities for members of the community to give back to our students.

The new initiative, Bengal Talks Program brings community members into the school to talk about career paths. These talks launched in January 2023 and have been a success.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Ms. Banasiak or Ms. Halpin for more information at ibanasiak@bloomfield.k12.nj.us or chalpin@bloomfield.k12.nj.us.

Walking Tour of the Historic District

Come Join Us on a Walk and Talk, as we explore the Bloomfield Green Historic District.

We will visit some of Bloomfield's most prominent historic sites, learn about historic architecture, explore parts of the Morris Canal Greenway, and discover some of the historic sites that have been lost over time.

Distance: 3 to 3.5 miles, time: 1.5 to 2 hours

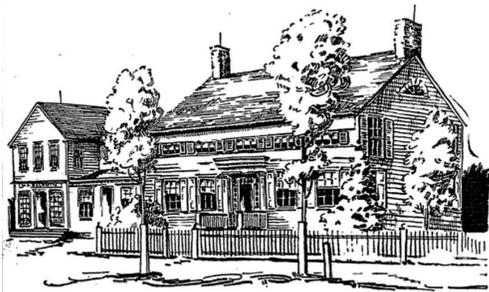
We will meet in front of the Civic Center at 84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ

Our host will be Rich Rockwell, Bloomfield Councilman, Liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission, Trustee of the Historical Society of Bloomfield and author of Bloomfield Through Time.

We will pause periodically to hear the history of sites and/show photos.

Walk will be rescheduled in case of inclement weather or icy conditions

Registration required: [Bloomfield Green Historic District Walk, Sat, Feb 18, 2023, 9:30 AM | Meetup](#)



Historical Society of Bloomfield Expands Website with Treasure Trove of Historical Articles

The Historical Society of Bloomfield (HSOB) has updated and expanded its website to include well over 100 historical articles written about Bloomfield by local

historian Herbert Fisher Jr., published from 1960–1963. The topics are intriguing and varied—Lenape Indians, historic buildings, Dutch architecture, British raids, illustrious citizens, The Underground Railroad, Woolly Mammoths, Smallpox epidemics, churches, witches, steamboats and much, much more. The articles are also illustrated by Fisher, such as the one included in this article depicting the Warren S. Baldwin Store on the corner of Warren & Broad Streets, a well-known Bloomfield landmark for 75 years.

Herb Fisher was a hitherto lifelong resident of Bloomfield who was named

Bloomfield Citizen of the Year in 1963, the same year he left Bloomfield permanently to travel out west. He was a noted artist, historian, author, lecturer and antiques authority. He had numerous degrees in Art and Art History and served in England during WWII, making paintings for the War Records Dept., with some of his artwork ending up in Buckingham Palace. His grandfather, George Fisher, was the first elected Mayor of Bloomfield. Fisher died in 1977 at the age of 69 in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Also new to the HSOB website is a link to the Bloomfield Public Library Genealogy & Local History Page. As well, members of the public can now download the comprehensive guide titled, "Walking Tour of the Bloomfield Green Historic District".

Visit www.HSOB.org and click on "Resources" to read the original Fisher articles, access the Bloomfield Public Library Genealogy & Local History Page and Walking Tour guide.

Please consider becoming a member and supporting the HSOB's important work: HSOB.org/membership.

Bloomfield VFW Post 711 Miles A. Suarez Seeks New Members!

If you are a veteran and interested in joining, please either call the Quartermaster Carl Mercado 973-876-3067, or attend one of their monthly meetings every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm at 369 Broughton Avenue.

Department of Public Works & Park Maintenance

February Recycling Calendar and Information

- Week of 2/6 Cardboard and Mixed Paper Recycling
- Week of 2/13 Commingled Recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1,2,5)
- Week of 2/20 Cardboard and Mixed Paper Recycling
- Week of 2/27 Commingled Recycling (aluminum, glass, plastic codes 1,2,5)

Saturday Recycling Hours WEEKLY 9AM - 1PM

Public Works Yard, 230 Grove Street No garbage or bulk drop off. Bring only mixed paper, commingled items, cardboard, metal and electronics.

Bulk Pickup

Large item pickup (no metals, appliances) occurs on the second garbage pickup day of each week. 3 items maximum.

Metals and Appliances (No Electronics)

Picked up every Tuesday. Call DPW no later than 3pm the Monday before

scheduled pickup.

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.

Recycling and Waste Disposal Information:

Biodegradable bags are picked up on your recycling day. When you are filling your biodegradable bags, please put only grass, twigs, leaves, etc. (vegetative waste) into the bags. Please no garbage, papers, dirt, rocks, etc. as the Township becomes subject to fines when the bags are carted to the Vegetative Recycling Facility. In addition, bags can weigh no more than **50 lbs.**, and if possible try to make them even lighter than that (tough on the back).

Not accepted in regular Garbage or Recycling:

- **Tires** (Car, Truck, Motorcycle, etc.) – *bring to a local tire shop/store*
- **Electronics** - Drop off Electronic Items (TV's, Computers, etc.) at the Department of Public Works Recycling Depot **every Saturday from 9:00am -1:00pm.**
- **Construction Debris** – *must be disposed of privately*

Metals and appliances (NOT electronics) are picked up **every Tuesday.** You **must** call Department of Public Works, **(973-680-4127)**, no later than 3:00 pm on Monday for a scheduled Tuesday pickup.

- Accepted metal items include bed frames, metal curtain rods, 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. Place items door side up for pickup.
- Metal paint cans are considered bulk waste. They are picked up on your second weekly garbage day. (Latex paint only, completely dried out).

If you are unsure whether an item is metal, call DPW at **973-680-4127.**

Bloomfield Recycling Committee Urges Residents to Give Discarded Items a Second Life

Instead of putting out bulky waste items each week on your second garbage day (reminder: no more than 3 items and no appliances or electronics) why not post your items to give away or sell on Freecycle.org, Neighbors App, Craigslist, or various Facebook Groups including @curbalertbloomfieldnj, @buynothingbloomfield, and "FREE ITEMS ONLY Bloomfield Nutley Clifton Montclair Belleville NJ."

This will benefit Bloomfield by saving taxpayer dollars on tonnage fees at the incinerator.

Rodent Prevention in Bloomfield

The best way to prevent a rodent infestation and contact with rodents is to remove the food sources, water, and items that provide shelter for rodents.

Rodents pose a significant health risk to our community since they transmit a number of diseases.

If you see rodents on your property and/or recognize increased rodent activity in your area, please contact the Health Department for an environmental assessment at 973-680-4024.

Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services



Food Handler's Courses are available at the Bloomfield Civic Center (84 Broad Street) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following dates: February 15, April 28, June 14, September 15, and November 15.

Free Glucose Screenings are available at the Bloomfield Public Library on the first Thursday of each month from 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

Adult & Child Immunization Clinics most Wednesdays in the Lower Level of Town Hall by appointment only.

- New children \$20 (includes registration & vaccine administration fee).
Returning children \$10 (includes vaccine administration fee)
- New adults \$25 (includes registration & vaccine administration fee)
- Returning adults \$10 (includes vaccine administration fee)
- Payments must be exact cash or check
- COVID vaccines for adults & children available during weekly clinics by appointment only.

Visit the Health Department's webpage to view the Community Health Assessment including the updated 2022 Rapid Public Health Assessment. A link to the webpage is include below:

<https://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/423/Community-Health-Assessment>

Free Blood Pressure Screenings are available at the Bloomfield Civic Center from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm on the following dates: February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18.

Screenings will be every third Thursday of the month (before the monthly Senior Club Meeting) from 11:00AM -12:00PM.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

NO COST

Blood pressure monitoring is the primary tool you have to find out if your blood pressure are within your target range.

On:

1/19

2/16

3/16

4/20

5/18

6/15

11am to 12noon

**Bloomfield Civic Center: 84 Broad St, Bloomfield
No need to register**



**QUESTIONS? CONTACT
THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
AT: 973-680-4024**

Protect yourself and loved ones from flu, RSV, and upper respiratory

infections this year!

There are steps you can take to help prevent the spread of RSV & Flu. Specifically, if you have cold-like symptoms you should:

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper shirt sleeve, not your hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid close contact, such as kissing, shaking hands, and sharing cups and eating utensils, with others
- Clean frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and mobile devices

Ideally, people with cold-like symptoms should not interact with children at high risk for severe RSV disease, including premature infants, children younger than 2 years of age with chronic lung or heart conditions, children with weakened immune systems, or children with neuromuscular disorders. If this is not possible, they should carefully follow the prevention steps mentioned above and wash their hands before interacting with such children. They should also refrain from kissing high-risk children while they have cold-like symptoms.

Parents of children at high risk for developing severe RSV disease should help their child, when possible, do the following:

- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching their face with unwashed hands
- Limit the time they spend in childcare centers or other potentially contagious settings during periods of high RSV activity. This may help prevent infection and spread of the virus during the RSV season

*Information from <https://www.cdc.gov/rsv/about/prevention>

[Click here to read this months Public Health Newsletter from the Bloomfield Department of and Human Services](#)



Get help with your water and sewer bills

Call:  **2-1-1**

Or visit: **nj.gov/dca**

Benefit Screenings

Social Workers will screen residents for eligibility in programs including but not limited to:

- Food Assistance
- Monthly NJ SNAP Appointments (Food stamps)
- Affordable Care Act Assistance (Health Insurance)
- Transportation Services
- Senior Services
- Prescription Programs
- Medical/ Dental Clinics
- Mental Health Services
- Utility Assistance
- Holiday Programs

*Resources available in both Spanish and English. Language Line Solutions available for translation if needed.

Available by appointment at 1 Municipal Plaza Rm 213!



Provided by the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Human Services located at **One Municipal Plaza Rm 213 Bloomfield, NJ 07003 --973-680-4017/ TTY: 1-800-852-7899**

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