



MARCH 2025

HERE'S WHAT'S
HAPPENING

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JENNY MUNDELL

Happy March, Bloomfield! As we welcome this new month, we celebrate Women's History Month, honoring the achievements, innovation, and resilience of women throughout history and in our own community. From pioneers in government and education to leaders in business, healthcare, and the arts, their contributions continue to shape our township, state, and nation.



February was a time of reflection and engagement. We kicked-off our Community Resource Meetings in each Ward, improving access for residents to learn about programs and resources available from the Township, and providing an opportunity to engage with elected officials in an informal setting. We honored Black History Month, acknowledging the triumphs, struggles, and lasting contributions of Black Americans whose legacies have helped shape our nation and community. Additionally, we're excited to move forward on renovations to the Bloomfield Children's Library, preserving an essential piece of our town's history for current and future generations.

This month, let's uplift and support the incredible women of Bloomfield and beyond. Thank you for your commitment to making our community stronger and a place where we can all thrive. Wishing you all an inspiring Women's History Month.

COMMUNITY

Community Resource Meetings

We are continuing the Ward Community Resource Meetings in March. Join Mayor Jenny Mundell, Councilmembers, and Township leaders for informative sessions featuring resource tables and a Q&A with local officials. Don't miss this opportunity to connect and stay informed!

The in-person meetings will be broadcast live on the Township of Bloomfield [Facebook page](#).

Additionally, you can reach out to your elected officials directly any time, visit the [Township Website](#) for their contact information!

 Second Ward
COMMUNITY RESOURCE MEETING
Join Mayor Jenny Mundell & Second Ward Councilman Nicholas Joanow


MAYOR
JENNY MUNDELL


NICHOLAS JOANOW
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN

Oak View Elementary School
150 Garrabrant Ave
March 4, 2025
7:00PM



SECOND WARD

March 4, 2025
7:00PM - 8:00PM
Oak View Elementary School
150 Garrabrant Avenue



Third Ward

COMMUNITY RESOURCE MEETING

Join Mayor Jenny Mundell & Third Ward Councilwoman Sarah Cruz



MAYOR
JENNY MUNDELL



SARAH CRUZ
THIRD WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Berkeley Elementary School
351 Bloomfield Ave

March 6, 2025
7:00PM



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Berkeley Elementary School
351 Bloomfield Avenue

Women's History Month Programming

**PRESENTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL & ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Menstrual Product Hygiene Drive

From March 1-31, we're collecting menstrual products for local schools, pantries, and organizations. Donate at Bloomfield Public Library or via our Amazon wishlist. Supported by local businesses, this drive is sponsored by the Township and the Women's History Month Advisory Committee. Donations will be collected for the following organizations:

- New Light Baptist Church Pantry
- Park United Methodist Church Pantry (Manna Pantry)
- Bloomfield Library
- Franklin School
- Bloomfield Board of Education (Multiple schools as needed)
- Toni's Kitchen

Thank you to our business partners: Iris Yoga, Shooting Star Dance Academy, F45, Sugaring NYC, Nightjar Cannabis, Zura Yoga, AC Dance, Bloomfield Wax + Skin Care Center, Casa De Flora Bar, Murdoch Shoes, Hometown Arcade, Blue Oak Dispensary, Colias Cafe, Carley Storm Branding Co., Eastern School of Medicine and Acupuncture, All Star Pediatrics.

Township of Bloomfield



PERIOD PRODUCTS DRIVE

*LET'S MAKE SURE OUR COMMUNITY HAS
WHAT IT NEEDS. PERIOD.*

Donate to our Amazon wish list. Supplies will be donated to local schools and food pantries in partnership with Bloomfield Department of Human Services.

Sponsored by
Bloomfield
Township's
Women's History
Month Committee



SCAN ME!



Folleto en Español

Cartas De Mi Madre

Join Bloomfield artist Rey Avelo, Artist of the Year for Desfile Hispanidad de NJ, in partnership with Councilwoman Monica Charris Tabares, for an exciting cultural exhibit showcasing art and stories of strength and resilience.

Saturday, March 8

10:00AM - 1:00PM

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center
240 Belleville Avenue



MARCH 8, 2025
10 AM - 1 PM
CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Oakside Bloomfield
Cultural Center
240 Belleville Ave
Bloomfield NJ

CARTAS DE MI MADRE

Stories of strength and resilience

Featuring artwork from:

Josie Cruz Barreiro

Sylvia Padilla Lalaleo

Lorena Ramos



Hosted by Rey Avelo

Artist of the Year 2024 for Desfile Hispanidad de NJ in
partnership with Councilwoman Monica Charris Tabares

Women's History Month Kick-off Networking Event

Kick off Women's History Month with a fun and dynamic networking event! Connect through speed networking, mingle with inspiring women, and snap selfies at our selfie station—all in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. Enjoy light bites and refreshing mocktails as you build new connections!



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH KICKOFF

Join us for an inspiring evening of networking, collaboration, and celebration to kickoff Women's History Month, sponsored by Bloomfield Township's Women's History Month Committee.

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 12
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**CASA DE FLORA
EVENT SPACE**
73 Washington Street,
Bloomfield

Connect with others through speed networking, casual mingling, and a fun selfie station, all while enjoying light food and mocktails.

Registration required — Limited to 50 attendees

**COST
\$30**

Register at
<https://bit.ly/Community-Pass>



Folleto en Español

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Financial Literacy & Investing Roundtable Discussion

Take control of your financial health with insight and advice from local experts.

Saturday, March 15
2:00PM - 4:00PM
Bloomfield Public Library Theatre
90 Broad Street

Women's Health: A Perimenopause Conversation

Learn how to manage your perimenopausal health through nutrition and hormone therapy options at this Winona-sponsored event led by Erika Shannon.

Sunday, March 30
2:00PM - 4:00PM
Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center
240 Belleville Avenue

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ROUND TABLE SERIES

Join us for engaging discussions focused on financial empowerment and women's health, sponsored by Bloomfield Township's Women's History Month Committee.



FINANCIAL LITERACY & INVESTING ROUNDTABLE

SATURDAY
MARCH 15
2-4 PM

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY THEATER

Take control of your financial health with insight and advice from local experts.

WOMEN'S HEALTH: A PERI/MENOPAUSE CONVERSATION

SUNDAY
MARCH 30
2-4 PM

ORAKESIDE BLOOMFIELD CULTURAL CENTER

Explore nutrition and hormone therapy options for managing peri/menopausal health, led by Erika Shannon. Sponsored by Winona.



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NJ's Role in the Fight for Women's Suffrage
Thursday, March 27
2:00PM

PRESENTED BY THE BLOOMFIELD PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Floral Sugar Scrub Workshop

Join us for a hands-on workshop with our new instructor, Phoebe

Jewelry Holder Workshop

In this two-day workshop with Phoebe King, you'll design and

King, where you'll create your very own floral sugar scrub. Using essential oils, raw cane sugar, and food-grade florals, you'll learn how to craft a luxurious scrub that's perfect for pampering yourself or gifting to someone special.

Tuesday, March 11
7:00PM
\$35

create an organic-shaped jewelry holder using air-dry clay. This functional art piece will be perfect for organizing earrings, necklaces, and bracelets.

Tuesday, March 25
7:00PM
\$35

Tuesday, April 1
7:00PM
\$35

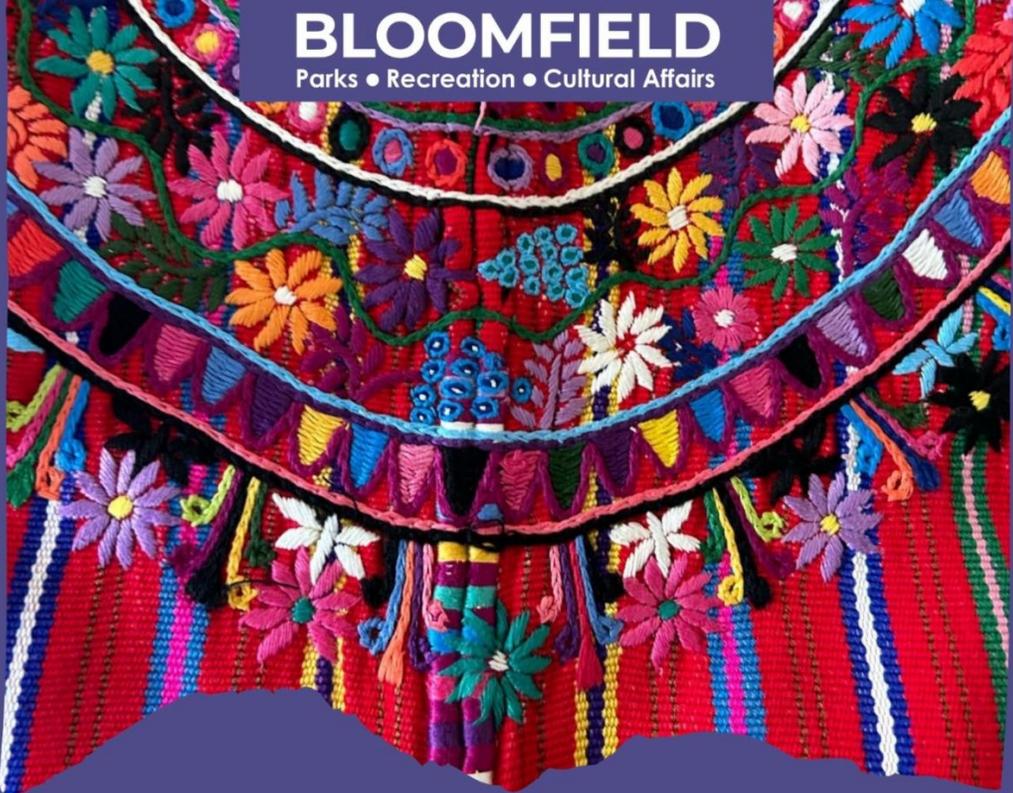
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[Más Información](#)

Textile Histories Exhibit: Handwoven Guatemalan Huipiles

This unique exhibition at the Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center will showcase 20 Guatemalan huipiles (blouses or tunics) handwoven by Indigenous women, each narrating the rich history of Indigenous traditions in the region. Weaving is a time-honored craft in Maya culture, with women traditionally creating their garments as a powerful cultural expression - a legacy passed down through generations.

Join us for the opening reception on Thursday, March 20, at 6:00PM. Curator Vilma Pivaral Plenc will guide guests through each piece, uncovering the stories and history they embody.



TEXTILE HISTORIES: HANDWOVEN GUATEMALAN HUIPILES

Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 pm

Join us for the opening reception of a unique exhibit at the Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center, showcasing 15 Guatemalan huipiles (blouses/tunics) handwoven by Indigenous women.

Enjoy light refreshments as the curator Vilma Pivaral Plenc guides guests through the stories and history behind each piece.

Free and open to the public. Pre-register via Community Pass under "Women's History Month Events 2025". Call 973-743-9074 for more info.

OAKESIDE BLOOMFIELD CULTURAL CENTER
240 BELLEVILLE AVE., BLOOMFIELD, NJ

Folleto en Español

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Get the latest news from our township departments to find out what your local government is doing to serve our community.

Municipal Clerk's Office

Connecting residents with local government, the Bloomfield Municipal Clerk's Office ensures transparency and accessibility for all civic matters.

MARCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Join us for the **March 10 Conference Meeting & March 24 Regular Meeting** at 7:00PM. Public comment is welcome at all meetings.

Watch Live: Tune in on Channel 35 (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), or [Facebook Live](#). A livestream link will be available at bloomfieldtwpnj.com.

Attend in Person: Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003. Public comments are limited to five minutes per person.

Submit Comments: Email written comments/questions to twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com to be read during the meeting.

Meeting agendas, resolutions, and ordinances are available online. For questions, contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 973-680-4015 (Mon-Fri, 8:30AM - 4:30PM).

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

Petitions may be picked up to run for Mayor, First Ward Council, and three (3) At-Large Council Seats in the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214 (Mon-Fri, 8:30AM - 4:30PM). Petitions are due back to the Municipal Clerk's Office, Room 214, **before 4:00PM on Monday, March 24**.

APRIL 16: Last Day for Party Declaration (55 days prior to Primary Election).

May 20: Last Day for Voter Registration and Transfer (21 days prior to Primary Election).

All election questions should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office 973-680-4015.

Department of Human Services

Dedicated to supporting our residents, the Bloomfield Department of Human Services connects individuals with vital programs and services.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Homelessness Prevention Services Available

Bloomfield's Human Services Department offers homelessness prevention aid through the SSH program, funded by an Essex County grant. Assistance includes security deposits, utility payments, and back rent/mortgage support for eligible residents facing hardship.

Need help? Call 973-680-4017 to check eligibility. Let's support our community together!

MORE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Network

This program connects volunteers with seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals and families in Bloomfield and Glen Ridge Twp. to assist with grocery shopping, errands, and/or weekly food deliveries for those who qualify by the Human Needs Food Pantry.

More
Information

Senior Social Programs

Join us every Monday and Wednesday (12:00PM - 3:00PM) for lunch, chair yoga, and fitness classes designed for seniors!

More
Information

Local Food Pantry Resources

If you or someone you know needs food assistance, check out these local food pantries in Bloomfield and surrounding areas. Find a pantry near you and access the essential resources you need! Contact Bloomfield Human Services at 973-680-4017 for a benefit screening to see if you qualify for additional programs offering assistance.

More
Information

Bloomfield Public Library

Serving as a community hub for lifelong learning, the Bloomfield Public Library offers diverse programs for residents of all ages to engage, learn, and grow.

Celebrate **Women's History Month** with special events all month long! Plus, join us for **Read Across America Week** (March 3-8) with special storytimes and fun programs for kids of all ages and other fun-filled programs for kids of all ages!

Bloomfield Public Library Hours

- Monday - Wednesday: 9:00AM - 8:00PM
- Thursday: 9:00AM - 6:00PM
- Friday & Saturday: 9:00AM - 5:00PM

READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK EVENTS

Read Across America Week with Special Guest Readers

March 3, 5 & 7

11:00AM

Pajama Party for Read Across America Week

March 8

11:00AM

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CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Storytime & Craft

March 10 & 31

11:00AM

Welcome Wednesdays with our Community Partners

March 12

11:00AM

Bilingual Storytime

March 14
11:00AM

Let's Lego (4 & Up)

March 12
5:00PM

Let's Lego Pop Up!

March 29
11:00AM

[More Information](#)

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Dungeons & Dragons (GROUP 1)

March 4
5:00PM

Dungeons & Dragons (GROUP 2)

March 6
4:00PM

Pokemon Meet Up

March 15 at 3:00PM
March 18 at 4:30PM

Switch & Snacks

March 5, 12, 19 & 26
2:00PM - 5:00PM

[More Information](#)

ADULT EVENTS

Adult Crafting Club

March 6 at 2:00PM
March 24 at 6:00PM

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

WICKED! Screening

March 22 at 1:00PM

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Our recurring programs consist of: Adult Craft Club, monthly Chess Club Meet-Up, Poetry Club, Book a Librarian, Wednesday weekly movies, and our monthly Book Clubs (Monday Night, Romance, Mystery, Senior Book Club at Oakeside & Lunch & Lit).

More Information

VITA - FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

The Bloomfield Public Library is partnering with United Way of Greater Newark to offer free tax preparation services through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. If you need assistance filing your taxes, appointments are available on:

- Wednesdays from 11:00AM - 3:00PM
- Saturdays from 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Appointments are required.

Program Flyer

Check out these programs and so many more on our social media and website!



Please note that all programs are subject to change. Email us at reference@bloomfield.bccls.org or call us at 973-566-6200 with any questions or concerns.

Fire Department

Protecting our residents through programs and community service, the Bloomfield Fire Department ensures safety and preparedness for all Bloomfield families. [Click here](#) to read our 2024 annual report.

THE REMARKABLE HISTORY OF BLOOMFIELD'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

Join lifelong New Jersey resident James Gardner for a journey through the history of

Bloomfield's Fire Department, from its founding in 1883 to the present day. The presentation will feature stories of famous fires, remarkable firefighters, and the intriguing tale of the "Felix the Stone Fireman" statue, including his origins and Gardner's family connection to Felix's story. Presented by the Historical Society of Bloomfield.

Tuesday, March 25
7:30PM
Bloomfield Civic Center
84 Broad Street



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Free Smoke Alarms Available

The "Save-A-Life Smoke Alarm Distribution Campaign" is providing free 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms for eligible Bloomfield residents. This program primarily supports senior citizens, low-income households, and families with children. For more information or to request an alarm, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 973-680-4153 or [click here](#) to complete a request form. Free installation provided while supplies last.

Volunteers Needed

Interested in serving your community? The Bloomfield Fire Department is recruiting volunteers. Contact the department for details by calling (973) 680-4153 or emailing Capt. Paul Mesuk at paulmesok@aol.com.

[More Information](#)

Car Inspections

Free car inspections are available on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00AM - 12:00PM!

[More Information](#)

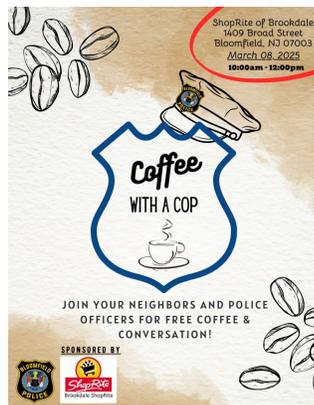
Follow the Bloomfield Fire Department on social media for updates and safety tips.



Bloomfield Police Department

Committed to serving and protecting our community, the Bloomfield Police Department ensures public safety through proactive policing and community engagement.

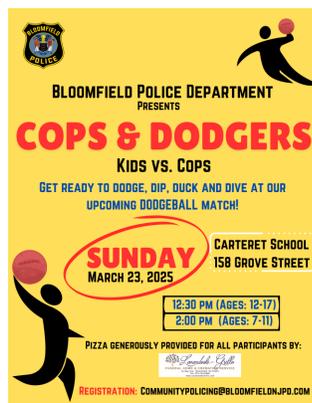
Explore Bloomfield PD's upcoming community events! From our coffee with a cop sessions to the annual Cops & Dodgers event, there's plenty to look forward to!



Coffee with a Cop

Join the Bloomfield Police Department for a hot cup of joe and a casual one-on-one conversation.

March 8
10:00AM - 12:00PM
Shoprite of Brookdale
1409 Broad Street



Cops & Dodgers

Get ready to dodge, dip, duck, and dive at the annual Cops & Dodgers kids vs. cops dodgeball game. Join us for a fun-filled Sunday afternoon and pizza generously provided by the Levandoski-Grillo Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

March 23
12:30PM - Ages 12-17
2:00PM - Ages 7-11
Carteret School
158 Grove Street

Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs

Enriching our township through recreation, activities, and senior programming, the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department inspires wellness, creativity, and connection for residents.

Spring Program Registration

As the winter season wraps up, the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is thrilled to welcome the spring season and the return of warmer weather! Spring registration opens on Wednesday, March 12, with programs kicking off the week of April 14! We're excited to bring back community favorites such as Pee-Wee Baseball, Hip Hop Dance, Children's Art, Ceramics, Yoga with Sandy, and more! Our digital program guide will be available once all program details are finalized. Stay updated by [following us on Facebook](#) or visiting www.bloomfieldrecreation.org to learn more and register for programs.

Closing Soon! Girls' Softball Registration

Registration for girls in grades 3-8 is open and will be closing on March 4. Pre-registration is required to participate. The registration fee is \$70.00.

[Learn More](#)

Suburban Track & Field

Registration for Track & Field is currently underway. Pre-registration is required and the fee is \$60 per participant. Roster spots are limited.

[Learn More](#)

Sports Equipment Exchange

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

The Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, currently has a wide variety of cleats, shin guards, baseball/softball gloves, bats, helmets (with or without protective masks), baseball/softball uniform pants, and football pads/equipment.

To donate, all items must be in reasonably good condition and proper working order. To acquire this free equipment you must be a Bloomfield resident and call 973-743-9074 to set up a time to come to the Civic Center.

March Friday Night Fun

Registration must be done via community pass
at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org
or call 973-743-9074

Friday Fun Night

\$20 per child
grades K - 6

Don't forget to
wear green :)

Pizza & Juice
will be served!

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Craft: Leprechaun Traps

March 14th From 6:00PM - 9:00 PM
Bloomfield Civic Center (84 Broad St)

Preliminary Summer Camp Information

Join us for six weeks of summer fun from June 30 to August 8 (off July 4) with engaging activities for kids of all ages.

Locations

- Fairview: Ages 4–5, Kindergarten, and 1st grade
- TBD School: 2nd–6th grade

Camp Hours

- 8:00AM – 4:00PM

Registration Opens

- Thursday, May 1, at 10:00 AM (online or in person)

Fees

- \$175 per week (multi-child discount available if registered by June 6)

Deposit

- \$50 per week (max \$300, non-refundable)

Secure your spot early—spaces fill fast!

Summer Camp Job Applications

Available online starting Monday, April 7, and due back Wednesday, May 7. Current freshmen are eligible to be considered for sports clinic jobs as well as sophomores and up are eligible to be considered for summer camp positions.

2025 Summer Sports Clinic

Participate in a wide variety of outdoor sports clinics, including traditional sports such as soccer, football, baseball, softball, basketball, and track & field. Nontraditional sports such as fishing and golf. Esports and ultimate frisbee will return to our summer sports clinic series.

Location

- Various municipal parks & buildings

Ages

- 6 to 13 years old

Dates

- Six individual weeks – July 7 - August 15

Time

- Morning and/or afternoon sessions

All programs are affordably priced and most start between \$50 - \$60 for the week except for cooking, theatre, and STEM classes. Registration will begin in mid-May.

Travel Camp

Mark your calendars! Travel camp is BACK this summer for students currently in grades 7-10. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure, with exciting trips every week. This year's travel camp dates are the weeks of July 14, July 21, and July 28.

Get ready for outings to the Somerset Patriots, Fun Plex, Great Adventures, Camelback Beach, and so much more. Don't miss out on the summer of a lifetime, adventure awaits!

Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market

The 2025 Bloomfield Community Farmer's Market is set to kick off on Tuesday, June 3rd, and will run every Tuesday from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM through October 28th. We're thrilled to invite vendors to join us for another fantastic season. If you're interested in participating, please reach out to Susana Aguirre, Recreation Leader at the Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department, via email at saguirre@bloomfieldtwpnj.com or call 973-743-9074.

Additionally, we are offering local businesses the opportunity to be featured one time, free of charge, through our Community Spotlight program. If you're interested in either opportunity, contact Susana for more details!

We look forward to another exciting season in Bloomfield!

Stay updated by following the Farmers Market on [Instagram!](#)



Bloomfield Community Garden Program

We are proud to offer gardening opportunities at our three Community Garden locations within the Township of Bloomfield.

Our goal is to provide residents—especially those who may not otherwise have access—with the opportunity and resources to enjoy gardening. In partnership with our gardeners and dedicated volunteers, we organize and promote various community garden activities and projects throughout the year. We strive to foster a welcoming environment that encourages recreational organic gardening, healthy living, positive eating habits, and environmental stewardship.

Our typical garden season runs from late March to mid-November. Raised garden beds are available for yearly rental at \$50. The fee is waived for Bloomfield veterans (DD Form 214 required).

Oakeside and Pulaski Gardens are full. Limited beds (20) available at Milbank Park. You can register by visiting our website at www.bloomfieldrecreation.org. Registration is first come, first served.

HAPPENINGS AT THE OAKESIDE BLOOMFIELD CULTURAL CENTER

Theatrical Performances at Oakeside in partnership with Skyline Theatre Company

A reading presentation of an original bilingual musical about family, connection, joy—and clowns! A family in rural Guatemala experiences

the wackiest day ever when a bus full of clowns breaks down outside their restaurant.

Broadway in the Works: "Payasita"

March 22 at 7:00PM

March 23 at 2:00PM

[Purchase Tickets](#)

Monday Night Music at the Oakeside Cultural Center

We're excited to present the third season of our popular Monday Night Music Concert Series! Concerts begin at 7:00PM and are typically held on the last Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted). After each performance, enjoy a meet-and-greet with the artists, along with dessert, coffee, and tea.

Upcoming Concert

Robbin Gordon-Cartier, Harpist

Monday, March 31, 7:00PM

[More Information](#)

These free concerts require pre-registration starting on the 1st of each month. Donations are welcome at registration. Tickets are limited to 50 people.

Book Club

Whether you are an avid reader or want to join a social club, you will enjoy discussing a new fiction book every month in a group setting at the Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center. Sign up for one of our two 90-min sessions each month. The Bloomfield Public Library will have limited copies of each month's books! Please register via community pass.

Thursday, March 27 at 7:00PM

Saturday, March 29 at 10:00AM

[March Book Club Flyer](#)

Senior Citizen Organization

Meet once a month at Bloomfield Civic Center, for trips, excursions, and holiday functions. Yearly membership is valid through August 31, 2025.

Annual Membership: \$20

Membership Perks:

- \$2 off traditional seasonal senior programs
- \$5 off trips and excursions
- FREE monthly meetings/functions (\$10 for non-members)

Senior Citizen Programming

Edited: 2/5/2025

Spring 2025

SENIOR FITNESS

Senior Coordinator: Neyden Kinch-Sousa

(nsousa@bloomfieldtwpnj.com)

Classes meet @ Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St. **Register for classes via Community Pass.**

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84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Tel#: 973-743-3332

www.bloomfieldrecreation.org

SENIOR YOGA - \$20

Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

March 4th - May 8th

Senior Yoga is a slow-paced movement that uses various poses to improve balance, flexibility, stability, and strength.

The class is taught by Sandy Gola of Amethyst Project. *All participants must bring a yoga mat.*

T'AI CHI EXERCISE- \$20

Monday

Intermediate: 10am-11am

Beginner: 11am-12pm

Dates TBD. Set to end March 31.

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.

Registration:

Wednesday, February 19th 9:00am

- www.bloomfieldrecreation.org
- **At the Civic Center, 84 Broad St.**
- **Call 973-743-9074**

SENIOR EXERCISE

(\$20) Mon. & Wed. 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

March 3rd - May 7th

(\$20) Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 am – 11:00 am

March 4th – May 8th

Senior exercise is a low-impact class designed especially for seniors to stay active and get fit at their own pace. **Participants are to bring 5 pound weight and exercise bands**

SENIOR STRETCH - \$20

Tues. & Thurs. 11:00 am – 11:30 am

March 4th-May 8th

FREE with the registration of either Senior Exercise. Please bring a yoga mat.

ZUMBA GOLD - \$20

March 5th-May 14th No Class April 18th

Wed. and Fri.

10:15 am - 11:00 am (\$20)

11:15 am - 12:00 pm (\$20)

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 Knitting Club

Enjoy knitting, crocheting, and socializing with others. Please bring your material and work on projects/pieces you may already be working on. We are always looking for new people to join the knitting club, so stop by and join the fun—it's FREE.

Meets every Tuesday from 1:30PM - 3:00PM at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

Egg Hunt

Skyline Church will be administering an Egg Hunt on the morning of Saturday, April 12, at Pulaski Park. This is a free event offered to our community. Visit the church website at www.skylinechurch.org to learn more.

2025 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 2025 Summer of Fun? It is a great way to support your town while getting exposure for your business! The “Summer of Fun” is a collection of popular, well-attended events, including Music Concerts in the Park, Drive-In Movie Series, Holiday Celebrations, Christmas in July, the Hank Barlow Golf Outing, Classic Car Cruise Nights, and more! Multiple levels of sponsorships are available. For details, e-mail the Director at msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. Your support is needed now more than ever!

Award Nominations

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs Department is seeking nominations for our annual award presentation. 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.

Bloomfield Outstanding Citizen Award

Presented to a resident who has helped the Township of Bloomfield and their fellow citizens through extraordinary acts of 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.

If you know of anyone who has given unselfishly to help others and who meets any of the above 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 their final selection 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 nomination forms will be reviewed annually.

Nomination forms can be found on our [website](#) and can be mailed to the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 Attn: Recreation Director Michael Sceurman. Nomination forms can also be e-mailed to msceurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. For more information

Newsletter Trivia

If you've made it this far, we've got a quick quiz for you! Think you know the history of Bloomfield's Fire Department?

What is the name of the statue with an intriguing story that will be featured in James Gardner's presentation?

- Feliz the Firefighter
- The Bloomfield Brave
- Felix the Stone Fireman
- The Guardian of Bloomfield

Health Department

Dedicated to the well-being of our community, the Bloomfield Health Department provides essential services, programs, and resources to promote public health, safety, and wellness for residents.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Thursday, March 20

11:00AM - 12:00PM

Bloomfield Civic Center

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Free Blood Glucose Screening

Wednesday, March 26

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Bloomfield Public Library

[More Information | Más información](#)

Food Handlers Course at the Bloomfield Civic Center

This course is open to all. The registration fee is \$40. For more information call 973-680-4024.

Wednesday, March 19 | Sesión en Español
9:30AM - 1:30PM

Thursday, April 24 | English Session
9:30AM - 1:30PM

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Affordable Dental Services for Uninsured or Underinsured Individuals Through Zufall Mobile in Bloomfield
For more information, email emelo@zufallhealth.org or call 973-325-2266 ext. 1040.

Thursday, March 10
9:00AM - 3:00PM

[More Information | Más información](#)

SAVE Cancer Screening Program
[More Information](#)

Adult & Child Immunization Clinics
Available most Wednesdays in the Lower Level of Town Hall by appointment only. This program is specifically for uninsured and/or underinsured individuals. For appointments, call the Public Health Nurses at 973-680-4058. Flu & COVID vaccines are available during weekly clinics by appointment only.

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March Issue of Healthy Living in Bloomfield
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Bloomfield's Solid Waste (Garbage) Ordinance
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RESOURCE CENTER

PSE&G RESOURCES

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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ANIMAL SHELTER

The Bloomfield Animal Shelter appreciates donations from our [2025 Donation List](#). Most needed items include dog and cat food, cat litter, and cleaning products. Donations can be dropped off daily between 9:00AM – 5:00PM.

RECYCLING & GARBAGE SCHEDULE

Garbage & Recycling Calendar

 = Holidays when pickups will be suspended. Garbage will be picked up on your next regularly scheduled day. Recycling is delayed until next business day.

Unshaded: COMMINGLED
(aluminum, glass, plastic)

Shaded: CARDBOARD & MIXED PAPER

January							February							March							April							May							June						
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✗ NOT Accepted in Recycling: Accepted plastic recycling codes: 1, 2, 5 ONLY

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car/truck tires	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Styrofoam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pyrex, ceramic cups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pizza boxes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Molded lawn chairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lightbulbs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wrapping paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buckets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Auto glass/parts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6-pack drink holders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plates, clay bottles & pots

Stay on top of March’s recycling and garbage collection schedule. Visit bloomfieldtpnj.com for route-specific details and updates:

Essex County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

May 3 | 8:30AM - 4:00PM

Essex County Fleet Management

99 West Bradford Ave, Cedar Grove

Call (973) 792-9060 for more information or visit ecuanj.com for a list of acceptable and unacceptable items

Essex County Computer & Electronics Day

May 19 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Essex County Fleet Management
99 West Bradford Ave, Cedar Grove
Call (973) 792-9060 for more information or visit ecuanj.com

Saturday Recycling Hours

Weekly | 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Public Works Yard, 230 Grove St.

No garbage 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 3:00PM the Monday before.

Download the Free Recycle Coach App on iOS and Android for Recycling Tips & Info!

Shredding Event

Saturday, May 17

9:00AM - 12:00PM

24 Mt. Vernon Avenue (Pulaski Park Parking Lot)

For residents only, must provide proof of residency. Not available to commercial or industrial facilities.

CLOTHING DROP OFF

Floyd Ave Site

East Passaic Ave Site

COMPOST DROP OFF SITE

Information in English

Información en Español

Trivia Answer

The answer to the trivia question is “C,” Felix the Stone Fireman! Special thanks to the Historical Society of Bloomfield for preserving and sharing our town’s history!



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