



# FEBRUARY 2025

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HERE'S WHAT'S  
HAPPENING

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JENNY MUNDELL

Happy February, Bloomfield! As we step into this new month, we continue to build on the strength of our vibrant community, and I'm proud to reflect on the great things we accomplished in January.



In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, we came together for our 10th Annual Bloomfield MLK Day of Service, where community members packed hygiene kits for local pantries and shelters, as well as food bags for Toni's Kitchen. It was a beautiful reminder of the power of service and the impact we can have when we work together. We also welcomed more than 70 new members to our Township's advisory boards and commissions, making great strides in empowering our community leaders. And, I'm excited to announce that we're moving forward with much-needed renovations to our beloved and historic Bloomfield Children's Library—an exciting step in preserving an essential part of our town's history for future generations.

As we turn the page to February, we have plenty to look forward to. We're kicking off Community Resource Meetings across all wards, where residents will have the chance to learn about the programs and resources available to support them. February also brings a chance to honor Black History Month with special celebrations, and we'll be

sharing more opportunities for residents to get involved with our advisory committees and make their voices heard.

Thank you, Bloomfield, for your continued support and engagement. I'm looking forward to all that we'll accomplish together in 2025. Let's keep the momentum going as we build a brighter future for our town!

# COMMUNITY

## Community Resource Meetings

Join Mayor Jenny Mundell, Councilmembers from each ward, and other Township leaders for Community Resource Meetings focused on each of Bloomfield's three Wards. These meetings will kick off with informative tabling sessions where residents can access information about key departments and available resources. After visiting the tables, there will be a 30-minute Q&A session with Mayor Mundell and your local Council Member, providing an opportunity to ask questions and hear community updates. Don't miss this chance to connect with Township leaders and learn about the resources available to you!

The in-person meetings will be broadcast live on the Township's Facebook page.

### FIRST WARD

February 18, 2025

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Fairview Elementary School  
376 Berkeley Avenue

 **First Ward**  
**COMMUNITY RESOURCE MEETING**  
Join Mayor Jenny Mundell & First Ward Councilwoman Rosalee Gonzalez

  
MAYOR  
JENNY MUNDELL

  
ROSALEE GONZALEZ  
FIRST WARD COUNCILWOMAN

Fairview Elementary School  
376 Berkeley Avenue

February 18, 2025  
7:00PM



### SECOND WARD

March 4, 2025

7:00PM - 8:00PM

Brookdale Elementary School  
1230 Broad Street

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

  
MAYOR  
JENNY MUNDELL

  
NICHOLAS JOANOW  
SECOND WARD COUNCILMAN

Brookdale Elementary School  
1230 Broad St

March 4, 2025  
7:00PM



### THIRD WARD

March 6, 2025  
7:00PM - 8:00PM  
Berkeley Elementary School  
351 Bloomfield 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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## Black History Month Events

Join the Township of Bloomfield for Black History Month events hosted by the Juneteenth Advisory Committee. Let's come together to honor and celebrate Black history, culture, and achievements.

### Black History Month Open Mic Night

Friday, February 21st  
6:00PM-9:00PM

Bloomfield Library Theater

\*Interested in Performing? Call or Text (862) 202-3033 to sign up!

## Third Annual Black History Month Community Social

Saturday, February 22nd

12:00PM-3:00PM

Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center



# Black History Month

## 2025



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#### **Bloomfield Library Theater**

90 Broad St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

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#### **Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center**

240 Belleville Ave, Bloomfield, NJ

## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

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

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# Municipal Clerk's Office

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

## FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**February 10 & 24 at 7:00PM** - Regular Meeting. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chambers 2nd floor, Municipal Building, 1 Municipal Plaza, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 and streamed live on Channel 35 (Comcast), Channel 30 (Verizon), and Facebook Live. A link for the livestream will be posted on the township website, [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

The public always has an opportunity to make public comments to the Mayor and Council during all public meetings. When you are called upon at the meeting, please state your name and your comment. You will have five minutes in total to speak.

Alternatively, if you have a comment or a question, you may submit it in writing to the Township Clerk at [twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:twpclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com). The Municipal Clerk will read a portion of your comment on the record during the public comment section of the meeting.

The agenda as well as supporting resolutions and ordinances can be found on the township website.

Any questions should be directed to the Municipal Clerk's Office at (973) 680-4015 during regular business hours, 8:30AM - 4:30PM.

## IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

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

**April 16** - Last Day for Party Declaration (55 days prior to Primary Election).

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

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## Department of Human Services

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



## BLOOMFIELD HUMAN SERVICES

Please call Bloomfield Human Services:

- **Food Assistance**
- **Health Insurance Assistance**
- **Transportation Services**
- **Rental Assistance**
- **Prescription Programs**
- **Senior Services**
- **Mental Health Services**
- **Utility Assistance**

Experienced social workers will provide an in-person or virtual assessment and assist eligible residents with applications for a variety of assistance programs.

Human Services social workers can be reached  
at  
973-680-4017

## ¡BLOOMFIELD HUMAN SERVICES PUEDE AYUDAR!

Llame a Bloomfield Human Services si necesita ayuda con:

- **Alquiler atrasado**
- **Hipoteca**
- **Asistencia de servicios públicos**
- **Programas alimentarios**
- **Programas de prescripción**
- **Seguro de salud**
- **Servicios para personas mayores**
- **Servicios de salud mental**

Los trabajadores sociales experimentados proporcionarán una evaluación en persona o virtual y ayudarán a los residentes elegibles con las solicitudes para una variedad de programas de asistencia.

Los trabajadores sociales de Servicios Humanos pueden ser contactados al 973-680-4017

## HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SERVICES

We are thrilled to announce that Bloomfield's Department of Human Services has received a grant through the Essex County Division of Community Action to provide essential homelessness prevention services through The Social Service for the Homeless (SSH) program!

The SSH program offers emergency assistance including security deposits, utilities payments and back rent or back mortgage payments to help residents who have fallen behind due to circumstances beyond their control and can demonstrate sustainability moving forward.

If you or someone you know needs help, call Human Services at (973) 680-4017 to screen for eligibility.

Let's work together to support our neighbors and strengthen our community!

## MORE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### 1. Senior Social Programs.

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

  
**ARE YOU A SENIOR  
LOOKING TO SOCIALIZE?**  
JOIN US AT OAKESIDE BLOOMFIELD CULTURAL CENTER



EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY  
12:00PM - 3:00PM

240 BELLEVILLE AVENUE  
BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

**FREE FOR ALL SENIORS!**  
PRESENTATIONS, ART'S & CRAFTS, GAMES,  
SEWING, SENIOR FRIENDLY FITNESS CLASSES  
AND MUCH MORE!

LUNCH IS PROVIDED BY TONI'S KITCHEN

ASK FOR A CALENDAR OF EVENTS TODAY OR CALL US  
(973) 680-4017

classes designed for seniors

**NEIGHBOR to neighbor  
NETWORK\***

Want to give back to your community?

Neighbor to Neighbor Network (N2N) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that connects volunteers with Bloomfield and Glen Ridge residents in need of support not available through traditional programs. Special emphasis is placed on assisting older adults, some of whom are homebound or live alone, low-income individuals and families, and people with disabilities.

**Volunteer Opportunities Available!**

- **Friendly Visitor Program** - Friendly visitors provide companionship and a listening ear to homebound elderly residents who lack the support of family and friends.
- **Food Delivery Program** - Tuesday between 10:30 and 11:30, Thursdays between 10:30 and 11:30, and Thursday evenings between 5:30 and 6:15.
  - Seasonal Lawn Care/ Snow shoveling
- **Events at senior buildings:** Game Nights, Musical Performances, Luncheons, Tea Cream Socials

To volunteer for any of these programs, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 973-680-4017

## 2. Neighbor-to-Neighbor Network.

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

**Local Food Pantries**

- **Park United Methodist Church**  
TIME: Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm  
PLACE: 12 Park St, Bloomfield, NJ  
Back parking lot  
(Delivery for residents who are homebound)
- **Presbyterian Church (Church on the Green)**  
TIME: Wed, Friday and fourth Saturday of the month 9:30 am - 11 am  
PLACE: The church is located on 150 Grove St, Bloomfield. (The pantry is around the side of the church - 2 Church St)
- **How Light Baptist Church**  
TIME: 3rd Monday of the Month 1pm-3pm  
PLACE: 89 Dewey St, Bloomfield, NJ
- **Temple Radiant Light Church**  
TIME: Call to register 973-673-8000  
PLACE: 430 Franklin St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003
- **Toni's Kitchen Mobile Pantry at the Library**  
TIME: Saturday, 11 AM to 3 PM (bring your own bag)  
PLACE: 90 Broad St, Bloomfield (donorbox.com/bf)
- **Carteret mobile pantry**  
TIME: Sunday from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm  
PLACE: 156 Grove St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 (parking lot)
- **Montclair Human Needs Food Pantry**  
TIME: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM  
PLACE: 3 Lake St, Montclair, NJ (Delivery for residents who are homebound)
- **Toni's Kitchen Montclair**  
TIME: Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 AM-12 PM  
Sunday 11 AM-5 PM  
PLACE: 73 S Fullerton Ave, Montclair NJ
- **Wesley United Methodist Church & Gossett Church**  
TIME: Every second Saturday of the month 9:00 am-12:00 pm  
PLACE: 222 Washington Ave, Belleville, NJ 07109  
PHONE: 301-700-1124



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## 3. 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 Needs Services at 973-680-4017 for a benefit screening to see if you qualify for additional programs offering assistance.

# 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.

The Bloomfield Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 17th.

The Library's regular hours are:

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

## **CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

### **Storytime & Craft**

February 10 & 24 @ 11:00AM

### **Welcome Wednesdays with our Community Partners**

February 12, 19 & 26 @ 11:00AM

### **Let's Lego (4 & Up)**

February 12, 19 & 26 @ 5:00PM

### **Bilingual Storytime**

February 7, 21 & 28 @ 11:00AM

### **Let's Lego Pop-Up**

February 15 @ 11:00AM



**KIDS' WINTER PROGRAMS**  
JANUARY 13 - MARCH 14, 2025

**Mondays @ 11 am - Storytime & Craft**  
**Wednesdays @ 11 am - Welcome Wednesdays**  
with our Community Partners  
**Wednesdays @ 5 pm - Let's Lego!**  
for ages 4 and up  
**Fridays @ 11 am - Bilingual Storytime**  
No programs 1/24 or 2/14

**Saturday SNACKS!**  
Kids can grab a snack on Saturday mornings in the Children's Library!

**LET'S LEGO!**  
POP-UP EVENT FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES  
SATURDAY, FEB. 15!  
FROM 11AM-12PM IN THE CHILDREN'S MEZZANINE

The Library is a peanut/tree nut free facility.

## YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

Dungeons & Dragons (GROUP 1)  
February 11 @ 5:00PM

Dungeons & Dragons (GROUP 2)  
February 13 @ 4:00PM

Pokemon Meet Up  
February 18 @ 4:30PM

Switch & Snacks  
February 12, 19 & 26 @ 2:00PM - 5:00PM



**POKÉMON  
MEET-UP**

BRING YOUR TRADING CARD COLLECTION AND/OR  
GAMES IN THE SERIES TO THE LIBRARY TO PLAY  
AND TRADE WITH FELLOW FANS!

1/11/25 11 AM - 1 PM  
1/21/25 4:30 - 6 PM  
2/1/25 3 - 4:30 PM  
2/18/25 4:30 - 6 PM  
3/15/25 3 - 4:30 PM  
3/18/25 4:30 - 6 PM  
4/5/25 3 - 4:30 PM  
4/15/25 4:30 - 6 PM  
4/26/25 3 - 4:30 PM

**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**  
**GRADES 7-12**





**DUNGEONS &  
DRAGONS CLUB**

JOIN US IN THE NEW YEAR  
FOR A SHORT D&D CAMPAIGN

| GROUP 1 | GROUP 2 |
|---------|---------|
| 1/7/25  | 1/9/25  |
| 2/11/25 | 2/13/25 |
| 3/4/25  | 3/6/25  |
| 4/1/25  | 4/3/25  |
| 5/6/25  | 5/15/25 |

5:00 - 7:00 pm      4 - 5:30 pm

**GRADES 7-12**

**Registration Required**  
For registration visit:  
[www.bplnj.org/library-calendar](http://www.bplnj.org/library-calendar)  
For Questions please email:  
[ryan.meier@bloomfield.bccls.org](mailto:ryan.meier@bloomfield.bccls.org)






**SWITCH & SNACKS  
AFTER SCHOOL!**

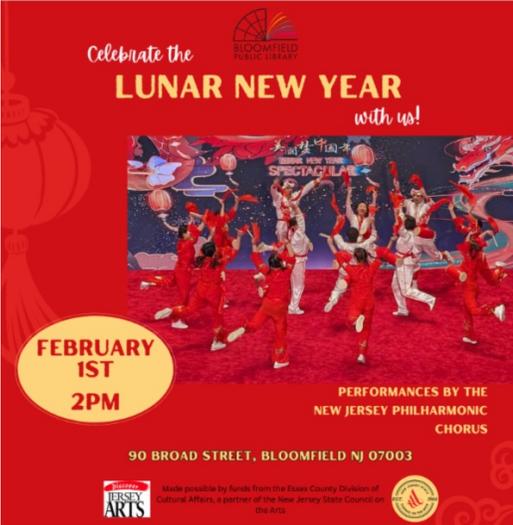
JOIN US AFTER SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS  
FROM 2-5 IN THE YA MEZZANINE

**GRADES 7-12  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

## ADULT EVENTS

**Adult Crafting Club**  
February 24 @ 6:00PM

**Adult Dungeons & Dragons**  
February 10 @ 6:00PM - 7:50PM



**Celebrate the LUNAR NEW YEAR with us!**

**FEBRUARY 1ST @ 2PM**

PERFORMANCES BY THE NEW JERSEY PHILHARMONIC CHORUS

90 BROAD STREET, BLOOMFIELD NJ 07003



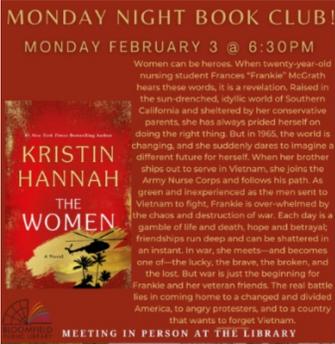
**Sweet Treats**

**DESSERTS & DELICACIES FROM THE GARDEN STATE**

**FEBRUARY 4 @ 6:30PM**

This program explores a variety of "sweet" culinary traditions from the 18th and 19th centuries and considers how the treats we enjoy have changed. It also discusses the process and ingredients of making these food items, then and now.

Presented by: **METC**



**MONDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB!**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 3 @ 6:30PM**

**KRISTIN HANNAH THE WOMEN**

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly starts to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal, friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost. But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

**MEETING IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY**



**Adult Dungeons & Dragons**

February 10th @ 6pm

\*Registration required\*

90 Broad Street, Bloomfield NJ 07003



**FREE SATURDAY CONCERT**

February 8 @ 2PM

Join us for an afternoon concert filled with 1950s-1980s pop hits, Soul, Motown, Funk, Jazz standards, International and Oldies!

**Nicole**

90 Broad Street, Bloomfield NJ 07003



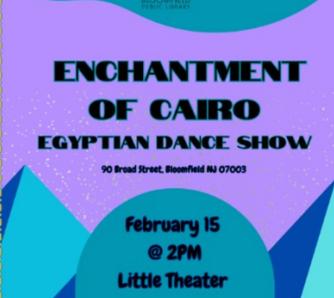
**These Our Poets Poetry Club**

Join us at our monthly poetry club!

This month we are discussing the mechanics of sonnets and practice writing and reinterpreting them.

We hope to see you there!

February 11 @ 6:30PM

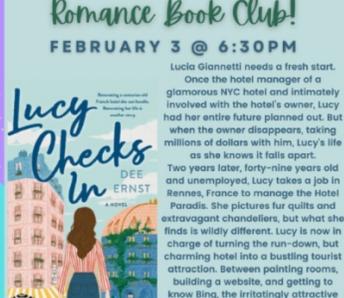


**ENCHANTMENT OF CAIRO EGYPTIAN DANCE SHOW**

90 Broad Street, Bloomfield NJ 07003

February 15 @ 2PM

Little Theater



**Romance Book Club!**

**FEBRUARY 3 @ 6:30PM**

**Lucy Checks In**

DEE ERNST

Lucia Giannetti needs a fresh start. Once the hotel manager of a glamorous NYC hotel and intimately involved with the hotel's owner, Lucy had her entire future planned out. But when the owner disappears, taking millions of dollars with him, Lucy's life as she knows it falls apart. Two years later, forty-nine years old and unemployed, Lucy takes a job in Rennes, France to manage the Hotel Paradis. She pictures fur quilts and extravagant chandeliers, but what she finds is wildly different. Lucy is now in charge of turning the run-down, but charming hotel into a bustling tourist attraction. Between painting rooms, building a website, and getting to know Bing, the irritatingly attractive

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

**FREE Saturday Concert**  
February 8 @ 2:00PM

**Enchantment of Cairo: Egyptian Dance Show**  
February 15 @ 2:00PM

## RECURRING PROGRAMS

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

Please note: All programs are subject to change. Email us at

[reference@bloomfield.bccls.org](mailto:reference@bloomfield.bccls.org) or call us at 973-566-6200 with any questions or concerns.

## 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:

- **Wednesday from 11:00AM - 3:00PM:** (February 12, 19, & 26)
- **Saturday from 10:00AM - 2:00PM:** (February 8, 15, & 22)

Appointments are required.



  
BLOOMFIELD  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# VITA FREE TAX PREP

**Registration  
Required**

<https://bit.ly/VITA-BPL>

 **UNITED WAY**  
Greater Newark

**\$ Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
**\$ Saturdays 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**\$ January 29 - April 12**  
**Available to adults who make**  
**\$80,000/yr or less**

**\$ 90 Broad Street, Main Library**  
**Bloomfield NJ 07003**  
**973-744-0500**



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



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## Fire Department

Protecting our residents through programs and community service, the Fire Department ensures safety and preparedness for all Bloomfield families.

### **1. 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 complete a request form at [bloomfieldtwpj.com](http://bloomfieldtwpj.com). Free installation provided while supplies last

### **2. 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](mailto:paulmesok@aol.com).

BLOOMFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**



**Interested in  
joining us?**

**Call Fire Prevention  
973-680-4153**

**Email Capt. Paul Mesuk  
Paulmesuk@aol.com**

### **Benefits**

- Opportunity to serve your community.
- Become part of a team.
- Earn points towards civil service exam.
- Various training opportunities.
- Discover new career opportunities

### **Requirements**

- Bloomfield residency
- 18 years old or older
- Valid Driver's License

### **3. CAR INSPECTIONS**

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



# Get a Free Car Seat Inspection

Are your children  
**BUCKLED UP**  
*Correctly?*

*Nearly 2 out of 3 are used incorrectly!*

**FREE Car Seat installations and checks by one of our  
Nationally Certified Technicians!**

### Certified Technicians will:

- ✓ Ensure your existing car seat is safe and properly installed
- ✓ Provide recommendations on car seats that are best for your vehicle and child
- ✓ Provide assistance with accessing a car seat if you face financial barriers
- ✓ Answer questions about making the transition between car seats, booster seats and regular seat belts

**EVERY FIRST  
SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH  
9AM - 12PM**

**BLOOMFIELD  
FIRE HEADQUARTERS**

**375 FRANKLIN STREET  
BLOOMFIELD NEW JERSEY**

**Let us make it easy for you!**



**SAFE  
K:IDS**  
NORTHERN  
NEW JERSEY

#### **4. STAY CONNECTED**

Follow the Fire Department on [YouTube](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), and [X](#) for updates and safety tips

#### **5. ANNUAL REPORT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Our 2024 [Annual Report](#) is now available!

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## **Bloomfield Police Department**

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

Interested in a career in Law Enforcement? The Bloomfield Police Department is seeking young, motivated individuals interested in joining the [Police Cadets Program](#). The program is geared towards individuals ages 14 to 20 years old and provides young men and women with an introduction to a career in Law Enforcement, or a related field within the criminal justice system. Cadets are taught the importance of higher education, self discipline, and respect for human dignity through training, involvement in community service projects, and other cadet events. Interested candidates must fill out the pre-screening application by clicking on the link below or utilizing the QR code. If you have questions regarding the program, please email Lt. Naomi Zepeda or Officer Morgan Ziegler at [communitypolicing@bloomfieldnjpd.com](mailto:communitypolicing@bloomfieldnjpd.com).



# BLOOMFIELD

Police Department



## POLICE CADETS PROGRAM

- Introduction to Law Enforcement
- Team Building Skills
- Life Skills
- Self-Discipline
- Community Involvement

- Great for Resumes
- Great for College Applications
- Great for Community Service

### AGES: 14-20

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**CONTACT**  
US NOW

 [communitypolicing@bloomfieldnjpd.com](mailto:communitypolicing@bloomfieldnjpd.com)

 1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003



[www.bloomfieldnjpd.com](http://www.bloomfieldnjpd.com)

**BRAVERY - PRIDE - DEDICATION**

# Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs

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

## 1. WINTER PROGRAMS

It's not too late to join our exciting winter programs! From Kinderdance to Baby & Me Yoga and beginner Kung-Fu classes, there's something for everyone. Learn more and register at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org).

**2. 2025 SOFTBALL HITTING & FIELDING CLINIC** Join our softball coaches for a hitting and fielding clinic at Bloomfield High School on February 22. Two sessions are available for grades 1-5 and 6-8. The \$25 fee includes 1.5 hours each of hitting and fielding instruction. Space is limited. Please visit our website for the exact times.

## 3. GIRLS' SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Registration for Peppermint Softball (grades 3-8) is now open through March 4! Player evaluations are scheduled for March 3 and 5 at Bloomfield High School. The season begins April 13. Registration fee: \$65 before February 19 or \$70 after February 19. Contact Joe Ricci at 973-743-9074 or email: [jricci@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:jricci@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

### Monday, March 3rd

Grades 3rd, 4th, & 5th

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

### Thursday, March 5th

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 13 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 Joe Ricci at 973-743-9074 or email: [jricci@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:jricci@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

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Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs

84 Broad Street, Bloomfield, NJ 07003  
Tel: 973-743-9074 Weather Update: 973-743-7593



## Peppermint/Traveling Softball Evaluations Registration Grades 3-8

Peppermint Softball registration for girls in Grades 3 - 8 will start on Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

The registration fee on or before February 19<sup>th</sup> is \$65.00 and after 2/19 the fee is \$70.00.

**NO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**

An additional \$15.00 will be required if you are chosen for the Suburban Travel Team

\*\* You must be a Bloomfield Resident to play Suburban/Travel Softball \*\*

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

| <b>Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> | <b>Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup></b><br>Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , & 8 <sup>th</sup>                      |
|---|---|
| 6pm-8pm – encompasses all drills  | 6pm - 7pm – Running, fielding & throwing – required<br>7pm - 8pm – Hitting – required<br>8pm - 8:30pm – Pitching - optional |



In order to make balanced Peppermint teams, players should attend evaluations whether they are interested in playing traveling softball or not.



Players will be rated based on ability. All teams will be selected by designated recreation personnel to make them as equal as possible. No team requests will be taken.



If there is an issue of transportation it can be addressed with other participants on your assigned team to make accommodations.



If you are interested in coaching, please contact Joe Ricci at 973-743-9074 or [jricci@bloomfieldwpnj.com](mailto:jricci@bloomfieldwpnj.com)

Peppermint Softball Opening Day is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and the season will run through mid-June. Games and practices take place 2-3 days a week, Monday - Saturday.

Register online at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) or by phone (973) 743-9074



## 4. SUBURBAN TRACK & FIELD

Registration for Grades 5-8 will begin Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. Registration fee is \$60 per participant. Roster spots are limited. Practices will be held at Foley Field and will begin around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. Competitions are held within Essex County and transportation must be provided by parent(s) to all practices and away meets.

# BLOOMFIELD SUBURBAN TRACK & FIELD



**REGISTRATION STARTS FEB 12TH**

**REGISTER ONLINE VIA  
COMMUNITYPASS**

**50M, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M, 1600M  
4x100M Relay, Long Jump & Turbo  
Javelin**

**TUES & THURS @  
FOLEY FIELD**

**\$60 REGISTRATION  
FEE**

6PM to 7:30PM. Practices tentatively set for Tuesday, April 8th. Transportation must be provided by parents to all practices and away meets (within Essex County). Competitions' dates will be held on various days of the week.

**WWW.BLOOMFIELDRECREATION.ORG**

## 5. FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

Parents, enjoy a Valentine's Day night out while your kids (grades K-6) enjoy crafts, games, and pizza at the Civic Center on February 14 (6 PM - 9 PM). Register for \$20 per child at [bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://bloomfieldrecreation.org).

## 6. SENIOR PROGRAMS

Why should you join the Senior Citizen Club?

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

Membership yearly dues are \$20 and valid until August 31, 2025.

Members meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

### Upcoming Programming

- **Valentine's Celebration:** Thursday, February 20th from 12:00PM - 2:00PM. Free for Senior Organization members, \$10 for non-members.

- **Knitting Club:** Every Tuesday from 1:30PM - 3:00PM at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street **free of charge!** Attend to enjoy knitting, crocheting, and socializing with others. Please bring your material and work on projects/pieces you may already be working on.
- **Spring Fitness Classes:** Please note registration for our extremely popular spring fitness classes will begin on Wednesday, February 19th at 9:00AM. Mark your calendars as the classes usually hit maximum capacity on the first day of registration. We have added additional classes and they fill up as well!

## **7. 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 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 Director Michael Scurman at [mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com). Your support is needed now more than ever!

## **8. 2025 SUMMER CAMP AND SPORTS CLINIC EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS**

Applications will be available on our website [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) beginning on Monday, April 7th and are due back by Wednesday, May 7th. Current freshmen and older will be considered for Sports Clinics. Sophomores and older will be considered for either Sports Clinics or Summer Camp Counselors.

## **9. DISCOVER BLOOMFIELD'S COMMUNITY GARDENS!**

Our mission is to make gardening accessible and enjoyable for all residents. Join us at Milbank Park, Oakeside Cultural Center, or Pulaski Park for organic gardening from late March to mid-November. Rent a garden bed for \$50/year; Bloomfield veterans (DD Form 214 required) can rent for free. Registration is open as of 2/3/25 on our [website](#). Limited beds available—first come, first served. Grow with us to embrace healthy living and environmental stewardship through gardening.

## **10. BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY FARMER'S MARKET**

returns on Tuesday, June 3, 2025! Join us every Tuesday from 3:30PM to 6:30PM through October for fresh, local produce and more. Supporting our mission to connect the community with healthy, sustainable living, the market also features a community spotlight program, allowing local businesses a free, one-time opportunity to participate. Interested businesses can email [saguirre@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:saguirre@bloomfieldtwpnj.com) with their name, contact info, website, social media, and a brief description. Follow us on [instagram!](#)

## **HAPPENINGS AT THE OAKESIDE BLOOMFIELD CULTURAL CENTER**

## 11. Monday Night Music at the Oakeside Cultural Center

The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is excited to present the third season of our extremely popular Monday Night Music Concert Series. Concerts start at 7:00PM and traditionally take place the last Monday of the month (unless otherwise noted). Immediately following there will be a meet and greet with the performers along with dessert, coffee and tea! While these concerts are free of charge, pre-registration will begin on the 1st of each month for that month's concert. While there is no cost, we will accept donations at the time of registration. Tickets are limited to 60 people.

February 24, 2025: Julie Passaro Krygsman and Wes Krygsman

March 31, 2025: Robbin Gordon-Cartier



**Concert Schedule**  
MONDAY EVENINGS  
7:00 PM

WINTER  
2025

MON  
JAN  
27



**Taylor Goodson**  
percussionist  
and composer

**Monday Night  
MUSIC**  
*at Oakeside Cultural Center*  
CELEBRATING OUR 3RD SEASON OF MUSIC!

*The Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs Department is excited to continue our monthly concert series.*

**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 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). Pre-registration will open up on the 1st of each month at 10am via our website [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) for the concert later on that same month. For more information please call 973-743-9074.

**BLOOMFIELD**  
Parks • Recreation • Cultural Affairs

*Concerts made possible by funds from the Essex County Division of Cultural Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.*

MON  
FEB  
24



**Julie Passaro Krygsman**  
trombone



**Wes Krygsman**  
tuba

MON  
MAR  
31



**Robbin Gordon-Cartier**  
harpist



Percussionist and composer Taylor Goodson is an active performer and creator in the New York Metropolitan Area. He regularly performs with members of the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, the New York City Opera, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's. His original works span a wide array of instruments and ensembles and can be heard on films, podcasts, and concert halls around the globe.

Julie Passaro Krygsman is a trombonist on the ground or in the air, depending on the day. She is based in the northern New Jersey/ New York City area. For over twenty years, she has been an active freelance trombonist, performing with many different pit orchestras, symphonic orchestras, brass bands, brass quintets and a wide variety of chamber ensembles. Julie has also been an aerial musician for over a decade.

Already a dancer and aerial acrobat, in 2012 Julie began performing on aerial silks with her trombone. She trained at Circus Warehouse in New York City with concentrated studies in aerial silks, flying trapeze, high wire and contortion. She has since enjoyed a unique and exciting career in circus arts as a soloist as well as performing alongside international acts such as Maroon 5 and Cirque du Soleil. In 2017 and 2018 she was a featured cast member and musical soloist for two tours of Big Top Broadway.



In addition to performing, Julie is a passionate educator. She has been an Assistant Marching Band Director at Cresskill High School for nineteen years where she teaches trombone students, drum majors and all twirling disciplines. Julie is in her second year at Paterson Music Project, an El Sistema program, as a Brass Teaching Artist specializing in teaching all levels of brass studies. She is also a Coach in Residence for The New Jersey Symphony Youth Orchestra and is an active part of their educational outreach program providing lessons and coaching to local music programs in public schools. Additionally, she maintains a private studio of young musicians of all ages.

Wes Krygsman is a freelance tuba player and music teacher in the NJ/NYC area. He has performed with ensembles such as the New Jersey Symphony, Queens Symphony, Garden State Philharmonic, New Jersey Festival Orchestra, The Orchestra Now at Bard, Richmond County Orchestra, Gramercy Brass Orchestra, Imperial Brass Band, as well as Rebel Brass quintet, and many others.

Wes also teaches beginning band & stings full time in four out of the fourteen elementary schools in Clifton NJ. He has been teaching applied tuba and euphonium lessons at Kean University in Union NJ since 2016, as well as maintaining a private studio of all ages and levels. None of the above would be possible without the love, support, and patience of his lovely wife Julie and their army of fuzzy kids.



Joyful, centered, and a consummate musician are words that describe the presence and playing of Robbin Gordon-Cartier. Robbin teaches an extensive and very successful harp program in the East Orange School District's Cicely Tyson's School of the Performing Arts. Robbin has recently received the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts Education Award. She is a sought-after presenter of workshops/concerts across the country and is excited to bring her "Harps Around the World" concert to Bloomfield's Cultural Center!

## 12. WORKSHOP SERIES

Participate in one or all! Our one-day workshop series will teach you a new craft or allow you to hone your skills, open to beginners and enthusiasts.

### Cupcake Decorating - \$35

Join Marlie Bakes Cakes for a fun and creative Cupcake Decorating workshop just in time for Valentine's Day! Learn expert tips and techniques to design a beautiful set of heartwarming cupcakes, perfect for gifting to a loved one.

Civic Center, 84 Broad St.  
Tuesday, February 11 | Ages 14+  
6:30PM-8:30PM

### Monoprint Art - \$35

Join our stellar instructor, May Tejada, for a two-hour Monoprinting Workshop and create a stunning, one-of-a-kind piece of art. Learn the

fundamentals of this unique printmaking technique, exploring color, texture, and composition to craft your own masterpiece. No experience necessary—just bring your creativity and leave with a beautiful creation to cherish!

Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave.  
Thursday, February 20 | Ages 15+  
6:30PM-8:30PM

### **Meal Prepping 101 - \$35**

Join Nicolle Walker from Love & Plates for a hands-on Meal Prep Workshop! Learn essential tips and techniques to efficiently prepare nutritious meals for yourself or your whole family. From planning to portioning, Nicolle will guide you through creating balanced, delicious dishes that save time and make eating well easier. Perfect for busy individuals and families alike!

Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave.  
Thursday, February 27 | Ages 18+  
6:30PM-8:30PM

### **13. 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. Copies of each month's book will be available at the Bloomfield Public Library.

Thursday, Feb 20, 7:00PM; Saturday, Feb 22, 10:00AM  
Thursday, Mar 20, 7:00PM; Saturday, Mar 29, 10:00AM

# Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center Workshop Series

- **Financial Literacy - \$5.00**

Join us for a two-hour Financial Literacy workshop with Mark Santasieri designed to empower you with essential skills for managing money, budgeting, saving, and investing.

Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave.  
Wednesday, January 22 | Ages 18+ | 7:00pm-8:30pm
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- **Mixed Media Art - \$35**

Join Agnieszka Golasik, a self-connection immersive coach, for a 2-hour creative journey blending intuitive drawing with the beauty of fibers and textiles.

Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Ave.  
Thursday, March 13 | Ages 18+ | 6:30pm-8:30pm

Materials included. Register today: [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org).  
Find the workshops under "Cultural Affairs Winter 2025". Call 973-743-9074 for more info.

## 14. WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Pre-register for any one of our fitness programs designed to heal the mind, body and soul! The following classes will be held at Oakeside so it will be a smaller group setting designed for more individualized training.

### INTRO TO BOXING - \$55

This class uses boxing to boost physical fitness while fostering social-emotional balance. Through dynamic workouts and supportive interactions, participants enhance their strength, coordination, and mental well-being. Instructor: Tara Orr, founder of Femme X Boxing, a women-led nonprofit foundation.

Wednesdays | Ages 18+  
5:15PM - 6:15PM  
Feb 12, 19, 26 Mar 5, 12

### FITNESS MASH UP - \$55

Research shows that incorporating variety into your workout not only enhances fitness but also keeps us motivated to return for more. With over 20 years of experience as a dedicated fitness instructor, Steve Crooks brings his passion for diverse training methods to you. Rest assured, no two workouts will be alike! Bring your own yoga mat. Bands and weights provided.

Wednesdays | Ages 18+

6:30PM - 7:30PM

Feb 12, 19, 26 Mar 5, 12

### **YIN YOGA WITH REIKI - \$55**

Calming yin yoga is back with instructor Sandy Gola, now with a reiki practice included. We recommend you bring a yoga mat, plus a blanket and pillow (or bolster) for maximum comfort.

Wednesdays | Ages 13 & up

7:45PM - 8:45PM

Feb 12, 19, & 26

Mar 5, 12, & 19

# Wellness Wednesdays

At Oakeside Bloomfield Cultural Center  
240 Belleville Ave.

## Intro to Boxing 5:15 pm-6:15 pm

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Ages 13 & up - \$55

Register today via [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org). Find the classes under "Cultural Affairs Winter Programs 2025" in Community Pass. Call 973-743-9074 for more info.

## 15. 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**

Bloomfield 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 Scurman. Nomination forms can also be mailed to [mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:mscurman@bloomfieldtwpnj.com). For more information please call Michael Scurman, Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs at 973-743-9074

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## 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 all residents.

[Department of Health February Newsletter Found Here](#)

### AFFORDABLE DENTAL SERVICES FOR UN-INSURED and UNDER-INSURED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH ZUFALL MOBILE VAN

- Scheduled for Monday, 2/10 in Bloomfield; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- For more information, email [emelo@zufallhealth.org](mailto:emelo@zufallhealth.org) or call 973-325-2266 ext. 1040



**AFFORDABLE DENTAL SERVICES**

Monday,  
**February 10th, 2025**  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Bloomfield Municipal Building**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Registration required! Contact:**  
Eddy Melo  
973-325-2266 ext. 1040  
[emelo@zufallhealth.org](mailto:emelo@zufallhealth.org)

**Services Available**

- Exams
- X-rays
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- Preventative Care
- Simple Extractions
- Partials
- Dentures

**Eligibility**

- We accept NJ Family Care (Medicaid) and Medicare, and several private insurance plans.
- Un-insured and under-insured are welcome! The cost is based on household income and family size.
- Veterans may be eligible for no cost services thanks to funding provided by Delta Dental.

*Sliding fee scale available for affordable access to all services.*

**ZUFALL HEALTH COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS** **Public Health**  
Bloomfield Department of Health

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**SAVE CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM** through the Cancer Institute of NJ at University Hospital offers free screening (breast/ cervical/ colorectal/ prostate) to Essex County residents with

no health insurance and/or from low-income background; for more information call 973-680-4058

**SAVE CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM**  
 Breast - Cervical - Colorectal - Prostate  
 Cancer Institute of New Jersey at University Hospital  
 205 South Orange Avenue (near Bergen St) on the main ground level

**FREE SCREENING FOR THOSE WITH:**

- **No health insurance**
- **Lower income**

**ESSEX COUNTY**

**PAP SMEAR:**  
 Women 21 years old or older

**MAMMOGRAM:**  
 Women 40 years old or older

**COLORECTAL:**  
 Men & women 45 years old or older

**PROSTATE:**  
 Men 45 years old or older

For an appointment call:  
 973-680-4058




Sponsored by the S.S.V.E. Community Cancer Screening Program of Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and University Hospital. The SAVE Program is made possible by a grant from the NJ Department of Health's Cancer Education and Early Detection (CEED).

**ADULT AND CHILD IMMUNIZATION CLINICS** are available by appointment only. This program is specifically for uninsured and/or underinsured individuals.

- For appointments and additional information call the Public Health Nurses at 973-680-4058

**IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

Free immunizations for children and adults who are uninsured/underinsured, or who are Medicaid recipients, or have NJ Family Care Part A.

Program is offered by appointment only. Call **973-680-4058** to schedule an appointment and for additional information.

**LOCATION:**  
 BLOOMFIELD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
 1 Municipal Plaza  
 Bloomfield, NJ 07003

IF YOU HAVE PRIVATE INSURANCE, PLEASE REACH OUT TO YOUR PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER AND/OR PHARMACIES




**FOOD HANDLERS COURSE 2025** is being offered in both English and Spanish, and open to all. Scheduled for February 20th 9:30AM-1:30PM at the Bloomfield Civic Center.

There is a Registration Fee of \$40.

Whether you're starting in the food industry or need to renew your certification, this course has you covered! Sign up now to secure your spot and stay certified.

Mayor Jenny Mundell and Bloomfield Council  
 Bloomfield Department of Health

**FOOD HANDLERS COURSE 2025**

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE  
 BLOOMFIELD CIVIC CENTER  
 84 BROAD ST. BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003

**DATES:**

- FEBRUARY 20
- APRIL 24
- JUNE 26
- OCTOBER 23
- DECEMBER 4

**TIME:**  
 9:30A.M. to 1:30P.M.



OPEN TO ALL  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION  
 CALL US AT: (973) 680-4024  
 REGISTRATION FEE \$40



# INFORMATIONAL FLYER ON AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU)

**MAYOR JENNY MUNDELL AND BLOOMFIELD COUNCIL**  
BLOOMFIELD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## BE AWARE OF AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU)

**WHAT IS AVIAN INFLUENZA (BIRD FLU)?**

Avian influenza, also known as bird flu, is a type of flu caused by the avian influenza virus type A. Most of the time this virus does not affect humans, however, there are 66 confirmed cases of bird flu in the U.S.

**HOW DOES BIRD FLU SPREAD?**

- Touching sick animals (i.e. birds or cattle), and being in contact with their body fluids like saliva, mucus, milk and droppings.
- Handling or eating undercooked poultry or dairy products.
- Touching dirty surfaces that have the virus on them.
- Breathing in droplets from infected birds.

**WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THIS TYPE OF FLU?**

This uncommon virus has a type called H5N1. It mostly affects birds but can also make humans and other animals sick. Currently, there are cases of sick people working at poultry and dairy farms.

**SYMPTOMS**

The most common bird flu symptom in humans is **PINK EYE!**

Other symptoms may include:

- FEVER**   **COUGH**
- RUNNY NOSE**   **WEAKNESS**
- DIFFICULTY BREATHING**
- UPSET STOMACH**

**PREVENTION AND OTHER TIPS:**

- Avoid touching sick or dead birds, especially in areas with confirmed bird flu.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.
- Cook poultry to at least **165°F/74°C**.
- Wear protective equipment (mask, gloves, goggles) if working in poultry and dairy farms.
- If you have symptoms of bird flu and have been exposed to birds (bird market, wild birds) or livestock, contact your doctor immediately. Avoid contact with others while sick.

Stay informed! To learn more visit the CDC Bird Flu Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/bird-flu/index.html> or scan the QR code (left).

CREATED BY THE BLOOMFIELD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF HEALTH EDUCATION

1/29/2025

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## Resource Center

### PSE&G RESOURCES



## STAY PREPARED WITH THESE IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND RESOURCES

Being a good neighbor means staying prepared and helping others when needed. Whether it's reporting a power outage, assisting with a gas emergency, or addressing a streetlight issue, knowing where to turn can make all the difference for you and our community. Keep these important PSEG numbers handy:

### General Questions

Streetlights, Billing, Power  
Outages, Downed Wires, No Heat:  
800-436-7734

### Payment Assistance

800-357-2262

### Demolition

800-817-3366

### First Responder Line Only

800-286-9247

### Gas Emergencies

800-880-7734

### Service Upgrades, Installations, and Construction Inquiries

800-722-0256  
[pseg.com/newconstruction](http://pseg.com/newconstruction)

### Text for Outages

Text 47734

### Report streetlight outages:

- 1) Visit [nj.pseg.com](http://nj.pseg.com)
- 2) Hover over "Outages & Leaks"
- 3) Click "Report a Streetlight Outage"

## LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

## Local Food Pantries



**BLOOMFIELD**  
TOWNSHIP ★ NJ

- [Park United Methodist Church](#)

TIME: Thursday 6:00pm-8:00pm  
PLACE: 12 Park St, Bloomfield, NJ  
Back parking lot  
(Delivery for residents who are homebound)

- [Presbyterian Church \(Church on the Green\)](#)

TIME: Weds- Friday and fourth Saturday of the month 9:30 am- 11 am  
PLACE: The church is located at 147 Broad St, Bloomfield / the pantry is around the side of the church- 2 Church St

- [New Light Baptist Church](#)

TIME: 3rd Monday of the Month 1 pm- 3 pm  
PLACE: 89 Dewey St, Bloomfield, NJ

- [Temple Radiant Light Church](#)

TIME: Call to register 973-873-8004  
PLACE: 430 Franklin St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003

- [Toni's Kitchen Mobile Pantry at the Library](#)

TIME: Saturday, 2 PM to 3 PM- bring your own bag  
PLACE: 90 Broad St, Bloomfield *(Temporary Location)*

- [Carteret mobile pantry](#)

TIME: Sunday from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm  
PLACE: 158 Grove St, Bloomfield, NJ 07003 (Parking lot)

- [Montclair Human Needs Food Pantry](#)

TIME: Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM  
PLACE: 9 Label St, Montclair, NJ (Delivery for residents who are homebound)

- [Toni's Kitchen Montclair](#)

TIME: Wednesday through Saturday 10:30 AM-12 PM  
Sunday 3 PM-5 PM  
PLACE: 73 S Fullerton Ave, Montclair NJ

- [Wesley United Methodist Church & Gosen Church](#)

TIME: Every second Saturday of the month 9:00 am- 12:00 pm  
PLACE: 225 Washington Ave, Belleville, NJ 07109  
PHONE: 201-706-1104



1.27.25

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

## 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

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|  Car/truck tires    |  Styrofoam        |  Pyrex, ceramic cups  |  Pizza boxes                 |
|  Molded lawn chairs |  Plastic bags     |  Lightbulbs           |  Wrapping paper              |
|  Buckets            |  Auto glass/parts |  6-pack drink holders |  Plates, clay bottles & pots |

Stay on top of February’s recycling and garbage collection schedule. Visit [bloomfieldtwpnj.com](http://bloomfieldtwpnj.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](http://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](http://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!

**Attention Commuters - Congestion Relief Zone Toll Discounts and Exemptions:** With congestion pricing now in effect, vehicles entering the Congestion Relief Zone in Manhattan—local streets and avenues at

or below 60 St—will be charged a toll. Most E-ZPass users will pay \$9 peak / \$2.25 overnight, charged once daily. Rates vary by vehicle type, time, crossing credits and payment method. Individuals can apply for the [Low-Income Discount Plan](#) or the [Individual Disability Exemption](#). For more information about eligibility and applications, visit [mta.info/discounts](http://mta.info/discounts).

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Please take a moment to complete our short survey using the link below to share your communication preferences. Your feedback will help us choose the most effective and cost-efficient ways to share Township of Bloomfield resources and information with you. Physical copies of the survey are also available at the Bloomfield Public Library. The response deadline is February 28.

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected community!

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