

# Bloomfield BUZZ

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## Bloomfield Police achieve coveted accreditation

### Departmental performance on steady rise

Bloomfield residents filed a whopping 22% fewer complaints about Bloomfield police in 2016 than in 2015. At the same time, arrests increased by 200%, and "part one" crimes (the most serious) reduced by 28%.

Together, those percentages point to a remarkable surge in police professionalism — not surprising given that, in November, the Bloomfield Police Department earned a three-year accreditation from the NJ State Association of Chiefs of Police.

The achievement means Bloomfield's police personnel are now complying with 105 professional standards in administration, personnel, operations, investigations and prisoner handling.

"I love this system," said Patrolman Jonathan Donker, a 15-year department veteran. "There's a policy on everything ... like body cameras ... when to use them, when we can't have them on. I feel safer and our citizens are safer because we have these policies to refer to at any time. There are written policies about everything and they're clean, organized and easy to understand. We can even access them from home."

Accreditation has been a two-year quest led by Police Director Samuel DeMaio, who launched the effort upon his appointment as director in November 2014.

"This is not just something accomplished on paper," said DeMaio. "It's a new philosophy

of policing, and it's impressed on everyone from command staff to the newest officers."

DeMaio said the accreditation process has fundamentally changed the way the department operates. "We run like a business," he said, "but the end result is not about profit, it's about citizen satisfaction and crime reduction."

The Bloomfield Police Department is one of 172 New Jersey law enforcement agencies (34%) that have achieved accreditation, according to Harry Delgado, accreditation program manager for the NJ Chiefs of Police. The Chiefs are the only accrediting organization in the state.

The new standards affect 125 sworn officers and 50 civilian employees. One of those is Lt. Michael Sisco, a day shift patrol commander with 21 years in the department. Sisco says accreditation has brought major change. "People are complying with the policies. There's more professionalism on the street because everyone has a clear understanding of all their responsibilities."

DeMaio said the idea of accreditation standards was intimidating to many veteran officers on the force when he introduced it. Dozens of them



retired on hearing news of the plan. In their departing wake, younger officers have been recruited.

"It's much easier to incorporate higher standards in new officers" than to try and change the thinking of resistant officers, said DeMaio.

Anthony Dezenzo, a special assistant to DeMaio, was the man charged with guiding the accreditation process. That meant providing proof of compliance in 105 best practices in New Jersey law enforcement. "We produced about 460 proofs of compliance," he said.

The ongoing task will be to maintain the accreditation beyond the initial three-year award. Annual accreditation maintenance reports are required each year, and Dezenzo will continue oversight of that process.

Delgado said the exception would be for an agency to let



Bloomfield Police Chief Samuel DeMaio, left, chats with traffic Officer Robert Estelle. New departmental operating standards affect 125 sworn officers at all ranks as well as 50 civilian employees.

it lapse. "An agency that makes such a commitment to excellence in policing is well served to maintain it as they are not only accountable to the standards but to the public they so proudly serve."

### One new face among elected town officials

Ted Gamble is the newest face on the Bloomfield Township Council following the Nov. 8 general election. Mayor Michael Venezia was voted into a second term and two incumbents were re-elected as council members at large: Wartyana "Nina" Davis, and Carlos Pomares.

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## Gardeners: Reserve a growing spot this spring

What does it take to grow a zucchini from seed? Find out this spring by joining the Pulaski Park Community Garden. Novice and veteran gardeners from Bloomfield are invited to pay a small annual fee to plant, grow and harvest their own organic vegetables and flowers in a reserved plot. The garden at the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Howard Street consists of 21 raised-bed plots, each 4x8 feet. The season fee is \$50 (waived for veterans).

For hesitant newbies, please be assured, your fellow gardeners will be most willing to share their knowledge.

The garden's opening day is Saturday, April 1 (hours to be announced). Visitors can attend gardening workshops, take a tour of the garden and enjoy refreshments. If still available, garden plots can be reserved that day.

The community garden is administered by the township's Open Space Trust Fund Committee. Go to their website for photos and garden information, [www.Facebook.com/openspacetrustfund](http://www.Facebook.com/openspacetrustfund), or call (973) 748-6462 or e-mail [bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldnjgardens@gmail.com).

## Get the free monthly BUZZ on Bloomfield news and events

**Sign up for Bloomfield E-Buzz**, the monthly supplement to this print newsletter. Township officials can't provide all details for events scheduled many months ahead. In some cases, we can only forecast the events and advise you to watch for details.

The best way to get timely updates is to sign up for the *Bloomfield E-Buzz*. The FREE e-mail newsletter arrives early each month on your phone, desktop or laptop or tablet.

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## Get your groove back! Join the Civic Band

Brass, woodwind and percussion players are needed for the Bloomfield Civic Band. Township residence is not required and there's no audition.

Current players include music professionals and enthusiastic amateurs. Monday rehearsals are from 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., September through June, at Bloomfield Middle School.

The band performs in April, October and December at the middle school, and in four outdoor performances on the Town Green in July. Programs include everything from classical to contemporary.

First-year membership is free; \$50 per year thereafter. To learn more, contact Lois De Julio at [ldejulio@comcast.net](mailto:ldejulio@comcast.net) or (973) 338-1646.

## Free parking days ahead

You'll be able to park for free at street meters and permit-only parking lots on the following holidays. The Bloomfield Parking Authority will be closed and enforcement suspended.

Monday, Jan. 2 (New Years Day)  
Monday, Jan. 16 (MLK Day)  
Monday, Feb. 20 (Presidents' Day)  
Friday, April 14 (Good Friday)  
Saturday, April 15 (Easter Weekend)  
Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day)

## Commuter lots full; wait list available

Bloomfield's permit-only parking lots were at full capacity as of December, but interested residents can be wait-listed for an open space.

The township's permit lots are located at Farrand, Conger, Myrtle and Pitt streets. Permits are issued in six-month increments, January to June and July to December. To get on the wait list, go to [www.bloomfieldparking.org](http://www.bloomfieldparking.org), select "Parking & Permit Regulations," then "Waiting List Form." You will be contacted when a space is available.

## Town Council Meetings

All meetings are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Jan. 9 – conference meeting	April 3 – conference meeting
Jan. 23 – regular meeting	April 24 – regular meeting
Feb. 13 – conference meeting	May 8 – conference meeting
Feb. 27 – regular meeting	May 22 – regular meeting
March 13 – conference meeting	June 12 – conference meeting
March 27 – regular meeting	June 26 – regular meeting

**Regular Meetings:** Council Chambers, Municipal Bldg., 2nd floor

**Conference Meetings:** Law Enforcement Bldg., Room 205

**Questions:** [twpcclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:twpcclerk@bloomfieldtwpnj.com) or (973) 680-4015

## Primary Election Vote Deadlines

Tuesday, June 6 will be primary election day. Related voter deadlines will be:

- April 3 - Last day to file petitions for June primary (1st, 2nd, 3rd ward council candidates)

- April 12 - Last day for party declaration.
- May 16 – Last day for new registrations, address transfers.
- May 30 - Last day to apply by mail for a vote-by-mail ballot (postmarked by May 30).



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### 2017-2018 Registration Begins in January

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- BeforeCare & AfterCare Programs
- World Language, Art, Music
- Extracurricular Activities, including Chess and Robotics clubs

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## Give Chester a forever home

Chester, a three-year-old terrier mix, is a long-term resident of the Bloomfield Animal Shelter. He was found as a stray last March. For months, shelter staff and volunteers wondered how such a friendly, obedient, and well-trained dog could be homeless.

Then, in the summer, Chester's former owner spotted his lost dog on Facebook. He visited Chester a few times but decided current circumstances would prevent him from taking the dog back home. Those visits sent Chester into a tailspin of depression each time his former owner left without him.

Chester is still left waiting and wondering.

"He is a family dog that needs to be part of a family to be happy," said the shelter's volunteer coordinator, Jaclyn Mendyk. He had lived with another dog and a child.

In the shelter, Chester is deteriorating. He's losing his happy demeanor. To cheer him up, volunteers and staff have been bringing him into a room where he can sit on a couch and play with toys as if he were in a home. Doing so brings him back to his old self.

"With proper introductions and a responsible owner and family, Chester will make a great family pet," said Mendyk. "He needs a permanent home with no fear of abandonment."

To meet Chester, come to the shelter at 61 Bukowski Place. Daily adoption hours are noon to 5 p.m., or Wednesday until 6:30 p.m. For information, call (973) 748-0194, or e-mail [adoptatbas@yahoo.com](mailto:adoptatbas@yahoo.com).



## Bloomfield shelter needs volunteers

Be an animal companion and help our community manage strays and unwanted pets. Bloomfield Animal Shelter, at 61 Bukowski Place, needs volunteers to walk dogs and socialize cats. Or you could assist with shelter maintenance and office duties. For more information and a link to the volunteer application form, go to <http://bloomfieldshelter.com/volunteer.html>, or send an e-mail inquiry to [Volunteeratbas@yahoo.com](mailto:Volunteeratbas@yahoo.com).

**Donated items, always needed** - unscented regular bleach, large contractor bags, kitchen trash bags, paper towels, hand sanitizer, detergent, liquid hand soap, antibacterial dish-washing liquid, linens, and towels for bedding. Call about specific cat and dog food brands.

## National Recognition For JOB HAINES HOME

Job Haines Home in Bloomfield has been included among the 2016-17 Best Nursing Homes in the USA. The annual list was released by U.S. News & World Report after reviewing state and federal inspection reports for more than 15,000 nursing homes nationwide. Job Haines also earned a Five-Star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the highest rating for quality of care.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### ■ Bloomfield Civic Band - Upcoming Concerts

• *Annual Spring Concert* - Sunday, April 9, at 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Middle School.

• *Concerts on the Green* - Four free Monday evening concerts will begin the last week of June. All will take place on the Town Green at 7 p.m. Expect popular marches, Broadway show tunes, classical overtures, and medleys of popular hits by the Beatles, the Beach Boys and others. Listeners typically bring lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets.

### ■ Sunset Classic Road Race returns

Runners mark your calendar for Thursday, June 29, for the 29th running of the Sunset Classic.

- Kids Sprints, 6:30 p.m.
- 1-Mile Fun Run, 7 p.m.
- 5-Mile Race through Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, 7:30 p.m.

There will be music, hot dogs, ice cream, beer and shirts (for runners while supplies last).

Race proceeds will benefit the Bloomfield Educational Foundation, which distributes funds to the Vocational Educational Special Training program housed at Bloomfield High School. Details at [www.thesunsetclassic.org](http://www.thesunsetclassic.org).

### ■ Singers! Join the Bloomfield Chorale

**Spring Season Rehearsals** begin Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center. New singers are welcome; prior experience is helpful, but not required. Students members are eligible for the annual Dominick Ferrara III Scholarship. Get details on joining and the scholarship at (973) 667-1440 or [bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com](mailto:bloomfieldchorale@gmail.com).

# Bloomfield Public Library

973-566-6200 • [www.bplnj.org](http://www.bplnj.org)

M, T, W: 10am-8pm • Th, F: 10am-5pm • Sat: 9am-5pm • Sun: closed

Events are subject to change without notice and more programs are added all the time. Check the website for updates.

## ■ Holiday Closures

- New Year's Day – Monday, Jan. 2
- MLK Day – Monday, Jan. 16
- President's Day – Monday, Feb. 20 (closing at 4 p.m.)
- Good Friday – April 14
- Memorial Day – Saturday, May 27 and Monday, May 29
- Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4

## ■ Online Resources

The library's online services are open 24/7. Stream movies and TV shows, comics and graphic novels through Hoopla. Borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks on your computer or smartphone. Read digital magazines on Zinio. Or access World Book Online, or Salem databases for history and science study.

## ■ Continuing Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies - 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club – one Monday per month at 6:45 p.m. Call for topic and date.
- Financial Book Club and Workshops – second Tuesday of every month, 6 p.m. Beginners welcome.
- Stock Market Club – One Wednesday per month, 6 p.m.
- Bridge Club – Fridays at noon.
- Computer Classes – Learn computer basics, online searching and e-mail usage. Library card-holders only. Call if you're interested in teaching a class.

## ■ Children's Programs

**Library story times** are offered year-round. Admission is free. All programs begin at 11 a.m.

- Tuesdays and Fridays - Toddlers with craft (1-1/2 to 3 years).
- Wednesdays - Preschool with craft (3-5 years).
- Thursdays - Baby & Me (up to 18 months). No craft.

**School Break Special Events** are held throughout the school year. Check the library website for timely details.

**Student Tutoring** is available for grades K-6. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 6 p.m. and Fridays 4 to 5 p.m. Children ages 9 and under **MUST** be accompanied by an adult (not dropped off). Tutor schedules vary; call the library before arriving.

**Special Olympics New Jersey, Young Athletes**, for children ages 2 to 7, is offered on select Saturday mornings. Registration through Special Olympics is mandatory. Visit [www.sonj.org](http://www.sonj.org) and click on "programs."

**Children's Artistic Talents** are showcased in the library. Each month, a different district elementary school is featured.



Young gardener gives the Pulaski Park Community Garden composter a twirl.

## Turn your coffee grounds to black gold

Are you tossing coffee grounds in the garbage? How about salad remnants? Greener Bloomfield says: Put those treasures to use.

"Composting is not a difficult habit to develop," said Master Gardener and Greener Bloomfield Secretary Florence Rollino,

and the benefits are huge. Sure, compost feeds your plants in the growing season, but it also results in less landfill waste and reduced dependence on fossil fuels, while letting you embrace the natural earth cycle of life and decay.

For many people, composting starts in the kitchen. Collect food waste in a container until you're ready to put it in an outdoor composter.

Composting "Earth Machines" are available from the Bloomfield Department of Public Works and Parks for passive composting. Or for those with enough outdoor space, how about a three-phase open composting area? Establish three piling areas: one for new material collected over the course of a season; a second, older area where worms can do their job; and the third and oldest area for ready-to-use compost. The piles are repurposed each year for the succeeding phase. Regular turning helps move the process along.

In addition to green nitrogenous materials, carbon is needed in the mix and fall leaves are the perfect solution. Rollino suggests a composting ratio of 25% leaves to 75% greens.

Interested in getting started? If so, here are some resources:

- Oakeside and Pulaski Park community gardens both compost and can give informal tours.
- Greener Bloomfield at [greenerbloomfieldnj@gmail.com](mailto:greenerbloomfieldnj@gmail.com) or [GreenerBloomfield.org](http://GreenerBloomfield.org) or [www.facebook.com/GreenerBloomfield](http://www.facebook.com/GreenerBloomfield), meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, at 7:30 p.m.

## ■ Library Board Meetings

Meetings of the library board of trustees are held the first Wednesday of each month. The public is welcome.

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Pre-registration is required for all winter programs. In-person registration takes place Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., plus Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Or sign up online at [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org). (Now accepting Visa and MasterCard.) The Recreation Department website lists class details, dates and times.

#### Adult Fitness

Age 18 and older

- Pilates
- Spartan Group X (high-intensity interval training)
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Open Gym Basketball
- Men's Basketball League

#### Children's Classes

- Karate - ages 5 and older
- Ballet and Tap - ages 6-12
- Intro to Improvisation - Grades 1-8
- Baton - Pre-K and older, with

two competition levels

- Lego Robotics - Simple Machines, Grades K-2
- Lego Robotics - Mindstorms, Grades 3-8
- Space Fleet Robotics - Grades 1-8
- Magic with Joe Fischer Grades 1-4
- Tumble Tots - Ages 18-36 months
- Gybble Tots - Ages 3-4
- Hip Hop Dance - Ages 6-12
- Art - Grades 1-6
- Pee-Wee Basketball - Grades 1-3

### Spring, Summer Leagues

#### Bloomfield Soccer Club

Registration starts Feb. 5. Co-ed, grades 3-8. Season runs April to June. Details at [www.bloomfieldsoccer.us](http://www.bloomfieldsoccer.us).

#### Bloomfield American Little League Baseball

Registration is Jan. 3, 6, 10, 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the Civic Center. Co-ed, ages 5-12. For residents in the Fairview, Berkeley, Watsessing and Carteret school neighborhoods. For details, contact League President Gerard Piacenza at (973) 868-2761 or [bloomfieldamericanbaseball@yahoo.com](mailto:bloomfieldamericanbaseball@yahoo.com).

#### Bloomfield National Little League Baseball

Registration is Jan. 20, from 6-9 p.m., and Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Middle School. Co-ed, ages 5-12. For residents in the Franklin, Demarest, Brookdale and Oakview school neighborhoods. Contact Steve Pekar, [pekarbloomfield@gmail.com](mailto:pekarbloomfield@gmail.com).

#### Bloomfield Senior Babe Ruth Baseball

Registration is Jan. 14, Jan. 28 and Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Civic Center. Co-ed, ages 13-16. Spring, fall and summer leagues, plus summer league for ages 16-18. Cost: \$125 for in-town players, \$150 for out-of-town players. (Fee includes hat, shirt and socks.) Details at (973) 743-4440, or [www.bloomfieldbaberuthbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:www.bloomfieldbaberuthbaseball@gmail.com).

### Group Excursions

Bloomfield Recreation offers three fun-filled excursions to special events at Prudential Center in Newark this winter. Ticket sales are under way. To sign up, go to [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org).

- **Monster Jam "Triple Threat Series,"** Saturday, Jan. 28 at Prudential Center in Newark. See seven competitions in three vehicle categories: trucks, speedsters and ATVs. Tickets are \$35, including bus transportation to and from Newark. Meet at the Civic Center at 11 a.m. for departure at 11:30 a.m. Showtime is 1 p.m.
- **The Harlem Globetrotters,** Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Witness ball handling wizardry and one-of-a-kind family entertainment. Join Bloomfield Recreation and Globetrotter stars for a group photo at half time. Tickets, \$40. Transportation not included.
- **NJ Devils vs. NC Hurricanes,** Saturday, Mar. 25 at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$40. Transportation not included.

### REGISTER IN FEBRUARY

#### Softball Clinics

Pitching, fielding and hitting clinics are coming in February in preparation for the spring softball season. Registration will be late February to early March.

#### Peppermint Softball

For grades 3-8. Registration will begin in mid-February, with player evaluations in early March.

Interested in coaching? E-mail [dsampson@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:dsampson@bloomfieldtwpnj.com).

#### William Foley Football/Cheerleading League

- **Flag Football** – Grades 3-6. Co-ed. Register in February.
- **Spring Tackle Football** – Ages 12-14. Tryouts in mid-February.

### REGISTER IN MAY

#### Summer Camps

- **Recreation Station,** full-day program lasts six weeks, for grades K-7. Registration begins May 20.
- **Kindergarten Preparation Camp,** full-day program lasts six weeks. Registration begins May 20.

begins May 20.

#### Summer Sports Clinics

More than 25 sports clinics for Bloomfield youth will be offered this summer. Registration begins May 24.

### Upcoming Events (details to come)

**Little League Opening Day** - Saturday, April 22

**Softball Opening Day** - Sunday, April 23

**Bloomfield Family Night, May 5** - Celebrate "National No Homework Day" and "Bloomfield Family Night." No homework, no sports practice, no media devices. Just quality time together. Town-wide family activities in the works.

**Town Paints,** the annual Bloomfield Art League exhibit on the Town Green will take place Saturday, May 13.

**Memorial Day Parade** - May 29

**July 4th Celebration & Fireworks Spectacular**

**Movies in the Park** – coming this spring.

### Senior Citizen Fitness Programs

• **Seniorcise** - Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. New class each day. Tune in to channel 35; for Verizon Fios, use channel 30.

• **Tai Chi** – Mondays, Jan. 9 to March 27, 11 a.m. to noon. Learn a Chinese form of martial arts featuring slow, controlled and low-impact movements. Easy for seniors, even those with limited movement. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$20. (No classes Jan. 16 and Feb. 20)

• **Zumba Gold** – Wednesdays, Jan. 11 to March 15, 10 to 11 a.m. Dance and move to Latin music. No dance experience or partner needed. For active older adults including some with limited mobility. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$20.

• **Senior Exercise** - Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 10 to March 16, 10-11 a.m. Work with weights, elastic bands and light-weight balls. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$20.

**Bloomfield Art League** winter classes will be held at the Civic Center, starting the week of Jan. 2 and continuing through Feb. 23. Spring classes will run from mid-March into May. Summer sessions will be announced. Classes are open to those 14 and older. Instructors are professional artists. Class choices include drawing, watercolor and "All Art." For information on classes and art league membership packages, contact Destiney Sampson at [dsampson@bloomfieldtwpnj.com](mailto:dsampson@bloomfieldtwpnj.com) or visit the Recreation Department website, [www.bloomfieldrecreation.org](http://www.bloomfieldrecreation.org) (click the Art League tab).

**Bloomfield Camera Club** meets the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Bloomfield Civic Center. People of all experience levels are welcome. Bring your camera and owner's manual and learn about portrait, sports and wedding photography as well as everyday shots. Participants will learn to use their cameras to their full potential. For information, e-mail [otidsullivan@verizon.net](mailto:otidsullivan@verizon.net), or call the Civic Center at (973) 743-9074.

### Special Needs Programming (year-round)

For details, call John Baltz, (973) 725-4485

- **Friday Night Canteen,** ages 7 to 17. Recreational fun at Carteret School, plus special trips.
- **Horizons,** ages 18 and older. Bowling, movies, dining and more.
- **The CARE Station,** after school academic support, snacks and recreational activities for ages 7 to 16 at Carteret School.

Get *Bloomfield E-Buzz*, the monthly supplement to this print newsletter. You'll find timely details on Recreation leagues, classes, trips, and when to sign up for them.

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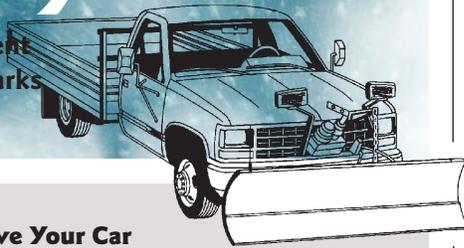
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# Snow Plowing Advisory

**Bloomfield Department of Public Works & Parks**



## You May Need to Move Your Car

Below are rules for efficient snow removal on municipal streets.

(1.) If you live on a snow emergency street (see list), you are obligated to move your car once the street becomes snow covered.

(2.) Homeowners with driveways should remove vehicles from the street until plowing is finished.

(3.) Those without driveways can park in the following lots, after they are plowed:

- School playgrounds (not in facility lots).
- Recreation Department parking lots: Felton Field (Floyd Avenue), Pulaski Park (Mt. Vernon Avenue), Upper Memorial Park (Division Street), Clarks Pond South (Hobson Street) or Wrights Field (Baldwin Place).

(4.) Major roadways will be plowed first for emergency access, then secondary arteries. All streets will be plowed.

(5.) Do not shovel snow back into streets when clearing driveways.

### Snow Removal Tips

- Remove vehicles from the street to improve plowing.
- Parking on your frozen lawn in snow emergencies won't hurt it.
- Leave the last three feet of your driveway (the apron) covered with snow until the plow comes; avoid shoveling twice.
- If you must clear the apron quickly, pile snow on the left side (facing your home) to reduce plow-back into your driveway.

**If your car is parked on one of the below streets (or street sections) during a snow emergency, it could be towed away by police.**

STREET	FROM	TO
Ackerman St (south side)	entire length	
American Way (east side)	entire length	
Ampere Pkwy	Bloomfield Ave	East Orange line
Arlington Ave	Watsessing Ave	East Orange line
Ashland Ave	Maolis - south	dead end
Baldwin St	Broad St (west)	Essex Ave
Barbara St (south side)	entire length	
Bay Ave	Hoover Ave	Glen Ridge line
Belleville Ave	Glen Ridge line	Belleville line
Bellevue Ave	entire length	
Berkeley Ave	Watsessing Ave	Montgomery St
Berkeley Avenue	Liberty	Bloomfield Ave
Berkeley Pl	entire length	
Bessida St (south side)	entire length	
Birch St (south side)	entire length	
Bloomfield Ave	Newark line	Glen Ridge line
Broad St	Bloomfield Ave	Clifton line
Broughton Ave	Bay Ave	Watchung Ave
Byrd Ave	entire length	
Chapel Street (south side)	entire length	
Civic Place (south side)	entire length	
Coeyman Ave	East Passaic Ave	Nutley line
Conger St	entire length	
Corsi Rd (east side)	entire length	
Curtis Street	entire length	
Daka Ct	entire length	
Davey St	Belleville Ave N	Forest Glen School
Dewey St (south side)	entire length	

STREET	FROM	TO
Dodd St	Watsessing Ave	East Orange line
Douglas St (east side)	entire length	
East Passaic Ave	James St	Hoover Ave
East Passaic Ave	Nutley line	West Passaic Ave
Elston St (south side)	entire length	
Farrand St	Washington St	Ward St
First Ave	Newark line East	Orange line
Fitzherbert St (north side)	entire length	
Franklin St	Belleville line	Broad St
Fritz St, South	entire length	
Garrabrant Ave	West Passaic Ave	northerly line
Gillespie Rd	Curtis	Irving
Glenwood Ave	entire length	East Orange line
Grove St	Watsessing Ave	East Orange line
Hill St	Bloomfield Ave	Orange St
Hobson St (south side)	entire length	
Hoffman Blvd	Arlington Ave	East Orange line
Hoover Ave	Belleville line	Bay Ave
Howard St (south side)	entire length	
Hudson Place (south side)	entire length	
Irving Terr	entire length	
James St	Broad St	North Spring St
Ketner St (north side)	entire length	
Lackawanna Plaza	Glenwood Ave	Washington St
LaFrance Ave	entire length	
Liberty St	Williamson Ave	Bloomfield Ave
Lindbergh Blvd	entire length	
Llewellyn Ave	entire length	
Main Terrace South	entire length	
Maolis Ave	Glenwood Ave	Glen Ridge
Maple St	entire length	
Martin St (south side)	entire length	
Montgomery St	Franklin St	Belleville line
Mountain Ave	Broad St	Parkview Dr
Mt. Vernon Ave (east side)	entire length	
Municipal Plaza	entire length	
Myrtle St	Prospect St	Garden State Pkwy
New Street	entire length	
Newark Ave	Franklin St	Belleville line
North Spring St	entire length	
Norwood Place (south side)	entire length	
Oak Tree Lane (east side)	entire length	
Orange St	Franklin St	Myrtle Ave
Palmer St (south side)	entire length	
Park Ave	Broad St	Glen Ridge line
Park St	Broad St	Bloomfield Ave
Parkview Dr	Mountain Ave	Broad St
Pettit St (south side)	entire length	
Pierson St (south side)	entire length	
Pilch St (south side)	Broughton Ave	dead end
Pleasant Ave (east side)	entire length	
Prospect St	East Orange line	Glenwood Ave
Pulaski St (east side)	entire length	
Rector Place (south side)	entire length	
Sampson St (south side)	entire length	
Sandra Lane (east side)	entire length	
Scott Rd (south side)	entire length	
Spruce St	Montgomery St	Maple St
State St	Bloomfield Ave	Broad St
Stone St (south side)	entire length	
Sylvan Rd	Lindbergh Blvd	Garrabrant Ave
Tomar Ct (south side)	entire length	
Union Place (south side)	entire length	
Walnut St	Montgomery St	Liberty St
Walter St (south side)	entire length	
Ward St	entire length	
Washington St	Franklin St	Glen Ridge line
Watchung Ave	East Passaic Ave	Glen Ridge line
Watsessing Ave	Newark Ave	Dodd St
West Passaic Ave	Broad St	Nutley line
Willet St	Belleville Ave	Belleville line
Williamson Ave	Montgomery St	Belleville Ave

# Public Works & Parks

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## 2017 Curbside Recycling

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**Blacked-Out Holidays (Recycling)** - Pickup is canceled until the next business day.

**Report Missed Recycling Pickups** at (973) 227-7020.

**Shaded:** Mixed Paper Only

**Unshaded:** Commingled

## Special Events

**Big Truck Day / North End Electronic Recycling Day**, Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to noon at Brookdale Christian Church, 1350 Broad Street. Big trucks used by DPW will be available for children to interact with and climb inside.

**Paper Shredding Day**, Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to noon. For residents only, at the Board of Education parking lot, 155 Broad Street.

## Metal Pickup

### What you should know

Metals and appliances (not electronics) are picked up every Tuesday. Call the Department of Public Works, (973) 680-4127, no later than 3 p.m. Monday for a scheduled Tuesday pickup.

- Accepted metal items include bed frames, metal curtain rods, metal hangers and loose metal pieces. Metal swing sets must be disassembled.

- Accepted appliances include refrigerators, stoves, microwaves and air conditioners. Remove any appliance doors and place items door side up for pickup.

- Metal paint cans are considered bulk waste. They are picked up on your second weekly garbage day (latex paint only, completely dried out).

If you're unsure whether an item is metal, call DPW.

## Recycling FYI

**Christmas Trees** will be picked up on your recycling day.

**Saturday Recycling Hours** - The Public Works Yard is open for recycling every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No garbage or bulk drop off occurs during that time. Bring only mixed paper, commingled items and electronics to 230 Grove St.

**Electronics** can be brought to 230 Grove Street on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Not Accepted in Regular Garbage or Recycling:

- Car/truck tires
- Electronics
- Construction debris

### Not Accepted in Recycling:

- Rigid Plastic
- Molded Lawn Chairs
- Buckets
- Styrofoam (cups, egg cartons, packing materials)
- Plastic bags (shopping bags, bubble and shrink wrap)
- Auto Glass, (window glass, light bulbs, mirrors)
- Pyrex, ceramic cups/plates, clay bottles/pots, six pack beverage holders)

**Household Hazardous Waste Day**, Saturday, May 6, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fleet maintenance garage, 125 Fairview Avenue, Cedar Grove (next to the old hospital center). Bring your driver's license as proof of county residency. For details, call (973) 792-9060.

### No Regular GARBAGE Pickup:

Jan. 2 • May 29 • July 4 - delayed until next scheduled pickup

### Got a question or service request?

Contact DPW

(973) 680-4127 or find us on Facebook

## Upcoming Health Screenings

(973) 680-4058 • [www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing](http://www.bloomfieldtwpnj.com/health/public-health-nursing)

Unless specifically noted, all screenings are conducted at the Public Health Nursing Office, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments are required unless otherwise indicated.

### ◆ Blood Pressure (all free)

- First Thursday, every month; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Town Hall.
- Third Friday of every month; 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Civic Center.
- Second Thursday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon, at Brookdale ShopRite.

◆ **Cardiac Screening** - May 23, 10 a.m. to noon. Includes a physician assessment. Cost: \$30.

◆ **Diabetes Screening** – Fourth Thursday of every month, 10 a.m. to noon, at Brookdale ShopRite. Free.

◆ **Osteoporosis (Bone Density)** – For men and women, via ultrasound of the wrist. Cost: \$12. April 24, 10 a.m. to noon.

◆ **Pap Smear, Mammography** – For women over 40, uninsured, who meet financial guidelines. Free. No Medicare accepted. March 16 and June 15, starting at 8:30 a.m.

◆ **Prostate Screening** - PSA blood test and digital rectal exam, for men ages 50 to 75. Free. April 20, 10 a.m. to noon.

◆ **Urinalysis Screening** – June 2, 10 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$10.

◆ **Stroke Screening** – May 15, 10 a.m. to noon. Includes physician assessment of cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and carotid. Cost: \$30.

◆ **Lipid Panel Profile** – June 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Includes total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides. \$20.

◆ **Blood Screening** – April 25, 8:30 to 10 a.m. Options include: health panel (blood chemistry, CBC, lipid panel, T4), \$35; PSA, \$35; health panel and PSA, \$50. Other available blood tests include thyroid panel, blood type and Rh factor, CRP, vitamin D 25 and hemoglobin A1c. Call for costs.

◆ **Tuberculin Skin Test (PPD, Mantoux, TST)** - \$20 – Call for details.

◆ **Adult Vaccine Program** – Protect yourself against vaccine-preventable diseases. For adults age 19 and older, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for information and eligibility.

◆ **Well Child Program** – Age 2 months to 18 years. Assessments conducted most Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Includes vaccines, lead screening, autism screening, growth and development assessment, and post-partum depression screening. Call for details and eligibility.

◆ **File of Life Program** – Get a free wallet insert and a refrigerator magnet to inform emergency personnel about your vital information in time of need. Includes emergency contacts, health care provider names/numbers, medications, allergies, insurance, medical conditions, health proxy, advance directives, and blood type.

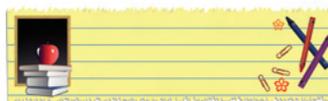


## Senior Extravaganza returns this spring!

There's no date yet, but sign-ups are in progress for the popular Senior Extravaganza, the social event of the spring season for Bloomfield residents age 60 and older. Participants will enjoy an afternoon of dining, meeting new friends, listening to age-specific tunes, and dancing — all at no cost. Free transportation will be provided for those who need it.

Bloomfield College Nursing students will once again sponsor the event in collaboration with the Neighbor to Neighbor Network, Bloomfield College, the Bloomfield Recreation Department and the Bloomfield Department of Health and Human Services.

Spots are limited and registration has begun. To sign up, call Human Services at (973) 680-4017 by March 15.



## Free school supplies and clothes

May 8 will be the deadline to apply for the Back 2 School Store for children entering grades K to 5 in fall 2017. Eligible children will get new, cost-free clothing and supplies to begin the school year. The July 30 event at Temple B'nai Shalom in West Orange is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section.

At the Back 2 School Store, each child will be escorted by a volunteer personal shopper who will help the child select a jacket, shirt, pants, sneakers, underwear, socks, hat, scarf, and gloves, plus a backpack filled with school supplies and personal care items — all new. While the children shop, parents (who must attend) will gather information on community resources, adult health care, and career and educational opportunities.

To qualify, families must be eligible for food stamps, a food pantry, or a free/reduced-cost

school lunch program.

Applications will be accepted at Bloomfield Human Services, 1 Municipal Plaza, Room 213. For details, call (973) 680-4017.

## No need to suffer without food, rent or utilities

Bloomfield Health offers free benefits screenings to low-income individuals and families to determine their eligibility for food programs, utilities assistance, prescription assistance, and limited rental/mortgage assistance. For homebound seniors and disabled residents, screenings can be provided in the home. Learn more at (973) 680-4017.

Screenings are also conducted on the Essex County Mobile Welfare Van, parked outside the municipal building once a month. For an appointment, call (973) 680-4017.

## Be a friendly visitor to a neighbor in need

Senior citizens and people with disabilities can get friendly in-home conversation and help with routine errands like

grocery shopping through the Friendly Visitor Program (part of the Neighbor to Neighbor Network). If you or someone you know could use this free assistance, call (973) 680-4017. Or, to volunteer as a friendly visitor, call the volunteer liaison at the same number.

### Get affordable dental care on the Zufall van

An initial \$40 check-up is available on The Zufall Delta Dental Van to individuals on Medicaid / NJ Family Care or those with no dental insurance. On Thursday, Jan. 26, the van will be at Bloomfield Town Hall for the first time. Qualified residents can get general exams, cleanings, fillings, extractions and X-rays, followed by more involved procedures when the van returns to town. For an initial appointment, call Adeola at (973) 328-9100, x286.

### Health insurance decisions are now easier

Understanding health insurance options can be a challenge, but help is available. Bloomfield Health has a State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) counselor who provides free, confidential help to Bloomfield and Glen Ridge Medicare beneficiaries or soon-to-be beneficiaries. Get help with Medicare, Medigap, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Part D, or long-term care insurance.

The counselor also helps with Affordable Care Act applications or the state Medicaid program, NJ Family Care.

Counselors do not offer legal advice, and they do not endorse particular insurance plans. They help people make informed decisions. For information, call (973) 680-4017.

### One-time housing assistance available

Has a financial setback left you temporarily behind on rent, mortgage and/or utility payments? You may be eligible for a one-time assist from a coun-

ty homelessness prevention grant. The program is available to Bloomfield residents who have the financial resources to resume regular payments after a one-time assist. Those not able to manage future payments are not eligible. To learn more, call for an appointment with Bloomfield Human Services at (973) 680-4017. Or schedule with the Essex County mobile welfare van, which visits Bloomfield once a month.

### C'mon, be a shovel hero!

Wielding a shovel is tough for many seniors and handicapped individuals. You can help prevent falls and free people from snowed-in homes by volunteering to clear one or two pathways after heavy snowfalls. To join the Bloomfield Human Services shovel crew, call (973) 680-4017.

### Food handlers: Get the training you need

All food-handlers working in Bloomfield are required by the Board of Health to complete a two-hour basic food-handler training course. Upcoming classes will be offered Jan. 21, March 23, May 18, and Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in room 111 of the Bloomfield Health Department. The course costs \$20 and pre-registration is required. For details, call (973) 680-4024.

### Tax filing assistance offered for modest income families

Free, electronic tax filing assistance will be available this winter to families with an annual income of less than \$65,000. NJ Citizen Action will partner with Bloomfield Human Services and Bloomfield Library during tax season. NJ Citizen Action's tax preparers will be at the library on Wednesdays throughout February and March, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Families must have an appointment. To schedule, call (732) 246-4772.

## Clean hands (and how!) in local restaurants



If you dine out frequently, or even infrequently, you may be interested to know that a rigorous hand-washing policy has been established for your safety by the Bloomfield Board of Health.

Restaurant employees don't just squirt, rub and rinse. There are five steps for effective hand washing. In case you're curious, here's a summary:

Hand washing must last at least 20 seconds. The washing must include any exposed portions of the arm. Washers must "rub vigorously" for 10 to 15 seconds, paying special attention to dirt under fingernails. The other 5 to 10 seconds is for rinsing and drying. Disposable paper towels or air hand dryers are required.

The "when" of hand washing adds more rigor, for example: before work, twice after using the bathroom (once in the bathroom sink, and again in the kitchen sink), before donning disposable gloves, when switching tasks (such as between frying chicken and slicing tomatoes), or after touching one's hair or nose.

Of course, the obvious hand-washing times also apply: after handling garbage, raw meat, a cigarette, or a person's own meal.

The hand-washing policy is aimed at reducing illness and spread of disease among employees and customers. To see all the particulars, check the policy posted on the township website, under Health Department.

## Get historical in 2017

Do you enjoy local history? Start your new year right by joining the Historical Society of Bloomfield. Meet similarly-minded neighbors, enjoy walking tours, bus tours, cemetery tours, ice cream socials and local history presentations. An award-winning newsletter is included with membership. Dues are tax deductible. Go to [www.hsob.org](http://www.hsob.org) to download a membership form. For meeting dates and other information, call (973) 743-8844 or e-mail [info@hsob.org](mailto:info@hsob.org).



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- Administration, 4006 (R-209)
- Animal Control, 470-5760
- Animal Shelter, 748-0194
- Assessor, 4021 (R-108)
- Board of Education, 8500
- Building Dept, 4054 (R-105)
- Clerk's Office, 4015 (R-214)
- Community Dev, 4188 (R-200)
- Court/Violations, 4078
- Dial-A-Ride, 973-566-7194
- Emergency Squad, 4141
- Engineering, 4009 (R-203)
- Finance, 4038 (R-108)
- Fire Dept, 4153
- Health Dept, 4024 (R-109)
- Human Svcs, 4017 (R-213)
- Info Systems, 4670 (R-203)
- Law Dept, 4066
- Library, 566-6200
- Mayor & Council, 4077 (R-209)
- Nursing, 4058 (basement)
- Office of Emerg Mgmt, 4177
- Parking Authority, 8960
- Personnel, 4039 (R-108)
- Police Dept, 4141
- Public Works, 4127, x400
- Recreation, 743-9074
- Tax Dept, 4049 (R-106)
- Water Dept, 4051 (R-106)
- WBMA TV, 4122
- Zoning, 4012 (R-203)

**Your Elected Officials:**

- Mayor **Michael Venezia**  
 Council Members
- 1st Ward, **Elias N. Chalet**
  - 2nd Ward, **Nicholas Joanow**
  - 3rd Ward, **Carlos Bernard**
- Council Members At Large:
- **Wartyna "Nina" Davis**
  - **Ted Gamble**
  - **Carlos Pomares**

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