

Bloomfield Newsletter for the Residents of Bloomfield Township BUZZ

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ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS



Help for those in danger of losing their homes

The Bloomfield Health & Human Services Department has received a \$100,000 grant to help Township residents at risk of eviction, foreclosure or utility shut-off due to circumstances beyond their control.

Funds will be disbursed from now until the end of the year, or until they are depleted. There are no income limitations for individual applicants or couples; families who apply must have an income less than or equal to 250% of the Federal Poverty Index.

The grant, which comes from the Homelessness Prevention program of the Essex County Department of Citizen Services, was approved by the County Freeholders on April 3.

Residents who are behind on paying for utilities, rent or a mortgage can apply for assistance through Bloomfield Health and Human Services, located at Town Hall.

Pre-screenings to determine applicant eligibility are conducted Monday through Friday by appointment only, on a first-come first-served basis. Eligibility criteria are as follows:

Guidelines for Working Families

- Must have one child or more under the age of 18 living in the home (age 19 if the child is enrolled in a full-time secondary education program).
- Must be able to prove that family income meets or exceeds total monthly bills.
- Must be ineligible for public assistance programs (not including food stamps).
- Must be legal aliens/residents.
- Family income must be less than or equal to 250% of the Federal Poverty Index.
- All supporting documents, such as proof of residency,

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Bicentennial credited as jumpstart for Bloomfield Cultural Commission

For 36 years, Bloomfield has had a “cultural commission.”

Ever heard of it?

Perhaps not. But starting now, you’re going to hear much more.

In May, the Bloomfield Cultural Commission organized a highly popular photography show at Oakeside Cultural Center. Photographers from Bloomfield and surrounding towns exhibited their work and enjoyed a bounty of wine and cheese provided by retail donors in Bloomfield. A repeat performance is expected later this year.

Also coming: an innovative Flag Day program (see page 5), an archeological dig, and a home brew and wine tasting event this fall.

Commissioners are even thinking of setting up babysitting in the Civic Center during local concerts so parents can relax and enjoy themselves.

The burst of activity comes from an influx of new volunteers, led by President Michelle Davidson.

Last year, Davidson was a key planner in the town’s Bicentennial events, in which the Cultural Commission had no role. Mayor Raymond McCarthy observed her organi-

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zational abilities and knowing there were openings coming on the Cultural Commission, asked her to join.

Shortly afterward, Bloomfield Recreation Director Mike Scurman and teacher Luis Felix, two more Bicentennial planners, also were appointed.

The Bicentennial became the jumpstart for the revitalized commission. The year-long continuum of free events “created new community feeling,” said Davidson. “We gave people

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GREETINGS IN THE YEAR 2062!

Following is the condensed text of the Mayor's letter to the Township contained in the Town Time Capsule buried in May 2012. The capsule will be opened in the year 2062.

Dear Bloomfield Residents,

I hope this day and this letter find you well in the year 2062. For the current Mayor, Town Council and all residents present, may you find as much excitement as we did when we opened the capsule from 1962.

On that day, it dawned on me how much had transpired since the high school seniors of 1962 put their mementos in the box.

Man's first walk on the moon took place in 1969. No one in 1962 would have believed that was possible.

Today, in 2012, scientists talk about a colony on the moon and trips to Mars. Did those things happen? Are they common events, like space shuttle trips in the 1980s and 1990s?

In 2006, we elected the first African-American President of the United States. In the 1960s, that wasn't possible. Since the time of this writing, I'm sure you have seen the first woman as president. Or perhaps a member of a contemporary minority has been elected president.

In 2012, we are experiencing the problem of global warming. I pray to God that in the years since this writing, people and governments have made the discoveries needed to correct the insane weather of the early 21st century.

In the last few years before the Bicentennial, we experienced storms like never before. "Hurricane

Sandy" in 2012 changed the entire coast of New Jersey and also devastated Staten Island, Long Island and other parts of New York and Connecticut.

I hope as you open this capsule that you are in a time of peace. We have been in one war or another for

decades now. I pray it has all been settled.

I pray that nuclear threats, common in our time, have been resolved, and that the United States remains the strongest nation in the world, that

our example of Democracy is still admired across the globe.

Finally, I pray that this great Township of Bloomfield, which I have served for the last 12 years, has prospered and maintained its small-town feel:

- A place where families move so that children can get a good education.
- Where residents extend their hands to those in need.
- Where generosity and compassion are common attributes of our residents.

Thank you for reading and sharing these thoughts with the 2062 residents of Bloomfield. May God bless America and the great people of Bloomfield!

*Mayor Raymond J. McCarthy
March 22, 2013
200th Anniversary
Township of Bloomfield*



Ensure rapid, damage-free entry to your home in an emergency

Samuel Infante recently installed a "Knox Box" at a resident's house.

What the heck is a Knox Box? you ask.

It's a secure armored box that contains keys to a dwelling or business in case of emergency. It allows the fire department to access the building without doing damage in the process.

It was an elderly woman with a heart condition who recently called Infante, Bloomfield's fire official. Previously, the fire department had been summoned several times by the woman's loved ones when she became ill.

"It was her idea to purchase the box and she paid for it," said Infante.

If you live alone and have a medical condition that could incapacitate you, consider buying a Knox Box. Prices start at \$215.

Many businesses and apartment buildings in town already have the device. The Bloomfield Fire Department has a master key from Knox Company, the manufacturer. When people buy a box, Knox codes it to the fire department's master key. Other emergency service providers must call the fire department to gain entry via Knox Box. That's to limit the number of people who have access.

Installations must be done by the buyer or a contractor.

For more information on the Knox Box, visit www.knoxbox.com or call the Knox Company at (800) 552-5669. For an application to purchase the device, you must go to Infante. Call him at (973) 680-4194.

Speaking of safety . . .

The two most important safety features of any home are smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. "Residents who don't have them are at a much greater risk of injury or death than those who do," says Fire Official Samuel Infante.

The fire department will install smoke detectors for any resident who is physically unable to do so. ❀

Free recycling bins for newcomers

New Residents: The Township's municipal workforce welcomes you to Bloomfield with a free 20-gallon, 2-foot-high recycling bin filled with helpful information from many Township departments. Pick up your welcome bin at the Bloomfield Public Library, 90 Broad Street, during regular business hours, Monday to Saturday (also closed on Saturdays during the summer). The library number is (973) 566-6200. ❀

Important election dates

- May 14 - Last day to register and transfer for primary election (21 days prior to election).
- May 28 - Last day to apply for a mail-in ballot for the primary election (7 days prior to election).
- June 4 - Primary election polls open from 6 a.m to 8 p.m.
- June 4 - Last day to file independent petitions with the county clerk for the Nov. 5 general election.

Button up your bib for Bloomfield Restaurant Week!

You could win a \$100 restaurant gift certificate

The second annual Bloomfield Restaurant Week is on schedule for August 4 to 10. Up to 30 restaurants are expected to participate, and you could win a \$100 gift certificate to a participating eatery.

Throughout the week, restaurants will offer fixed-price menus of \$30 or less, not including drinks, taxes or tips.

As restaurateurs sign on to participate, their special offers will be posted in their windows. Optional regular-menu dining will remain available during the week.

To enter the random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate at the participating restaurant of your choice, join the



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yahoo.com](mailto:Bloomfieldrestaurantweek@yahoo.com)

Pace yourself at the Sunset Classic

The 25th running of the Investors Bank Sunset Classic road race will take place June 27 in downtown Bloomfield. Up to 600 runners are expected to participate, based on past years' attendance.

The event includes a 5-mile road race at 7:30 p.m., a 1-mile fun run at 7 p.m. and kids' infield sprints at 6:30 p.m.

The picturesque 5-mile course winds through Bloomfield and Glen Ridge, with a stadium finish and plenty of applause at Foley Field track.

Goodies include a technical shirt for 5-milers; hot dogs, ice cream and other summer treats after the race; and music by NightMoves DJs.

The race is sponsored by Investors Bank and benefits the Bloomfield Educational Foundation, a group that funds a training program for developmentally delayed adolescents and young adults in Essex County.

For more information, call (973) 509-9707 or visit www.oymp.net and click on the calendar. ❁

Shopping discounts offered with \$5 purchase of Chamber 'Key Tag'

Bloomfield resident Josephine O'Brien was pleased to get a 10% discount on her recent shoe purchase at J.T. Murdoch — "\$16 off and comfortable shoes at that," she said.

How'd she finagle such a deal?

Many Bloomfield businesses now offer discounts to people who purchase \$5 MVP Key Tags from the Suburban Essex Chamber of Commerce. One key tag applies to all current offers and remains valid as long

as the MVP program continues.

Typical discounts include: Minuteman Press of Bloomfield, 10% off any order. Pete the Computer Geek, 10% off service orders of \$100 or more. TrueHit Designs, 10% off website designs. Glen Ridge Pharmacy, \$5 off purchases of \$20 or more (some exclusions). F&B Fine Catering takes 10% off catering orders of \$200 or more.

For Chamber members,

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Cultural Commission *cont'd from page 1*

something to enjoy even in bad financial times."

Bob Harney and Dorothy Johnson, two standing members of the Cultural Commission, round out the five-member team. (Commissioners are appointed to five-year terms.)

"We have a lot of good ideas for the upcoming year," said Davidson. "It's nice that people are already looking for more of what they saw from the Bicentennial. We've got momentum now."

Commissioners alone can't pull off large community events. Find out about volunteer opportunities or suggest event ideas by attending Cultural Commission meetings. They're held the second Tuesday of every month at Oakeside Cultural Center, starting at 7 p.m.

A Facebook page and a more active website are in the works. In the meantime, contact Davidson for information at Mshelldavidson@aol.com. ❁

2013 Summer of Fun!

Salute our veterans

The 2013 Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27. The procession will start at Brookside Park (corner of Broad and Hoover) and continue to the Town Green. Past and present veterans, community organizations, local sports teams, classic cars and more will be featured in the parade.

Vets, please march with us

The Bloomfield Joint Memorial Committee invites all veterans to participate in the parade. Assembly time will be 9 a.m. at the corner of Broad and Hoover streets. Disabled vets will get a ride in the parade. "Come and join us in honoring all of our veterans!" said organizer Joe Elmer.

Post-parade ceremonies will take place on the green, including holiday remarks by a selected local veteran, greetings from the mayor and council, and a performance by the high school band. For parade information, call Elmer at (973) 338-4256.

Civic Band Summer Concerts

June 24 • July 8 • July 15 • July 22

The Bloomfield Civic Band will perform four free Monday night concerts featuring selections ranging from traditional band music, to Broadway, to the classics. The June 24, July 8 and July 15 concerts will be held at Bloomfield High School Auditorium. The July 22 concert will be held on the Town Green. All start at 7 p.m. For information, call (973) 743-9074.

July 4th Celebration, Fireworks

Thursday, July 4, 5:30 p.m.

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It's the best of summer in one spectacular night. Come out to Foley Field/Memorial Park (JFK Drive) to enjoy live music and the best holiday fireworks around. Food vendors, kids' rides and games all start at 5:30. Opening ceremonies with a flag presentation and awards will begin at 7:30 followed by a musical pyrotechnic extravaganza at 9:20!

Musical thrills at Brookside Park

Catch contemporary acts and a variety of musical styles on four Tuesdays in July. Bring your blankets, picnics and swain' sweethearts to enjoy the fun. All shows start at 7 p.m.

■ July 9, Radio Nashville - The six-piece band covers modern country hits from Keith Urban and Carrie Underwood to Taylor Swift and Lady Antebellum. Male and female vocals come with pounding rhythm, guitar and fiddle players.

■ July 16, Kashmir – Hear the sound and energy of Led

Zeppelin meticulously recreated in all aspects, from Jimmy Page's bow solo in "Dazed and Confused" to the lead singer's mirror image of Robert Plant. The performance will include "Whole Lotta Love," "Rock n' Roll," "Going to California," and "Tangerine." Come out for the band's first performance in our area.

■ July 23, Total Soul - Motown, R&B, soul and classic disco are this band's milieu. Hear the hit songs and great artists of the sixties through today, from the Temptations and The Four Tops to Alicia Keys.

■ July 30, The Bronx Wanderers – Echoes of the past get new life in the ultimate tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Dion, The Jersey Boys, The Bronx and beyond. Crowd favorites include "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like A Man," "Run Around Sue," "The Wanderer" and more. ♣



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Summer Camps

2013 Playgroup at Oakview School

For ages 4 and 5, not yet in kindergarten (must be age 4 by Aug. 9)

Sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon as follows:

- Session 1: July 1-12 (off July 4)
- Session 2: July 15-26
- Session 3: July 29-Aug. 9

2013 Recreation Station at Demarest School

Grades K to 7

Sessions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Session 1: July 1-12 (off July 4)
- Session 2: July 15-26
- Session 3: July 29-Aug. 9

NOTE: Early drop off at 8 a.m. is offered for this camp only, at an additional charge. Inquire at registration.

Camp Registration

Families who participated last year may pre-register. Newcomers must register in person starting Saturday, May 18 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Exact fees will be posted at the Civic Center. Discounts apply for families with multiple children. Full payment by

cash or check is required upon registration. Proof of residency, age and school grade also are required. Bring a birth certificate, report card or utility bill as proof of residency.

Day trips in the works!

Age-appropriate group excursions are being arranged for summer campers. Possible destinations include Floyd Hall Arena, Yogi Berra Museum and Stadium, Turtleback Zoo, Fun-Plex and Brunswick Bowling Zone. More details at registration.

2013 Sports Clinics

More than 25 sports clinics for Bloomfield youth will be offered this summer. Traditional clinics include basketball, soccer, baseball, softball and football. Or try nontraditional options such as fencing, cooking, golf, fishing, wiffleball, art, cheerleading, skateboarding or weightlifting.

Hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Exact schedules will be available in early May. Registration begins Wednesday, May 22. Full payment by cash, check or credit card will be required at registration. ✿

Key Tags *cont'd from page 3*

key tags are a benefit of membership. For nonmembers, key tags are \$5 and may be purchased at the Chamber office, 256 Broad Street, room 2F.

You can check for current key tag discounts on the

Chamber website, www.suburbansexchamber.com. From the home page, click the green button for "Membership Value Program." To purchase or learn more, call (973) 748-2000, or e-mail admin@suburbansexchamber.com. ✿

Annin Flag Co. presents a tribute to the American flag

"The Modern Making of the American Flag," a program hosted by Dale Coots of Annin Flagmakers in Roseland, will take place Thursday, June 13 as a precursor to Flag Day (June 14).

Coots will relate stories from her renowned company, the oldest and largest flag company in the U.S. She'll also show a film on flagmaking with a history of American flags.

The free program will run from 7 to 9 p.m. at Oakeside Cultural Center, 240 Belleville Avenue. It will be presented by the Bloomfield Cultural Commission. For details, contact Commission President Michelle Davidson at MshellDavidson@aol.com. ✿

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Some people call me Old Glory, others call me Star Spangled Banner, but whatever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember some time ago, people lined up on both sides of the street to watch parades and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart. Remember?

And you, I remember you. Standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more Stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then, I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take his hat off then look around; he didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea and Vietnam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls some time — look at the lists of those who never came back, but helped keep this republic free. One nation under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart, and I'll salute you, by waving back. 🌸

Dear Neighbor,

The United Way of Bloomfield needs your support to help those in need. Every dollar you donate helps people who live and work in Bloomfield.

Not a day goes by at the UWB without a neighbor calling or coming by, desperately seeking assistance. Many are going hungry, some are losing their homes or being evicted from their apartments. Others are ill, cannot get prescriptions, aren't insured, or can't find jobs.

The UWB provides programs for people with mental illness, for children who've been abused, and people who need counseling, including counseling for suicide.

Without your support, we fail. Please help by visiting our website and donating online. Or call for more details.



United Way of Bloomfield
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www.unitedwaybloomfield.org

Bloomfield... THE WAY IT WAS

Take a trip down memory lane with the Historical Society of Bloomfield. On Tuesday, May 28, the society will present "Remembering Bloomfield the Way it Was: 1935-1945," with archival photos and maps. H. Joseph North and Joseph Barry, Jr. will present the free program at 8 p.m. at the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.hsob.org. 🌸

Free support for caregivers

United Way of Northern New Jersey invites unpaid caregivers, seniors, and senior care providers in northern Essex County to attend monthly meetings of the Caregivers Coalition to gain expert advice and support on caregiving issues.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Avenue in Verona. Participants learn about resources, services and education available to area seniors and their caregivers.

For details call (973) 746-4040, x209 or e-mail Deborah.Day@UnitedWayNJ.org. 🌸



at Bloomfield Animal Shelter

In fact, it's always kitten season at the shelter, but especially now during spring mating season. If you're a feline fan or an animal lover of any kind, consider making a donation of cat/kitten food, litter or treats. All donations are tax deductible.

Stop by 61 Bukowski Place in Bloomfield to drop off your donation. Or call (973) 748-0194 for a donation pickup.

You can also donate by visiting the shelter's Amazon Wish List. Go to this site:

www.amazon.com/wishlist/29QA82KDIXWIX/ref=cm_

Choose from dozens of food items, cleaning supplies, toys, beds and more. All listed items have been pre-selected by shelter staff. Your gift choices will be shipped directly to the shelter with notice of your generosity given to the staff. 🌸



Alex Rodriguez

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General Recycling Services

Public Works Yard, 230 Grove Street
 Open Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for recycling drop-off

Yard Waste Collection Through Oct. 15

- Yard waste is collected on regular recycling days.
- Leaves, grass, clippings, brush, branches and lawn rakings - collect in biodegradable bags only. Do not pile on sidewalks, gutters or streets.
 - The Township will not pick up waste collected in paper or plastic shopping bags or in trash cans.
 - Do not combine yard waste with household garbage or recycling.
 - The same rules apply for landscapers.

Essex Hazardous Waste Days - Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Essex County Fleet Maintenance Garage, 99 W. Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove. Bring driver's license as proof of residency. Call (973) 857-2350 for details.

North End Electronic Recycling Saturday, May 18

A DPW recycling truck will be in the lot across from Brookdale Christian Church from 9 a.m. to noon. Accepted items include computers, printers, monitors, wires, cables, keyboards, mouse devices, telephones, TVs under 32 inches, VCRs, DVD players, stereos and small appliances.

- Metals and Appliances** - Appointment required. Call no later than 3 p.m. Monday for a Tuesday pickup.
- Bulky Items** (e.g., furniture, carpeting, mattresses, cans of dried-out paint) - Collected in all zones on the second weekly pickup day. Maximum three pieces per household per pickup. (No call necessary.)
- Plastics, Cartons** - Commingled recycling includes all plastics stamped numbers 1 through 7. Please rinse all.

- Window and Mirror Glass** - Wrap in paper and place in double garbage bags. Place the package for curbside pickup on the second garbage day. For extra-large windows or mirrors, use tape.
- Household Batteries** - Place AAA, AA and 9V batteries in household garbage.
- Motor Oil and/or Antifreeze** - Hold for the Essex County Hazardous Waste Day or take with tires to a local gas station.
- Rechargeable Batteries, Cell Phones** - Recycle at Radio Shack, Best Buy, Staples, Target, Office-Max, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Walmart or Verizon Wireless. Car batteries are not accepted.
- General Recycling Drop-Off** at 230 Grove Street includes all curbside recycling, TVs, electronics, hard-covered books and usable clothing. Drop-offs are Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Used Televisions** - bring to the Bloomfield Public Works Yard, at 230 Grove Street on Saturdays only, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Do not leave TVs at curbside.
- Branch Pickup** - Cut and tie in lengths under four feet and 25

- pounds or less. Bundle at curbside on recycling days.
- Large Tree Parts** - Lengths not exceeding three feet. Call 680-4127, press #1 for Maintenance.
- Missed Trash Pickup** - Call (973) 680-4127 or 4009, press #1.
- Missed Leaves or Grass** - Call (973) 680-4127, press #1.

Paper Shredding Saturdays, May 4

(for residents only), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Municipal parking lot next to the post office.

Recycling List Expanded

- Commingled recycling — cans, bottles and plastics (#1-#7) — now includes:
- Plastic bags, wrappers
 - Bubble wrap, shrink wrap
 - Tetra Pak materials and juice boxes
 - Rigid plastic such as molded lawn chairs, buckets and toys with no metal parts
 - Aluminum pots and pans
 - Styrofoam such as cups, egg cartons, packing materials
- For a complete list, visit www.bloomfieldwpnj.com.

Curbside Recycling

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Shaded Dates:
Mixed Paper Only

Unshaded Dates:
Commingled

Report missed pickups at (973) 674-6266

Holiday Pickup Policy

Memorial Day, May 27th
 Independence Day, July 4th

When a holiday falls on your normal garbage pickup day ...

- Garbage** - expect only one pickup that week.
- Recycling** - pickup will be canceled. If you wish, bring recycling to the DPW Yard at 230 Grove Street on the following Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bloomfield Public Library

973-566-6200 • www.bplnj.org

M, T, W: 10am-8pm • Th, F: 10am-5pm • Sat: 10am-6pm (summer closed)

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

■ Holiday Closures

Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-27. Independence Day, July 4.

■ Support Your Library

- **Donate** your new or lightly used DVDs or books to the library. Books should be hardcover and popular. Best sellers are welcome. Or donate a newspaper or magazine subscription.
- **Support the Friends of the Library** by becoming a member. Download an application from our website.
- **Monthly library board meetings** are held the first Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. They are open to the public. Comments or questions about library policy are welcome.

■ Programs

- Monday and Thursday movies, 12:15 p.m.
- Book Club, one Monday per month. Call for topic and date.
- Financial Book Club and workshops, Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Beginners welcome.
- Computer Tutoring. One-on-one sessions, by appointment.
- Knitting Club, Fridays, 11 a.m.
- Genealogy Course, Saturdays, 12 noon. *
- Get it Write! Workshop, second and fourth Saturdays, 2 p.m. *
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors (informal job-search support group and networking), Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

* Call for summer schedule

■ Programs Being Considered

Contact librarian Lisa Cohn (x213 or lcohn@bplnj.org) if you are interested in leading or joining a group.

- Genre book clubs: such as science fiction or romance
- Gardening/Recipe/Cooking Club • Coupon Club
- Crafts for adults • Poetry Club

■ Children's Programs

Weekly storytimes are offered for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers; evening and weekend programs are scheduled for school-aged children. All are free. Consult the library's monthly calendars or the website.

■ Summer Reading (July and August)

Children up to age 12 are invited to "Dig into Reading!", the theme of this year's summer reading program. Throughout July and August, children will dig into stories, games, music and more. Middle and high school student volunteers are needed to help with programs. For information, call x507.

■ Passports

The Essex County Clerk's Outreach program comes to the library the fourth Wednesday of every month from 2 to 8 p.m. Bring required documents and fees. Details at (973) 621-2921, or www.essexclerk.com. ❁

Free hearing screenings at Montclair State

In honor of "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in May, the Montclair State University Center for Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology will offer free hearing screenings to the public from May 14 to 24. Those interested can call (973) 655-3934 for an appointment at the off-campus clinic, 1515 Broad Street in Bloomfield.

More than 35 million Americans suffer from hearing

loss, but the stigma of wearing hearing aids makes many delay assessment and treatment.

The Center for Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology offers the only doctoral program in audiology in New Jersey. Their specialists conduct testing in auditory processing, balance and auditory brainstem response. They also make custom earmolds and provide hearing aid services. ❁

Grow your own food at Oakeside Gardens

Oakeside Community Garden, once the kitchen garden of the early 20th century Oakes family, has become a haven for modern Bloomfield residents who like to grow their own produce and flowers in small plots while sharing tools, soil, and a sprinkler system.

This year, funding from a ShapingNJ grant, awarded to the

Boonfield Health Department, has resulted in more supplies, plus assistance in planting and nurturing the gardens.

Enjoy learning where your food comes from, while getting fresh air and eating better!

For more information, call Oakeside at (973) 429-0960, or the Health Department at (973) 680-4024. ❁

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The Arts Scene

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Oakeside Art Camp 2013

Four summer sessions in cultural arts will be offered this summer at Oakeside. Children will get individual attention to boost their creative abilities during studio and garden workshops. Monday to Friday classes will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students must bring a bag lunch, a mid-morning snack and water. They should wear clothing that can get dirty from art supplies. Outdoor playtime will take place after lunch.

- *Explorations in Art*, July 15 to July 19 – Explore watercolor, acrylics, printmaking, 3D techniques, and mixed media including clay, wood, wire, copper and found objects. Cost: \$250. Materials included.

- *Adventures in Cooking*,

two sessions: July 22 to 26, or Aug. 5 to 9. Learn to make a different culinary treat each day, including chocolate. Cost: \$275. Materials included.

- *Creative Crafts*, July 2 to Aug. 2 – Learn jewelry-making, macramé, printing, woodworking and more. Cost: \$235. Materials included.

Tricky Tray

A tricky tray event to benefit Oakeside will be held Friday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m. Baskets and prizes will be auctioned. Admission is \$25 per person, including coffee and Italian pastry. Reservations are required.

Westminster Arts Center

http://arts.bloomfield.edu/
(973) 259-3020, x1279

- **May 16, 17, 18 – “Little Women,”** a musical based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott, follows the

adventures of Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy March as they grow up in Civil War America. Presented by NJSDA Encore Presentations. For details, go to www.njactors.org.

- **June 7, 8, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, “Lucky Stiff”** - 4th Wall Theatre presents this musical farce based on “The Man Who Broke The Bank At Monte Carlo,” by Michael Butterworth. Harry, a mild-mannered English shoe salesman, must take his recently murdered (and embalmed) uncle to Monte Carlo to inherit \$6 million. Otherwise, the money will go to the Universal Dog Home in Brooklyn, and Harry hates dogs. Enjoy zany characters and plot twists aplenty. For details, visit www.4thwalltheatre.org.

Garden State Concert Band

(973) 338-8140
GSCB1980@aol.com

- July 4, 7-9:15 p.m. – The band, under the direction of Dominick Ferrara, will perform at Veteran's Field in Kearny. A fireworks display, games and rides for the kids will follow the free concert.

- Aug. 9, 7:30-9 p.m. – The band will perform at Brookdale Park as part of Essex County's summer programs. Lawn chairs and blankets are suggested.

- **The Bloomfield Chorale**, under the direction of Ruth Hsu, will hold a spring concert on June 23, at 3 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 216 Liberty Street. The theme, “Who are We? Relationships with our Community, our Nation, and our God,” incorporates songs from Broadway shows, Americana, and the Classical Romantic period. Details at (973) 667-1440

- **The Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra** concert scheduled for May 19 has been canceled. ❀

Fond Farewell



Dominick Ferrara, who has served as conductor of the Bloomfield Civic Band for 40 years, will take his final bow at the July 22 summer concert (see page 4). A retirement dinner in his honor takes place June 12 at the Chandelier in Belleville. For tickets and details, email palongisr@firstmco.com.

Home Loss, *cont'd from page 1*

employment and identification (for all household members) must be attainable.

- Payment default must have been caused by a situation beyond the family's control.

Guidelines for Singles, Couples and Families with children

- Must be ineligible for public assistance programs (not including food stamps).

- Must be able to prove that income meets or exceeds total monthly bills.

- Must be a legal alien or legal resident.

- No income limits apply.
- Proof of residency, employment, identification, etc., (for all household residents) must be attainable.

- Payment default must have been caused by a situation beyond the applicants' control.

For an eligibility screening with Human Services or the Essex County Mobile Welfare Van, call (973) 680-4017. ❀

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Youth volunteers return for summer home repair program

Sign up by May 15

A free household repair program for Bloomfield residents who cannot manage the work themselves is offered through Human Services and the Neighbor to Neighbor Network. For the second summer in a row, the two agencies are collaborating with UM ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth) to bring the free repair service to Bloomfield.

Repairs provided by volunteer teens from out of state include interior and exterior painting, fixing or replacing hand rails, steps or doors, and yard work. They can also build handicap ramps and obtain the necessary permits to meet code.

Repairs they cannot do include electrical wiring, plumbing, roofing and work with lead paint.

Every job is evaluated in advance to determine its fit for the program. Pre-work visits allow residents to meet program supervisors and to ask questions before the work is undertaken.

Human Services is collecting referrals for repair projects through May 15. Limited reservations remain. For information, call (973) 680-4017.

Play Bingo every Wednesday in May

Bingo for senior citizens will be offered every Wednesday in May at the Civic Center (84 Broad Street), starting at 11 a.m. Sign up any time during the month. Free lunch will be served after each session. All Bloomfield and Glen Ridge residents age 55 and older are welcome.

Transportation will be provided by Dial-A-Ride. Registration is required; call (973) 680-

4017. The program is a collaboration between Bloomfield Recreation, the Neighbor to Neighbor Network and Bloomfield Human Services.

'Bikeable' Bloomfield

Are you a cyclist? Do you wish there were more places in Bloomfield to go riding? The Health Department has received a small grant from ShapingNJ to determine how to make Bloomfield roadways and parks more "bikeable," thereby promoting physical activity.

The Health Department is working with the Recreation Department, a private consulting firm and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. Call if you have ideas or questions.

ShapingNJ is a public/private partnership of nearly 200 organizations across New Jersey working to make the healthy choice, the easy choice for all residents.

Rabies Clinic

A free rabies clinic will be held Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Fire Station #3 (124 East Passaic Avenue). Dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier. For more information, call (973) 680-4024.

Affordable back-to-school

Children entering grades K to 5 this fall can shop at the Back 2 School Store sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex section, in West Orange. During the one-day shopping event on Aug. 4, kids will get a personal shopper to help select new clothes and supplies valued at \$250. All items are new and cost-free. Families must be pre-qualified. Apply by May 15 at (973) 680-4017. 🌸



Upcoming Nursing Programs

Screenings are at Public Health Nursing, #1 Municipal Plaza, lower level. Appointments required, unless otherwise indicated.

(973) 680-4058 www.bloomfieldtnj.com/health/public-health-nursing

◆ Blood Pressure Screenings

- 1st and 3rd Thursday, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- Fridays, May 10, June 14, July 12, and Aug. 9, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Watchung Presbyterian Church, 375 Watchung Avenue.
- Wednesdays, May 15, June 19, July 17, and Aug. 21, from 6-7 p.m. at New Light Baptist Church, 89 Dewey Street.

◆ Adult Vaccines

(age 19 and older) Come to the Nursing Office on Mondays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to get the following vaccines: hepatitis B, hepatitis A, Tdap (tetanus, whooping cough), MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), shingles, human papilloma virus, pneumonia, chicken pox, and meningitis. Cost: \$15 one-time registration fee, plus \$10 per visit.

◆ **Get your child caught up on vaccinations.** Age-appropriate vaccinations are offered at the Nursing Office on most Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Appointments are required. Cost: \$10 per child for registration (first time only), plus \$10 per visit thereafter.

• Ages 2 months to 5 years - In addition to vaccines, the service includes growth and development assessment plus screenings for lead risk and anemia.

• Ages 6 to 18 - Some after-

school appointments available.

◆ Bone Density Screening.

May 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$10, age 55 and older; \$12 all others.

◆ Pap Smear and Mammography.

May 20 and Aug. 8. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. Free for uninsured/underinsured women age 40 and older. Women with Medicare are not eligible.

◆ Free Men's Health Program.

June 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. For men age 40 and older. Includes a PSA and digital rectal exam done by a urologist.

◆ Diabetes Screening.

June 25, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Cost: \$10. Fasting not necessary. Immediate results provided.

◆ Free Vision Screening.

June 3, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ages 18 and older.

◆ **Blood Test.** June 4, from 8-10 a.m. Includes:

- Blood chemistry, \$25
- PSA (for men), \$35
- Vitamin D25, \$35
- Hemoglobin, \$20

◆ **Blood Drive.** June 5, 3-8 p.m. at Municipal Plaza.

◆ Stroke Screening.

June 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$25, age 55 years and older; \$30 for all others. Screening includes cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, and carotid artery assessment by a physician.

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Clerk's Office, 4015 (R-214)
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BCA welcomes 2013 board

The Bloomfield Center Alliance has elected 2013 officers to serve the Bloomfield Special Improvement District.

- President Michael Kahn, The Provident Bank.
- Vice President Al Lardieri, Exquisite Home Products.
- Treasurer Peter Amari, Parkmont Capital, LLC.

• Secretary Mary Murdoch, J.T. Murdoch Shoes.

Kahn said it is "an honor" to be on the board during this time of downtown redevelopment. "I'm here every day, and from where I sit at my desk, I can literally watch the growth and see the excitement."

The BCA is the nonprofit

management corporation of Bloomfield's Special Improvement District, an area comprised of 234 commercial properties.

Business owners in the "SID" contribute an additional 6% tax assessment for capital programs, marketing, and operations provided by BCA. 🌸