Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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**From The Mayor**

As we are all aware, most properties in the Town and Village have seen their assessments increase. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as it is a reflection of the increasing property values in our area. An increase in your assessment does not automatically mean an increase in your taxes. Generally, when a re-valuation is done, it is accompanied by a tax rate decrease. When the last re-valuation was done in the Village, the tax rate went from $3.2119 to $2.9513 per $1,000. The new assessments won’t affect Village taxes until June of 2022.

**Water & Sewer Relevy**

At the end of April any overdue uncollected water and sewer rents will be re-levied onto the village tax bills that arrive in June. Any overdue payments paying by check must be received by April 15th or you may pay overdue amounts by Credit card or cash up till April 30th. You may use a credit card to pay your village bills at the Village Office, by phone or online on website bloomfieldny.org. If you have experienced Financial Hardship because of Covid-19 and wish to enter into a Deferred Payment Agreement so your overdue amount is not relieved or to get more information you must contact the Village Office before April 29th to sign an agreement. You can refer to Section 89-1 of the Public Service Law of the State of New York, and guidance issued by the New York State Public Service Commission (Matter 20-01676).

**New Pavilion at Veterans Park**

Led by the Bloomfield Rotary and Lions Clubs, the Bloomfield community is raising $25K to build a large pavilion this spring at Veteran’s Park in East Bloomfield. This will support our entire community. Will you help? There are three ways to donate.

* Mail checks payable to Bloomfield Rotary, PO Box 7, Bloomfield, NY 14469. (pavilion in memo)
* [Venmo-](http://www.venmo.com/Bloomfield-Rotary) @Bloomfield-Rotary
* Paypal- BloomfieldRotary@gmail.com

**Welcome New Businesses**

We would like to welcome the Nickel and Dime Redemption Center at 2 Main Street at the 4 corners across from the bank! For up-to-date information on their hours, check out their Facebook page @nickelanddimeredemptionctr .

**Protecting our Watershed**

The Village is encouraging our residents to protect the water that we drink by using pesticides and other chemicals sparingly and according to manufacturer’s directions. Also be careful with gasoline and do not spill any on the ground. We live above our supply of water and must do more than our best to protect the water that we drink.

**Ontario County Recycles Special Collection Events**

All Ontario County Recycles Special Collection Events do require preregistration for the events with the exception of the paper shredding. For more information and details on preregistration, visit OntarioCountyRecycles.org. The dates and events are: **Household Hazardous Waste-** April 24th at the Stanley Landfill and Sept 11th at Farmington Highway Facility. **Electronic Waste-** June 5th at Bristol Highway Facility and Oct 16th at Geneva School Bus Garage. **Residential Tire-** May 15th at S. Bristol Highway Facility and August 8th at Geneva Transfer Station. **Paper Shredding-** April 16th and Oct 8th both at the County Transportation Center.

**Cybersecurity**

Cyberattacks are on the rise. Hacks and breaches are items that hit the news feed almost daily. For more detailed information and ways to protect you, visit <https://www.ready.gov/cybersecurity>. Here are just a few of the ways that you can protect yourself from cyberattacks.

* Limit the personal information you share online. Change the privacy settings and do not use location features.
* Check your account statements and credit reports regularly.
* Protect your home network by changing the administrative and Wi-Fi passwords regularly.
* Keep software applications and operating systems up-to-date.

**Cornell Co-op Gardening Courses**

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County is again offering it’s on-line, go at your own pace learning experience. There are live zoom sessions, discussion forums, and gardening resources. The courses this year includes these topics: April 14th Soil Preparation, May 12th Planting and Transplanting, June 9th Garden Care: Weeding, watering, pests, diseases, July 14th Fall Planting and More, August 11th Harvesting, Freezing, and Canning Your Produce, September 8th Putting Your Garden to Bed. For more information visit <http://cceontario.org/events/2021/04/14/just-plant-it-victory-garden> or email Sarah Wilhelm at sab423@cornell.edu.

Spring Brush Removal

The brush removal program is scheduled for the week of May 10th. Please keep the brush away from trees and poles. Place the brush parallel to the curb so the backhoe is able to grab the brush easily. For further information contact the DPW at 657-7319. If you would like to drop off your brush, the DPW is open during regular working hours of 7am-4pm Mondays through Thursdays, and from 7:30am until 10am on Fridays. It will also be open on the last Saturday of the month in June, July, August and September from 9am-2pm.

**Village Election Results**

We would like to thank all those that came out to vote for the Village election on March 16th. Congratulations to Michael Didas and Marco Falsone for being elected to the Village Board of Trustees. We would like to thank Dave Conklin and Don Bowe for their service and we will truly miss them!

**Rabies Clinics**

Because we have documented rabies in our county, New York State Law requires every dog, cat, and ferret at least 3 months of age be vaccinated against rabies at all times. Each year Ontario County Public Health provides six free rabies clinics throughout the county. The 2021 rabies clinics run from 9AM-Noon and are scheduled for the following dates and: **April 17th, June 12th, August 7th, September 11th, and October 16th.** All clinics will be held at the Ontario County Public Works at 2962 County Road 48 in Canandaigua. **All attending the clinic are required to wear a mask.**  Clinics are FREE but donations are appreciated. Dogs, Cats and ferrets must be healthy and at least 12 weeks old. Bring your most recent rabies certificate with you if possible. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. For more information call Ontario County Public Health at (585) 396-4343 or visit <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/765/Rabies>.

**Sewer Units**

Each year for the April water billing we look at the total water used the prior year to calculate your new sewer units. You may see a difference in your sewer charge in your April bill based on your total water usage for the last year. A unit is $100.50 and below is a breakdown of the calculation of gallons used.

* Up to 30,000 Gallons - .75/unit
* 30,001-100,000 Gallons-1/unit
* .25 units for each 25K gallons additional

**Ontario County Programs and Services**

The Ontario County website provides information for many programs and services available related to Public Health. Here are just a few of the programs and service listed on their website. Visit <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/199/Programs-Services> for more information! Injury Prevention (car seats, bike helmets, etc.), Cancer Services Program- funded by NYS and the Federal Government for free breast, cervical, and colorectal screening, Children with Special Needs Program, and many others.

**Credit Card Payments**

You can now pay your water/sewer or taxes with only a 2.65% or $3 transaction fee whichever is higher. Pay on our website at Bloomfieldny.org

Contact Numbers

Village Office- 657-7554 Village DPW- 657-7319

**East Bloomfield Town office for Assessor, Court, Permits/ Code Enforcement 657-7700**

Upcoming Events

Watch our electronic sign on the 4 corners by the bank as more info is received and things update.

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| 4/3 | Easter Egg Hunt- Elton Park 11am |
| 4/3 | Rotary Chicken BBQ 11am Elton Park- Drive Through |
| 4/10 | Rotary Chicken BBQ 4pm Elton Park |
| 4/12 | Blood Drive @ First Congregational Church 2-7pm |
| 4/17 | Rabies Clinic-Ontario County Public Works Dept. |
| 4/24 | Household Hazard Waste collection in Stanley 7-3 Call to reserve 394-3977x 427 |
| 5/2 | Chicken BBQ-Shivers 12pm Friends of the Library |
| 5/15 | Garden Club Plant Sale @ Historical Society |
| 5/16 | Chicken BBQ @ Shivers 12pm Lions Club  |
| 6/3-6/5 | Heavenly Treasures Rummage Sale at Methodist Church |
| 6/12 | Rabies Clinic-Ontario County Public Works Dept. |

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