Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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How to Live Through the Crisis

* Wash Hands Frequently: Do Not Touch Your Face
* Maintain Social Distance (6’ or more)
* Support Local Businesses that Remain Open
* Check on Elderly Neighbors
* Visit Village Website for Link to Ontario County Department of Health
* Visit BCS Website (bloomfieldcsd.org) for Additional Information
* Stay Home
* Clean & Disinfect Frequently Touched Objects
* Call 211 for Community Resource Needs
* Use Common Sense
* Support our local restaurants that are open go to VisitFingerlakes.com for a list.

**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. This re-levy amount is not tax deductible. 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 at our secure website bloomfieldnypayments.org.

Spring Brush Removal

The brush removal program is tentatively scheduled for the week of May11th. 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.

Zoning Board of Appeals News

Bryan Bricco has been appointed as a new ZBA member. Welcome Bryan!

**COVID-19-PLEASE READ**

Due to the current Health Crisis and the order directed by Governor Cuomo the Village office is closed temporarily. We will be available by appointment only. Call and leave a message if necessary. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Please pay your water/sewer bill by mail, online or use the mail slot in the front door of the Village Office. Due to the unforeseen loss of income to many of our residents during this pandemic, the Village Board made a motion to delay late fees for the April billing cycle until 5/31/2020 giving an extra month to pay penalty free.

**Nothing down the Pipes**

Due to the possible shortage of toilet paper products, it is critical that you do not flush anything other than toilet paper down the toilets. Baby wipes are the number one reason for sewer backups. If you are using baby or personal wipes, please be sure to dispose of them properly.

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Trees

Please remember that the village can only trim trees that are in the village right of way. We cannot remove or trim trees on private property. If you are planning on planting a new tree this year, please call the DPW before you dig to make sure you do not plant it in an area that may have an easement or near a water or sewer line. The roots can cause damage and be costly to the resident and the village.

**Memorial Day Parades**

The 2020 Memorial Day Parades are tentatively scheduled as follows on Monday May 25th: The Ionia Parade will be at 8:30 AM, the West Bloomfield will be at approximately 10 AM (following the Ionia Parade), and the Bloomfield Parade will be at 11 AM. A ceremony will follow the conclusion of the Bloomfield parade at Elton Park in the Village.

**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 2020 rabies clinics run from 9AM-Noon and are scheduled for the following dates and locations: **April 4th**: Gorham Town Barns- 3478 Lake to Lake Rd Gorham, **June 13th**: Geneva Hydrant Hose facility- 79 Geneva St., **August 22nd**: S Bristol Town Barns- 6371 Rte. 64, Naples **Sep 19th**: Hurley Building- 205 Saltonstall St. Canandaigua, **October 17th:** Farmington Highway Garage located at 985 Hook Rd. 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>.

**Building Permits**

Building permits are required in the village for a number of projects to insure that the state building codes and local building requirements are met. They also insure the safety of the current residents and inform prospective buyers that all codes have been met. Often lawyers representing buyers will request copies of building permits that date back many years. This is done to insure that the client will be purchasing a home that meets standards and is not in violation of any building regulations. When in doubt about a permit call the Code Enforcement Officer at 657-7700 option #4 and ask if a permit is required. Here are some areas that need permits: building, altering or adding to a house, woodstove, fireplace, chimney, swimming pool, sign, roofing, fence, demolition of a building, utility shed up to 10x12.

2020 Census

By now, you should have received information about the 2020 Census. Why does your response matter? It helps to determine how billions of dollars are spent and distributed each year and sent to Counties and Villages such as ours. Some examples of items that are depending on Census results are health clinics, fire departments, schools, and even roads and highways. The best way to avoid a visit from a census taker is to fill out the 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail as soon as possible. July 31st is the last day for households to self-respond online, by phone or by mail. For more information please visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

Historical Walking Tour

The East Bloomfield Historical Society has recently updated their wonderful walking tour brochure detailing the history of our historic Village homes. Tour maps are available in the Village office or the East Bloomfield Historical Society. Why not get out and enjoy our Village and embrace the History behind it.

Credit Card Payments

We are now accepting credit cards for payments for water/sewer, permits, invoices and taxes with a 3.5% surcharge fee. Go to our secure payment site Bloomfieldnypayments.org to pay directly or call 585-657-7554 or come into the office at 12 Main St.

Upcoming Events

**Refer to individual websites for more information because of the Epidemic many of these scheduled events may be cancelled or postponed.**

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| 4/3 | First Congregational Church Supper 5:30-6 |
| 4/4 | Free Rabies Clinic- Gorham Town Garage 9-12 |
| 4/5 | Fire Dept. Recruit NY Open House 12-4 |
| 4/10 | First Congregational Church Supper 5:30-6 |
| 4/12 | Easter Egg Hunt Methodist Church 12pm |
| 4/16 | UMC Free Community Lunch 12-1 |
| 4/17 | First Congregational Church Supper 5:30-6 |
| 4/24 | First Congregational Church Supper 5:30-6 |
| 4/25 | Fire Dept. Operation Safe Child-(Child ID) 12-4 |
| 5/1&2nd | Library Book and Bake Sale |
| 5/3 | Friends of the Library Chicken BBQ Shivers |
| 5/8 | Mobile Food Pantry St. Bridget’s Church 4-6 |
| 5/9 | Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ -4pm |
| 5/16 | Rotary Tastefest/Auction @ Vets Park 4:30-7:30 |
| 5/16 | Bloomfield Garden Club Plant Sale |
| 5/20 | UMC Free Blue Grass Jam 3-7 |
| 5/21 | EBHS.-The American Barn Quilt Movmt. 7pm |
| 5/21 | UMC Free Community Lunch 12-1 |
| 5/25 | EBHS Memorial Day Bake Sale |
| 5/28 | Rummage Sale UMC 9-3 & 4-7 |
| 5/29 | Rummage Sale UMC 9-3 |
| 5/30 | Rummage Sale UMC Bag sale 9-12 |
| 6/12 | Mobile Food Pantry St. Bridget’s Church 4-6 |
| 6/13 | Free Rabies Clinic- Geneva Hydrant Hose Co. 9-12 |
| 6/17 | UMC Free Blue Grass Jam 3-7 |
| 6/18 | EBHS The Hidden Story of D-Day 7pm |
| 6/18 | UMC Free Community Lunch 12-1 |
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Contact Numbers

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East Bloomfield Town office for Assessor, Court, Park Passes, Permits and Code Enforcement 585-657-7700