Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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Snow Removal

The village plows the sidewalks daily Monday through Friday and they are also plowed on the weekend as needed. Please make an effort to keep the sidewalk clean after you plow your driveway. Please do not allow driveway snow to be plowed across highways. This practice is illegal, creating a hazard on the highway.

Fire Hydrants

Please adopt a hydrant to save time in the event of an emergency. It only takes a few minutes of your time to locate a hydrant and to remove the snow. It could be a lifesaving gesture on your part. Please help protect your home and your neighbors.

**CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY TIPS**Now that we are in the heating season, please be especially aware of the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning. The following are offered as safety tips:

* Have chimneys, vents and heating equipment inspected.
* Never use portable generators inside your home or garage, even with windows and doors open. Never use a gas range for heat.
* Always open the damper before lighting a fire in the fireplace.
* Install CO detectors and check the batteries in them regularly.
* Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, fatigue, nausea, dizziness, shortness of breath and with extreme exposure: vomiting, mental confusion, loss of muscle control, and loss of consciousness.

**WATER/SEWER PENALTIES**

The Village relies on revenue from our water/sewer billing to pay monthly bills. We make every effort to send the bills in a timely manner; there is a 30 day penalty-free period to pay the bill. Payments can be mailed (post-mark will be accepted as date of payment), placed in the drop box in the front door at any time (day or night) before the end of the month, or you may sign up for automatic payments to be made from your bank account on the 15th of the month. If payments are late, it reduces cash flow available to meet Village expenses. For this reason a 12% late fee is assessed to all bills that are paid late. Only due to a clerical error on the part of the billing clerk, will exceptions be made for waiving a late penalty. It would be unfair to those that pay on time to waive fees for those that pay late.

Gardening Angels

We would like to thank the Gardening Angels for decorating the Village office window again this year. If you would like to become an Angel please contact us at the village office and we will be happy to get you contact information. The Gardening Angels are always looking for volunteers. They do a fabulous job making our village look welcoming.

Recycle your Christmas Trees

Christmas trees can be taken to the WWTP on Elm St. during normal business hours Monday-Thursday for disposal. The area is well marked



Parking on Village Streets

There is no parking on village streets from 2-6am. This is particularly important this time of year, so our highway department can remove snow safely.

**Snowmobiles and More**

State laws regulate the use of snowmobiles on the road. There is also a Village Law that prohibits snowmobiles and ATV’s from operating on village sidewalks.

Cold Weather and Pet Safety

During the months of cold weather please think about some safety precautions for your pets. All animals tolerate the cold differently as we do. Some will need sweaters when going outside; some will need shorter walks, and please keep all animals inside during extremely cold temperatures. If they must be outside be sure to provide them with a warm, solid shelter away from the wind. It is also advised to make some noise on your car if parked outside because feral cats will hide up in your engine for warmth. If you see an animal in distress please call the Ontario County Humane Society @ 585-396-4590.

Help Your Neighbor

When shoveling your own driveway or sidewalk to your front door-why not help out an elderly or disabled neighbor. It could make the difference in time, emergency vehicles or personnel get to them. It could even be a lifesaving event. Let’s come together as the great Village we are. Love thy neighbor.

2019/20 Budget Preparation

February is the month when village officials will begin review of a draft village budget. If you have any suggestions please contact the Village Office.

Tax Cap Information

We were able to stay within the tax cap for the current budget year. In order for the tax cap to work, the village would be required to cut services each year to compensate for the increased costs for materials, labor and infrastructure maintenance. Despite the determinations of NYS, the unfunded mandates continue to put pressure on local budgets. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to levy a tax of no more than 2% provided all of the state mandates can be met and still continue to provide essential services.

Bloomfield Central School

Community members can check out the schools website to access athletic schedules and information on other events @ [www.bloomfieldcsd.org](http://www.bloomfieldcsd.org). Come out and support our kids.

Bloomfield Public Library

Our local library has many ongoing classes along with special events. Please refer to their website for more information @ [www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org). Here are some of the ongoing classes: Preschool classes 1/8/19-4/4/19 Stories and More Tuesdays at 10:30am, Thursdays at 10:30am, Thursdays at 6:30pm. STEM Fridays (science technology engineering and math activities for school age kids) Fridays 4p-5p. Adult Book Club - first Monday of the month at 2:30p - all welcome! Technology Help - first Tuesday of the month - by appointment please call the library to schedule. Knitters and Needle crafters Fridays at 1pm, Teen/Tween Club - first Thursday of the month 3p-4p.

**East Bloomfield Historical Society**

EBHS Winter hours are Thursdays 9-2 or by appointment. The phone number for the EBHS is 657-7244 or email the Director, Leif HerrGesell, at [Director@EBHS1838.org](mailto:Director@EBHS1838.org) or the Town Historian, Judi Stewart, at [Historian@EBHS1838.org](mailto:Historian@EBHS1838.org). They will be working on their first exhibit of 2019, ***‘Great Storms.’*** If you have memories of past storms they would love to hear from you. Your recollections could be a part of their exhibit! Photos can be scanned and returned to you. Visit their website for more info @ [www.ebhs1838.org](http://www.ebhs1838.org)

Village Website

The website is now complete. Please visit us at [www.bloomfieldny.org](http://www.bloomfieldny.org). We are sorry for the delay but we think you will be pleased with its new look.

Village Election

The Village will hold its General Election on Tuesday March 19, 2019. The Mayor and 2 Trustee seats will be up for election for 4 year terms and 1 additional Trustee seat for a 2 year term. Seats currently held by Mark Falsone-Village Mayor, Gail Harrington and David Poole-Trustees (4 year terms) will expire and the seat currently held by Don Bowe will be for 2 years to complete the original 4 year term of Scott Kimble. Polls will be open from 12 Noon through 9PM at the Village Office, 12 Main St. Please contact the Village Clerk for any additional information.

State St/5&20 Intersection

There has been a lot of concern about the intersection of 5&20 and State Street. Please know that this is a NYS DOT project because it is a state road and neither the Village nor the Town of East Bloomfield have any input in what is being done. We are not happy with the outcome that the DOT has chosen to do to this intersection. We urge you to contact them directly with your concerns. The Project Engineer is Brent Woodhouse (585) 924-4602 and his email is [brent.woodhouse@dot.ny.gov](mailto:brent.woodhouse@dot.ny.gov).

Upcoming Events

Refer to individual websites for more info

Contact Numbers

Village Office- 657-7554 E. B. Town Hall-657-6515

Village DPW- 657-7319 E. B. DPW- 657-7727

Assessor- 657-7368 E. B Court- 657-7248

Code enforcement officer- 657-5455

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| 1/8 | Design a Lego Castle @ Library |
| 1/9 | Lions Club Spaghetti Supper @St. Bridget’s Hall |
| 1/15 | Make & Take DIY Washi Tape Cards @ Library |
| 1/16 | AWA Civil War Balloon & Observation Post |
| 1/17 | United Methodist Church Community Lunch |
| 1/18 | Family Flicks Night-Elementary Cafeteria |
| 1/21 | Martin Luther King Jr Day-Office Closed |
| 2/8 | Family Flicks Night-Elementary Cafeteria |
| 2/12 | Origami Class @ Library |
| 2/13 | Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner @St. Bridget’s Hall |
| 2/18 | Presidents Day-Office Closed |
| 2/21 | United Methodist Church Community Lunch |
| 3/12 | Adult Coloring Night @ Library |
| 3/13 | Lions Club Spaghetti Supper @St. Bridget’s Hall |
| 3/15 | High School Spring Musical (Shrek) |
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| 3/20 | AWA Live Old Time Radio Show and Music |
| 3/21 | United Methodist Church Community Lunch |
| 3/26 | Make & Take DIY Seed Art @ Library |