Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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**Recycle Your Christmas Trees**

Christmas trees can be taken to the WWTP on Elm St. during normal business hours Monday- Thursday for disposal. BD18253_

Village Parking

There is NO parking on Village streets from 2 AM to 6 AM year around. This time of the year it is important to comply so snow plows can properly clean the streets. The Sheriff’s Department has been asked to enforce this overnight parking regulation.

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.

Fire Hydrants

Please adopt a hydrant. Keeping snow away from a fire hydrant can save time in an emergency. It only takes a few minutes to locate a hydrant near your home and shovel it clean.

Village Code

Per Village Code Article 7, Chapter 135-51, B & C- As a reminder, there are to be no more than 3 dogs, which are more than 6 months of age, and no more than 3 cats which are more than 6 months of age, kept, bred, or boarded within the confines of any Village lot.

Check for Water Leaks

A simple way to reduce expenses for your water bill is to be sure that there are no water leaks in your house. A simple check for a common leak is to put a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank at night when you go to bed. If there is colored water in the bowl in the morning, there is a leak. Another common leak is in faucets so make sure to replace or repair leaky faucets that drip.

**Rabies Clinic Schedule**

The 2020 rabies clinics run from 9AM- Noon and are scheduled for the following dates and locations: **February 8th**: Ontario County. Safety & Training Facility- 2914 County Road 48 Canandaigua **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.

**Home Delivered Meals**

The Office for the Aging **Nutrition Program**provides meals to help older adults remain independent in their homes while maintaining good nutrition. Volunteers deliver the meals Monday through Friday (except Holidays) to cities, Villages and some towns. They are currently offering frozen meals for those residing outside of these delivery areas. For more information, call the Office for the Aging at (585) 396-4040 or (315) 781-1321

**Bloomfield Lions Club News**

BLC will host Spaghetti Suppers at Veterans Park on Jan. 8th and Feb. 12th 2020. Menu includes: Salad, Beverage, Bread, Spaghetti/Meatballs and Ice Cream. Take-outs are available. Adults $8.00, Children $4.00, Preschool free. Serving 5:00-7:00pm

BLC will also host a Pancake Breakfast at Veterans Park on March1st. Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, and Beverage Adults $6.00, Children $3.00, Preschool free. Serving 7:00-11:00am.

BLC will be focusing on vision projects including eyeglass collections and the scheduling of vision tests within the schools. We will be promoting our eyeglass collection mailbox at Big M and CNB Honeoye as well as collecting during the spaghetti dinners. If you would like to schedule a pickup contact Lion [michael.donohoe@a1cwellness.com](mailto:michael.donohoe@a1cwellness.com). This drive will end the first weekend in March.

Support Local Businesses

In this time of economic concern remember to support our local businesses. These businesses not only support themselves for a living they also hire area residents to work in these stores and they support community organizations. When needing to purchase an item or a service, remember to shop locally to keep our community economy viable.

Handicap Parking Permit

State regulations insist that residents of the Village obtain their Handicapped Parking Permits from the Village clerk and not the town clerk. The new procedure requires a little more paperwork on the part of the Village and applicant but will work to ensure that the permits are not abused. For further information contact the V clerk.

Snow Removal

The Village, through its annual budget, plows the sidewalks of the Village. These walks are plowed by 7:30 AM and again by 2:30 PM Monday through Friday. They are plowed on the weekend as needed. The Village board does not wish to shift the burden of sidewalk snow removal onto the property owner. The concern that has arisen is that when a driveway is plowed, snow is placed on the sidewalk and makes it difficult for the pedestrians to use the sidewalk. Please make an effort to keep the walk clean after the driveway plow removes the snow. Please be aware that Article 33, Section 1219 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law does prohibit injurious substances onto the highway. **This includes snow.**

**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.

Sump Pumps

Is your sump pump hooked up properly? If you're not sure the Village will conduct a free inspection to check hookups. Call the WWTP at 657-7319 to make arrangement.

Vampire Voltage

Vampire voltage is the electricity that is being drawn by equipment that is not being actively used. This includes things such as televisions, computers, cell phone chargers, coffee makers, microwaves, toaster ovens and rechargeable toothbrushes. They can drain electricity out of your outlets even if they are turned off. This can add up to 15% more energy charged on your bill. Reduce your energy waste and save money by unplugging small appliances when they are not in use and turning off equipment such as televisions and lights. Using a power strip will allow you to cut power to some electronics but leave some on to protect their programming memory.

Zoning Board of Appeals News

Ron Newell and Joe Ostrowski have resigned from the ZBA. Ron and Joe have faithfully served on the ZBA for more than 30 years each. We extend our best wishes and appreciation for their service. Existing board member Terry Hall has been appointed as our new ZBA Chair and Kim Gebo has been appointed as a new ZBA member. Welcome Kim!

**Alternate Board Members Needed**

We are currently looking for 2 individuals to serve as alternates on either the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you need further information or are willing to serve, contact the village office.

January Office Hours

Due to upcoming holidays and vacations, the office will be closed on 1/1,1/2, and 1/20. The office will have limited hours and be open from 9-3 on 1/15, 1/16, 1/21, 1/22, and 1/23. All other days will be normal business hours. Sorry for any inconvenience.

2020/21 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.

Credit Card Payments

We are now accepting credit cards for payments for water/sewer, invoices and taxes with a 3.5% transaction fee. Go to **Bloomfieldnypayments.org** for direct link to pay or come in to the office at 12 Main St. Save on those late penalties.

Contact Numbers

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

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

Upcoming Events

Refer to individual websites for more info

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| 1/8 | Spaghetti Supper Veterans Park 5-7pm |
| 1/14 | Library Sesame Street Mini-Hometown 10:30 AM |
| 1/15 | Library Bottle Cap Snowman Craft All Day |
| 1/16 | UMC Community Lunch 12-1pm |
| 1/18 | Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Veterans Park 7-11AM |
| 1/21 | Office Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| 1/28 | Library Create a Vision Board Class- 6-7:30 PM |
| 2/8 | Rabies Clinic- Ont. Co. Safety Bld- Canandaigua |
| 2/12 | Spaghetti Supper Veterans Park 5-7pm |
| 2/17 | Office Closed- President’s Day |
| 2/20 | UMC Community Lunch 12-1pm |
| 3/1 | Pancake Breakfast Veterans Park 7-11AM |
| 3/19 | UMC Community Lunch 12-1pm |