

Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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From The Mayor

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Covid-19 continues to run rampant throughout the US, and here in Ontario County as well. As of this date, more than 300,000 Americans have died from the virus; more than the total American combat deaths in WWII!! Even though the vaccine is coming, we must remain vigilant and continue to wear masks, socially distance and wash our hands. When the vaccine is available for the general distribution, the more of us who take the vaccine, the more we can control the virus. Stay Safe and Healthy.

Recycle Your Christmas Trees

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

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.

2-1-1 Life Line

Need more information on financial assistance, housing, legal, volunteering, rides, health, and more? Life Line is a mission program of Goodwill of Finger Lakes and can help get you locate and get connected with experienced telecounselors by simply dialing 211 for free and confidential assistance connecting to vital services within the community. For more information call 2-1-1, text 898-211 or <https://www.211lifeline.org/>

Snowmobiles and More

We finally have had some snow! Please remember NY 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. For more information on approved trails in the area, go to: fingerlakessnowmobileclub.org

2021/22 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.

Village Election

The Village will hold its General Election on Tuesday March 16, 2021. 2 Trustee seats will be up for election for 4 year terms. Seats currently held by Don Bowe and David Conklin -Trustees (4 year terms) will expire. 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.

Free Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing in the Finger Lakes

The Public Health Departments of Ontario, Seneca, and Yates Counties announce free COVID-19 testing for the public has begun. Each county has organized asymptomatic testing opportunities throughout the region and are pleased to partner with Finger Lakes Community Health to offer expanded testing opportunities at their existing sites in Geneva (Ontario), Ovid (Seneca) and Penn Yan (Yates) and the Victor/Farmington Ambulance Corp.

Tuesdays- County Transportation Center, 2930 County Road 48 in Hopewell 2pm – 5pm

Wednesdays- Victor/Farmington Ambulance Corp, 1321 East Victor Road, Victor. 9am-11am.

Thursdays, FLCH will offer rapid testing from Public Health to anyone at their Geneva location and also in Seneca and Yates Counties.

Test results from all locations will be communicated within 24 hours. Only individuals who have no signs of illness can participate at these testing sites. If you are experiencing symptoms of any illness and want to be tested you should go to your physician or to an Urgent Care location.

Pre-registration is required at the following website: <http://www.s2aynetwork.org/community-testing.html>. If you do not have access to a computer or have difficulty registering, please contact the Ontario County Workforce Development office at 585-396-4020 for assistance.

Boredom Busting!

During these times of restricted activities, it might be a great time to take some classes, get outdoors, or learn a new hobby!

The New York State Department of Labor has partnered with Coursera to offer nearly 4,000 free online classes. The Courses focus on High- Growth and In-Demand Industries like Advanced Manufacturing, Tech, and Healthcare. Examples of some of the courses are: Business Writing, How to Manage a Remote Team, Introduction to iOS App Development, Motors and Motor Circuits, and many other topics. Visit the DOL website below to set up your free account <https://dol.ny.gov/online-learning-coursera>

Ontario County has compiled a list of Recreation and Tourism maps on their website. They include local parks and hiking trails. For more info, visit: <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/1116/Recreation-and-Tourism-Maps>

Check out the Pioneer Library System for online events and classes from our local libraries! Visit owwl.libcal.com for the dates and times of upcoming events and classes.

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.

Takeout Restaurants

Don't feel like cooking? Grab takeout from one of our local restaurants!

- **Bloomfield Big M ~ 657-7402**
Deli open 7-3 Daily, 7-12 weekends
- **Brady J's ~ 657-4611**
Pick up & Takeout Daily 9-1pm and Fri 4-7pm
- **Parkside Pizza & Subs ~ 657-4440**
Takeout & Delivery 11-9:30pm daily
- **Cheap Charlies ~ 657-6812**
Pickup only Tue-Sat 11-9, Sun 11:30-5
- **Mugsy's Family Restaurant ~ 257-5331**
Pickup or eat in Tue-Thurs-11:30-8, Fri 11:30-9
Sat -11:30-8, Sun-11:30-7
- **Irish Mafia ~ 257-5172**
Pickup or eat in Mon-Thurs 11:30-8
Fri-Sat 11:30-9, Sunday 11:30-8

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.

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 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.

EBHS New Book

The East Bloomfield Historical Society has published a new book made up of letters written to Mrs. Lena Steele from soldiers and family members from 1942-1945. The letters were found in the basement of the East Bloomfield Town Hall. Copies of the book can be purchased by contacting the EBHS at 657-7244.

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 or in person in the office.

Upcoming Events

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

Contact Numbers

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

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