

Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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From The Mayor

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

Please take extra care driving and walking on snow and ice this winter. Please be careful when placing your garbage and recycling bins out for collection due to snowplowing. Please keep them on the house side of the storm water street gutters. This will reduce the chance of them being hit by a snowplow. Do not place them on the road.

Tree Lighting Thank You!

We would like to shout out a big Thank You to the Bloomfield Lions Club, Bloomfield Rotary, Extreme Tree, and the East Bloomfield Holcomb-Fire Department for setting up an awesome event in our community!

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.

Snowmobiles and More

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: fingerlakesnowmobileclub.org

2022/23 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 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.

Handicap Parking Permits

State regulations insist that residents of the village obtain their Handicapped Parking Permits from the village clerk and not the town clerk. For further information contact the village clerk.

Pedestrians, Right of Way on Crosswalks and Sidewalks

Please make sure that you are stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks. There have been many complaints of vehicles not stopping to allow pedestrians cross when they are waiting in the crosswalks.

Section 1151 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws clarifies that in the absence of a traffic signal, pedestrians are afforded the right of way over motor vehicles. Second, any driver that must cross a sidewalk or other pedestrian walkway to access a driveway or parking lot must yield to pedestrians on such sidewalk.

In contrast, to the traffic laws that favor pedestrians, Section 1152 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws gives motor vehicles the right of way where there isn't a crosswalk.

NYS Homeowner Assistance Fund

The New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund (NYS HAF) is a federally funded program dedicated to assisting homeowners who are at risk of default, foreclosure or displacement as result of a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Apply if you're a homeowner who is:

- Behind or in forbearance on their mortgage
- In default on a reverse mortgage
- Behind on their property taxes, water or sewage bills
- Behind on monthly maintenance charges of your coop or condo.
- Behind on their chattel loans, retail installment contracts or other types of home purchase loans of your manufactured home.

The program will begin accepting applications January 3, 2022. For more information, visit their website at nyhomeownerfund.org or call 1-844-77-NYHAF. Please do not contact the Village office regarding this.

STAR School Tax Relief Program

The School Tax Relief (STAR) program offers property tax relief to eligible New York State homeowners. You can receive the STAR credit if you own your home and it's your primary residence. If you are eligible and enrolled in the STAR program, you'll receive your benefit each year in one of two ways: STAR credit check or the STAR exemption which is a reduction on your school tax bill.

Any Basic STAR exemption recipient who is 65 and older may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. You only need to apply once.

Go to <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/> or call NYS Department of Taxation and Finance at (518) 457-2036 to register or make the switch!

All exemption applications or exemption renewal applications are due by March 1, 2022.

Zoning Board of Appeals News

Brad Hall and Mark Wollschleger have been appointed as new ZBA members to replace the seats vacated by Terry Hall and EJ Warden. Thank you so much to Terry Hall and EJ Warden for your years of service for the board. Welcome Brad and Mark!

Recycle Your Christmas Trees

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

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 2022 rabies clinics run from 9AM-Noon and are scheduled for the following dates and: **February 26th, April 30th, June 18th, August 13th, September 10th, and October 15th.** 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>.

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.

Snow Removal

The DPW, through its annual budget, plows the sidewalks of the Village. These walks are plowed daily Monday through Friday. They are plowed on the weekend as needed. Please make an effort to keep the walk 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 and can also cause property damage to the neighbor.

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!

Lions Spaghetti Dinner

Bloomfield Lions "Drive-Thru" Spaghetti Dinner: Wednesday, March 9, 2022 4:30-6:00pm or Sold Out. Dinner includes: Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, butter & ice cream. Adults \$9 (13+), Children \$5 (12-). Veterans Park American Legion Building, Parking Lot, 6910 Routes 5&20, East Bloomfield.

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.

Upcoming Events

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

1/22	UMC Free Breakfast 8:30-10AM
2/26	UMC Free Breakfast 8:30-10AM
2/26	Rabies Clinic Ont. County 9-12pm
3/9	Lions Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6 pm
3/26	UMC Free Breakfast 8:30-10AM

Contact Numbers

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