## **Village of Bloomfield Newsletter**

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## From the Mayor

The Village is pleased to announce that we have qualified for an additional NYSERDA grant of \$10,000. This achievement was made possible through our recent energy efficiency initiatives, which included replacing the windows and adding insulation to our office building. These improvements not only enhance the comfort and sustainability of our facility but also demonstrate our commitment to environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility. We look forward to continuing our efforts to create a more energy-efficient and eco-friendly community.

I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the Memorial Day Ceremony; This event requires a lot of work and coordination. Special thanks to Abigal Miller for all her behind the scenes work. Thank you to our speaker, former Bristol Supervisor Robert Green for his moving remarks. Thank you to Scott Hoffman and the Bloomfield Band for their great performance. Even though some neighboring districts' bands cancelled their participation, the BCS Band stood proud, enduring the weather

Veterans were invited to join the parade, either walking or driven. A heartfelt thank you to the Rochester Corvette Club for their support driving the Veterans. We are fortunate to have access to vehicles to transport Veterans, so please plan to join us next year!

## **New Water Sewer Billing**

You will notice that this month's water sewer bill looks different. We have switched to a letter format for billing. Please remove the perforated bottom section and send it in with your payment. Alternatively, you can bring the entire bill as usual, and we will stamp your top copy "paid" and tear off the bottom for our records. This new billing format will save us time in preparing the bills for mailing and reduce the tax dollars spent on mailing supplies.

#### **New Businesses**

There is a new addition to our Village's business community. The Tro Bro Smoke Shop opened last month at 12 Main St. Most days they are open from 10am-8:30pm with varying hours on the weekends. In more new business news, Sykes Pizzeria hopes to be open by the end of July. The hours of operation will be 11am-8:30pm Monday through Saturday and 12pm-8:30pm on Sunday. They are as excited to open as our community is to have them. We can't wait!

## **Lead Inspection**

The Department of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency have instructed us to inspect every water service line entering residences and businesses for the presence of lead. These inspections must be completed by the end of September. There are two ways to complete these inspections:

#### 1.Self-Inspection:

- You may take a clear picture of the pipe as it enters your home. Ensure the picture clearly shows the type of pipe (copper, plastic, galvanized, or lead).
- Include your name, address, and the date the picture was taken.
- Email the picture and information to dpw@bloomfieldny.org.

#### 2. Village Inspection:

- If you prefer, we can come and conduct the inspection for you.
- Please note that we will make every effort to arrive within the scheduled time allotment. However, emergencies may occur, so there may be occasional delays.

Please choose the method that works best for you. If you need us to do the inspection, let us know as soon as possible to schedule a convenient time or you can schedule online at the link below. The link is also available on our website and Facebook profile. https://doodle.com/bp/villageofbloomfield/water-service-line-lead-inspection

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and quality of our water supply.

## **Animals in the Village**

Village zoning law prohibits the raising, harboring, or housing of many animal species to include chickens, ducks, rabbits, fowl, goats, horses, and many more. This is a code violation! A maximum of 3 dogs per household of licensing age and 3 cats which are 6 months or more in age may be kept. If you have any questions, please call code enforcement at 657-7700 option 4.

## **Bloomfield Public Library**

The Bloomfield Public Library Summer Reading Kick-off party will be on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30. There will be a magic show, ice cream served by the Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library, book giveaways, and much more! Everyone who attends will be entered into a raffle to win a Free parking pass for the Ontario County Fair, which will be drawn after the magic show.

## **Ontario County Recycles Events**

The 2024 Special Collection Event dates have been released and pre-registration is required. Information for drop off locations of other items including appliances, batteries, furniture, hazardous waste, medications and more, can be found at www.ontariocountyrecycles.org The dates and events are **Household Hazardous Waste-**9/21 at the Bristol Highway Facility from 7am-3pm. **Electronic Waste-** 10/12 at the Landfill from 8am-2pm. **Residential Tire-** 7/20 Richmond Town Hall, 9/7 Farmington Highway Facility all dates from 8am-11am. **Paper Shredding-** 10/4 East Bloomfield Veterans Park **Mattress Recycling-** 8/24 at South Bristol Highway Facility from 8am-11am.

# **Protect Our Sewers: Proper Disposal of Grass Clippings**

As the warmer months have now arrived, many of us are spending more time in our yards, mowing the lawn and tending to gardens. While maintaining a beautiful lawn is rewarding, it's important to consider how we handle the waste produced, particularly grass clippings. Improper disposal of grass clippings can lead to significant problems for our sewer systems and the environment.

#### The Problem with Grass Clippings in Sewers

- Clogging and Blockages: Grass clippings may seem small and harmless, but when they enter the sewer system, they can accumulate and create blockages. These blockages can lead to backups, causing storm drains to overflow into streets, yards, and even homes.
- 2. Increased Maintenance Costs: Blockages and backups in the sewer system require significant effort and resources to manage and repair. This increases maintenance costs, which can ultimately be passed on to residents through higher taxes to cover the cost of necessary equipment, materials, and time to handles these issues.

#### **Proper Disposal Methods**

To prevent these issues, it's crucial to dispose of grass clippings correctly. Here are some environmentally friendly options:

- 1. **Mulching**: Leave grass clippings on your lawn as you mow. Mulching mowers chop the clippings finely and disperse them back onto the grass. This not only saves you time but also returns valuable nutrients to the soil, promoting a healthier lawn.
- 2. **Composting**: Add grass clippings to your compost pile. They break down quickly and provide nitrogen, an essential nutrient for compost. Be sure to mix them with other types of yard waste, such as leaves and twigs, to maintain a balanced compost.



#### **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 always be vaccinated against rabies. Each year Ontario County Public Health provides 6 FREE rabies clinics. The 2024 rabies clinics run from 9AM-Noon and are scheduled for the following dates and: Aug 24th, Oct 5th, and **Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>.** All clinics will be held at the Ontario County Public Works at 2962 County Road 48 in Canandaigua. Even though the clinics are FREE, 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.

### **Upcoming Events**

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

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| 7/10                                       | Elton Park Concert BCS Students 6:30pm     |
| 7/12                                       | Library Summer Reading Party 3:30-5:30pm   |
| 7/17                                       | Elton Park Concert- Everheart 7-9pm        |
| 7/20                                       | Residential Tire- Richmond 8-11am          |
| 7/24                                       | Elton Park Concert- Warren Paul 7-9pm      |
| 7/27                                       | EBUMC Free Breakfast 9-11am                |
| 7/27                                       | EBHS Car Show and Parade 10:30-3pm         |
| 7/31                                       | Elton Park Concert- Blues Circle 7-9pm     |
| 8/8  | Pop Up Pantry St. Bridget's 4-6pm          |
| 8/10                                       | EBUMC Penny Social 3-4:30 pm               |
| 8/24                                       | Free Rabies Clinic Ont Cty Pub Wrks 9-12   |
| 8/24                                       | Mattress Recycling South Bristol 8-11am    |
| 8/24                                       | EBUMC Free Breakfast 9-11am                |
| 9/7  | Residential Tire- Farmington 8-11am        |
| 9/9  | Garden Club 11:30am Veterans Park          |
| 9/11                                       | Lions Spaghetti Dinner Vet Park 4:30-6:30p |
| 9/18                                       | Pop Up Pantry St. Bridget's 4-6pm          |
| 9/19                                       | EBUMC Free Lunch 11:30-1pm                 |
| 9/19                                       | EBHS Fire On Main St. Presentation 7pm     |
| 9/21                                       | Household Haz Waste Bristol 7am-3pm        |
| 9/21                                       | EBUMC Free Breakfast 9-11am                |
| 9/28                                       | EBUMC Harvent Dinner 4-7pm                 |

#### **Contact Numbers**

Village Office- 657-7554 Village DPW- 657-7319
East Bloomfield Town office for Assessor, Court,
Permits/ Code Enforcement 657-7700