

# Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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## From The Mayor

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and my best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Even though it took much longer than we anticipated, we finally moved into our new office at 46 Main St. This was effective December 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to serving our residents in our new space.

We are beginning our budget process for fiscal year 2024/2025 which begins June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The coming year will see fewer major projects, with our emphasis being on completing some minor projects throughout the Village. More information to follow...

## Fire Hydrants

Please adopt a hydrant near you! 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. Thank you so much!

## Welcome New Businesses!

There have been some exciting new things going on in Bloomfield lately! We have had 2 new businesses open on Main St. both on December 1<sup>st</sup> and right next to each other!

Dave's Sporting Goods Outlet opened at 18 Main St. You can find a large variety of name brand items at outlet pricing. Stop there before you shop online or visit one of the larger retail establishments. Congratulations Dave!

Farmhouse Delights at 14 Main St. also officially opened their doors. They are a small mother/daughter bakery that specializes in decorated sugar cookies. Farmhouse Delights are hoping to be able to expand their offerings throughout the year, so please stop in and check them out!

## Retirement News

Brian Rayburn, Superintendent of the DPW, is retiring on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Village acknowledges his 33 years of service and thanks him for his commitment and dedication. He will be missed. Good luck and enjoy your retirement, Brian!

## Recycle Your Christmas Trees

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



## We Have Moved!!

We are finally in our new building!! Visit us at 46 Main Street at the "new" Village Hall- (blue building) next to the former Episcopal Church! There are no plans to do anything with the Church for now. We don't have our sign up yet, but we should have something soon. There is parking on the street in front of both 44 and 46 Main. We have a secure drop box installed by the front door. Please feel free to drop in payments and communication. Our new mailing address is: 46 Main Street, Bloomfield, NY 14469. We'd like to thank Dave Conklin for renting us an office space in the Village for many years.

## Snow Removal

Now that the winter months are here, the Village residents need to be aware of plowing crews out doing snow removal operations. 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.

Please refrain from plowing snow from private property onto or across public roads. This presents a hazard to drivers and is, in fact, illegal (Highway Law 214 NYS V&T law 1219). Snow should be kept on private property in an area that does not obstruct your view or that of drivers on the roadway. It is also best to plow snow to the right side of your driveway (if looking toward the road) to avoid having snow that has been cleared from blocking your driveway again after the plows pass by. If you hire someone to plow for you, please remind your contractor of these rules as well. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

## Dogs Need to Stay in Yards

We have received a few complaints from pedestrians regarding dogs not being controlled in resident's yards and approaching people walking on the sidewalk. Dogs need to be secured in fences, invisible fence, or tied up to not disturb pedestrians. Please make sure that you adhere to this code to avoid further action. For any questions, visit our website and refer to Village Code Chapter 55 for Animal Code. Thank you for your help with this!

## Operation Protect Veterans

Veterans deserve many things: Praise. Honor. Security. Respect. Here is what they don't deserve: attempts to take advantage of their service. Yet every day, scammers attempt to swindle our veterans of their hard-earned benefits, steal their identity, take their life savings, and worse.

According to an AARP survey, veterans are more likely to fall victim to scams as the population at large. In addition, the survey found that most military/veteran adults were targeted by scams directly related to their military service or the benefits they receive. Some scammers offer veterans the opportunity to refinance Veterans Affairs (VA) loans at extremely low rates. Others will pose as government agencies to access personal information, or offer lump sum payments up front, in exchange for signing over all their future monthly benefit checks. There have even been instances where scammers have created fake charities that target veterans or pretend to be old friends offering "sure thing" investments.

If you or a loved one has encountered a financial scam in the past 12 months, please help us keep fighting for our veterans by calling 877-908-3360.

## Safe Driving Tips for Winter

- Make sure windshield wipers, batteries, tires, and defrosters are working and in good condition.
- Always keep at least half a tank of gasoline in your vehicle.
- Ensure your car has basic winter driving equipment such as a scraper and brush, small shovel, jumper cables, road flares, tow chain and a bag of sand or cat litter for tire traction.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, including blankets, gloves, hats, food, water, flashlight with batteries, and any needed medication.
- Warm up your vehicle in accordance with operating instructions and remove all ice and snow from windows and vehicle surfaces (including the roof) before starting your trip.

## Tree Lighting Thank You!

Thanks to everyone that came out for the Tree Lighting this year. A special thank you to the Bloomfield Lions Club, Rotary Club, East Bloomfield Holcomb Fire Department, East Bloomfield United Methodist Church, East Bloomfield Congregational Church, Town of East Bloomfield, Village of Bloomfield, Bloomfield Central School District Band, Canandaigua National Bank, Extreme Tree & Landscape, Chris Andolino, Duvall Farms, Danny Pratt Jr. from Pratt Farms, Dan Rugg from Rugg Farms, and Jeff Harter from Harter Farms for your participation to make such a wonderful event for our community.

## 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: **Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Did you know??

- An estimated 14,748 public-owned water treatment plants provide wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal service to 238.2 million people.
- Toilets, showers, and faucets represent 62% of all indoor water use.
- Treatment equipment has a life expectancy of 15 to 20 years.

Did you know... just over 30% of freshwater is in the ground. The Village has several wells that provide water to Village and Town residents and businesses.

## Upcoming Events

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

1/10	Spaghetti Dinner Vet Park 4:30-6:30
1/18	EBGC Geriatric Gardner Vet Park 11:30am
1/18	EBUMC Free Lunch 11:30-1pm
1/27	EBUMC Free Breakfast 9-11am
2/14	Spaghetti Dinner Vet Park 4:30-6:30
2/15	EBUMC Free Lunch 11:30-1pm
2/15	EBGC Hist Am. Landscape Vet Park 11:30
2/24	Free Rabies Clinic Ont Cty Pub Works 9-12
2/24	EBUMC Free Breakfast 9-11am
3/13	Spaghetti Dinner Vet Park 4:30-6:30
3/21	EBUMC Free Lunch 11:30-1pm
3/21	EBGC Think Spring Vet Park 11:30
3/23	EBUMC Free Breakfast 9-11am
3/30	Easter Egg Hunt Elton Park 1pm

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