

Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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From The Mayor

The Village along with the Bloomfield Central School purchased 2 pedestrian actuated crosswalk warning signs. They have been installed on Oakmount Ave. near the high school and at the intersection of Main St. and Howard Ave. We hope these signs make it safer as students cross the street to and from school. We also have many walkers in our Village that will use these crosswalks. Please watch for the flashing lights at all times of the day and night and remember, pedestrians always have the right of way in a crosswalk.

RGE will be converting all street lights in the Village to more efficient LED lamps. A total of 139 Cobra Head fixtures will be converted. Payback for the Village share of the conversion will be approximately 4 years. The illumination from the LED's will appear whiter and brighter for increased safety.

Brush Pickup

The next scheduled **brush pickup is the week of October 12th**. Please have your brush by the curb with branches parallel to the road but not in the road or in the gutters. You may bring your brush to the WWTP Monday through Thursday from 8 am until 4 pm. **We are not able to take leaves.** Please do not rake leaves into the gutters or into the street and please keep the gutters and the street free of grass clippings, as they clog the drainage system.

American Legion

The American Legion #970 is holding an open membership drive. All military veterans who served from December 1941 to the present are welcome. Contact Bob Spike 657-7467 or Tom Parker 657-7606 for more information.

Village Tax Bills

Reminder that any Village tax payments not received by November 3rd will be rolled over to the County for collection on your January County tax bill. Payments made after October 15th must be in the form of cash, credit card or certified check. Payments can be made by mail-(**must be received by 11/3**), with a credit card on our website, or in person at the Village Office, 12 Main St. PO Box 459. Monday-Thursday 8-4. All questions regarding addresses, including changes to tax bills for those owners residing out of the area, are handled by the Town Assessor's Office, 657-7700.

Halloween

Both the Center for Disease Control and the Ontario County Health Department do not recommend door to door trick or treating due to the pandemic. If parents decide to send their children out Halloween night (5-9), please wear masks in addition to the costume mask, maintain social distancing, keep to the right in travelling up and down the street and do not crowd on porches or walkways. It's important that you only go to houses with the porch light on. Please respect residents' wishes not to participate in Halloween by keeping their porch lights off. Let's all be safe!

Right of Way Signs

No signs are permitted in the right of way. We appreciate your enthusiasm, but all signs must be on the house side of the sidewalk

Village Street Parking

Reminder there is NO parking on ANY Village Streets overnight at any time of the year. It's especially important during snow plowing season.

Suspicious Activities

We are encouraging residents to report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office by calling 911. As you may have heard there have been many break-ins in the nearby areas. The village is especially concerned about unauthorized individuals being around the water and sewer facilities, vandalism, as well as any speeding or reckless driving. If anyone sees any suspicious activity around the village please call 911 and report the activity.

Fire Hydrants and Plowing

Winter will be here before we know it. Please be sure to keep any fire hydrant that is close to your home free of snow this winter. Also be sure that you do not plow the snow from your driveway across the sidewalk or street. There is no parking on village streets from 2 am until 6 am. This is strictly enforced from Nov. 1 through April 30 so that snow plows can properly clean the streets.

Hunting Season and Firearms

Hunting season is fast approaching. Just a reminder that the discharge of firearms is prohibited within the Village limits. Firearms include rifles, shotguns, pistols, bow and arrows and air powered rifles.

Backpack Program

Bloomfield Rotary would like to thank the Lions Club, the Steele Agency, Parkside Pizza and the community for their generous donations and support to raise money for the Bloomfield school back pack program. By working together, Rotary was able to coordinate with Foodlink to purchase goods to fill back packs to provide food to families each weekend since spring and to deliver them to families unable to do pick up at the school. Rotary is pleased to be able to extend this service at least until the end of December 2020.

Unsolicited Foreign Seeds

Have you recently received seed packages you did not expect and did not order? The NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets and the US Dept. of Agriculture are currently in the process of collecting and analyzing samples from these shipments.

If you received any shipments like this, please ensure the seed package is sealed and mail the seeds, the original packaging, your contact information, and any additional details you believe are relevant, to:

Office of the State Plant Health Director of New York
c/o Christopher Zaloga
500 New Karner Rd
Albany, NY 12205

At this time, the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets doesn't have any evidence indicating this is something other than a "brushing scam" where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales. The USDA is currently collecting seed packages from recipients and will test their contents to determine if they contain anything that could be of concern to US agriculture or the environment.

Both the USDA and the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets are committed to preventing the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds and protecting US agriculture from invasive pests and noxious weeds.

2020 Special Collection Events

Pre-Registration Required-To register for a tire event call (585) 396-1450. To register for Electronic waste or Household Hazardous Waste event call (585) 394-3977 Ext-427. For more information and to register for events, visit OntarioCountyRecycles.org

- 10/9-Confidential Paper Shredding-Ontario County Transportation Center
- 10/17-Electronic Waste-Recycle Center/Landfill
- 11/7-Organic Pumpkin Collection- following locations: Geneva, Canandaigua and Victor

Area Churches Provide Lunches

The East Bloomfield United Methodist Church spearheaded an effort in conjunction with the Congregational Church, St. Peter's Church, the Blessing Room, and the United Way to provide lunches for area children this summer. By the end of August, over 2,300 lunches were provided. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, effort and donations to work together and benefit the community.

Lions & Leo's Spaghetti Dinner

This year the Spaghetti Dinner's will be "Drive-Thru" only at Veterans Park the second Wednesday in October and November 4:30-7:00 unless they sell out first. The cost is \$8 Adults, \$4 children (under 12). Each dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread with butter and ice cream. Through your support, they distribute the proceeds into the community. Please follow the cones.

Credit Card Payments

Credit card payments just got cheaper. We switched processors. 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

Refer to individual websites for more info. Also, watch our electronic sign on the 4 corners by the bank as more info is received and things change.

10/3	Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ 4pm \$10
10/3	UMC Chicken BBQ-Joanne Fabrics 11am \$10
10/3	EB Historical Society Yard Sale 9-3
10/14	Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner-Vets Park 4:30-7
10/15	EB Historical Society Program-Rethinking Thanksgiving- Veterans Park 7pm
10/17	Rabies Clinic-Farmington Hwy Dept. 9-12
10/31	UMC Trunk or Treat 10-11:30am
11/11	Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner-Vets Park 4:30-7
12/5	UMC Toy Giveaway-call to register

Contact Numbers

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