

Information and referral

The well-being of our citizens concerns us all as a community. Do you need help? Do you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who is in need of help or who can benefit from our programs? Our staff can help access necessary services through information and referral to town and area resources.

The Senior Services Department provides a notary service and coordinates the AARP tax aide income tax and Safe Driver programs. Bloomfield's public health nurse is available at the Senior Center for consultation and information on health issues. Caregiver and bereavement support groups are available for those who may be overwhelmed by their responsibilities or who simply need someone to talk to.

Call 860-243-8361 for more information.



The Marilyn Michaelson Senior Center of Bloomfield

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is a vital part of a caring community that values the contributions of its residents age 55 and over...

provides myriad activities and programs to enhance the retirement years...

offers help when needed to the more isolated, frail, and homebound.

Senior Center

330 Park Avenue, 860-243-8361

Monday—Friday, 9 am—5 pm

Bloomfield's Senior Center is the site of many outstanding recreational, social, cultural, and educational programs and activities. Whether it's an involved and active Wii Bowling Team, a caregiver support group which encourages open discussion, or a host of other activities designed for older residents, the Senior Center has it all!



We are committed to serving the needs of a diverse population, 55-years-old and over—from the active, newly retired, to the frail and homebound.



Quality of life, which includes living with dignity, security, and independence; and enrichment of the human spirit in the form of fun and friendship, is the motivating factor in all we do.

Classes and courses

Classes and special courses covering topics of interest are among the most popular and enthusiastically received activities. Typical offerings include bridge, computer literacy, painting and fiber arts. The growing interest in fitness has resulted in a variety and range of exercise programs. Courses in health and nutrition, entitlement programs and other topics of interest are held in response to residents' commitment to and enthusiasm for lifelong learning.



Aerobics class

Travel

Excursions and day-tripping have become extremely popular pastimes, and the department offers a wide variety of trips to stimulate and meet this growing interest. Travel to exotic destinations such as Hawaii and the Caribbean, along with excursions to museums, live theater and restaurants throughout the Northeast, help to make leisure time more enjoyable and fulfilling.

Transportation



For a nominal annual fee, Bloomfield's green and gold mini-buses transport seniors and medically eligible residents for grocery shopping, medical appointments, banking, visiting, and dining out—as well as to Senior Center programs and volunteer activities.

Advance reservations are required. Call 860-243-8364 between 8:00 am and 3:45 pm, Monday - Friday to access this convenient service.

Rides are also available to Bloomfield residents through the Independent Transportation Network (ITN). They provide portal-to-portal service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call 860-758-7833 for more information.

In addition, ADA Dial-A-Ride, a Greater Hartford Transit service, also provides transportation 860-724-5340.

Meals-on-Wheels

Caring volunteers in the department-sponsored Meals-On-Wheels program deliver hot and cold meals to homebound seniors and medically eligible residents, thereby maintaining a vital link between the recipients and the community. These lunches and dinners provide necessary nutrition to those who can neither shop for, nor prepare food for themselves. Varied menus, including a kosher food option, are delivered Monday through Friday, including holidays. Weekend meals are also available.

Volunteer opportunities

Opportunities for volunteering time and expertise may be found throughout the town. For many, this is a time in life when dormant interests can be revived and new activities pursued.

For instance, there are Meals-On-Wheels, course instruction and assistance, and the coordination of mailings.

Volunteers also participate in intergenerational programs and assist in the Senior Café.



Music Makers

Senior Café

The Senior Center is a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday CRT elderly nutrition site. For a small donation, you may enjoy a nutritious lunch at the center. Reservations are required.



Ida's Shoppe

Ida's Shoppe at the Senior Center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Come in and browse the fine selection of jewelry, trinkets, and miscellaneous items. Donated items are greatly appreciated.