

THIS
**WEEK IN
BLOOMFIELD**



Distinguished Women in Government Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Highlight

Vincentia joined Team Bloomfield on June 20th, 2022, as the Town Assessor. Before that, she was the Assistant Assessor at the Town of Manchester in 2010. While at the Town of Manchester, she earned two levels of State of Connecticut's Certified Municipal Assessor Certifications (CCMA I & CCMA II). Most recently, she completed qualifications to graduate as a Certified Connecticut Municipal Official (CCMO).

Among the many responsibilities as the Town Assessor, her duty is to ensure taxable properties (real estate, motor vehicles, and business personal property) located in the Town of Bloomfield are assessed equitably in accordance with applicable State laws. Conducting mandated property revaluations, review and approve applications for tax-exempt properties and property tax reliefs.



As the **first African American Woman Assessor** in Connecticut, she has had the privilege of engaging with the citizens in her jurisdiction. As challenging as it may be, forming good relations through open communication and education has been her main objective. And the result is rewarding. Vincentia agrees with the quote by Michael Scott - "In the end, life and business are about human connections."

"My advice to any young woman interested in joining local government leadership - not to be afraid of hard work. Challenge and demonstrate to yourself that you belong at any leadership decision-making table. Take any challenging role that you believe you can perform and give it your best." - *Vincentia Midodzi, MBA, CCMA II - Assessor for the Town of Bloomfield*

This Week's Top 13 Things You Don't Want to Miss

1. [Adult Basketball Sessions](#)
2. [Family Bingo](#)
3. [330 Talk - Social & Youth Services Podcast](#)
4. [Top Young Chef: Holiday Showdown](#)
5. [Food Bank Foundation Suggestions!](#)
6. [Holiday Donations Needed - Adopt-A-Family](#)
7. [Foundations of Caregiving](#)
8. [Elevate Bloomfield! Your Voice Matters - Next session December 10th](#)
9. [Annual Christmas Bazaar Hosted By Old St. Andrew's Church](#)
10. [Winter Break @ The Rec](#)
11. [Stop the Scams. Learn the Signs- Eversource Scam Awareness](#)
12. [Economic Forecast Breakfast - A Bloomfield Chamber Event](#)
13. [Bloomfield High School Concert and Gospel Choirs - Hosted by WHS](#)

Spotlight

MDC RECREATION AREA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

(HARTFORD, CT) – The Metropolitan District's (MDC) recreational facilities will have limited hours for the upcoming Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Hours at the West Hartford Reservoir, located at 1420 Farmington Avenue; Reservoir #6, located off Route 44/Albany Avenue in West Hartford, and the West Branch Reservoir in Hartland will be limited per the following schedule:

November 27, Thanksgiving (CLOSED)
December 24, Christmas Eve (CLOSED at 12PM)
December 25, Christmas Day (CLOSED)
December 31, New Year's Eve, (CLOSED at 12PM)
January 1, New Year's Day (OPEN)

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Shop Small, Share the Spirit at the Bloomfield Holiday Market!

Mark your calendars! The Bloomfield Holiday Pop-Up Market & Community Food Drive is coming soon, offering a perfect opportunity to find unique gifts while giving back to our community.

Join us on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 2:00 PM to

HOLIDAY POP-UP MARKET & COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

2:00PM - 5:30 PM

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
10 WINTONBURY AVE.
BLOOMFIELD, CT 06002

Shop Local. Give Back. Win Big!
Explore fashion, accessories, home goods, beauty and wellness products, handmade jewelry, ceramics, pet accessories, boutique kids' collections, fine art, and more!

Bring a bag of non-perishable food items to support our local food drive and enter our raffle for a gift card to a local restaurant!

Shop Small • Share the Spirit

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5:30 PM at the Bloomfield Congregational Church (10 Wintonbury Ave) for an afternoon of local shopping and holiday spirit.

Find the Perfect Local Gift

The market features a diverse collection of local vendors, making it easy to fulfill the call to "Shop Local". You can explore an exciting array of products, including:

- Fashion and accessories
- Home goods
- Beauty and wellness products
- Handmade jewelry and ceramics
- Pet accessories
- Boutique kids' collections and fine art

It's the ideal place to discover that one-of-a-kind gift for everyone on your list!

Give Back and Win!

As part of our commitment to "Give Back", we are hosting a Community Food Drive alongside the market. We encourage all attendees to bring a bag of non-perishable food items to support a local cause.

As a thank you for your generosity, every person who contributes a bag of food will be entered into a raffle to "Win Big!" The prize is a gift card to a local restaurant.

Come out to Bloomfield Congregational Church on December 6th to Shop Small. Share the Spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!

"Light Up the Town" Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Set to Sparkle in Bloomfield!

The holiday season is officially upon us, and the Town of Bloomfield is preparing for its most dazzling event of the year: the annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Get ready to join the community for our signature "Light Up the Town" celebration. This event truly brings sparkle, cheer, and an unforgettable sense of community to the start of the holidays.



- Event Details: Mark Your Calendars!
- What: Light Up the Town Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony
- When: Saturday, December 06
- Time: The parade steps off at 6:00 PM
- Where: Parade route leads to Town Hall for the Tree Lighting Ceremony

A Parade of Festive Fun

The parade, welcoming the holiday season with great fanfare, promises a festive showcase featuring local fire departments (including the Blue Hills Fire Dept. and the Town of Bloomfield Fire Dept.) alongside various community organizations.

The star of the show, Santa Claus, will arrive on his signature classic fire truck, leading the way to Town Hall for a bright and spectacular Tree Lighting Ceremony. Following the parade, Santa will be available for photos with children of all ages, ensuring a treasured holiday memory for every family.

Bloomfield Unlocked: What it means to have a Council-Manager Government



needs.

Bloomfield Social and Youth Services: Support for Families and Individuals

The Bloomfield Social and Youth Services Department acts as the primary social safety net and empowerment hub for the town. Staffed by a team of professionally trained social workers, the department provides confidential services and programs aimed at promoting the well-being of all residents, from children and youth to adults and families facing a variety of

Comprehensive Individual and Family Services

The department's core function is to assess individual and family needs and provide direct assistance or connect residents to the appropriate resources, often serving as navigators for complex state and regional services.

Key Assistance and Outreach Areas:

- **Individualized Needs Assessment:** Social workers conduct private consultations to determine a resident's specific needs, whether at the office or through telephone consultation, and develop action plans to secure necessary aid.
- **Financial Assistance:** Assisting residents in navigating and applying for state and local financial aid programs, including help with applications for housing, energy assistance (heating bills), and government-issued benefits.
- **Food Security:** Managing the local **Bloomfield Food Bank** (with specific operating hours) and connecting eligible families to programs like Mobile Foodshare and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- **Health and Wellness:** Offering support and information for housing options, home health care, mental health resources, and long-term care plans. The department also provides counseling through a certified **CHOICES counselor** to assist seniors with complex Medicare options.
- **Child and Family Support:** Providing inter-agency referrals and direct resources for child care, including the **Care 4 Kids** program, **Diaper Bank** services, and the **Family Resource Center (FRC)**, which supports caregivers with child development information.

Empowering Bloomfield Youth

The Youth Services division focuses on positive youth development, leadership, and employment readiness for Bloomfield children and adolescents.

Youth Development and Training Programs:

- **Project 330:** A leadership group for high school students (Grades 8–12) committed to community service, advocacy, and building skills in areas like financial literacy and entrepreneurship.
- **Summer Youth Employment & Learning Program (SYELP):** A key workforce development initiative, in partnership with Capital Workforce Partners, that offers **paid work experience** and career exploration opportunities for youth aged 14–17 during the summer months.
- **Leadership and Mentorship:** Programs such as **Mini Sunbeams** (for Grades 2–5) focus on collaboration, self-confidence, and social-emotional skills, while groups like the **Juvenile Review Board (JRB)** provide community-based diversion for youth facing minor legal issues.
- **Police-Youth Group:** A program focused on leadership, team-building, and community service that partners youth with the Bloomfield Police Department.

The Social and Youth Services Department, located in the Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, serves as a comprehensive resource hub, working to empower all residents to lead healthy, productive, and stable lives within the Bloomfield community.

[Learn More](#)

Support Is Available: Essential Items for Bloomfield Residents

Are you a Bloomfield resident in need of some extra assistance?

The Bloomfield Social & Youth Services Department receives donations of essential goods and necessities from the community. These items are available to help individuals and families who are facing financial hardship.



Please stop by our office—we are here to help discreetly and compassionately.

Visit Us:

- Department: Bloomfield Social & Youth Services
- Location: Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center
- Address: 330 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0337

We encourage you to call 860-242-1895 before visiting to inquire about the current availability of donated goods. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends.

Town Meetings This Week

- [Recreation Committee Meeting](#)



Meetings are subject to cancellations and we recommend signing up for notifications!

Mon., 12/1 @ 5:00 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)

- [Governance, Policy & Economic Development Subcommittee \(Cancelled\)](#)

- **[Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting](#)**

Mon., 12/1 @ 7:30 PM, Online Via Zoom - [Agenda](#)

- [Youth Adult Council Meeting](#)

Tue., 12/2 @ 6:00 PM, Hybrid - [Agenda](#)

- **[Commission on Aging Meeting](#)**

Wed., 12/3 @ 12:30 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)

- [Public Art Commission Meeting - CANCELLED](#)

- **[Design Review Board Meeting](#)**

Thu., 12/4 @ 6:00 PM, Hybrid - [Agenda](#)

- [Fair Rent Commission Meeting](#)

Thu., 12/4 @ 6:00 PM, Hybrid - [Agenda](#)

- **[Bloomfield Housing Authority Meeting](#)**

Thu., 12/4 @ 6:30 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)

[Click here to view all meeting minutes & agendas](#)

[Click here to sign up for meeting notifications](#)

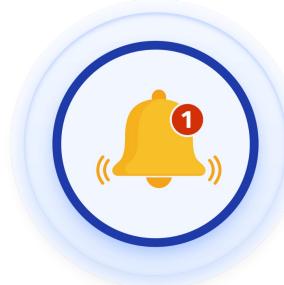
Civic engagement is vital for a thriving community! Bloomfield residents, make your voices heard by attending town meetings—where decisions that shape our town's future are made. Get involved, stay informed, and help build a stronger Bloomfield together!



Quick Links



[Trash & Recycling](#)



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[Job Opportunities](#)

Happening Around Bloomfield

[Community Events](#)

- Beginner Knitting for Teens and Tweens - [Learn More](#)
- **Holiday Bubble Poppin' Boogie!** - [Learn More](#)
- Youth Chess Club - [Learn More](#)
- **Millennials Read: 3rd Annual Cookie Swap** - [Learn More](#)
- Making Sense of the 2025 Financial Rollercoaster - [Learn More](#)
- **YMCA Live Strong Strong (Winter Season)** - [Learn More](#)



Community Partners

- **Annual Christmas Bazaar Hosted By Old St. Andrew's Church** - [Learn More](#)
- Senior Services December Newsletter - [Learn More](#)
- **Find Food in Your Town, 211 Resources** - [Learn More](#)
- Social & Youth Services - **Coming Soon!**
- **Full Bowls - A Dog Star Rescue Event** - [Learn More](#)
- Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services Fall Brochure - [Learn More](#)

Health & Wellness (West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District)

- **West Hartford - Bloomfield Health District December Newsletter** - [Learn More](#)
- Virtual Diabetes Self-Management Workshops Fall - [Learn More](#)
- **Drop-In Narcan with the West Hartford - Bloomfield Health District** - [Learn More](#)
- Therapy Dogs - [Learn More](#)

Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce (Bloomfield Means Business)

- 2026 Economic Forecast Breakfast - [Learn More](#)
- **Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop** - [Learn More](#)
- Santa on the Farm - [Learn More](#)
- **Morning Meet Up** - [Learn More](#)

Upcoming event you'd like included? [Contact us here](#). Event inclusion is subject to space restrictions.

[Learn More](#)

Click the "**Learn More**" button above for a full list of all graphics, event flyers, posters, and further information!

Reminders



Beginning the week of September 29, the Metropolitan District (MDC) and Genovesi Construction Company will begin replacing water mains and services on Revere Drive.

Work will start at the **Park Avenue (Route 178) intersection and continue north to the cul-de-sac over 5–6 weeks**. Construction will take place Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM–5:00 PM, with temporary traffic patterns in effect. Please watch for posted signs and updates as the project progresses.

- Bloomfield Senior & Disabled Housing Sites - [Learn More](#)
- The **Bloomfield Foodbank** (Social & Youth Services Department) - [Learn More](#)
- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT (6-8 Months) - **Kenwood Circle Area** - [Learn More](#)
- **CTDOT Announces Exit Number Revisions on I-291 from Windsor to Manchester**
- Community CPR Classes Available - [Email BVACPR to learn more](#).
- Numerous Bloomfield Public Library Programs Available - [Click here for the event calendar](#) or [here to sign up to receive their eNewsletter](#)
- Did you miss an email? [Click here for the eNewsletter archive](#).

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