

THIS

# WEEK IN BLOOMFIELD



## Town Hall Closed 11/11

(Trash Pick up will not be affected!)

Learn More About Our Veterans Day  
Closing

### This Week's Top 11 Things You Don't Want to Miss

1. [Kitchen Kickstarters: Junior Chefs-in-Training](#)
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10. [Eversource Winter Resources](#)
11. [Find Food in Your Town](#)
12. [Stuff a Cruiser Event! Hosted by Bloomfield Police Department](#)

Spotlight



## 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 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



## What It Means to Be a Local Government Volunteer

Volunteering with the Town of Bloomfield is a hands-on way to make a difference right here in your community. Local government volunteers play an important role in shaping the services,

programs, and decisions that keep Bloomfield running smoothly.

Whether serving on a board or commission, helping at community events, or supporting a department initiative, volunteers bring valuable perspectives, energy, and expertise. They are residents who care deeply about their town and are willing to contribute their time to improve the quality of life for all who live and work here.

By getting involved, you gain a deeper understanding of how local government operates — from how decisions are made to how policies are implemented. It's also a great way to

connect with neighbors, share your skills, and have a real voice in Bloomfield's future.

If you've ever wondered how you can give back or get more involved, volunteering with your local government is a great place to start.

## Town Meetings This Week



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

- **Town Council Meeting**  
Mon., 11/10 @ 7:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting - [Agenda](#)
- **Emergency Medical Systems Committee Meeting**  
Mon., 11/10 @ 7:15 PM, In-Person
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
Tue., 11/11 @ 6:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting - [Agenda](#)
- **Education, Workforce, Youth Development & Community Services**(Cancelled)  
Wed, 11/12 @ 6:00 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)
- **Public Health, Safety, and Environment Subcommittee Meeting**(Cancelled)  
Wed., 11/12 @ 6:00 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)
- **Conservation, Energy and Environment Committee Meeting**  
Thu., 11/13 @ 4:30 PM, Hybrid Meeting - [Agenda](#)
- **Trails Committee Meeting**  
Thu., 11/13 @ 6:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting - [Agenda](#)

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

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

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*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



## Stay Connected



## Job Opportunities

### Featured This Week



The Town of Bloomfield is seeking a reliable and caring Back-Up Driver to support our Senior Center mini-bus transportation services. This role is crucial in helping our senior residents travel safely and comfortably to their destinations.

- \$25.71/hour (non-benefited)
- Bloomfield, CT
- Requires CDL with passenger (P), air brake, and (F) endorsements

If you enjoy working with people and want to make a difference in your community, we'd love to hear from you!

[Apply Now](#)

### Happening Around Bloomfield

#### Community Events

- Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services Fall Brochure - [Learn More](#)
- **BPL Strategic Planning Community Conversation** - [Learn More](#)
- Senior Services - [November Newsletter](#)
- **Trash Bash Storytime** - [Learn More](#)
- Holistic Approaches to Managing Menopause - [Learn More](#)
- **Wintonbury Book Discussion: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen and Discussion with Professor Joan Ray** - [Learn More](#)



- YMCA Live Strong Strong (Winter Season) - [Learn More](#)
- **YMCA Veteran's Day** - [Learn More](#)
- YMCA Thanksgiving Cycle & Lift For A Cause - [Learn More](#)
- **Kids Eat Free @ TJ Burritos Until SNAP is Restored** - [Learn More](#)
- Full Bowls - A Dog Star Rescue Event - [Learn More](#)

## **Health & Wellness (West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District)**

- **West Hartford - Bloomfield Health District November 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)**

- Multi-Chamber Business After Hours: Riverbend Farmington - [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!*

## **Author Talk: "Bloomfield and the Filleys in the Civil War"**

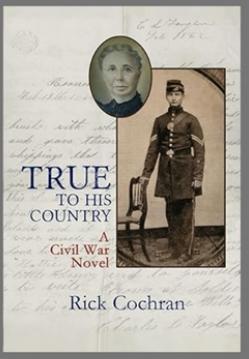
**Wednesday, November 19 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM**  
**Bloomfield Public Library, 330 Park Avenue**

Presented by: **Bloomfield Public Library & The Wintonbury Historical Society**

Register at: [bplct.org](http://bplct.org)

Join us for an engaging evening with author Rick Cochran, who will present his newest historical novel, *True to His Country: A Civil War Novel*. This special program, "Bloomfield and the Filleys in the Civil War," explores how the national conflict of the 1860s touched the lives of local

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families — including the Filleys, one of Bloomfield's most storied names.

Cochran's novel draws on family letters, diaries, and extensive historical research to tell the intertwined stories of Charles Taylor and Charlotte Filley Taylor, whose experiences reflect both the immigrant journey and the trials of wartime life. Charlotte emigrated from Ulster in 1850, settling in Bloomfield after losing her parents at sea, while Charles served four years in the 10th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Their relationship — marked by love, duty, and the moral questions of a divided nation — offers a deeply personal view of how families like the Filleys experienced the era's upheaval.

Rick Cochran's *True to His Country* is more than a war story — it's a portrait of Connecticut life in the 19th century. Through authentic period detail and voices drawn from real correspondence, Cochran brings to life the courage and sacrifices of everyday people whose stories shaped our shared history. Kirkus Reviews praised the book for its emotional honesty and vivid portrayal of local history, noting that Cochran "rises to the challenge... through this small slice of its effects on his ancestors."

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore Bloomfield's history, hear directly from the author, and gain new insight into how national events shaped our town's past. Space is limited, so be sure to register early at [bplct.org](http://bplct.org).



## Annual Season of Giving: Holiday Assistance for Bloomfield Families

Bloomfield Social & Youth Services will once again distribute Thanksgiving baskets and holiday gifts to eligible Bloomfield families with children ages 13 and under.

Holiday registration opens **Wednesday, October 1**. Applications close **Friday, November 17** — late applications will be placed on a waitlist. Thanksgiving Basket Distribution: **Saturday, November 22** (details to follow)

Eligibility is based on household size and income. Proof of residency, income, and children's birth certificates are required.

**Bloomfield Social & Youth Services, 330 Park Ave, 2nd Floor  
860-242-1895**

## Aging in Place Safely Grant: Minor Home Repair Assistance

The Minority Construction Council is pleased to announce the Aging in Place Safely Grant Program, designed with

the goal of "Keeping Our Seniors Happy, Healthy and Whole!"

This grant program offers assistance to seniors with minor home repairs, providing up to \$5,000 for eligible households.



### **Grant Application Details**

Application Period: The grant application period is from October 15 to December 1, 2025.

Eligible Areas: The grant is available to seniors who live in one of the following towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, West Hartford, and Windsor.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for the grant, you must meet all the requirements below and be able to submit the necessary documentation as proof of eligibility:

Age: All household members must be 65 years old or older.

Household Size: The household must have only 1-2 Seniors living in the home.

Annual Income: You must have proof of Annual Income below the limits:

1 Senior: \$39,761

2 Seniors: \$51,996

Home Ownership: You must have proof of home ownership, such as a Deed, Mortgage Statement, or Current Home Tax Bill.

For more information, contact the **Minority Construction Council** at: **(860) 882-0675**.

**Apply Now**

### **CT Automatic Admission Program: Earn Good Grades, Get Into College**

Governor Ned Lamont is reminding high school students about the Connecticut Automatic Admission Program (CAAP), which guarantees admission to 10 participating colleges and universities for seniors with at least a 3.0 weighted GPA or 2.75 unweighted GPA. The program streamlines the process with one simple application, no fees, no essays, and no recommendation letters required. Applications for the 2026–2027 academic year are open now through May 1, 2026.



Learn more and apply at [www.ct.edu/autoadmit](http://www.ct.edu/autoadmit).

# 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.

- 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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