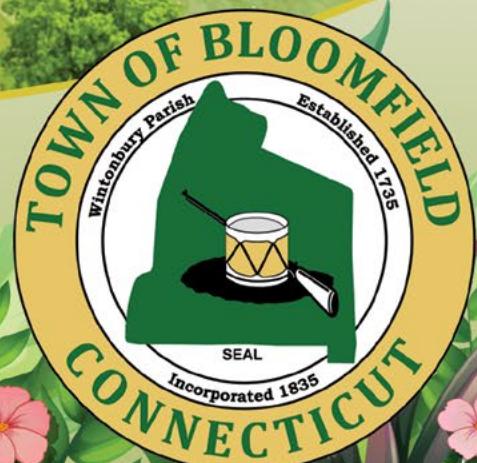


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TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



TOWN HALL

Town of Bloomfield
800 Bloomfield Ave.
Bloomfield, CT 06002
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Monday-Friday, 9am - 5pm

BLOOMFIELD POLICE

Police Department
785 Park Ave.
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IMPORTANT TOWN NUMBERS

Assessor's Office	860-769-3530
Building & Land Use	860-769-3515
Building Division.....	860-769-3516
Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance ..	860-243-3482
Engineering Department.....	860-769-3524
Finance Department.....	860-769-3533
Human Resources.....	860-769-3544
Information Technology	860-769-3539
Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services.....	860-243-2923
Emergency Services.....	911
Public Safety	860-242-5501
Tobacco Valley Probate Court.....	860-627-1450
Library	860-243-9721
Public Works	860-243-1487
Registrar of Voters	860-769-3540
Senior Services.....	860-243-8361
Social & Youth Services.....	860-242-1895
Tax Collector	860-769-3510
Town Clerk.....	860-769-3507
Town Manager	860-769-3504
Center Fire District	860-242-1779
Blue Hills Fire District	860-243-8949

BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

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Gregory C. Davis	Deputy Mayor
Kenneth McClary	Town Councilor
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Joe Merritt	Town Councilor
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Anthony C. Harrington.....	Town Councilor
Shamar Mahon.....	Town Councilor
Rickford Kirton	Town Councilor

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STAY CONNECTED

The Town of Bloomfield will be providing updates and event information electronically, through its new electronic newsletter feature. Use the QR code provided to sign up, or there is a link at Bloomfieldct.gov.



In addition to the town-wide newsletter, you can also sign up for ones specific to the Bloomfield Libraries, Recreation & Leisure Services, and Social & Youth Services.

GETTING SOCIAL



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In Bloom is a Quarterly Newsletter produced by the Town of Bloomfield Office of Strategic Communications and Government Affairs. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the town at 860-769-3599.

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MESSAGE FROM TOWN LEADERSHIP



DANIELLE C. WONG

BLOOMFIELD TOWN MAYOR

The Spring session for the Town Council is the busiest. It is the time of year when the Council sets its municipal priorities through the passage of a financially responsible and balanced budget. As the legislative body, this is one of the most important duties we have to act on behalf of the town.

This year, we enter this budget season in a strong fiscal position. In fact, we have one of the strongest fiscal positions in the state. S&P Global rating agency has cited the Town of Bloomfield as having one of the best credit ratings in the entire state at AA+. This is attributed to our strong financial reserves and consistent decisions to pay down on our liabilities.

While one of the most important roles of the Council is establishing a balanced budget, the other critical duty we have is the selection and hiring of the Town's Chief Executive Officer, or Town Manager.

Our current Town Manager is leaving on April 3, 2023. As we embark on a national search for our next town manager, we do this from a place of positivity and strength. I have established a Search & Executive Transition Committee comprised of myself, Deputy Mayor Gregory C. Davis and Minority Leader Joseph P. Merritt. Our role is to make recommendations to the full council for the selection of

STANLEY D. HAWTHORNE

BLOOMFIELD TOWN MANAGER

Dear Bloomfield Neighbors,

With mixed emotions, I tendered my official resignation to the Town Council on February 23, 2023. My final day of employment as Bloomfield Town Manager is April 3, 2023.

Our collective efforts to date have generated accomplishments for which I am proud. Those accomplishments include the temporary fiscal year 2023 millage rate reduction of 1.05 mills (\$2.6 million) for the relief of Bloomfield's property owners; the organizational realignment for more effective governmental operations codified this past summer; the unveiling of an easy to understand and reference five year community investment plan with funded projects in the current budget year of \$6 million, three times more than the previous budget year; a recently awarded grant of \$5.5 million in State sponsored community investment funds; an open, transparent, and focused new budgeting process for the benefit and understanding of stakeholders to promote participation by all; a comprehensive review of diversity, equity, and inclusion in our procurement and employment practices; the launching of organizational- and community-based workforce development plan initiatives; a concerted and

a national executive search firm and, as the process evolves, the selection of town manager candidates for the full body to consider. We intend to have extensive opportunities to engage the public in this process, so stay tuned on how your voice can be heard. We believe citizen engagement will be critical to us identifying the right candidate to serve our town.

In the meantime, I remain focused on building Bloomfield. This includes smart growth and economic development, continuing to support our small businesses and recruiting new businesses. This means investing in our basic infrastructure and reinvesting in our town center. We also continue to promote increased housing options for all, including for our young professionals, working families and our seniors, and cultivating relationships with key state agencies as well as collaborating with our neighboring towns. We are on our way to be a premier town in this state to live, work and play. To do so, we need to keep our shoulder to the wheel and continue building on our tremendous progress.

As we continue to capitalize on our strengths, and work on our weaknesses, I remain excited more than ever on Bloomfield's future.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS GREAT HONOR OF SERVING YOU AS MAYOR!



stronger outreach to Bloomfield neighbors through the resources of the new office of strategic communications and government affairs; funding of a comprehensive satisfaction survey to hear from our neighbors on every aspect of Town services; dedicated resources for capital projects and grants funding particularly for new federal infrastructure programs; redevelopment of the Town Center and the Wintonbury Mall with the creation of a redevelopment agency with related tools and powers provided through the Town's Economic Development Commission; and very importantly, the community visioning process that will create a comprehensive, unified framework of values, goals, strategies, and actions that will guide the Town's physical, social, and economic development over the next several decades.

Overall and without debate, I am most proud during my tenure of the dedicated efforts of community builders (employees) and the gracious support of the community (neighbors) towards building a better Bloomfield (BBB). I thank each of you and I will miss you all.

Very truly yours,

Stanley D Hawthorne



WINTONBURY HILLS GOLF COURSE



Designed by Tim Liddy with Pete Dye in 2005, the 18-hole layout at Wintonbury Hills is set in Bloomfield, to the north west of Hartford, and it's one of the best municipal golf courses in all of New England. Several of the holes are laid out close to the Bloomfield reservoir and the course moves effortlessly through eighty acres of wetlands and forest, across environmentally sensitive terrain that required extensive pre-construction permitting.

Featuring three par fives and five par threes, the layout measures a sensible 6,711 yards from the back tees and it plays to a par of 70. One of the feature holes on the course arrives at the 455-yard par four 14th, which plays along the town's water retention reservoir.

Wintonbury Hills was designed as a walking golf course for the public, with greens and tees placed in close proximity and it quickly gained rave reviews from a number of publications after it first opened for business.

In addition, Wintonbury Hills features The Tap Inn, which provides fresh, made-to-order dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

There is a practice facility on site, and the course hosts a number of golf leagues, while also offering group and individual lessons.

More information can be found at: <https://www.wintonburyhillsgolf.com/>



OTHER GOLF COURSES IN BLOOMFIELD

GILLETTE RIDGE GOLF CLUB



Located on the Cigna headquarters campus, it is the only public Arnold Palmer designed course in the Northeast. The course sprawls across a beautiful landscape covered with natural wetlands and forests of towering maples, oaks, and elm trees.

TUMBLE BROOK COUNTRY CLUB



Spread out amongst nearly 229 acres, 27 holes of exceptional golf were collaborated by three individual architects -- Park, Smith and Fazio -- each with a unique outlook and course layout.



EARTH MONTH

EARTH MONTH IN BLOOMFIELD

North Central Conservation District Plant Sale: Now to April 5

Order plants online (by April 5) and pick up at Hawk Hill Farm on April 21 & 22. Proceeds benefit conservation efforts and more. Learn more & order: tinyurl.com/bloomfieldearthmonth4

Invasive Species Removal Workshop: April 1 at 10am

Learn to identify invasive species and help clear a trail at Hawk Hill Farm. Sponsored by Wintonbury Land Trust and Bloomfield Public Library. Learn more & sign up: tinyurl.com/bloomfieldearthmonth1

Nature Lecture Series - Mosquitos & Ticks: April 5 at 6:30PM

Learn about mosquitoes and ticks from environmental scientist Roger Wolfe. Sponsored by Wintonbury Land Trust and Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services. Learn more & sign up: tinyurl.com/bloomfieldearthmonth3

Climate Change Discussion with David Pogue: April 18 at 6:30PM

Join journalist David Pogue; Mayor Danielle Wong; Wintonbury Land Trust; Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services; and Trees for Bloomfield for a discussion on climate change, with practical guides to surviving this disaster. Learn more & sign up: tinyurl.com/bloomfieldearthmonth5

Guided Trail Walk at Hawk Hill Farm: April 22 at 1PM

Celebrate Earth Month at Hawk Hill Farm to learn about the property's trees, efforts to manage invasive plants, and local birds. Sponsored by Wintonbury Land Trust; North Central Conservation District; and Trees for Bloomfield. Learn more & sign up: tinyurl.com/bloomfieldearthmonth6

Bloomfield Community Clean-Up Day: April 22 from 9:30AM - Noon

Your help is needed on Earth Day! Help make Bloomfield the "cleanest" town in CT. Sponsored by Bloomfield Beautification Committee; Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services; Dept. of Public Works; and Wintonbury Land Trust. Learn more & sign up: tinyurl.com/bloomfieldearthmonth7

Arbor Day Celebration: April 28 at 1PM

Join Mayor Danielle Wong & Deputy Mayor Greg Davis for a special tree dedication at the Arboretum at Bloomfield Town Hall. Sponsored by Trees for Bloomfield. Contact treesforbloomfield@bloomfieldct.org to learn more.

Shred Day & Small Electronics Recycling: April 29 from 9AM - 1PM

Shred sensitive documents for free (limit 3 bags/person) and recycle small electronics in the parking lot of Bloomfield Town Hall. For Bloomfield residents only. Sponsored by CEEC and the Town of Bloomfield. Free, but please bring a non-perishable item for the Bloomfield Food Bank.

SEE ALL EARTH MONTH EVENTS AT TINYURL.COM/BLOOMFIELDEARTHMONTH



RESOURCES FOR NEIGHBORS



Need Help Paying Your Natural Gas Bill?

JOIN US

Thursday, April 6, 3-6 PM

Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center
330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT

ABOUT THE EVENT

- Speak one-on-one with representatives from Connecticut Natural Gas (CNG) to discuss hardship and assistance programs you may qualify for, including the Matching Payment Program, Payment Arrangements, and more
- Qualifying customers can enroll in assistance programs on-site with the help of CNG customer service representatives
- Customers will be able to apply in person for CEAP (Connecticut Energy Assistance Program) through Community Action Agency - Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT)
- Customers will be able to apply in person for Operation Fuel

LEARN ABOUT

CNG Assistance Programs

- **Matching Payment Program** – For families that qualify, CNG will match every dollar paid by you or on your behalf (up to a zero balance) if you successfully complete the plan. So, you pay a portion, energy assistance pays a portion and we pay a portion. Bottom line: you may have to pay for only about one-third of your gas heating expense if you qualify.
- **Flexible Payment Arrangements** – We will work with you if you are having trouble paying your gas bill. We offer flexible payment arrangements for all customers needing assistance. These arrangements can be spread out up to 18 months for residential customers and 6 months for non-residential customers. Current payment arrangements may be renegotiated due to a change in financial circumstances Per Conn. Agencies Reg. § 16-3-100(b) (3)(A).

We look forward to helping you find the best program for you!



Community Renewal Team
Changing lives... Creating opportunity!



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OPERATION FUEL GRANT ASSISTANCE

Operation Fuel provides emergency energy and utility assistance to households in Connecticut that are facing financial crisis.

Applications for grant assistance will begin on Monday, April 3rd.

For more information & eligibility requirements click here:
<https://operationfuel.org/gethelp/>



ELDERLY TAX RELIEF FOR HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Filing Period is between Feb. 1st and May 15th

A tax relief program for elderly and totally disabled persons who meet certain income parameters is available to those who qualify. Once a person is approved for a tax credit, they must submit an application on a biennial basis. Under the property tax credit program an applicant must, as of the October 1st assessment date:

- Be a Connecticut Resident
- Record owner or hold a life use, both on October 1st
- Be 65 years of age as of December 31st preceding the date in which you file an application for tax relief
- Your income for 2022 cannot exceed \$49,100 if married, or \$40,300 if single. Income includes both taxable and non-taxable; including Social Security. If you file a federal income tax return, a copy must be submitted with the application along with your 2022 Social Security 1099 statement.

OR:

- Be receiving permanent total disability benefits

Please contact the Town of Bloomfield Assessor's Office at 860-769-3530 for more information

Renter's Rebate for Elderly & Totally Disabled

Filing Period: April 1, 2023-October 1, 2023

Maximum Income

Single: \$40,300 Married: \$49,100



APPLY
APRIL 1ST!

Social & Youth
Services
330 Park Ave, 2nd Flr.
Bloomfield CT 06002

860-242-1895

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTERS REBATE

- You must have rented in Connecticut between January-December of 2022
- Your Total gross income for 2022 must not exceed the income guidelines.
- You or your spouse must be 65 years of age or older or must be disabled & receiving Social Security Disability or other disability benefits and show proof of disability.



CELEBRATING LOCAL BUSINESS



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Local businesses are the economic lifeblood of the Town of Bloomfield and the Town looks to celebrate all that our business community has to offer through our Local Business Spotlight.



Construction Professionals Since 1921

building construction firms in the northeast. Ranked by Engineering News Record among the Top 400 Contractors in the US, they offer the strength and stability of a large construction manager, and the personal attention of a small firm—all while handling tough projects with ease.

BBE's family-owned values are the foundation to everything they do and they continue to carry with them the integrity, reliability, service and professionalism that have become the hallmarks of their business. They value strength in the communities served



The CREC Ana Grace Academy of the Arts is just one of many projects in Bloomfield that BBE has been a part of.

as they look forward to many more years of building for regional, national and international corporate, academic, manufacturing and community-based clients.

BBE is incredibly proud of 101 years of continuous operation! The company has earned recognition for undertaking large, complex projects, fostering innovation, embracing emerging technologies, and making a difference for clients, employees and the Bloomfield community.

Fundamental to their heritage is the hallmark of encouraging employees to grow and improve in safety and skill and to take advantage of the training/mentoring opportunities rich within the industries' connections. With an unrivaled retention rate of 95%, the BBE team boasts numerous associates with over 20 years of service.

If you would like to have your local business featured in an upcoming issue of the Town of Bloomfield Quarterly Newsletter, In Bloom, please contact Brian Wolff, Community Engagement and Public Relations Coordinator at bwolff@bloomfieldct.org

BLOOMFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Founded in 1965, the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce is a private, not-for-profit, member-driven organization. Their mission is to promote member's success and provide a sense of community among Bloomfield businesses. Through sponsorship of events and programs, and engagement with Town of Bloomfield government officials on economic development, they provide members with opportunities to expand their customer base and improve their competitiveness.

For More Information Visit: <https://bloomfieldchamber.org/>



SUMMER PROGRAMMING AROUND TOWN

SUMMER EVENTS



2ND ANNUAL BLOOMFIELD YOUTH FISHING DERBY

Saturday, April 29th. Mark your calendars! Bloomfield children ages 4-16 are invited to test their skills at this year's fishing derby held at Filley Park Pond. Children attending must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Register online at Bloomfieldct.myrec.com, limited registration available day of from 8am to 9am – so be sure to register early!

MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 29TH

10:00 AM – Mountain View Cemetery Service
11:30 AM - Memorial Day Parade
12:00 PM - Ceremony at Town Hall Green

BLOOMFIELD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Summer nights are made for music, join us Thursday nights on the Town Green beginning June 22nd- Aug. 24th, concerts begin at 7:00 PM. Additional information to come concerning the concert lineup.

WEST INDIAN CELEBRATION -SUMMER CONCERT SERIES SPECIAL EVENT

The 2023 Bloomfield West Indian Celebration will be held on July 27th 6pm-9pm on the Town Green featuring music & entertainment, food and activities. If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please contact Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services at 860.243.2923.

SUMMER CAMPS

Join us for fun filled days of crafts, games, music, stories, creative expression, special events, and free play.

Lil-REC-ers; ages 5-6, Rebel Rec'ers; ages 7-9 and Rec-ing Crew ages 10-13. Camp runs in one week sessions starting Jun. 26th, and the last day of camp being Aug. 18th. (No Program 7/4) Fee: \$175/Resident. Camp hours are 9am-4pm. We do offer before and after program for an additional fee if needed.

Bloomfield Social & Youth Services Present



**Bloomfield Residents Only. Pre application
Apply Now!**

Apply Online thru Capital Workforce Partners
www.capitalworkforce.org/syelp

Select Town of Bloomfield as provider

Slots are limited -Application does not guarantee enrollment

PROGRAM DETAILS

Ages 14-15 paid instructional Project-Based learning program up to 120 hours. July 10- August 18. \$13 /hour

Ages 16-17 paid work experience at worksites in Bloomfield up to 120 hours. July 5- August 18- \$15/ hour

Contact: Angelica Thompson, LMSW
Youth Services Coordinator
athompson@bloomfieldct.org
(860)242-1895

SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY!





SUMMER PROGRAMMING AROUND TOWN

RECREATION LEADERSHIP IN TRAINING PROGRAM (RLT)

Leadership program for children ages 14 & 15. This is a 4 week program (2 week commitment required) that trains teens to become future camp staff. RLT's will also get CPR/FIRST AID/AED training as part of the program. (Certification is good for two years) Fee: \$250/Resident/Session. July 17th-August 11th. Weekdays 9am-4pm.

FOR ADDITIONAL YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMS, PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE AT [WWW.BLOOMFIELDCT.MYREC.COM](http://BLOOMFIELDCT.MYREC.COM)

BLOOMFIELD PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Main Phone: 860-243-2923

Youth Center: 860-769-3566

Fax: 860-242-4267

Website: www.bloomfieldct.org

Register online: www.bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Location: Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center
330 Park Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

SUMMER CAMP

AGES 5-15

9AM-4PM

330 PARK AVENUE BLOOMFIELD

Lil REC-ers: Ages 5-6 **Rebel REC-ers:** Ages 7-9 **REC-ing Crew:** Ages 10-13

SES 1: JUNE 26-JUNE 30 **SES 2:** JULY 3-JULY 7
NO CAMP 7/4 **SES 3:** JULY 10-JULY 14
SES 4: JULY 17-JULY 21 **SES 5:** JULY 24-JULY 28
SES 6: JULY 31-AUGUST 4 **SES 7:** AUGUST 7-AUGUST 11
SES 8: AUGUST 14-AUGUST 18

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SESSIONS

Fee: \$175/Session - Resident Price
Fee includes field trips and camp t-shirt.

Register Early!

Registering for one session does not guarantee space in following session.

Camper must be of age (5yrs) before their first day of camp.

Before and after care offered for an additional fee.

Questions? Contact Bloomfield Parks, Recreation & Leisure Services
860.243.2923 or Recreation@bloomfieldct.org

SUMMER CAMP FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Fee Discounts and Waivers Summer Camp

Each summer, the department offers a limited number of camp scholarships to Bloomfield families with financial need. Donations to the Camp Scholarship Fund are accepted throughout the year.

For further information on how to apply, please call 860-242-1895.





SUMMER PROGRAMS/CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

BLOOMFIELD MUNICIPAL POOL AND SPLASH PAD

Pre-season schedule - The pool will open for pre-season hours beginning on Monday, June 19th – Friday, June 23rd from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Regular season hours start the weekend of June 27th. *Dates subject to change* Pool memberships are available on an INDIVIDUAL basis for a fee. **POOL MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED FOR POOL AND SPLASH PAD USE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN SWIM LESSONS.**

POOL MEMBERSHIP RATES

	Resident	Non-Resident
Adult.....	\$25.....	\$50
Youth & Senior.....	\$15.....	\$30
Daily Admission.....	\$3	\$6
 Daily Admission		
Swim Booklet	\$15	\$30
(6 General Admission Tickets)		

SWIM LESSONS

The Town of Bloomfield offers three sessions of swim lessons during the summer. The lessons are designed for children and adults and follow the American Red Cross "Learn to Swim" curriculum. Pool Membership is required for participation in Swim lessons. The fee for lesson are \$10 for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Fee waivers for swim lessons and pool memberships are available at Social & Youth Services for those who qualify

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two-and-a-half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

Join us as the Town celebrates Juneteenth and recognizes the achievements of the African American community in Bloomfield and beyond.

PRE-JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Thursday, June 15th - Come join us for an afternoon of entertainment, including drummers, African dancers, and giveaways. Contact Senior Services to register for the event or if you have any questions.

BLOOMFIELD JUNETEENTH 5K ROAD RACE

Saturday, June 17th - Bloomfield Juneteenth 5k road race with proceeds benefiting the Bloomfield Juneteenth Celebration. Starting lineup begins at the Alvin & Beatrice Woods Human Service Center 8:00am race start time. Fee: \$40 /Racer or \$65/ Racer with t-shirt

SAVE THE DATE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Friday, June 16th – Movie Night!

Saturday, June 17th – 5K Race, Parade and Entertainment!

Sunday, June 18th - Community Cookout!



BLUE HILLS FIRE
DEPARTMENT
1021 BLUE HILLS AVE.,
BLOOMFIELD CT 06002
www.bluehillsfire.org



PLAN BLOOMFIELD



PLAN BLOOMFIELD

VISIT: PLANBLOOMFIELD.COM

Plan Bloomfield is our Town's guide for the future. It shows where we have been and lays out the vision for where we are going. Everyone in our community has a stake in this plan, and we encourage everyone to participate in creating it.

Officially, Plan Bloomfield is a Community Vision and Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) update that will serve as the guiding document for municipal decision-making over the next decade. In Connecticut, a POCD is required to be updated every 10 years and covers a wide range of topics such as land use, housing, natural resource management, infrastructure, resilience, economic development, social services, transportation, cultural and historical assets, and energy.

The Town would like your thoughts on how Bloomfield should grow and change in the future. Your response to this questionnaire will help develop the community vision for Bloomfield and put forward recommendations for the 2023 POCD. This is an opportunity for everyone in the community to decide how to guide change over the coming decade.

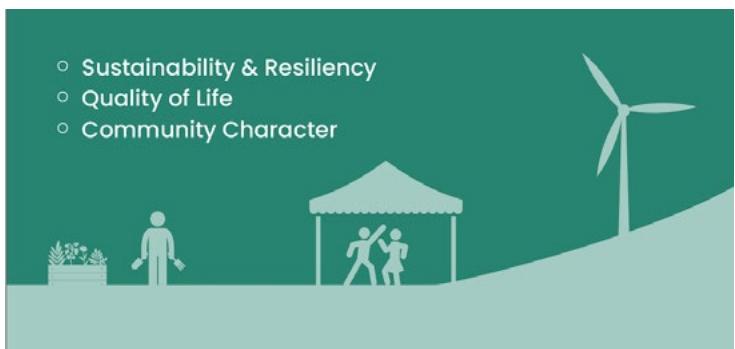
LET'S HEAR FROM YOU



- Transportation
- Utility Infrastructure
- Community Facilities



- Sustainability & Resiliency
- Quality of Life
- Community Character



- Natural Resources
- Open Space
- Local Environment & Streetscapes



- Business Development
- Overall Structure
- Residential Development





BOARDS & COMMISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

The Bloomfield Humanities Committee (BHC) is an ad-hoc committee (appointed by the Mayor), that is committed to celebrating the rich diversity of Bloomfield. BHC works to increase cultural awareness, understanding and positive relationships, all while fostering civic engagement.

Over the years, Bloomfield's demographics have changed, enabling our community to benefit from the fluid cultural patterns that contribute to our thriving diverse community. Building on our history, the goal of BHC is to ensure that Bloomfield

continues to offer an inclusive experience to everyone within our community, both long-standing residents and those who have just arrived.

In January, The Bloomfield Humanities Committee collaborated with The Holocaust Education Resource and Outreach (HERO) Center--a joint initiative between Voices of Hope and Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies--to offer a virtual program honoring Holocaust victims and survivors, including Bloomfield resident and survivor, Ruth Weiner.



BLOOMFIELD HUMANITIES

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The members of the Trails Committee serve as the voice of the community and work to capture recommendations for improvement and/or maintenance to be shared with the Town Council and/or the liaison to the committee, the Town Manager and/or their designee.

One of Trails Committee's main priorities right now is the East Coast Greenway Study. The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has initiated a study to identify the preferred alignment of the East Coast Greenway through the last remaining 12-mile gap in the Capitol Region in Simsbury, Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford. The East Coast Greenway is an off-

road walking and biking route stretching 3,000 miles from Maine to Florida. In Connecticut, the East Coast Greenway consists of a 200-mile route between the Rhode Island state line at Sterling, Connecticut and the New York state line at Greenwich. In Connecticut, the completed portions of the East Coast Greenway utilize a series of trails including the Air Line Trail, the Hop River Trail, and the Farmington Canal Trail.



CAPITOL REGION
**EAST COAST
GREENWAY STUDY**

SIMSBURY — BLOOMFIELD — HARTFORD — EAST HARTFORD



BOARDS & COMMISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

The Town Plan and Zoning Commission is an elected Commission consisting of 10 members (seven full members, and three alternates). This Commission is responsible for the use of land within Bloomfield. This is done primarily through the creation and implementation of the Zoning Map, Zoning Regulations, and Subdivision Regulations. The Zoning Map divides the Town into various commercial and residential zones.

The Regulations provide requirements for the use of the land in the different zones, including things like minimum lot size and required setbacks. The Subdivision Regulations provide a similar set of rules, but specifically for the division of land into separate parcels. The Commission reviews both sets of Regulations, along with the Zoning Map, and is charged with making any necessary or desired amendments to them through a public hearing process.

Based on the requirements of the Regulations, the Commission also reviews applications pertaining to the use of land and the construction of buildings. Oftentimes, this is also done through a public hearing process, allowing Bloomfield neighbors to voice their thoughts and concerns about developments.

The Commission is also responsible for the adoption of a Plan of Conservation and Development. This is a ten-year plan, which is required to be adopted by every municipality in the State. More information on the POCD can be found on Page 9.



ZONING REGULATIONS
<https://www.bloomfieldct.gov/zoningregulations>
FOR MORE INFORMATION

ZONING

TOWN PLANNING ZONING

COMMISSION ON AGING

The mission of the Commission on Aging is to honor the dignity and diversity of our citizens who are age 55 or older through health, nutrition, transportation, and social programs that support and enhance their quality of life.

Established in 1971, the Bloomfield Commission on Aging (COA) is your local community advocate for older person's and their care givers. The Commission is funded and appointed by the Town Council. Our mission is to honor the dignity and diversity of our citizens who are age 55 or older through health, nutrition, transportation, and social programs that support and enhance their quality of life.

If you are 55 or older, or a care giver, you may be unaware of all of the services that are available to you. The Bloomfield Commission On Aging and Senior Services Department are here for you!

The Town of Bloomfield Senior Services Department is accredited by the National Institute of Senior Centers.

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Senior Centers



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BLOOMFIELD

APRIL

Tuesday, April 4

Town Council Budget Deliberation/Action (if needed) - 6:30 pm

Friday, April 7

Town Facilities Closed for Good Friday

Monday, April 10

Town Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12

Block Watch Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 20

The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's - 3:00 pm\$

Friday, April 21

SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Education Program) - 10:30 am\$

Saturday, April 22

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day - 8am - 1pm

Monday, April 24

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 26

East Coast Greenway Town Focused Workshop - TBA

Saturday, April 29

Shred Day & Small Electronics Recycling - 9:00am

MAY

Monday, May 1

Annual Town Meeting - 6:30 pm

Monday, May 8

Town Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10

Block Watch Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 11

Annual "Senior" pre-Mother's Day Celebration at the Simsbury Inn*

Thursday, May 18

Annual Casual Prom*

Friday, May 19

SNAP-Ed (Supplemental Nutrition Education Program) - 10:30 am\$

Monday, May 22

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Monday, May 29

Town Facilities Closed for Memorial Day

\$ Sponsored by Bloomfield Senior Services Center

**Must register in advance at Senior Services Center*

JUNE

Monday, June 12

Town Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 14

Block Watch Meeting - 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 15

Annual pre-Juneteenth Celebration Luncheon*

June 18 - June 18

Blue Hills Fire Department Juneteenth Celebration

Monday, June 19

Town Facilities Closed for Juneteenth

Monday, June 26

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Visit bloomfieldct.gov for additional events, updates, as well as meeting dates for council subcommittees, as well as boards and commissions meetings

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Anyone over the age of 16 is required to obtain a fishing license, available in the Town Clerk's Office. No license is required for youth under the age of 16, as long as they are accompanied by an adult who holds a current fishing license. A list of fees can be found on the Town Clerk's webpage. Connecticut residents over the age of 65 can receive a license at no fee. The Trout and Salmon stamp is required for anyone fishing in a Trout Management Area, Wild Trout Management Area, Trout Park, or Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Area, and the cost is \$5.00.

All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed in the town in which they reside. All dogs shall be licensed in the month of June or penalties apply. Beginning July 1, there is a \$1.00 registration penalty for each month that a dog has been unregistered. Licenses may be obtained provided that you have a current rabies certificate and a verification of your dog having been neutered or spayed, if applicable. The fee for a spayed/neutered dog is \$8.00, and the fee for a non-spayed/non-neutered dog is \$19.00.

BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL FACTS



In 1970 Bloomfield was honored with the designation as an All American City. This award recognized Bloomfield as a community that leverages civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness and innovation to successfully address local issues. In 2020 Reader's Digest also honored Bloomfield as one of the Nicest Places in America because its residents do heroic things every day to make their hometown an even better place to live. In the summer of 2020 a hate crime galvanized the community to fight for justice in their Town and across the country.

The National Civic League's All-America City Award has celebrated the best in American civic innovation since 1949. The Award, bestowed yearly on 10 communities (more than 500 in all), recognizes the work of communities in using inclusive civic engagement to address critical issues and create stronger connections among residents, businesses and nonprofit and government leaders. Cities, counties, tribes and community organizations of all types are invited to apply for the annual designation.

The All-America City Award shines a spotlight on the incredible work taking place in communities across the country. By celebrating the best in local innovation, civic engagement and cross-sector collaboration, the All-America City Awards remind us of the potential within every community to tackle tough issues and create real change.

CODE RED- EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SERVICE



The Town of Bloomfield has contracted with CodeRED to provide Emergency Notification Services to citizens. This system will serve as the backbone of Bloomfield's emergency communications outreach to both citizens and Town employees. The system sends telephone calls, text messages, emails and posts to social media channels to inform residents to better protect life and property. People living and working within Bloomfield are encouraged to enroll their contact information including cell phone numbers, text and email addresses. No one should automatically assume they are in the emergency contact database.



SIGN UP NOW

What is CodeRED and what is it used for?

CodeRED is a web-based critical communication solution that enables local public safety personnel to notify residents and businesses by telephone, text message, email, and social media of time-sensitive information, emergencies, or urgent notifications. The system can reach hundreds of thousands of individuals in minutes to ensure information such as evacuation notices, missing persons, inclement weather advisories, and more are quickly shared. Only authorized officials have access to send alerts using the CodeRED system.

When will CodeRED be used?

Any message regarding the safety of our residents and community will be disseminated using CodeRED.

We will send out alerts via phone, text, email, and social media in a variety of situations including rising water level notices, gas leaks, evacuation notices, police activity, fire emergencies, missing persons, and more.

This is a community alert system to ensure you remain informed of important information.

As you register to receive CodeRED alerts, you have the ability to select the types of messages you wish to receive and your preferred means of communication.

Is there a cost to register for CodeRED?

No, registering for CodeRED phone calls, text messages, and email are free. Simply sign up on our enrollment website and select your preferred means of communication.

How will I know when CodeRED is calling?

A CodeRED message will have the caller ID # 866-419-5000 for emergencies and caller ID # 855-969-4636 for non-emergencies. We suggest that you program these numbers into your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "CodeRED" as the contact name. If you need to replay the message, you can dial this number and listen to the message again.

Why is CodeRED important to me?

CodeRED is an important tool to help keep you informed and prepared for any emergencies that may occur in our area. Officials will send messages to alert you of emergency details, instructions, or precautions that you need in order to make well-informed decisions and remain safe. This system is precise enough to geotarget residents within an exact area of impact, so that only those people who are affected by an emergency situation are notified.

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