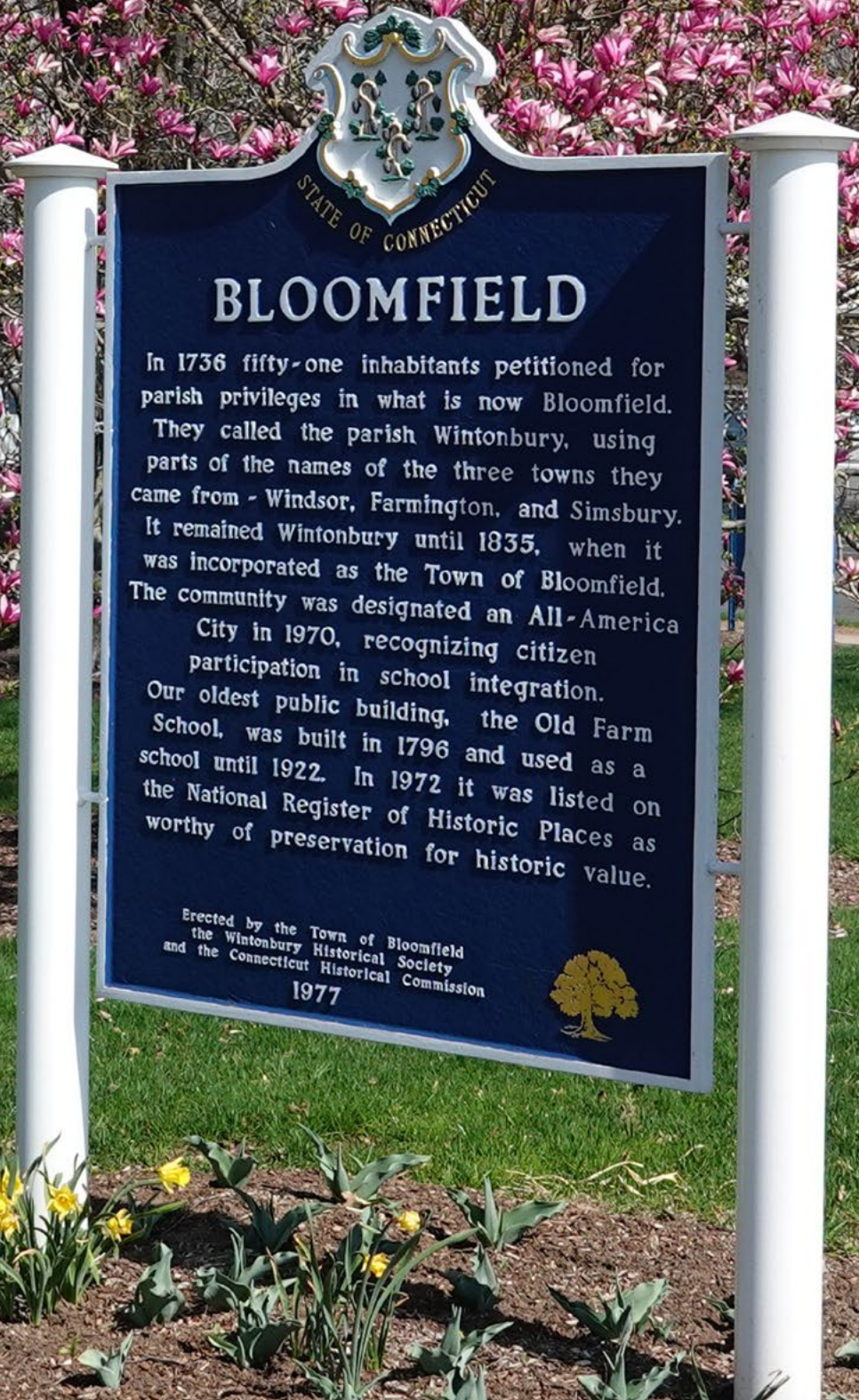
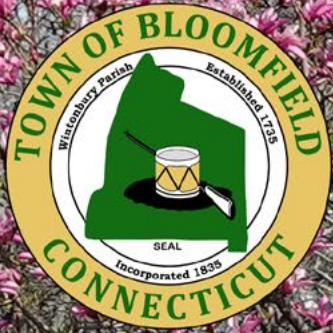


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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

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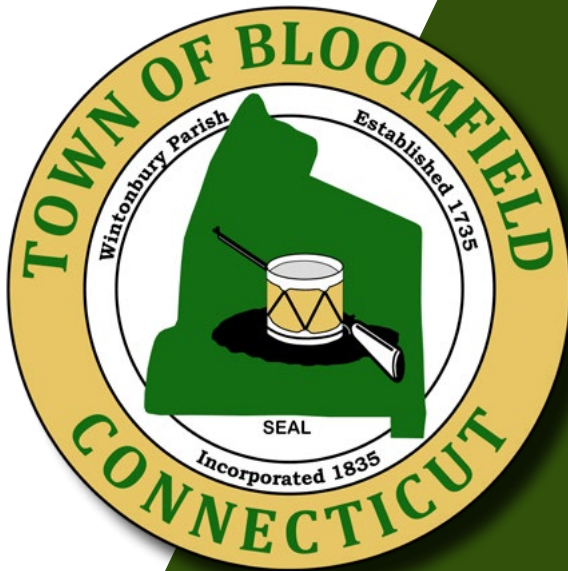
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Human Resources.....	860-769-3544
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Public Safety	860-242-5501
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Public Works	860-243-1487
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Senior Services.....	860-243-8361
Social & Youth Services.....	860-242-1895
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Town Manager	860-769-3504
Center Fire District.....	860-242-1779
Blue Hills Fire District	860-243-8949
West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District	860-561-7900



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DANIELLE C. WONG

Our Town is in a New Season of Growth Springtime – A Moment of Renewal and Growth

Spring is a time of renewal, growth, and endless possibilities. It is a season that brings new beginnings which we can all see with blooming flowers. However, as you will read below, this Spring is especially important for our Town.

The beginning of Spring marks the conclusion of this Town Council's first 100 days. I am happy to report on the tremendous strides we've made to continue to build Bloomfield and cultivate a thriving community to live, work and play!

Major Rockwell Park Investment - \$4,000,000

More information and renderings on Page 4

Since joining the Council in 2019, the redevelopment of Rockwell Park has been a major priority that would revitalize the Blue Hills neighborhood, expand recreational opportunities for our youth and healthy spaces for all residents, drive business development on the Eastside, and enhance property values. Just this March, we secured a \$4M grant from the State to launch these efforts! This \$4M is a huge downpayment towards the total Master Park Plan for Rockwell of ~\$12M. This project is truly transformative.

Bicycle Friendly Community & the East Coast Greenway

With the Town Council's focus on connecting our entire community with each other and emphasizing safe biking and walking, our town has made progress in completing the implementation plan for the East Coast Greenway. We have formally endorsed the bike trail route through Bloomfield. We have also endorsed Bloomfield becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community, a national designation promoting safer streets, investments in infrastructure, reducing traffic congestion, economic benefits, environmental sustainability and improving quality of life. We are proud to join neighboring towns in fostering a greener, more connected future!

Town Center Economic Development Authority & Town Center Planning Grant - \$250,000

Another achievement! The Town Council secured a \$250,000 state grant to support the designing and planning activities that will play a crucial role in revitalizing our town center, creating a vibrant and welcoming space for residents and visitors alike. This investment will not only enhance the physical infrastructure but also contribute to the economic growth and cultural vibrancy of our community.

In addition, the Town Council created a Town Center Economic Development Authority of community stakeholders charged with evaluating strategies to address the challenges of creating a sustainable town center by identifying the following: creating walkable environments, broadening housing choices, offering mobility options, mixing land uses, enhancing civic and cultural presence, and increasing diversity. We look forward to the positive changes that will result from the work of this new Authority and the legacy a redeveloped Town Center will have on our Town!

Appointed Town Charter Revision Commission (Our Town Constitution)

2006 was the last time the Town reviewed and updated the Bloomfield Town Charter! As a result, the Town Council recently appointed a diverse group of community stakeholders to ensure that the Town Charter remains a dynamic and responsive document that reflects the community's values, promotes effective governance, and serves the best interests of all residents. By engaging in the charter revision process, we can strengthen our governance structures, enhance civic engagement, and build a stronger foundation for the future. Stay tuned for more information on this. Your input will be critical to this process.

Importance of updating our zoning ordinances

In addition to updating our municipal Constitution, we have also started updating our town zoning ordinances which is essential for ensuring that our land use regulations are aligned with current needs, goals and best practices. By regularly reviewing and revising zoning regulations, we can create an inclusive and resilient built environment that meets the housing & business development goals of today and support future generations to come.

Establishment of Affordable Housing Trust Fund

The Council recently created an ordinance establishing a Housing Trust Fund. This fund will be a vital tool in addressing housing affordability and rehabilitation, promoting economic diversity, preventing displacement, supporting workforce stability and fostering community development. The plan is to link private and public development fees as the primary source of funding to create a lasting impact that won't raise your taxes.

Gratitude

As we embark on this new season, let us also take time to appreciate the blessings of our town, the support of our neighbors, and the strength of our community.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your mayor and to witness the positive impact we can make when we work together towards common goals. Let's keep up the great momentum we are experiencing and let's make 2024 a year of unity, kindness, and progress.

Wishing you all a wonderful spring season ahead!

Mayor Danielle C. Wong

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW TOWN MANAGER



Hello Bloomfield Community:

Happy Spring!

I am elated to introduce myself as your new Town Manager. My name is Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr. and I am best known to friends and colleagues as "Al". It is my distinct honor to return to our community in this leadership position to advance the vision of our Mayor, Town Council, and stakeholders in

Bloomfield. I am deeply committed to serving and working with all of you to make Bloomfield an even better place to live, work and thrive. I will officially be starting during the first week of May.

As your new Town Manager, I bring a passion for community pride, community engagement, sustainable development, and effective governance. I believe in accountability, open communication, transparency, creativity, and collaboration to address the needs and aspirations of our diverse community. We will not approach today's challenges with a mindset of how things have "always been done". Our approach will always encompass critical thinking with a mindfulness towards the 2nd and 3rd orders of effect of our actions.

I am excited to work with the dedicated Town staff, local businesses, community organizations and residents to build upon the vision created for Bloomfield that continues to reflect our shared values and priorities. Together, we will build a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

I look forward to meeting each of you, hearing your ideas, and working together to shape the future of Bloomfield. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions or concerns. This chapter in Bloomfield's storied history will be a journey of growth and progress that we will embark upon together to achieve success.

Thank you for welcoming me back home to the Bloomfield community. Here's to a bright and prosperous future ahead!

Warm regards,
Al

Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr.
Town Manager

FROM THE MAYOR

I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our new Town Manager, Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr. on his appointment as Bloomfield's new Town Manager! With a wealth of experience in local, state and federal government, he brings management expertise, a fresh perspective, high enthusiasm and a strong commitment to serving this community (which, by the way, is his hometown). I would like to thank the search committee and the entire Town Council for the significant time you each invested and the level of collaboration to arrive at the selection of our new Town Manager. I would also like to thank the community for your engagement in the process and feedback on the candidates.

On behalf of the entire community, I want to extend my gratitude to the Interim Town Manager, Sharron Howe. Thank you for holding down the fort, wearing many different hats, and supporting the seamless transition between Town Managers and your continued dedication as you lead the onboarding efforts for Mr. Schwapp. Your 19 years of valuable service to our Town has not gone unnoticed!

- Mayor Danielle C. Wong



**ARBOR DAY
TREE
PLANTING
CEREMONY
AT 1:30PM
AT BLMFLD
TOWN HALL**



**DO
SOMETHING
TO HELP
YOUR
PLANET**

BLOOMFIELD
community

**CLEANUP
DAY**

**REGISTER
BY
APRIL 22**



SIGN UP AT URL LINK
Meet at 3:30 Park Avenue • Bloomfield

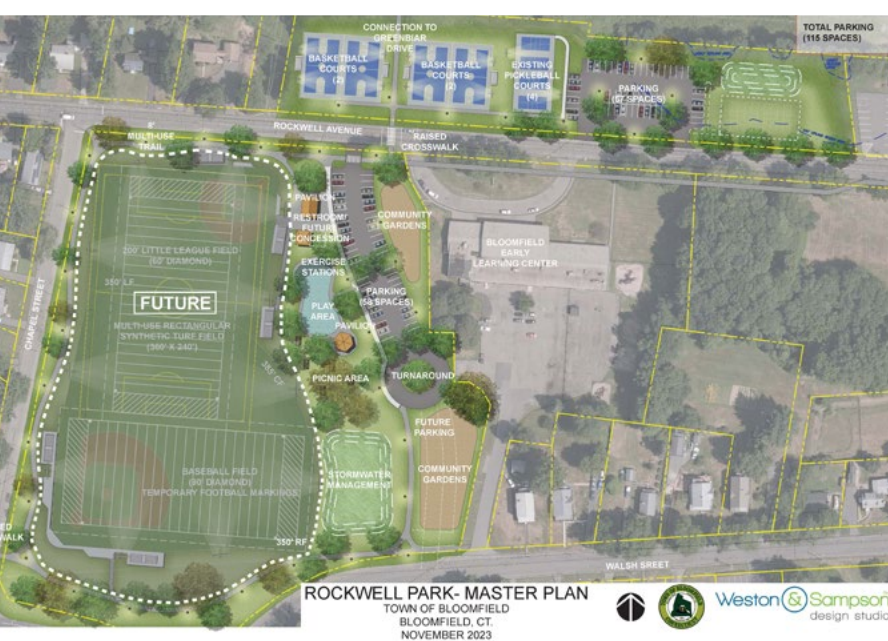
APRIL 27
9:30am-Noon

CO-SPONSORS: BLMFLD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,
PARKS, RECREATION & LEISURE SERVICES, & TRAPROCK LAND CONSERVANCY

**Gloves, pickers, bags,
buckets, & safety
vests provided. Pick
up debris on specific
streets and bag. We
do the rest. Let's
prove we're the
"CLEANEST" town in
Connecticut!**

ROCKWELL PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Mayor Wong and Senator McCrory Applaud Historic Award of Rockwell Park Funding of \$4 Million



Located on the eastside of Bloomfield, this project will have a direct impact on the neighborhood in which there are nearly 700 homes within walking distance and who are the primary target population, but it will also serve and attract the greater community of 21,535 residents bringing in needed investment and spending to the neighborhood.

"This grant from the Community Investment Fund is a clear win for kids and families from the Blue Hills neighborhood who will benefit from a revitalized Rockwell Park," Senator McCrory said. "Thanks to the combined efforts of the Bloomfield Legislative Delegation and Mayor Wong, our residents will have access to safe and well-lit sports facilities, giving members of our community more opportunities to engage in active, healthy activities."

This project addresses the needs of the community by adding new outdoor basketball courts coupled with lighting, park gathering space and structures, additional community gardens, dedicated safe space walking paths and safety lighting, exercise stations, a playscape, and more.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the project will take place later this spring.

The State of Connecticut Community Investment Fund 2030

The CIF will award up to \$175 million each fiscal year. It will be awarded across two or more application periods per year. The fund is a statewide program authorized in Section 32-285a of the Connecticut General Statutes

BLOOMFIELD, CT – The State of Connecticut Community Investment Fund 2030 Board announced its fourth round of projects and amongst these awards was a \$4,000,000 grant for improvements to Bloomfield's Rockwell Park.

Town of Bloomfield Mayor Danielle C. Wong and Connecticut State Senator Douglas McCrory have been working in tandem on funding for this project, which was developed to address the need for park improvements and the revitalization of the Blue Hills neighborhood.

"This has been the culmination of over four years of intentional work and advocacy. I want to thank the Community Investment Fund Board, along with Senator McCrory and our State Legislative Delegation, for providing the Town of Bloomfield with the funding it needs to help revitalize Rockwell Park and the Blue Hills neighborhood," said Wong. "This announcement will help us bring new light to Rockwell, transforming a well-known park into a new gathering place by bringing the community and surrounding communities together through both active and passive recreation."

"I also want to thank our Director of Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services Dave Melesko, as well as our Rockwell Park Planning Committee, chaired by Lynette Easmon, and includes members James Jenkins, Kimberly Dunbar, Renae James, and Gail Nolan," Wong added.

WINTONBURY HILLS GOLF COURSE



Wintonbury Hills Golf Course is a Pete Dye designed golf course that opened in 2005. It is owned by the Town of Bloomfield and is a municipal facility that is open to the public.

It is regularly ranked in the top 3 courses in CT and in the top 20 nationally as a municipal facility.

The Wintonbury Hills Golf Course opened for the 2024 season on March 13, 2024. The course has a driving range that is located 400 yards from the main entrance and has its own parking lot. Range balls can be purchased directly at the range using any major credit card. The range is open 7 days a week during the season. There is also a large practice green located at the clubhouse and is free to use.

There are weekly ladies and beginner clinics, junior camps and get golf ready clinics planned for the spring and summer

The property also features the Tap Inn Pub, which is open 7 days a week and is a great meeting place after a round. They also provide catering services for birthday, retirements, and weddings.

The food and beverage director, Joy Rodriguez, can be reached via e-mail at jrodriguez@wintonburyhillsgolf.com or by phone at 860-242-1401 x 5

More information on the golf course, and to check availability, please call Ciaran Carr 860-242-1401 x7 or email ccarr@troon.com.

RESIDENT RATES

Resident	Weekday Walking	Weekday W/Cart	Weekend Walking	Weekend W/Cart
Adult	\$20	\$35	\$30	\$45
Junior	\$10	N/A	\$10	N/A
Senior (60+)	\$15	\$30	N/A	N/A

- All fees shown are for green fees only.
- **WEEKDAY:** Monday - Thursday | **WEEKEND:** Friday - Sunday
- \$15 Cart Fee per person

To make reservations online
<https://www.wintonburyhillsgolf.com/book-a-tee-time>
 or call the golf shop 860-242-1401 x 2

For More Information Visit:
<https://www.wintonburyhillsgolf.com>

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

STAY INFORMED **STAY SAFE**

Sign up to receive emergency alerts and severe weather warnings that could directly impact you and your family

The Town of Bloomfield is switching from CodeRED to CivicReady as our new Emergency Alert Notification System.

This will allow the Town to better alert the residents during emergencies and other important information. We want to ensure that the Bloomfield community is safe and well informed. The CivicReady

mass notification solution is a new communication service available to our community allowing them to receive emergency and other notifications.

Communication can be received through email, text and/or phone call according to your selections and based on address locations that you specify.



[SIGN UP AT WWW.BLOOMFIELDCT.GOV/STAYCONNECTED](http://WWW.BLOOMFIELDCT.GOV/STAYCONNECTED)

FROM THE ASSESSORS OFFICE

Applications for Tax Credits Elderly and Totally Disabled Homeowners

Filings accepted February 1 until May 15, 2024

State law provides a property tax credit program for Connecticut owners in residence of real property, who are elderly (65 and over) or totally disabled, and whose annual incomes do not exceed certain limits. The amount of the credit that may be granted is up to \$1,250 for married couples and \$1,000 for single persons. Credit amounts are based on a graduated income scale.

It is recommended that you file your income taxes first, then come to the Assessor's Office in Town Hall with a completed application, your tax return, and all tax documentation used to prepare taxes (or 1099S/1099R if you do not file taxes).

Additional Veteran's Exemptions

February 1 until October 1, 2024

Additional Veteran Benefits are available to income qualified veterans. To qualify, an application must be filed biennially with the Assessor's office between February 1 and October 1.



Income & Expense Forms

Filings on or before June 1, 2024

Income & Expense forms are due from Income generating properties on or before June 1, 2024

Motor Vehicle Tax Information

Prior to the distribution of July tax bills, if any vehicle has been sold/totaled/donated/junked/repossessed/registered out of state or stolen please present the necessary paperwork and submit the documentation to the Assessor's office to adjust your bills, if applicable.

**ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT
ASSESSORS OFFICE AND ONLINE:
WWW.BLOOMFIELDCT.GOV/178/FORMS**

SPRING HAPPENINGS

Spring Break Camp April 8-12, Grades K-8 8:30am-5:30pm

(\$175/Child)

Looking for something to do during Spring Break? Join us at the Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center for Spring Break Camp. Children in Grades K-8 will be able to do Arts & Crafts, play board games, Xbox 360, Nintendo Switch, sports in the gym or hang out in the Youth Center and play Pool or Air Hockey. *Lunch is not provided, parents/guardians must provide a lunch, snacks and water bottle for each day. Pick-Up Authorization and Medical History form must be submitted before the start of camp.* To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Jukido April 8-May 16 Mondays, Wednesdays or Mondays & Wednesdays. 6pm-7pm. Ages 6-15

One day per week \$75/Resident Both days per week \$125/Resident

Jukido is a jujitsu system of maximum efficiency in self-defense. We stress anti-bullying strategies and emphasize building confidence. Our techniques use the attacker's strength against them by a targeted use of leverage and motion. To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Young Wizards Mad Science Program Weds. April 10. 11am-12pm, Ages 5-12

\$25/Child

Kids mix up slimy magical goo, watch lightening shoot from the end of a wizarding wand, experience a color-changing rainbow potion and many more other wizarding activities! To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Paint Night Friday, April 19. 5:30pm-8:30pm. Ages 5+

\$15/Resident

Fun-filled, "Create Your Own Work of Art" paint night party! Make it a family event or bring a friend. No experience necessary! We will provide supplies, our Artist/Multi-Media Exploration Instructor will explain what to do, and you will go home with your original work of art! To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Bingo Night Friday, May 3. 6pm-8pm. Ages 5+

\$5/Resident

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing prizes at this fun-filled event. Our professional Bingo caller will guide you through multiple rounds of the classic game, and there will be plenty of opportunities to win big. To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Mother's Day Card Making Thurs. May 9. 11am-1pm Ages 2-5

Free

A special day for a special someone deserves a homemade card full of love. Whether little ones ages 2-5 are making for Moms, Bonus moms, Grandmas, or whomever they'd like to create a work of art for, we have the supplies to do it! Registration required at Bloomfieldct.myrec.com



SPRING HAPPENINGS

Vision Board Workshop Friday, May 10. 6:15pm-8:15pm. Ages 10+

\$15/Resident

No matter the direction you are heading making a unique vision board will help you achieve the goals you are chasing. The workshop will consist of a brief meditation, a goal setting exercise and plenty of time to get creative and make your boards. Whether your goals are large or small they are worth pursuing, so come get inspired with us! We encourage you to bring photos or magazines you may have to incorporate into your vision. To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

Slime Time Mad Science Program Sat. May 18. 11am-12pm. Ages 5-12

\$25/child

Slime time provides an entertaining lesson on polymers and their properties. These relatively complex chemistry concepts are introduced in tactile, visually engaging experiments. To register visit Bloomfieldct.myrec.com



SUMMER CAMP 2024

330 Park Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002
860.243.2923

Join us for a fun filled summer! Enjoy themed weeks, crafts, games, activities, music, sports, swimming*, creative expression, free play and more! Camp registration opens March 11.

To register visit
Bloomfieldct.myrec.com

*Swim lessons during camp hours are also available for an additional fee. Pool membership is required to participate in swim lessons. Swim Lesson registration for Session 1 begins June 3, 2024 in person ONLY.

CAMP SESSIONS

★	Week 1 June 24 – June 28 All About Me
★	Week 2 July 1– July 5* Game Show Mania
★	Week 3 July 8– July 12 Mad Science
★	Week 4 July 15– July 19 Amazing Race
★	Week 5 July 22– July 26 Carnival Week
★	Week 6 July 29 – Aug 2 Color Wars/Super Heroes
★	Week 7 Aug 5 – Aug 9 Under the Sea
★	Week 8 Aug 12 – Aug 16 Bloomfield Has Talent!

*No Camp July 4

Campers must be 5 years of age on the first day of camp. We encourage you to register early as camp space is limited and fills quickly. Registering for one session does not guarantee space for the following session.

THE DETAILS

Recreation Camp Breakdown

Lil Rec's: Ages 5–6
Rebel Rec's: Ages 7–9
Rec'ing Crew: Ages 10–13

Time: 9am – 4pm
Fee: \$195*/Session *Resident Pricing
Includes Daily Breakfast & Lunch, T-shirt (1 per Summer) and Field Trip for that session!

Before & After Care Available!

Booking Sunrise/Sunset care provides an extra hour-and-a-half of care before and/or after start and end times for your camper. Before Care 7:30am–9am, After Care 4pm–5:30pm. \$30/Before OR After \$50/ BOTH Before and After.

The Clubhouse Program

For children grades K–8 enrolled in the Board of Education Early Start program July 8–28th. Clubhouse provides extended camp activities for these students. Time: TBD Fee: \$300/Student. Campers must be enrolled in the BOE program to participate.

Leadership in Training Program

Ages 14–15 Session 1 July 15–26; Session 2 July 29–Aug 9 Under supervision of the camp director LITs will work directly with younger campers, learning the responsibilities of being a camp counselor. Time: 9am–4pm Fee: \$250/Session

Financial assistance is available for Bloomfield residents who qualify. Please contact the Social and Youth Services Department for more information & requirements at 860.242.1895

Financial assistance for Bloomfield residents is available for Bloomfield Summer Camps, ages 5 and up. Financial assistance is granted based on household income and availability of funds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 860-242-1895

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

Gentleman's Breakfast Club

Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 9:15 am

Senior Services cordially invites Bloomfield Senior Adult Men to an all new program, called the Gentleman's Breakfast Club. The bus will depart 330 Park Ave. at 9:15 am for breakfast at the The Gathering Diner in Manchester. Participants can choose from three breakfast selections, and a beverage.

After breakfast, the group is off to the Hartford Yard Goats vs. Bowie Baysox Baseball Game at Dunkin' Park.



A maximum of 21 participants may sign up, as it is first come, first served. Registration at Senior Services available beginning April 1st. A \$10 deposit is required and will be returned when you show up for the event.

This special event has been made possible by the generous support from the Duncaster Community Outreach Committee.

Drumming To Our Own Beat

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Bloomfield Senior Services invites you to "Drumming To Our Own Beat." Craig Norton returns for another exciting, fun, and engaging afternoon with Bloomfield Senior Adults. No experience is necessary, and refreshments will be provided.



"Recent research indicates that drumming accelerates physical healing, boosts the immune system, produces feelings of well-being, and helps release emotional trauma. Drumming also induces deep relaxation, lowers blood pressure, and reduces stress." - weSpak2023

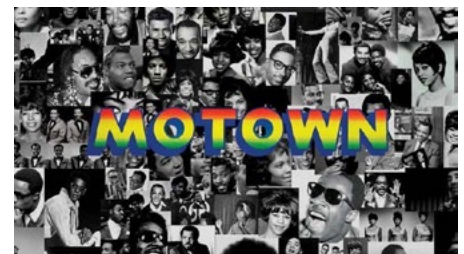
A maximum of 25 participants may sign up, as it is first come, first served. Registration at Senior Services available beginning April 1st.

Support for this program has been provided by a 2023 AARP Liveable Communities Grant

Mostly Motown Happy Hour Plus

Friday, April 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Join fellow Bloomfield seniors for a "Mostly Motown Happy Hour Plus" where there will be mocktails, appetizers, a DJ, dancing, and prizes.



A maximum of 35 participants may sign up, as it is first come, first served. Registration at Senior Services available beginning April 1st. A \$5 deposit is required and will be returned when you show up for the event.

Support for this program has been provided by a 2023 AARP Liveable Communities Grant

Events Coordinated by:

Yvette Huyghue-Pannell, Senior Services Director

Pat Maneggia, LMSW

Dawn Cooper-Grodger, Social & Youth Services Assistant Director

For more information, Contact Bloomfield Senior Services at 860-243-8361

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS



National Senior Health & Fitness Day Spring Event

The 10th annual National Health & Fitness spring walk at the Senior Center will take place from Friday, May 24th through Friday, June 7th. Stop in the office and fill out a ticket for each time that you walk. Drawing will be held **June 5th** to select three winners that will receive gift cards.



Madam Butterflies 2

Tuesday, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Dates: 4/9, 4/23, 5/7, 5/14, 6/11, 6/18, 7/2, 7/9

Senior Services cordially invites Bloomfield Senior Adult Women to this journey, "Madam Butterflies 2." Using interactive activities, the group will explore topics and issues important to happiness and well-being.

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty," - Maya Angelou

A maximum of 30 participants may sign up, as it is first come, first served. Registration at Senior Services available beginning April 1st. Participants must be available to attend all sessions!

DID YOU KNOW?



Senior Services provides transportation through it's Mini-Bus Services, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:45 pm.

Mobile Food Share will be at the Senior Center, 330 Park Ave from 12:45 pm to 1:30 pm every other Tuesday:

April 2, 16, 30

May 14, 28

June 11, 25



SOCIAL & YOUTH SERVICES RESOURCES

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD VETERANS RESOURCE SERVICE

In recognition of the sacrifice and service of Bloomfield veterans, the Town of Bloomfield has created a resource page on our website to aid our vets and their families in accessing benefits. Bloomfield Veterans are entitled to a variety of services offered through the Town, State and Federal governments.

Visit the Social & Youth Services webpage at www.bloomfieldct.org for a list of resources. If you are in need of additional assistance, please contact Bloomfield Social & Youth Services at 860-242-1895.

BLOOMFIELD SOCIAL & YOUTH SERVICES SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND LEARNING PROGRAM

(Funding for this program is made possible through a grant from Capital Workforce Partners)

- Wondering what to do for the summer?
- Are you a Bloomfield resident & between the ages of 15 and 17?
- Are you interested in being paid to learn, work, build your resume and have fun meeting new people?

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

To apply, visit Capital Workforce Partners Website: <https://capitalworkforce.org/syelp/>

For additional information, contact:

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

RENTERS REBATE FOR THE ELDERLY & DISABLED

Filing Date: April 1, 2024 - October 1, 2024

MAXIMUM ANNUAL GROSS INCOME

Single Person: \$43,800	Married Couple: \$53,400
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If you are 65 years of age or older or you are under the age of 65 and receiving Social Security Disability; rented in Connecticut during the year 2021, you may be eligible for a rebate from the State of CT.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Proof of all income from the year 2023 (1099 tax statement, W-2 tax forms, 2023 tax filings)
- Proof of all rent paid during the year 2023 (lease, rent receipts)
- Proof of all utilities or fuel paid from the year 2023

Contact Bloomfield Social & Youth Services at (860) 242-1895 for additional information.



BLOOMFIELD DIAPER BANK

Available to eligible Bloomfield households on a monthly basis

**Contact Family Resource Center at
860-769-5518 or Social & Youth Services at 860-242-1895**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

APRIL

Wednesday, April 3

FY25 Budget Public Hearing/Council Deliberation/Action (Council Chambers) - 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 4

FY25 Budget Public Hearing/Council Deliberation/Action (Part II) (Council Chambers) - 6:00 pm (if needed)

Monday, April 8

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10

Young Wizards Mad Science Program - 11:00 am, Ages 5-12

Friday, April 19

Paint Night - 5:30 pm, Ages 5+

Saturday, April 27

Arbor Day/Earth Day Cleanup Event (Town Hall) - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

MAY

Friday, May 3

Bingo Night - 6:00 pm, Ages 5+

Saturday, May 4

Shred & Small Electronics Recycling Day (Town Hall) - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, May 6

FY25 Budget Annual Town Meeting (330 Park Ave.) - 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 9

Mother's Day Card Making - 11:00 am, Ages 2-5

Friday, May 10

Vision Board Workshop - 6:15 pm, Ages 10+

Monday, May 13

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 18

Slime Time Mad Science Program - 11:00 am, Ages 5-12

Monday, May 27

Town Facilities Closed for Memorial Day

JUNE

Monday, June 10

Town Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 14

Flag Day

Friday, June 15

Pre-Juneteenth Paint Night - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 17

Pre-Juneteenth Celebration - 11:30 am

Wednesday, June 19

Town Facilities Closed for Juneteenth

June 21-23

Juneteenth Weekend Festival

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JUNETEENTH FESTIVITIES



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a three-day celebration from June 21-23

Weekend Host: Alleah Red, Anchor & Reporter, WFSB Eyewitness News

Friday, June 21

Movie Night - 9:00 pm
Harriet - Rated PG-13

Saturday, June 22

Run & Walk 5k Race - 8:00 am
Parade Line-Up - 9:00 am
Live Entertainment & Refreshments - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday, June 23 - 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Food & Craft Festival
Food Trucks
Vendors
Live Entertainment
Kid's Zone

Meet & Greet

Joe Young Jr., Juneteenth Parade Marshall
Matthew Richards, Saxophonist
Featured on *The Kelly Clarkson Show*

Senior Services and Leisure Services are partnering up for a Pre-Juneteenth Paint Night Party on **Friday, June 14 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. They will provide prepackaged snacks and art supplies, and artist Blanchard will provide step-by-step instructions. **Price is \$15 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.**

Join Senior Services for its third annual Pre-Juneteenth Celebration at 11:30 am on **Monday, June 17th**. African dancers; drumming; and luncheon. **Cost is \$15**

For additional information, please email or call:

Donna Banks, @ dbanks@bluehillsfire.org (860) 243-8949 for Sponsorship & Vendor Opportunities
Ariel M Jaunai, @ ajaunai@bluehillsfire.org (860) 866-6133 for Performance and Entertainment
Matthew Mace, @ mmace@bloomfieldct.gov (860)-243-2923 or (860)-242-4267 OR 860-243-2923 for RUN/WALK 5K RACE!

TRASH & RECYCLING



2024

Residential Recycling Collection Schedule

Recycling is collected every **other week on your REGULAR** trash collection day.

Call All American Waste at 860-289-7850 with your collection questions.

"A" Streets = White
"B" Streets = Gray

Regular trash is collected weekly.

Bulk items will be collected on the THIRD FULL WEEK (a "full week" begins on Sunday and ends Saturday)

Place your bulk items at curbside on the morning of your regular trash collection day or the evening before. Please allow at least 3 ft between containers and items.

Recycling Street List: <https://www.bloomfieldct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/950/2024-Recycling-Street-List-PDF>

PLEASE NOTE THERE WAS AN ERROR ON THE CALENDAR SENT IN THE WINTER EDITION

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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.

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