In Bloom

A Closer Look at What's Happening in Bloomfield!

WINTER 2026

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Resident Count

Bloomfield is home to a diverse range of people and remains the only town in Connecticut with a minority population that comprises more than 55% of all residents.

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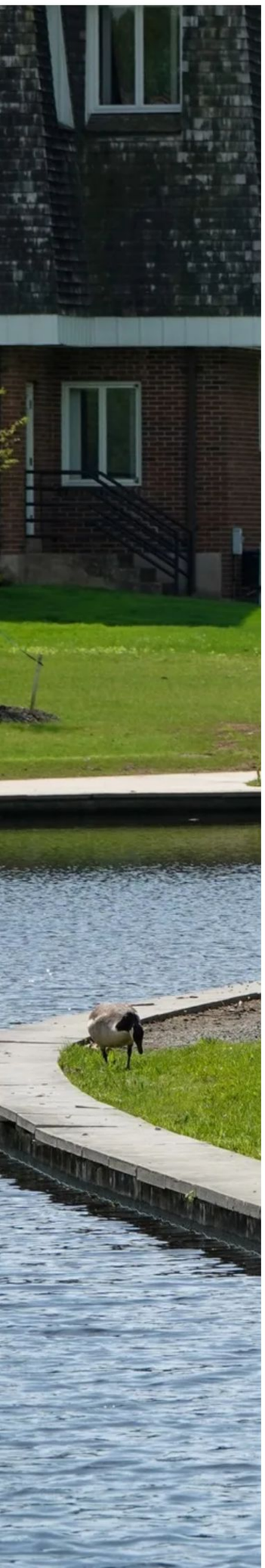
A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM MAYOR ANTHONY C. HARRINGTON



Dear Bloomfield Residents,

As your Mayor, I remain committed to working tirelessly on your behalf. Bloomfield is an exceptionally diverse and vibrant community, and we are fully prepared to help our residents thrive in one of the most beautiful towns in Connecticut.

Supporting our young people remains a top priority. We continue to encourage our youth to reach for the stars—throughout their developmental years and beyond. Our goal is to expand college and community-based partnerships that strengthen college readiness and offer meaningful pre-employment experiences to help students transition successfully into the workforce.

We are also deeply mindful of the diverse housing needs across our community—from young families and first-time homebuyers to longtime residents, including our seniors. To address these priorities, we are developing policies and procedures to begin allocating resources from our Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Additionally, a number of tax relief programs, including those available to eligible seniors, may be available through the Town Assessor's Office.

I am pleased to share that Bloomfield has submitted an $18.9 million Community Investment Fund (CIF) grant application to support the Town Center Redevelopment Project. This initiative represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revitalize the heart of our community. After decades of economic stagnation and disinvestment, this project—with its foundation in comprehensive planning and robust public engagement—aims to create a central public space that will serve as Bloomfield's emotional and civic hub for gatherings, events, and daily connection.

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending ribbon-cutting ceremonies for two businesses that reflect the growth and promise of our local economy. New Creation Academy on Cottage Grove Road has renovated over 10,000 square feet to expand its multifaceted childcare facility. Windsor Federal Bank has also completed a full renovation in anticipation of Bloomfield's downtown resurgence.

We are at a pivotal moment, with new economic development opportunities emerging throughout our community. For example, a new fifty-five-and-over housing development is planned for Blue Hills Avenue. The project will include 164 units, 19 of which will be designated as affordable housing.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all of our residents and local businesses for a joyful, peaceful, and meaningful celebration. This is a special time to gather with loved ones, reflect on what truly matters, and strengthen the bonds that make Bloomfield such a special place.

As you enjoy time with family and friends, I also encourage you to support our local businesses whose dedication and hard work enrich our community all year long. Together, we can ensure that the spirit of community continues to shine throughout the season and into the new year.

Anthony C. Harrington
Mayor
Town of Bloomfield

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM TOWN MANAGER ALVIN D. SCHWAPP, JR.

Happy New Year, Bloomfield!

As we welcome a new year, I want to extend my sincere best wishes to you and your families for a healthy, prosperous, and fulfilling year ahead. A new year offers us the opportunity to reflect on where we have been, appreciate how far we have come, and renew our commitment to the future we are building together.

In 2026, the Town of Bloomfield remains firmly committed to open, transparent, and timely communication. Clear and honest communication is the foundation of public trust, and it is essential to ensure that our residents remain informed, engaged, and confident in the work of their local government. This year, we will continue to strengthen how we share information, explain decisions, and provide access to accurate and meaningful updates about town initiatives, services, and priorities.

Bloomfield's strength lies in its people; our residents, businesses, volunteers, boards, commissions, and dedicated municipal staff. Together, we share a common objective: creating a community where everyone can succeed. Whether through responsible fiscal management, thoughtful planning, responsive services, or community engagement, our focus remains on delivering outcomes that improve quality of life for all who call Bloomfield home.

As we move forward, let us approach the year with optimism, collaboration, and purpose. Challenges will arise, but by working together with integrity and respect, we can continue to make progress and build a stronger, more resilient Bloomfield.

Town Manager Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr. with Connecticut Department of Transportation Deputy Commisioner Laoise King att the Blue Hills Complete Streets Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Thank you for your continued trust, involvement, and commitment to our community. I look forward to the year ahead and to all that we will accomplish together.

Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr.
Town Manager
Town of Bloomfield

Light up the Town: Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony

We welcomed in the holiday season on December 6 with our annual Light up the Town event.

The Town of Bloomfield officially ushered in the holiday season on Saturday, December 6th, with its annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony. The festive event saw local fire departments and community organizations gather to welcome the holidays and light up Town Hall.

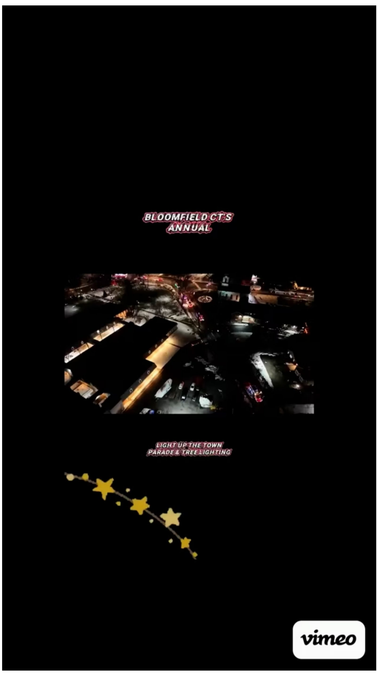
The holiday parade, which stepped off promptly at 6 PM, featured a vibrant procession of local fire apparatus and community groups. The highlight of the parade was the arrival of Santa Claus, who led the way aboard his signature classic fire truck.

Following the parade, attention turned to Town Hall for the bright and festive Tree Lighting Ceremony. Once the town tree was illuminated, Santa Claus made himself available for photos, much to the delight of children of all ages.

Parade Awards & Categories

The Town awarded trophies to parade participants in the following categories:

- **Best Appearing Engine:** Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance
- **Best Antique Engine:** Bloomfield Center Fire District
- **Best Ladder Truck:** Bloomfield Center Fire District
- **Best Business Vehicle:** Bloomfield Senior Services
- **Farthest Distance Travelled Apparatus:** Simsbury Fire Department
- **Drill & Dance Team:** Bloomfield Junior Warhawks
- **Most Spirited and Entertaining:** Bloomfield Public Works



Event Photo Gallery

Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services

To Register for Any Program

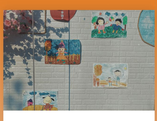
Click here

Preschool & Youth Programs

Mommy & Me Drop-In Playtime

Sponsored by the FRC, this is an open gym time for parents, daycare providers, and preschoolers to enjoy quality playtime together. Visit with other Family Resource Center parents while your children play.

Sign Up



After School Adventures

This program for grades 5-8 provides Bloomfield youth with opportunities for social-emotional growth through team games, crafts, and activities. It includes both structured and unstructured time to encourage children to explore new interests.

Sign Up

Night Ball/Open Gym

An opportunity to to shoot some hoops and play with other in our open gym session

Sign Up

Youth Cent Nightball Membersh

The Youth Center strictly for Bloom grades K-12. It fe gymnasium, poo ping pong, and a a TV and board g the center becom facility with a stro Night Ball.

Sign Up

Adult Programs & Special Events

Adult Basketball

Drop-In Basketball for adults 18 and older Proof of Age required for registration. *Membership required*

Sign Up

Therapeutic Yoga Classes!

Therapeutic yoga is a system of self-care that focuses on easy to learn yoga postures, breathing exercises and meditation that can be done anywhere and anytime to help manage stress and to promote:

1. Health and balance in the physical body.
2. Efficiency in breathing and energy levels.
3. Relaxation, calm and ease the mind.

Classes are easy to moderate and suitable for beginners and can be done on a yoga mat or in a chair. Please wear loose comfortable clothing.

Bring a yoga mat and a light blanket. All levels welcome.

Sign Up

Pickleball Drills, Skills, & Strategy

This program is designed for players of beginners and intermediate levels that are looking to expand their Pickleball game through drills, skills and strategy. Learn the foundation of the game. Proper grip, the beginning of good movement patterns and balance. Stroke development, both forehand and backhand, introduction to the volley, service plus return, and the rules. There will be no open play during this class and private instruction is not allowed. This program is being conducted by volunteers who suggested participants bring a non-perishable food item for the Bloomfield Food Bank.
Sundays
Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Instructors: David & Cathy
Fee: Pickleball Membership

Sign Up

Pickleball I Times

Sunday – 9:00 AM
Monday – 6:30 PI
Tuesday – 9:30 AI
Friday – 9:00 AM

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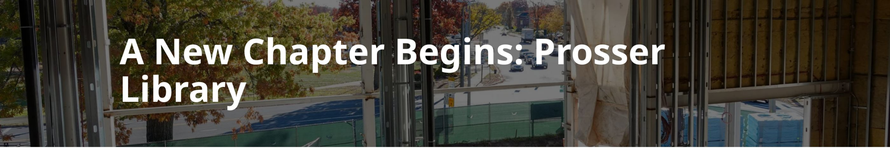


A New Chapter Begins: Prosser Library

After years of thoughtful planning and construction, Bloomfield's crown jewel is ready to welcome you home. The newly reimagined Prosser Library represents more than just a building renovation—it's the realization of our community's vision for a vibrant, accessible, and forward-thinking space that will serve generations to come.

Located directly across from Town Hall in the heart of our soon-to-be revitalized Town Center, the stunning 28,000-square-foot facility has opened its doors, marking a historic milestone for Bloomfield residents.

Every corner of the new Prosser Library reflects the voices and needs of Bloomfield residents. Through extensive community input sessions, we learned what mattered most to you: flexible programming spaces, dedicated areas for all ages, and amenities that bring people together.

The design team at TSKP Studio listened carefully, creating a space that honors both our agricultural roots and our dynamic future. The result is a library that feels both welcoming and inspiring—a place where community connections flourish alongside quiet study and discovery.

Architectural Innovation Meets Natural Beauty

One of the most striking features of the new library is its ability to seamlessly integrate with the natural landscape while addressing practical challenges. Due to flooding concerns from adjacent Wash Brook, the innovative design elevates the building above flood levels while transforming this potential obstacle into an asset.

Picture this: as you approach the library, you'll cross a new pedestrian bridge spanning Wash Brook, creating an exciting and memorable entry experience. The bridge leads directly to the library's welcoming south-facing entry portico, where natural light floods the space and creates an immediate sense of warmth and openness.

The new Prosser Library doesn't just meet current accessibility standards—it exceeds them. Every area of the building has been designed with universal access in mind, ensuring that all community members can fully participate in library programs and services.

Modern technology infrastructure supports everything from high-speed internet access to interactive programming spaces, while maintaining the quiet, contemplative atmosphere that makes libraries special.

Spaces That Inspire and Adapt

Step inside, and you'll discover thoughtfully designed areas that cater to every member of our community:

The Children's Discovery Zone features child-height book stacks, interactive art walls, specialized computer stations with age-appropriate programs, and flexible seating options that encourage both independent exploration and group activities. The space flows naturally between quiet reading nooks and more active learning areas.

Adult Spaces include both intimate reading areas anchored by a cozy fireplace and larger collaborative zones. Whether you're seeking solitude for focused work or spaces for community meetings and group study, you'll find environments designed to support your goals.

The Teen Center offers a dedicated space where middle and high school students can truly call their own, complete with comfortable gaming areas, collaborative work stations, and flexible furniture that can be reconfigured for different activities and group sizes.

The new Prosser Library serves as more than a community resource—it's a cornerstone of Bloomfield's broader vision to revitalize our Town Center. With expanded parking, improved access to public transportation, and a welcoming entry plaza, the library will help bring new energy and foot traffic to our downtown area.

A State of the Art Library...Right Here in Bloomfield

BPL
BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
We're here for you!

LOCATIONS

PROSSER LIBRARY
1 TUNXIS AVE.

MCMAHON WINTONBURY
1015 BLUE HILLS AVE.

BPL ONLINE
BPLCT.ORG

MORE INFO

Monthly Events Calendar

HTTPS://BPLCT.LIBRARYCALENDAR.COM/EVENTS

Community Resources

Bringing our community together through shared information. Discover upcoming events, local happenings, and important safety updates all in one convenient location.

Support the Bloomfield Food Bank

The Bloomfield Food Bank operates year-round thanks to generous donations from citizens, businesses, schools, religious institutions, and civic organizations. We accept donations Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

Please note: No perishables or expired items. We also accept unopened diapers of all sizes and wipes for our diaper bank.

Suggested Donation Items:

- Canned Proteins: Tuna, salmon, sardines, canned chicken, turkey, SPAM, corned beef hash, chili, pork & beans, Vienna sausage, beef jerky, shelf-stable cheese
- Canned Goods & Sauces: Vegetables, fruits, fruit cups, soup, stews, spaghetti sauce
- Dry Goods & Boxed Meals: Pasta, rice, mac & cheese, instant potato mix, instant soup mixes, stuffing mix, pancake mix, brownie mix, cake mix, and frosting
- Breakfast Items: Cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, shelf-stable milk
- Snack Foods: Cookies, snack cups, protein bars, single-size chips, and pretzels
- Paper Products: Toilet paper, paper towels
- Cooking Essentials: Olive oil, salt, pepper, salad dressings, garlic powder, onion powder, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, barbecue sauce, hot sauce, gravies
- Toiletries: Lotion, deodorant, mouthwash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps, feminine products, shampoo and conditioner, laundry detergent, body wash, wet wipes (regular or trial-sized)

Food Bank Donation Details

Food Bank Hours

Drop off location

Bloomfield Social & Youth Services
330 Park Ave, 2nd Floor
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(860) 242-1895

New Feature: Lock Your EBT Card

Protect yourself from fraud with the new EBT card lock feature. This security tool enables you to lock your card when not in use, thereby blocking fraudulent transactions.

How to Lock Your Card:

1. Go to https://mydss.ct.gov and press "Login"
2. Enter your MyAccount username and password
3. Select "EBT Balance and Card Access" from the left-hand navigation
4. Navigate to the Manage EBT Card Access section and select the radio button next to your EBT card number
5. Use the toggle switch next to "Lock Card" OR "Block Out-of-State Transactions."
6. Click the green Confirm button

You'll receive a confirmation message when successful. Don't forget to unlock your card before you plan to use it!

Need Help?Call the MyAccount Help Desk at 1-877-874-1612 for assistance with the EBT lock and unlock feature.

To use this feature, you must have a MyAccount with your case associated to that account.

WINTER ESSENTIALS

Access Health CT Open Enrollment

Open enrollment has begun! Visit www.accesshealthct.org to explore your health insurance options.

Access Health

Medicare Savings Program

Financial assistance is available for eligible Medicare enrollees to help cover Part B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance.

Learn more at: https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicare-Savings-Program

Need Help Choosing?

Bloomfield residents can contact Social & Youth Services to review insurance options and receive assistance with enrollment. Call **(860) 242-1895.**

Finding the right support when you need it shouldn't be complicated. Whether you're looking for help with healthcare, utility bills, childcare, or family essentials, explore the programs and resources available to Bloomfield residents throughout the year.

Generation Power CT (formerly Operation Fuel)

Generation Power CT serves over 5,000 households and prioritizes families facing shut-offs or low-fuel emergencies.

Application Cycles: Generation Power CT has two remaining application cycles:

- January 2–10
- March 2–10

Income Guidelines (Gross Annual Income):

- Family of 1: $56,882
- Family of 2: $74,384
- Family of 3: $91,886
- Family of 4: $109,389

How to Apply: Apply online at https://gpct.org/gethelp/ or apply in person by calling Social & Youth Services at (860) 242-1895.

Details on application requirements and guidelines are available at https://gpct.org/gethelp/.

Generation Power CT

Eversource Low Income Discount Rate (LIDR)

You may be eligible for a 10% or 50% discount on your monthly electric bill if you have a financial hardship status on your electric account. The LIDR replaces the Below Budget Payment for electric customers enrolled in the Matching Payment Program.

Low Income Discount Rate

CNG Winter Protection Plan

Protects eligible households from utility service shut-off through May 1st. Qualifying customers may enroll in the Matching Payment Program (MPP). CNG will match every dollar paid by you or on your behalf (up to a zero balance) if you successfully complete the plan.

Note: Households must be approved for Energy Assistance to enroll.

Need Help Paying Your Bill?

Matching Payment Plan

Energy Assistance (CRT)

All appointments must be made through the Community Renewal Team (CRT). Call CRT at 860-560-5800 to schedule your appointment.

Four Ways to Apply:

In-Person: Contact Community Renewal Team (CRT) to schedule an in-person appointment at (860) 560-5800.

Online: Apply through the Connecticut Department of Social Services website at www.ct.gov/heatinghelp

Email: the application and email it with all required documents to: crtenergyapplications@crtct.org

Mail or Fax: Mail or fax a completed application and all required documents to:

Community Renewal Team, 395 Wethersfield Ave. Hartford, CT 06114 Fax: (860) 560-5731

Phone: (860) 560-5800

Website: http://www.ct.gov/heatinghelp

You are required to provide the following documentation during your appointment (paper copies only):

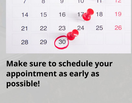
1. **Heating Information:** Deliverable fuel vendor information or recent utility bill for both gas and electric.
2. **Social Security Cards:** Photo IDs and Social Security Cards for all household members are required.
3. **Electric Bill:** A current bill is required even if you use gas or other fuel types.
4. **Income Documentation:** Income information for the previous 30 days or 4 consecutive weeks (any time in the last 3 months prior to the date of your application) is required.
5. **Rent & Mortgage:** Lease, rent receipt, mortgage statements, tax bill or lot rent receipt. (Must provide landlord's name, address and phone number.)

Important: In order to process your application, you must have ALL documentation or you may have to reschedule your appointment.

Please Note: Additional documentation may be required on a case-by-case basis.

Household Size	Household Income
1 Person	$47,764
2 Person	$62,460
3 Person	$77,157
4 Person	$91,854
5 Person	$106,550
6 Person	$121,247
7 Person	$124,002
8 Person	$126,758

**Income limits are based on gross annual household income.*



Make sure to schedule your appointment as early as possible!

Family Support Programs

Bloomfield Backpack Weekend Meal Program

Does your child attend school in Bloomfield? Need support with food over the weekends? The Bloomfield Backpack Program provides food every Friday to families in need through partnerships with Bloomfield Congregational Church and other community organizations.

To sign up, contact your school social worker or Bloomfield Social & Youth Services to complete the registration form. Call (860) 242-1895.

Bloomfield Diaper Bank

Available to eligible Bloomfield households once a month.

Contact:
Family Resource Center: (860) 769-5518
Social & Youth Services: (860) 242-1895

Full Bowls Pet Pantry

A free community, volunteer pet pantry for Connecticut low-income families in need. Each approved family receives a one-week supply of kibble per dog (about 14 cups each), sorted by protein type such as chicken or beef. When available, we'll also include donated extras like wet food, treats, or toys to make tails wag a little more.

Learn more at: DogStarRescue.org

Dog Star Information

Dog Star Rescue
Guiding dogs to a brighter life

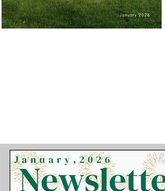
Preschool & Childcare Assistance

Financial Assistance for Preschool

Help paying for preschool is available for income-eligible families who live or work in Bloomfield. Funding is provided by the Child Daycare Contract in partnership with the Town of Bloomfield and the Office of Early Childhood Education.

Contact Information:
Laurel School Family Resource Center: (860) 769-5518
The First Academy: (860) 206-1907
Bloomfield Preschool & Childcare Center: (860) 242-0183

Additional Resources:
CT Office of Early Childhood: www.ctoec.org
Care 4 Kids: Call (888) 214-5437 or visit www.ctcare4kids.com



Senior Services Dishes Out "The Silver Scoop" with Exciting Redesign

The Town of Bloomfield is excited to announce that our Senior Services Department is giving their monthly newsletter a fresh identity and new name: "The Bloomfield Silver Scoop." The dedicated senior services team is reimagining how they engage with Bloomfield's active adult population. This new look represents more than just a visual refresh. It reflects a commitment to meeting the evolving needs in our community.

"Our mission is to serve as a welcoming focal point for the delivery of services to adults 55+ and their support network by responding to diverse needs and interests in a manner that will enhance dignity, support independence, health, and general well-being, as well as encourage involvement in the Senior Center and Community," said Director Yvette Hoyghue-Pannell. "This newsletter transformation is part of our broader effort to ensure that Senior Services remains accessible, relevant, and responsive."

Located at 330 Park Avenue, the Bloomfield Senior Services Department provides a wide range of support, including nutritional services through the Community Café, wellness screenings, fitness classes, social activities and transportation. The newsletter will continue to highlight these essential programs while introducing a new digital and print format to keep our community better connected.

The Town of Bloomfield remains committed to supporting our 55+ community with excellence and innovation. This newsletter is one more way we're working to keep Bloomfield a community where residents of all ages can thrive.

For more information about Senior Services programs, transportation, and/or to receive the newsletter electronically, visit the Senior Services Department or call 860-243-8361.

Read Now

AARP 2026 Tax Aide

AARP volunteers will be at the senior center on Wednesdays beginning February 4, 2026 to prepare 2025 individual tax returns. All appointments will be in person. Call the Senior Center starting January 14 for more information and to schedule your appointment at 860-243-8361.

AARP®

Emergency Preparedness & First Responders

Bringing our community together through shared information. Discover upcoming events, local happenings, and important safety updates all in one convenient location.

BE A VOLUNTEER....MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bloomfield Center Fire Department

The Bloomfield Center Fire Department was founded in 1926. The District has three Fire Commissioners, all of whom volunteer their time, to hold these positions. The Fire District employs (3) full time and (8) part time Fire Dispatchers to cover its Communications Office, a Fire Marshal, an Assistant to the Chief, a District Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer / District Clerk, and a Business Office Clerk.

More Information

Blue Hills Fire Department

Founded in 1926, the Blue Hills Fire Department is a combination department consisting of over thirty volunteers and five career full-time firefighters. Thedepartment also includes a Fire Marshal's office that provides fire prevention, suppression, and rescue services to 12,000 of the 21,000 residents.

BHFD is considered as District 3 on the East side of Bloomfield. The district consists of three fire houses.

More Information

Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulence

The Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance Fund, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization, incorporated in 1977 with the help of local businesses. The businesses recognized the need to improve emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of the Town of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The purpose of the Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance Fund, Inc. is to raise funds for the sole benefit of the Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance which is managed by the Bloomfield Connecticut Police Department.

More Information

Bloomfield Fire Department's Public Safety Guide

Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms monthly. Replace batteries twice a year and replace any smoke alarm that is 10 years old or older.

Create and practice a fire escape plan. Every household member should know at least two ways out of each room. Establish an outside meeting place and practice the plan at least twice a year.

Keep a fire extinguisher in your home that is up to date, and know how to use it effectively. Please place it in a visible, easy-to-reach area, such as near a door frame. Remember the acronym **PASS**:

- **P**ull the pin
- **A**im low at the base of the fire
- **S**queeze the handle slowly and sweep the nozzle side to side
- **S**tore flammable materials safely

Keep all matches and lighters in a high, locked cabinet away from children. Before leaving your home, do a sweep to check for lit candles, ensure the oven is off, and confirm doors are locked.

Backup Power Basics

Operate generators outside only, in a well-ventilated area. Place the generator at least 20 feet away from your home and keep it away from doors, windows, and vents to prevent carbon monoxide from entering the home.

Set up the generator on a dry surface, such as a tarp or board, to keep it from moisture. Aim the exhaust fumes away from your house.

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Generator-related CO deaths occurred in 2020 alone, making generators the leading cause of consumer product CO fatalities.

From Stovetop to Table: Stay Safe

Cooking is a leading cause of home fires. Never leave food unattended on the stovetop. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a moment, turn off the burner.

Avoid wearing loose, dangling sleeves when cooking, as they can easily catch fire.

If you are baking or roasting, use a timer to remind yourself that the oven is on.

If a small grease fire starts in a pan, slide a lid over it to smother the flames. Turn off the burner and leave the lid on until the pan has cooled. Never use water to put out a grease fire.

Safe & Warm All Season

Have your furnace, fireplace, chimney, and vents professionally inspected and cleaned at least once a year. This prevents the buildup of dangerous creosote and other hazards.

Keep all portable and space heaters at least three feet away from flammable materials, such as curtains, bedding, and furniture. Never place clothing or other items on a space heater.

Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord or power strip, as this can overload the circuit.

Always turn off space heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.

Use a sturdy metal or glass screen to prevent sparks from flying out of your fireplace. Place cooled ashes into a tightly covered metal container and move it outdoors at least 10 feet away from your home.

Never use ovens for heat. Ovens are not designed for home heating and pose both a fire and carbon monoxide hazard.

Staying Safe in Bloomfield: A Closer Look at Emergency Preparedness and Police Communications

Public safety in Bloomfield is built on two essential pillars: a strong emergency preparedness network and a dedicated, highly trained Police Communications Unit. Together, these services ensure that residents receive accurate, timely information and rapid response during critical moments—whether it's a town-wide emergency or a single call for help.

Bloomfield Alerts: Stay Informed When It Matters Most

Emergency communication has evolved, and Bloomfield is committed to keeping pace. As more households transition away from landlines, the Town's emergency alert system ensures every resident can stay informed through the method that works best for them—text message, email, pager, or even voice mail during extreme situations.

The Bloomfield Alerts system is designed for both emergency and significant non-emergency notifications.

Emergency alerts may include:

- Evacuation notices
- Shelter-in-place advisories
- Boil water orders
- Hazard-specific warnings requiring quick action

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Non-emergency alerts may include:

- Major transportation issues
- Ongoing police or fire activity posing a community impact

By registering your address and preferred contact methods, alerts can be geographically tailored, ensuring you receive only information that is relevant to your neighborhood. While the service is free, standard text messaging rates may apply.

Residents who prefer SMS-only alerts can simply text **BloomfieldCT** to **38276**, and a mobile app is also available for added convenience.

IOS App | Emergency Alerts | Android App

Inside the Communications Unit: The Heart of Police Response

Behind every emergency call is a team of civilian dispatch professionals working around the clock. Bloomfield's Communications Unit, staffed by seven trained dispatchers and supervised by the Professional Standards Division Sergeant, operates 24/7 as the first link between the public and public safety services.

Dispatchers handle far more than emergency communications. They serve as a community touchpoint, providing:

- Directions and general inquiries
- Lost and found assistance
- Safety advice
- Coordination for police, fire, and other community services

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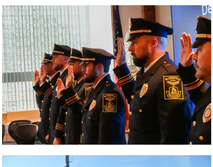
When to Call 911—and When Not To

Using 911 responsibly helps ensure the fastest response when it truly matters. You should call 911 to:

- Stop a crime in progress
- Report a fire
- Save a life

For all other concerns that still require police assistance, residents should use the non-emergency line: **860-242-5501**. Proper use of the non-emergency number keeps 911 lines open for life-threatening situations, where seconds can make all the difference.



What Happens When You Call? The Critical Role of Dispatchers

When you dial for help, your call becomes part of one of the most crucial functions in the entire public safety system. Dispatchers are responsible for:

- Listening carefully to the caller
- Asking the right questions to identify what's really happening
- Assessing and prioritizing the situation
- Making fast decisions on how to field and route the call
- Coordinating multiple police units
- Communicating clearly with both officers and residents

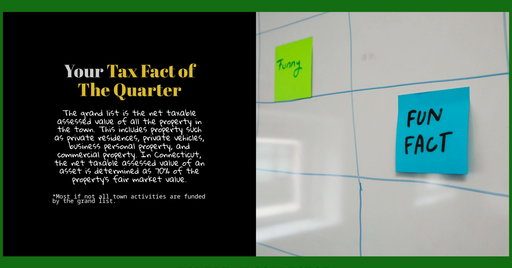
The decisions dispatchers make often shape the entire police response. They work under immense pressure—balancing speed, accuracy, and clarity to ensure that officers are sent to the highest-priority, most life-threatening calls first.

Prepared, Connected, and Committed to Public Safety

Bloomfield's emergency preparedness efforts and Police Communications Unit work together to protect residents with a system rooted in speed, accuracy, and community trust. Whether it's through receiving timely emergency alerts or speaking with a dispatcher during a stressful moment, residents can be confident that Bloomfield is always prepared to respond.

If you haven't already, consider signing up for Bloomfield Alerts today—your family's safety may depend on it.

Tax Bill & FY2027 Budget Information



TOWN TAX COLLECTOR

TAX BILL INFORMATION

Pay Now

TAX BILLS DUE JANUARY 1, 2026

DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The Town of Bloomfield Tax Collector's Office will issue supplemental motor vehicle and 2nd installment real estate tax bills, the last week of December 2025. These bills are due on January 1, 2026, and will be considered delinquent after **February 2, 2026**.

Payment options

Avoid Lines, Pay Taxes Online!

Visit www.mytaxbill.net/Bloomfield

Convenience fees apply.

Pay in Person

Cash, checks, or money orders are accepted in the office.

Mail Checks or Money Orders to:

Town of Bloomfield Tax Collector
800 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

Drop Box

You may utilize the drop box when paying with a check or money order. The drop box is located in the roundabout on the Park Avenue side of Town Hall.

Paying Your Taxes

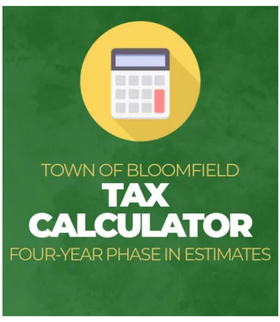
Paying your local taxes in Connecticut directly supports the community you live in. These funds maintain essential services like schools, public safety, road repairs, parks, and waste collection—ensuring a safe, vibrant, and well-run town for everyone. Your contribution keeps Bloomfield thriving and helps preserve the quality of life we all share.

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

TAX CALCULATOR

The Town of Bloomfield's Tax Calculator is a helpful online tool designed to let property owners estimate their real estate taxes during the four-year phase-in period following the most recent state-mandated revaluation. By entering your property's post-revaluation assessed value and either your pre-revaluation value or percentage increase, the calculator provides an estimate of how your taxes may change over time using the current baseline mill rate and an assumed annual mill rate adjustment. This interactive resource gives residents a clearer picture of potential tax impacts, though final tax bills can vary based on the Town Council's adopted rates and budget decisions.

Tax Calculator



TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

FY 2027 BUDGET INFORMATION

Each year the Town Council adopts a budget for the Town in accordance with the Town Charter and state statutes. Budget for the fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. This year's proposed budget will strike a careful balance between addressing immediate needs and preparing for future growth. It is our hope, that you find this information helpful and gain a better understanding of how the Town of Bloomfield prepares and presents a budget to the Town Council for final adoption.

BUDGET TIMELINE

1. **TOWN DEPARTMENTS DEVELOP DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS AND SUBMIT TO THE TOWN MANAGER** JANUARY 2026
2. **THE TOWN MANAGER DEVELOPS A PROPOSED BUDGET** FEBRUARY 2026
3. **THE TOWN COUNCIL REVIEWS THE TOWN MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET** MARCH 2026
4. **TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTS BUDGET** MAY 4, 2026

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The budget is more than just numbers – it's a detailed plan that outlines how we allocate resources to keep our community running smoothly. From public safety and road maintenance to parks and recreation, the budget ensures that your tax dollars are working effectively to support services you rely on. We invite you to explore and learn more about the process, priorities, and projects funded each year. Transparency and community involvement are key, so visit our website or attend a budget meeting to see how your voice can make a difference!

REVENUES

- PROPERTY TAXES
- STATE & LOCAL GRANTS
- FEDERAL GRANTS
- LICENSES, FEES & PERMITS
- INVESTMENT INCOME

EXPENDITURES

- BOARD OF EDUCATION
- PUBLIC WORKS
- PUBLIC SAFETY
- CULTURE & RECREATION
- HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
- REGULATORY
- ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE
- DEBT SERVICE

REVENUES

Revenue estimates are projections of how much money the Town will receive during the fiscal year. Major categories of revenue include, property taxes (87%), grants (5%), licenses, permits, interest income, and miscellaneous income (8%).

EXPENDITURES

Expenditure estimates include the cost of Town services, including the salaries of employees, pensions, debt service, and routine operating expenses such as utilities and contracts. It is a legally binding commitment to a level of appropriations for a particular fiscal year. The expenditure budget is generally thought of as the "Town budget."

FUND BALANCE

A fund balance is the difference between revenue streams and expenditures in a specific fund. It's essentially, "leftover" money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year that can be allocated for future needs. A fund balance protects the Town against catastrophic revenue losses and major emergency expenditures. Examples include severe economic downturns and extreme weather conditions such as hurricanes and other natural disasters.

How much needs to be in the General Fund balance for the Town to be considered financially healthy?

A healthy fund balance contributes to the Town's favorable bond rating. Bond rating agencies advise that the General Fund reserve total at least 10 to 15% of the total general fund budget.

Additionally, Bloomfield has a fund balance policy goal of maintaining the unrestricted fund balance at 15 to 20% of the general fund operating budget.

DEBT SERVICE

Debt service provides for the payment of debt related expenses. Towns often borrow money for large purchases exceeding 15 years or more. Funds are usually borrowed by issuing bonds. Bloomfield has, for example, issued bonds to pay for renovations to the public libraries, schools and town buildings. Better bond ratings mean that the Town's bonds are considered to be a good investment. Good bond ratings are also evidence that the Town is financially healthy. A bond rating is the primary factor in determining the interest rate that the Town needs to pay on debt. The better the bond rating, the more likely it becomes that the Town will pay lower interest rates on debt.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)

As a part of the Annual Budget process, the Town Manager prepares and revises a five-year plan for all capital projects. Each year the Town allocates funds to the capital and non-recurring expenditures fund to pay for the costs of items such as equipment, vehicles and facilities improvements that may be financed over more than one year. The CIP provides an effective means of preserving as well as adding to the physical assets of the Town. It is also vital for a growing community like Bloomfield to maintain the level of public safety, welfare and quality of life that taxpayers expect. During the fiscal year, the Town Manager will request the Town Council to approve appropriations for capital items. These appropriations are considered and implemented consistent with the CIP, the purchasing ordinance and Town Charter.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Bloomfield Board of Education provides for education of Bloomfield students in grades Pre K-12. The Board and the Superintendent work together to implement and manage their budget. Bloomfield Board of Education has its own elected board of officials. In the fall, the Superintendent begins to prepare their proposed budget and submits it to the Board in January. After a series of meetings in the winter, the Board adopts a proposed budget that is then submitted to the Town Council for its consideration.

Trash & Recycling

Trash & Recycling Calendar

Continue reading

Bulk Collection Schedule

Continue reading

All American Waste is the contracted provider for the Town of Bloomfield. For questions and concerns regarding waste management in your area, please call All American Waste at 860-289-7850.

ALL AMERICAN WASTE

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDAR

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2026

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.

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RECYCLING STREET LIST

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

RESIDENTIAL BULK COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Week of January 18
Week of February 15
Week of March 15
Week of April 19
Week of May 17
Week of June 21
Week of July 19
Week of August 16
Week of September 20
Week of October 18
Week of November 15
Week of December 20

Bulk items must be placed at curbside NO LATER THAN 7AM on your regular trash collection day or the NIGHT BEFORE your regular collection day.

In the event of a holiday delay, follow the Holiday Schedule

The following is a partial list of acceptable bulk items. Similar items may be placed at curbside on your regular collection day:

AC-window unit, bundled twigs, carpet/rolled & tied (no more than 4 feet in length), dishwasher, refrigerator, stove, 4 tires-car/small truck, furniture-indoor/outdoor), sinks, lawn mowers-push/riding (drained of all fluids), hot water heater, mattresses, exercise equipment, microwave, toilet, grill (no propane tanks please). Note: Sleeper sofa must have frame & mattress removed, lay out separately.

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

MONTH	TOWN	ADDRESS
April	Newington	Town Garage, 281 Milk Lane (off Fenn Road)
May	Windsor	MDC Poquonock WPCF, 1222 Poquonock Avenue
May	East Hartford	MDC East Hartford WPCF, 65 Pitkin Street
June	West Hartford	Public Works Garage, 17 Brixton Street
June	Wethersfield	Webb Elementary School, 51 Willow Street
September	Bloomfield	Public Works Building, 21 Southwood Drive
September	Rocky Hill	Elm Ridge Park, 376 Elm Street
September	West Hartford	Public Works Garage, 17 Brixton Street
October	Windsor Locks	Public Works Garage, 6 Stanton Road, Windsor Locks
October	Hartford	MDC Operations Facility, 125 Maxim Road

MDC

MORE INFORMATION

Each spring and fall, the MDC conducts a regional household hazardous waste collection program at a series of local sites in member and non-member towns. The program offers a number of benefits to residents and municipalities:

Residents have the opportunity to participate in a collection day in their respective towns as well as in other collections throughout the year.
Participating municipalities enjoy financial savings from the effect of pooling under a single contract the services of a licensed hazardous waste management firm.
The contractor assumes full responsibility for the collection, transportation and proper disposal of hazardous waste items.

Hazardous waste cannot be simply thrown out with the trash, flushed, or poured down the drain because it passes the problem along to the environment, polluting the air and the water. So the MDC sponsors a HazWaste Program to collect the waste and dispose of it through safe, environmentally responsible practices.

The MDC urges you to participate in a Household Hazardous Waste Collection in your town. Protect the health of your kids, your spouse, your pets, and the environment. You may participate in MDC's household hazardous waste collection program if you are a member of any participating town; and you may participate on any MDC sponsored collection day.

Residents of any of the following participating towns can participate in ANY MDC sponsored collection day: Bloomfield, East Granby, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor and Windsor Locks.