

Village of Bloomfield Newsletter

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From The Mayor

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! We would like to welcome our newest member of our DPW department Devante Morrison. Devante started with us in November. Please say "hi" if you see him out and about. Please be considerate of our plow guys as they work to keep our streets and sidewalks clear this winter. Please also take extra care driving and walking on snow and ice.

Tree Lighting Event

The Village donated this year to the Bloomfield Lions Club for new lights for the Christmas Trees at the 4-corners and Pickle Park. The trees now have 2-3x's more lights than in the past and go around the trees instead of up and down. It was not easy but Extreme Tree made it happen. You must admit they look amazing and the big star on top just pops!

A big thank you to the Lions Club who coordinates this event each year and especially Mike Bartle who went to purchase the new lights and arranged to have the lights put up, Chris Andolino co-owner of Extreme Tree for donating his time and equipment, the Bloomfield Rotary Club, the East Bloomfield Holcomb-Fire Department, the MS/HS students lead by Scott Hoffman for music, Cooper Farms, Pratt Farms, Dan Rugg, Devall Farms, Harter Farms and Mike Bartle for supplying wagons, and our own DPW Crew for making sure there was power and extension cords to the trees. I'm sure I have left someone out just know that our Community really appreciates what each and every one of you have done.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps low income households pay the cost of water and sewer services. The program can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services.

LIHWAP is a benefit based on the actual amount of water and/or sewer arrears, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per water or sewer provider, or \$5,000 if water and sewer services are combined, per applicant household. Benefits are paid directly to the household's water and/or sewer vendor(s).

For more information and to find out if you are eligible, visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance/>.

Bloomfield Garden Club

Thank you to the Bloomfield Garden Club for arranging the wreaths that are displayed in our Village and our DPW crew for putting them and the Holiday Banners up. The Bloomfield Garden Club meets on the third Thursday of each month. Everyone is invited to join. On Jan 19th there will be a presentation by Tim Boble on ornamental shrubs, Feb. 16th learn about and make a year-round indoor salad garden and March 16, presentations by Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association. Meetings are at Veterans Park @11:30. Contact Barb Jauch 585-657-7263 for more information.

Thank you DPW

We often take for granted the services we receive. When we drive in bad weather, we expect our roads to be clear and when we turn a faucet on or flush a toilet, we expect everything to work properly - not just from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. but 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Just like with the maintenance that we must do on our homes as they age, so must the DPW do with our aging infrastructure. The Village DPW works diligently to keep our infrastructure in as good a repair as is possible and affordable. Unfortunately, there are times when water or sewer lines break suddenly, or the bad weather just does not relent, and problems occur which require emergency repairs. These problems always seem to happen at the most inconvenient times and are always unpredictable. Our DPW staff goes out to make repairs right away, even if it means getting up from their Sunday dinner or working through the freezing cold night. Although it may be frustrating at times to turn a faucet and the water is shut off, please know that our staff is doing their best and service will be restored as soon as possible. They are just as anxious to restore service so they can go home to their families as you are to have services restored. If you should have a problem, such as a water or sewer line break, please call the DPW at 657-7319 right away any time day or night.

Village Election

The Village will hold its General Election on Tuesday March 21st, 2023. The Mayor and 2 Trustee seats will be up for election for 4-year terms. Seats currently held by Mark Falsone-Village Mayor, Gail Harrington and David Poole-Trustees (4-year terms) will expire. Polls will be open from 12 Noon through 9PM at the Village Office, 12 Main St. Please contact Donna Wollschleger Village Clerk @ 657-7554 for any questions you may have.

Recycle Your Christmas Trees

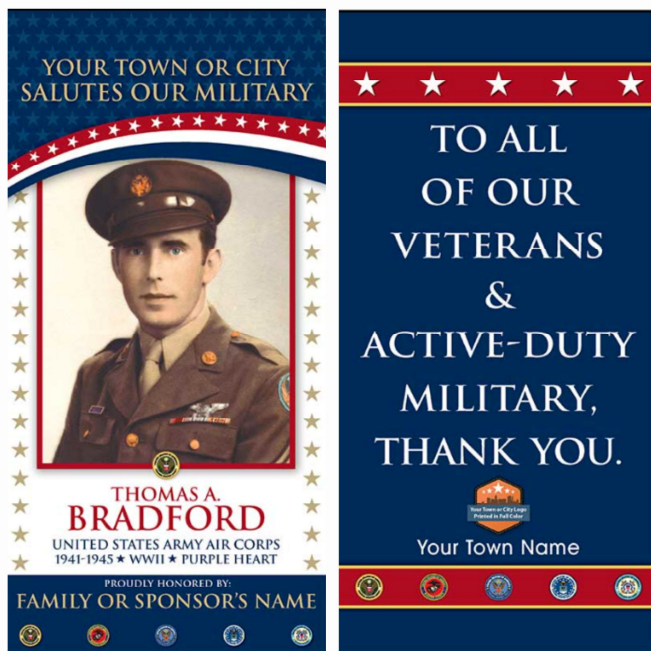
Christmas trees can be taken to the WWTP on Elm St. during normal business hours Monday- Thursday for disposal. 🌲

Rabies Clinics

Because we have documented rabies in our county, New York State Law requires every dog, cat, and ferret at least 3 months of age be vaccinated against rabies at all times. Each year Ontario County Public Health provides six free rabies clinics throughout the county. The 2023 rabies clinics run from 9AM-Noon and are scheduled for the following dates and: **February 25th, April 29th, June 17th, August 5th, September 16th, and October 28th.** All clinics will be held at the Ontario County Public Works at 2962 County Road 48 in Canandaigua. Clinics are FREE but donations are appreciated. Dogs, Cats and ferrets must be healthy and at least 12 weeks old. Bring your most recent rabies certificate with you if possible. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. For more information call Ontario County Public Health at (585) 396-4343 or visit <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/765/Rabies>.

Hometown Hero's Banners

The Bloomfield Lions Club & the Village of Bloomfield are developing a program to honor our Veterans and Active-Duty Military by displaying banners in the Village. Our plan is starting Memorial Day 2023 and continuing for several years. The program estimates it will display between 100 and 150 banners over the course of the program's lifetime. Follow the Bloomfield Lions Facebook page for more information. Below is an example of the front & back.



Fire Hydrants

Please adopt a hydrant. Keeping snow away from a fire hydrant can save time in an emergency. It only takes a few minutes to locate a hydrant near your home and shovel it clean.

Free Suppers

Free Friday Suppers are back! The First Congregational Church of Bloomfield (on the corner of South Ave. and 5&20) will serve a free meal on January 27, February 24 and March 31, from 5 - 6:30 PM. This meal is free and open to all in the community.

Place Your Order For FREE At-Home COVID-19 Tests

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of #4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. Here's what you need to know about your order: Limit of one order per residential address. One order includes #4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests (COVID.gov/tests has more details about at-home tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates) Call 1-800-232-0233 or go online to <https://www.covid.gov/tests> to order your FREE test kits.

Upcoming Events

Watch our electronic sign on the 4 corners by the bank as more info is received and things update.

1/7	EBUMC Family Game Night 7pm
1/19	EBUMC Community Lunch 12-1pm
1/19	BGC- Vet Park Ornamental Shrubs
1/27	Free Cong. Church Supper 5-6:30pm
1/28	EBUMC Community Breakfast 8:30-10am
2/4	EBUMC Family Game Night 7pm
2/16	BGC- Vet Park Indoor Salad Gard.
2/16	EBUMC Community Lunch 12-1pm
2/24	Free Cong. Church Supper 5-6:30pm
2/25	EBUMC Community Breakfast 8:30-10am
2/26	Rabies Clinic Ont. County 9-12pm
3/4	EBUMC Family Game Night 7pm
3/15	BCS Red Cross Blood Drive 9am-2pm
3/16	BGC- Vet Park Cndga Lake Watershed
3/16	EBUMC Community Lunch 12-1pm
3/25	EBUMC Community Breakfast 8:30-10am
3/31	Free Cong. Church Supper 5-6:30pm

Contact Numbers

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