

THIS WEEK IN BLOOMFIELD

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Hello Brian,

As 2025 unfolds, the energy of fresh beginnings fills our community with hope and connection. This month offers opportunities to come together, share experiences, and engage with one another in meaningful ways. With Black History Month approaching, we prepare to honor the legacies and voices that continue to shape our shared story. May this year bring growth, reflection, and a deeper sense of togetherness for all.

From all of us at the Town of Bloomfield, stay warm!



Bloomfield Public Schools

Laurel Literacy Academy

The district has moved to an online registration system. Please scan the QR code below to access the site. Registration is a two-step process.

1. Visit the website and complete a Pre-Registration Form.
2. A registration specialist will email you to complete registration process.



To scan: hold your phone's camera at the QR code. The following link will appear:
<https://sites.google.com/view/bpsc-enrollment/home>

For information about registering, contact our Registration Office at register@blmfd.org. If you have questions about kindergarten or Laurel Literacy Academy, call the school at 860-286-2675.

KINDERGARTEN Registration is Now Open for 2025-2026 School Year

Register by August 4th to ensure busing for the first day of school. Your child must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2025 to enroll**. We will have an Open House in February and April. Start the registration process to receive email notification and Open House information.



** Recent legislative changes to the Kindergarten starting age Public Act 23-208 states that beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, all children attending kindergarten must turn 5 on or before September 1st of that school year. For students previously eligible to begin kindergarten, the legislation provides a provision that a child may be considered to attend kindergarten if:

- (1) A parent submits a written request to the principal, and
- (2) The school district completes an assessment that supports the child is developmentally ready for kindergarten. Please visit <https://www.bloomfieldschools.org> for more information.



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THE NEST PRESCHOOL Registration is Now Open for 2025-2026 School Year



Laurel Literacy Academy's The Nest Preschool is now accepting registrations. We have limited seats available so please be sure your registration packet is complete by your given date.



Come play, learn and grow with us!!

Children attending The Nest must turn 3 on or before September 1st of that school year. Bloomfield Public Schools will fill preschool seats with completed registration packets. Preference will be given to registering students who have a sibling at Laurel Literacy Academy.

Register Here



*Don't Forget to Reduce,
Reuse, and Recycle.*

2025 TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE



[Route Map](#)

[Bulk Collection](#)

[Recycling Calendar](#)

[Recycle Street List](#)

[Medication Disposal](#)

Click the links directly above for detailed trash pickup information, schedules, calenders, and more!



Christmas Tree Collection
1/13-1/17

TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD
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Make A Difference In Your Community

Volunteers Needed

Help keep Bloomfield moving forward – serve on a Town Board or Commission!

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

- ✓ Bloomfield Housing Authority
- ✓ Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission
- ✓ Commission on Aging
- ✓ Metropolitan District (MDC) Representative
- ✓ Greater Hartford Transit District
- ✓ North Central Regional Mental Health Board
- ✓ Central Regional Tourism District
- ✓ Greater Hartford Flood Commission
- ✓ Citation Hearing Officer
- ✓ Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) - Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC)
- ✓ Hartford Area Cable TV Advisory Council (HACTAC)

INFO & SIGN UP



CT.GOV | Department of Motor Vehicle

DMV Community Event

ALVIN AND BEATRICE WOOD HUMAN SERVICES CENTER
@ Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center

Tuesday, January 28
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center
330 Park Ave, Bloomfield, CT 06002

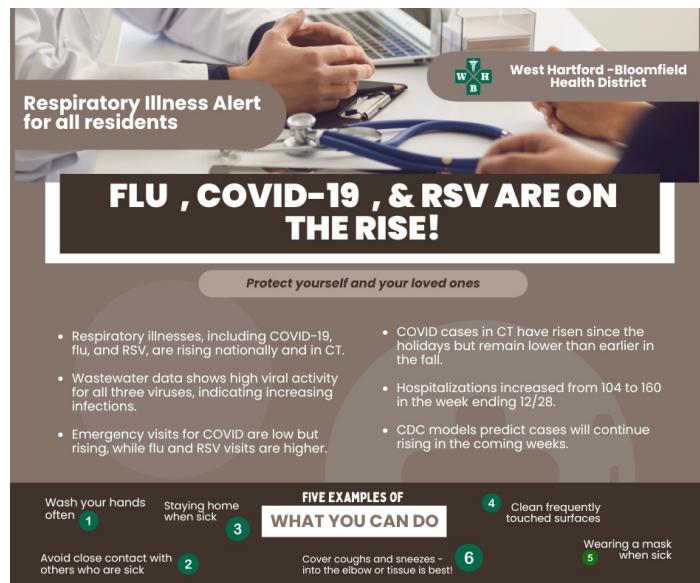
Open To The Public

Snow Date: Wednesday, January 29

Additional Information

- Located in the Human Services Center's Multi-purpose Room.
- All regular DMV fees are applicable.
- Cash will not be accepted for fees.
- Debit cards, credit cards, checks, and money orders only

If you have any questions about this event please contact the Tax Collector's Office: (860)-769-3510



West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District

Respiratory Illness Alert for all residents

FLU, COVID-19, & RSV ARE ON THE RISE!

Protect yourself and your loved ones

- Respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19, flu, and RSV, are rising nationally and in CT.
- Wastewater data shows high viral activity for all three viruses, indicating increasing infections.
- Emergency visits for COVID are low but rising, while flu and RSV visits are higher.
- COVID cases in CT have risen since the holidays but remain lower than earlier in the fall.
- Hospitalizations increased from 104 to 160 in the week ending 12/28.
- CDC models predict cases will continue rising in the coming weeks.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Wash your hands often
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid close contact with others who are sick
- Cover coughs and sneezes – into the elbow or tissue is best!
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Wearing a mask when sick



FREE FENTANYL TEST STRIPS & NARCAN

Opioids are a class of drugs that include synthetic opioids like fentanyl and prescription pain relievers such as oxycodone and hydrocodone.

Fentanyl is a powerful opioid that significantly increases the risk of a drug overdose and can be difficult to detect.



✓ Safety Fentanyl test strips can be used to check for its presence in substances. Narcan is a safe, non-addictive medication that reverses opioid overdoses.

✓ Prevention

The **West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District** offers FREE fentanyl test strips and Narcan to prevent overdoses and help keep people in our community safe.



✓ Supplies are limited. First come, first serve.

West Hartford and Bloomfield residents can pick up supplies at our Bloomfield location Monday through Friday and West Hartford location Monday, Tuesday and Friday in room 417 from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Just walk in, no questions asked.

Proof of residency is required (ID, addressed mail).

Questions? Please call the WHBHD at (860) 561-7900

*Source: NIH and CDC.

580 Cottage Grove Road, Suite 100, Bloomfield, CT
WH Town Hall: 50 S Main St, West Hartford, CT - Room 417

Virtual Diabetes Self-Management Workshops Winter and Spring 2025 Day and Evening Sessions



Topics include:

- Meal planning and label reading
- Checking your blood glucose and recommended blood glucose goals and A1C goals
- Diabetes medications
- Exercising, sick day guidelines and much more

These **free** workshops are for newly diagnosed individuals with type 2 diabetes or for those who may need an update on managing their diabetes.

Join Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Education and Care Specialist, Paula Leibovitz, for a seven-week series that will focus on managing your diabetes and eating well while following diabetic guidelines. There are opportunities for questions and comments as we share our virtual learning experience via ZOOM.

• WORKSHOP 1: Thursday, Day Session

- **January 9, 16, 23, 30** **February 6, 13, 20, 2025**
- Time: 10 am-noon

• WORKSHOP 2: Thursday, Evening Session

- **January 9, 16, 23, 30** **February 6, 13, 20, 2025**
- Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

• WORKSHOP 3: Wednesday, Day Session

- **April 23, 30** **May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2025**
- Time: 10:00 am-noon

• WORKSHOP 4: Wednesday, Evening Session

- **April 23, 30** **May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 2025**
- Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

These workshops are **FREE** and open to all.

Choose the workshop that works best for your schedule.
Pre-registration is required! The workshop materials will be mailed prior to the start of the workshop.

→ For more information or to register, please call or email Susan at the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District 860-561-7909, susan.walsh@westhartfordct.gov

This workshop is made possible by a grant received from the CT Department of Public Health.

The Board of Assessment Appeals will be holding hearings in March 2025.

- To schedule an in-person hearing with the board you must file an appeal application with the Assessor's office.
- HARD DEADLINE for appeal applications is the end of business day on FEBRUARY 20th, 2025. Applications must physically be in the assessor's office by 5 PM on Feb 20th, no exceptions and NO POSTMARKED ENVELOPES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE AND TIME.
- Applications are available online or in the assessor's office for anyone wishing to appeal their 2024 Grand List valuation of real estate or 2023 supplemental motor vehicle.

Board meetings will be posted with the town clerk's office and public notices will be posted according to statute.

[Visit our Website](#)



Department of Assessment
Town of Bloomfield
800 Bloomfield Avenue
Bloomfield Connecticut 06002
Tel. 860.769.3530
Fax 860.243.4302
www.bloomfieldct.gov

ELDERLY TAX RELIEF FOR HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

FILING BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2025 DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2025

This is to inform you that it is time to apply for the Elderly Homeowner & Totally Disabled Programs. Application forms may be filled out in the Assessor's Office.

QUALIFIERS - One spouse has to be 65 years of age by 12/31/24

Totally Disabled persons need only to qualify under the income and submit proof of the Social Security Disability Form.

MAXIMUM INCOME (Including Social Security)	MARRIED \$ 55,100
	SINGLE \$ 45,200

PROOF: Bring with you all proof of income. Social Security, Interest Income on Savings, Pensions, etc.

INCOME: Work Earnings, Interest of Stocks & Bonds, etc. for 2024.

YOU MUST bring your 1099 SOCIAL SECURITY STATEMENT, which was mailed to you in January 2025, and shows your total income from Social Security during 2024. If you file an **INCOME TAX RETURN (2024)**
YOU MUST BRING A COPY TO THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

WHERE TO FILE: Bloomfield Town Hall, Tax Assessor's Office,
800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield CT 06002

*****IF YOU FILE A FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN (2024), WE MUST HAVE A COPY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION*****

*****IF YOU ARE MARRIED YOU MUST SUPPLY YOUR SPOUSES INCOME DOCUMENTS AS WELL.**

Visit our Website

TAX BILLS DUE JANUARY 1, 2025
DELINQUENT AFTER FEBRUARY 3, 2025

The Town of Bloomfield Tax Collector's Office will issue supplemental motor vehicle and 2nd installment real estate tax bills on December 26, 2024. These bills are due on January 1, 2025, and will be considered delinquent after February 3, 2025. If you have any questions or have not received a tax bill, please contact our office at 860-769-3510 or tax@bloomfieldct.gov

Payment options

Avoid Lines, Pay Taxes Online!

Visit www.mytaxbill.net/Bloomfield

Convenience fees apply.

E-Check (Electronic Check): \$1.95 flat fee

Credit/Debit Cards: 2.99% of payment amount with a minimum fee of \$3.95.

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.

My Tax Bill



BLOOMFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT JOIN OUR TEAM

ENTRY LEVEL & CERTIFIED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

A NUMBER OF SPECIALTY ASSIGNMENTS AVAILABLE:

- K-9 Unit
- Bike Patrol
- North Central Municipal Regional Emergency Response Teams:
 - SWAT
 - Crisis Negotiations
 - Accident Investigation
 - Drone Team

JOIN THE BPD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Salary Range: \$80,857 – \$101,072
- 401k – 10% Employer Contribution
- Education Incentives
- Medical/Dental Insurance
- Paid Time Off
(Vacation/Personal/Sick/Comp/
Holidays)
- Life Insurance



For More Information



APPLY AT:
WWW.POLICEAPP.COM

Town of Bloomfield Employment Opportunities

The following employment opportunities with the Town of Bloomfield are now available

[Current Job Openings](#)

From The Office of The Assessor

Governor Lamont Signs Law Establishing Property Tax Exemption for Veterans With Service-Connected Disabilities

Governor Ned Lamont signed a new law establishing property tax exemption for veterans with **SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES**. To receive the exemption, your Department of Veterans Affairs award letter must state exactly: "**YOU ARE CONSIDERED TO BE TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED DUE SOLELY TO YOUR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES: YES**"

If your letter does not state this and you believe you may qualify for the exemption, you must contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to get an updated benefits statement and provide it to the Assessor's Office ASAP.

More information on Law can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/office-of-the-governor/news/press-releases/2024/05-2024/governor-lamont-signs-law-establishing-property-tax-exemption-for-veterans>



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

CPR TRAINING

Get trained. Save a life. You'll be glad you did.



Community CPR Classes are held at Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance, 12 Southwood Drive, Bloomfield. The class is \$75/student. Student manual, CPR facemask and CPR card are included in the cost of the class. Group classes are available as well. Please contact Ellen White at 860-243-3482 ext. 1 or e.white@pd.bloomfieldct.gov if interested.

HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM, FRI 10 AM - 5 PM



**FULL-SERVICE LIBRARY:
COLLECTIONS, TECHNOLOGY
CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**

BPL @ the Atrium

1300 Hall Boulevard, Bloomfield

Former MetLife Building, Cigna Campus

↑ TEMPORARY LOCATIONS ↓



- COMPUTERS
- PRINT/COPY
- SCAN/ FAX
- TECH HELP

330 PARK AVENUE, ROOM 117 Human Services Building

HOURS: MON & TUES 10 AM - 6 PM WED & THUR 10 AM -8 PM FRI 10 AM - 2 PM

JAN. 22
2025

Parenting Today

Virtual Series for Parents



7:00 PM
Zoom

*Registration
required



January's Presentation: Autism & Parenting

Jeremy K. Farrell is an Autism Advocate and Professional Speaker based in Western Connecticut. Jeremy's presentation, "Autism & Parenting," is focused on providing insights to parents based on his experience growing up autistic, as well as strategies for success that can be used with autistic individuals as they develop.

This virtual program is for adults/parents. Register online at bpct.org to receive the Zoom information to join.



BPL Tech Classes @ 330 Park

INTERNET BASICS

FRIDAYS
12/6-2/14
9-10 AM



December 6 January 3 January 24 February 14
December 13 January 10 January 31 February 21
December 20 January 17 February 7

If you want to know how to search effectively for information on the web, how to fill out online forms, or learn about computer viruses and scams, this class is for you. Learn the basics of the internet including navigating websites, using tabs, and creating favorites and shortcuts. You'll also learn how to protect your privacy. Sign up for all of the sessions, or pick the dates that work for you. Limited space available. **No class 12/27.**

SIGN UP AT BPLCT.ORG EVENT CALENDAR,
BPL TECH SPACE @ 330 PARK (ROOM 117),
OR BY CALLING 860-769-3560



VIRTUAL PROGRAM | Teens & Adults

Lunar New Year Calligraphy Class

with Jojo Liu



Tuesday, January 14 at 4PM

Follow along with Jojo! Kits available at BPL Atrium Library, 1300 Hall Blvd., starting January 7 (while supplies last)

Sign up at bpct.org "Event Calendar"



VIRTUAL PROGRAM

WINTONBURY POETRY SERIES

and Open Mic

TEENS ARE INVITED
TO THE OPEN MIC,
TOO!

THURSDAY
JANUARY 16, 2025
7PM



Brad Davis



Julia Paul



SIGN UP AT BPLCT.ORG, CLICK EVENT CALENDAR

What will you read next?

BOOK BITES

Fridays at 10:30AM
December 20
January 24
February 21
March 21

Join us at [BPL Atrium](#) or on Zoom to learn about new releases, current bestsellers, librarian favorites, and recommend books to each other.

Light refreshments will be served to those attending in-person.



Sign up at [bplct.org Event Calendar](#)
Limited space available at BPL Atrium



EXPLORE CODING WITH OZOBOTS

January 21
5:30-6:15pm
[BPL @ the Atrium](#)
1300 Hall Blvd, Bloomfield

Join the Youth Services Librarians as we explore basic coding with Ozobots.

Best for ages 6-11



Sign Up at [bplct.org Event Calendar](#)
860-243-9721

NOROVIRUS

Norovirus is a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhea. It causes acute gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach or intestines. It is sometimes called the "stomach bug".

DID YOU KNOW?

Norovirus is the leading cause of vomiting, diarrhea, and foodborne illness in the U.S. It can affect anyone, but vulnerable groups: young children, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe infections.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Norovirus is found in the stool (poop) and vomit of people who are infected. You can get sick if norovirus germs get into your mouth. This can happen when you have:

- Direct contact with an infected person
- Consume contaminated food or liquids
- Touch contaminated surfaces and then put unwashed hands in your mouth

SYMPTOMS: appear 12 to 48 hours after exposure and include diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, stomach pain, fever, headache, and body aches.

Severe illness can lead to dehydration, especially in vulnerable groups. Symptoms of dehydration include decreased urination, dry mouth, and throat, dizziness, crying with few tears, and fatigue.

with few tears, and unusual sleepiness.

HOW CAN I PREVENT THE SPREAD?

Take steps to protect yourself and others, including:



- Wash hands frequently.
- Cook shellfish thoroughly; wash fruits and vegetables.
- Disinfect surfaces with a bleach solution.
- Wash laundry in hot water.
- Stay home for 48 hours after symptoms stop.
- Avoid preparing food for others when you are sick.

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY

Most people recover from norovirus within **1 to 3 days**, and there is no specific medicine for it. Antibiotic drugs will not help treat norovirus infections because they fight bacteria, not viruses.

- Stay hydrated with fluids like water and broth.
- Rest, and eat bland foods (rice, crackers, toast, bananas).
- Avoid contact with others and stay home from school and work if you are sick. Contact your child's school nurse if they are feeling ill.
- If symptoms worsen or don't improve, contact a healthcare provider.



You can still spread the virus for up to 2 weeks after recovering.

MORE RESOURCES



- [When and How to Wash Your Hands](#)
- [Norovirus Fact Sheet for Food Workers](#)
- [Food Safety](#)

REPORTING FOODBORNE ILLNESS

If you suspect your illness is food-related after dining out, report it to the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District at (860) 561-7900.



Locations:

580 Cottage Grove Rd, Suite 100, Bloomfield
50 S Main St, Room 417, West Hartford



Need Help Paying for PRESCHOOL?

Financial assistance is available for income eligible families who live or work in Bloomfield

For additional information, please contact one of the following programs:

Laurel School Family Resource Center
1 Filley Street
Bloomfield CT 06002
860-769-5518

The First Academy
1151 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield CT 06002
860-206-1907

Bloomfield Preschool & Childcare Center
10 Wintonbury Avenue
Bloomfield CT 06002
860-242-0183

EDUCATION **PLAY** **LEARN** **ENJOY**

Funding provided by the Child Daycare Contract in Partnership with the Town of Bloomfield & Office of Early Childhood Education

FAMILY WORKSHOP SERIES

PRESENTED BY
BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OFFICE OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND
BLOOMFIELD SOCIAL & YOUTH SERVICES

THE DETAILS
LOCATED AT BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER
350 PARK AVENUE
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
FOOD AND CHILD CARE PROVIDED!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024
UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS. Led by mental health professionals to help you understand the signs and symptoms of anxiety and depression in adolescents. Solutions Counseling Services

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
FESTIVE FAMILY WREATH WORKSHOP - CRAFT YOUR HOLIDAY SPIRIT! A perfect family activity to kick off the holiday season! Bring your loved ones together for this hands-on workshop. Bloomfield Social and Youth Services

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025
THE BROTHERHOOD CHECK-IN: This workshop is built around open dialogue and self-reflection. Explores the importance of male involvement in the school system. Abdul Muhammad

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
SMART SAVING STRATEGIES - UNDERSTANDING IRAs, CDs AND BANK SAVING OPTIONS: Informative workshop led by experts from Windsor Federal Bank to help individuals understand ways to save money.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025
MASTER YOUR MONEY: SHIFTING MINDSETS AND BUILDING FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE: An engaging and educational workshop designed to help you take control of your financial future! Freedom Life Therapy and Wellness

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025
SUPPORTING YOUNG CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHALLENGES: Facilitated by child behavioral health specialist to help you better understand and address behavioral health challenges in children under 5th grade. Solutions Counseling Services

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025
PETALS AND MEMORIES - A CREATIVE FAMILY FLORAL EXPERIENCE: Families can come together to create a beautiful, fresh floral centerpiece. Bloomfield Youth and Social Services Bloomfield Social and Youth Services

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS **Solutions Counseling Services** **BLOOMFIELD SOCIAL & YOUTH SERVICES** **Windsor Federal Bank**

awright@bloomfield.org [\(860\) - 769 - 4218](tel:860-769-4218) [scan code to register on our site](#)



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