

## THIS WEEK IN BLOOMFIELD



### *This Week's Top 13 Things You Don't Want to Miss*

1. **Community Pop-Up Food Pantry - Hosted by Bloomfield Congregation Church**
2. **330 Talk - Social & Youth Services Podcast**
3. **Top Young Chef: Holiday Showdown**
4. **Food Bank Foundation Suggestions!**
5. **Holiday Donations Needed!**
6. **Foundations of Caregiving**
7. **Elevate Bloomfield! Your Voice Matters**
8. **Stuff a Cruiser Event! Hosted by Bloomfield Police Department**
9. **Annual Food & Diaper Drive**
10. **Annual Christmas Bazaar Hosted By Old St. Andrew's Church**
11. **The Whole Dog- Dog Training Program**
12. **Stop the Scams. Learn the Signs- Eversource Scam Awareness**
13. **Economic Forecast Breakfast**

## *Spotlight*

### **MDC RECREATION AREA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**(HARTFORD, CT)** – The Metropolitan District's (MDC) recreational facilities will

have limited hours for the upcoming Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Hours at the West Hartford Reservoir, located at 1420 Farmington Avenue; Reservoir #6, located off Route 44/Albany Avenue in West Hartford, and the West Branch Reservoir in Hartland will be limited per the following schedule:

**November 27, Thanksgiving (CLOSED)**

**December 24, Christmas Eve (CLOSED at 12PM)**

**December 25, Christmas Day (CLOSED)**

**December 31, New Year's Eve, (CLOSED at 12PM)**

**January 1, New Year's Day (OPEN)**

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



## *Shop Small, Share the Spirit at the Bloomfield Holiday Market!*

Mark your calendars! The Bloomfield Holiday Pop-Up Market & Community Food Drive is coming soon, offering a perfect opportunity to find unique gifts while giving back to our community.

Join us on Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM at the Bloomfield Congregational Church (10 Wintonbury Ave) for an afternoon of local shopping and holiday spirit.

### Find the Perfect Local Gift

The market features a diverse collection of local vendors, making it easy to fulfill the call to "Shop Local". You can

explore an exciting array of products, including:

- Fashion and accessories
- Home goods
- Beauty and wellness products
- Handmade jewelry and ceramics
- Pet accessories
- Boutique kids' collections and fine art

It's the ideal place to discover that one-of-a-kind gift for everyone on your list!

### Give Back and Win!

As part of our commitment to "Give Back", we are hosting a Community Food Drive alongside the market. We encourage all attendees to bring a bag of non-perishable food items to support a local cause.

As a thank you for your generosity, every person who contributes a bag of food will be entered into a raffle to "Win Big!" The prize is a gift card to a local restaurant.

Come out to Bloomfield Congregational Church on December 6th to Shop Small. Share the Spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## *"Light Up the Town" Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Set to Sparkle in Bloomfield!*

The holiday season is officially upon us, and the Town of Bloomfield is preparing for its most dazzling event of the year: the annual Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony!

Get ready to join the community for our signature "Light Up the Town" celebration. This event truly brings sparkle, cheer, and an unforgettable sense of community to the start of the holidays.

- Event Details: Mark Your Calendars!
- What: Light Up the Town Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony
- When: Saturday, December 06
- Time: The parade steps off at 6:00 PM
- Where: Parade route leads to Town Hall for the Tree Lighting Ceremony

### *A Parade of Festive Fun*

The parade, welcoming the holiday season with great fanfare, promises a festive showcase featuring local fire departments (including the Blue Hills Fire Dept. and the Town of Bloomfield Fire Dept.) alongside various community organizations.

The star of the show, Santa Claus, will arrive on his signature classic fire truck, leading the way to Town Hall for a bright and spectacular Tree Lighting Ceremony. Following the parade, Santa will be available for photos with children of all ages, ensuring a treasured holiday memory for every family.

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## *Bloomfield Unlocked: What it means to have a Council-Manager Government*

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### *Bloomfield Social and Youth Services: Support for Families and Individuals*

The Bloomfield Social and Youth Services Department acts as



the primary social safety net and empowerment hub for the town. Staffed by a team of professionally trained social workers, the department provides confidential services and programs aimed at promoting the well-being of all residents, from children and youth to adults and families facing a variety of needs.

### ***Comprehensive Individual and Family Services***

The department's core function is to assess individual and family needs and provide direct assistance or connect residents to the appropriate resources, often serving as navigators for complex state and regional services.

### ***Key Assistance and Outreach Areas:***

- *Individualized Needs Assessment:* Social workers conduct private consultations to determine a resident's specific needs, whether at the office or through telephone consultation, and develop action plans to secure necessary aid.
- *Financial Assistance:* Assisting residents in navigating and applying for state and local financial aid programs, including help with applications for housing, energy assistance (heating bills), and government-issued benefits.
- *Food Security:* Managing the local **Bloomfield Food Bank** (with specific operating hours) and connecting eligible families to programs like Mobile Foodshare and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- *Health and Wellness:* Offering support and information for housing options, home health care, mental health resources, and long-term care plans. The department also provides counseling through a certified **CHOICES counselor** to assist seniors with complex Medicare options.
- *Child and Family Support:* Providing inter-agency referrals and direct resources for child care, including the **Care 4 Kids** program, **Diaper Bank** services, and the **Family Resource Center (FRC)**, which supports caregivers with child development information.

### ***Empowering Bloomfield Youth***

The Youth Services division focuses on positive youth development, leadership, and employment readiness for Bloomfield children and adolescents.

### ***Youth Development and Training Programs:***

- *Project 330:* A leadership group for high school students (Grades 8–12) committed to community service, advocacy, and building skills in areas like financial literacy and entrepreneurship.
- *Summer Youth Employment & Learning Program (SYELP):* A key workforce development initiative, in partnership with Capital Workforce Partners, that offers **paid work experience** and career exploration opportunities for youth aged 14–17 during the summer months.
- *Leadership and Mentorship:* Programs such as **Mini Sunbeams** (for Grades 2–5) focus on collaboration, self-confidence, and social-emotional skills, while groups like the



**Juvenile Review Board (JRB)** provide community-based diversion for youth facing minor legal issues.

- *Police–Youth Group*: A program focused on leadership, team-building, and community service that partners youth with the Bloomfield Police Department.

The Social and Youth Services Department, located in the Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center, serves as a comprehensive resource hub, working to empower all residents to lead healthy, productive, and stable lives within the Bloomfield community.

[Learn More](#)

## Support Is Available: Essential Items for Bloomfield Residents

Are you a Bloomfield resident in need of some extra assistance?

The Bloomfield Social & Youth Services Department receives donations of essential goods and necessities from the community. These items are available to help individuals and families who are facing financial hardship.

Please stop by our office—we are here to help discreetly and compassionately.

Visit Us:

- Department: Bloomfield Social & Youth Services
- Location: Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center
- Address: 330 Park Avenue, 2nd Floor, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0337

We encourage you to call 860-242-1895 before visiting to inquire about the current availability of donated goods. Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends.



## Town Meetings This Week



- **Bloomfield Beautification Committee Meeting**

Tue., 11/25 @ 5:30 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)

- **Bloomfield Humanities Committee Meeting**

Tue., 11/25 @ 6:00 PM, In-Person - [Agenda](#)

- **Golf Advisory Committee Meeting** (Cancelled)

Wed., 11/26 @ 6:00 PM

Meetings are subject to cancellations and we recommend signing up for notifications!

[Click here to view all meeting minutes & agendas.](#)

[Click here to sign up for meeting notifications.](#)

*Civic engagement is vital for a thriving community! Bloomfield residents, make your voices heard by attending town meetings—where decisions that shape our town's future are made. Get involved, stay informed, and help build a stronger Bloomfield together!*



## Quick Links



Trash & Recycling



Stay Connected



Job Opportunities

## Happening Around Bloomfield

### Community Events

- Let's Read! Leamos! - [Learn More](#)
- **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting** - [Learn More](#)
- YMCA Live Strong Strong (Winter Season) - [Learn More](#)
- **YMCA Thanksgiving Cycle & Lift For A Cause** - [Learn More](#)



### Community Partners

- **Annual Christmas Bazaar Hosted By Old St. Andrew's Church** - [Learn More](#)
- Social & Youth Services November Newsletter - [Learn More](#)
- **Find Food in Your Town, 211 Resources** - [Learn More](#)
- Senior Services - [November Newsletter](#)
- **Full Bowls - A Dog Star Rescue Event** - [Learn More](#)
- Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services Fall Brochure - [Learn More](#)

**Health & Wellness (West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District)**

- **West Hartford - Bloomfield Health District November Newsletter** - [Learn More](#)
- Virtual Diabetes Self-Management Workshops Fall - [Learn More](#)
- **Drop-In Narcan with the West Hartford - Bloomfield Health District** - [Learn More](#)
- Therapy Dogs - [Learn More](#)

### **Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce (Bloomfield Means Business)**

- 2026 Economic Forecast Breakfast - [Learn More](#)
- **Holiday Wreath-Making Workshop** - [Learn More](#)
- Santa on the Farm - [Learn More](#)
- **Morning Meet Up** - [Learn More](#)

**Upcoming event you'd like included?** [Contact us here](#). Event inclusion is subject to space restrictions.

[Learn More](#)

*Click the "**Learn More**" button above for a full list of all graphics, event flyers, posters, and further information!*

## *Aging in Place Safely Grant: Minor Home Repair Assistance*

The Minority Construction Council is pleased to announce the Aging in Place Safely Grant Program, designed with the goal of "Keeping Our Seniors Happy, Healthy and Whole!"



This grant program offers assistance to seniors with minor home repairs, providing up to \$5,000 for eligible households.

### **Grant Application Details**

**Application Period:** The grant application period is from October 15 to December 1, 2025.

**Eligible Areas:** The grant is available to seniors who live in one of the following towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, West Hartford, and Windsor.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for the grant, you must meet all the requirements below and be able to submit the necessary documentation as proof of eligibility:

**Age:** All household members must be 65 years old or older.

**Household Size:** The household must have only 1-2 Seniors living in the home.

**Annual Income:** You must have proof of Annual Income below the limits:

1 Senior: \$39,761  
2 Seniors: \$51,996

Home Ownership: You must have proof of home ownership, such as a Deed, Mortgage Statement, or Current Home Tax Bill.

For more information, contact the **Minority Construction Council** at: **(860) 882-0675**.

[Apply Now](#)

## *CT Automatic Admission Program: Earn Good Grades, Get Into College*

Governor Ned Lamont is reminding high school students about the Connecticut Automatic Admission Program (CAAP), which guarantees admission to 10 participating colleges and universities for seniors with at least a 3.0 weighted GPA or 2.75 unweighted GPA. The program streamlines the process with one simple application, no fees, no essays, and no recommendation letters required. Applications for the 2026–2027 academic year are open now through May 1, 2026.



Learn more and apply at [www.ct.edu/autoadmit](http://www.ct.edu/autoadmit).

## *Reminders*



*Beginning the week of September 29, the Metropolitan District (MDC) and Genovesi Construction Company* will begin replacing water mains and services on Revere Drive.

Work will start at the **Park Avenue (Route 178) intersection and continue north to the cul-de-sac over 5–6 weeks**. Construction will take place Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM–5:00 PM, with temporary traffic patterns in effect. Please watch for posted signs and updates as the project progresses.

- Bloomfield Senior & Disabled Housing Sites - [Learn More](#)
- The **Bloomfield Foodbank** (Social & Youth Services Department) - [Learn More](#)
- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT (6-8 Months) - **Kenwood Circle Area** - [Learn More](#)
- [CTDOT Announces Exit Number Revisions on I-291 from Windsor to Manchester](#)
- Community CPR Classes Available - [Email BVACPR to learn more.](#)
- Numerous Bloomfield Public Library Programs Available - [Click here for the event calendar](#) or [here to sign up to receive their eNewsletter](#)



- Did you miss an email? [Click here for the eNewsletter archive.](#)

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