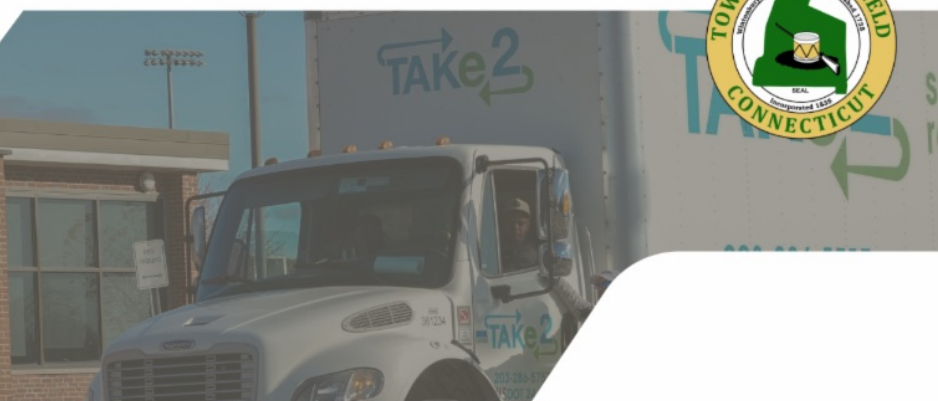


THIS WEEK IN BLOOMFIELD



This Week's Top 11 Things You Don't Want to Miss

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Spotlight

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!

"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.

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

The Bloomfield Minibus: Essential Shared-Ride Transportation for Seniors and Disabled Residents

The Bloomfield Minibus is a crucial public transportation service managed by the Town of Bloomfield's Senior Services Department, providing affordable and reliable shared-ride access to essential destinations for the community's eligible residents.



Eligibility and Purpose

The Minibus system is a specialized service, not a general public transit line. It is dedicated to supporting the mobility of those who may have difficulty using traditional transportation methods.

Primary Ridership Includes:

- *Seniors:* Any Bloomfield resident age 60 and older.
- *Medically Eligible Residents:* Persons age 21 and older who can provide proof of disability and a qualifying medical need for the service.

The primary function of the Minibus is to ensure residents can access vital services, promoting health and independence. The curb-to-curb service transports individuals for:

- *Medical Appointments:* Both within Bloomfield and to external facilities in surrounding towns, including West Hartford, Hartford, Farmington, and UConn Health Center.
- *Essential Errands:* Grocery shopping, banking, and pharmacy visits within the town.
- *Social & Wellness:* Attendance at programs and activities offered by the Senior Center.
- *Note:* The service is strictly for essential and non-work-related travel.

Operational Details

The Minibus operates on a consistent weekday schedule, designed to cover peak needs for appointments and errands:

- *Schedule:* Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- *Holidays:* The service is closed on Town-recognized holidays.

Accessing the Service

To utilize the Bloomfield Minibus, residents must complete a two-step enrollment and booking process:

Enrollment and Cost

- *Application*: New riders must complete a Mini Bus Application and an emergency information form, which is submitted to the Senior Services Department.
- *Annual Fee*: There is a \$40.00 annual subscription fee to become a member and utilize the service throughout the year.

Booking a Trip

- *Advance Notice is Key*: As a shared-ride system, reservations are mandatory and must be called in at least 24 hours in advance. Same-day booking is not possible.
- *Shared Schedule*: Riders must be flexible and ready for their pickup at the curb. Because the bus is pooling multiple riders into one route, passengers are asked to be ready up to 30 minutes before and after their scheduled time to accommodate the route's travel time variations.

The Bloomfield Minibus remains an indispensable resource, acting as a crucial link that helps connect the town's senior and disabled population to necessary services and the broader community.

Town Meetings This Week



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

- **(CANCELLED) Finance, Budget, Audit, & Bonding Subcommittee Meeting**
Mon., 11/17 @ 6:00 PM
- Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Meeting
Mon., 11/17 @ 7:00 PM, Online Via Zoom - [Agenda](#)
- **Economic Development Commission & Development Agency Meeting**
Tue., 11/18 @ 8:30 PM, Online Via Zoom - [Agenda](#)
- CANCELLED: Town Center Economic Development Commission Meeting
Tue, 11/18 @ 6:00 PM, Hybrid - [Agenda](#)
- **Board of Education Meeting**
Tue., 11/18 @ 7:00 PM, Hybrid - [Agenda](#)
- Town Plan & Zoning Commission Meeting
Thu., 11/20 @ 7:00 PM, Hybrid Meeting - [Agenda](#)

[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

- Social Justice Book Club: Poet Warrior by Joy Harjo - [Learn More](#)
- **Raise A Glass to Fermentation Homemade Kombucha & More!** - [Learn More](#)
- Opera Talk: Arabella - [Learn More](#)
- **Lunch and Learn; How to Write Your Own Obituary** - [Learn More](#)
- Find Food in Your Town, 211 Resources - [Learn More](#)
- **Bloomfield Parks, Recreation, and Leisure Services Fall Brochure** - [Learn More](#)
- Senior Services - [November Newsletter](#)
- **YMCA Live Strong Strong (Winter Season)** - [Learn More](#)
- YMCA Thanksgiving Cycle & Lift For A Cause - [Learn More](#)
- **Kids Eat Free @ TJ Burritos Until SNAP is Restored** - [Learn More](#)
- Full Bowls - A Dog Star Rescue Event - [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)

- Multi-Chamber Business After Hours: Riverbend Farmington - [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!*

Author Talk: "Bloomfield and the Filleys in the Civil War"

Wednesday, November 19 | 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Bloomfield Public Library, 330 Park Avenue

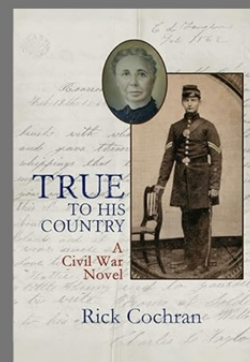
Presented by: **Bloomfield Public Library & The Wintonbury Historical Society**

Register at: bplct.org

Join us for an engaging evening with author Rick Cochran, who will present his newest historical novel, *True to His Country: A Civil War Novel*. This special program, "Bloomfield and the Filleys in the Civil War," explores how the national conflict of the 1860s touched the lives of local families — including the Filleys, one of Bloomfield's most storied names.

Cochran's novel draws on family letters, diaries, and extensive historical research to tell the intertwined stories of Charles Taylor and Charlotte Filley Taylor, whose experiences reflect both the immigrant journey and the trials of wartime life. Charlotte emigrated from Ulster in 1850, settling in Bloomfield after losing her parents at sea, while Charles served four years in the 10th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. Their relationship — marked by love, duty, and the moral questions of a divided nation — offers a deeply personal view of how families like the Filleys experienced the era's upheaval.

Rick Cochran presents: "True to His Country", A Civil War Novel



**Wednesday, November
19th
6:30pm - 7:30pm**

Presented by Bloomfield Public Library
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330 Park Avenue Bloomfield, Ct.

register @ bplct.org



Rick Cochran's True to His Country is more than a war story — it's a portrait of Connecticut life in the 19th century. Through authentic period detail and voices drawn from real correspondence, Cochran brings to life the courage and sacrifices of everyday people whose stories shaped our shared history. Kirkus Reviews praised the book for its emotional honesty and vivid portrayal of local history, noting that Cochran "rises to the challenge... through this small slice of its effects on his ancestors."

This is a wonderful opportunity to explore Bloomfield's history, hear directly from the author, and gain new insight into how national events shaped our town's past. Space is limited, so be sure to register early at bplct.org.

ANNUAL SEASON OF GIVING

BLOOMFIELD SOCIAL AND YOUTH SERVICES WILL DISTRIBUTE THANKSGIVING BASKETS AND HOLIDAY ITEMS. THANKSGIVING BASKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON SATURDAY, NOV. 22ND. MORE INFORMATION TO COME.

HOLIDAY REGISTRATION BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, OCT 1ST. APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER FRIDAY, NOV. 17TH WILL BE PLACED ON THE WAITLIST.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE
Bloomfield families with children ages 13 and under. Eligibility is based on household size and income.

Family #	Max Income
2	\$74,384
3	\$91,886
4	\$109,389
5	\$126,891

WHAT IS NEEDED

- ✓ Proof of all household income
- ✓ Proof of residency (a current ID, utility bill, etc)
- ✓ Birth Certificates of the child(ren). If applicable, proof of guardianship.

Fill out the application in person or scan QR CODE below

BLOOMFIELD SOCIAL AND YOUTH SERVICES
330 PARK AVE 2ND FLOOR
BLOOMFIELD CT 06002
FOR MORE INFO, CALL
860.242.1895

Annual Season of Giving: Holiday Assistance for Bloomfield Families

Bloomfield Social & Youth Services will once again distribute Thanksgiving baskets and holiday gifts to eligible Bloomfield families with children ages 13 and under.

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution: **Saturday, November 22** (details to follow)

Eligibility is based on household size and income. Proof of residency, income, and children's birth certificates are required.

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

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

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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.

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.

- 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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