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Good day Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councilors,

Here are the latest updates from the Community Building Leadership Team (CBLT) including topical subjects and departmental reported updates and issues.

### **SURVEY MAILER READY FOR RELEASE TO BLOOMFIELD NEIGHBORS**

The mailer including the survey for preferred utilization of American Rescue Plan Act funds is pending release to Bloomfield neighbors in the next several days; a copy of the near-final survey is attached to the emailed version of this communication to the Town Council. Additional marketing opportunities for completion of survey is also forthcoming.

### **TOWN DEPARTMENTS' CODIFICATION**

The Town of Bloomfield's Charter, Chapter III. The Town Council, Section 306, Powers, provides that "The Town Council shall approve or change the overall organizational structure of the Town government..."

Chapter VI. Administrative Departments and Officers, Sections 601, 602, 603, and 604 provide respectively for the Departments of Public Safety, Public Works, Finance, and Library Services. Section 605 provides that "There shall be such other departments, offices and agencies and the same shall be organized in such manner as the council shall determine by ordinance..."

To our knowledge, the requirements of Section 605 have never been enacted. As discussed during this year's Budget Workshops, the administration is actively working to address this issue. I have asked Town Clerk Marguerite Phillips and Leisure Services Director Dave Melesko to work with the Community Building Leadership Team and the Town Attorney to prepare ordinance drafts for codifying all departments as a part of the Town's Ordinances; those proposed drafts will be presented to the Town Council for action before the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2022.

The following departments and/or offices are already identified and classified within the Town Charter:

- Town Manager
- Town Clerk
- Finance
- Public Works
- Public Safety (Police)
- Library

The following agencies are not identified in either the Town Charter or ordinances as departments:

- Human Resources
- Building and Land Use
- Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services
- Senior Services
- Social and Youth Services

### **UPCOMING WORKSHOPS: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS / AFFORDABLE HOUSING / DEVELOPMENT AGENCY UPDATE**

With future activities and/or actions related to these three topics in process, I have asked Public Works Director Dan Carter and Planning and Development Director Jennifer Valentino-Rodriguez to prepare for a series of discussions, respectively, on Road Improvements and Affordable Housing, plans and challenges, with Town Council and other key stakeholders; these are crucial issues of community investment. A preliminary discussion of this year's road plan will be discussed at this Tuesday's May 10, 2022 Administration and Education Subcommittee Meeting.

As well, the Town Attorney has conducted preliminary research on the legal requirements for setting up a development (redevelopment) authority for the Town of Bloomfield. We intend to schedule that presentation for the next available opportunity at an upcoming Town Council meeting.

We will keep you informed on other scheduling.

### **ENHANCING ONLINE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO BLOOMFIELD'S NEIGHBORS**

A major topic of discussion at last week's meeting of the Community Building Leadership Team (CBLT) was a review of digitally accessible services being offered to our Bloomfield public constituencies.

A question that I've posed to the CBLT is why our Bloomfield neighbors should not be offered the convenience and benefit of the same types and caliber of services offered online as compared to neighboring Connecticut local governments. My assessment at this time is that overall our online services availability and ease of use is subpar despite some services being offered by certain departments being on the cutting edge of best practices.

Therefore, we have launched a new initiative seeking to reverse any subpar service delivery coinciding with the presently started (albeit too slow) overhaul of the Town's website. Each department has been tasked with researching, analyzing, and proposing services that should be made available online as a convenience to our neighbors, businesses, and visitors. These efforts will be combined with and reinforced by new or modified resources that the Town Council has approved for the budget year that begins on July 1, 2022.

## DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

### **Planning and Development [proposed department codification name: Building and Land Use]**

#### Building

##### Analytics:

Month of April: The Building Division received 147 permit applications, issued 145 permits, conducted more than 210 inspections, and received \$104,832 in permit revenue.

Year-To-Date: The year-to-date permit revenue received is \$1,002,224.

##### New Commercial Projects to Note for the Month of April:

- 30 Tobey Road  
The interior and exterior renovations of 30 Tobey Road have been completed! Please welcome the Creative Hearts Learning Academy to Tobey Road!
- 100 Granby Street – Dent Wizard  
Interior repairs and renovations necessary for business restoration following the March 12th fire.
- 20 Jerome Avenue  
Foundation permit for a new construction 150 unit apartment building.
- 38 Tunxis Avenue – Family Dollar  
Tenant fit-out.
- 109 West Dudley Town Road – Managed Air Systems, LLC  
Two new commercial spray booths.
- 380 Woodland Avenue – Niagara Bottling, LLC  
New interior pallet racking.

##### Building Permit Applications Received:

In the month of April, 49 building permit applications were received, 31 of which were residential for the purpose of new decks, sheds, swimming pools, re-roofing, new windows, kitchen & bathroom remodels, additions, and new habitable basements.

##### Town Plan and Zoning Commission Activity:

##### Approved:

- Special permit application of Krown Point Capital, LLC/ CRT, LLC for approval of a revised master plan for a Planned Luxury Residential development consisting of 90 units of single-family rental residences, property located at 21 & 30 Ryefield Hollow Dr. in an R-30 zone, owner Maulucci Brothers, LLC. (approved April 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Site Plan application of Permasteelisa North America to construct a small outdoor display, known as “The Cube” for showing building glass and siding panels to clients at 1300 Hall Boulevard, owner the Atrium CT LLC (approved April 28<sup>th</sup>)  
<https://www.permasteelisagroup.com/>
- Community Investment Plan review under Connecticut General Statutes 8-24 was approved on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Tabled hearings:

- Application by Andy Morrison for 2 lot re-subdivision of 4.7 acres and 15.389 acres; property located at 1236 Blue Hills Avenue, R-15 & I-2 zone. (was tabled to May – legal opinion on roadway)
- Special permit application of Andy Morrison to allow a proposed building with outside storage of material and equipment associated with a contractor’s yard at 1242 Blue Hills Avenue, R-15 & I-2 zone. (was tabled to May – legal opinion on roadway)
- Special permit and Site Plan applications of Douglas Street Ventures, LLC for approval to construct a 74,520 sq. ft. warehouse/distribution center with associated loading docks and parking. Property located at 59 & 69 Douglas Street in an I-2 zone, owner Douglas Street Ventures, LLC. (continued to May 26, hearing)
- Agritourism is a way to preserve small farms, improve local food resources and boost the local economy with minimal neighbor impact. A petition was submitted by Aaron J. Romano for a proposed Zoning Regulation text amendment to allow for the expansion of farm activities to include agritourism. (continued to May 19, Special Meeting and Hearing)
- Cannabis regulation discussion tabled for May meeting

#### Other Activity:

- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Douglas Street – two firms were interviewed, both proposed residential redevelopment, selection and notification is being coordinated by the Purchasing Office.
- RFP for a required 10 year Plan of Conservation and Development consultant and related services was posted.
- Extension filed to the Department of Housing and draft RFP soon to be submitted for review for the required 5 year Affordable Housing Plan, Town Council resolution needed for extension
- RFP for Clean Energy Plan – two firms responded and will be interviewed within the next two weeks. Stephanie Bahramian, Environmental Planner, Paula Jones, Chair of Conservation Environment Energy Commission along with Jennifer, Dan and Nancy will conduct interviews together by mid-May
- Small Business Loan Program – collaborating to create a program proposal, partnering with the Chamber and a local bank to administer low interest small business loans for Bloomfield community members. Goman & York is providing comment to the draft documents.
- Housing Rehabilitation Program – collaborating to create a program proposal to assist qualifying homeowners with priority home improvements like heating, roof repair, siding and similar repairs.
- Recent Business Tours
  - Zephania Marie Gift Shop
  - Cigna
  - Thomas Hooker Brewery
  - Pepperidge Farm
  - Samuel Eggleston Bed and Breakfast
  - Niagara – scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

- Budget Modification Implementation Challenges
  - Job descriptions need to be reviewed and amended. Human Resources has communicated that the classification and job description review is underway, then will be followed by union discussions.
  - Exploring space for three new staff, seeking input from Public Works and Information Technology regarding space and information technology needs for first phase of accommodations.
- Online Services, early observations for increased services online
  - There are multiple titles for this one department on various pages/searches throughout the site.
  - Tax abatement applications are not online, Tax Increment Finance (TIF) incentive applications are not online
  - Add land use applications to our online permitting system like the building permits are, such as planning and zoning and design review board, some of the templates are completed and just need implementation. All forms are online for download and printing, but other than building permits they are not fillable, processed or paid for online.
  - Increase community engagement for the Plan of Conservation and Development and similar efforts such as creation of the Affordable Housing Plan – Jamboard and similar programs to collect input and to provide questions and answers (Q&A) should be explored.
  - Roadway and safety applications are online. Updates on Town projects could improve. (Engineering)
  - Follow up on online complaint submittal system.
  - Once created, the small business loan and housing rehab applications will be online

## **Information Systems and Technology (IST)/Purchasing and Risk Management**

### Information Systems and Technology (IST)

- Website Update: After the go live of the well-received update of the Social and Youth Services website, the website taskforce performed an internal review and asked CivicPlus (CP) to dig a little deeper in the scope and design. Town staff met with the Project Manager, Website Designer, and Content Manager to brainstorm additional ideas for the site. We are looking at alternative ways for the public to navigate the site to make it more user friendly. Departments are being asked to review peers websites in other towns and provide ideas that would provide better service to community members. India Rodgers will be co-chairing the taskforce. The eventual design may involve the development of additional department sub sites, similar to what was done for Social and Youth Services. CivicPlus has provided many examples from other clients for us to review.
- Public Wireless: IST is presenting, with two other communities, on the CT Everybody Learns Initiative public wireless project on May 5 at the Annual Connecticut Education Network Conference in Hartford. IST has received two additional wireless access points to install in town. IST is working on a plan for the access points while both libraries are under renovations.
- Body Worn Camera Replacement Server: The server configuration and transition is scheduled for May 9th. The Body Worn Camera devices are still on back-order so we will



be installing the new server and configuring it to work with the existing body worn and in car camera systems. This was a Community Investment Plan initiative.

- **Audiolog Voice Recorder:** After an exhaustive IST pre-sales engineering review, the Police Department (PD) has signed a lease renewal to replace the aging Voice recorder at the PD. The updated server will provide for investigations and compliance on the radio and communications solutions.
- **Traffic Cameras:** The Police Department (PD) has received a grant to install traffic cameras at strategic intersections in Town to enhance traffic safety. These cameras will require a network connection to provide the video back to the PD. IST is providing consulting services to move this project along.
- **Library Building Projects:** Working with representatives from the Library building project to review and provide internet services to potential library swing spaces. Reviewing project plans and providing guidance on adherence to best practice. Working with Library Staff to develop meaningful and creative Audio/Video solutions for the new buildings. Working with CEN and Crown Castle to plan and move State of CT and vendor fiber optic equipment from Prosser to alternative location.
- **Endpoint Security:** IST continuing to research a replacement endpoint security product to deploy in the environment. Met with our firewall provider and looked at products that would integrate with our existing security infrastructure as a replacement endpoint security software. One of the products would provide protection based on artificial intelligence and utilizes the device's behavior to base a security response. This project has been prioritized based on the changing geo-political landscape.
- **Center Fire Internet Circuit:** IST worked with the State of CT Public Safety Data Network and CEN to provide an internet circuit for Center Fire. There was a problem with the copper transceiver at the Fire Department which caused the circuit to be inoperable. Worked with CEN to obtain a replacement and it arrived on 5/3. Working with Center Fire for install and test date. Hoping for 5/6 for the test.
- **Cohesity File Share/Backup:** The initial intention for the Cohesity was to take over the file sharing functionality of the aging Netapp appliance. Due to the inconsistent state of the backup infrastructure and the increasing threats of cyber-attacks and ransomware, our focus shifted to ensuring the integrity of the Town's data in case of a malicious event. IST worked to test and implement a solid backup strategy that backs up data and replicates data off-site to also ensure data integrity in case of a disaster (i.e. fire, water damage, etc.). We will further evaluate (cost/benefit) the option to replicate data to the cloud to provide another level of protection. Because this new technology allowed us to dramatically decrease the backup with – going from 8-12 hours to less than 15 minutes for the Servers and less than 5 minutes for the unstructured data – we are now able to perform backups more frequently, allowing us to have more recent restore points available.
- The next phase of the Cohesity implementation will be to implement the file share functionality. We are currently working on testing the cutover strategy to minimize impact on the end user. IST's goal is to make the switch with minimal interruption to data access. We are currently working through some minor hurdles, but don't expect any major issues.
- **Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) Replacement/Upgrade:** The Tripplite UPS (network rack) had failed prior to battery replacement. A new APC UPS was brought online to serve the network rack that was protected by the Tripplite. That APC UPS needs to be moved to the other side of the server room to take the place of the old Matrix UPS (server rack). Currently evaluating the options for providing backup power to the network rack from that new UPS once it is moved. IST will need to schedule downtime to make that swap while minimizing network and server disruption.

### Purchasing and Risk Management:

- April purchase orders 92, valued at \$1,264,667.
- 2 new liability insurance claims.
- Spring street work and paving contracts and purchase orders.
- Prepare 2023 Community Investment Plan package for Town Plan and Zoning (TPZ) §8-24 hearing and present to TPZ, refer back to Town Council for annual budget meeting.
- Conduct owner's project representative interviews with Library Building Committee.
- Schedule, interview and award Diversity, Equity and Inclusion consultant Request for Proposal (RFP).
- Conduct interviews and prepare recommendation for sale and development of 15 Douglas Street.
- Draft, finalize and issue Plan of Conservation and Development RFP.
- Prepare draft of municipal solid waste contract.

### **Leisure Services [proposed department codification name: Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services]**

The department is currently shifting gears from winter/spring programming to summer programming. The summer brochure has since been released and posted on both the Town's website and the department's website at [www.bloomfieldrec.com](http://www.bloomfieldrec.com). We just completed summer staffing interviews for both summer camp and lifeguard positions; all positions have been filled with the exception of a second pool maintainer position. In addition to camps, the department will be offering several Bloomfield Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program opportunities. Memorial Day preparations are underway; events of the day will be held on Monday, May 30 with the following schedule: 10 am ceremony at Mountain View Cemetery, 11:30 am parade throughout the center of Town immediately followed by the Town Green Ceremony. The Parade Marshal and Speakers names will be confirmed and released during the week of May 9, 2022. The annual road race will be replaced by a summer Cross Country Series that consists of three races scheduled to be held at LaSalette Park during the month of June.

In addition to programming, several projects are currently up and running. The pool Splash Pad Project is underway; the project has experienced some delays due to permitting problems as well as grading discrepancies. These issues have since been addressed and barring no additional setbacks, the project will be completed this summer. The Farmington River Park House Demolition Project request for quotes has been released with all quotes scheduled to be received no later than Friday, May 20, 2022. And lastly, the Rockwell Park Planning Project is currently underway, a community wide "Bloomfield, we want to hear from YOU!" survey has recently been released to obtain feedback from our neighbors on what they'd like to see at the park [https://www.bloomfieldct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif7551/f/news/rockwell\\_survey\\_flyer\\_pdf\\_11x8.pdf](https://www.bloomfieldct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif7551/f/news/rockwell_survey_flyer_pdf_11x8.pdf).

### **Bloomfield Public Library (BPL)**

Bloomfield Public Library (BPL): 2022 Connecticut Library Association (CLA) Conference

At the statewide library conference on May 3-4, 2022, the BPL team was proud to both share our hard work and learn from other amazing library workers from around the state. Bloomfield staffers Allison Wilkos and Elizabeth Lane presented in a session titled Library Marketing: A Fresh

Perspective, where they discussed BPL's team driven approach to marketing using collaborative design, open communication, and clear strategic goals. Board Member Maxine Ursery and Elizabeth Lane were in a panel of library directors and board members, including Southington and Coventry, titled How We Did It: Three Recent Successful Building Referenda Campaigns. They outlined Bloomfield's approach to community outreach prior to the 2021 referendum, including sending a library survey to every residence in the Town through the mail and a phone campaign. Important conference topics included the integral role libraries play in public health, employment, and education, and how libraries combat information redlining and censorship.

## **Public Safety**

- The Police Department remains on budget; however, the Professional Standards Division is over allocated overtime balances due to staffing shortages at the dispatch position.
  - The budget remains within parameters due to payroll savings in several divisions and available overtime balances.
- The last recruitment process is completed. None of the candidates that passed the test made it through background review.
- Human Resources (HR) is working diligently on a new recruitment campaign to provide additional candidates
- Two recruitment candidates graduated from the Police Academy this past Thursday, and another will graduate next Friday.
- Interviewing candidates for first-line supervisor, or sergeant, this Friday with an anticipated promotion the following week.
- The Police Department is working with several members of the Community Building Leadership Team on a few problem addresses in Town. 545 Simsbury Road has been an issue with neighbors. The current occupants are University of Hartford students that are impacting quality of life issues in the neighborhood. We have re-organized a University of Hartford task force with representative of the school to impact student behavior at this and other locations.
- The Police Department is also working with members of the CBLT on a property, parking and neighbor dispute on Tobey Rd.
- We recently received a complaint of negative quality of life activity on Burr Rd, including traffic issues and noise. We are gathering information to address neighborhood concerns.

## **Public Works (PW) [proposed reorganization: Public Works and Engineering]**

### Administration

- Coordinated with the Bloomfield Beautification Committee (BBC) and the Conservation, Energy, and Environment Committee (CEEC).
- 56 man hours were lost due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) quarantine.
- Currently have a Facilities Building Maintainer out on worker's compensation leave (WCL).
- Currently have a Maintainer II out on WCL.
- Currently have one Vehicle Maintenance Technician position vacant.
- Currently have one Maintainer II position vacant.



- Continued self-evaluation with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This is a voluntary program to promote and identify work place safety issues.
- Attended and represented the Department at the American Public Works Association (APWA) New England spring conference held at Rentschler Field in East Hartford.
- Attended and represented the Department at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Association of Street and Highway Officials (CASHO) held in Southington Ct.
- Met with residents of the High Hill Road neighborhood to review flooding issues in the area.
- Conducted a pavement coordination meeting with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to begin the process of keeping each department abreast of proposed work in Town roadways.
- Participated in Construction Career Fair at Prince Technical High School in Hartford organized by the Minority Construction Council.

#### Field Operations

- Performed *temporary* repairs to the washouts on the Greenway Trail utilizing Public Works staff.
- Line stripe removal by a vendor in preparation for micro paving has been initiated.
- The following roads will be micro paved beginning May 13<sup>th</sup>:
  - Deerfield Rd, South Barn Hill Rd., Vistas Way, West Hill Rd., Cadwell Rd., Hill Farm Rd., Hill Top Circle, Latimer Lane, Wintonbury Ave., Diana Dr., Duncaster Rd,
- Town staff performing storm drainage repair work in preparation for paving.
- Currently milling the following streets in preparation for paving:
  - Applewood Rd., Crestview Drive Ext., Linwood Dr., Tiffany La., Pond Side Rd., Mountain Rd., Nolan Dr., Woodland Avenue (2 sections), Arthur Drive.
- Public Works had one after hour call-in for a downed tree.
- Provided setup and breakdown of town polling stations for democratic town committee primary election.
- Continued annual street sweeping town wide.

#### Field Operations – Grounds

- Maintained town athletic fields for spring sports.
- Performed weekly refuse collection from town wide garbage receptacles.
- Performed clean-up of nine (9) instances of illegal dumping.
- Completed spring clean-up at all town buildings and schools.
- Began weekly mowing of town buildings
- Completed set up of soccer fields at the Human Services Building.
- Completed improvements to the entrance of the Farmington River Park by installing blue stone recycled from other locations.
- Mowed and weed wacked heavy growth along Greenway Trail.
- Planted two new trees at Town Hall and performed setup and break down for the Arbor Day tree celebration hosted by the Bloomfield Beautification Committee (BBC) And the Conservation Energy and Environmental Committee (CEEC)
- Provided barricades requested by the Police Department in support of a road race on West Newberry Road.

## Fleet Services

- 31-Work orders completed.
- Police Department (PD) had (3) breakdowns. #652-Flat tire, #1627-No Start,#236-No Start
- PW had (1) breakdowns #232-Engine smoking
- Fuel usage for March: Diesel-1,617.614 gallons Gasoline-5,266.933 (total fleet).

## Facilities

- The Facilities Division opened (13) new work orders while completing (15) activities to include but not limited to general maintenance and repair.
- Clearwater performed monthly service to Town Hall, Prosser Library, Police Department, Human Services Building and Public Works Department to treat boiler water loops.
- Monthly generator load tests have been completed at Public works, Volunteer Ambulance and Police facilities.
- Allstate Construction is continuing the chiller and floor project at Town Hall. The chiller will be rigged in place next week and the new job schedule indicates completion by May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Impact Fire completed inspections of fire panels and devices in all buildings.

## **Senior Services**

### **PRE-MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON**

The consensus among the 74 women who participated in the pre-Mother's Day luncheon at Simsbury Inn was that it was about time for a party, and they were not disappointed. Good food, foot-tapping music, and dancing, dancing, dancing made the time fly by.

### **COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS**

Senior Services is partnering with the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District to present two vaccination clinics in the Human Services Center: from 10:30 am until noon on Tuesday May 10 & May 17. Both Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available. No appointments are necessary.

### **SATURDAYS AT THE SENIOR CENTER**

The Senior Center is now open from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on Saturdays through June 25. It has been a pleasant surprise to see so many billiards players, as well as walkers and knitters. Special "Second Saturdays" (on May 14 and June 11) will also include a continental breakfast, complimentary movie and bingo. Transportation is available for registered mini-bus riders.

### **MULTI-MEDIA DRAWING & EXPLORATION WORKSHOPS**

Bloomfield artist and instructor Dolores Howard will present two workshops at the Senior Center this spring (on Saturday, May 21 and June 18). Dolores has taught classes at the Senior Center for the past 10 years.

### **6th ANNUAL CASUAL PROM**

Honor students from the University High School of Science & Engineering will be back at the Senior Center on Thursday, May 26, to present another casual prom. Eight years ago, students were surprised to learn that many individuals of their grandparents' generation never had the opportunity to attend a prom while they were in high school. They brainstormed, and came up with the idea for a themed "casual prom," where participants could dress up or down and enjoy an afternoon of music and dancing (and food). The pandemic put this annual event on hold for two years, but we are pleased to announce its return this month.

## NATIONAL HEALTH & FITNESS WEEK

We have taken National Health & Fitness Day and expanded it into a weeklong event. Bloomfield “seniors” are encouraged to get out, get moving, and get walking during the week of May 23-27. For every day that they walk, a participant will earn a ticket for a drawing. Gift cards will be presented to three lucky winners.

## ADULT DISPOSABLE UNDERGARMENT BANK

Beginning Wednesday, June 1, this important service will begin operating for Bloomfield residents. Faced with rising costs due to inflation, many individuals cannot afford to purchase this often-necessary item.

## Social and Youth Services

- Energy Assistance applications are still being accepted by the Community Renewal Team (CRT) for all heating sources. Governor Lamont has extended the deadline to apply by June 30, 2022. He also announced the launch of the new online application to apply for heating and utility assistance. Please contact CRT at 860-560-2694 to schedule an appointment.
- Operation Fuel Winter/Spring Program will end their program season on Friday, May 27, 2022. Accepting applications for all utilities, including water assistance and deliverable fuel services.
- Renter’s Rebate Program is in full swing! Application period is from April 1, 2022 – October 1, 2022. Please contact Social & Youth Services at 860-242-1895 to schedule an appointment.
- Eviction/Foreclosure – We are experiencing an uptick in Eviction and Foreclosure Stipulated Judgments.

To briefly elaborate, there is a housing crisis in the State of Connecticut as well as the country. The Town of Bloomfield is experiencing this first hand. Many referrals are being made to the Fair Rent Commission for intervention and assistance. The average monthly rental fee in Bloomfield is \$1500.00. Most apartment complexes want tenants to earn an income of twice the monthly rent charges, plus 2 months for security deposits.

The CT Fair Housing Center is a valuable resource for renters’ and homeowners, providing free investigative and legal services to residents who believe they have been the victims of housing discrimination.

Social and Youth Services will continue to monitor, advocate and provide assistance to those facing a housing crisis.

- Summer Camp Financial Assistance - Social and Youth Services is now accepting applications for financial assistance for summer camps with Leisure Services. Please contact Social & Youth Services at 860-242-1895 to apply.

- Youth Services – The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Bloomfield Foster Care Network event will take place this Friday, May 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Human Services Center in The Great Room.

In regards to programmatic updates, Youth Services continues to provide quality programs and activities with our youth groups: Bloomfield Police and Youth, Mini-Sunbeams Girls and Project 330 LIT (Leaders in Training).

The Summer Youth Employment Program application deadline was April 30, 2022. We have received over 150 applications, with only 22 available slots for job placements. The program will begin on July 5, 2022 – August 19, 2022.

Very truly yours,

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