

## **Bloomfield Humanities Committee Charge**

### **Bloomfield - All American “City”**

“In 1970, Bloomfield was named an All-America City, a great honor. One of the major reasons for the honor was that Bloomfield has been a leader in becoming an integrated town, that is, in welcoming various minority and ethnic groups to the town”

From Wintonbury to Bloomfield - Bloomfield Sketches  
Published by the Wintonbury Historical Society, Bloomfield, CT 1983

The Bloomfield Humanities Committee is an ad hoc committee (appointed by the Mayor), that is committed to celebrating the rich diversity of our town. We work to increase cultural awareness, understanding and positive relationships, while fostering civic engagement. Over the years, Bloomfield’s demographics have changed, enabling our community to benefit from the fluid cultural patterns that contribute to our thriving diverse community. Building on our history, the goal of the Committee is to ensure that Bloomfield continues to offer an inclusive experience to everyone within our community, both long-standing residents and those who have just arrived.

### **BHC Goals:**

- Encourage sharing of historical information about Bloomfield’s development as a diverse community (measured by programs offered and feedback received)
- Build upon opportunities by reviewing town-administered programs and communications in light of needs of different groups (measured by positive feedback from town program administrators)
- Identify additional needs, opportunities and challenges experienced by diverse populations (measured by new insights brought forward for consideration by town staff)
- Encourage participation across diverse populations to foster civic involvement (measured by participant feedback)
- Engage youth participation in BHC activities to model and encourage civic participation (measured by feedback from students)
- Potential: Work collaboratively with the Town on completing a Diversity and Inclusion Needs Assessment and drawing recommendations and conclusions (measured by feedback from the Mayor and Town Manager)

All goals achieved while maintaining trust in our town leadership and administration. We operate in supportive alignment with elected leaders and ongoing administrative staff. The BHC will update the Mayor and Town Manager on a regular basis.