



Winter 2019 Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Resident,



We exemplify life in small town America as residents of East Bloomfield. Your local government has a paired responsibility in that regard. The first part of that twosome is to deliver results for the people we serve. The second goal second goal is a companion to the first. It is to solve problems, protect the common welfare and provide opportunities for its people. When both of these goals swing into action, the vibrant and vitality thrives and multiplies.

We have very busy working together to create better opportunities across our community, including sharing services and ideas and resources between the town, village and school. I am going to provide you with a brief description of several initiatives that will translate into creating better opportunities for our community. All of these projects have been launched each contains a specific timeline along with actions taken to make progress. In order to ensure that each project is fully and successfully completed will require collaboration, communication and problem solving with numerous groups and individuals. What follows is brief description for each initiative.

Town Water Study.

This study was conducted and completed by Chatfield Engineering Group in late 2108. Presentations were made and discussions were held about their findings. The study is available by going to our website www.townofeastbloomfield.org and click to "Water Department and scroll down and it is there for you to view or download. The next logical step would be to conduct a town wide survey to all residents who do not have water. That information would assist us in planning where to build out those water lines. The study also provides a cost breakdown as well as topographical designations in each neighborhood. Expansion of water is critical to economic development for commercial, agricultural and residential development.

Comprehensive Plan.

A dedicated group of citizens and staff have convened often over the past year to update and rewrite our comprehensive plan. The plan contains volumes of old and outdated information. As a result of this hard and smart work the group produced a completed "DRAFT" document. This group was led by Kathy Conradt who brought remarkable experience to the table from her successful career in Bloomfield Village Government. We are currently in communication with John Steinmetz who will convert the draft document into a finished product. At that time the East Bloomfield

Planning Board and Town Board will have current and functional guide to planning zoning and development, once it is presented to the community for public comment. The members of the Comprehensive Planning team are Kathy Conradt, Gail Harrington, Jim Kier, Paul Hudson, Caroline Nevil, Ron Newell, Mike Woodruff, Tom Kugris, Dave Damaske and Fred Wille.

Town Court Grant.

The town of East Bloomfield Court was awarded a grant for the purpose of improving our court facility and security. It is part of the grant cycle of 2018-2019 from the Justice Court Assistance Program (also known as "JCAP"). East Bloomfield Town Court was one of 308 courts in New York State receiving funding this year. These funds will enhance our critical mission to administer justice in our facilities. It is also important to know that this award is the maximum allowable funding for a municipal court. We are very proud of the judicial team at East Bloomfield Court, namely Margaret Gochenaur, Court Clerk, Russ Kenyon, Judge and Robert Montgomery, Judge. We also have an Ontario County Sheriff assigned to our court as bailiff. In addition to East Bloomfield holding court, West Bloomfield holds court in our facilities as well. This the second year for this shared services agreement.

American Legion Building at Veterans Park.

The East Bloomfield Town Board awarded the general contract bid to John McKinnon Construction Company, Honeoye Falls NY. McKinnon was the low bidder. The American legion Building is about 44 years old and the infrastructure has experienced gradual decline. The town has already abated the asbestos, replaced the windows and upgraded the security system. When the project is completed it will provide the community with an attractive and contemporary facility. Work is expected to be completed before summer 2019.

Website Development.

East Bloomfield has recently completed a comprehensive overhaul of our town website. This important technology project was undertaken by IC-9 Design. They are a Bloomfield Business and everyone is very pleased with the new website. It is very easy to navigate and is visually attractive as well. Check us out at www.townofeastbloomfield.org.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

Office for the Aging, located at 3010 County Complex Drive, Canandaigua offers some extremely helpful services. Here are just a few of many:

Alzheimer's Association Counseling Services for Ontario County residents. The Alzheimer's Association provides counseling to anyone affected by Alzheimer's disease or related dementia, free of charge.

- Legal Services for older adults age 60 or over.
- Home Energy Assistance Programs.
- Social Adult Day Center:
- Community Dining Sites Schedule available.

Ontario County Office for the Aging can be reached at (585) 396-4040 or (315)-781-1321. Do you want to be on the Office of the Aging Email Blasts? If so, sign up by email at: onoa@co.ontario.ny.us

NY Connects of Ontario County: (800) 342-9871 or (585) 396-4047 Your link to Long Term Services and Supports. Direct assistance with applying for public benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps). Medicare Savings Programs and HEAP is provided

Contact 2-1-1: Get connected. Get Answers. 2-1-1 is free, confidential and

multilingual referral service with thousands of local and human service listings in its database. It's for everyone. If you are in need of health and human services or for more information, dial 2-1-1 now or visit www.211nys.org.

Make the Call: 24/7 Opioid Response Team: 833-4-FLACRA (833-435-2272) Are you, a family member or friend experiencing an opioid crisis?

HOME ENERGY IMPROVEMENT: PathStone is a private not-for-profit community development and service organization offering a range of programs to assist homeowners to make their homes energy efficient. To find out if they can help you to save money, email SaveEnergy@pathstone.org or go to their website at www.pathstoneenergyinfo.org

HANDS of Hope Kitchen: The Free lunch program operates out of the firehouse located at 105 Main Street. A hot meal is served every Wednesday at noon. Thank you to program director Rev. Richard Krapf, support from local churches including St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Ionia Methodist Church, and the United Church of Bristol, and all the many volunteers that make this meal program a success. Visit www.handsofhopekitchen.org for more information and a wish list of needed items.

THE BLESSING ROOM: The Blessing Room, Bloomfield's food pantry is dedicated to residents of the Village and Township of East Bloomfield. They are located at St. Bridget's Parish Hall at 15 Church St. The hours of operation are Wednesday and Saturday from 10 am. until noon and Fridays from 4pm until 6pm. For more information please call 337-0797.

Reminder... Don't forget to license your dog(s) annually.

Any dog 4 months or older, harbored in the Town of East Bloomfield must be licensed. Proof of a current Rabies Vaccination must be furnished. Please visit the Ontario County website at www.co.ontario.ny.us/publichealth to find the list of clinics. Every dog in Ontario County must be vaccinated against rabies at all times. The clinics are FREE but donations are appreciated.

Ontario County Public Health 2019 Rabies Prevention Clinic Dates and Locations are as follows:

ALL CLINIC TIMES ARE: 9AM – 12NOON

Saturday April 6, 2019: Gorham Town Barns located at 3478 Lake to Lake Road, Gorham

Saturday June 8, 2019: Geneva Hydrant Hose Co. located at 79 Geneva Street, Geneva

Saturday August 17, 2019: South Bristol Town Barns, located at 6371 Route 64, Naples

Saturday September 21, 2019: Hurley Building, located at 205 Saltonstall St., Canandaigua

Saturday October 19, 2019: Farmington Highway Garage located at 985 Hook Road, Farmington

Clinics are FREE but donations are appreciated.

Animals must be healthy and at least 3 months old.

Please bring your animals past rabies certificate, if any.

Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier, only one pet per carrier.

Consider Becoming a Member: The Ontario County Humane Society is a private, not-for-profit, organization. While we receive some support from the county, we rely greatly on donations from the public and fundraising events. Won't you support our work of caring for the neglected, abused and abandoned animals of Ontario County by becoming a member today. Visit our [website](http://www.ontariocountyhumane.org) and click on "Support OCHS" to find our membership form including levels of support available.

Please stop by the Town Clerk's Office for your Fishing License, and a copy of the 2019-20 Official Regulations Guide.

4H camp This year the camp offers nine program options for interested youth. Also included are outdoor recreation and environmental education activities including archery, fishing, ropes course, water sports, sports, horseback riding, geocaching,

riflery, and swimming. The camp experience is rounded out with additional activities including cooking, crafts, animal science, outdoor survival and improve comedy. The camp offers both day camp and overnight programs for youth going into kindergarten-16 years of age. There will be open houses on Sunday April 14th, Saturday May 11th, and Saturday June 8th. Tours will be offered at 1:00 and 2:00. For a brochure, or additional information, contact Camp Registrar Ellen Rosenbarker at emm64@cornell.edu or call the office at (585) 394-3977 ext. 435. Additional information may be found at: www.4-HCampBristolHills.org

I have started a trophy wall and would greatly appreciate your prized photos that you would like to share with us.

It is my pleasure to serve my community and be as helpful as I can. Please contact me at (585) 657-6515, or by e-mail: mgochenaur@townofeastbloomfield.org with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Margaret "Peggy" Gochenaur
Town Clerk

NEWS FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPT!

Old Man Winter has definitely been showing us whose boss. Between the snow & ice and all the work that comes with it. Shoveling, bundling up against the cold, sledding, skiing, and building snowmen. Keeping the roads free of snow & ice and as safe as we can for the traveling motorist is the



Highway Departments priority. We here at the Highway Department have not only been busy with snow & ice events but have been busy doing outside weather permitted road work tasks such as: trimming brush, general shop maintenance, preventative maintenance on equipment and buildings. Lastly, working together as a team and preparing for Spring/Summer projects to make sure we can be as efficient and cost effective as possible.

We have been working on our safety requirements. All mandated requirements have been brought up to where they need to be as town employees. As Highway Superintendent, and residents, we all should be very proud and fortunate of the crew we have working on our roads doing daily activities. Scott, Tripper, Karl, Mike and Donny go above and beyond every day to make operations of the Highway Department the best and safest they possibly can. I believe team work; community input, and constructive criticism equals success.

Mailboxes:

Mailboxes shall be installed according to the United States postal service guidelines. The distance from center line of road to front of the 4"x4" mailbox post should be a minimum of 17', with a 43" clearance to the bottom of the mailbox or structure support arm for our plow wing to pass under it. Property owners shall assume the responsibility of proper

placement and ensuring all components are free from rot deterioration, breakage, and are structurally sound in condition. If a mailbox meets all homeowner requirements and is damaged by a plow from the Town Highway Department please notify the Highway Department within 24 hours of said damage at (585) 657-7727 or (585) 278-7549. Once notified, the Highway Department will repair it in a timely manner. Mailboxes that are knocked off due to deterioration condition, repairs/replacement will be the responsibility of the owner.

Safety Reminders:

Please do not follow town trucks too closely. Keep a safe distance behind any large vehicle and if you cannot see their side mirrors they can't see you.

Lastly, please feel free to contact me for any reason or question(s) on the daily operations of **OUR** Highway Department. If you see something whether it be a hazard, a needed repair, or improvement, always contact me, or stop by the Highway garage and let me know.

Thank you all,
Scott Kimball
Highway Superintendent

The Bloomfield Garden Club

Our club welcomes members and anyone interested in gardening. Our meetings are open to the public. Our meetings take place at Bloomfield Historical Society Building on the third Thursday of each month at 11:45.

Our meeting in December was our annual Christmas Luncheon, January meeting we had Michael Warren who spoke to us about the need for water conservation, February we will have Edith Daveys, who will give a power point presentation on plants and animals that are invading our area, Edith works with the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Association and March we will have Micele Catarisano, owner of M'Essentials, an herb and essential oils venue, who will teach us to clean using all natural ingredients found in our pantries.

Please join us in February and March to listen to these great topics. Our purpose is to stimulate, share knowledge and the love of gardening. We promote beautification of homes and our community. Please contact Marlene Moran at marlenem1948@gmail.com or Barb Jauch at bkjauch@gmail.com for further information.



Ron Roach, AWA Operations Manager

The first 2019 “ After Hours at the Museum “ meeting was held in the newly renovated all purpose room at the museum during January. The newly installed acoustic wall covering has dramatically muted the previous distracting echo in the room, making it unnecessary to add carpeting on the floor. Future evening and Fab Lab meetings, in addition to tour bus and school tour introductory presentations, will benefit from this update. The leftover acoustic wall covering will be stored for use in the future theater/auditorium when it is

added to the museum.

The East Bloomfield code officer continues to examine preliminary architectural drawings for the ham station addition as they are developed prior to any meetings with the town planning board, guaranteeing compliance as the project continues to move forward.

Donations to the fund drive for the construction of the ham station, including a space for the registrar team relocation within a portion of this addition, have reached the 45% level with several major donations in addition to multiple membership donations received.



Bloomfield Public Library

The Bloomfield Public Library serves the Bloomfield Central School District. We provide a variety of services, including loaning books, DVDs, magazines and digital materials. We have computers (desktops, laptops and tablets) for the public to use and we offer printing, copying, and faxing service (for a small fee). You can also scan your documents to an email for no charge. Our free wireless internet access is available to use with your devices.

There is always something going on at the Library. You can stop in or visit us online www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org to find out about all that we offer. We recently tried to simplify our scheduling to make it easier to find out what is going on. We now have weekly offerings, monthly offerings, and special offerings. The special offerings occur two to three times a month and change every month. For example, coming up in March we have Adult Coloring on March 12th and a Craft Night where we will be making seed art on March 26th. We will also offer the AARP Safe Driver Course on March 30th. Please let us know what you think of our new approach!

The Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library will begin work on their annual book and bake sale in April. They are looking for donations of gently used books as well as for volunteers to help them with sorting and setting up the book sale. You may also offer to bake for the bake sale. Please stop in or call the library for more information.

WEEKLY Classes

- Stories & More Tuesdays 10:30am
- Simply Stories Thursdays 10:30am
- Evening Stories & More Thursdays 6:30pm
- Knitters and Needle Crafters Fridays 1pm
- STEM Fridays – 4pm (explore science, technology, engineering and math)

MONTHLY Classes

- Book Club – First Monday of the Month 2:30pm
- Technology Help – First Tuesday of the Month – by appointment (please call or stop in)
- Teen/Tween Club – First Thursday of the Month 3pm
- **NEW BYOB Book Club– March 25th 7PM

SPECIAL Classes

We do several special classes a month. They are always different – please visit or check the website for more info
AARP Safe Driver Course – March 30th 9AM-4PM – registration required!

MEETINGS

Friends of the Library – Second Monday of the Month 7pm
Board of Trustees – Third Monday of the Month 7pm

BLOOMFIELD LIONS CLUB (BLC) – WE SERVE

Bloomfield Lions Club (BLC), District 20E2 is a nonprofit organization operating under the Charter of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). BLC receives funding from our monthly spaghetti dinners, biannual pancake breakfasts and public donations. All funds received are returned to the community, individuals/organizations in need which fall under the guidelines of LCIF. BLC thanks our local Communities for their support over the years. Representative but not limited Programs include Preschool Vision Screening, Human Eye Bank, Bloomfield Sports Programs, BCS Theater, Robotics, Scouting, Eye and Hearing Care, St Benedict’s Food Pantry, Cassville Guide Dogs and Diabetes.

BLC and Leo members will be performing spring Highway Clean-up on our portion of Rte. 5&20 and Rte 444 during the month of May as weather permits. .

BLC meetings are held three times each month September thru June. First Wednesday being a Social Dinner Meeting at Cheap Charlies. Second Wednesday, January thru April is Spaghetti Supper at Saint Bridget’s Hall served from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Third Wednesday, Board of Directors Meeting at Bloomfield Library. We are hopeful once Veteran’s Park Kitchen reconstruction project is completed our 2019 fall Spaghetti Suppers will resume at Veteran’s Park. We will keep the public appraised as the kitchen project progresses.

As all Service Organizations in the United States we are struggling to grow our Club. We welcome Women and Men who wish to become part of the largest service organization in the world to contact BLC President Bob Knopf at 585-281-3417.



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Town Board Meets

2nd & 4th Monday @ 7:00 pm

Town Court

Every Thursday @ 4:00 pm

Planning Board Meets

1st & 3rd Thursday @ 7:30 pm

Zoning Board Meets

4th Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

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