



Winter 2020 Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR



Dear Resident,

Last year I wrote an introduction to our newsletter about the challenges of small-town America. This year I would like to continue that narrative.

Municipal Sharing

One way we reduce our costs in government is to share services. We share services on a number of different projects. Here are a few examples of what we do to collaborate. The first point of contact with services is Ontario County. Each of their numerous departments offer assistance to each town and city government in Ontario County. One illustration would be the 2020 Census. Preparation for the 2020 Census began several years ago and the Ontario County Department of Planning offered technical advice with boundaries, mapping and overall unit properties. Future government funding is directly tied to accurate and timely data from East Bloomfield and their office has been very helpful. Another example on a smaller level is the Memorial Day Parades in East Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Ionia. Todd Campbell from West Bloomfield, Mark Falsone from the Village of Bloomfield, Andy Doell Superintendent of Schools at Bloomfield and Robert Spike from East Bloomfield American Legion recently assembled to discuss and plan the parades for 2020. We shared our information and offered ideas on how to improve our parades and ensure our communities each continues to have a positive parade experience. I have mentioned this municipal share in prior newsletters but it is worth repeating. We have a yearly lease agreement with West Bloomfield Town Court. It is working out very well for both landlord and tenant. In fact, the New York State Justice Court Administration Program continues to award East Bloomfield sizeable grants to improve and remodel our court facilities thereby making them more secure and functional. This year's grant funding award was \$22,000.00. It is evident that in some cases local governments are rewarded for sharing services. Last year New York State awarded East Bloomfield Court approximately \$46,000.00 for court improvements and that funding originated from Ontario County and New York State.

The new realities of local government require us to work together in order to improve the quality of life for everyone. The formula is working for our town.

Pond Road Water Study.

Last year East Bloomfield town Board commissioned a Water Feasibility Study. It was conducted by Chatfield Engineering Company. The report provided a property by property evaluation of the cost for running water. As a result of this study, we received a request from citizens on Pond Road. We then had engineers build a cost report study based upon this area. It includes Rice Road, Pond Road and Steele Road. That study has been completed and we will be scheduling an informational meeting in the upcoming months.

Boughton Park

The Boughton Park Commission is looking for Eagle Scouts who would like to do a project in this park. Over the years numerous scouts have completed projects in Boughton Park. There is always a list of work and the Commission would entertain proposals at any given time. Dave Damaske is the current chairman.

Census 2020

- *The United States Census has been conducted every ten years since 1790.
- *It is mandated by Article 1 of the United States Constitution.
- *The goal is to count every resident living in the United States.
- *All responses are protected by Federal law.
- *Responses are only used to produce statistics.
- *Census day is April 1, 2020.
- *For more information go to www.census.gov

*The United States Census Bureau is now hiring and you can apply online.

Connect with US Census Bureau in the following ways:

- Facebook.com/uscensusbureau
- Twitter.com/uscensusbureau
- Youtube.com/uscensusbureau
- Instagram.com/uscensusbureau
- Pinterest.com/uscensusbureau

Keep in Mind

- Complete Count
- Responses are Confidential & Private
- Employment Opportunities
- More Funding for our Region

Recycle Medications

East Bloomfield is an official Ontario County drop-off site for old medications. We have a secure, locked box and you can come to the Town Hall during business hours. The drop box is located in the public meeting room. See illustration below:



LOOKING



FOR PHOTOS

We are looking for vintage photos of Boughton Park before or right after it was converted into the Fairport Water Works.

If you can help us, please contact Judi Stewart at Historian@ebhs1838.org Thank you.

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: onofo@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 2020 Rabies Prevention Clinic Dates and Locations are as follows:

ALL CLINIC TIMES ARE: 9AM – 12NOON

Saturday April 4, 2020: Ontario Cnty Safety Training Facility, 2914 Cnty Rd 48, Cdga

Saturday June 13, 2020: Geneva Hydrant Hose Co., 79 Geneva Street, Geneva

Saturday August 22, 2020: South Bristol Town Barns, 6371 Route 64, Naples

Saturday September 19, 2020: Hurley Building, 205 Saltonstall St., Canandaigua

Saturday October 17, 2020: Farmington Hwy Garage, 985 Hook Rd, 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](#) and click on "Support OCHS" to find our membership form including levels of support available.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN BLOOMFIELD

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner: 2nd Wednesday of the month

E. Bloomfield United Methodist Church Community Lunch: Thursday, February 20th
12:00 - 1:00 pm

MARCH EVENTS:

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast: Sunday March 1st, 7:00 - 11:00 am at Veterans Pk

East Bloomfield United Methodist Church Community Lunch: Thursday, March 19th
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Please stop by the Town Clerk's Office for your Fishing License and a copy of the 2020-21 Official Regulations Guide.

I have a trophy wall that is displayed in my office and I would greatly appreciate any prized photos that you may wish to share.

It is my pleasure to serve you and to be helpful to you and my community. Please feel free to contact me at (585) 657-7700 Ext 2, 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!

Happy New Year:

Rumor is Spring is not far away..... we can only hope:) Very strange winter so far, some days we are dealing with snow & ice in low temperatures, other days we are doing things we normally would be doing in April in the mid 40 temperatures, which the highway crew and myself are fine with.

As of today, our guys have dealt with snow or ice 52 times so far this year, which is a little above average. On snow & ice days the crew is very busy keeping the roads as safe as possible for everyone and on the days we're not dealing with snow and ice we are busy doing 3-5 year maintenance planning, shop work, equipment maintenance, facility projects, loading gravel, trimming road side brush, replacing culverts somewhere to keep drainage moving the best possible and trying to keep the trucks clean. I would like to say thanks a ton to our highway crew. There are basically four (4) guys that take care of approx. 129 lane miles plus a fifth (5th) guy who does the smaller stuff with a 1-ton pick-up. Every time the Sheriff Department calls me, or I call the guys for a snow & ice event, they pretty much always pick up the phone and are on their way in a matter of minutes 24-7.

Spring and summer projects are being planned. I will inform you of all the projects we have in the next Newsletter. We have a lot of work planned for the summer of 2020.

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 so much & Be Safe!
Scott Kimball
Highway Superintendent

The Bloomfield Garden Club

Our club welcomes members and anyone interested in gardening. Our meetings are open to the public and take place at Veteran's Park (6910 Routes 5&20) on the third Thursday of each month at 11:45 am.

Our February 20th program will be "Attracting Birds to your Backyard" and will be presented by Liz Manetti, owner of the Birdhouse in Pittsford. Our March meeting will feature member, Carol Altemus, who will provide a brief history of the flower carts in the Village. April's meeting is our annual Spring Luncheon and will be held in Victor this year.

Our purpose is to stimulate, share knowledge and the love of gardening. We promote beautification of homes and our community. Please contact Diane Nelson at 585-435-7896 or email her at dinelson125@gmail.com for further information.



The Antique Wireless Museum Becomes a Movie Set

Recently, the Antique Wireless Museum's Titanic Wireless Room exhibit became the movie set for PMI Films of Pittsburgh, PA for a segment of their feature film "Unsinkable". PMI's feature film is set to be released to movie theaters this fall. Because of the exhibit's historically accurate likeness to the Titanic's wireless room, PMI chose the Museum to film segments of their movie. The filmed segments depict Titanic's senior wireless operator Jack Phillips frantically sending out "CQD CQD SOS Titanic position 41.44N 50.24W Require immediate assistance Come at once We struck an iceberg Sinking". Also, segments were filmed depicting the wireless messages to and from the ships rushing to Titanic's rescue. "CDQ" was the distress call used before the distress call we know today "SOS" became the universally accepted. The Titanic sinking occurred during the transition period so both "CQD" and "SOS" were used by Titanic in their desperately sent messages for help for the sinking ship.

PMI Films' "Unsinkable" producer Brian Hartman said "Our film is not so much about the sinking as it is more about the aftermath and the effect on humanity that unfolded and the effect on it had on everyday life. It is a very different film from prior films about the sinking."

Hartman said “This is passion piece in which I have collaborated with my son Cody. We wrote the screenplay together and Cody is the film’s Director.”

“It was a very long day, but what a fascinating and rewarding experience. We enjoyed PMI’s professionalism and their commitment to historical accuracy.” said Robert Hobday, AWA Director. “I can’t wait to see the final movie in theaters”

To date, PMI has used film locations in New York, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh and guess where - now East Bloomfield.



EAST BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY


The East Bloomfield Historical Society was founded by community leaders in 1966 as a community supported not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. The society has always depended on the generosity of our members for both funding needs and various volunteer activities. The society is fortunate to own the three story brick building known as the East Bloomfield Academy located on the village green. The building constructed in 1838 started its life as both a boarding school for live-in students and a day school for local children. In this building we offer genealogical research, educational programs, exhibits covering community topics and items, and social gatherings. In addition, the building houses an extensive collection of documents and artifacts donated by individuals who either make their home in East Bloomfield or towns and cities located throughout the United States.

The mission of the East Bloomfield Historical Society is to preserve and promote an understanding of the community’s history for present and future generations by:

- collecting significant artifacts relevant to the community,
- documenting and preserving the collection,
- taking a leadership role in historical and genealogical research,
- providing for collection access, use and interpretation through educational exhibits and innovative programs and,
- communicating with the public through various media channels.

We strive to be recognized as the community’s museum by preserving community history for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

See below for the 2020 Programs.



East Bloomfield
Historical Society

2/11/2020

2020 PROGRAMS

East Bloomfield Historical Society
Academy Museum, 8 South Ave.
East Bloomfield, NY

Date & Time: Thursday programs are 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Date	Title	Presenter
April 16	Queen of the Bremen; American child trapped in Germany during WWII	Marlies A. Di Fante
May 21	The American Barn Quilt Movement; Preserving and promoting our heritage in the Finger Lakes	Leah Friends
June 18	The Hidden Story of D-Day; Decisions and politics prior to invasion.	Jack Kowiak
September 17	Up, Up, and Away; Balloon flight before the Wright brothers	Preston Pierce
October 15	Rethinking Thanksgiving; A Native perspective on an American holiday	Perry Ground

Free and Open to the public. Donations gratefully accepted.

For timely updates, "like" us on Facebook: East Bloomfield Historical Society

BLOOMFIELD LIONS CLUB (BLC) – WE SERVE



BLC held our last Spaghetti Supper for the winter/spring session on Feb. 12th .
Spaghetti Suppers will resume Sept. 9th fall session.

BLC will host a Pancake Breakfast at Veterans Park on March 1st
Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, and Beverage
Adults \$6.00, Children \$3.00, Preschool free. Serving 7:00 -11:00 am

BLC will be focusing on vision projects including eyeglass collections and the scheduling of vision tests within the schools. We will be promoting our eyeglass collection mailbox at Big M and CNB Honeoye as well as collecting during the spaghetti dinners. If you would like schedule a pickup contact Lion michael.donohoe@a1cwellness.com.

BLC meets the first three Wednesdays of January thru June and September thru December. First Meeting is a Social Dinner Meeting at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant, second is Spaghetti Supper at Veterans Park and third is Board of Directors Meeting at Veterans Park.

BLC welcomes those interested in joining or learning more about the World's Largest Service Organization to contact Lion michael.donohoe@a1cwellness.com

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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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