



# EAST BLOOMFIELD TOWN NEWSLETTER

Winter 2017

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR

Dear Community Resident,

This past year 2016 flew by at a very rapid rate. The old adage about time is long days and short years certainly applies to my first year tenure as East Bloomfield Town Supervisor. The technical parts of the position are more complex than one would observe. In order to provide timely and responsible municipal service to our citizens, we collaborate and problem solve as a team. The team involves the town board, town board committees and the town departments. My belief is a high performing interdependent team all moving in the same direction directly benefits everyone in East Bloomfield. As we begin our second year together as municipal employees, it is my goal to increase our communication and collaboration with each other in order to provide effective town government services. One example of our collaboration is town and village partnership. Village Mayor Mark Falzone and I, along with the personnel committee have worked together to recruit a new Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) for the town and village. Since the town shares the CEO with the village it only seems reasonable that we collaborate to recruit a highly qualified candidate.

Some recent news:

- We installed new windows with security at the Veterans Park Legion building.
- The Town was awarded \$15,000 from the NYS JCAP Grant to provide facility and security upgrades to the East Bloomfield Town Court. Security and safety in our town courts is paramount and we will continue to make improvements.
- America's past time continues to be baseball even for our youngest players. We have been meeting with the baseball and softball leaders to establish a schedule for all teams. We have also met with Bloomfield Central School (BCS) to determine if any BCS fields would be available. The community demand has outweighed the supply and so we are in the process of rebuilding that sports schedule.
- Community based soccer programs are also requesting fields at Veterans Park (VP) and we will be following the same process to accommodate soccer between VP and BCS.

These four examples of collaboration and teamwork prove to me that when we all work toward the same goal and adapt a philosophy of give and take great things can happen. The spirit of compromise, fairness and problem solving remain priorities for me as we continue to build a great community in the scenic beauty of East Bloomfield.

Thank you for your support!

—Fred Wille, Supervisor

### 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

### Town Board Members

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**Ron Hawkins**

### THE BLOOMFIELD GARDEN CLUB .....

Our club welcomes new members and our meetings are open to the public. Our meetings take place at Veterans Park on the third Thursday of each month at 11:45 AM.

At our February meeting we will have a speaker Don Hall, who is the former director of the Strassenburgh Planetarium and an avid historian and he will talk and have a video presentation about Louis Comfort Tiffany's life.

Our members have been very busy, in October we took a trip to the Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor. In November, we made a holiday arrangement to go from Thanksgiving to Christmas and in December, we had our annual Christmas luncheon at the Bloomfield Academy which was decorated by members. We also decorated the FF Thompson Health Facility, decorated wreaths to hang from light poles in downtown Bloomfield, decorated the Gazebo in Elton Park and hung wreaths on the benches in Pickle Park. In January, we had a speaker, Cindy Cali, who is a certified nursery and landscape professional. She discussed the best performing plants and discussed how to create a more low maintenance garden.

We also applied for a scholarship for the DEC camp this summer. We received the scholarship and Rebecca Bober, who is a Bloomfield High School student will be attending representing our club.

Our purpose is to stimulate, share knowledge and the love of gardening. We promote beautification of homes and our community. Please contact Kathy Monrad at [kjmonrad@frontiernet.net](mailto:kjmonrad@frontiernet.net) or Barb Jauch at [bkjauch@gmail.com](mailto:bkjauch@gmail.com) for further information.

## HELLO FROM THE HIGHWAY DEPT!



Hope everyone had happy holidays. As everyone knows we are well into winter operations. So far this winter everything has been going well, although one of our plow trucks broke down and we thought it was the end for that truck. After multiple repair quotes, it turned out better than we thought with many thanks to Tom's Mechanical in Ionia. Assisting Tom was our own Mike Lovejoy from the highway department.

When projecting winter operations expenses, we often use year over year comparison, and this is where we are so far this winter:

December 2015 we plowed 452 miles and used 130 tons of salt, and in December 2016, we plowed 5,414 miles and used 805 tons of salt. Of course 2015 was a very mild winter, you can see the highway crew was quite busy the end of last year.

In addition to our own town roads, the highway department is also responsible for salting the Bloomfield Schools and Village of Bloomfield streets after those teams plow, saving on salting equipment costs for the two groups. The Town Highway is also responsible for Town owned parking lots like the Town Hall and Veterans Park.

Since the famous Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, we should expect 6 more weeks of winter, but as most of us know it will be over when Mother Nature says its over. I always have a lot of people ask me what I think the winter will do, and I always respond by saying "I'll let you know in the Spring."

With the changes in temperatures, we have a few pot holes bubbling up. If you see one, please don't hesitate and call us at the highway department.

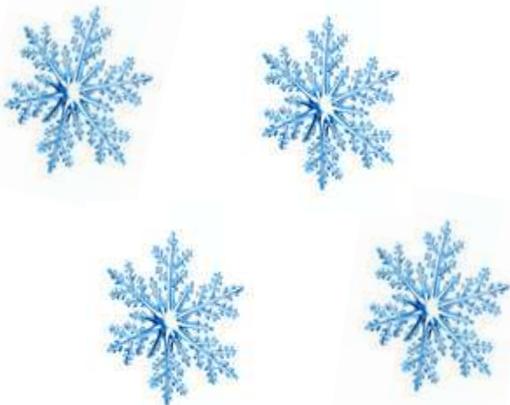
This winter we have deployed a new personnel staffing schedule, allowing for Monday through Friday snow coverage, as well as early morning road analysis if the plow team needs to come in early for snow removal or salting. The team has shared the responsibilities to ensure our community has safe highways for the work week.

Spring will be here before we know it, until then, please remember to drive cautiously in the snow and please slow down around our plow trucks and road personnel.

If you would like to contact me, please call my office at 585-657-7727 or email me at [ebhwy@frontier.com](mailto:ebhwy@frontier.com)

Thank you,

**Highway Superintendent Brian Bernard**



## I LOVE SNOW

I love snow, I love snow,  
Soft white snow; soft white snow,  
It falls on the ground so soft and white,  
Sometimes it falls throughout the night,  
Did you ever see such a beautiful sight  
As soft white snow?

### From the Library...

The Bloomfield Public Library has a new website:

[www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org](http://www.bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org)

Please update your bookmarks. You can find all the most up to date library information on our website. You can contact us from there as well!



We are collecting email addresses from people who would like to receive occasional updates about library news and events. Stop in or call us if you would like to be on the email list!

Visit the Library as often as you can, new things are always arriving. Remember you can access the library catalog at [www.OVWL.org](http://www.OVWL.org) 24/7 from any internet device, or stop in and we are happy to help! We welcome suggestions if you have something you'd like to read, listen to, or watch.

The library offers a variety of programming throughout the year for all ages. Coming up we have activities for kids, teens and families during the school break week, an informational presentation about getting a better night's sleep on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, a candy tasting in March, and the AARP Safe Driver Course in late March or early April. Stop in and check out our digital sign, or visit our website for the most current information and details!

In April, the Friends of the Bloomfield Public Library will begin preparations for their annual book and bake sale and chicken BBQ. They are accepting donations of gently used books at the library during open hours and volunteers are needed to help with setup and with the sale. Save the date: This year's sale event will be May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Library continues to offer access to Ancestry.com's Library Edition for no charge at the Library. You can use your own device on our wi-fi or you can use one of our public computers. We are happy to help people get started on this comprehensive resource for research and fun!

On the Helpful Links tab on our website you will find access to Zinio where you can set up an account to get free digital magazines and you will find access to Mango Languages where you can set up an account to learn any of 70+ languages!

### Library Hours:

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| Monday    | 2:30 - 8:00 p.m.                            |
| Tuesday   | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.<br>2:30 - 8:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 2:30 - 8:00 p.m.                            |
| Thursday  | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.<br>2:30 - 8:00 p.m. |
| Friday    | 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.                            |
| Saturday  | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.                      |
| Sunday    | Closed                                      |

# ANTIQUE WIRELESS MUSEUM

## ANTIQUE WIRELESS ASSOCIATION NEWS

The museum is in the middle of a relocation of some kiosks in both Phase I and II. The teletype display, long situated in cramped quarters because of its large machines, has moved from the smallest kiosk in Phase I to a kiosk in Phase II, double the size of its former location. The television display will relocate to this empty space.

The Armstrong exhibit, currently housed in a corner of the inventors' display will be relocated to the emptied television display with the addition of his contemporaries Edison and De Forest. These changes will enhance a series of kiosks and provide a cleaner positioning of the 1840-1920 timeline.

Volunteer Michael Happell continues to revitalize the Voice of America station as its simulation of on the air status increases.

A tour group, which cancelled their visit earlier because of severe winter weather, returned in mid-February to complete their second visit in two years and view for the first time the completed Phase II.

During March the entire 4th grade from Honeoye Falls—Lima School District will, for the first time, tour the museum in conjunction with studies in their classes at school.

Selection continues of artifacts for sale and auction during the Spring Meet on May 6th at Veterans Park.

The museum hosted a group of tour agents from the area recently to showcase the museum as a site to visit. One agent has already responded with an upcoming tour group which will visit later this year.

**Ron Roach, AWA Operations Manager**

## East Bloomfield Historical Society

We want to thank everyone who helped make the 2016 season successful; we experienced enthusiastic attendance at our Thursday night programs and other special events. The Society is busy planning for another exciting season with this year's theme; 'Stories To Tell'. Our Program Chair, Judy Fulmer is filling out the Thursday night programs with interesting speakers and subjects...stay tuned.



An exciting project this year centers on a family who had a long and lasting impact on several generations in East Bloomfield. Last year a group of graduates from Bloomfield Central School: Jim and Joyce Straub Buck, Ruth Briggs Eachus, Judie Butler Suit and Beverly Johnson Cappadonia approached the Historical Society wanting to honor 'Mother Phillips'. What ensued was a 'Story To Tell' discovery; this is a account of a wonderful couple and the people they touched with their kindness. The Society will be unveiling a book on the Phillips family and hosting a reception and program in June.

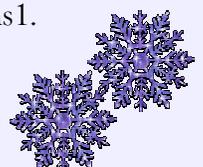
Currently we have an exhibit on maps ranging in date from 1800 to 1951. The two oldest show the Phelps and Gorham Purchase and the newest is a map of Camp Babcock-Hovey, the scout camp on Seneca Lake where many local boys have camped for years. This exhibit will be on display until the end of May. We hope you will schedule some time on to stop and see this interesting exhibit.

If you are not currently a member, we hope you will consider joining the society. Last year we were happy to welcome 30 new memberships to our family. We have volunteer opportunities and are always looking for extra hands and fresh ideas. Please check the web site, our Facebook page, or call to get the current schedule of events.

The office and first floor displays are open Thursdays in February and March; starting in April, the display area on the second floor will open and our hours will be Wednesday - Friday 9-2. In addition, we are happy to open at other times upon request. If you have a group who is interested in meeting at the Academy, please contact our Director Lorraine Frelier at 657-7244 or email her at director@ebhs1.

We look forward to seeing you.

—Judi Stewart, Town Historian



**From the desk of the Town Clerk:**

**Reminder... The Town Clerk's Office is Conducting it's 2017 Dog Census/Enumeration. Please Fill Out the Mailed Form and Return it to the Clerk's Office No Later Than May 31, 2017.**

**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.

**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](http://www.handsofhopekitchen.org) for more information and a wish list of needed items.

**4H camp** This year the camp offers nine program options for interested youth. Also included are outdoor recreation and environmental education activities such as shooting sports, fishing, rope courses, aquatics, horseback riding, geocaching, cooking, crafts, woodworking, hiking, and more. The camp offers both day camp and overnight programs for youth ages 5-16 years. There will be open houses on Saturday April 22nd, and Sunday May 21st. Tours will be offered at 1:00 and 2:00. For a brochure, or additional information, contact Camp Registrar Ellen Martin at [emm64@cornell.edu](mailto:emm64@cornell.edu) or call the office at (585) 394-3977 ext. 435. Additional information may be found at: [www.4-HCampBristolHills.org](http://www.4-HCampBristolHills.org)

**Ontario County Public Health 2017 Rabies Prevention Clinic Dates and Locations are as follows:**

**ALL CLINIC TIMES ARE: 9AM - 12 NOON**

- Saturday May 6, 2017: Gorham Town Barns located at 3478 Lake to Lake Road, Gorham
- Saturday June 10, 2017: Geneva Hydrant Hose Co. located at 79 Geneva Street, Geneva
- Saturday August 12, 2017: South Bristol Town Barns, located at 6371 Route 64, Naples
- Saturday September 16, 2017: Hurley Building, located at 205 Saltonstall St., Canandaigua
- Saturday October 21, 2017: 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.

Please stop by the Town Clerk's Office for your Fishing License, and a copy of the 2017-18 Official Regulations Guide. 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@frontier.com](mailto:mgochenaur@frontier.com) with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

*Margaret "Peggy" Gochenaur - Town Clerk*

**BLOOMFIELD LIONS CLUB (BLC) - WE SERVE**

Bloomfield Lions Club (BLC) started our spring session on January 4th with a dinner meeting at Cheap Charlie's Restaurant. Our first Spaghetti Supper was held at Veterans Park on January 11th. 115 dinners were served with a good turnout of members and Leos. On Feb. 8th our second Spaghetti Supper was held at Veterans Park with 75 dinners served. We have two Spaghetti Dinners remaining for our spring session. March 8th with Cub Scout Pack 54 helping in the dining room and April 12th will be a joint effort with the Bloomfield Leo's. Leo Clubs are made up of youth in the community under the guidance of the local Lions Club. Our spring Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th at Veteran's Park.

Spring Highway Cleanup will take place in early May, date has yet to be determined. Our club is responsible for a portion of State Routes 5&20 and 444.

We encourage residents to support LCIF by placing unused eye glasses in the eye glass mail box located at the Bloomfield Big M. These eye glasses are reconditioned and distributed throughout the world to help in our mission of Sight First.

BLC is a nonprofit organization that receives funding from proceeds of 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.

BLC meetings are held three times each month September thru June. First Wednesday being a Social Dinner Meeting at the Holloway House or Cheap Charlies. Second Wednesday is Spaghetti Suppers at Veteran's Park. Third Wednesday, Board of Directors Meeting at Veterans Park. BLC also hosts a spring and fall Pancake Breakfast at Veterans Park.

We welcome new members and encourage all who wish to become part of the largest service organization in the world to contact BLC member Bob Knopf at 585-281-3417.

**Representative Organizations supported by BLC include:**

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| Rochester Eye and Tissue Bank                    | BCS Theater Program                 |
| Bloomfield Robotics                              | Penn Pathway Girl Scouts            |
| Canine Helpers - Lockport                        | Seneca Waterways Council Boy Scouts |
| Freedom Guide Dogs - Cassville                   | Ronald McDonald House               |
| St. Benedict Parish - Food Pantry                | Wounded Warrior Project             |
| ABVI - Assoc. Blind and Visually Impaired        | District 20E2 Lions Camp Badger     |
| FLR Lions Hearing Foundation                     | Hands of Hope Kitchen               |
| Bloomfield Youth Baseball                        | Bloomfield Honeoye Youth Lacrosse   |
| Two \$500 Scholarships to Graduating BCS Seniors |                                     |

