

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Summer 2022



SUPERVISOR TODD CAMPBELL

www.townofwestbloomfield.org

Hello, and welcome to the second edition of the “new” *Community Focus*! It is a beautiful sunny day as I write this—and I’m hopeful that summer is underway. Please stop in and see the Town Clerk, Brenda Giglia, if you need a permit for Boughton Park or have questions about Michael Prouty Park. **The exterior restroom at the Town Hall is now open and available for use**—it is on the side of the Town Hall closest to the baseball backstop. **We continue our partnership with East Bloomfield for their Summer Rec program**—registration forms are available at the Town Hall. And we are happy to have some new display items from the Historical Society in the lobby of the Town Hall—please take some time to read and view them when you stop in. **The Town Board will soon begin working on our budget for 2023.** This is a several months-long process that involves all departments and takes into consideration our revenues from sales tax distribution from the county, mortgage tax revenue, and our town’s assessed values among many other things. We strive to run the town as efficiently as possible while still delivering the services that our residents need. **I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone who helped to organize and participated in the Memorial Day parades**—it was nice to be able to have them again after skipping them for several years due to COVID. We have a supply of test kits and masks at the Town Hall, please stop in and pick some up if you need them. On the County level, I am currently serving as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and on the Public Safety and Ways & Means committees. My time on the County board and in committee meetings provides an excellent overview into municipal operations and I continue to look for new ideas to bring to our town. **We are always looking for interested residents to fill positions** on our Planning, Zoning, and Assessment Boards (we have two alternate positions for each board), and on committees that help guide the Town Board and future direction of the town. My door is open when I am here in the Town Hall—please stop in and see me or send me an e-mail if you have interest in serving on a committee or one of our boards. I can be reached at 624-2461, or via e-mail at tcampbell@townofwestbloomfield.org



HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JEFF BALL

Is constructing a new office space at the rear of the highway building. The construction is on a very limited budget and is being done for the most part by our highway crew members. Jeff and his team deserve credit for being willing and able to contribute to this cost savings endeavor. The addition became necessary when the old double wide trailer was removed leaving the Superintendent without a work space.



TOWN CLERK BRENDA GIGLIA

Wishing all our residents a warm and sunny Summer!

The Town Clerk's Office issues licenses and permits including Marriage, Death and Birth Certificates, Dog Licenses, Hunting Licenses, Disabled Parking Permits and Transfer Station Permits, and fulfills FOIL Requests. Please visit our Town Website for town and community updates, as well as forms and applications, www.townofwestbloomfield.org or please stop in or call 585-624-2914.

Michael Prouty Park

*The park is open and ready for your summer events!
Please call or email the Town Clerk's Office to reserve the park/pavilion.
townclerk@townofwestbloomfield.org*

Office Hours

*Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM (closed Noon to 1:00 PM)
Friday - 9:00 AM - Noon
Closings and Updates posted on the website.*



First WBHS Yard Sale 1990

WEST BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY by Suzanne Washburn

COMMUNITY YARD SALE - Saturday, July 9, 9 AM – 4 PM, & Sunday, July 10, 9 AM – 1 PM, at the Society, 8966 Rt. 5 & 20. Celebrating our 32nd anniversary and will be held rain or shine! We invite you to join in the fun at our primary fundraiser. More information at our website wbhsny.org - on Facebook at West Bloomfield Historical Society, New York - or call 585-657-7060.

Yard Sale Donor Days Drop off good quality, used items on **Tuesdays**, June 21, 28, and July 5 (2-8 PM) or on **Saturdays**, June 25 and July 2 (9 AM – 12 noon).

For large item pick-up, call 585-755-5464. Monetary donations gratefully received at WBHS, Box 173, W. Bloomfield, NY 14585. Please, no clothing, large particle board furniture, car seats, computers, or TVs.

Have your own Yard Sale on the grounds Space rental fees (Members \$15; Non-members \$25) cover the entire July 9-10 weekend. Call 585-657-7060 for information.

Shop! Bargains outside and in – and special items inside like antiques, books, and jewelry. You'll also find new exhibits inside and more vendors on the lawn. Enjoy Saturday lunch at our food tent.

HERE IS THE SCHEDULE OF REMAINING PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT THE SOCIETY THROUGH SEPT. 2022

Tuesday, June 21 – Sun., July 10 Yard Sale Donor Days and Sale as listed above

Tuesday, July 19, 7 PM: Field Trip Visit to North Bloomfield Chapel (for members only)

Tuesday, August 2, 7 PM: Storytelling: Conducting oral interviews to preserve family or local history

Tuesday, August 16, 7 PM: Preservation Journeys. West Bloomfield residents show us how they preserved their historic buildings with their own “blood, sweat, and tears.”

West Bloomfield Congregational Church

By Pastor Corey Keyes, and Sarah Williams, Program Director

Website wbccucc.org



West Bloomfield Congregational Church UCC meets on Sunday mornings at 10 AM for inspiring worship, song, and discussion. We are located at 9035 RTs 5 & 20, at the four corners in West Bloomfield. In summer months we often have service on the front lawn. Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page, “West Bloomfield UCC.”

We maintain a 24-7 food shelf in the alcove at the south side of the building, accessed by the rear ramp. We also hold a once a month “grocery store” style food giveaway. Watch our Facebook page for notices and dates concerning our food giveaways. Donations are also always accepted! Please call the church if you are having a food emergency, 585-624-1313.

Cornball Capers returns! The madcap, music & joke-filled romp is a WBUCC tradition! October 21st & 22nd at 7 PM. Find more information on our Facebook page and website as we draw closer to the date.

Ionia Women’s Club

By Mary Twardokus

The Ionia Women’s Club welcomes all women living in the Ionia area to their meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. This group began many decades ago (probably in the 1940s) as a Home Bureau Cooperative Extension group. The basic purpose of the club has remained the same – to share friendships, homemaking skills, cooking, crafts, to keep abreast on the current trends, community action, and to give back to the community. We have cautiously started to gather again and will be gathering outside for the summer and re-starting programs. For information on joining the gatherings, call Mary Twardokus 657-7722.



Ionia United Methodist Church

By Mary Twardokus

At the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Road in Ionia, all are welcome! **Sunday Worship** is at 9 AM, followed by **Coffee/Fellowship** Time, and at 10:30, a **Sunday morning DVD Study** with Ray Vander Laan. The 2nd Sunday of each month, we celebrate people with birthdays in that month. On the last Sunday of the month, our church family holds a **Pot-Luck Brunch** after the service. We also hold a socially distanced **Women's Lunch** the first Thursday of each month at 1 PM -- a time of getting together for the women who live in Ionia. Bring your own lunch.

Find information at www.ioniaumc.org or on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/IoniaUMCNY

You may drop off redeemable pop cans & bottles in the crate behind the church -- 100% of the redemption money supports our church's missions! Thanks to the community's generosity in 2021, we collected 13,716 cans & bottles & raised \$ 813.18! The Open Door Mission, Heifer Project, Heifer's Water Project, UMCOR's Ukraine, Flood & Tornado relief efforts, and Water for Sudan all received donations. Please empty and rinse cans and bottles and place them in plastic bags!

Our Mission Team is still collecting computers for the nonprofit Rochester Refugee Resettlement Services. RRRS needs operational laptops and PCs with at least 5GB memory to help in an adult computer training program and for refugees and asylum seekers in need. To donate a functioning laptop or desktop that you don't need, drop it off in our Fellowship Hall or call Mary at 657-7722.



Mark our upcoming events on your calendar:

Strawberry Social: Thursday, June 16, 4:30-6:30 PM, drive-thru, to be held at the church, with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, salads, & strawberry desserts

Raspberry Social: Thursday, July 21, 4:30-6:30 PM, drive-thru, to be held at the church, with hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, salads, & fruit desserts

Rummage Sale: August 19 & 20. We will accept donations the week before the sale. Household items, children's items, clothing, antiques, anything we can sell. Please, **no** older TVs or electronics not working (disposal expenses have gone up!) Email Lorraine.frelier@yahoo.com or call 657-4504 with questions.

24th Annual Fall Festival & Tractor Parade: All day Saturday, September 17. Tractor Parade begins at 1 PM. There will be lots of food, dessert wheel, games, vendors, hayrides, demonstrations, and more! Come for a fun fall day in the country! We are looking for help working the festival. If you can help, even for one hour, call Mary at 383-657-7722. Thank you!

52nd Annual Holiday Fair Craft Show: Applications available after July 1 on our website www.ioniaumc.org for the show on Saturday, November 19.



MILLERS CORNERS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

By Wayne Parrish

The 2022 annual meeting of the cemetery was held March 30th. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres. – Lynn Parrish, Vice Pres. – Randy O’Brien, Sec. – Marna Evans, Treas. – Wayne Parrish, Supt. – Larry Evans. Richard Frye and Lisa Parrish were re-elected to 3-year terms as Trustees. The six Trustees are: John Bennett, Gary Evans, Richard Frye, Sue Garling, Joanne O’Brien, Lisa Parrish.

The lawn mowing contract for the year was awarded to William Boldt. 585TREE was hired to take down a large black walnut tree near the vault that was in danger of falling on gravestones. The tree was taken down and sold in May.

The Treasurer reported that funds for cemetery maintenance continue to drop each year as costs increase and prices for the services have not been adjusted in several years. As such, the prices were increased as follows: plots to \$800, casket burial to \$800, and cremation burial to \$550. These changes were approved by the NYS Division of Cemeteries and will take effect on June 1st. The Superintendent has had a new Rules and Regulations sign made with the required changes and it will be installed soon.

YOU CAN HELP: The cemetery would appreciate obituary requests that donations be sent to our General Fund when a loved one passes. It would also be appreciated if a portion of your estate was donated to the General Fund when you pass and are being buried in the cemetery.

REMINDER: When placing flowers and plants on the graves, they must be potted. Any items permanently planted in the ground will be removed as allowed by NYS Cemetery Law. Also, by local policy, memorial lights are NOT allowed at any time in the cemetery.

LASTLY: If you wish to purchase a lot or schedule the installation of a monument, please contact the Superintendent, Larry Evans, at 585-624-4993.

North Bloomfield Community Association

By Doreen Haller

The Association is a group of residents that live within a ½ mile radius of the North Bloomfield Chapel. Our Association strives to preserve and share the heritage and history of North Bloomfield through preservation and community use of the Chapel. As we continue to improve the Chapel for the next century, we look forward to hosting many more events there. Former residents are always welcome.

It was a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and the ability to get together again in person was refreshing. While the North Bloomfield Memorial Day parade never stopped during the Pandemic, having our brunch afterwards did. This year we opened our doors again for the brunch. It was good to see people linger and reconnect with each other. Some even met their new neighbors for the first time.

Our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month from May to October at the Chapel- 1924 State Rt. 65. Next meeting is Wednesday, June 15th at 7 PM. We continue with building enhancements to bring the Chapel to a sufficient level of sturdiness to have it last another 100+ years. We started by creating a more solid foundation in the building's back southwest corner. We are now looking at painting or siding the building. We also need to discuss preserving the historical photos donated from the Buckman family. If there are Scouts looking for a community project, we would greatly appreciate a donation of time to our historic building. Call Doreen Haller at 732-7545 for information.

Notecards of the North Bloomfield area are available for \$5 from Community Association members or at monthly meetings. You will get 6 cards/envelopes, blank inside. These have been a big hit, so be sure to get yours today! Cards come in two different sets: current community scenes and historical scenes. Monies raised support our maintenance of, and improvements to, the Chapel.

Association dues are \$10 per family, annually, paid on the honor system. Dues help offset our electrical bill and Chapel improvements. Make checks payable to **North Bloomfield Community Association** and mail to: Doreen Haller/ NBCA/ 1891 State Route 65/ Honeoye Falls, NY 14472. Contact Doreen Haller @ 585-732-7545 or Doreen@treeskiers.com if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

North Bloomfield residents -- It is important to remember that we are Town of West Bloomfield residents and that our town needs our support as much as we need theirs. It is easy to forget that we live in West Bloomfield as we have Honeoye Falls listed as our mailing address and school district, and it is most likely your shopping area. While we may enjoy Honeoye Falls status, we have significantly lower taxes due to being in Ontario County. We have no representation or input into Honeoye Falls or Monroe County, but we have plenty of opportunities within our town and county. Volunteer and/or elected board positions are available, and we need to have our area represented on these boards. Please consider volunteering your time. Visit the Town of West Bloomfield website for opportunities and contact information, or feel free to contact me, Doreen Haller.



West Bloomfield Fire Dept. volunteers take time from a monthly meeting to share a meaningful message

IONIA AND WEST BLOOMFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

By Lynn Parrish

It has come to our attention that there are residents in West Bloomfield who are not aware of all the local fire departments do. The West Bloomfield Fire Department and the Ionia Fire Company are 100% volunteer, and we work together all the time. We respond to all calls with each other, we train together, and we share ideas for keeping our equipment up to date. We answer 70 to 90 calls per year. That equates to about 2 calls per week. More than half of the calls every year are fire and EMS calls.

Here is a breakdown of the types of calls we respond to:

Fires: This includes building fires, chimney fires, vehicle fires, appliance fires, flammable liquid fires (oils and other solvents), and grass and brush fires

EMS (Emergency Medical Service): This includes motor vehicle accidents with and without injuries, help lifting, ECHO level calls (calls where breathing is not confirmed), and CPR

Hazardous Condition: Includes gas odor/leaks, electrical problems in a building, power lines down

Service Calls: This includes water problems (basement pumping, broken water pipes), fill-ins for other fire departments

Good Intent Calls: This includes calls when we are canceled before we respond, calls where nothing is found, and controlled burning

False Alarms: Smoke detector activation, CO detector activation. These can either be for smoke from cooking or steam from a shower. Occasionally, these can turn into an actual fire

Severe Weather & Natural Disaster: This is to assess damage caused by a severe storm, to assist with flooding caused by heavy rain, wind damage, trees down blocking roads

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Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science

www.RochesterAstronomy.org

Marian & Max Farash Center for Observational Astronomy
8355 County Rte. 14, Ionia, NY

By Mark Minarich, President, ASRAS



We are Rochester's "Astronomy Club" with our dark sky observational center right here in Ionia. We are dedicated to helping our members and the general public appreciate and enjoy the wonders of the universe, and to furthering the understanding of astronomy in the Greater Rochester area. Members enjoy all aspects of astronomy, including planetary, lunar, and deep sky observing; astrophotography; education, and public outreach; armchair astronomy; and more

ASRAS is a diverse group that includes people of all levels of interest and experience. Members share a common love for astronomy and space sciences. Some are well-versed and experienced amateur astronomers. Others have little or no expertise but make up for that in enthusiasm and willingness to learn. Although most members have little or no formal training in astronomy, math, physics, or the space sciences, a few members are professional astronomers.

If you are interested in any aspect of amateur astronomy, why not join us? We can help you learn your way around the sky. We can help you choose the right telescope to buy. We'll help you learn the fascinating science behind the hobby. And, we'll help you have fun while doing all that.

This summer's upcoming events at the address above:

Public Star Party Friday June 24, 7:30 – 11 PM. Bring your Astronomy curiosity and jacket to keep warm.

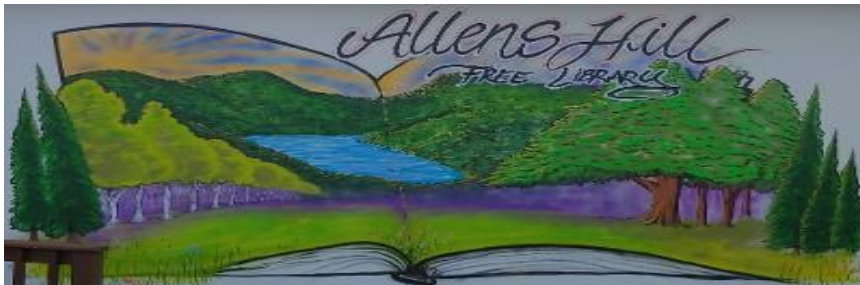
Open House to explore our Farash Center (while it's not dark!) on Sunday July 10, 12 PM - 3 PM.

Public Star Parties on Friday July 29, 7:30 – 11 PM and Friday, August 26, 7:30 – 11 PM.

Please park in the lower field in the area outlined by traffic cones. Visit our website calendar for more opportunities: www.RochesterAstronomy.org . And welcome to our Astronomy Section Dark Sky site!



Assembled for the 2022 MEMORIAL DAY Parade in front of the Ionia Volunteer Fire Company



Mural created by John Magnus Champlin

Allens Hill Free Library By Christine Green, Li- brary Director

We are the "Little Library on the Hill," just 6 miles south of the West Bloomfield Town Hall on County Road 40! We provide print and non-print materials and services to the community, and act as a center for learning, information gathering, and leisure reading. In addition to books for all ages, we have DVDs, CDs, video games, board games, and many other materials to borrow. This spring we will be adding fishing poles to our collection! We also have internet access inside and outside the building, computers for patron use, and printing services.

This summer we will be adding an outdoor Storywalk® and we are planning a wonderful celebration for its opening! We have seasonal book sales, monthly programs for adults and kids, and a fun-filled summer reading program! This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities," and we will have events for children and adults throughout July and August. We will be collaborating with local organizations for fishing and local wildlife programs. There are also fishing poles available for borrowing!

Check out our social media for more information. We would be thrilled to provide you with a library card if you don't already have one. Stop by and visit us soon!

Hours: Tuesday 6-8. Wednesday, 3:00-6:30. Friday 2:30-8. Saturday 1-4

Phone: (585) 229-5636 **Address:** 3818 County Road 40, Bloomfield, NY 14469

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/allenshillfreelibrary>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AHFLibrary

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ahflibrary>



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Did you know that West Bloomfield has its own "official" BSA Program for Scouts and Cubs? Over the years many who are not aware that we have our own groups have chosen to join other units. To today's families, I urge you to consider our program because Scouting is fun in West Bloomfield! And we work very hard to make it fun! We are very clear that our unit serves this community, which includes all roof tops in the West Bloomfield township. OK, with that out of the way, I appeal to the parents that live in our town. Please consider involvement in our hometown Scout units. We need youth and adults to keep our units doing what we do! We are looking for Scout leaders, Den leaders, and committee members. You may think, "Me a Scout leader?" We will train you. The BSA has training to help parents become leaders in all programs.

Our Scout Troop meets every Monday night at 7 PM at the West Bloomfield Fire Department. All are welcome! Come and see what you may be missing! For more information, e-mail me at fordguru@frontiernet.net.