



Supervisor Todd Campbell

Welcome to Fall! This season is a busy one for the Town Board as we begin to work on the 2023 budget and assess where we are so far with our 2022 budget. The town wide revaluation will have a significant impact on our budget, but we will continue to look for ways to improve our operations and spend wisely. Please attend any of our Town Board meetings (check the Town website for dates and times) if you have any specific requests or topics you would like us to evaluate. One of our most significant sources of revenue is the sales tax distribution from Ontario County, and while we have seen an increase this year that will help, we need to plan for a “normal” distribution next year, so we are not caught short. Shopping local and in Ontario County does have an impact—so please do so when you can.

We are happy to announce that we will have our **OPEN HOUSE** for our (not so) New Town Hall on October 15th from 9-11am. Please come and check out your new community facility.

Please remember to check the Town website www.townofwestbloomfield.org as we are regularly posting updates about community events. There is currently a link to a community assessment for the County regarding services offered and it would be appreciated if you could take the time to complete it. We do post links to registrations for Household Hazardous Waste, Tire Recycling and Electronics Collections events that are held across the County.

As we begin to see more signs of Fall, and the first signs of Winter—please make sure to check and test all your heating equipment and be prepared for the cooler weather that will soon be heading our way.

Remember that we are always looking for residents to serve and assist us on our Planning and Zoning Boards and also for any potential committees—if you are interested, please drop me a note or give me a call. My office is always open when I’m in the Town Hall, and I can be reached via e-mail at tcampbell@townofwestbloomfield.org or (585)624-2461



Happy Fall Y'all - Autumn Days Are Here Again
Updates From the Town Clerk's Office - Brenda Giglia

Annual hunting licenses and privileges are valid from September 1 through August 31 each year.

Hunting and fishing licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office. To obtain a hunting, bow hunting or trapping license, a previous hunting license or sportsman education certificate must be presented. To purchase a Resident license of any type, proof of residency is required. For information on Sportsman Education Courses being offered in your area, or to obtain a duplicate training certificate, you may call 1-888-HUNTED2.

REMINDER: New Deer and Bear Hunting Opportunities and Requirements Continue for 2022

1. Antlerless-only deer season in mid-September (9/10 - 9/18/2022) using firearms, crossbows, and vertical bows in WMUs 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A, and 9F, and using only vertical bows in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J, and 8C. DMPs and DMAP tags only.
2. Daily hunting hours for deer and bear extended to 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset.
3. Hunters must wear a [fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink hat or vest](#) when hunting deer or bear with a firearm.
4. Antlerless harvest allowed again during the early muzzleloader season in Northern Zone WMUs 6A, 6F, 6J.
5. Bear season in the Adirondacks is simplified by extending the regular season to cover the full hunting period.
6. 12- and 13-year-old hunters may hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow in counties that passed a local law to participate in the opportunity. See [Junior Big Game Hunting](#) – (www.dec.ny.gov) for a map of participating counties.
7. Holiday Deer Hunt is an extension of the late bow and muzzleloader season from December 26 - January 1 in the Southern Zone.

By Suzanne Washburn

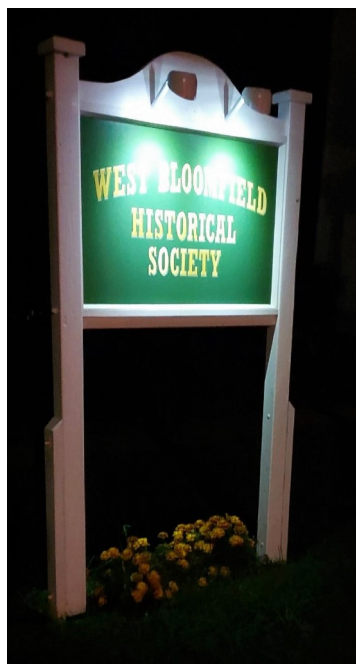
Thank You Community for making this year's WBHS Yard Sale such a success! We rely on this primary fund raiser for our annual operating expenses and 2022 yielded our best profit yet! We are grateful to all who volunteered, donated, shopped, or made generous cash donations.

Remaining 2022 programs at the Society, 8966 Rt. 5 & 20 (open to all & fully accessible). Also visit us at wbhsny.org, or on Facebook at "West Bloomfield Historical Society, New York."

Saturday, Sept. 24, 1 – 4 pm. Open House. See our exhibits and shop early for holiday gifts like local history books, North Bloomfield note cards, early town maps and more.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 pm. Annual Meeting & Election (Members only).

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 7 pm. "Vintage Model Trains" with Dan Erickson.



We've been inspired by our recent program presenters. Steve and Aaron Mumby shared some tips we all can use to record and preserve our elders' stories: A good quality smart phone with ample storage and extra battery is equal to expensive equipment. Make the subject comfortable (family member present, use audio if video is disturbing). Do not place the subject between the light and camera. Listen for distracting noises. Use a script and expand on it (chronological order is best). Ask open ended questions.

The Campbells demonstrated the painstaking work of cobblestone masonry, and Mike Borgeest showed us how "ghosting" on the walls outlines the original structure of a building. WBHS plans a project of its own in 2023 to further preserve our beautiful stained-glass windows.

We visited North Bloomfield Chapel in July and spent a great evening with the North Bloomfield Community Association. We aim to strengthen ties between our two groups in the year ahead.

JOIN US. WBHS members will make you feel welcome and appreciated. Annual memberships are: Single \$12, Family \$15, Senior (age 60+) \$10, Business \$25, Student \$8, Lifetime Single \$100 (or \$150 per couple age 70+). Send your check along with name, address, phone, and email to WBHS Membership, Box 173, West Bloomfield, NY 14585. Questions? Contact Mary at 657-7722 or mt2152@hotmail.com.

An important message from Committee Chairperson Tim Schiefen . . .

For years we have been the stewards of "Welch Hall," a building the Town helped us acquire many years ago for \$100. The name of the hall pays homage to Dr. Mark Welch, who provided a sizable endowment to help our unit offer Scouting to any youth who wanted to be part of the Troop. Our leaders over the years have carefully kept the endowment intact and under close watch so that it remains in place for the benefit of our Scouting program. That, along with other fundraising efforts, has allowed our Troop to offer Scouting at no cost every year to young people and their families. **That is right! FREE SCOUTING for any youth or parent who joins Troop 56.** We hope to continue this practice for as long as we have youth who are interested in Scouting in the Town of West Bloomfield and in Ionia. That is why I continue to plead with community members to join our Troop and encourage your children to join us. We cannot continue without new Scouts and parents joining our ranks! Back to poor old Welch Hall, where the years have taken their toll. Our goal has been to move the hall from the wet area around the Highway Department to the West Bloomfield Fire Department property. The Department supports and charters our troop. Our concerns are: The building may not survive the move and renovations could exceed the cost of replacement. With fewer and fewer scouts each year we (the leaders) feel the funds may be better used for Scout activities and outings. **We welcome your thoughts on this topic and the future of Scouting in West Bloomfield.** It is not a problem we can fix with dollars; it is more a question of how to serve the Scouts we have. Our current situation with declining youth enrollment is one we have struggled with for years now. How do we get our youth and younger generation of parents interested in our Troop?

Troop and Pack 56 do make a difference. Who will organize and provide the "Scouting for Food" event to help fill our local food pantries each November? (This year the drive is on Saturday, November 12, and West Bloomfield Scouts will lead it in our town.)

Who will help organize and participate in the Memorial Day parades? Who will park all those cars at the Mendon Firemen's carnival? (Our Troop has done this work for the past 10 years.) Where will the dynamic youth of our town get skills and knowledge to propel them to bigger and better things? Will Eli Fiore be our last Eagle Scout?

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts at fordguru@frontiernet.net. And consider Troop & Pack 56 for your children and yourself. We truly need your help!

WEST BLOOMFIELD SCOUT TROUP 56 by Jeannine Fiore & Tim Schiefen

Do you have a school-age child looking for a great organization to join? Look no further than West Bloomfield. Our Scouts participate in great activities during the school year. Cubs help with a local food drive, do Pinewood Derby, and enjoy a host of other things with the help of their den leaders. Did we mention den leaders? We provide all the training needed to be a leader.

Among our Scout activities are campouts, hikes, community service, and a spring break trip. We need adults to help, but more in a background capacity. Boy Scouts is boy led! This year, Eli Fiore (pictured) earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His project was "Beautification of the Rural Cemetery of West Bloomfield."

Our Troop meets weekly on Tuesdays, 7 PM, at West Bloomfield Fire Department. Stop by and check out a meeting. For information email: fordguru@frontiernet.net subject Scouts.

Congratulations Eli Fiore !



Eagle Scout Project: The historic Rural Cemetery on Rt. 5 & 20 has some significant improvements thanks to West Bloomfield Eagle Scout candidate Eli Fiore and the 30 volunteers he gathered to secure the Civil War monument and clean and repair damaged stones. Town residents of all ages turned out to support West Bloomfield Scout Troop 56 and our community.



ALLENS HILL FREE LIBRARY

By Library Director Christine Green

The Allens Hill Free Library is 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. We also have internet access inside and outside the building, computers for patron use, and printing services.



This summer we added a beautiful Storywalk® to our outdoor space! The book changes every few weeks and can be read as you walk around the outdoor space at any time. Our current featured book is [A House for Hermit Crab](#), by Eric Carle. We also have upcoming events where young patrons can make a craft to go with our featured book and adults can create a fall wreath.

We will have a local history program on Mary Jane Holmes, a well-known writer who was connected to the Allens Hill Free Library on October 8th and our annual Fall Fun Day on October 15th. The library has also added craft and building materials to our Makerspace in the children's area. Check out our website and social media for more details on future events in November and December. 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>

(The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.)

Ionia Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. by Lynn Parrish

As you read this, we are heading into the Fall season. It's always important to remind everyone to think safety when closing up our homes for the colder weather. Make sure you have had your heating system serviced and that all your smoke and CO detectors are in working order.

We have both smoke and CO detectors available if you don't have them and don't have the money to purchase your own. If you happen to still be burning wood, make sure your chimney or stove pipe has been cleaned.

Over the Summer, we have been busy training along with the West Bloomfield Fire Department. All our equipment has been inspected and serviced for the year. Each year much of our equipment must be inspected and tested including hose, ladders, air packs, hydraulic rescue tools, fire extinguishers and yes, even our trucks. This has all been completed. We had 2 controlled burns this Summer. One was a house on County Road 14 and the other was a large pile of debris in West Bloomfield. We responded to several incidents over the Summer including motor vehicle accidents, automatic alarms, trees and wires down, smoke/odor investigations and yes, even some small fires.

Our antique white pumper truck needs some major repairs and while some work was done by members during the late Winter and Spring, there is still much more to do. We are exploring options to get our pride and joy back to tip top shape before next Summer. This 1939 pumper was our very first pumper truck and we are anxious to get it repaired so we can again show it off around the community and perhaps attend some antique musters next Summer.



Finally, we are always looking for new members in our community of West Bloomfield. Both Ionia and West Bloomfield departments can always use more help. We are 100% volunteer, and we are here to serve our neighbors when you need help. Won't you consider helping us to help all of you? Contact Ionia Chief Lynn Parrish or West Bloomfield Chief Gary Lewis through the department websites <https://ioniafireco.org> or <http://www.westbloomfieldfiredept.org>.

BE SAFE!!



WEST BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

By Pastor Corey Keyes and Sarah Williams, Program Director

9035 ROUTES 5 & 20, West Bloomfield,

585-624-1313 Website wbccucc.org

West Bloomfield Congregational Church UCC meets on Sunday mornings at 10 am for inspiring worship, song, and discussion. 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 metal 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! This rollicking night of music and comedy will be presented at 7 pm on Friday, October 21st, and Saturday, October 22nd, at West Bloomfield Congregational Church.

The church had put on this Hee-Haw inspired show every few years since the early 1970s, with a hiatus in the mid-2000s and then a global pandemic. 2022's show promises great country music, entertaining performances, and plenty of laughs. The 7 pm performance costs just \$10 per person (maximum of \$25 per household, immediate parents and children). With only 200 tickets available each night, you'll want to get your tickets early!

Tickets can be purchased:

- From cast members
- By mailing a check to the church (PO Box 5, W. Bloomfield NY 14585) made out to WBUCC with Cornball Capers in the memo line. PLEASE INDICATE WHAT NIGHT you'd like tickets for. Your tickets will be held at the door, or they can be mailed to you if time allows.
- By calling the church (585-624-1313)
- Or by using the "Online Giving" button found on wbccucc.org website. Simply click on the Get Involved tab, then click Online Giving. You'll be prompted to buy through PayPal. PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF TICKETS AND WHAT NIGHT you'd like tickets for. Your tickets will be held at the door, or they can be mailed to you if time allows.



Millers Corners Cemetery

By Wayne Parrish, Millers Corners Cemetery Association



It was a busy time around the cemetery this summer:

- Flags were placed by the veterans' graves and a brief ceremony was held on Memorial Day.
- A new, updated sign (pictured to the left) with the current Rules and Regulations for the cemetery was installed as required by the NYS Division of Cemeteries.
- Several trees were removed by 585TREE that were in danger of falling on memorial stones.
- The Town Highway Department cleaned up the brush and fallen tree limbs in front of the woods.
- The NYS Division of Cemeteries Investigator inspected the cemetery with the Superintendent and found everything in order.

Due to illness the company that performs the Interment duties notified us late of a significant price increase for their work. Our prices had to be adjusted and re-approved by the state. The revised prices are: plots - \$800, cremation burial - \$550; and casket burial \$900 with a \$300 surcharge if performed on a weekend or holiday.

YOU CAN HELP: Our maintenance funds are slowly dwindling. It would be appreciated if people would request in the obituary that donations be sent to the cemetery 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. As always, any donation would be accepted at any time from anyone.

Mail donations to Millers Corners Cemetery, PO Box 52, Ionia NY 14475

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.

IONIA United Methodist Church by Mary Twardokus

At the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Road in Ionia, all are welcome to our services, fellowship times, and events!

As of Sunday, September 11th, our Sunday Worship will be held at 9:30 am. A “Coffee/ Fellowship Time” is held after the service. The 2nd Sunday of each month, we hold Birthday Sunday, celebrating people with birthdays in that month. On the last Sunday of each month, our church family holds a Pot-Luck Brunch after the service, with lots of good food and fellowship.

Check out the information on our website www.ioniaumc.org and on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/IoniaUMCNY

Missions: You may drop off your redeemable pop cans & bottles into the crate behind the church and 100% of the redemption money is used toward our church’s missions! Thanks to the generous efforts of our community so far in 2022 we have collected 8,817 cans & bottles & raised \$528.90! Some of the places that received donations are Open Door Mission, Heifer Project, Heifer’s Water Project, UMCOR’s Ukraine efforts, UMCOR’s Flood & Tornado relief efforts (100% of donations to UMCOR goes to relief efforts), Water for Sudan, Ontario County Habitat for Humanity, Tunnels and Towers, and Ontario County Family Promise. Please empty and rinse cans and bottles before donating and then place them in plastic bags. Thank you!

We want to thank our whole community for their support – dropping off cans and bottles, coming to our socials, dinners, rummage sale and fall festival!

Mark our upcoming event on your calendar:



52nd Annual Holiday Fair Craft Show on Sat., Nov. 19th, 9 am – 3 pm at the Bloomfield High School, 21 Oakmount Ave, Bloomfield. Booth applications are available on our website www.ioniaumc.org There will be 120 crafter spaces selling a wide variety of crafts, gifts, & home-made goodies. Free admission & parking. Lunch is available. Bring your holiday shopping list!

An early photo of the United Methodist Church. Built about 1840, it was significantly changed about 1868.





The Wolk Observatory Looking North

Astronomy Section of the Rochester Academy of Science

By Mark Minarich, President

www.RochesterAstronomy.org

Marian & Max Farash Center for Observational Astronomy

8355 County Rte. 14

Ionia, NY

We are Rochester's "Astronomy Club" with our dark sky observational center right here in Ionia. 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.

Upcoming events: (Visit our website calendar for more opportunities to participate)

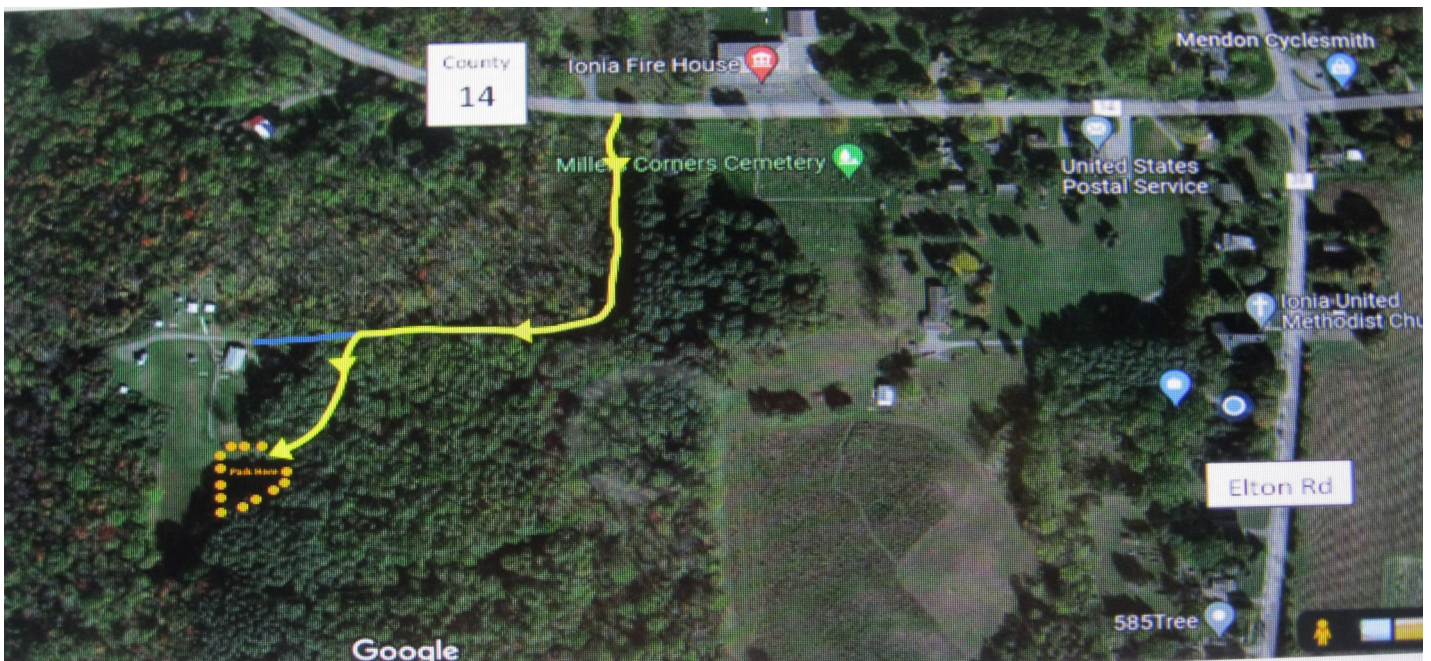
We'll be supporting the Ionia Fall Festival on Saturday, September 17th, with hayrides from the festival site to our observatory from 11 am to 3 pm

[Public Star Party on Friday, September 23rd, from 7:30 pm to 11 pm at the address above. Bring your Astronomy curiosity and a jacket to keep warm.](#)

Open House to explore our Farash Center (while it's not dark!) tentatively on Sunday, October 10th, from 12 pm to 3 pm at the address above.

Public Star Party on Friday, October 21st, from 7:30 pm to 11 pm. Same location. Bring your Astronomy curiosity and a jacket to keep warm.

When attending events, please park in the lower field in the designated area outlined by traffic cones.



COMMUNITY FOCUS

NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
9097 DAYLIGHT DRIVE
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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 continue to make dresses for the international organization "Dress A Girl" and surgery caps for Golisano Children's Hospital. We are gathering again and re-starting programs and field trips. For information on joining in on the gatherings, call Mary Twardokus 657-7722.

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