

Newsletter



RADON AWARENESS MONTH

December is Radon Action Month in the Borough of Bloomsbury!

RADON FACTS:

- Radon occurs naturally and could be inside your home.
- Radon is a gas that you can not see, smell or taste.
- Radon causes more than 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year.
- Testing is simple and inexpensive. Test kits can be purchased at home improvement stores and hardware stores.

The Borough of Bloomsbury is participating in the Radon Awareness Program (RAP) with the NJDEP.

Please contact the Borough Administrator, Lisa Burd Reindel for more information and to request your **FREE Radon Test Kit** (Quantities are limited) at: 908-479-4200 or email: blmclerk@ptd.net



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 26

Christmas Tree Pickup Begins

January 16

Christmas Tree Pickup Ends

January 21

2018 Free Rabies Clinic

Christmas Tree Pick Up 2017

Trees may be placed curbside beginning Tuesday, December 26, 2017. Please make sure to have all decorations and stands removed from your tree prior to being placed curbside for pickup. Last day of collection will be Tuesday January 16th. No trees will be picked up after this date.

Annual Luminary Sale

2017 "Light Up Bloomsbury" Luminary Sale
Order form enclosed in this edition!

2017 LEAF PICK UP – EXTENDED!

Leaf collection has been extended.

Last day to place leaves curbside is now
Monday, December 11, 2017.

Leaves placed out after 12/11 will not be picked up!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Part of what makes Bloomsbury unique, is our volunteers! Planning Board, full and alternate members are needed. Meetings are once a month if there is business before the Board. Please contact the Borough Clerk or stop in at Borough Hall if interested.

BLOOMSBURY HOSE CO. # 1
Members needed!
Call Chief McNulty
609-548-1711

SENIOR SUBMISSION – Winter 2017

SENIORS' CORNER

Those of us who are fortunate to live in Hunterdon County know what a beautiful, friendly place it is. But, some may not be aware that the County can provide many services and agencies whose aim is to assist its senior population. Following is a listing and contact information for a number of such agencies:

Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services, [908 788-1359](tel:9087881359)

4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822

Citizen Alert - Community Notification (Register to receive notices regarding emergency weather issues, etc.)

Hunterdon County Registration, [908 728-4357](tel:9087284357)

Emergency Mental Health Services, [908 788-6400](tel:9087886400)

Hunterdon Medical Center
2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822

Flemington Food Pantry, [908 788-5568](tel:9087885568)

154 Route 31 North, Flemington, NJ 08822

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon, Inc., [908 284-0735](tel:9082840735)

5 Walter Foran Blvd, Flemington, NJ 08822

Food Stamps - Division of Social Services, [908 788-1300](tel:9087881300)

6 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822

Legal Services of Northwest New Jersey, [908 782-7979](tel:9087827979)

82 Park Avenue, Flemington, NJ 08822

Visiting Health and Supportive Services

Home Health Services (Nursing, Therapy, Home Visits) [908 788-6138](tel:9087886138)

Family Crisis Intervention Services

Hunterdon Behavioral Health, [908 788-6401](tel:9087886401)

County Transportation - The Link, [908 788-9760](tel:9087889760)

Caregiver Support Group, [908 237-2364](tel:9082372364)

Hunterdon Medical Center
2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822

Adult Day Care - Brideside Adult Day Center, [908 782-8080](tel:9087828080)

16 Sand Hill Road, Flemington, NJ 08822

Adult Protective Services

Division of Social Services [908 782-4357](tel:9087824357)

Please be aware that some of the services performed by these agencies are not free. Please contact them to determine costs, donations, etc., and to receive a complete description of their services.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Kolakowski



FRIENDLY REMINDER

From the Office of Emergency Management. Please check your smoke detectors! Landlords, please be sure to supply them to your tenants!

CLEAN COMMUNITIES EVENTS

If you are interested in volunteering for 2018 Clean Communities Events such as road side litter clean up and park beautification projects, please contact the Borough Clerk at 479-4200 to sign up.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PETS!

Borough Ordinance #108-06



HELP KEEP BLOOMSBURY BEAUTIFUL!

Picking up after your pet is not only common curtesy
It's the LAW

Winter emergency information alerts will be sent by email, when time allows, to everyone who has signed up.



Snow Parking Reminder

All motor vehicles must be removed from the streets in the Borough when more than 2" of frozen precipitation falls and must remain off the street until 12 hours after the cessation of frozen precipitation events.

Residents and visitors needing additional off street parking during inclement weather, can park at the Borough Park located at 100 Church Street, or at 98 North Street in the lot located at the corner of Gardner Street and North Street.

Parking is at your own risk and please be sure to remove vehicles from the lots as soon as the streets are completely clear. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Borough Hall at [908-479-4200](tel:908-479-4200).

Beginning November 15th and ending March 31st, there shall be **NO PARKING** on the south side of **Brunswick Avenue** from its intersection with Church Street (Route 579) to its intersection with Route 173 during and following any period of frozen precipitation (e.g. snow, sleet, etc.) for so long as the roadway is not entirely free of accumulations of frozen precipitation.

Winter Snow Removal

After Council's review of the Borough's snow removal practices, a decision was made that non-essential alleys that are difficult to navigate either by reason of their configuration or man-made obstructions will be cleared when man power and conditions permit.

As a result, if plow drivers of the Borough's DPW determine in their sole discretion that accessing or attempting to plow any of these alleyways is dangerous and could result in either damage to a Borough vehicle or to an adjoining residence, snow will not be removed from those alleys until conditions permit safe passage for DPW vehicles.

This is in accordance with New Jersey Statutory Regulations which only require removal of snow and/or ice from main thoroughfares within the Borough.

The Bloomsbury Hose Company requests your assistance and asks that you clear snow from around any hydrant adjacent to your property.

BOROUGH PARK RULES

- Park CLOSED from Dusk to Dawn.
- No Alcoholic Beverages.
- No Glass Containers.
- No Dumping.
- No ATV vehicles.
- Pets must be leashed at all times.
- Owners must clean up pet waste.

Anyone observing any violation should contact the State Police by dialing 908-730-7042 immediately.

Violators will be prosecuted.

Change in Borough Hours

The Zoning Officer is now in the office on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, and Thursdays from 10:00 am to noon.

Now all Monday evening personnel are scheduled to end their availability at the same time.

On-Call Employees

Anyone interested in working as an on-call employee can contact the Borough Clerk.

Garbage Hauler

We have a new contract! There is no change in the schedule. Garbage is limited to 2 - 32 gallon cans of household trash only. Please call for excess trash or bulky waste pickup at reasonable rates.

All Dogs and Cats **MUST** be licensed by **January 31, 2018** to avoid late fees.

Residents Can Not Obtain Licenses in Person (**Drop-off ONLY!**)

Completed applications can be dropped off or mailed to Borough Hall at 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, NJ 08804. Additional applications can be obtained at Borough Hall during normal business hours or online at www.bloomsburynewjersey.com

Fee Schedule (including late fees)

Month	Licensing Fee Per Spayed or Neutered Cat/Dog	Licensing Fee Per Non-Spayed or Non-Neutered Cat/Dog
January	\$8.00	\$11.00
February	\$13.00	\$16.00
March	\$18.00	\$21.00
April	\$23.00	\$26.00
May	\$28.00	\$31.00
June	\$33.00	\$36.00
July	\$38.00	\$41.00
August	\$43.00	\$46.00
September	\$48.00	\$51.00
October	\$53.00	\$56.00
November	\$58.00	\$61.00
December	\$63.00	\$66.00

All applications must be accompanied by a copy of a valid Rabies Certification showing proof of rabies vaccination with an expiration date after October 31st of the licensing year.

An additional fine of \$100 per Dog and \$50.00 per Cat will be assessed for unlicensed animals found by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Animal Census Coordinator. Court fees may also apply.

Please detach the lower portion of this sheet and return with your check made payable to: Borough of Bloomsbury for the appropriate fees, self addressed stamped envelope and proof of rabies vaccination. Do not mail cash.

Licenses **will not** be mailed back to you unless a **self addressed stamped envelope** is included!!

Owner's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address : _____

Circle One: Dog Cat SEX: M F Breed: _____ Age: _____

Color/Markings: _____ Name: _____

Circle One: Hair: S M L Spayed/Neutered: Yes No Rabies Vaccination Expires: _____

FREE RABIES CLINIC – SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM - BLOOMSBURY FIREHOUSE

All-terrain vehicle (ATV) or Dirt bikes

You do not need a permit or license to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) in New Jersey. However, the vehicle must be [registered](#) and you must observe the following regulations:

- Operator must be at least 14 years old.
- Always carry proof of liability insurance and current registration.
- Use the ATV or Dirt Bike for off-road use only. They are not permitted on public street or roads.
- If you are under 18 years old, you must enroll in the [ATV Safety Institute course](#) to operate an ATV, if you are operating a dirtbike you must enroll in the safety course provided by [dirtbikeschool.com](#) to obtain a safety certificate*. For information on fees and duration of the course, please check their website or call (800) 887-2887.
- Anyone under the age of 16 is prohibited from operating an ATV or Dirt Bike with an engine capacity greater than 90 cubic centimeters during training or while on public lands or waters or to cross a public roadway. Individuals cannot sell more powerful ATVs or Dirt Bikes to anyone under 16 years of age.

*If you are under 18 years old and only operate an ATV or Dirt Bikes at licensed special events, you are exempt from the safety education course. You are also exempt if the ATV or Dirt Bike is used on public lands or waters or across a public highway as an incident to or in the actual performance of the operations of a farm that is adjacent to the public land and or water or public highway upon which the vehicle is being operated.

This information was provided by the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. Additional information can be found at the following sites:

<http://www.atvsafety.org/>

<http://www.nj.gov/mvc/Licenses/AllTerrain.htm>

<http://www.nj.gov/mvc/Vehicle/Snowmobiles.htm>

TIPS FOR WINTER

Federal Guidelines dictate that the face of your mailbox should be placed 6"- 8" behind the curb. It should be firmly secured to the mail box post. Lag bolts and screws work better than nails. There are many types of posts to choose from, depending on which one you choose, will determine the life span. If your mailbox and post are a number of years old, please replace it correctly. Remember using good quality material will last the longest and good quality doesn't necessarily mean the most expensive. Removing the snow from around your mailbox will help prevent damage to your post.

When clearing snow from your driveway, please keep in mind that Bloomsbury Borough's Ordinance prohibits pushing / blowing snow into the roadway. Please let your snow removal contractor know this as well and it will help maintain safe travel for all. On garbage / recycling day please keep your cans out of the roadway if possible. Please give plenty of room between you and the snow / salt truck drivers, don't follow too close (stay back at least 200 feet) and give the drivers plenty of room to do their job. And please remember... no parking on the roads on snow days and keep vehicles off the street for at least 12 hours after the cessation of precipitation.



“LIGHT UP
BLOOMSBURY”
Annual Luminary Sale



Price: \$5.00 per ½ Dozen, \$10.00 per Dozen

All Proceeds Benefit Bloomsbury Recreation Youth Programs

Deliver Date: Friday December 22, 2017 – 9 AM to 12 Noon
(All Orders Delivered To Your Door!)

In the spirit of the holidays and to recapture the beauty of our town as in years past, please light your luminaries at 6:30 PM on Christmas Eve.

(In the event of inclement weather, lighting will occur at 6:30 PM on Christmas night.)

Drop order form with payment to Boro office, or mail to:

**“Light Up Bloomsbury”
Luminary Sale
91 Brunswick Avenue
Bloomsbury, NJ 08804**

Make checks payable to “Bloomsbury Recreation Commission”

Call Chris Smith at 908-370-6507 with any questions or last minute orders!

Return Order Form by December 18, 2017

_____ 1/2 Dozen Luminaries @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____
 _____ Dozen Luminaries @ \$10.00 per dozen = \$ _____
 TOTAL = \$ _____

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

