

Catch the holiday spirit!

Bloomfield offers a host of special programs for the holiday season.

Annual Tree Lighting

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Sip hot chocolate and enjoy caroling by the Bloomfield High School Concert Choir and local scouting groups. You may even catch a glimpse of Santa!

Children's Program

Saturday, Dec. 12, noon to 3 p.m.

Children will nosh on holiday refreshments while enjoying arts and crafts, face-painting and pictures with Santa (bring your own camera). Join the fun at the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street.

House decorating contest!

Capture your holiday creativity. Enter Bloomfield's holiday house decorating contest and you could win a family dinner at Angelo's Restaurant and Pizzeria. Send a digital photo (jpeg format) showing your decorated home, along with a completed entry form to the Recreation Department. Email it by Dec. 11 to mschaffer@bloomfieldtwpnj.com, or take your photo to the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. The winner will be announced by Dec. 22.

Holiday Concert

The Bloomfield Choral will perform festive holiday music plus favorite carols for all to sing on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. at Bloomfield Presbyterian Church on the Green, 147 Broad Street. Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance, \$5 for seniors and students. Details at www.facebook.com/bloomfieldchorale/ or email BloomfieldChorale@gmail.com.

Go ahead and gift shop. We'll watch the kids.

Need some kid-free time for holiday shopping? On two Fridays in December, the Bloomfield Recreation Department will watch your children (grades K to 6) at the Civic Center while you manage your gift list. Fee: \$20 per child. Includes pizza, soda, games, movies, arts and crafts.

Pre-registration is required. Dates are Dec. 11 and 18, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.