

Seasonal Community Events

• **Tree Lighting Ceremony.** Catch the holiday spirit, starting with Bloomfield's annual tree lighting on Monday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Greet friends and neighbors, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, hear caroling by the Bloomfield High School Concert Choir and Bloomfield scouting groups, and visit with Santa. Be sure to bring a nonperishable food item for the Holiday Food Drive.

• **Children's Holiday Program.** Come to the Bloomfield Civic Center, 84 Broad Street, on Saturday, Dec. 9, from noon to 3 p.m. for story time with Mrs. Claus, pictures with Santa (bring you own camera), refreshments, arts and crafts, and face-painting. Be sure to bring a nonperishable food item for the Holiday Food Drive.

• **House Decorating Contest.** Share your holiday spirit and creativity by e-mailing your digital photo (jpeg format) and entry form to dsampson@bloomfieldtwpnj.com. Or bring it in person to the Civic Center, 84 Broad Street. Deadline: Dec. 21. The winner, to be announced by Dec. 28, will receive a free family dinner at Angelo's Restaurant and Pizzeria.

• **Drop & Shop.** Bloomfield Recreation will watch your children at the Civic Center while you do holiday shopping. Kids in kindergarten through grade 6 will be treated to pizza, soda, games, movies, and arts and crafts. Dates are Friday, Dec. 8 and Friday, Dec. 15, 6 to 9 p.m. Space is limited. Fee: \$20 per child per night. Additional assistance will be provided to children with special needs. Pre-registration is required.

