

Grow Bloomfield Meeting February 18, 2026

Attending

March 2026

- Fred Willey
- Colin Diehl
- Tom Schwarzweller
- Tracey Dello Stritto
- Mariana Chavez
- Jessica Kerri
- Sarah Williams-
- Judy Fulmer-
- Jim Shannon
- Molly
- Sheree Hooper
- Gary Hooper
- Kim Brewer
- Brad Hall
- Mike Zanche
- Joel Steele
- Dave Conklin
- Kathy Conratt
- Paul Hudson
- Savannah Steele
- Brandon Steele

March 18th, 2026	February 18th, 2026
<p>Paul-Computer is down. Someone was trying to scam him.</p> <p>The Office of the Aging in Ionia is having a scam seminar tonight.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Tracey Dello Stretto-Ontario County Chamber of Commerce President.</p>	<p>Annual vote held-Officers reelected.</p> <p>Paul Hudson (President-Vows it will be his last year), Brandon Steele (Secretary), Joel Steele (Vice President), Kim Brewer (Treasurer).</p> <p>Affordable housing for Bloomfield Discussion</p> <p>Modular single family homes are the</p>

Worked in the Finger Lakes Wine industry - Customer service to engaging national publications for the Finger Lakes Wine Industry

Transitioned 2 years ago to the Ontario County Chamber of Commerce. 116 years old. (Was the Canandaigua Chamber for 112 years).

Wants to recognize the work that is being done in local communities to help support business and development.

Board of Directors - Created a new Strategic Plan last year.

A part of 9 county regional council-Meets 4x/year. Tracy is a voting member. Job is to bring representation to that council.

Phelps and Canandaigua awarded 4/10 million dollar awards last year. People are paying attention.

Work very closely with Ryan Davis from the county.

We have over 500 business in our chamber. 75% of our business are small (25 employees or less)/ That is what we do.

-Provide education opportunities to these businesses to support their marketing and HR needs.

-We do Ribbon cuttings.

EESS-Employer/Employee Support Services-Offer 28/per employee/year/1 visit/month. Mental health support.

-If you have a healthy Employee they are more likely to stick with your business.

New Business "In A Pickle" - Indoor pickle ball.

Hold 1x/month business/business networking. Next event is at the pickle!

preferred for a more manageable price point. Modern modular homes are not just a double wide trailer. These are real homes.

John B

-Manages apartment housing on Oakmount. The owners purchased and took over management around November of last year.

Currently updating the building will come with an increase in rent.

Management company based out of Rochester

"The rent was cheap, but that's because they didn't have to deal with the maintenance expenses".

There are some people that are upset.

The 2 bedroom apartments in Holcomb are 1500/month.

Bloomfield Apartments are several hundred dollars cheaper than they are at other locations.

Marcee-The new management company is much more responsive.

Vacant apartments. 3-4 vacant opening are available. Redone 6 apartments and immediately people are interested in attending them . Plan to fill with people feeling priced out from Victor and Canandaigua

Garry and Paul H are working on the marketing video. Emphasis on positive comments about Bloomfield.

April-

<p>Hold annual Golf Tournament</p> <p>Women's Leadership Athena Events. -Every November start to take nominations.</p> <p>-</p> <p>The County has been a huge supporter of our leadership and workforce development program. 10 month program 1x/month. You connect with this cohort to work on personal/professional development, leadership styles, etc.</p> <p>Recent events for those in the program</p> <p>Round Table Discussion on Healthcare and health service in Ontario County. Next meeting is on higher Education</p> <p>-</p> <p>Will start applications for the 5th Cohort of this program in August/September .</p> <p>Questions (Q)</p> <p>Thoughts on Micron plant.</p> <p>Infrastructure and energy challenges...Housing concerns.</p> <p>"I can't say if that Boom is going to push into here Ontario county".</p> <p>-</p> <p>It all connects. When a new business comes to town we need to figure out how to house the workers.</p> <p>We have 3 exits off the throughway.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Fred Willy State and Federal Officials are very interested in the Micron Plant. The significance of this for surrounding counties could be very high.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Q What is the workforce development in relation to AI and worker skill development.</p>	<p>Next event planned for community outreach.</p> <p>-We have some new businesses in town. Mugsey's is going to be replaced by a Mexican restaurant. -Duvall's really liked the food truck owned by the same vendor.</p> <p>-Community outreach-Go back to the business introductions. Each business gets 2-3 minutes to talk about what they are about.</p> <p>Locations for the outreach event-Irish Mafia, Duvall's Farm, Cheap Charlies, Historical Society, Radio Museum -Comment-Ask to see if the Mexican Food Truck would like to Cater.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>April- Next all your business event. No assignments yet-Let people contemplate if they can set aside time to be on the organizing committee.</p> <p>-</p> <p>Scheduling-Line up the Venue</p> <p>-Arrange for the food.</p> <p>-Communicate event to community</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Wyatt and Dave</p> <p>Bought land up on West Park drive with plans to have a barn and store landscaping equipment. (Will be next to the new school transportation site).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Terphane Update</p> <p>The owner is out of Brazil. Intention was to get all the equipment out by November with the intention to sell the building when empty. Everything got delayed d/t cold weather.</p>
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<p>Ontario County is one of the few growing counties in the state.</p> <p>Cold Stone Country Club Meeting-County officials will come to talk about what is happening and current events.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Talking about new development-The Next step is advocating for it.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Fred-Larger Villages and cities are favored over smaller Town/Villages and Hamlets like Bloomfield when it comes to funding and grants</p> <p>We don't have the underwriting.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>"The Rules of the game have to change"...there's plenty of infrastructure money, but often this is inaccessible for communities the size of Bloomfield.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Fred</p> <p>"The Gravel Pit has some very exciting announcements" Possibly relating to selling gravel.</p> <p>How do we handle the Nimby's vs Yimby's when we are building homes, energy infrastructure, businesses.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>-</p> <p>Part of our problem is that we didn't have any land owners that were interested in selling. That had changed now. The Town is going to have an agriculture expert come in and map out the prime land and land that is of lower quality for farming.</p> <p>Solar</p>	<p>There are thoughts to remodel the building to create a 75 unit independent living facility center for 55+ residents. This could open up other housing within the community.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Crosman</p> <p>Crosman has been Sold! Electrical waste recycling (Batteries-Sunking)/Red Ryder making BB guns will fill the other half of the building.</p> <p>Sunking will be holding a Job Fair later in the year with plans to have the building open by June of this year.</p> <p>—</p> <p>Weed Store is opening in the Village. (Right next to the new law firm...joking).</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Garry Manual-Releasing some new songs. Sunflower Studios. Spotify, Apple, Tidal, Pandora will be streaming on all these services. -We plan to feature Businesses on the Facebook page as well.</p> <p>Peggy-I've been asked by a few people. New group formed to foster more supportive positive outlook on Bloomfield associated Social Media. There is a lot of negativity from a select few people that is not a positive presentation of Bloomfield. This could affect perceptions of people that may be considering moving here.</p> <p>Josette-Women's weekend in Naples. Music, workshops, welding classes. March 7-8th. Bristol valley theatre. News and Braughts. 3rd annual meeting.</p> <p>Paul Z- We are finishing up the building. Do a lot of Fleet work. This will make it easier. Putting in a larger building for Saxby's and expanding work force as well.</p>
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There was a 5 year moratorium on solar. That has been lifted.

The percentage of produced energy that is legally obligated to stay local is a decent amount. (Fred cannot recall exact number).

Fred about solar farms and tax breaks. "We didn't give them a nickle The solar farms are not getting any tax breaks.

Pilots were only for jobs. If there is no jobs then there are no tax breaks

Solar— previously the land only could be assessed and not what is on the land. That just changed recently. The parcels are rezoned from Ag to commercial, which is more favorable for taxes.

Maximum output is 10 MW of solar-This wouldn't hold up in court because the output changes at any given time. Colin.
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444 Solar is not done-There is a supply issue for panels.

Fixed angle racking is more visibly obtrusive. This will stand out more to those passing by. Single post adjustable racking uses far less metal and is visually less unpleasant.

Fred-
A few years ago Bloomfield lost the afterschool program.

Tracey Dello Stritto Helped walk the village to look for the Epic zone possible buildings as an after school program for our students.

The Epic Zone is State funded.
It is currently being run by a Rotary Foreign Exchange Student too.

Additional growth.

"Don't underestimate the power of Bass Pro".

Car show coming up July 25th.
Bringing back some vendors with a slight change in design to improve their opportunities. Will have a smaller amount of vendors while giving them the center focus/attention.

-Joel
Social Media we've heard a lot about bullying. Brandon has seen some problems with his kids on the receiving bullying comments. Kid's bus was changed to avoid problems.

Gracie Jujitsu in Victor- Bully Proof.
Facebook-If you've got something bad to say give our kids the confidence to brush those comments off.

~40 other parents send their kids out of the school district for unknown reasons.

If we want people to move to Bloomfield we want everything to be as attractive as possible.

Marcee- Tries to post something positive when something negative is posted on Facebook.

Sarah-Paul H daughter. Wants to get more involved with Grown Bloomfield.

Mary Beth-President of Psychology group at FLCC. Wants to contribute to support Grow Bloomfield.

What doesn't hurt is having a business that has pull to bring in additional business and infrastructure.

As that growth occurs what do we want to have coming into the area.

Sun King (Moving into Crosman)- Has a need for 100-150 jobs-Working with Ontario County

Next Item

Marce

All your Business Event-

Josette is on Vacation-
April 15th (Or 6-8). Cheap Charlie's-Really wanted Cheap's to show what they have. What ever the money buys go for it.

We could invite Ryan Davis.

If someone has started a business we want them to come to this meeting.

Josette plans to visit the specific businesses and give them an individual announcement.

Colin-Today we were awarded 15 sites to graze sheep. 500% increase in business from last year. Agrivoltaics. Every site that exists. Talks to Bennett "How's it going do you like your checks" The farmers that are losing and selling land is it because they are going bankrupt or is it because it is the right thing to do.

If we're are not going to impact Ag Fields then what are we going to impact, first, marsh, etc.

The power keeps going out but my gas stays on in every storm. I want something reliable.

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Bio-energy using farmer based organic waste to

<p>create a source of income for them and a source of power for us.</p> <p>-What is the economic impact of having our garbage going 3x further. "We'll send compost kits home with people"... Not effective.</p> <p>Municipal, county, and beyond dumps. To me that doesn't embrace long term effective sustainable policy. We can't keep throwing our garbage, electric needs, etc down the road for some other community handle it. Nimbys vs yimbys. .</p> <p>_____</p>	
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