

# Bloomfield Life

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## Students to offer plans for parking in Center



Looking over parking plans for the Center are, from left, Richard Bzdek, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Township Councilman Tim Kane; Jay Kaplan, chairman of Bloomfield Center Steering Committee; John Fallon, vice chairman of the Bloomfield Business Advisory Committee, and Mayor James Norton.

**BLOOMFIELD**—What happens when you combine the enthusiasm of youth, the wisdom of experience, and the support of local government?

In Bloomfield Center, the answer just might be new parking!

As their term project, students from New Jersey Institute of Technology's School of Architecture have been asked to plan new parking strategies for the area bounded by Bloomfield Avenue, Broad Street and Liberty Street.

The brainchild of local architect and Bloomfield Business Advisory Committee Vice Chair John Fallon and NJIT School of Architecture Undergraduate Director Tony Schuman, the project hopes to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to bear on the age-old issue parking in the downtown business district.

Student plans must be "realistic, feasible and take into account their impact on the district," said Schuman. Their answers to the parking challenge in this key area of Bloomfield will be presented for preliminary review on Thursday, March 12, at the NJIT School of Architecture in Newark.

The timing of this project coincides with a district wide parking study being undertaken by the Bloomfield Center Steering Committee, in cooperation with the township, to identify additional parking in Bloomfield Center. The Bloomfield Center Steering Committee consists of local business and commercial property owners, and municipal representatives who are working to improve the Bloomfield Center business district.

Jay Kaplan, chairman of the Bloomfield Center Steering Committee and owner of Bloomfield Steak and Seafood House, said. "The level of enthusiasm and cooperation among the local business community, the municipal government, and others with an interest in the success of the district sends a loud and clear message that the future looks bright for Bloomfield Center."

