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Bloomingtondale:

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In Growth

During the past five years, Bloomingtondale has grown at a faster rate than any other village in DuPage County. The special census, taken in May of this year, revealed an astounding 195.4 percent increase in population for Bloomingtondale since 1970. At that time, the total number of residents was 2,974; the 1975 special census reported a total of 8788.

In the six-county area surrounding Chicago, only the Village of West Haven in Cook County exceeded Bloomingtondale's growth rate for the years 1970 to 1973. Much of the sudden growth in Chicago's suburbs is attributed to an increasingly rapid migration away from the city. More than 196,000 residents left the city between 1970 and 1973, while the suburban area gained over 200,000.

Editor's note: Some of the data in this article was reprinted courtesy of the Chicago Tribune.

Country Club Expansion Begins

Groundbreaking ceremonies on August 2nd initiated the development of Bloomingtondale's Indian Lakes Country Club into a major resort convention entertainment center. The project was formally announced on July 15th by Carson International, an enterprise of Carson Pirie Scott and Company.

First phase of the expansion will be the completion during the summer of 1976 of a banquet convention facility with a total of 66,000 square feet on two levels and seating for up to 1200 persons for banquet dinners on the upper level.

James W. Chapman, President of Carson International, said that future plans call for a major 250 to 300 room motel west of the clubhouse, and a restaurant facility to be built over a man-made lake. The 260 acre site already includes two 18-hole golf courses, six lakes, a pro shop, bar and grill, dining room, sauna and squash facilities. The new structure will feature an indoor landscaped courtyard, and an adjoining outdoor garden.

"The long-range building program for Indian Lakes will provide business and recreational facilities similar to those at our Carson Inn Nordic Hills operations in nearby Itasca, only 10 minutes from Indian Lakes," Chapman stated.

Indian Lakes Country Club was

acquired by Carson International in 1973 from the Branigar Organization for an undisclosed sum.

Architect for the expansion program is Erickson and Stevens, Inc., Des Plaines. General Contractor is George A. Fuller, Chicago.

Restaurant At Indian Lakes



Proposed restaurant facility at Indian Lakes Country Club would be built over a man-made lake.

The graceful old building which adorns our letterhead is the present Bloomingtondale Village Hall. Built in 1894, it was the first building in town to be constructed specifically as a school. Grades one through four met on the first level, and grades five through eight met upstairs. Straw was used for insulation, and the structure originally had neither indoor plumbing nor electricity.

It was used as a school until Bloomingtondale Central was completed in 1937. The building was then put to use as the village hall, fire house, and police station. Since that time, the police and fire departments have moved to different quarters, and now consideration is being given to the construction of a new village hall.

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Blood Assistance Program a Total Success

The Bloomingdale Blood Association has announced that all residents of Bloomingdale, and their parents who are unable to donate blood, are eligible for unlimited coverage by the Blood Assistance Program.

Now in its second year, the program is based on a yearly contract with the Beverly Blood Bank. To fulfill the contract, the 8788 residents of Bloomingdale must fill a quota of 348 pints of blood.

The Blood Association is sponsoring an appreciation get-together for all donors and workers on October 19th, in the Marklund Home, 164 S. Prairie,

at 2:00 p.m. Certificates will be given to gallon donors.

The next blood drive will be held at the DuJardin gym from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 1975. Any healthy adult between the ages of 17 and 65 is eligible to donate blood. Watch the local newspapers for the telephone number to make an appointment.

If you require blood assistance in an emergency or after surgery, call the Bloomingdale Police Department at 529-3341.

Remember, ALL residents of Bloomingdale are covered by this program.

COMMENTARY

LAUNCHING THE VILLAGE ALMANAC

Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906), once wrote, "A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm." Of course in Ibsen's time this was a meaningful comment on the tenuous nature of life in any community.

But perhaps there is a message in his words for contemporary Americans as well. Being "prepared to take the helm" doesn't necessarily mean being ready to take over the job of captain or mayor should the opportunity arise. Rather, it is a simple admonition to be prepared and alert; to help keep the ship, or community off the rocks. It is the understanding that if the ship springs a leak, everyone will go down—not just the people on the lower decks.

Having a sense of community then, is having the knowledge that as a village or town we are organized for the mutual benefit of all. This demands concern, involvement, and above all great pride from each of us.

The Village Almanac is our way of promoting this idea. We believe that by keeping you well-informed, and interested in village affairs, we will encourage a greater sense of community in Bloomingdale.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome, and we invite you to submit any material that you believe would be appropriate for publication.

Operation Red Ball

The Bloomingdale Jaycees are encouraging all residents to participate in Operation Red Ball, a project designed to save the lives of children.

With the knowledge and acceptance of the Bloomingdale Fire Department, the Red Balls are placed in the bedroom window of each child. If a fire occurs, the Red Ball points out where children can most likely be found and therefore aids in their quick rescue.

The Red Ball is four inches in diameter and made of a vinyl, pressure sensitive material. The decal is placed on the inside upper-left hand corner of the child's bedroom window.

The Red Balls are distributed free of charge at the Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Fire Department.

Roads Open Soon

The \$1.1 million Glen Ellyn-Army Trail Road project is nearing completion. According to DuPage County Engineer, Ray Dreher, the roads will be open for traffic sometime during the month of September.

However, construction of the new Illinois Central Railway underpass on Glen Ellyn Road will not begin until next summer. Completion of that project is tentatively scheduled for September, 1976.

Help Wanted

Bloomingdale needs your help! The hours are long, the pay is non-existent, but YOU reap the benefits by helping to make our village a better place to live.

If you wish to serve on a village committee, board, or commission, call the village hall, 529-2874, for information on current vacancies.

The Public Relations Committee is presently seeking persons with newswriting experience to work on The Village Almanac. Interested? Submit a brief resume to William Hicks, Director of Public Relations, 108 W. Lake St., Bloomingdale, Ill. 60108.

Attention Home Gardeners

The University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service suggests that fall is the best time for soil testing since it allows the gardener an opportunity to correct poor soil conditions well in advance of spring planting. The Extension Service provides a soil testing service at a cost of \$2.00 per sample, which includes a test for acidity, available phosphate, and potassium.

Call 682-7486 in Wheaton to receive an information form for the soil test.

Property Taxes May Change in 1975

If you've purchased a home in Bloomingdale during the past five years, your 1975 real estate taxes may be lower, according to Bloomingdale Township Assessor, Henry Gianvecchio.

He cites two reasons for this: First, a new 35 percent level of assessed valuation compared to current levels as high as 45 to 50 percent for residential and commercial-industrial properties in the township; second, the new levels of assessment will be pegged to current fair market values for both new and older established homes.

"During the past five years, prior to the 1975 quadrennial reassessment, buyers of single family homes, townhomes and quadros have paid taxes which accurately reflect current fair market values," Gianvecchio explained. "However, older residents have continued paying taxes based on the original purchase prices for their homes. Obviously, a home purchased 20 years ago for \$10,000 and still assessed at 50 percent of that amount is undervalued at today's current market value."

The lower assessment level and the upgrading of property values to reflect current market conditions probably means that older homeowners will pay more taxes while new owners will get some tax relief.

Gianvecchio added, however, that for some newer residents the increased property values during the past few years coupled with home improvements may mean their taxes will remain constant or drop only slightly.

Another factor might be an increase in tax rates by communities within the township which could raise real estate taxes for community residents.

The 1975 quadrennial reassessment included on-site property inspections and allowances for property improvements and depreciation. It was preceded by a thorough study during 1973 and 1974 of the types and prices of properties purchased in the township. These factors helped the township measure fair

market values for all residential and commercial-industrial properties.

The 35 percent level of assessed valuation was determined after a study of other townships showed rates ranging from 35 to 40 percent for 1975.

According to Gianvecchio, the quadrennial reassessment also revealed that many township commercial-industrial properties are under-assessed. Presently, residential home-owners assume 85 percent of the real estate tax burden in the township. Updating the values of these properties and employing the 35 percent level of assessed valuations may reduce the ratio to 75 percent residential and 25 percent commercial-industrial.

Water & Sewer :

Inspection Program Begins

The Village has announced that a water and sewer inspection program will begin during the coming months. The house-to-house inspections will be made on Saturdays, and the inspectors will be carrying identification cards issued by the Village of Bloomingdale.

The program is being conducted to ensure public safety, and to help curb infiltration of storm water into the sanitary system. Some of the older homes in the Village, which were at one time connected to wells, may have a common or crossed connection with the village water system. If the old well is contaminated there

The Bus Comes to Bloomingdale

The Village Board recently contracted with Commuter Shuttle Systems, a division of Airporter Inc., and the Village of Glendale Heights, to bring Bloomingdale its own commuter shuttle service.

Phase I of the program includes two buses in the morning and evening between Bloomingdale and the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Station in Glen Ellyn. As soon as Phase I

Solving The Flooding Problem

Since early July, the Bloomingdale Village Board has been considering the problem of flooding and drainage in areas such as Indian Lakes. A study has been completed, and Village representatives along with the Village Engineer are negotiating with such developers as Carsons, Branigar, and Urban. An attempt is being made to find solutions for all of the drainage and flooding problems collectively, rather than have each developer solve his own.

The study shows that the cost to the Village could very well exceed one million dollars. At the present time, the Village does not have funds available for such a project, and Federal assistance is unlikely.

Any significant progress on this matter will be reported in future newsletters.

is a potential for contamination of the village water supply.

The inspectors will also be checking for water meter seals and improper discharge of storm water into the sanitary system. During the recent heavy rainfalls the inflow of sewage at the treatment plant has more than doubled. Technically, there should be little or no increase in flow during wet periods.

The excess water creates many problems for the village and the individual home owner—the cost of treating sewage is much greater, the life of the sanitary system is shortened, and the chance of sewage back-ups into homes is dramatically increased.

gains acceptance, Phase II which will include service to the Milwaukee Road Station in Roselle will begin.

Individual tickets, book tickets, or monthly unlimited ride passes may be purchased on the bus. The drivers will accept cash, but prefer payment by check.

The current bus schedule is printed on page six of this issue. Welcome aboard!

Junior Football Goes Big Time

The Bloomingdale Athletic Club's junior football program certainly can't be called small-time. The Bloomingdale Bears boasted ten teams last season with 250 boys, 90 girl cheerleaders, and 50 adult coaches, directors, and other active staff members. The program operated with a gross budget of approximately \$25,000.

The teams, which include boys from age 9 to 13, are broken into divisions according to age and weight. The Bears participate in several suburban leagues, and games are played each Saturday and Sunday at DuJardin and Central Schools. Practices are held each night under the lights at Austin Federal's Bears Field on Edgewater Drive.

Our Active Seniors

Looking for some mature and friendly companionship? Bloomingdale's Senior Citizens hold business meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Slide shows and guest speakers are normally a part of the program. The fourth Tuesday of every month is "Fun Day"; picnics, trips, tours, games and other activities are often featured. The Bloomingdale Park District partially sponsors some of the trips and tours.

Anyone 60 years and over is invited to join. For more information call Mrs. Laura Fessler, President, at 529-2411, or write to her at 109 W. Lake St., Bloomingdale, Ill. 60108.

Lions Meet Sept. 4

Bloomingdale's Lions Club begins the 1975-76 year with a dinner meeting, Thursday, September 4th at the Cock and Bull Restaurant in West Chicago. The Lions meet the first and third Thursday of each month September through June.

The Lions are a not-for-profit organization devoted to fund raising projects which benefit both the blind and the deaf throughout the state, as well as, community organizations in Bloomingdale.

Among the projects planned for the upcoming year are Candy Day in October and the Lions annual Pancake Breakfast in November.

Three of this year's participating teams are planned to travel out of town to post-season bowl games at Columbus, Ohio, and Kansas City, Missouri.

The Bloomingdale Athletic Club has also announced plans to expand its activities into a hockey program this winter.

Park District Sets Fall Program

The Bloomingdale Park District has many programs outlined for this fall. Some of their offerings, such as the Tiny Tots sessions, Slimnastics, bellydancing, and indoor tennis lessons, are old favorites. This year, however, added to the agenda, are racquetball, graphoanalysis, and many other new and varied activities.

If you are interested in the fall programs, printed schedules are available at the Park District Center, 172 S. Circle Ave., Bloomingdale.

Library Expands Service

In 1970, a citizens group began an investigation into the development of a library. Now, only five years later, our first facility has been dedicated and is providing an ever-widening variety of services.

According to Sue Schlaf, Head Librarian, this amazing metamorphosis could not have been possible without the enthusiastic support of the community. As a result of this support, many services are now available, and an exciting program is planned for the fall.

Beginning on September 2, Bloomingdale residents will be treated to an exhibit of Photographic Pictorials by artist-photographer J. Meredith Watkins. This work will be on display for one month, and Ms. Schlaf encourages other local artists to contact her about the possibility of future exhibits.

On September 22, four 6-week courses will be offered:

Mondays--3:30-5:00--Patchwork

Mondays--7:00-8:00--Macrame

Tuesdays--10:30-12:00--Knitting

Tuesdays--1:00-3:00--Needlepoint

Thursdays--7:00-9:00--Figure Draping

Children aged 3-5 will be invited to attend a storyhour on Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00, and

beginning on November 15 one will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30-11:00 for those children over five.

Winter programs are in the planning stages, and in the meantime there are several on-going services. A collection of talking books, and those with large print, are available to those who have need of them. Films are also accessible.

But remember, in order to avail yourself of all these wonderful things, you must have a membership card. Pick one up free at the library. It will open your window to the world.

BWC Invites All Women

The Bloomingdale Women's Club kicks-off the 1975-76 club year with a meeting, Thursday evening, September 11th at the DuJardin School. Every female resident of Bloomingdale is invited to attend the session. A get-acquainted coffee hour will be held following the regular business meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The BWC is a non-partisan, non-sectarian, civic organization which meets the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Dues are \$10 annually with a one-time initiation fee of two dollars.

Among the activities of the BWC are its annual Festival of Arts to be held September 14th at the Bloomingdale State Bank, the annual fashion show, children's Easter Egg Hunt and many other civic and social projects. The proceeds earned by the Bloomingdale Women's Club go to such organizations as the Bloomingdale Public Library, the Bloomingdale Park District, the American Cancer Society and Herrick House.

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Nostalgia, Fun Highlight Festivities

September 13 - 14

SEPTEMBERFEST

The Bloomingdale Historical Society's Septemberfest weekend begins on Saturday, September 13 at 2 p.m. with an antique car parade, which will wind through the entire village.

On Sunday, September 14th at 11 a.m., the festivities continue at the Park District Hall, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, with the Presentation of Colors.

Recognition of the Senior Citizen of 1975, Mrs. Edna Miller of 262 E. Schick Road, will follow. Mayor Homola will then present the prizes to the winners of the 1976 Vehicle Sticker Contest.

Children up to 16 years of age are invited to enter an old-fashioned costume contest, and men are encouraged to participate in a beard growing contest.

Many home-made items will be for sale at the Country Store. Don't miss a turn through the Museum on the second floor of the Village Hall. Admission to the Museum and Walking Tour through Old Town will be 50 cents.

At 5 p.m., two items will be raffled off for a donation of 50

From The Mayors Desk

Dear Residents and Businessmen of Bloomingdale:

During the upcoming Festival of Arts and Septemberfest activities on September 13th and 14th, many people will be visiting the downtown area of our village. I am sure you will want to join with us in our attempts to make a favorable impression on these visitors.

To that end, I have proclaimed the week of September 7th through the 13th as "Clean-Up Week" in Bloomingdale. The Public Works Department will be doing some extra trimming and cleaning, and we would like to

cents per ticket. The prizes are a quilt in the Texas Star Pattern and a dark oak cathedral-style German mantle clock, circa 1880.

A tractor-pulled hay wagon will be giving free rides to all. Refreshments will also be available.

The purpose of the Bloomingdale Historical Society is to relate the village's past to both its present and its future. The Septemberfest weekend is one of the ways this is accomplished.

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

Sunday, September 14th, the Bloomingdale Women's Club will conduct its annual Festival of Arts from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bloomingdale State Bank.

In honor of the nation's 200th birthday, 17.76 percent of the Festival's proceeds will be given to the Bloomingdale Bicentennial Commission. The remaining money will go to the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Among the items available for purchase at the Festival will be ceramics, oil paintings, pottery, wood and metal sculpture, jewelry, handmade furniture, leather goods, wall hangings, sand castings, macrame and plants. The Friends of the Library will have used books on sale at their booth.

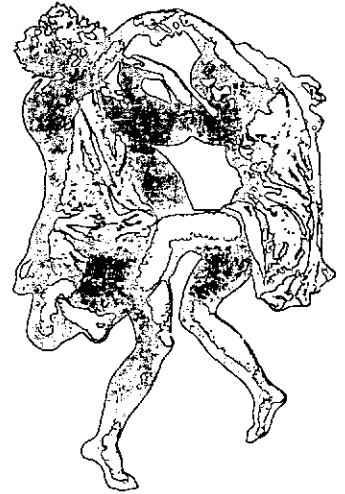
encourage you to participate also.

If your weeds need pulling, your shrubs need trimming, or your building needs a fresh coat of paint, now is the time to do it. Let's all help to make Bloomingdale the most attractive village in DuPage County. It's good business!

Thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any suggestions, please be sure to give us a call.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Homola Mayor



The BWC Civic Calendar can be bought at the Festival, also. The calendar lists all activities of Bloomingdale organizations from September 1975 through September 1976. Each calendar will sell for \$1.50.

There will be a body painting booth, balloons and a hayride for the children. Refreshments will include Italian Sausage, hot dogs, soft drinks, cotton candy, popcorn and Italian Ice. BWC members will contribute home-made breads and pastries for the Festival's Bake Sale.

The prize for the drawing will be a sneak-away weekend for two at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Tickets are 25 cents each or five for a dollar.

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION CALENDAR

Sept. 14th- Septemberfest and the Festival of Arts

Oct. 21st-- "Illinois for '76" sponsored by ORT

Nov. 15th-- "1976" sponsored by Winnebago PTO

Nov. (date to be announced) Bloomingdale Athletic Club Pee-Wee Football and Trophy Bowl

Nov. (date to be announced)- "Las Vegas Nite"

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BLOOMINGDALE AND GREENWAY	6:21 A.M.	7:06 A.M.	EAGLE AND CARDINAL	6:31 A.M.	7:16 A.M.
ACORN AND GREENWAY	6:22 A.M.	7:07 A.M.	CARDINAL AND ORIOLE	6:32 A.M.	7:17 A.M.
COLONY GREEN AND ACORN	6:22 A.M.	7:07 A.M.	ORIOLE AND ARMY TRAIL	6:32 A.M.	7:17 A.M.
COLONY GREEN AND APPLEWOOD	6:23 A.M.	7:08 A.M.	ARMY TRAIL AND GLADSTONE	6:33 A.M.	7:18 A.M.
APPLEWOOD AND GLEN ELLYN	6:24 A.M.	7:09 A.M.	GLADSTONE AND AUDUBON	6:33 A.M.	7:18 A.M.
GLEN ELLYN AND BYRON	6:25 A.M.	7:10 A.M.	WEST LAKE (NEW DIMEN. TOWNHOMES)	6:34 A.M.	7:19 A.M.
GLEN ELLYN AND CIRCLE	6:25 A.M.	7:10 A.M.	SCHUBERT AND BLOOMINGDALE	6:34 A.M.	7:19 A.M.
CIRCLE AND LAKEVIEW	6:26 A.M.	7:11 A.M.	LINCOLN AND BLOOMINGDALE	6:34 A.M.	7:19 A.M.
LAKEVIEW AND LAKESHORE	6:27 A.M.	7:12 A.M.	PAUL AVENUE AND FULLERTON	6:35 A.M.	7:20 A.M.
LAKESHORE AND CLEARBROOK	6:27 A.M.	7:12 A.M.	FULLERTON AVE. AND GLEN ELLYN RD.	6:36 A.M.	7:21 A.M.
CLEARBROOK AND EDGEWATER	6:28 A.M.	7:13 A.M.	GLEN ELLYN RD. AND ARMITAGE	6:37 A.M.	7:22 A.M.
EDGEWATER AND BLOOMINGDALE	6:29 A.M.	7:14 A.M.	RIVER GLEN APARTMENTS	6:43 A.M.	7:27 A.M.
BLOOMINGDALE AND RAVEN	6:29 A.M.	7:14 A.M.	SWIFT AND ST. CHARLES RD.	6:44 A.M.	7:29 A.M.
RAVEN AND EAGLE	6:30 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	OAK AND GLEN ELLYN RD.	6:45 A.M.	7:30 A.M.
			GLEN ELLYN NORTHWESTERN TRAIN ST.	6:47 A.M.	7:33 A.M.

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