

Gala 4th Of July Planned For Bloomingdale

This year the best place to spend the 4th of July weekend will be right here in Bloomingdale. Why fight the traffic on that usually hectic and crowded holiday when you can stay in your own community and have a safe and fun-filled time right at home.

The Bloomingdale Bicentennial Commission is planning a weekend of events starting with a parade on Saturday, July 3rd. Everyone is urged to join in.

The new Park District Hall will be

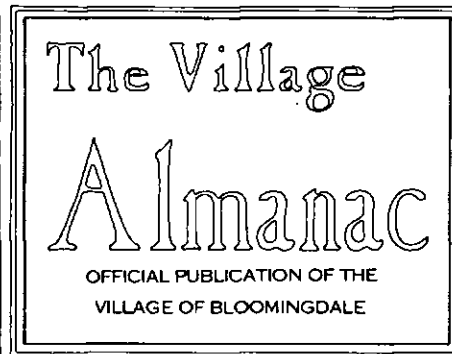
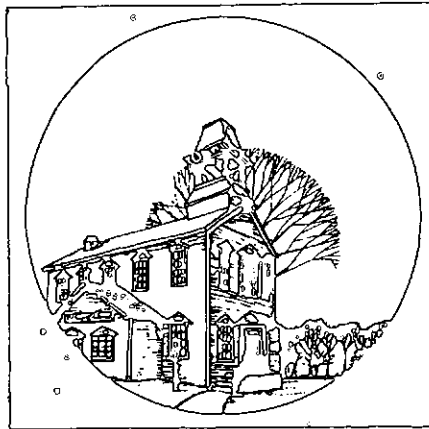
dedicated on July 3rd, in a ceremony which will culminate the Bicentennial Parade. Two speakers, one from the Historical Society, and one from the Bicentennial Commission, will deliver speeches giving some background on the Park District and the new Hall. Bloomingdale's Bicentennial Queen, Maureen Reagan, will cut the ribbon, and Mayor Homola will present her and her entire court with commemorative charms. The public is cordially invited to attend.

In addition to entering a float in the July 3rd Parade, and handling a pop and popcorn booth at the picnic on the 4th, the Westlake Townhome Owners Association will be celebrating Independence Day with its Annual Fourth of July Bike and Pet Parade. Prizes will be awarded, and children are encouraged to decorate their bikes, wagons, pets, etc., as colorfully as possible. Marchers will begin at 10:00 am at the Westlake Clubhouse, 299 Edgewater Drive, and follow a route which will lead them around the townhomes and through the grounds of the Bloomingdale Pavilion. All Village residents are invited to come and watch and cheer the marchers on their way.

The main attraction on the 4th will be the Village picnic starting at noon. It will be held opposite the Westfield School on Fairfield Ave., and once again all residents are invited to join in the festivities.

Games are a traditional part of every picnic, and Bloomingdale's will be no exception. In addition to old fashioned games, the Historical Society will be sponsoring Bingo from

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Kohls Food Store To Locate Here

A quiet cheer could be heard throughout the village a few weeks ago when it was announced that Kohls Food Stores would soon be building in Bloomingdale. The long-awaited grocery will be under construction this summer, and will be located on Lake Street west of Fairfield Ave.

Kohls will be part of the first phase of a major commercial center on Lake Street. The food store will occupy 35,000 square feet; a drug store will have approximately 15,000 square feet, and the entire first phase will be about 75,000 square feet.

The Economic Development Commission was commended for their efforts in securing the agreement by Village Administrator Robert Reeves. He indicated that Kohls had seriously considered locating in another community.

Home Rule Vote Postponed: Study Committee Appointed

The second home rule referendum for Bloomingdale, originally scheduled to take place this spring, has been postponed indefinitely. In accordance with the Urban pre-annexation agreement, a second vote on the issue must be taken no later than Spring of 1977, but no date has been set at this time.

Mayor Robert Homola expressed an interest in further study of home rule prior to a second referendum, and recommended that a committee be formed to accomplish the task. Five names were submitted by the Mayor and were approved by the Village Board on April 5th.

Home Rule Committee members are Marv Roehlke, John Mack, William Hicks, Sandra Roth, and Robert Schoen—all of Bloomingdale.

The committee is currently interviewing persons who have knowledge of the home rule laws, or have special concerns pertaining to the legislation. Careful consideration is being given

to the relationship between home rule and the Urban agreement.

Any resident having a special interest or concern regarding home rule is invited to contact the committee or attend committee meetings. For further information, call William Hicks at 893-1430.

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Festival Of Arts Returns

by Val Dranias

The Bloomingdale Women's Club's Annual Festival of Arts will be Sunday, August 22 at the Bloomingdale State Bank. The proceeds from the Festival of Arts will be donated to Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago.

Several artists from past years plus many new artists, including some from out of state, will be exhibiting at this year's Festival. The various mediums will include wood-craft, jewelry, puppets, macrame, photography, a variety of other handcrafted items and many oils, acrylics and watercolors. There will also be an artist who does portraits in both oils and pastels.

Plan to eat your lunch at the Festival for the refreshments will be delicious. Once again the BWC will feature Italian sausage sandwiches. Also being served will be hot dogs, Italian ice, lemonade, popcorn and cotton candy. The Bloomingdale Lions will be serving beer at their booth.

One of the innovations this year is a Kiddie Korner to interest the children. There will be games to occupy their time and balloons, popcorn and cotton candy will be sold in that area.

Prizes being given away that afternoon include a professional size Brunswick pool table, a portable color T.V. and a portable black and white T.V. Tickets are on sale for a dollar each and can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Judy Anderson (529-1792). The proceeds from the raffle will be split between Children's Memorial Hospital and the BWC Summer Teen Program.

If you are interested in purchasing an artist's booth, please contact Mrs. Colleen Williams (529-4027) or Mrs. Ann Yonan (893-1460).

The Festival will begin at 11 a.m. that Sunday morning and continue until 5 p.m. The Rain date is August 29.

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noon till 9:00 pm. This group will also be providing cooling refreshments at their food booth. A very special float will be entered in the parade by the Society, with local farmer, Herbie Fricks, at the helm.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will also be in entering a float in the parade, as well as attending two booths at the picnic. Traditionally, Italian Ice has been served by the Club at outdoor functions, and fans of

this delicacy will not be disappointed on July 4th. If you want to do someone a favor and keep him cool on that sure-to-be warm day, visit the Club's Dunking Booth and join in the fun.

Cotton candy and corn on the cob are by now the trademarks of the Bloomingdale's Lion's Club, and will be served by them at the picnic. On the 3rd, they will be participating in the parade by entering a float.

The Jaycees will be handling a concession stand for Bratwurst and pop, for those who get hungry from all the other activities of the day.

In the evening, two bands will be on hand to provide lively music for listening and dancing pleasure. The highlight of the day, however, will be a spectacular fireworks display, beginning at dusk. Official hours of the picnic are noon to midnight.

HOW TO GET THERE

Want to avoid the parking problems that will surely arise from so large a gathering as the Fourth of July Picnic? If so, begin watching the local papers for schedules for the shuttle bus that will be operating from noon till nine on that day. There are no set fares for the rides, but goodwill offerings to help offset the cost of the bus will be greatly appreciated.

Schick Road -

First Phase Complete Soon

The first phase of Schick Road's resurfacing, between Bloomingdale Road and West Road, is expected to be completed by August according to Village Administrator, Robert Reeves.

Phase II, which extends from West to Cardinal Road should be finished sometime in August, he said.

The project's third and final leg, from Cardinal to some 1500 feet west on Schick Road should be completed by October 1st.

Improvement of Schick has been undertaken through a \$400,000 grant from the Federal Aid Urban System.

Attention All

Pet Owners



Animal Hospital Opens

Keith M. Olson, DVM, has opened the Bloomingdale Animal Hospital. The hospital began operations on June 16th and will provide a wide range of services for small animals including emergency care, boarding, and surgery. Appointments are preferred; office hours are Monday through Saturday with emergency treatment available on Sundays and holidays.

Financial Relief for Pets

The Village of Bloomingdale has good news for pet owners. Through an agreement between the Village and DuPage County, pet owners will save \$3.00 this year on license fees. A single tag costing \$4.00 may be purchased at the Village Hall—\$2.50 goes to the Village, and \$1.50 to the county. Last year owners were required to purchase two tags at a total cost of \$7.00.

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Village Notes

"10-20 Good Buddy"

Citizen's Band radio is no longer a fad, it's a way of life, and more than a few Bloomingdale residents are sharing that lifestyle.

If you would like to expand your list of CB acquaintances send your name, your handle, and your FCC call letters to Village Almanac, Village of Bloomingdale, 108 Lake St., Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

A listing of all "good buddies" will appear in the September issue of the Almanac. We've heard it casually mentioned that one of the village trustees is known as "Slide Rule Man".

Garden Club Project

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will transform the sandy island at the corner of Edgewater Drive and Bloomingdale Road into a blooming tribute to our nation's 200th birthday. Begin watching as you drive by, as it will be happening soon.

Dedicated to the preservation and beautification of our natural environment, the Garden Club would like to remind everyone that the wildflowers that grow in Meacham Grove are extremely precious. Some species take as long as seven years to renew themselves, so please, do not waste a beautiful natural resource by prematurely interrupting this delicate cycle. Look, enjoy, smell, photograph, but do not touch!

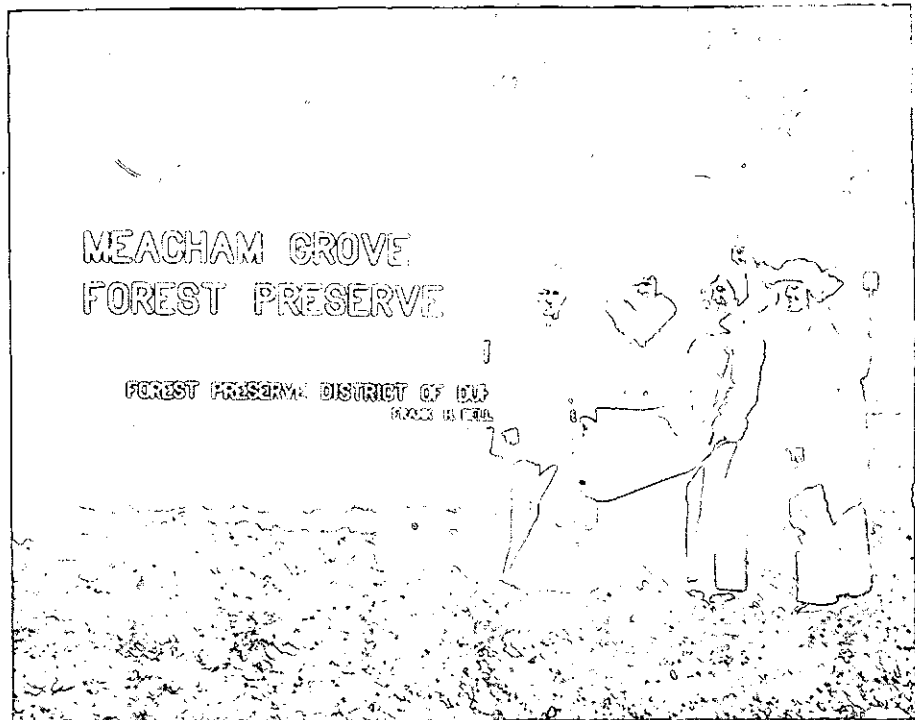
Good Friends

The Friends of the Bloomingdale Library have turned over \$1,600.00 to the Library Board for the purchase of audio-visual equipment, as well as a much-needed bicycle rack. The funds are proceeds from the highly-successful art auction, which was held in February, and the dinner theatre in May.

Labor Of Love

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will be presenting the Bicentennial Commission with \$2,000 in matching funds for the restoration of the historic old Park District Hall on Bloomingdale Road in Old Town. Both the Society and the Commission are committed to preserving the Village's heritage, and this cooperative effort is one of the ways in which they are fulfilling their commitment.

Meacham Grove Dedicated



Meacham Grove, formerly Bloomingdale Grove, has recently been dedicated under its original name. Until 1845, this area of woods was known as Meacham Grove, for the first settlers in the area. On hand for the ceremonies were (front row, left to right) Jean Paris, Marsha Franzem, Sue Hornat, Carol Reiner, and (back row l to r), Marilyn Homola and Kay Funk.

Indian Lakes Opens With Las Vegas Nite

The Grand Opening of Carson's Indian Lakes Convention Center will be highlighted by a Las Vegas Nite hosted by the Bloomingdale Women's Club and the Bloomingdale Lions.

Friday, the thirteenth of August is the lucky day and eight o'clock, the hour. From all indications, the joint BWC-Lions Committee has planned a gala evening. The tickets will be \$7.50 per person and will include a buffet supper that will be served continuously from eight until midnight, a door prize ticket, and \$5,000 worth of play money. Many gifts will be given away that evening as door prizes and raffle prizes.

Carson's will donate all profits above their cost on food and drinks to the two clubs with the stipulation that it be used for a physical purpose within the village.

To help our village and also to have a fun evening, plan on trying your luck, FRIDAY, THE THIRTEENTH of August at Las Vegas Nite.

For further information contact BWC chairman, Mrs. Cheryl Campbell (894-6381) or Lions' chairman Jim Garvey (893-1085).

Bloomingdale's Motto:

"Growth With Pride"

During the months of March and April, residents of Bloomingdale submitted a total of 34 entries to the Village motto contest which was announced in the March issue of The Village Almanac. The Public Relations Committee selected the top ten entries and presented them to the Village Board.

Final balloting took place on June 7th and the motto, "Growth With Pride" was formally approved by the board on June 14. Ray Friscia of 220 Applewood Lane submitted the winning entry, and will receive a \$50 U.S. savings bond from the Village. Congratulations Ray!

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Royal View Of The Bicentennial



Maureen Reagan, Bloomingdale Bicentennial Queen, seems the embodiment of the "All-American Girl!" But to stop there would be to do her an injustice, as she is an intelligent, realistic person, who sees her country as it is, and maintains high hopes for its future.

The final paragraph of her Bicentennial Essay clearly indicates her true feelings. "... what our United States Bicentennial means to me—an experiment in living, loving and believing in my country, and believing in myself—an experiment that, hopefully, will continue as successfully in the future as it has in the past."

New Projects Underway

Staying abreast of new developments in the Village is becoming difficult to say the least. Here is a brief summary.

Campanelli Construction received approval for a zoning change and will begin building new single-family units on property east of Bloomingdale Road and south of Schick Road.

Hoffman Rosner was also granted a change in zoning to accommodate a new townhome development adjacent to the Park District property on Glen Ellyn Road. Under the new zoning, 217 town home units will be constructed. Prior to the change, over 800 apartment units could have been built on the same property.

A Shell Service Station will soon be under construction on the Southeast corner of Glen Ellyn Road and Army Trail.

Arnold and Celano's Extended Care Nursing Home had final site plans approved at the June 14th Village Board meeting. The home will be located just east of Glen Ellyn Road on the north side of Army Trail.

Several new office buildings are nearing completion, one adjacent to American Heritage Savings, and a second on Fairfield Avenue near Lake Street.

A Pizza Hut continues to take shape at the corner of Glen Ellyn Road and Edgewater Drive.

The Friendly Ice Cream Company will build a family restaurant at the corner of Lake Street and North Circle, and

A Golden Bear Family Restaurant will soon make an appearance on Lake Street west of Fairfield Avenue.

Keep your eyes open—you might miss something!

Mayor Completes 35 Years Of Service

Mr. Robert J. Homola completed 35 years of service with the Western Electric Company on June 9, 1976. Bob is presently a Senior Engineer responsible for wiring and test set design for Common Installation Engineering with nation-wide responsibility. Bob has received the Engineering Civic Achievement Award in 1970 and the Engineering Achievement Award in 1973. He is past president of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Rolling Meadows Council of America, Rolling Meadows Council, and is past chairman of the Engineer's Activity Committee on which he has served three times.

One of his outstanding recent

achievements was serving as the Project Systems Equipment Engineer for the world's first electronic tool switching machine known as ESS #4 - Chicago 7 Office.

Bob is also extremely active in community affairs. Currently, he is the Mayor of Bloomingdale; a member of Board of Directors DuPage County Mayors and Managers' Conference; Vice-Chairperson DuPage County Regional Plan Commission; Commissioner DuPage Law Enforcement Commission; Member Illinois Municipal League Committee of Northeastern Illinois; and DuPage County Republican Precinct Committeeman.