

Luminaria -- A Unifying Light

By Barbara Seiverth

"Christmas Eve will find Bloomingdale glowing with soft candlelight from thousands of unique outdoor lanterns." This is the wish of the Bloomingdale Women's Club who is encouraging all residents of Blooming-

dale to light luminarias on Christmas Eve and help adopt the lighting of luminarias as a holiday tradition.

Each luminaria "lantern" is made up of a special soft-glowing, long-burning candle placed in a translucent paper

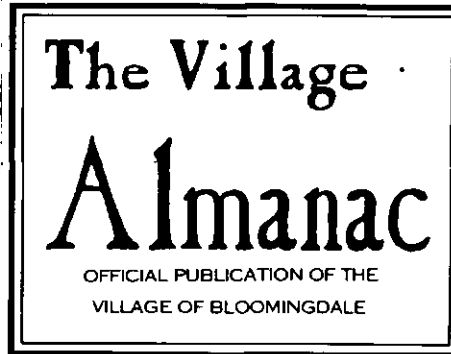
bag. They are placed from 3 to 8 ft. apart arranged in rows along sidewalks and driveways, and are lit at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and burn until 2 or 3 a.m. Christmas morning. Especially impressive if lit by every homeowner on a block, the continuous, soft-glowing line of light unites all in the joy and spirit of the holiday season.

Originating in Spain in the 12th Century, the lighting of luminarias traveled to Mexico and in the 1800's moved to the southwestern United States. Since then the practice has spread to many other states, and has caught on in many of our neighboring communities such as Wheaton and Itasca. Last year a Bloomingdale resident led a one-person campaign for the custom, and presented it to the Bloomingdale Women's Club; there was 100-percent participation on several blocks. This year the Women's Club would like to have 100 percent participation in Bloomingdale.

Volunteers are selling the candles door-to-door as much as possible, but the luminarias are also available at Econ-O-Mart. They will be sold at the Bloomingdale State Bank on Sat., Dec. 11th, or residents may call Barbara Seiverth at 529-0225.

Luminarias sell for 5/\$1.00 (including bags and instructions). Free sand will be available at the village service garage on Glen Ellyn Rd. & Applewood Lane after Dec. 17th. Purchase your luminarias early as immediate supplies are limited.

Show your community and holiday spirit by illuminating our town this Christmas Eve!



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Moving Day Approaches

Bloomingdale's new municipal building is nearing completion. The modern brick structure located at 201 South Bloomingdale Road will be occupied on or about January 1, 1977, and will house all of the village administrative offices as well as the police department.

Village employees are anxious to make the move to the larger facility. Referring to the crowded conditions in the present village hall, Pat Tompkins, Village Treasurer, said "We are packed in like sardines."

Officials see many advantages to the new building, the most apparent being the centralization of nearly all municipal operations. This factor alone will result in smoother and more efficient administration of the village.

One of the major problems in the old facility has been the proper storage of village records. The additional space will provide for more secure and accessible storage of these documents.

Although difficult to measure, the morale of both administrative office workers and police department employees should improve significantly.

The general public will also realize benefits from the new facility. A community room with a fully-equipped

kitchen will be located on the lower level of the new hall; community organizations will be permitted to use this area for meetings and social functions. The room will be completed with funds from a benefit which celebrated the opening of the Indian Lakes Country Club banquet-convention facility this past fall.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club and the Bloomingdale Lions Club cooperated with Carsons International in planning the fund raiser.

Citizens are often concerned about the cost of projects such as the municipal building, but as a result of careful planning, Bloomingdale residents may actually realize a savings within a few years. The cost of leasing the present police department facility will be eliminated, and a considerable savings is expected from reduced insurance rates, and consolidation of mail and photocopy operations.

In addition, the village will receive compensation for permitting the DuPage County Traffic Court to utilize part of the building for ten days of each month. The police department will benefit from this arrangement since officers will not have to travel to and

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An Invitation To Steal

Picture a house with papers piled up at the front door, mail jammed in the box, window shades down, garage doors open but no cars in sight; there have been no lights on in the house for the past two days. The Bloomingdale Police Department labels this scene "An invitation to steal."

According to the police, burglaries rise dramatically during Summer vacations and during the Christmas holidays. So if you are lucky enough to be going South or even going away for the day, following four basic rules can reduce the chances of burglary in your home. These rules are:

1. Give the home a "lived-in" look;
2. "Button up" the house;
3. Reduce the risk; and

Editor's Note

Two of our Public Relations Committee members, Dean and Val Drantas, will soon be leaving the community. Both have served on the staff of the Village Almanac since its inception in September, 1975, and a word of appreciation is in order for their assistance. Many thanks Dean and Val—you've done a fine job.

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4. Tell the right people.

A vacant appearing house is an open invitation to thieves. Make sure that you cancel newspaper deliveries, milk deliveries, etc. Have a neighbor pick up your mail every day.

Light is the burglar's worst enemy. For about \$10 you can buy an automatic timer which will turn the lights on at a given time and then turn them off. Remember the burglar looks for a deviation from the basic habits. Don't draw the window shades. Drawn shades not only tip off the burglar to your absence but also hide the burglar's movements should he get into the house.

"Buttoning up" the house means having a sound security system and using it. The Police Department recommends deadbolt locks on all doors. Such locks cannot be pushed back with a screwdriver or other tools. Lock all windows and screens from the inside. And don't forget the basement windows!

Open garage doors are particularly inviting to the prowling burglar. Your carelessness can provide him with readily accessible items of value and also may provide him with the tools he needs to gain easier access, such as a ladder. So keep the garage doors closed and locked no matter how long you are gone. Electronic garage door controls are highly recommended.

To reduce the risk of burglary, don't leave valuables in the house. Keep a record of all valuables by serial number or other identifying marks. Etching a unique number code on all valuable items has become a common practice. Should such items be stolen, your

Thank You...

The Bloomingdale Blood Association wants to thank the 237 residents who gave blood on Nov. 20 as well as all the volunteers who helped.

All Bloomingdale residents can continue to be assured unlimited blood should they or members of their immediate family require it, regardless of whether they are in the U.S. or overseas.

The quota for the 1976-77 drive is 400 pints. The next opportunity to give will be Feb. 5. Watch for announcement of time and place.

identification mark can help the police return them to you should they be recovered.

When you are leaving for an extended period, notify the police beforehand. They put your home on their watch list and check it frequently. Do notify a neighbor of your absence but don't advertise it beforehand.

Should you be one of those staying at home, if you see anything suspicious notify the police immediately at 529-3341. Try to have as many facts as possible without endangering your own safety. Often the one call made by a concerned citizen has led to such things as burglars being caught, stolen cars being recovered or crimes being thwarted.

Don't hesitate to give your own name and phone number. The police need it for immediate information and may require further information for follow-up investigation.

Remember, the easiest way to prevent crime is to reduce the opportunity. Don't invite a burglar to your home during the Holidays.

BWC Upcoming Events

The BWC extends a cordial invitation to all female residents of Bloomingdale to attend their Christmas Bazaar and Auction, which will be held at Winnebago School, Thursday, December 9th at 8:00 p.m.

The BWC is a civic organization. Their donations within the village include such areas as the Library, the Park District, the new Village Hall, the civil defense unit, the township committee on youth, the two public school districts, etc. Contributions outside the village include: the Lambs Farm, the American Cancer Society and Children's Memorial Hospital.

The BWC meetings are held at Winnebago School on Greenway Drive the second Thursday of every month from September through May. Either Dr. Olson or Dr. Borman, veterinarians from the Bloomingdale Animal Hospital, will speak at the January meeting on the care and nurturing of your pets. The February meeting will be a pitch-in dinner with husbands invited. The guest speaker will be Dr. Thomas Jauck, noted child psychologist.

Moving Day...

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from the traffic court.

Contributions have also played an important role in financing the project. The new village hall and the existing Bloomingdale Public Library share a seven acre parcel which was donated by Campanelli Brothers Construction in 1973. A cash contribution of \$168,000 from Hoffman-Rosner, Inc. in 1975 helped make the project a reality.

Approximately \$250,000 will be financed through an installment purchase agreement with the Bloomingdale State Bank. The term of the agreement will be ten years at a rate not to exceed 5½ percent per annum.

Total cost of the village government's new home is \$450,000. According to Village Manager, Bob Reeves, the original cost estimates for the project have been exceeded by only \$400.

Several proposals are currently being studied regarding the future of the old village hall, but no plans have been finalized at this time. It is probable that the building will be included in a comprehensive proposal to revitalize the "old town" area.

The new municipal building represents a dramatic improvement in Bloomingdale village government. It should be a source of pride to residents for many years.

Census Shows

Rapid Growth

A special census has recently been completed in Bloomingdale. A preliminary tally shows a total of 9,934 residents. Final results will not be available for several weeks.

The increase of nearly 1200 persons since February of 1975 will mean additional revenue for the village from the State of Illinois. Bloomingdale annually receives approximately \$19.20 for each resident from state income tax and motor fuel tax funds. The increase in revenue from the new residents will amount to more than \$20,000. Cost of the census to the village is about \$5,000.

Village officials expressed appreciation to those who assisted with the taking of the census, and also to residents for their cooperation.



The top photo shows the new municipal building as it appears from Bloomingdale Road. The picture above, which was taken from the southeast, reveals the lower level and the parking lot.

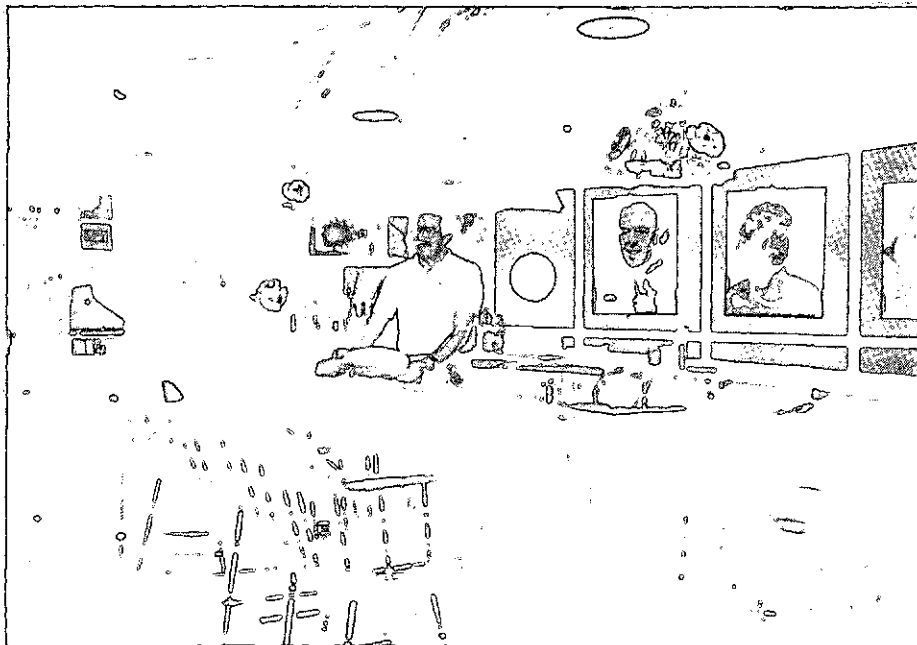
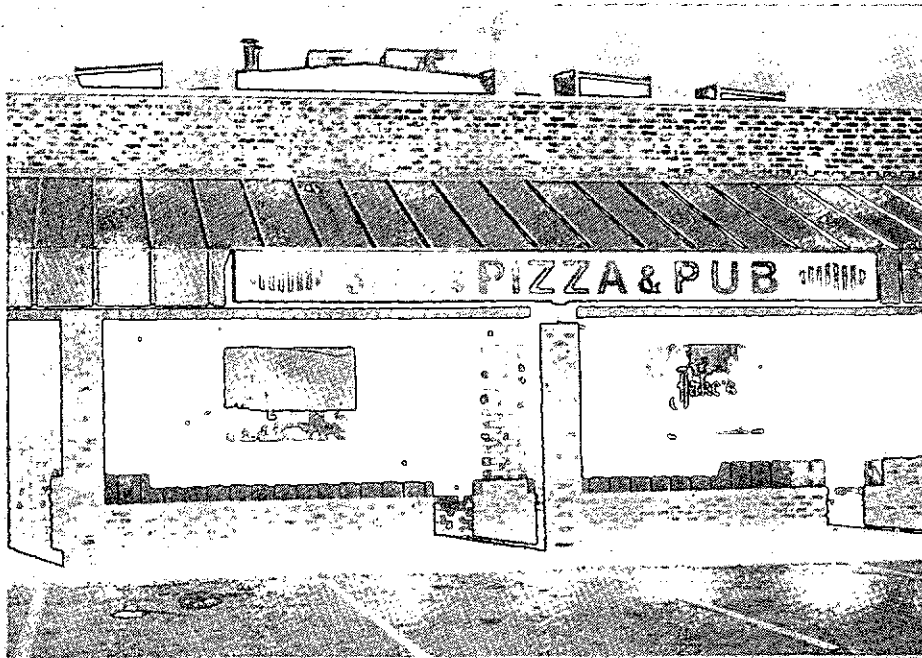
Face Lift For "Old Town"

Ideas are being considered for a new look for the Village's "Old Town." Village Planner, Allen Kracower, has presented the Board and Planning Commission with a proposal to develop "Old Town" into a commercial shopping community. The plan centers around an 1890's theme with gas lights, brick walkways, and an enjoyable, relaxed atmosphere. Bloomingdale would maintain its quaint, hometown charm, while

enlarging its tax base by drawing appropriate commercial establishments.

A brochure is being prepared which will be presented to developers and interested parties. It will expand the concept, and suggest methods for implementation. The plan would preserve the historic architectural character of the town, while encouraging much-needed commercial development in Bloomingdale.

Bloomington Welcomes Jake's Pizza And Pub



Owner-manager Jack Verdone, and Assistant Manager Linda Tamburrino have planned a unique eating and drinking experience for area residents. Jake's Pizza and Pub of Bloomington offers a wide variety of pizza combinations and sandwich plates. A salad bar is featured with all pizza orders.

"I always wanted to have a restaurant in Bloomington," Jack confessed, "kind of a secret desire of mine."

Co-Op Scoop

The Bloomington Food Co-op, (BFC, Inc.), is well into its second year, and all signs point to another 12 months of successful operations.

Members of BFC, Inc. are able to purchase meats, domestic and

imported cheeses, fresh produce, honey, fish, yogurt & seasonal nuts.

There are a few openings on the membership roster, and interested parties are asked to call Debbie Schoen at 893-2628 for more information.

Vehicle Stickers

During November applications for Bloomington vehicle stickers were mailed to all residents. Villagers also received the necessary applications for registering dogs and bicycles. This was the first time Bloomington had computerized lists and labels from the state for their mailing.

Also, this is the first year Bloomington has requested that each bicycle be registered. A copy of the registration will be kept on file at the police department to facilitate the recovery of lost or stolen bikes.

Vehicle stickers will go on sale December 1, 1976. They may be put on the cars after January 1, 1977, and must be on before February 15, 1977.

Calendar of Events

December 10 The Park District, in conjunction with the Jaycees, will sponsor the 2nd annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. It will be held at the Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m.

December 14 Senior Citizens Christmas Party. A luncheon buffet will be held at Indian Lakes Country Club at 1:00 p.m., for \$3.60. Please call Helen Manhart for reservations and further information 629-0982.

December 15 and 16 Lake Park High School's "Christmas in Song" at 8:00. For tickets and information call 529-4500.

December 15 Glenbard North High School's Choir Christmas Concert 8:00.

December 18 Children's Christmas Party with Santa Claus at the Park District Recreation Center. There will be gifts and goodies and cartoon films. The party will last from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

December 31 New Year's Eve Celebration at Indian Lakes Country Club. The party will last from 9:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. The evening will include a New York strip steak dinner, open bar for five hours, 2 live bands, party favors, and coffee and rolls at 2:00 a.m. The cost will be \$55 per couple; reservations are required, and can be obtained by calling 894-5330.

OBLIO Returns

Vandals Destroying Our Heritage

The Bloomingdale Memorial Cemetery, located on Lake Street near Circle Avenue, was founded on June 19, 1847, and has been in active use since that date. As such its tombstones portray our history since its inception. Now vandals endanger that history.

Actually the west half of the cemetery was founded first by English settlers. Many prominent names in Bloomingdale's history are carved on the tombstones. Veterans of wars going back to 1812 have been laid to rest at this site. In about 1879 the German Evangelical Congregation founded the east half of the cemetery. (That congregation is now known as St. Paul United Church of Christ in Bloomingdale).

The cemetery remained separate until April of 1963. Interested former English citizens of the village paid for the maintenance of the west half and the church continued to maintain the east half. However, those supporting the English portion could not continue to absorb the costs involved. They asked the church to maintain the entire cemetery, giving the church the funds remaining. A trust was established with the comingled funds. The income from that trust pays for minimal maintenance such as mowing and clipping.

But now vandalism threatens to destroy these monuments to our heritage. Destruction amounts to over \$6,000 already and many of the monuments have been desecrated beyond repair. How can we stop this willful destruction? We must be more aware of the value of our heritage. We must teach our children to respect such historical sites so that their children can one day catch a glimpse of the heritage of our village and its founding fathers.

The fourth season of Oblio Children's Theater will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 15th, at Du Jardin School, 166 S. Euclid in Bloomingdale. All six performances, given in January and February, are live and are jointly sponsored by the Bloomingdale Park District and The Friends of the Bloomingdale Library.

The performances which are suggested for children ages 4 through 12 are: "The Magistics," "Songs You Can See," and "Dances of Latin

America" in January. In February they are; "Imagination Theatre," "Peeko Puppets," and "Chicago Percussion Quintet." The Oblio series represents an experiment in entertainment and education of children through contact with the various performing arts.

Ticket books for the series are now on sale at the Circle Park Recreation Building. The price is \$5.00 and seating is limited.



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MAYDAY is a distress call which should never be used by anyone except when in dire emergency where the immediate safety of life and/or property are concerned. For example, MAYDAY should not be used to call for help as a result of a minor automobile accident or vehicle breakdown. It is better to use "10-33" which means

"Emergency traffic."

C.B. can be fun and rewarding if you observe these four basic courtesies:

1. Keep it short
2. Be prepared to give traffic reports
3. Follow the rules for breaking in
4. Learn the language.

A new addition to the growing number of Bloomingdale C.B. operators in the Richard Ashley family, KFJ-3495. At the present time they have one mobile and soon will be adding a second. Their handles are:

Mr. A-Jaybird, Mrs. A-Apple Strudel, Daughtér-Lady Godiva. They are utilizing Channel 19 generally for traffic and are willing to assist or modulate with anyone. They would appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the police if and when necessary.

Until our next issue, this is the Sliderule KBR-1070, 10-10.

*Stephen R. Salvesen

Door-To-Door Bus Service For Senior Citizens

Free door-to-door bus service for Senior Citizens has become an important mode of transportation for the elderly in the last several years. And Bloomingdale, which started its bus service in October of this year, also realizes the necessity of a program such as this one.

Currently, any Bloomingdale Township resident who is at least 60 years of age and possesses a Bloomingdale Township Senior Citizen Transportation Card may use the "bus" service. This

card may be applied for at the Bloomingdale Township offices at 123 N. Roselle Rd., Bloomingdale, Ill. or obtained from senior and church groups as well.

Once the application is completed, services are always available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at no cost to the passenger.

Senior Citizens are asked to phone the toll free number, 893-7555, at least 2 days in advance so that the quickest routes for all may be mapped in

advance.

At the present time there is only one van in service which holds up to 10 passengers. However, as Doris Karpel, Bloomingdale Township Supervisor, has stated "if business picks up" the service will be increased.

This "van" service will take any Senior Citizen, who is a Bloomingdale Township resident, from his or her door step to any place in Bloomingdale township.

The van driver has been instructed to wait no more than 15 minutes for a person to keep the bus circulating. Therefore, if a person expects to be gone longer, a schedule can be worked out with the driver to be picked up at a later time.

Currently, there has been no estimate made concerning how many people are using the service. However, Lucille Pell of the Ray Graham Associates in Addison stated that the facilities are being used quite frequently.

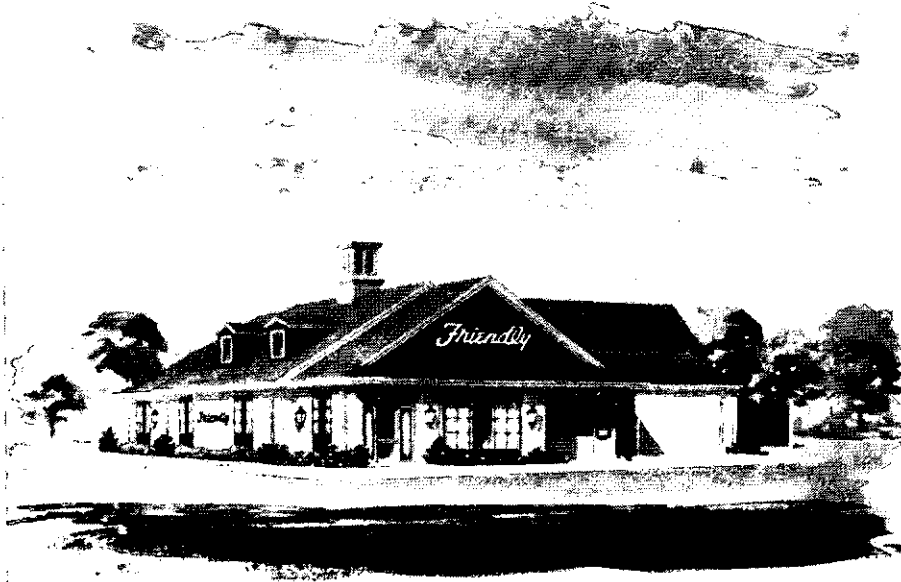
The Ray Graham Association is leasing the van, hiring the driver and doing the dispatching from their Beverly Lake facilities.

When spoken to in September, Karpel mentioned that she has realized for some time that there is "an acute lack of local transportation in Bloomingdale Township", especially for the elderly.

On June 30, 1976, the Bloomingdale Village Board adopted the door-to-door program for Senior Citizens that went into effect during the first week of October.

The bus service is being paid for by a \$30,000 Federal Revenue Sharing Grant allocated by the Bloomingdale Township Board.

In Time For Spring...



IN TIME FOR SPRING. . .The Friendly Ice Cream Shops will open a new facility on the Northwest corner of North Circle and Lake Street sometime in March, 1977. Ground was broken during the week of November 15th, and construction will be underway soon.

"Help, Police!"

By Barb Froio

An accident, a burglary, a missing pet, a heart attack, a traffic tie-up, a domestic quarrel, an act of vandalism—all these and many others are part of the job for the Bloomingdale Police Department.

During a typical 24-hour period the dispatcher will answer 100 telephone calls. Some are routine; some are administrative; but the next ring of the phone may mean life or death to someone within the 4.5 mile square of the village.

The dispatcher, receiving a call requiring help, immediately contacts one of the police cars which are always patrolling the streets and directs the officer to the location of the problem. Meanwhile the dispatcher keeps the reporting party on the line until help arrives.

At the scene the officer must quickly determine what to do. Call the rescue squad? Ask for back-up help? Ask the dispatcher to check on vehicle ownership? Reroute traffic? Point out that the fire department cannot come and get the cat out of the tree? All calls are handled so as to reflect the motto of the department, "We serve and protect."

What does it take to become a police officer? First the candidate must pass a competitive civil service exam. Once accepted, the candidate takes six weeks of intensive training at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. After that the new policeperson (women may also serve on the force) works with another officer. Usually it is 3 to 6 months before the "rookie" is entrusted to work alone; the probationary period lasts one year.

But with all the new methodology, new equipment and new interpretations of the law, training is a continuous requirement for everyone from the newest member to the chief of police.

As of this writing there are 11 sworn officers, three dispatchers, a relief dispatcher, a secretary and a file clerk. As the village continues to grow, the department must expand.

A spokesman for the police department stated, "We have the second lowest crime rate of any community in DuPage County, and that is pretty good."

It certainly is.

Golden Bear Restaurant Opens



On November 1st Golden Bear Restaurant opened its doors to the public. Located at 170 E. Lake Street in Bloomingdale, this family restaurant offers a wide variety of foods. In addition to being open 24 hours, the restaurant features a 10 percent discount to senior citizens (except on specials) and a Baby Bear Club good for one free meal a month for children under 12 years.

Owner/Manager John Perkins states that this restaurant represents the newest concept in design, decor and equipment for Golden Bear Restaurants. The combination of greens, yellows, and oranges adds brightness, while the design provides a feeling of

openness. Seating is provided for 125 people. Mr. Perkins also points out that three-quarters of the employees are Bloomingdale residents thereby opening jobs for people in the area.

Golden Bear Family Restaurants, Inc. was founded in Elmwood Park, Illinois in 1959 by Mr. Roy P. Marzano. His philosophy was to offer customers high quality food products served efficiently in pleasant surroundings. Since that time 39 establishments have opened in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota. Today Golden Bear Restaurants enjoy the reputation of being one of the finest family restaurants offering cleanliness, efficiency, cheerfulness, and good food.

Merry Library

The Bloomingdale Public Library, by way of celebrating the fact that it has issued 3,226 cards to date, plans a gala holiday season. On Saturday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m., there will be a children's Christmas party, which will be co-sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Highlighting the party will be Mrs. Lea Forsmann, who will play guitar and lead Christmas carols. There will also be two films: "Christmas Fantasy," and "The Steadfast Tin Soldier." Santa will make an appearance, bearing treats for all the children.

Ms. Kathy Maine and her Girl Scouts will take on the task of decorating the

library and trimming the tree. Sue Schlaf, head librarian, hopes that everyone will drop by to admire their work.

IMPORTANT: NEW VILLAGE PHONE

Changes in phone numbers for the village offices will become effective as soon as the new municipal building is occupied. For all village departments, the number will be 893-7000. The police department phone will remain the same, 529-3341.




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DATE	BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE	SUBJECT	TIME	LOCATION
12/1/76	Library Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Library
12/6/76	Committee of the Whole	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/7/76	Plan Commission	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/13/76	Park District Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Park Hall
12/13/76	Village Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/15/76	Library Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Library
12/16/76	Fire and Police Commission	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/20/76	Committee of the Whole	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/21/76	Plan Commission	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/21/76	Police Pension Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/27/75	Village Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Village Hall
12/27/75	Park District Board	Regular Meeting	8:00 PM	Park Hall

The following Boards and Committees will call meetings as necessary:

- Board of Local Improvements
- Zoning Board
- Architectural Advisory Committee

These meetings will be posted according to law at the Village Hall.