



# The Village Almanac

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## Special Census in February

by Paul Greening

On November 23rd the Board of Trustees authorized the execution of a contract with the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, to conduct a special federal census in the Village.

As it normally takes 50 to 75 days from the date of execution of the contract, Village authorities expect the actual count to take place sometime in February.

Continuing growth within the Village led to the Board's decision. During 1976 the Building Department issued 445 permits amounting to \$14,500,000; in 1977 they issued 538 permits totalling \$17,500,000.

"An accurate census reflecting the Village's growth means more money to the Village," stated Village Administrator Bob Reeves. "Each additional person over the 9936 counted in October of 1976 means approximately \$20 more per year in revenues from state motor fuel taxes and the percentage rebate from state income taxes."

As in past censuses, the Bureau seeks volunteers from the Village, and pays them according to the number of names validated. In 1976 workers received \$.13 per name. Interested parties should contact the Village Administrative Secretary Ms. Bertie Sargis at the Village Hall.

In conducting the federal census, all workers will have identification from the Bureau. Residents should insist on seeing such identification before allowing the worker access to the home.

Based on a February census, the Village could begin receiving increased payments following state certification in June.



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To the Citizens of Bloomingdale,

The beginning of the New Year is an appropriate time to reflect on 1977 and look ahead to 1978.

The year 1977 was a year of challenge. In April, the Village residents elected a Mayor, Village Clerk and three Trustees. Six months later we were all shocked by the untimely death of Mayor Bob Homola. All of us who knew him miss Bob's dedication to our Village.

After barely settling in to the new routine, the Village had another election accompanied by the political turmoil of campaigning. I for one, am very proud of our Village Staff and various commissions who continued ahead during these uncertain times.

But 1977 was also a year of accomplishments. We moved into our new Village Hall. We adopted a Master Land Use Plan. We adopted ordinances establishing the Old Town Special Use Area, a Capital Improvements Commission, a Youth Commission and an Old Town Commission. Lake Street sewer and water are in the final administrative stages with construction to begin this Spring.

Looking ahead to 1978 we find many challenges awaiting us. Let me cite just a few of them:

1. Faced with rising costs, we must operate in the most economical way possible without relinquishing those services which make Bloomingdale such a fine community.
2. We must attract more quality business to Bloomingdale so that we can better balance our tax base.
3. Several of our commissions will require new members to replace those whose terms expire this year.
4. We must continue to attract governmental funds for needed water relief projects such as Springbrook Creek.
5. We must look beyond 1978 and determine where we are going and how we will get there.

As your mayor, I promise you my total commitment to meeting these challenges. Our Village Trustees share this commitment. We ask your help so that our Village can live up to its motto, "Growth with Pride".

Speaking for the Board of Trustees and the Village Staff, may I wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

*Viola M. Morrisroe*  
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Mayor

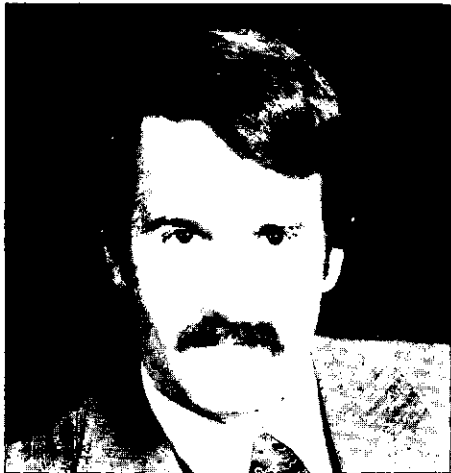
### CHANGES MADE

With this issue we have changed the color of both the ink and the paper. Also we are using a larger 10-point Optima type face. The Almanac staff hopes that the changes will make the issue more readable. Additionally we hope that the pictures will be more appealing than those printed in blue.

As always we are interested in your comments.

The Editor

## Good-Bye Bill



After over two years of dedicated service to the Village of Bloomingdale, Public Relations Director William Hicks has resigned his position. Bill has found that because of expanded duties on his job as speech teacher and forensics coach at Glenbard North High School, he no longer has the time to devote to the Directorship.

At the Village Board meeting on Monday, November 14, Bill was presented with a plaque acknowledging his efforts in establishing a working Public Relations Committee, and thanking him for his many hours of labor as editor of the Village Almanac.

## Hello Paul

Paul Greening, newly appointed Public Relations Director, moved to Bloomingdale in June of 1976 from Warren, Michigan.

A native Detroit, Paul obtained his BA in English and MBA in Economics from the University of Detroit. His military experience with the Air Force included Public Relations duties at the squadron, base and group levels.

As Personnel Development Manager for Chrysler Financial Corporation, one of his responsibilities was the publishing of a monthly company paper. Since 1971 he has been a Regional Manager-Financial Sales for the same company.

Paul and his wife Joanne live at 185 Cardinal Drive in Indian Lakes. Their older daughters, Suzanne and Mary, both attend Michigan State University. Youngest daughter Nancy is a Junior at Lake Park High School.

The new director joined the Public Relations Committee in September, 1976. As P.R. liaison to the Economic Development Commission, he was instrumental in compiling the results of the Commission Survey conducted last Spring.

# Village Notes

### DON'T GET STUCK WITHOUT YOUR STICKERS

Just a reminder that vehicle stickers for 1978 must be applied by February 15 to all vehicles belonging to Village residents. This ordinance pertains to recreational vehicles, motorcycles and bicycles as well as automobiles.

The Village mailed applications to all residents about December 1. Complete the form and send all three parts together with your check to the Village Hall in the envelope provided.

You may also purchase stickers at the Village Hall between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday or from 8:30 to noon on Saturday.

### LUMINARY THANK YOU

I would like to express my appreciation to the Village residents for their continued support of the annual luminary sales held for the benefit of School Districts 13 and 15.

I especially want to thank all those who helped in the sale and promotion, namely, Realty World, Econ-O-Mart, Westlake Foods and the Bloomingdale State Bank. Your time and efforts were sincerely appreciated.

We apologize for the high winds which may have adversely affected lighting the luminaries but the children thank you for your contributions.

Pat Sodomka  
Luminary Chairman  
Bloomingdale Women's Club

### JAYCEE'S BANQUET by Steve Novy

The Bloomingdale Jaycee's will hold their third annual Outstanding Citizen's Award Banquet on Tuesday, February 28, at Indian Lakes Country Club. This year the organization will also initiate the "Robert J. Homola Memorial Award" for outstanding performance by any Village employee or teacher serving the Bloomingdale community.

Residents may submit their nominations for either award to:

Jerry Hussey, President  
Bloomingdale Jaycee's  
P.O. Box 75  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Tickets to the banquet are available from any Bloomingdale Jaycee member.

### POST OFFICE MOVING?

Several people have inquired about ads appearing in the local press regarding the sale of the property and building presently containing the Bloomingdale Post Office.

Postmaster Jim Daly has advised the Almanac that the U.S. Postal Service leases most of its facilities from private property owners. The current lease has over 9 years before expiration.

Such leases do not prohibit the property owner from selling but the lease must be honored by the new buyer.

### OBLIO CHILDREN'S THEATER

The Bloomingdale Park District has provided the following schedule for Oblio series ticket holders:

January 14 Ella Jenkins Hootenanny  
21 Story Machine  
28 Bo-Dino

February 4 The Windy City Winds  
11 Teeko Puppets  
18 Dances of Latin America

For further information call the Park District at 529-3650.

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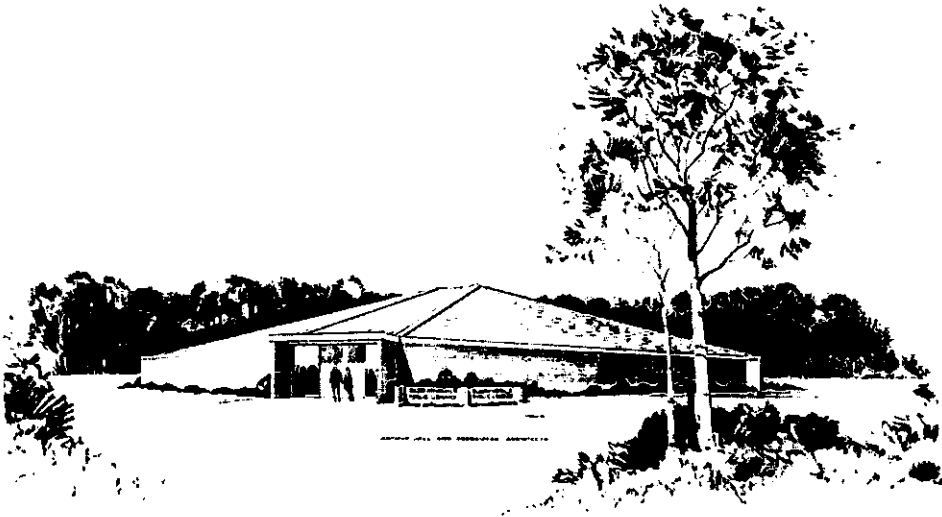
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# New Library Proposed by Judy Kuhel



## “Call Him Sergeant Mike”.

by Paul Greening

At a special Village Board meeting held on December 28, Patrol Officer Michael A. Joseph became Sergeant Michael A. Joseph as he took the oath before the Board and his fellow officers.

Michael Joseph joined the Bloomingdale Police Department in October of 1973. Prior to that time he attended Lewis University where he majored in sociology. A native of Chicago, Mike graduated from Lane Technical High School in 1970.

The Police and Fire Commission recommended his promotion based on the following criteria: 40%, written examination; 30%, oral interview by the Police and Fire Commission; 20%, merit and efficiency; and 10%, seniority.

Since joining the Department, Sergeant Joseph has become actively involved with youth in the Village. Based on the many times he appeared before school children, he earned the nickname, “Officer Mike.”

In his new position, he will join Captain E. John Potempa and Sergeant Gary Schira as watch commander.



During his off duty hours Mike plans to finish his requirements for the Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences.

At the meeting Chief Pat McMahon stated, “I am pleased with the recommendation of the Police and Fire Commission. Mike Joseph is a fine example of the type of law enforcement officer serving the Village of Bloomingdale.”

On February 28, residents will be asked to vote on a new Village Library building which will provide expanded services to the community.

Sue Schlaff, Head Librarian, stated that Bloomingdale's population rose 13% in the past year and that the present facility cannot keep up with the increased demands. American Library Standards call for 4 books per person with an annual addition of 2500 to 3500 books. The present building contains approximately one book per person and is too overcrowded to accommodate additional books.

Ms. Schlaf said that she would like to be able to offer the use of more publications as well as records and tapes. “This cannot be done with the existing structure,” she commented.

Professional library consultant Ruth Gregory advised the Library Board as follows: “A library should be as central as possible, providing the building with maximum visibility to attract old and new residents and to serve as a reminder of its constant availability.”

The site chosen for the new building is a 2-acre parcel adjacent to the present building on Fairfield Way. The architects, Arthur Jakl and Associates, have designed the building to contain 12,000 square feet with land space allocated for future growth.

Library Board member Mary Sauvageau stated that the cost to residents would be minimal. Averaged out over 15 years, homes with an assessed valuation of \$10,000 would pay \$12.50 per year; \$20,000, \$25; and \$30,000, \$37.50. According to Village Administrator Bob Reeves, few homes in Bloomingdale have assessed valuations higher than \$30,000.

Kick-off for the referendum will be January 13 at the library at 8 PM. The board has invited local businessmen and club representatives to hear a detailed explanation for requesting the referendum.

At press time, the polling places are the same as those for the election of Village trustees, since the library serves the entire Village. Voting hours are 6 AM to 7 PM.

Any resident wishing to work on the campaign should contact Mr. Ken LeBrun, Referendum Committee Chairman, at 894-2021.

(NOTE: The Village Almanac as the official publication of the Village of Bloomingdale takes no position on this referendum. We ask you the voters to express yourselves at the polls. Editor)



**PASSAGE OF THE Dec. 3 Fire Protection District Referendum makes possible the purchase of a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) similar to the one pictured above. The unit will be fully equipped with coronary care apparatus, oxygen, and other necessary life-sustaining gear. Trained and licensed paramedic crews will operate the unit, which should begin service by January, 1979.**

## BWC Honors "Wally" Geils

by Barb Seiverth

Mr. Wallace H. Geils, owner of the Econ-O-Mart Store in Bloomingdale, was recently honored by the Bloomingdale Women's Club for his continued support of the club since its inception in 1971. Members of the BWC felt that Wally's generous contributions of time, energy and enthusiasm to both charitable and civic organizations deserved special recognition.

He and his wife Georgene - both natives of the area - have also found time for church and school activities. Georgene was instrumental in correlating elementary and secondary school districts within the community. This action permitted all students of the Village to attend the same secondary school.

Mr. Geils has contributed 11 years to Village government. He served two years on the Zoning Board of Appeals, three years on the Police and Fire Commission and six years on the Village Board of Trustees.

Econ-O-Mart was started in 1958 as Case-Lot Grocery and was located next to the old Village Hall on Lake Street. Four years later the Geils renamed their store, and moved to the present location at 110

Ridge, behind the Bloomingdale State Bank.

Wally and his wife live at 116 S. Maple. They have five children and four grandchildren.

The Wallace H. Geils take pride in Bloomingdale. The Village can be proud of a local businessman who gives so much of himself to his community.



**BWC President Anne Yonan presents Wally Geils with plaque for his continued support of the organization.**

## Members Needed for Commissions

by Judy Kuhel

On July 25, 1977, the Village Board unanimously approved an ordinance creating a Capital Improvements Commission, consisting of nine members. The purpose of the Commission is to study and develop plans for the capital improvements necessary to provide municipal services to the citizens of Bloomingdale.

Because of its specialized nature, the appointees to the Commission must possess expertise in one or more of the following:

1. Finance.
2. Accounting, preferably municipal.
3. Engineering practices, preferably civil.
4. Construction practices.
5. Purchasing practices.
6. Inventory practices.
7. Personnel practices or public administration.
8. Real property appraisal techniques.

The Old Town Commission, established in September of 1977, has as its purpose, "To create a unique core of commercial uses by development of the Old Town area and to preserve many older structures of historical significance or other unique qualities . . ."

The nine-member commission must be willing to promote an environment conducive to economic growth and coordinate its activities with the Bloomingdale Economic Development Commission, the Bloomingdale Historical Society and the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce. Commission members must want to stimulate interest, develop creative ideas and recommend means of translating these ideas into reality.

The Youth Commission is unique to the Village in that two members must be teen-agers. The nine-member board is currently encouraging teen-agers to become actively involved in the development of the commission.

With the exception of the two members on the Youth Commission, all applicants must be registered voters living in the Village.

Active participation by residents has contributed to Bloomingdale's dynamic success. The Village wants your help. Complete the Personal Data sheet and either mail or deliver it to the Village Hall.

# Personal Data

(please print or type)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG AT PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONSIBILITIES \_\_\_\_\_

EDUCATION: (Please include degree(s) and major) \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Other Training \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIC ACTIVITIES (both in Bloomingdale and elsewhere) \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS \_\_\_\_\_

Please check below the commission or committee which interests you.

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission                | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Improvement Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Commission                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old Town Commission            | <input type="checkbox"/> P. R. Committee                 |

Reason for wanting to serve on this commission. \_\_\_\_\_

Please send application to: Mayor  
Village of Bloomingdale  
201 S. Bloomingdale Rd.  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

You will be contacted within 7 days of receipt.

# Village Hall Happenings

## LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

With the election on Nov. 1 of Viola Morrisroe as Mayor and Messrs. Conarty, Tenuto and Mahoney as Trustees, new legislative committee chairmen have been appointed. Each chairman is responsible to the Board for his designated areas as follows: Finance, Tenuto; Public Works, Friscia; Police, Conarty; Building and Zoning, Johnson; Ordinances and Licenses, Lehman; and Plan Commission, Mahoney. Additionally, Trustee Tenuto was appointed Board liaison for the Economic Development Commission and the Public Relations Committee.

## CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR GLEN ELLYN DISPOSAL

In December the Board approved the renewal of the contract with Glen Ellyn Disposal for a 5-year period and authorized an increase in the monthly rate from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per month (from \$9.00 to \$12.00 per quarter) effective December 1, 1977. During the last 5 years Glen Ellyn Disposal had one rate increase. Mr. Edward Van Der Molen of the firm stated that the increase brings Bloomingdale in line with other neighboring communities such as Glendale Heights. Future adjustments during the term of the contract may be made only to reflect cost-of-living increases. Contrary to previously published reports in the press, collection for single-family residences will continue on a weekly basis.

## Give a Damn! Give a Pint!

by Pat Sodomka

The second drive for the 1977-1978 blood assurance program will take place on February 11, 1978, at Winnebago School from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

"182 pints are needed to maintain the 400-pint quota this year, so we urge the residents to donate their blood and/or time in order to maintain this excellent program for all residents of Bloomingdale," said Diane Hartmann, Bloomingdale Blood Association Board Member.

For an appointment on February 11, or for more information, contact Carole Kuznitsky, 893-3250, or Diane Hartmann, 893-4581.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLE ORDINANCE

After the Plan Commission had held open hearings on the R/V Ordinance they referred the ordinance to the Board for action.

The Village Board has referred it to committee for further evaluation. "Contrary to popular opinion, we are not as concerned with the aesthetics of R/V's as with the health and safety factors involved," stated Mayor Morrisroe.

## LAKE STREET WATER AND SEWER

Based on the appeals filed with the DuPage County Court regarding assessments to property holders, the Board of Local Improvements (BOLI) rejected all bids for water and sewer construction on Lake Street.

Following the completion of court hearings slated to begin on Dec. 28, the BOLI will again ask for bids on the project.

## AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE

On Nov. 28th the Board passed an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance establishing an "AG 1" zoning district. The Agricultural District was established primarily to protect land best suited for crop production, to prevent the mixture of urban and rural uses which could prematurely terminate agricultural pursuits and to permit certain related uses within this classification.

## SECRETARY LEAVES POST

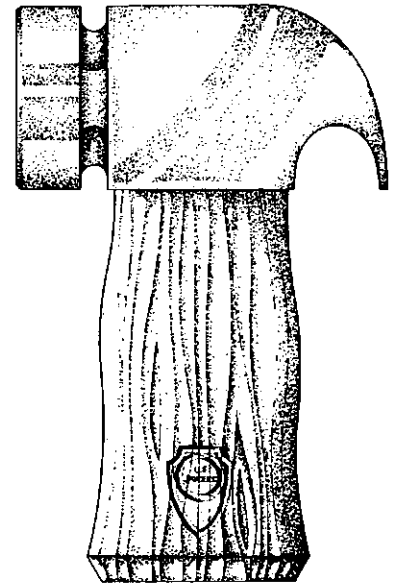
by Judy Kuhel

Molly Luymes, Secretary to Village Administrator Bob Reeves since 1975, has left her position at the Village Hall for a new job with a printing firm. Ms. Luymes' desk is now occupied by Bertie Sargis, former Park District Secretary, who has several years of experience in office management.

Because of her continuing interest in Village government, Molly will remain as secretary to the Economic Development Commission and the Public Relations Committee.

## JAYCEES...

## BUILDING TOMORROW TODAY



Jaycees are builders. There are 350,000 Jaycees in 8,500 local organizations throughout the nation. They conduct countless different projects and programs geared to building better people to meet the needs of their communities.

People become involved in the Jaycees for many different reasons. But whatever the reasons and whatever their interests, Jaycees share one thing in common — they believe that our tomorrow depends on what we accomplish today.

For Further Information Contact:  
Jerry Hussey 894-5778  
Rod Pedersen 529-1404

## Jaycee Art Auction

by Steve Novy

Over 200 anxious bidders attended the annual Jaycee's Art Auction the evening of December 3rd at the Itasca Holiday Inn. Proceeds from the benefit will be used to send 6 local area handicapped youths to Camp Good Hope near Mattoon, Illinois for a one-week summer outing. The camp is owned and operated by the Jaycees and is staffed by professionals in the care of handicapped persons.

Actual bidding was preceded by a champagne preview of art work to be auctioned. This interlude allowed potential bidders to select those items they wished to bid on from over 200 works of art. The highest bid received was \$475 for the lithograph "Abe Lincoln" by artist Leroy Neiman. The average winning bid for the evening was approximately \$50.

Bloomington Jaycee President Jerry Hussey said that this year's effort was as successful as the 1976 Art Auction. Bidding was completed on over \$8000 worth of art. Because of increased costs of operating the auction, however, the Jaycees were just able to meet their goal of \$1500 to finance the Camp Good Hope project.

Randy Barnes, Jaycee Project Chairman, was responsible for this year's auction. Richard Wegel and John Mahoney, newly elected Bloomington Trustee, assisted Barnes in the organization and production of the evening. Gallery Art Center of Berkley, Michigan provided both the pieces of art and the auctioneer.

# "Madame Mayor"

A Personal Interview

by Pat Sodomka

On November 1 residents of Bloomington cast their ballots to elect a new mayor as they had done many times in the past. Only this time, the man they felt would represent them best wasn't a man at all.

Mayor Viola Morrisroe is quick to maintain that her election is part of the trend that has occurred in our country today. "More and more women are running for elected office, and more and more women are being elected. Twenty years ago, I never would have had the opportunity to run."

She foresees no problems relating to cooperation among the Village trustees. "I felt I had the confidence of men who ran with me. Now, as mayor, I can have much more of an impact and guidance to those areas which I feel are most important to the growth of Bloomington."

When asked what she feels her primary goal for Bloomington would be, she replied, "I want the Village of Bloomington to grow, but it has to be quality growth, whether it be residential or commercial. You can't stop the growth, but you can guide it along so that what is new becomes an asset to the community." Mayor Morrisroe feels the Village has grown well. "There have been some mistakes, but for the most part, I am pleased."



She enjoys her role as mayor, but recognizes that the long hours are bound to take their toll on her roles as wife and mother. When asked how she coped with this situation, Mayor Morrisroe honestly stated, "My family is indeed proud of me attaining the mayor's seat, but at times there can be heard slight rumblings of resentment as they are arguing about who will do the laundry, and who will do the dishes . . . tasks which previously I had had more time to do myself."

Viola Morrisroe has the years before her to show the citizens just what she can do to carry out her campaign promises, but she feels that every person who is elected to public office must do the same! As I left Mayor Morrisroe's office and glanced at the pile of papers on her desk, I felt confident that she was going to try her best to fulfill those promises.

## A Second Try

by Renee Spencer

On February 11, 1978 Bloomington School District 13 will ask the voters to reconsider their previous decision in voting against an \$800,000 bonding referendum for funds to construct classroom additions. The School Board's decision was based on the narrow defeat of the issue (300 for; 304 against). A second question on the ballot to increase the educational funding was defeated by 95 votes.

Stated Superintendent Harold Tompkins: "This time we've decided to place only the \$800,000 issue on the ballot for February 11. Perhaps the last referendum was not passed because the combination of the two questions was too much for the voters to accept at this time."

The polling places are the same as for the previous referendum, namely, Bloomington Central School at 112 Day Street and Dujardin School at 166 S. Euclid Ave. The polls are open from Noon to 7 PM.

## No Shaggy Dog Story

by Judy Kuhel

The Public Works Department's new kennel on Glen Ellyn Road is a howling success, according to Wolf West of 203 Army Trail Rd. Wolf wandered from home one day, lost his bearings, and was invited to experience the kennel's special brand of hospitality.

Making no bones about his gratitude, Wolf expressed it by donating a 25-lb. bag of dog food to the kennel with a note attached reading,

"Thanks so much for feeding me during my stay with you. I hope this food will help future runaways to be happy, too."

Wolf's canine counterparts will no doubt be very grateful for his generosity.

Unfortunately not all such incidents involving canine companions have such a happy ending.

During the week of December 10 to 17, 9 dogs were reported lost and 7 were found without owner identification, according to Police Dispatcher Pam Padden.

Buying a tag for your pet pooch gives the police a positive identification by which they can return the dog to you if he goes exploring. The cost is only \$4.00 for the annual tag. If your dog is picked up without a license the fine is \$15.00. Even worse, you may not be as lucky as Wolf's owner.



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PAID  
Bloomingdale, Ill.  
60108  
Permit No. 16**

**VILLAGE  
NEWSLETTER**

**POSTAL PATRON, LOCAL  
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108**

# NEW OPINION FEATURE

In order to establish an open line of communication between the Village and its residents, the Almanac is instituting a new feature beginning in this issue called "What Do You Think." If you have suggestions or questions of a **constructive** nature, fill out the form included below. Specific questions will be referred to the appropriate departments for immediate response. We regret we may not be able to print all comments and/or questions and responses. Only signed forms will be printed, but names will be withheld upon request. Watch the next issue of the Almanac for "What Do You Think?"

## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Please tell us if you have any suggestions or questions for your Village. What you think is important to us. Write your thoughts below, then detach and mail to "What Do You Think," Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

My thoughts are as follows: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Print my name: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_