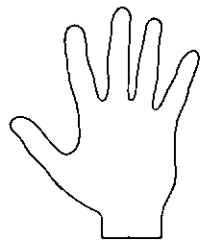
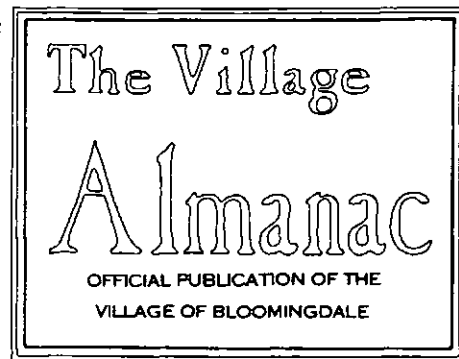


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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION PLANNED FOR INDIAN LAKES RESORT

Carson International Inc. has announced plans for the \$14 million expansion of its facilities at Indian Lakes Country Club.

According to James W. Chapman, president of Carson International, which also owns and operates Carson Inn/Nordic Hills in Itasca, Illinois, "Our goal at Indian Lakes is to develop yet another of Chicagoland's finest resorts serving the Midwest and the nation in the business-meeting and leisure-time markets. Indian Lakes Resort will maintain the same tradition of high quality and friendly service now well-established at Nordic Hills."

Construction is set to begin this month on a five-story resort hotel which will house over 300 sleeping rooms, six pent-house suites and 30 meeting rooms, each with a capacity of 10 to 200. The new resort will offer a total of 32,654 square feet of meeting space, including present facilities now serving up to 1200 at Indian Lakes.



The proposed addition, to include hotel, restaurant and health club facilities, is scheduled for completion by early 1980.



The next health club, together with golf, tennis and outdoor swimming now available, will provide a total recreational package for vacationers, businessmen and women at the new Indian Lakes Resort.

Glass-enclosed capsule-like elevators will silently transport guests to their rooms through the elegant five-story atrium lobby. A center skylight, full-size trees and decorative pools will adorn the lobby and provide a natural setting for waiting guests or those who choose to dine in the Atrium Dining Area.

The bi-level restaurant and cocktail lounge will be located immediately north of and connected to the hotel (the entire complex will be accessible via enclosed walkways). Guests in the upper level Main Dining Room and Cocktail lounge will be seated overlooking a man-made lake, while those enjoying entertainment on the lower level will virtually be sitting in the lake.

Indian Lakes existing restaurant and clubhouse will be converted to a health club and indoor swimming pool with men's and women's locker rooms, whirlpool, sauna, exercise room and pro shop.

VILLAGE HALL HAPPENINGS

by Paul Greening

CARDINAL DRIVE REPAIRS

At press time the Board was awaiting reports from the consulting firm of Warren and Van Praag regarding causes of the deterioration and steps required to restore the road. Once the Board is aware of these facts, they will insist that the original contractor, Arrow Road Construction Company, either carry out the necessary repairs or pay for them to be done by some other firm.

WELL NO. 7 ON STREAM

In June the Board officially accepted deep water Well No. 7 as being ready for operation. The well pumping capacity is 1,000 gal. per minute and increases total capacity to 2500 GPM for the Village. The new well is located on the west side of the Village between Schick Road and Lake Street.

FOR THE BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPT.

Mr. Reeves and
Board of Trustees June 11, 1978

Just a note to say thank you for the kindness shown to me when I needed it the most. I've dealt with quite a few police departments through this whole ordeal, and I have to say the men in this department far surpass any other men in their sincere concern for my well being. As far as John Piccolin goes - all I can say is that if there was a "policeman of the year" award, he would surely get my vote and the vote of my family.

I must admit I am in no hurry to ever go back to Bloomingdale, Illinois, but I can look back and see one shining spot — The Bloomingdale Police Department.

Thanks Again,
Joanie Jacobs

At press time the Jacobs case was still being investigated by the F.B.I.; however, some questions exist concerning the facts in the case. ED.

COMMISSION CHANGES

Several appointments have been made to various Village commissions since the last issue. The Board approved the appointment of Chris Gretzinger as Chairman of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board for a term to expire May 1, 1979.

Thomas Howard was reappointed to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners until May 1, 1981.

Leonard Ricco resigned as a member of the Capital Improvements Commission; Robert Bove was appointed to replace Mr. Ricco.

The Village Board also appointed Don Altier as a member of the Economic Development Commission to replace Mr. Bert Boje who resigned in February.

Dan Conroy was appointed to the Youth Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mary Babyar who resigned. William Podorski was also appointed to the Youth Commission to fill the term vacated by Bertie Sargis who also resigned.

CONTRACT LET FOR SCHICK ROAD

The Board of Local Improvements awarded a contract to Franzen and Peters for the construction of a two-lane asphalt road from Bloomingdale Road east to the present ending of Schick Road. Construction should begin by August 1, 1978.

BOARD OPPOSES EXTENDED LANDFILL HOURS

The Board recently passed a resolution unanimously opposing the twenty-four-hour operation of the Mallard Lake Landfill. The resolution was forwarded to the DuPage County Forest Preserve Commission for their consideration as owners of the property.

LAKE STREET SEWER AND WATER

At a special meeting held on Monday, July 3 the Village Board agreed to refer the design specifications for Lake Street Water and Sewer back to Mr. George Wight, Village Engineer, for further review. One of the key problems with current design is the depth at which sewer lines had to be dug (approximately 30 feet). With the redesign of the storm sewer project that depth may be lessened which could mean significant savings.

Village Attorney Ted Graham advised the board that if some economies could not be effected, the Village would require a supplemental assessment to meet the higher than anticipated costs for the original project.

OFFICIAL CENSUS RESULTS

The Federal Bureau of the Census recently advised us that the official count of the Village based on the special census is 11,276.

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ERLENBORN EULOGIZES HOMOLA

by Steve Novy

The Honorable John Erlenborn, Representative of the U.S. Congress from our Fourteenth Congressional District of Illinois addressed over 100 Bloomingdale citizens, public officials and relatives of the late Mayor Robert J. Homola on Sunday, June 4 at the ceremony for rededication of the Village Hall as the Robert J. Homola Municipal Center.

"Democracy does not mean I am as good as you are; it means you are as good as I am. But, Bob Homola was better," eulogized Erlenborn.

The Village Board of Trustees renamed the Village Hall by Ordinance No. 77-53 to serve as a living memorial to Mayor Homola "in recognition of his efforts, accomplishments and contributions to the Village as well as to the cause of responsible and responsive municipal government." As mayor, Robert Homola led our Village during a period of astounding growth and change.



During his tenure in office, Mayor Homola was Vice-Chairman of the DuPage Regional Plan Commission, Commissioner on the DuPage County Law Enforcement Commission, Director of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and a permanent member of the Northern Illinois Committee of the Illinois Municipal League. Prior to his service as mayor, Homola was a member of the Bloomingdale Plan Commission and a Village trustee.

"The honor is not to Homola. The honor is to the Village, community and state for having had Bob," concluded Erlenborn. Ben Homola, brother of the late mayor, noted that "even his most severe critics did not discount his devotion and dedication."

As further recognition of Mayor Homola's exceptional service to the community, Village President Viola Morrisroe presented the mayor's wife, Marilyn Homola, with a plaque that expressed the community's appreciation. Funds were also donated to the Village by the Bloomingdale Women's Club for the purchase of a memorial tree to be planted near the Municipal Center.

The rededication was concluded by a flag raising ceremony conducted by Mayor Homola's father, Benjamin Homola, who was assisted by the Bloomingdale Lion's Club and the Bloomingdale VFW.

THE OLD VILLAGE HALL . . . TO BE OR NOT TO BE . . .

That is the question being considered by the nine-member Old Town Commission. Many village residents consider the historic Old Village Hall to be the symbol of Bloomingdale and the focal point of Old Town.

Located at Third and Lake Street, it was built in 1894 as the original school house where many of the older village residents learned their "reading, writing, and 'rithmetic" until 1937. Priceless memories of childhood and days long gone are still cherished within the wooden walls. Then it housed the government of Bloomingdale until modern times as the Village Hall.

While the past of the building is history, the future is a giant question mark. Your Old Town Commission urgently needs to know your feelings as to what you would like the future of the building to be so that your wishes can best be reflected. Specifically: Do you feel that the retention and restoration of the Old Village Hall would benefit Old Town? Would you prefer to see the building used as a community center or as a commercial location (store, restaurant, theater, etc.)? Do you have any other suggestions for its use? Please use the "OPINION FEATURE" to express your views.

OLD TOWN is designed to be a unique charming blend of private residences and small businesses to preserve our historical heritage, give Bloomingdale an identifiable visual character, revitalize a central core of the village, and attract new businesses to serve the community. The area roughly stretches from Meacham Woods across Lake Street to Schick, and several blocks on Lake Street both East and West of Bloomingdale Road.

Some of the homes and buildings dating before the turn of the century include St. Paul's Church (1878), The Parsonage (Circa 1884), Old Town Hardware (Bender's Store, Circa 1890's), the Park District Building (built in 1849 as a Baptist church and used alternately as a town hall, school, jail, and assessor's office), and the Barber Shop (built Circa 1860's as a harness shop for the union army during the Civil War). The area, rich in history, can be a priceless foundation for the future "Old Town".

ART FESTIVAL -- CALL FOR ARTISTS

by Pat Sodomka

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will hold its Sixth Annual Festival of Arts September 17 at the Bloomingdale State Bank.

The art festival committee's primary emphasis this year will be in having over 75 artists display their work. The entry fee is \$12.00, and the exhibits will be juried. Cash awards will be given. There will also be an unjuried section. Exhibitors should send five slides or photographs of their work by September 1.

This year all proceeds will be donated to the Marklund Home in Bloomingdale.

For booth information, contact Judy Anderson, 2303 Wildwood Lane, Hanover Park, Illinois, 60103, 830-1831.

Remember the date, September 17 . . . join the fun . . . refreshments will be available along with what promises to be an exceptional showing of arts and crafts.

OLYMPICS TO VISIT BLOOMINGDALE

by Dawn Nemec

On July 21, 28, and 29 the Bloomingdale Park District will host a Junior Olympics for boys and girls 6-13 years of age. In order for a youngster from the Village to participate, he or she must be a member of the Bloomingdale Park District. There is not entry fee for Bloomingdale residents.

Events in the Junior Olympics will include swimming, tennis, and many track and field events. Trials in all events will take place at 9:00 A.M. on July 21, at the Bloomingdale Park District Center located on Circle Avenue.

The finals in the tennis events will be held at 9:00 A.M. July 28, at the Lake Park High School West Campus in Roselle. Finals in the track and field events will be held the following day, July 29, at 9:00 A.M. at the Lake Park H.S. West Campus. Immediately following the track and field events finals will be the swimming events finals. They will be held at the Wooddale Park District pool located at 111 S. Wooddale Road in Wooddale.

Ribbons will be awarded to First, Second, and Third place winners after all the events in each division have been completed.

Communities involved in the Junior Olympics include Bloomingdale, Wooddale, Addison, Roselle, and Medinah. For more information, call the Bloomingdale Park District Office.

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CAN'T SWIM IN THE LAKE!!

Several citizens have raised questions about why swimming should be prohibited in the public and private lakes within the Village boundaries. ALMANAC staff checked with Tom Lovern on the Bloomingdale Park District for the answers.

Tom advised the ALMANAC that all of the lakes within the Village limits had too high a degree of pollution to be safe for swimming. The more prevalent sources of pollution are water runoff containing fertilizer, animal waste, garbage remains, etc. In fact, Tom advised us that only two lakes in DuPage County are certified by the health department being safe for swimming.

AN EYE TO THE FUTURE

by Renee Spencer

When parents consider a school system they usually think in terms of teachers and administrators. But few people are aware of those individuals trained to help a child make life-long decisions, and then make those decisions work toward an ultimate goal after completing school.

Those specially trained individuals all of whom have master's degrees in guidance are called Guidance Counselors. At Glenbard North High School in Carol Stream, there are eight full or part-time counselors to help each youth reach his or her full potential.

Robert Hubbell, director of guidance since 1968, explained that the Counseling Department at Glenbard has several functions, including the areas of relating to the educational facility, career development and the whole area of personal problems.

Concerning relating to the educational facility, the counselor's main function is to help plan a student's schedule of classes and to make sure that student has enough credits to graduate.

The career development area involves testing and placing. The director explained that talks between counselor and student take place concerning "what kinds of things the student may want to eventually do, interviews on a particular subject he or she likes and then trying to work with the student by various means to get him or her to those career goals."

The third area the counselor must deal with is that of personal problems. In dealing with a student's personal problems the counselor may want to note how a particular youth feels about

himself and gets along with others. Tougher cases may involve police and social workers.

One of the biggest problems today is increased mobility. Hubbell explained that "kids today can leave everyone's control quite rapidly because most have cars. And because most have cars, a lot of kids work quite a bit to support their automobiles." The counselor noted that because of these two circumstances "there is a definite problem with allegiance to the school or their job."

Hubbell warned parents that counselors cannot be supermen or women because they only see most students once a week. However, he noted that, "parents can help much more by keeping in contact with the school."

Concerning whether Hubbell felt that students appreciate the counseling department or not, he said, "Yes, they do. They see their counselor as a person with whom they can sit down and talk to about anything and they are aware of the counselors' purpose."

In order to prevent the student from making an unrealistic career choice Glenbard has 60/70 people from different fields come in as representatives each year to explain various types of jobs.

Although Hubbell explained that there are unhappy times related to counseling he noted that even after working in various school systems for over twenty years, "It's really exciting. Counseling gives one the opportunity to work with a lot of individuals and to help students realize their potential."

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LION'S HALF-A-THON A REAL RACE

On Saturday June 13 the Bloomingdale Lion's Club hosted the first Annual Bloomingdale Half-a-thon, a 13.1 run through the streets of Bloomingdale. 117 runners awaited the starting gun at 9 AM under ideal weather conditions. Two separate races were actually run at the same time since some of the contestants only wanted to run the course once for the 6 mile length.

1968 Olympic runners Mike Durkin - Bronze Medal - and Rick Wolhuter were on hand at the finish line to award trophies to the following:

13.1 Miles:

Men:

1st Kevin Pickell-Chicago
2nd Mike Pellikan-Chicago
3rd Brian Claxton-Chicago

Women:

1st Marion Schreyer-Downers Grove

Age-Classifications:

19 yrs. & under: Jesus Avila-Chicago
20 to 29 years: Jim Dybas-Oak Lawn
30 to 39 years: Steve Shostron-Peoria
40 & over: Dick Storm-Hoffman Estates

6.0 Miles:

Men:

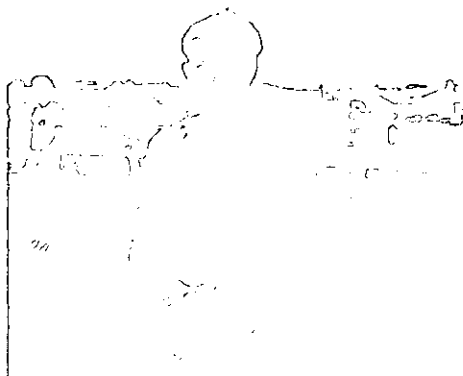
1st Jim Spivey-Wooddale
2nd Rich Brooks-Oak Park

Women:

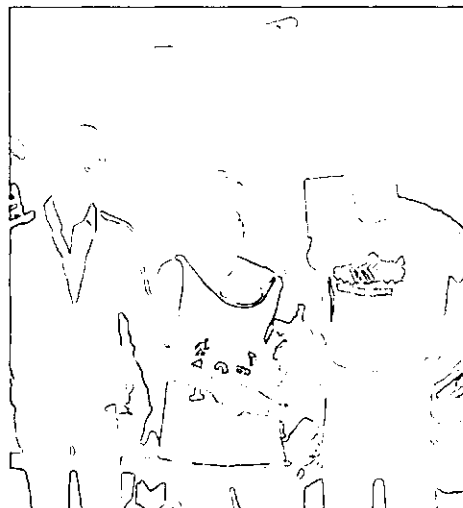
1st Karen Wojcik-Bloomingdale
2nd Sally Blank-Glen Ellyn

Half-a-thon Chairman Bob Babyar and the Lions appreciated the sponsorship of the American Heritage Savings & Loan, Camelot Real Estate Corp., Killshot Ltd., Hinckley & Schmitt Bottled Water, Lincoln Federal Savings & Loan, and the Bloomingdale State Bank.

In related Bloomingdale Lions events, new officers were installed on June 23rd at the annual installation and awards night dinner. Leaders for the coming year are: President, Jim Sargis; 1st Vice Pres., Dan Tyrrell; 2nd Vice Pres., Tom Rooney; 3rd Vice Pres., Bill Tolva; Treasurer, Bob Carlstrand; for two-year terms as directors, Carl Stapleton and Ken Seng.



Kevin Pickell of Chicago finishes 13.1 miles in winning time of 67:44.



Marion Schreyer of Downers Grove, accepts congratulations from Olympic Runners Rick Wolhuter and Mike Durkin for her winning time of 106:59 for the 13.1 miles.

STAY COOL IN BLOOMINGDALE'S POOL!

If the hot days of summer are getting you down, why not enjoy a wet, refreshing dip in Bloomingdale's pool? The pool, located at 172 S. Circle Avenue, just south of Lake Street, has hours to accommodate nearly everyone.

If the family would like to indulge, the general swim hours are from 1-5 p.m. each day of the week. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings the pool is available for general swim from 6-9 p.m. It is also open for general swim from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 6-8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

An exclusively adult swim is held from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday evenings and 6-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday evenings. Those who are handicapped also have a special swim time from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Season passes are still available at the Park District General Office located at 172 S. Circle Avenue. The cost is \$35.00 for a resident family pass and \$25.00 for an individual resident pass. These passes will be honored until Sunday, August 27, 1978 when the pool closes for the 1978 season.



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Give A Damn Give A Pint

by Karen Umlauf

The Bloomingdale Blood Association will hold its next draw on Saturday, November 4th, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Winnebago School. Donors and volunteer workers may offer their services by calling Diann Hartman, Association president, at 893-4581 or Carol Kuznitsky, donor recruitment chairman, at 893-3250.

To participate in the program, Bloomingdale residents must supply the American Association of Blood banks a number of pints equal to 4% of the total Village population. Last year's quota was 398 pints based on the Village population of 9900. This year's quota will be higher based on new census figures indicating a population of 11,200.

"Public response is crucial in this drive," according to Mrs. Kuznitsky. She explained that in all previous drives the Association had free use of a computer which supplied donor data and a list of current residents. However, since the committee member who provided that service has been transferred, the Association is without the means to contact residents individually.

As in past years, all Bloomingdale residents will be covered by the blood replacement program. In addition, the immediate families of donors and volunteer workers will be eligible for the same benefits regardless of their place of residence. Mrs. Kuznitsky noted that very few claims have been refused; and Bloomingdale residents have consistently used more blood than donated. There is no charge to the individual or village for the overdraw. Anyone needing blood replaced should call the Police Department to file a claim.

Volunteers wishing to assist with the organizational paper work for the November draw should call Mrs. Kuznitsky now. Donors and those willing to help in November will have the opportunity to register by mail by completing a short form to be included in the October issue of the ALMANAC.

CHIEF'S CORNER

by Police Chief Patrick J. McMahon

Citizens are rightfully concerned with the effectiveness of their police departments. However, few people realize whether or not their department properly performs its responsibilities.

In the Village of Bloomingdale the two basic responsibilities of our Police Dept. are Crime Control and Traffic Control.

Crime Control can best be measured in terms of crime rates and clearance rates. The State of Illinois defines crime rate as the total number of index crimes per 1,000 residents. Index crimes are murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft and auto theft.

Clearance rate is defined as the number of crimes in which the offender has been identified, sufficient evidence to charge him has been developed, and the offender has been taken into custody.

The Bloomingdale crime rate for 1977 was 3.7 index crimes per 1,000 residents, which is substantially lower than nearby communities, the county as a whole, and the State. (For the exact figures, contact the Police Dept.)

The crime rate figures can be interpreted to demonstrate that less crime exists in Bloomingdale than in neighboring communities, largely due to efficient police patrol.

The 1977 clearance rates in Bloomingdale also compare favorably to such rates in other Illinois communities. In 1977, 83% of violent crimes were cleared, compared to a state average of

63%, and 23% of crimes against property were cleared as compared with a state average of 21%. Such clearance rates indicate that the Bloomingdale Police Dept. has been more successful in solving crimes than most other police departments in the state.

The second basic responsibility of the Department is Traffic Control. In the last issue of the ALMANAC I discussed the possibility of reducing traffic accidents through the use of "selective enforcement", wherein officers pay particular attention to locations defined as being high traffic accident risk areas. The officers, in doing so, have issued citations for violations known to contribute to accidents in the target areas. The results have been extremely successful. In the first six months of 1978 there has been a 28% reduction in the total number of traffic accidents in Bloomingdale, compared with the same period in 1977. This reduction has occurred in spite of a 13% population increase in our Village during this past year.

I believe it is quite evident that the Bloomingdale Police Dept. has demonstrated effectiveness in dealing with its primary responsibilities, Crime Control and Traffic Control.

BWC DONATES OVER \$8,500.00

During the past year, the Bloomingdale Women's Club raised and donated over \$8,500.00 to various organizations. Some of the Club's major donations were:

The Bloomingdale Park District	\$2,200.00
Lambs Farm	4,544.95
Bloomingdale Community Fund	408.33
Marquardt 5	269.90
Central School	269.90
Blackhawk School	269.90
WTTW-Channel 11	125.00
Bloomingdale Baseball Assn.	100.00

At the end of the 1977-78 year, the officers of the Club wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank each and every member for a job well done. Results like these could not have been accomplished without your constant support and hard work.

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WESTLAKE CLUBHOUSE PARKING LOT PROBLEMS ALLEVIATED

In past years the Westlake Townhome Owners Association has been plagued by vandalism at the Clubhouse parking lot. Recently lights were installed as a means of eliminating the problem.

The key problem with police enforcement has been the reporting of vandalism but the inability of the Police to enforce vagrancy laws unless a member of the Association signed a complaint as the area is considered private property.

A recent agreement between the Association and the Village now stipulates that if any vandalism, loitering or other illegal activities are detected the manager will notify a member of the Association who will then notify the police and be prepared to sign a complaint upon the officer's arrival if formal charges are required.

Chief McMahon advises that since the agreement has been reached there has been a significant reduction in the scope of the problem.

POLICE SPONSOR TWO FOR CAMP SHERWOOD

The Bloomingdale Police Department is sponsoring two youths to attend Camp Sherwood, located 20 miles east of Galesburg, Illinois. The camp is owned and operated as a public service by the Illinois Police Association and endorsed by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Situated on over 400 acres, the camp is considered one of the best in the country. Counselors provide guidance in a variety of activities such as cooking, knot-tying, fishing, boating, woodcraft, archery plus a variety of outdoor games. A professional chef provides a well balanced diet prepared in modern facilities for the hungry campers.

Through Camp Sherwood the police officers of Illinois demonstrate their desire to be of the greatest service to children and parents of the State of Illinois.

INDIAN LAKES SANITARY SEWERS?

On July 13 all property owners within Indian Lakes were mailed a letter from Mayor Morrisroe regarding their feelings about the installation of sanitary sewers in the area.

The Mayor stressed that the sewers will ultimately have to replace existing septic systems and the rising cost of construction convinced her that the residents of Indian Lakes should again be surveyed as to their desires about the installation in the near future.

According to the Mayor, the cost should not exceed \$5,000 per residence. If a favorable response to the survey is received, the Mayor will recommend to the Board of Trustees that an Engineer be authorized to prepare definitive plans and cost estimates.

All property owners are asked to complete the survey and return it in the prepaid self-addressed envelope not later than July 21.

WELCOME WAGON

Would you like to make new friends and have fun doing it? Well, you are in luck. This is your chance to get involved in Bloomingdale activities. Janis Caris at 893-8776 of Welcome Wagon organized a brand new club for Bloomingdale this spring. The officers elected are:

- PRESIDENT:** GAY SANDELIN 893-9176
2nd
VICE-PRESIDENT:
(membership)
DINA MONTALVO 893-0572
SECRETARY: LYNN HUDZIAK 893-8615
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SOCIAL SERVICE UNIT AIDS POLICE

The Police Departments of Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights, and Roselle have joined the growing number of police departments in DuPage County who have implemented diversionary social service units. Diversionary social service units consist of trained social workers who work with local police departments to provide social services to residents of their communities.

Existing social service units, as well as numerous studies in law enforcement and mental health, have shown that a large percentage of a police officer's time is spent with people who are experiencing life difficulties which are more social service than law enforcement in nature. These can range from family or marital problems, to runaways, and suicide attempts. Existing social service units and studies in mental health have proven that social services offered directly through police departments have been extremely effective in helping those experiencing the difficulties as well as their communities.

Based on these reasons, the villages of Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights and Roselle decided that their communities would benefit from a diversionary social service unit. They applied for and received grant monies from the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (ILEC) to operate the program.

The diversionary social service unit provides free social services to residents of Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights and

Roselle. These services consist of short-term counseling to any resident who is experiencing life difficulties which have or may result in police contact. For example, people may receive counseling for family or marital problems, parent-adolescent conflicts, runaways, drug or alcohol problems. Another service of the unit is police officer - social worker teams who will provide crisis intervention services in emergency situations. The unit will also provide referral service information to any resident in need of social services or information about social agencies in the Dupage County area.

Gay Stephens, the project director of the diversionary social service unit, received her BA in social science and MS in counseling psychology from George Williams College. Prior to her new position, Gay was the clinical director of the Department of Health and Human Resources of the Village of Downers Grove. Assisting Gay with the unit will be two social workers as psychology graduate student interns.

The central operation of the unit will be housed at the Village of Bloomingdale with auxiliary offices in the Glendale Heights and Roselle Police Departments.

Anyone who wishes further information about the unit and its services is encouraged to call Gay Stephens at 893-7000, Ext. 50 during village hours.

BLOOMINGDALE HELPING HAND PROGRAM

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is reactivating the program known as the "Helping Hand" to provide protection for children in the Bloomingdale area. The Helping Hand is a group of volunteers organized to help the Police safeguard our children. They are the Police Department's extra eyes and ears at the time of the day when children are going to or from school, which is the same time molesters are most likely to operate.

The Helping Hand program depends upon volunteers who are usually home when children are walking to and from school or from the bus pick-up areas. Each volunteer would have a list of names and numbers to call in emergencies, such as the police department, school principal, rescue squad, etc.

Participation in the Program means that a volunteer will display a large poster of a hand in an obvious place at the front of the home. There are times when children on the streets of Bloomingdale may be lost, injured, frightened or ill. They would be instructed to turn to a Helping Hand home for adult assistance.

Applicants will be screened to protect against the possibility of an undesirable volunteer being selected. Your help will give the children a secure spot for protection. The only responsibility the applicant will have is to help a child by calling the parents or the local Police Department. As a friend of children we feel sure that most homeowners in Bloomingdale will wish to volunteer.

The procedure will include a simple application form with the necessary information to verify that you are truly qualified as a Helping Hand. The sign in the window means that someone in the building will either call the parents of the child or the Police Department. Except in extreme emergencies the participant is not required nor advised to render any aid other than a place to rest until help arrives. When no one is at home the sign should be taken out of the window.

If you are interested in helping with this program, please complete the information sheet on the next page and return it to:

Bloomingdale Police Department
201 South Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108



American Heritage Savings

Your Family Financial Center

JOHN C. BEST
President
DAN NIELSEN
Sr. Vice President
ANDREW J. PUPLES
Secretary



ADDISON
625 Army Trail Blvd.
543-5800
ADDISON II
68 W. Lake St.
Green Meadow
Shopping Center
628-1212
BLOOMINGDALE
261 E. Lake St.
894-5400
SCHAUMBURG
15 W. Weathersfield Way
893-4340
WOOD DALE
370 Georgetown Square
Georgetown Shopping
Center
595-4540

BLOOMINGDALE HELPING HAND PROGRAM

CONFIDENTIAL APPLICATION

Date _____

Husband's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
(Please Print) Last First Middle

Wife's Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Last First Middle

Social Security Number _____
Husband Wife

Address _____ Phone _____

Previous Address _____
Street City State Dates

Street City State Dates

(Addresses for the past five years must be shown — Use separate sheet if more space is needed.)

Children living at home

_____	_____	_____
Name	Age	Sex
_____	_____	_____
Name	Age	Sex
_____	_____	_____
Name	Age	Sex
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Name	Age	Sex
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Name	Age	Sex

Occupant(s) other than immediate family living in the same house:

Name

Name

Name

Relationship

Relationship

Relationship

Do you have any prior criminal record? _____

By filling out and returning this application, I hereby give the Bloomington Police Department authorization to submit my name for a record check. All information obtained will remain confidential.

Husband's Signature

Wife's Signature

“WHAT DO YOU THINK?”

Opinion Responses

TAX ARTICLE BRINGS RESPONSE

I read with some disappointment, the comments of our village administrator, Mr. Bob Reeves, regarding our current tax situation. We are all well-acquainted with the reasons why our taxes are getting out of hand. I am more interested in learning what Positive Action our city officials are taking or planning, to reduce the tax burden on the individual homeowner, such as encouraging new business to locate in Bloomingdale, improving efficiency, etc.

If City Hall thinks that the spiralling costs can be accommodated by merely increasing our tax rate/assessed valuation, then it is time the homeowners of Bloomingdale take heed from California and start thinking about our very own "Proposition 13."

A.R. Nies
260 Bobwhite Ln.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the Village using the opinion feature of the Almanac.

In answering your questions, I must first explain the background of the Article on property taxes in the Almanac. The article was produced in response to questions directed towards the taxes received by the Village; how the taxes were derived, and for what purposes used. The article was not intended as a discourse on the failings of the property tax system. Even a cursory study of the property tax system would show that there are very severe limitations to the system and the inequities built into the system by the State, for whatever reasons, are hurting taxpayers in areas outside Chicago and Cook County.

I have participated, on behalf of the Village of Bloomingdale, in numerous presentations before study groups of the State Legislature concerning the problems in the property tax system. Testimony given since 1973 in this regard has obviously fallen on deaf ears because there has been no action by the State to solve the inequities.

As was the case in California, it seems the only way the problem can be solved is by citizens actions to the State.

I happen to believe that taxes on property are not paid at the same rate in every jurisdiction in the State. The State use of multipliers to determine "fair" assessed valuations produces an extremely inequitable situation. A single family home in Cook County, for example, pays about half as much in property taxes as a comparable home in DuPage County.

In regard to your other point concerning the business development in Bloomingdale; there have been continuing efforts to entice new entities to locate here. A major problem in gaining new business in Bloomingdale is the location of the shopping area at Army Trail and Bloomingdale Road; which is in Glendale Heights. This development was originally intended to be in this Village but the property was annexed into Glendale Heights in late 1972 when the owners and Bloomingdale could not reach an agreement. This development uses our population as a base attraction for business sales; and makes it difficult for another area in Bloomingdale to develop at a comparable scale.

The Lake Street Sewer and Water project would be completed by 1978 which will allow business development along Lake Street. There are areas along Army Trail Road which we hope to annex which are suitable for light industrial development. These areas are our best hopes for the location of business and industry.

In conclusion, "City Hall" in Bloomingdale does not think that spiralling costs can be accommodated by increasing the tax rate/ assessed valuation. The Village does not have any control over the assessed valuation, the State of Illinois is the only agency which can exercise this control.

The voters of California have forced their State government to act. Perhaps if enough citizens in Illinois will write their State Legislator, we can also benefit. R.F. Reeves Village Administrator

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TRASH HASH

With a little personal sense of responsibility and pride each of us can make our town a better place in which to live. Specifically, we should, for example, obey the law which states garbage should be set out no earlier than 24 hours prior to pick up. In Indian Lakes we have winds blowing loose garbage which has been put out on Saturday or Sunday for Wednesday pick up, and we have new construction garbage blowing from new home sites.

Name Withheld Upon Request

We should all use good sense and not put our garbage out sooner than the night before pickup. In addition to being good sense, Village ordinance requires observance of same.

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RECYCLING CENTER

Would it be possible to begin a recycling center for metals, glass, plastic, etc. in our Village, staffed by various charities: splitting profits between the Village and each organization that mans it? With a town this size, having so many clubs, we could do more than just participate at the Septemberfest.

Name Withheld Upon Request

Thank you for taking the time to write. Your idea, along with a similar one submitted by Barbara Bollinger in our March issue, are under advisement by the Youth Commission, which is very interested in following through on it. (ed.)

“What’s Going On?”

I am very big on spending our money in the town because of the sales tax that comes back. I lived where we were surrounded by larger shopping areas NOT in our town and always felt gypped, but because we were serviced by two fine local newspapers, I was well aware of sales at our neighborhood stores. Now we live in Bloomingdale and because I am aware of ads through the Trib, I end up shopping in Glendale Heights. We have many fine stores - maybe smaller, but these people have to stay in business too and when they run a feature item, I would like to take advantage of it. They would benefit - we both benefit and the town gets back some of tax money.

This local newspaper stand really has had me boiling for a year! Also, we only SOME of the times know about an election or special referendum. That notification has been hit and miss too.

I'll respond to "WHAT DO YOU THINK" - but how can you when you do not know what is going on. My response would not just be negative, I'm not that kind - but would tell you what I felt.

Your Almanac has an article about BWC. Were I interested in joining - I do not know when they meet. A local paper would provide that through their Publicity Chairman. This is only a minor comment - but how can you be informed as a new resident? Newspapers are not exactly something officers have to be involved in - but think of your business men - think of the sales tax going elsewhere.

It probably isn't important. Sorry I rambled on so long - Incidentally, even Welcome Wagon never showed up!!!!

Jeanne Mally
236 Tamarack Drive

(One of the reasons we have increased our advertising in the ALMANAC is to make known to newcomers those services which are available within the Village.

Additionally I have referred a copy of your comments to the Editor of the Bloomingdale Star, The Village Voice, and our advertising Manager for the ALMANAC, Mr. Steve Novy.

*Should you have any further questions or desire further information, please don't hesitate to call the Village Hall at the number shown above. While Village staff cannot recommend any one merchant or service, we can make available to you those services available within the Village.
Paul T. Greening, Director of Public Information)*

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GOING TO THE DOGS!

I think it's terrible that people in Bloomingdale have so little consideration for their neighbor's property that so many let their dogs run loose, and do what they want in anybody's yard. I have enough from my own dog to clean up, I don't need anybody else's. Also, the fact that they walk their dogs on school property and don't clean up after them. Maybe their kids should come home with "dirty" shoes once in awhile — then they might do something about it.

We, too, are appalled at some people's lack of consideration for others. Let us hope the guilty parties will recognize themselves in your letter, and begin to mend their ways.

OPINION FEATURE

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: _____

Name _____ Address _____

Print my name: Yes ___ No ___



**Village Of
Bloomingdale**

201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108

**BULK RATE
US POSTAGE
PAID
Bloomingdale, Ill.
60108
Permit No. 16**

**VILLAGE
NEWSLETTER**

POSTAL PATRON, LOCAL
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

2nd and 4th Monday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st and 3rd Monday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Meets upon request of Village Board

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

3rd Tuesday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Bi-monthly beginning in January
3rd Monday, 8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

2nd Friday of every Month, 8:00 A.M.
Office of the Chairman of the Commission

YOUTH COMMISSION

2nd and 4th Thursday of every Month
7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

2nd and 4th Thursday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

OLD TOWN COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of every Month
8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

*The Village of Bloomingdale encourages citizens to patronize local businesses
whenever possible.*

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Knechtel, Valentino, Demeur & Dallas
130 N. Bloomingdale Rd., Suite 104
893-9132
Chgo. Off: 20 N. Wacker Dr., 726-5342

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES

Bloomingdale Carriage Shop
153 W. Lake Street
529-6115
Complete Auto Body & Mech. Repair

DENTIST

Robert Meyers, D.D.S.
201 E. Army Trail Rd.
893-4650
Office hours by appointment.

DENTIST

James Paradowski, D.D.S.
255 E. Lake Street
529-7130
Office hours by appointment.

FURNITURE SERVICE

Treehouse Furniture Service, Inc.
126 W. Lake Street
894-5220
Refinishing • Repair • Touch-up.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Econ-O-Mart
110 Ridge Road
529-5490
You're invited to browse and save

HARDWARE

Warnimont's True Value Hardware
23 W 745 Lake Street
529-3030
Comm. Edison Bulb Service.

HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING

P-J Heating & Air Conditioning
226 Circle Ave.
529-8500
"When You're Comfortable, We're
Comfortable."

INSURANCE

Farmers' Insurance Group
Larry Zidek Agency
130 N. Bloomingdale Road
893-1900

VETERINARIANS

Bloomingdale Animal Hospital
Joel Borman DVM; Keith Olson DVM
290 Glen Ellyn Road
893-4330

Bloomingdale Businesses who wish to
sponsor the Village Almanac should contact
Steve Novy at the Village Hall. Phone
893-7000.