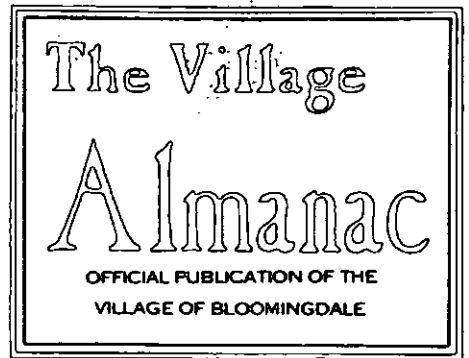


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URBAN DEVELOPMENT— “A DREAM COME TRUE”

SHOPPING CENTER OPENING MARCH, 1981

by Paul Greening

When Urban Investment recently announced the finalization of plans for the 1.4 million square foot enclosed shopping center at Schick and Gary Roads, it was the realization of a dream for many within the Village.

When the center opens in March of 1981 it will have four major stores, Marshall Field, Carson's, Montgomery Ward, and Wieboldt's. Additionally it is presently anticipated that approximately 100 additional stores in the center's planned 700 stores will also open in time for Easter shopping.

Since first entering into an annexation agreement with Urban in 1973, the Village had been awaiting further progress. A cornerstone of that annexation agreement was the proposal for a major shopping center plus adjacent commercial and residential development. Village authorities saw the shopping center meeting a marked deficiency for residents who had to travel 10 miles to Woodfield for the same shopping. Additionally the Village also recognized the loss of tax dollars sorely needed to offset rising costs of Village operation. Based on 1978 dollars, sales tax revenue to the Village from the center alone will approximate \$1,000,000.

In announcing the launching of the development, Urban Board Chairman Thomas J. Klutznic stated that approximately one-quarter of the development will be dedicated by Urban for two parks and open spaces, municipal purposes and roads. The shopping center will pass 90 acres with 170 acres for commercial development and approximately 100 acres for residential purposes. (Since making the original announcement Urban has subsequently agreed to decrease residential density and increase the amount of space available for offices. Ed.)

The new shopping center will be the seventh such development by Urban and its predecessor companies in the Chicago area in the past 22 years. The others are Old Orchard Shopping Center in Skokie (1956), Oakbrook Center (1962), River Oaks Shopping Center in Calumet City (1966), Hawthorn Center in Vernon Hills (1973), Fox Valley Center in Aurora (1975) and Grand Square in Orland Park (1976). Urban is also co-venturer in Water Tower Place, the block-square 74-story multi-use complex located on North Michigan Avenue. This year total sales at Urban developed shopping centers will exceed one billion dollars.

Village Mayor Viola Morrisroe welcomed the announced development. "We feel it extends a beneficial two-fold effect for Bloomingdale. Not only will it bring shopping convenience to the Village, but it also will potentially relieve some of the tax burden of property owners by substantially increasing of sales tax revenues and broadening our property tax base."

(For a progress report on other business locations, see page 3. Ed.)

MAJOR TENANTS' COMMENTS

In announcing the establishments of the new shopping center, the four major tenants commented on their reasons for going with the Bloomingdale location.

"This newest shopping center store will continue our planned expansion in the metropolitan Chicago market," commented Angelo R. Arena, president of Marshall Field & Company. "Our Bloomingdale store will be the seventeenth in our Chicago Stores Division, and we are pleased to be a part of this project, serving a fine, expanding area."

Said Harold R. Spurway, president of Carson Pirie Scott & Company: "Our substantial corporate commitment to the expansion of Indian Lakes Country Club, coupled with a major Carson department store in the planned Urban center, is evidence of Carson's confidence in the economic future of the Village of Bloomingdale and the western suburbs."

Stated William J. Harbeck, Montgomery Ward vice president-corporate facilities: "Montgomery Ward is extremely pleased to be part of the Bloomingdale project. We expect this center to be one of the outstanding shopping malls in the Greater Chicago area and one the people of Bloomingdale and the mall tenants will be proud of."

Arthur K. Muenze, president of Wieboldt Stores, Inc., stated: "Wieboldt's has been anxious to develop a new store in the western suburbs and is delighted to join the consortium that is now proceeding with this development in the Village of Bloomingdale."

VILLAGE HALL HAPPENINGS

by Paul Greening

VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE DECEMBER 1st

Village vehicle stickers required for all vehicles registered to a Bloomingdale address will go on sale December 1st. By ordinance vehicles are defined as auto, truck, recreational vehicle or motorcycle.

The 1979 sticker must be displayed on the vehicle windshield not later than midnight February 15th, 1979. The fee for autos is \$7.50 if purchased before the deadline. Fees for other vehicles such as trucks vary according to size and weight.

Senior citizens, 65 years of age and older, receive one sticker per family free of charge. Additionally, an antique vehicle displaying current and valid state registration shall be provided with a Village sticker free of charge.

During the month of November the Village will mail applications to all vehicle holders currently registered within the Village as well as a postage paid return envelope. When returning the application please complete the form and make the check or money order payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. Your sticker will be mailed to you within 7 days after receipt of the application.

COMMISSION CHANGES

James King resigned as a member of the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. King cited increased business and personal responsibilities necessitated the action. James Gebis was appointed to fill the unexpired portion of the term which ends on May 1, 1979.

Beverly Brinkop was appointed to the Old Town Commission to fill the unexpired portion of the term held by Pat Tompkins which ends on February 27, 1980. Mrs. Pat Puccio was reappointed for a second year as chairman of the Youth Commission. Mr. William Podgorski was reappointed as a member of the Youth Commission. Bill's term will expire on September 12, 1981.

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NEW TREES COMPLIMENT VILLAGE HALL

The Mayor and Board of Trustees wish to thank Blue Ribbon Realty, owned by Werner and Trudy Troesken, for their recent contribution of trees to the Village Hall. The welcome additions, each with 11' trunk diameter, are a clump birch, two sugar maples, a blue spruce and a flowering crab.

VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY

Periodically the Village receives requests for contributions from various civic and religious organizations located in the area. Many of these causes are extremely beneficial; however, the Village is charged by law to spend monies for "corporate purposes" as defined by the Illinois Municipal Code and Illinois Statute. The Village does maintain a roster of organizations who may be able to assist petitioners.

INFRA-RED FLYOVER PROGRAM

The Illinois Institute of Natural Resources, a state agency, is sponsoring an infra-red flyover to detect heat loss by photographic means. An infra-red scan can detect excess heat loss through rooftops due to damaged or inadequate insulation, poor building materials, or leaking or poorly insulated steam lines. The Bloomingdale Township has agreed to absorb the other half of the cost of the flyover for all communities within its boundaries. As soon as atmospheric conditions are proper—sometime in mid-Winter—the program will be conducted. Results will be available at the Township offices for individual review.

RTA SURVEY RESPONSE GRATIFYING

The RTA Survey included in the last issue of the ALMANAC drew responses from 140 interested commuters. Of that number over 90 requested buses to the Milwaukee Road Terminal in Roselle. Officials from the RTA will meet with Village administration to determine the best route for the new service. According to Trustee Sam Tenuto new feeder bus lines will hopefully be inaugurated before year-end.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Village has a continuous need for applicants to the various commissions and committees. Because of the dynamic nature of the Village, often times commission members must step down due to increased job responsibilities, transfers, etc. If you are interested in serving on any of the commissions or committees active in the Village, contact the Mayor at the Village Hall, 893-7000. In the next issue of the ALMANAC we will again run the Personal Data form which was initially printed in January, 1978.

DISAPPEARING TRAFFIC SIGNS

At the October, 16th Committee of the Whole Meeting Trustee Johnson indicated that the "No Parking" signs on the north side of Edgewater in Front of Killshot Racquet Club had conveniently disappeared. D.P.W. Director Bob Mundo said that this would be the fourth set of signs erected at that location. Upon Trustee Johnson's request, Chief McMahon stated that his officers will ticket illegally parked vehicles—whether the signs are up or down.

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FIVE NEW OFFICERS TAKE OATH

On November 2, 1978 Mayor Viola Morrisroe issued the oath of office to five new members of the Bloomingdale Police Department. They are John H. Crabb, Paul R. Deibel, Richard R. Blair, Leonard J. Jaster and Terry D. Marker. The new officers began their formal training on November 6th at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield. This training consists of six weeks of classes covering topics from sociology and psychology through defensive tactics and firearms training.

The officers will graduate on December 19, 1978 and join the ranks of the current 13 sworn members of the Bloomingdale Police Department for an additional six weeks of on-the-job training under the immediate supervision of their field training officers.

Stated Police Chief McMahon, "I wish to compliment the members of the Fire and Police Commission for their professionalism during the selection process based on 38 applicants." The Board of Trustees commended the Commission for an arduous procedure which took many nights and weekends to develop the profiles necessary for selection. (See "Chief's Corner" for his discussion of the selection process.)

NEW BUSINESS BOX SCORE

Although the Urban announcement is significant, the ALMANAC wants you to be aware of several other shopping centers currently being developed.

OLD TOWN SQUARE: 38,000 square feet located at Schick & Bloomingdale; leasing agent: Arthur Rubloff, 693-3000. Opening Spring, 1979.

CIRCLE CENTER: 25,000 square feet located on north side of Lake west of Circle; leasing agent: Gladstone Realtors, 455-6680; opening December, 1978. (A second phase is currently being planned but has not yet been announced.)

BLOOMINGDALE CENTER: 200,000 square feet on south side of Lake between Fairfield and Ridge; leasing agent: Tri-Land Properties Inc., 960-4700; opening Spring, 1980.

INDIAN LAKES RESORT: although not a shopping center, the new 300 room hotel and accompanying restaurant and health club will be open in Spring of 1980. These changes will have a definite impact on the Village economy and business operations.

ST. ISIDORE'S ANNEXED

Recently the Village Board approved the annexation application of St. Isidore's Roman Catholic Church to become a part of the Village of Bloomingdale. The church is located at 25 W 260 Army Trail Road near Gary Road.

The parish was established on March 5, 1920 under the patronage of St. Isidore the Farmer, a suitable name for the agricultural region of the time. Father John Wester celebrated the first mass in the new church on Easter Sunday, 1921.

Father Wester retired in 1925 and was succeeded by Father John Ott. In 1926, Father Ott moved into the newly built rectory. Prior to this time the priest had to live in cramped quarters above the church sacristy.

The parish remained comparatively without change until the 1950's when the population exodus reached DuPage County. Farmland quickly was replaced by bedroom communities. In 1955, Fr. John Klaes succeeded Fr. Ott who had served the parish for 30 years. Subsequently the growth created the need for parishes to serve the faithful. The parishes of St. Luke in Carol Stream, St. Matthew in Glendale Heights and Resurrection in Wayne were established. Each could trace its beginnings to St. Isidore's.

In August of 1977 Fr. Klaes retired and was succeeded by Fr. Anthony DePhillippis. Unfortunately Fr. "Tony" had to resign because of poor health the following June. Fr. Arthur Maher, assumed respon-

sibility for St. Isidore's on June 7, 1978.

The present parish boundaries are bounded approximately by Lake Street, Glen Ellyn Road, Army Trail Road and Bartlett Road. The church has approximately 700 registered families with 155 students in the parochial elementary school and over 400 children attending supplementary religious education programs.

In discussing the future of the parish Father Maher stated, "We are at the crossroads of a new era in our parish. We welcome the opportunity to become the Catholic church in Bloomingdale. At the same time we recognize the forthcoming demands of all the new families joining us in this dynamic community. Our first priority is the obvious requirement for additional parish facilities. To better determine parish needs we have just completed a door-to-door survey within the parish boundaries. We thank all of the people who were so cooperative with our canvassers. With this information our Parish Planning Committee can better evaluate possible alternatives."

Fr. Gerald Riva, a faculty member at St. Francis High School in Wheaton currently assists Fr. Maher with the weekend masses.

St. Isidore's becomes the fifth church located in Bloomingdale, joining the Bloomingdale Baptist Church, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Bloomingdale Alliance Church and Christ the Redeemer Lutheran Church.



THE FRIENDLY CORNER ANSWERS COMMUNITY NEED

by Nellie Avila

"The Friendly Corner" is busily preparing to open its doors on what promises to be a unique learning center for children. Responding to a community survey, the Bloomingdale Baptist Church, located on Bloomingdale Road and Edgewater Drive, has initiated steps to develop a non-profit day care preschool facility in their church building.

The center promises to provide a home-like atmosphere where trained staff members will give children ages 2½ to 6, a creative preschool program designed to meet their individual needs.

According to Pat Sodomka, newly appointed Administrator, "The Friendly Corner will be much more than a baby-sitting service. Stimulating, creative and playing programs will encourage and challenge the mental, emotional, physical and social growth of the child.

"We won't be content until we far exceed every state standard. We want this center to be an asset to the community through its quality services."

Day care plus morning nursery school with two to five day schedules will be available, and for working mothers, The Friendly Corner will open its doors at 6:30 A.M. and close at 6:30 P.M.

For more information concerning the Friendly Corner call 980-6162.



"BLOODY GOOD SHOW, BLOOMINGDALE"

by Karen Umlauf

Bloomingdale residents donated 271 pints of blood on Saturday, November 4, to put the community more than half way toward its required annual total of 452 pints. Blood Assurance program coordinators expressed delight at the record turnout which surpassed their goal of 200 pints.

It is anticipated that the balance of 181 pints needed to fill the Village's quota will be donated either in January or March. Residents willing to donate may do so next on Thursday, January 4, 1979, from 4 to 8 P.M. at the Village Hall. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Sandi Scesniak, President, at 894-4653; or Natalie Merkel, Donor Recruitment Chairman, at 893-3139.

Over 60 residents volunteered their services for telephone canvassing, registering, serving and walking donors. Additional workers are needed for both dates next year.

The Bloomingdale Blood Association extends special thanks to the Westlake Townhome Association for reproducing and distributing the application to their membership, to McDonald's of Glendale Heights for providing lunch for the volunteers and gift certificates to donors; additionally, to Bloomingdale State Bank, Bloomingdale Lions Club, and Austin Federal Savings for donations to defray the cost of donor refreshments.



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TRUDY TROESKEN—A WOMAN WHO CARES

by Pat Sodomka

Women in real estate are nothing rare these days, but Trudy Troesken, President of Blue Ribbon Realty, possesses those rare attributes which have brought marked success in a very competitive and demanding field. Blue Ribbon currently has a staff of 27 operating from offices in both Bloomingdale and Roselle.

Sitting back in her chair, and gazing wistfully out the window of her office, Trudy recalled how Bloomingdale has grown over the years, what changes she has seen, and just what her role in much of this growth has been.

Real estate was a natural business for her as her husband Werner had been in the land development field. She set out to become a part of what she found to be a stimulating and interesting occupation.

"Real estate is probably the biggest investment one makes in a lifetime. You need to be sensitive to people's needs, whether you're selling a \$50,000 home or a \$1,000,000 piece of commercial property. You need to like people in this business, to be understanding.

"There is no better feeling of accomplishment than to feel you have reached a goal in a totally professional manner."

When asked why she and her husband decided to build their office building and headquarters in Bloomingdale, she replied, "Bloomingdale is where our children are growing up. I care about the area and have tried to be instrumental in the growth of the Village. Being a member of Bloomingdale's Economic Development Commission allows me to be involved with those people who are making choices about the development of our community."

BLOOMINGDALE BASEBALL ASSN. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At its September meeting the Baseball Assn. elected the following officers: Don Gehrich, President; John Laudont, 1st VP; Bernie Ryan, 2nd VP; Carol Kowalski, 3rd VP; Mary Bucalo, Secretary; Frank Kreml, Treas.; and Jake Muhvic, Player Agent.

The league needs coaches, managers and parents who have a sincere desire to help the youth of Bloomingdale. As the Association is not supported by Park District tax dollars, they are in need of sponsorship funds from Bloomingdale area businesses and civic organizations and parents to work on fund raising events.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like to volunteer your time, call Don Gehrich, 894-1644; John Laudont, 893-3757; or Jake Muhvic, 894-3555.



Trudy Troesken with daughter Becky.

Trudy focuses her work on commercial development now, leaving the home sales for her 26 other associates. Her future plans include the building of two more offices and furthering her work in the growth of Bloomingdale.

As I left the office I knew this dynamic, friendly woman would have no trouble reaching her goals.

HOMEMAKERS CRAFT DAYS

The Homemakers Extension chapter in Bloomingdale is getting ready for Christmas now with Craft Days.

Members of this Unit have been teaching their special talents to all who are interested on October 10th and 25th. Further meetings are being held on November 14th and 29th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the basement of St. Paul's Church of Christ. Projects include needlepoint, gingerbread house ornament, and a knitted snowman. You may also bring your own project to work on and complete!

The Bloomingdale Unit the North DuPage Eves, meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM in the basement of St. Paul's Church of Christ in Bloomingdale. Each month besides the business meeting, a special interest feature and lesson are presented. In November a home economist from the County Extension office gave the lesson on "Apparel Shopping Processes." Other lesson topics this year include "Fitness for Women", "Dental Health", and "Adjust or Self Destruct".

For further information call 529-5044.

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BLOOMINGDALE'S 1978 QUEEN— "MORE THAN A SYMBOL"

by Pat Sodomka

Carrie Luizzi, crowned at Bloomingdale's Septemberfest activities, received her title after writing a statement concerning why she wanted to become Queen of her village.

... "the young woman who will represent our town should be able to grow with it. She should realize the needs for her voice in society . . . By utilizing her position she could help bridge any existing generation gaps between the town's youth and adults . . ."

Carrie has set out to do just that. She is definitely not content to appear at various civic group activities and have her picture appear in papers just because she is the queen.

"Being Bloomingdale's Queen is still rather new to me, but I want to be more than a symbol. My interests lie in the areas of working at the Marklund Home and the Elain Boyd Creche and being a foster grandchild to residents of the area nursing home. There are so many needs there . . . I have already written letters to some of the department stores in the area to see if they couldn't help out with some of the needs of the handicapped children."

When asked what her peers thought about winning the title, she replied, "I get some kidding, but I can handle it. There are many kids in the area that don't even know a Bloomingdale Queen exists. I'd really like to see the queen used more as a link even between the two high schools in the area. I just recently became interested in the Bloomingdale Youth Commission and hope to become more involved in that area."

Many queens go on to compete in other contests after capturing a title in their own town, but Carrie carefully has thought about her future and answered, "Before I go out of my community and compete for other titles, I really want to do things here in Bloomingdale. I plan to enroll at Elmhurst College next fall in the nursing program, but until that time I'll continue to work for the needs of the community."

The Bloomingdale Historical Society would like to remind Village residents that the museum in the old Park District Building is open the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Our Society's meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions please call Sue Hornat, 529-1703.



Carolyn Papai, Thomas Eden, and JoAnn Minds of the Papai Players present a whimsical rendition of "Little Red Riding Hood," on January 27.

With the opening of a new season in January, the Oblio Children's Theatre commences its sixth year of artistic offerings for Bloomingdales' children.

Oblio promises to spark a child's growing imagination and to increase his awareness of the arts by presenting a unique series of fun-filled "happenings."

The multi-faceted arts of dance, comedy, drama and mime are each provided for by Oblio of the "Land of Point." All performances are delivered by professional performers who endeavor to involve the children in their fun and fantasies.

This year's program, suggested for ages 4-12, opens on Saturday, January 13, at 1:30 PM at the DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid, in Bloomingdale.

January 13	Songs You Can See
January 20	Dances of West Africa
January 27	Little Red Riding Hood
February 3	The Jazzman
February 10	Young People's Company
February 17	King Cole Pipers

Ticket books for the series of six programs cost \$5.00 and are available now at the Park District office on Circle Drive. Seating is limited to 300. The deadline for ticket purchases is December 15.

Contact the Bloomingdale Park District at 529-3650 for further information.

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SEPTEMBER ART FAIR WINNERS

Bloomington Queen, Carrie Luizzi, and her court, Cindy Homola and Dawn Okamoto, presented Richard Collopy's associate the award for Best of Show for his work in acrylic at the Art Fair held Sept. 17. Other winners in the following categories were John Tupa for water color, Karen Mauer for metal, Stephanie Kuhn for fiber, Jocelyn Swain for oil and acrylic and Dale Plant for wood. This year's proceeds of over \$1,600.00 will be donated to the Marklund Home in Bloomington.

SEASONAL FESTIVITIES

by Dawn Nemec

BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT

This year's Christmas program presentation will be Friday, December 8, at 7:00 PM at Westfield Junior High, Fairfield and Schick. Most recreation classes will be represented in the program, which will include several demonstrations and an arts and crafts display.

The annual Children's Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 16, from 9 a.m. till Noon. Santa will be at the Park District, 172 S. Circle, with gifts for all children. Children will also enjoy the Christmas cartoons.

BLOOMINGDALE WOMEN'S CLUB

On December 10, from 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.,

at the Blackhawk School, the Bloomington Women's Club will hold a Christmas Bazaar. A variety of craft items will provide the holiday shopper a chance to complete his Christmas list with some unique items.

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Bloomington Public Library will hold its second annual Christmas Idea Exchange for adults at 8:00 P.M., November 28, 1978. The program will include an exchange of craft, food and decorating ideas as well as an exchange of ethnic traditions. All adult members of the community are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Christmas program for children of the community, three years old and older, will be held at the library at 1:00 p.m. December 16, 1978. A full-length film appropriate for Christmas viewing will be shown.

The Christmas tree at the library will be on display after November 28. Children are invited to bring in handmade ornaments to help decorate the tree.

The library will be closed December 23 and December 25.

THE LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club will deliver food baskets to needy families in the area on Christmas Eve. The money for these baskets will be drawn from the Lions fund and will be used to purchase turkeys, fresh fruits and vegetables, and various canned goods. Canned goods are also donated to the

Lions Club for this purpose by the children of Winnebago and DuJardin schools.

(Several organizations in the Village have special programs planned for the holiday season. We have listed those of community interest which we knew of at press time. Ed)

LEARNING DISABILITIES PROGRAM

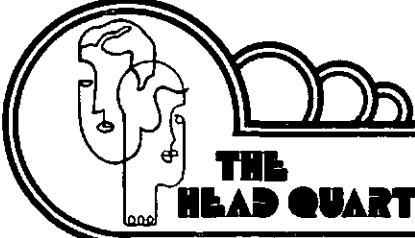
Dr. Richard Harris, Bloomington psychologist, has conducted his first series on Learning Disabilities. The program was divided into two weekly sessions, one entitled "How To Recognize the Emotional Consequences of Learning Disabilities."

As many people who inquired were unable to make the morning meetings, Dr. Harris stated that anyone interested in future offerings can call his office at 893-2170 and be placed on the mailing list. These programs are offered free to residents as a public service by Dr. Harris.

POST OFFICE CANCELLATION SUCCESSFUL


The Bloomington Post Office's pictorial cancellation commemorating the Septemberfest was a tremendous success according to Postmaster Jim Sutter. He said that over 300 people from 47 different states and 4 different countries requested the cancellation.

Postal officials are already considering a similar cancellation for next year based on the appeal of this year's action.



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ANNUAL ART AUCTION DECEMBER 3

CHIEF'S CORNER

by Police Chief Patrick J. McMahon

The Bloomingdale Jaycees and the Bloomingdale Women's Club are hosting an art auction on Sunday, December 3rd, at the Itasca Holiday Inn on Irving Park & I-53 in Itasca.

This is the first time the two groups have combined efforts in the auction which previously had been hosted by the Jaycees each year at this time.

Oil paintings, metal sculptures, unsigned prints, signed and numbered lithographs and serigraphs by such notable artists as Norman Rockwell, Leroy Neiman, Edna Hibbel, and Catherine Mitchell give an idea of the selection and variety in the 250 pieces of artwork that will be auctioned by Fred Grossman of the Gallery Art Center in Berkeley, Michigan, who will conduct the bidding.

The Champagne preview begins at 3:00 p.m. with the Art Auction beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door and in advance. The tickets are a donation of \$2.50 per person. For advance ticket purchases contact Lynne Denmark of the

Women's Club at 980-5078 or Rod Pederson of the Jaycees at 529-1404.

Proceeds from the auction will be given to a community project in Bloomingdale.



Lynne Denmark, holding an Edna Hibbel and Rod Pederson, holding an original oil painting by Scott, show just two of the many beautiful works of art which will be available at the Dec. 3rd auction.

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The process of police officer selection has developed into a sophisticated system quite different from that which took place many years ago when officers were hired only on the basis of an oral interview by members of the Board of Trustees and the Police Chief. While that method may well have suited a small rural community with only a part time police force, it does not meet the needs of today's Bloomingdale.

Selection of Bloomingdale police officers presently encompasses a series of testing procedures which explore the various aspects of a candidate's behavioral patterns in an effort to predict his performance as a police officer. Such a testing series attempts to eliminate those candidates who will not meet the high police standards demanded and deserved by the Bloomingdale residents.


The Illinois State Statutes require all municipalities with a population of over 5,000 and under 500,000 to create a Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. This Board, by law, is commissioned with the responsibilities of hiring, hearing disciplinary charges, and discharging members of that municipality's police force. Our Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is composed of Mr. Gerald Stropoli, Commission President; Mr. Allan Cook; and Mr. Thomas Howard.

The Commission conducts the testing process and has the responsibility of compiling a list of qualified candidates called the Eligibility Roster. Police officers are hired on the basis of their relative position on the roster.

The testing begins with a written examination intended to ascertain mental aptitudes necessary for an understanding of the complexities of the police function. The next step is a physical aptitude test which demonstrates whether or not the candidate has the coordination necessary to perform those physical feats required of patrol officers (such physical aptitude test is not intended to be a test of strength).

Each candidate is required to submit to a physical examination by a licensed physician designated by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, in order to assure that he is able to withstand the physical stress demanded of him while working as a police officer.

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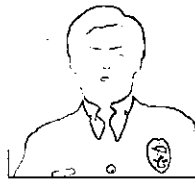
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Sergeant Gary J. Schira
Appointed: Sept. 13, 1972



Sergeant Michael A. Joseph
Appointed: Oct. 20, 1973



Officer Shilora E. Larson
Appointed: July 16, 1971



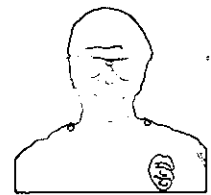
Officer Frank C. Cudio
Appointed: Oct. 20, 1973



Detective Charles J. Mader
Appointed: Jan. 15, 1973



Officer Leonard A. Conradi
Appointed: Dec. 2, 1976



Officer Richard L. Jacklin
Appointed: Dec. 2, 1976



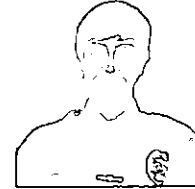
Officer Thomas J. Schrieber
Appointed: July 11, 1977



Officer Thomas D. Knowles
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Officer Gary J. Sterzel
Appointed: Jan. 13, 1978



Officer Jeffrey A. Fritz
Appointed: Feb. 16, 1978



Officer John H. Crabb
Appointed: Nov. 2, 1978



Officer Paul R. Deibel
Appointed: Nov. 2, 1978



Officer Richard R. Blair
Appointed: Nov. 2, 1978



Officer Leonard J. Jaster
Appointed: Nov. 2, 1978



Officer Terry D. Marker
Appointed: Nov. 2, 1978

NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR APPOINTED

by Renee Spencer

After completion of the above tests, each candidate is the subject of a battery of psychological tests and a polygraph (lie detector) examination administered by a licensed psychologist; the purpose of which is to identify factors which might preclude the candidate from properly performing his duties, i.e., a racial prejudice, a propensity for violence, an involvement with drugs, etc.

During the above testing procedures, the Bloomingdale Police Department conducts a background check of each applicant. Included in the background checks are interviews with former employers, references, and neighbors. Credit checks are conducted to determine the existence of financial problems, and checks are made with other police departments to determine the existence of criminal involvement.

Each candidate receives a 45 minute oral interview before the Fire and Police Commission. During that period, the Commission dwells upon any points of uncertainty and allows the candidate the opportunity to clarify misunderstandings. The Commission also asks a standard series of questions of each applicant in order to evaluate whether or not the subject is able to conduct himself with decorum and reason.

After all candidates are interviewed, the Fire and Police Commission evaluates each candidate's performance in all aspects of the process, and develops an individual profile for each applicant. The concept of developing an overall profile allows the Commissioners a better picture of each potential officer, enabling them to make an unbiased appraisal of each candidate. The Eligibility Roster is then compiled on the basis of these overall profiles.

The five officers recently sworn in by our Mayor were the top five candidates on the recently completed Eligibility Roster. I feel quite confident that they have demonstrated during the lengthy testing process that they are of the highest quality, and will be a credit to the Village of Bloomingdale.

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ANYONE WISHING TO PURCHASE LUMINARIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS, CONTACT THE BLOOMINGDALE WOMEN'S CLUB, P.O. BOX 271.

The Bloomingdale Library Board recently announced the appointment of Mrs. Joanne E. Spector as Library Director, replacing Suzanne Schlaf who resigned last spring.

"Jo", as she prefers to be called, was born in Hoopston, a town in central Illinois. She obtained her BA in Psychology from Barnard College and her MA in the same subject from Columbia University.

Although interested in a professional career she opted for a family, raising two boys and three girls. During this time she was active in several volunteer organizations such as School Health Committee Co-Chairman, 7 years; PTA Board Member, 4 years; Cub Scout Den Mother, 2 years; various offices in the Episcopal Church Women's Guild; The Stepping Stone Child Care Center, Volunteer, 3 years; and DuPage Council for Child Development, Board Secretary, 2 years.

When her youngest child reached high school, the new director again looked to the professional world. Having been an avid reader, she chose the field of Library Science. In 1974 she obtained her Master's Degree in that field from Rosary College.

After graduation she became Assistant Librarian at Riverside, Illinois. In 1975 the Riverside Library received the 1975 Illinois Library Association Allstar Library Award.

"WHAT A MESS"

(The Bloomingdale Park District requested that the following be printed in the next issue of the ALMANAC.)

Bloomingdale Park District Ordinance 74-1 which includes a section forbidding animals on park land will be strictly enforced. Animals, and particularly dogs, are being brought into parks, playgrounds and athletic areas by owners for the purpose of using the park land as an animal toilet facility which is causing extreme problems to the people using the land for which the area is designated.

This problem has become so severe that the Park District has instructed the Bloomingdale Police, who are also Park Police, to issue citations to the animal owners that violate this ordinance. The owners will then face a maximum fine of \$200.00. Parks are for people and they deserve a place to play free from dog mess!



Mrs. Pat Chanley, Children's Librarian explains the Contributor's Roll to newly appointed Library Director Joanne Spector.

When asked her feelings about her new position she said, "I am thrilled to join in the growth of such a vibrant community as Bloomingdale. Our facility here is certainly meeting a need. In the month of October we had a circulation of 3,779 with 3,987 library cards outstanding.

"A critical factor appears to be a lack of space. We currently have 13,428 books which is significantly below the 40,000 books we should have in accordance with the Illinois Library Association standard of 3.5 books per person. "I am optimistic, however, that as the Village grows, the Library will continue to grow with it."

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“WHAT

DO YOU

THINK?”

Opinion Responses

COMMENDATION & CONCERN

We would like to commend Bob Mundo, Director, Public Works, and his staff for a fine job done in clearing the areas that were submerged in water for over a week.

We realize it was a difficult and hard labored job that got the results we were all waiting for.

As homeowners affected by flood waters, it is very difficult not to complain or not let our voices be heard in the direction of Village Hall, on the other hand, when we see results we like to compliment those responsible.

Thank you for past efforts and we're all waiting anxiously toward future planning to keep this from being a constant problem.

*Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Olszewski
179 Bobwhite Court*

*(The Board has approved further studies
by George Wight Consulting Engineers*

regarding a drainage program he has proposed. One of the key factors is the quality of water which would flow from Lake Illini to Westlake and then to the East branch of the DuPage River. Mr. Wight has been asked to conduct a water quality study after a heavy rain (more than one-eighth of an inch) and report the results to the Board. At that time they will consider the program he has presented.) Editor

ARMY TRAIL LEFT TURN SIGNAL?

Can left turn signals be installed at Bloomingdale Rd-Army Trail Rd. intersection— especially for traffic on Army Trail. Oncoming traffic is very difficult to see, if not impossible, when making left turn off of east bound Army Trail at Bloomingdale if there is left turn traffic on Army Trail heading west bound— very dangerous!

Name withheld upon request

(Police Chief McMahon advised the ALMANAC that the above intersection is located in neighboring Glendale Heights; further, as Army Trail Road is a county thoroughfare, the county highway department has final jurisdiction. Chief Mc Mahon had previously discussed the installation of such a signal with Glendale Heights and certainly agrees with the writer that it is very dangerous.)

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OPINION FEATURE

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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., Bloomington, IL. 60108.

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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3rd Tuesday of every Month
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Office of the Chairman of the Commission

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7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

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8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

OLD TOWN COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of every Month
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