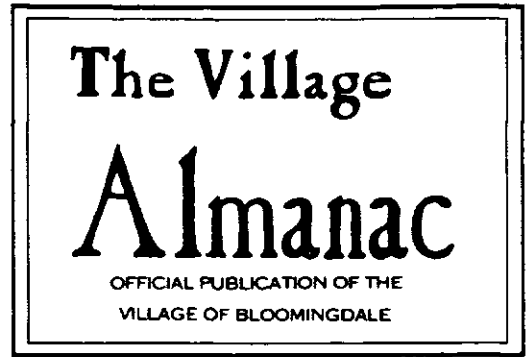




Viola M. Morrisroe, Mayor



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Mayor Reports Village Progress

A year ago, I had the opportunity to share my thoughts with you regarding the challenges facing us in 1978. It gives me great pleasure to review our major achievements during that year. I would also like to point out some of the challenges we face in 1979.

Eight years of effort to bring sewer and water east and west on Lake Street are now bearing fruit with the construction already begun in Old Town. The Village Board has (abated) decreased the tax levy for the Public Benefit portion of this project. The tax rate and taxes paid to the Village should be the same or less in 1979 than in 1978.

Through two HUD grants from the Community Development Commission totalling \$675,000, we are able to proceed with sewer and water in the Old Town areas both north and south of Lake Street. The completion of these projects is the key to the revitalization of the Old Town area and the attraction of businesses to the area in accordance with the Old Town master plan.

The Village Board has authorized a 1.6 million gallons per day expansion of the sewage treatment plant. The engineering design is currently underway and bids for major equipment items were accepted on January 3. This \$5,000,000 expansion project will be completed by February, 1980.

Those of us who have lived here for any period of time have anxiously awaited the development of readily accessible shopping and related areas which would keep our sales tax dollars within the Village. The first completed center in the Village, Circle Center is open and leasing 25,000 square feet at the corner of Lake and Circle. Old Town Square at Bloomingdale and Schick is currently under construction and will have 39,000 square feet ready for occupancy in May of this year.

Carsons International, owners of Indian Lakes Country Club, is currently constructing a 305-room, six-story hotel and will break ground soon for a separate dining facility along Schick west of the existing clubhouse. Completion is expected by March of 1980. Sambo's Restaurant on Lake recently opened and the Bloomingdale Restaurant (a Steak House) is currently under construction at Lake and Fairfield.

Bloomingdale Center, on Lake between First and Fairfield, will be offering a Kohl's Food Store and Walgreen's Drug Store as the first phase of a 260,000 square foot development. First phase opening is set for March of 1980. I am sure we will all welcome the opportunity to shop in our own Village's first grocery store and drug store.

Dwarfing all of the other developments is the announcement of Urban Investment to begin construction of the 1.4 million square foot enclosed shopping center at Schick and Gary Avenue this spring. In addition to Marshall Fields, Carson's, Ward's, Wieboldt's and another major store, the center will ultimately offer 150 smaller shops. Sales tax revenue from this project to the Village will exceed \$1,000,000 annually. The four major stores plus the first 100 shops are scheduled to open on March 9, 1981.

Much of the construction started or announced during 1978 has been commercial. Soon we will be able to purchase many of our needs within Bloomingdale. The advantage to each of us is not only convenience, but also a substantial increase in revenue because the Village receives a penny from each 5¢ paid in Illinois State Tax. With the increase in these revenues, Village services can be provided to a growing community without the substantial tax increases that would be inevitable if the growth were all residential. I strongly encourage you to purchase in Bloomingdale as often as possible.

Not all of our growth was commercial. In addition to much home building, we welcomed the establishment of the Bloomingdale Alliance Church on Glen Ellyn Road and the annexation to the Village of St. Isidore's Catholic Church on Army Trail near Gary Avenue. This brings the total number of churches in the Village to five.

Now let's look ahead. During this period of rapid growth one of our biggest challenges is to continue quality planning for the Village. Planning is said to be similar to trying to paint a moving train. In Bloomingdale the train is currently moving fast, but under control and on schedule. *(Mayors report continued on page 6)*

VILLAGE HALL HAPPENINGS

by Paul Greening

VILLAGE ELECTION APRIL 17

On April 17 the Village will have a biennial election to choose three members of the Village Board of Trustees to serve for four-year terms expiring April 30, 1983. Qualifying nominating petitions are being accepted by the Village Clerk on January 8.

To assist the community in evaluating candidates, the ALMANAC will run a brief article together with photo of each of the candidates in the March, 1979 issue.

VOTER REGISTRATION

As we approach another Village Election in April, I would urge all those residents who need to register, to do so at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. The hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

If you have moved from another county or state, have recently attained voting age or have never registered to vote, please take a few minutes and make your application at the Village Hall.

Anyone who has moved within the county or within the Village, send your voters registration card to: DuPage County Board of Election Commissioners, 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton, Ill. 60187 along with your new address, and a new card will be mailed to you.

If you have any questions, please call me at 893-7000.

Carol M. Koehler
Village Clerk

VILLAGE STICKER REMINDER

Don't forget about your Village sticker. According to Village ordinance, all vehicles registered to a Bloomingdale address must display a 1979 sticker not later than February 15. The fee for automobiles is \$7.50 if purchased before the deadline. Fees for other vehicles vary according to size and weight. Stickers are on sale at the Village Hall during normal business hours. So don't delay. Get your sticker now.

SNOW PROBLEMS!!!!

Residents are asked to plow snow on the sides of their drives and walks rather than plowing into the streets. Not only does this pushing of snow into the streets create an additional burden for Village plows but also creates hazardous driving conditions both before and after the Village clears the road.

Postmaster Jim Sutter has advised the ALMANAC that residents who do not clear access to their mailboxes will not be getting mail if the situation continues. He asks that all residents clear snow around their boxes to within one-foot of the box opening. Bloomingdale service in many areas is provided by jeep delivery. If the jeep cannot get close enough to the box, the postal person must get out of the jeep. This creates an impossible delay in delivery. So please cooperate and clear the area near your mailbox.

FLYOVER VETOED

The ALMANAC reported in the last issue that the township had agreed to absorb the cost for an "infra-red flyover" which would detect heat loss in homes in the Village. Subsequent to publication, the township advised the Village that they would not pay the total cost and asked the Village to share in the expense. At that time the Village Board, by majority vote, vetoed the program.

GET INVOLVED! THE VILLAGE NEEDS YOU

The Village has a continuous need for applicants to the various commissions and committees. We have included a Personal Data Form in this issue on page 11. Fill it out and submit it to the Mayor at the Village Hall. You will be sent a personal reply within 10 days after receipt.

**GIVE A DAMN,
GIVE A PINT
MARCH 10, 1979**

SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT...

Normally you should receive the ALMANAC on a bi-monthly basis. Unfortunately the November issue was not mailed until the 8th of December. Murphy's Law, namely, "If anything can go wrong, it will." certainly applied.

In particular we apologize to the Jaycees and the Womens Club because our article announcing the Art Auction came to the readers after the fact.

We on the staff of the ALMANAC try to give you news which is not normally published in the daily or weekly papers which you receive; additionally we try to give you some insight as to how these newsworthy events directly affect you, the citizens of Bloomingdale. Our Mayor and Village Board of Trustees agree that you should know what is going on in the Village of Bloomingdale. And why.

As the Mayor said in her letter, "In Bloomingdale the train is currently moving fast, but under control and on schedule." We hope to keep you advised of the train's speed and its destination. We will keep on trying to portray what is happening in our Village. As always, we welcome your comments.

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HAROLD K. TOMPKINS

On December 13, 1978, the Village of Bloomingdale suffered the loss of a generous citizen and good friend when Mr. Harold Tompkins, Superintendent of School District 13, passed away as a result of a heart attack.

Mr. Tompkins became a teacher in 1950, and has been involved in school administration since 1957. Prior to his coming to Bloomingdale, he had been superintendent of Markham, Illinois District 144. The schools under his supervision in District 13 were Central Elementary School, DuJardin Elementary School, and Westfield Junior High School.

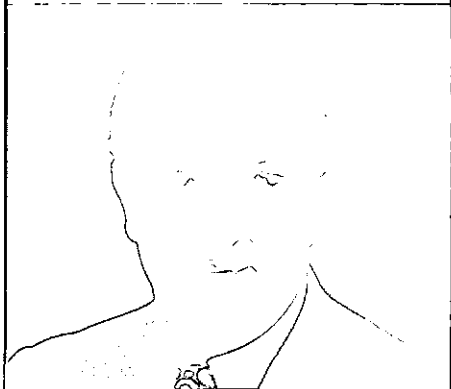
In spite of the cumbersome duties required of Harold as a Superintendent, he still found time to serve the Village in a variety of ways. He was one of the members of the Committee which created the Bloomingdale Library; he was on the original Blood Association Board; he has been active for many years in the Twinbrook YMCA; he served as the liaison for the Finance Committee of the St. Paul United Church of Christ; and most recently, he served as a member of the Village's Capital Improvements Commission. Harold often attended Village Board meetings with his wife Pat, Bloomingdale's Village Treasurer, and added invaluable input to the Board of Trustees.

When asked how they would remember Mr. Tompkins, these citizens had the following comments to offer:

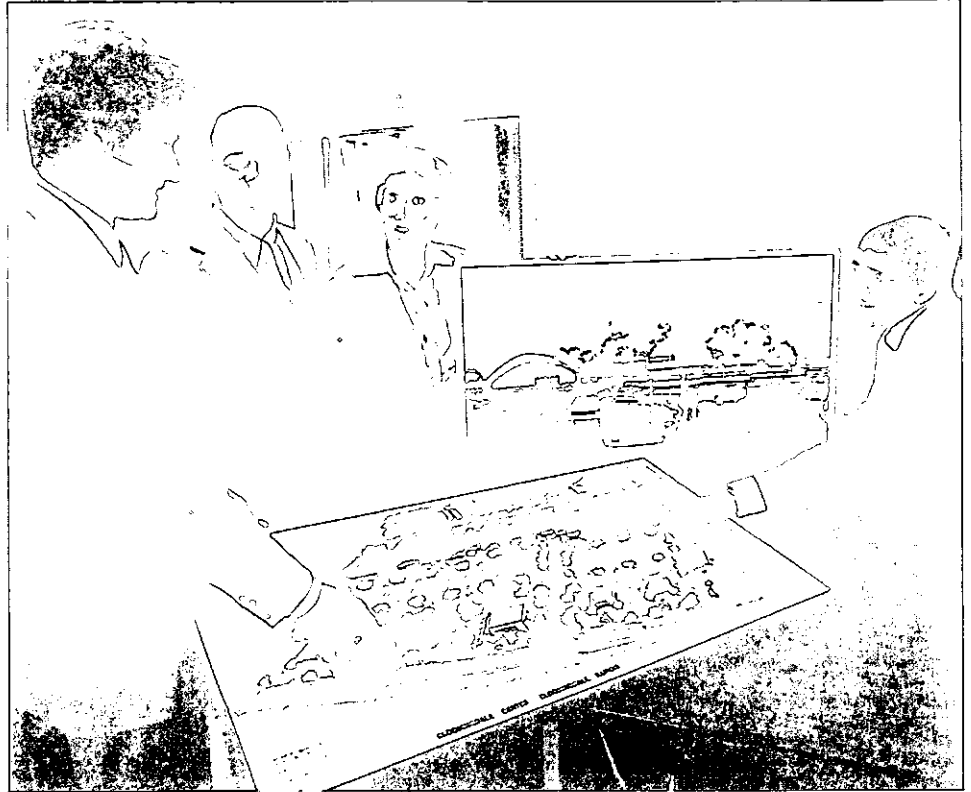
Mayor Viola Morrisroe, "Harold was the kind of person who enjoyed doing everything in which he was involved, and he transmitted that joy of doing to everyone else. He was a very special person."

Al Radcliffe, President of Bloomingdale State Bank, "Harold was a warm person who was loved by everyone he knew. He always put his heart and soul in everything he did."

Larry Erickson, Principal of Westfield School and Acting Superintendent of District 13, "Mr. Tompkins death was a shock to everyone. For the people who knew him, he was more than a boss; he was a friend. His hard work made the District what it is today."



Welcome Kohls and Walgreens



At a special press conference held in the Village Hall, Mayor Morrisroe met with representatives of Kohls Food Stores, Walgreen Drugs and Tri-Land Properties to announce that the two stores would locate in the newly announced shopping center on Lake Street between First Avenue and Fairfield Way.

With construction scheduled to begin in March, the residents of Bloomingdale can look forward to shopping at Kohls and Walgreens by December of this year.

Mr. John Kasper of Kohls stated that this would be the fourteenth store in the metropolitan Chicago area and would offer Bloomingdale area shoppers 36,000 square feet of shopping space. Walgreen's store, located adjacent to Kohls, will offer the consumer the convenience of a major food chain and national drug store adjacent to one another where most consumer needs can be met without having to get in their cars.

Stated Mayor Morrisroe, "This is the first food store and drug store to locate in this Village of 12,000 residents. We are accustomed to going elsewhere to shop and we're happy to have them here.

As was previously announced in the September ALMANAC, these stores represent the first phase of the total shopping center which will ultimately encompass 21 acres.

Other tenants presently evaluating the center are True Value Hardware, Photo Mat, Hallmark Cards, and Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Stores.

According to a fiscal impact analysis study done by Barton-Aschman Associates, through 1985 Bloomingdale Center will generate roughly \$1.43 million to the Village in cumulative surplus capital.

Further, upon completion of the shopping center, and annually thereafter, the Village will receive more than \$305,000 in new revenues over development-related expenditures.

CDC NOW ESDA

After evaluating the effectiveness of the Civil Defense Corps the Board voted to realign the efforts of that group under the Chief of Police and redesignate their organization as the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency. The Board also appointed Mr. Frank Stein as acting director of the agency. Trustee Ray Friscia, board liaison to ESDA, announced that more volunteers were needed for the agency. (See Data Form Page 11). Citizens interested in volunteering their time are urged to call 529-9868 for further information.

MORE THAN READING IN LIBRARY'S CHILDREN SECTION

by Pat Sodomka

"Where could I find a babysitter to watch my infant?" "What can I do with my children during the long, hot summer?" and, "Where can I find a group of children sitting for long periods of time without making a sound?"

Probably the most unlikely guess for readers would be the children's section of the Bloomingdale library, but that's just where residents could find the answers to a lot more than that which is offered in the books it stores.

Everyone is invited to stop and meet Pat Chanley, the Children's Librarian. Pat will make sure you meet "Cat" who guards the collection of 5,500 books, ranging from pre-school to fiction, non-fiction and reference. Among these books are the juvenile award books, and even a signed print by the 1978 Caldicott winner.

Special book displays encourage variety for young readers, and special incentive programs enhance the quantity of volumes read by the children. Pat points out that in the summer of 1978 over 300 children read 3,000 books.

Right now story hour might be just the thing to help your young ones get through this long winter. Every Friday at 10:30 a.m. three- to five-year olds have an opportunity to gather together and hear Pat read one of her favorites.

Throughout the year, the Library offers Red Cross babysitting courses. Mothers can refer to the list of graduates when seeking out a new sitter for their children. Course times will be set at a later date.

Special holiday programs, magic shows, annual trimming of the Christmas tree by Bloomingdale children, and special films and filmstrips are just a few of the varied events which are offered for our youngsters. Children are encouraged to learn library skills and feel comfortable in the library atmosphere, but Pat Chanley goes out of her way to provide much more.

WINTER DEMONS TAKE TOLL ON DONORS

by Karen Umlauf

Sub-zero temperatures and a high incidence of flu and colds kept 50 percent of those scheduled to donate blood at home Thursday night, January 4, during the Village's second drive to meet its annual quota. Donor Recruitment Chairman Natalie Merkel and Blood Association President Sandi Scesniak had warm words of praise for the 50 donors and volunteer workers who braved the extraordinary cold to keep appointments between 4 and 8 P.M. at Winnebago School.

While it might seem more convenient to have drives during the warm weather months, this is the time of year when blood banks are critically short of supplies and donors desperately needed. To date, Bloomingdale residents have given 322 pints of blood, or 71 percent of the 452 pints required to provide coverage for the entire Village.

A minimum of 130 pints must be donated at the next drive, March 10, if Bloomingdale is to meet its obligation to the Blood Assurance program. Residents are urged to complete the application below and return it to the Village Hall or call Sandi Scesniak at 894-4653 or Natalie Merkel at 893-3139 to schedule a donor appointment.

* "I GIVE A DAMN; I'LL GIVE A PINT!" *

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* WINNEBAGO SCHOOL, BLOOMINGDALE *

CHIEF'S CORNER

by Police Chief Patrick J. McMahon

The past year was one of the most significant years for the Bloomingdale Police Department. In this column I would like to review briefly what I believe were the major events and developments of 1978.

Again last year the crime rate for the Village was the lowest compared to the five bordering communities. But we did have some highlights. Some of the more notable crime related incidents handled by our department included:

1. The largest drug seizure and subsequent arrest in DuPage County history;
2. The well publicized safe recovery of a woman who had been kidnapped in Cleveland; and
3. The high speed chase and arrest of a Chicago man for three separate service station robberies on Army Trail Road.

A Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, which was funded through the federal Department of Transportation, was effective in reducing the number of personal injury accidents in Bloomingdale in spite of a tremendous increase in traffic flow.

During the past year we recognized the need for better delegation of authority and definition of responsibility. As a result each shift commander is now accountable for the staffing and operation of his unit.

The year also saw the planning and implementation of a Police Diversionary Social Service Project which provides residents with 24-hour crisis intervention and counselling services. Qualified social workers are now available to assist citizens at no charge through an Illinois Law Enforcement Commission grant which funds the program. The first six months of operation have demonstrated an intense need for and an overwhelming response to the program.

In the area of community service, the Bloomingdale Police Department has visited schools, showing movies and lecturing on such topics as "Stranger Danger," bicycle safety and the consequences of shoplifting. We also initiated a crime prevention program, through which officers have met with civic organizations and have discussed personal and home safety. Additionally Crime Prevention officers have inspected homes and businesses in the community where they have pointed out possible security risks. (Continued on page 6)

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
COMMISSION NEARS COMPLETION
OF FIVE-YEAR BUDGET**

by Karen Umlauf

A five-year financial plan projecting anticipated revenue and major capital expenditures is being prepared by the nine-member Capital Improvements Commission. In view of the anticipated rapid commercial and residential development in Bloomingdale, the Commission placed highest priority on establishing a responsible forecast commencing with the new fiscal year which begins May 1, 1979.

Chairman James Galligan stated that the Commission will submit its recommendations to the Board of Trustees before the end of March.

Since its establishment on February 27, 1978, the Commission has familiarized itself with current Village problems, the plans already approved for growth, and its responsibility to prepare a workable budget. To facilitate these activities the Commission formed two working committees, one for Revenues and a second for Expenditures.

The Revenue Projections Committee, chaired by Harold Tompkins until his death last month, is estimating five-year incomes from property taxes, sales taxes, service fees, state funding, fines and permits.

Its counterpart, the Expenditures Committee, chaired by Bill Robinson, is anticipating costs for police equipment, street vehicles, street improvements, and new and rehabilitated sewer plants for the same time period. Village department heads have contributed input; and consequently, the budget reflects estimates agreed upon as accurate by the user departments.

Funding the Lake Street sewer and water project has been a major concern of the Expenditures Committee in recent months. Meanwhile, much attention is being given by the Revenue Committee to the impact the Urban Development Center will have coming in mid-way during the five-year budgeting program.

The Committee, which meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 8 P.M. at the Village Hall, will review and update its projections as new developments arise. Community attendance and input are invited. Commission members are Robert Bové, David Fockler, James Galligan (chairman), Lawrence Ladner, Harry Lehr, William Robinson, James Schaefer, and Victor Wortman.

Jaycees Accepting Nominations For Outstanding Bloomingdale People

On Tuesday, February 20, the Bloomingdale Jaycees will hold their fourth annual Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner. This award is presented to the citizen who has most contributed his or her time and efforts in order to benefit the Village and its residents.

Last year's winner was Delores Howe, whose credits included Chairperson for Septemberfest for the Historical Society, Garden Club, Friends of the Bloomingdale Library, Winnebago P.T.O., Volunteer to the Oblio Childrens Theater, Cub Scout Pack 414, and Roommother at Winnebago School.

Village organizations are encouraged to nominate two members of their own and one from outside their group. Nominations should be submitted not later than January 26 to:

Bloomingdale Jaycees
Outstanding Citizen Award
P.O. Box 75
Bloomingdale, Illinois 60108

The Jaycees are also accepting nominations for the Robert J. Homola Memorial, which is given to an employee of a village affiliated concern who has made a contribution to Bloomingdale above and beyond the demands of the specific job. Last year Eleanor Alumbaugh was honored for her help to those less fortunate during the holiday season, and to the elderly.

The Jaycees are looking for those people who best exemplify their belief that "service to humanity is the best work of life".

The Awards Dinner is open to the public. For reservations or other information, call Don Gehrich at 894-1644.

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AL RADCLIFFE "BANKING ON BLOOMINGDALE"

by Paul Greening

When Albert E. Radcliffe first opened the doors of the Bloomingdale State Bank in December of 1971, the Village had a population of 1800 and was mostly farm country with a few shops along Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road.

To assure that the bank would be devoted to serving the needs of the community, capital stock in the bank was sold only to citizens of Bloomingdale or Roselle. That characteristic continues today and the stockholders now number 793.

At the time the founders announced the opening of a bank in town, the "big city" bankers discouraged them, saying it was premature. As President Radcliffe describes it: "We initially had \$750,000 in capital and were using the quarters of the former Giesen Fuel Oil Company. The smell of oil permeated everything.

"Now we have an all brick headquarters building as well as a second facility on Army Trail Road and our assets exceed \$44,000,000. In 1978 our assets increased 27% over 1977. And we see that rate of growth continuing as the Village mushrooms in size."

Long active in community and charitable organizations, he is currently a member of the Village Economic Development Commission (past Chairman), member and past president of the DuPage County Bankers Association, Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors of the Marklund Home in Bloomingdale, Chairman of the Bloomingdale-Roselle chapter of the Salvation Army and member and past president of the Roselle Lions Club.

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Some primary goals for 1979 are:

1. Revise some of the existing ordinances pertaining to business zoning to provide greater building setbacks on major roads and also establish more control on size, location and appearance of commercial signs.
2. Continue working toward the adoption of a total Comprehensive Plan for the Village. We already have several phases completed.
3. Utilize the five-year plan currently being prepared by the Capital Improvements Commission.
4. Expand the Village staff to meet the increasing needs for service. We must immediately add Building and Engineering inspectors followed by additions to the Street Department. Such additions will only be made if the need can be justified and revenues will permit them.

In conclusion, I believe that 1979 offers many challenges to all of us. Working together with the Village Board of Trustees, the Village Staff and the volunteers on all of our commissions, we can make Bloomingdale an even finer community. Speaking on behalf of all of them, may I wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year.



*Albert E. Radcliffe
President, Bloomingdale State Bank*

A native Chicagoan, Al was raised in the Irving Park-Lincoln Avenue area. After graduating from Lane Technical High School, he spent 18 months on active duty with the Air Force. In 1956 he obtained his degree in Accounting from Roosevelt University. He has continued his academic interest in banking, having attended several summer sessions sponsored by the Banking Administration Institute, a technical international organization. He was formerly a director of that organization.

When asked what he felt about Bloomingdale's future, he replied: "I think it is fantastic. The mix of commercial and residential property is finally reaching a meaningful balance with the opening of new businesses in Bloomingdale. We of course have an interest in Old Town as we are located at Lake and First Street. But we have an interest in the entire community. In fact, we are banking on it."

Chiefs Corner (Cont'd)

Many man hours will be saved in the years to come as a result of the computerization of Department records, a program initiated in 1978. Through the use of the Law Enforcement Administration Data System (LEADS), the Department has acquired the capability to maintain a computer system through which crime data and officer activity data is entered and stored in State-owned computers. Through the proper retrieval and analysis of such data, our Department is able to determine the existence of problems, both in terms of developing crime patterns and personnel irregularities.

In December of 1978 a new Motorola Dispatch Console was installed. The console phases out equipment which was originally acquired in 1956. The new equipment is more functional, incorporating fire, public works and police radio frequencies into one system capable of being expanded to accommodate future growth within the Village. Also within the system is a recorder which can immediately replay incoming calls for service to assure that no error is made in dispatching emergency vehicles.

Many of the steps which we have taken during 1978 have prepared us to better deal with the anticipated growth in our Village. With your continued cooperation and support we look forward to providing you maximum service and protection in the year to come.

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REMEMBER TO VOTE

APRIL 17, 1979

VILLAGE ELECTION

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Very truly yours,

Viola M. Morrisroe

"LET IT SNOW? NOT AGAIN!"

by Paul Greening

For all the children who received new sleds, toboggans, skis and other winter sports gear, the snow of New Year's weekend was the answer to their prayers. For the Department of Public Works Street crew, it was the last thing in the world they wanted to see.

The trouble started with the freezing rain on Saturday afternoon which soon had the streets in unusual condition. Out with the salt trucks. That took nine hours.

Then came the snow, and more snow, and more snow. Stated DPW Director, Bob Mundo, "Gene Woehrle and his crew of John Wruck, Rich Meyer, Tom Koskel and Keith Eastman put in 53 hours straight in coping with the 16-inch snowfall and blowing snow which followed. I personally want to commend these men for their efforts."

Many people are not aware of the snow plowing procedure on the streets, lanes and courts of the Village. It is important to understand that no home is "first" or "last." Priorities are established for main access streets to highways such as Lake Street, Army Trail Road and Bloomingdale Road. Also topping the list for immediate action are streets into and through subdivisions or those that have steep hills.

The Village has five snow plowing vehicles, two 2½-ton dump trucks, one 1-ton dump truck and two ¾-ton pickups. All five vehicles begin plowing the priority areas immediately. Upon completion — usually one to two hours — the vehicles each proceed to one of the five defined areas in the Village.

After the initial clearing the men will take a 4- to 6-hour break for sleep, etc. after which they will return and proceed to one of the five designated areas for cleanup and/or replowing where necessary. During heavy snows such as we've had three times this winter, clearing and plowing may take between 12 and 24 hours.

During this most recent storm it was necessary to contract outside equipment and personnel to the highway crew. Otherwise continued work beyond their human tolerance could jeopardize the employees' own safety as well as equipment and public property.

Actually complaints that "we are last" are unfounded since all five plows are on the Village streets at the same time. Residents who believe that their street has been ignored should contact Village Hall



John Wruck and Gene Woehrle discuss plowing priorities in front of "Baby Blue," the 2½-ton dump truck equipped with the 11-foot plow.

at 893-7000 during normal hours or — after hours — the Police Department at 529-9868.

In a plea for understanding of the magnitude of the problem, Mr. Mundo said, "We appreciate that people want to get out of their homes onto streets that are plowed as soon as possible. Obviously we are doing our best to accommodate them. We hope they appreciate our task. Should anyone have any questions about our procedure, he or she should feel free to call me at the Village Hall."

Let it snow? Not soon, please.

(As we go to press, the Village crews are desperately struggling to cope with the 20.7 inch snowfall which hit exactly a week later. This amount of snow on bare ground would be a challenge but piled on top of the previous snow, it is a "David & Goliath" task for the DPW crew.)

NEW POSTMASTER APPOINTED

by Renee Spencer

Neither rain, nor snow, nor blistering hot temperatures can stop the ever-faithful Bloomingdale Post Office employees from carrying out their duties. And nobody knows this fact better than newly appointed Postmaster James Sutter.

In his busy office at 109 S. Bloomingdale Rd., the 36-year-old Sutter calmly confronts employees' work problems via an open door policy, tackles administrative procedures, and fondly displays his "World's Greatest Boss" statue which he received recently from his co-workers.

But this upper-level management position and great rapport with his fellow postal workers was not earned over night. Appointed as Bloomingdale Postmaster on Nov. 3, 1978, the 18-year veteran of the system will tell you that he has genuinely worked his way up the postal ladder. "I started in another town as a part-time city carrier, and eventually worked as a mail and special clerk, vehicle operations management assistant, acting assistant postmaster, acting superintendent. I then came to Bloomingdale in 1973 as Superintendent of Postal Operations."

According to Sutter, he was selected over four other candidates from the north suburban area by a regional board to replace James Daily, who was promoted to Schaumburg Postmaster. Selection was based on not only past experience and education, but attitudes to public service and future ambitions.

Sutter admits that his job is a challenging one requiring him to plan for the needs of a growing community and still maintain a balanced budget.

But although he is proud of his achievements, he is even more proud of the 17

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PARK DISTRICT WINTER ACTIVITIES

by Dawn Nemece

The Second Winter Session of the Bloomingdale Park District will begin on March 5, 1979 and will continue for six weeks for most programs. Registration will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Recreation Building on February 24 and will continue through the following week. Copies of the Winter Addendum are available at the Park District Office or the Village Hall, and are distributed in the schools.

USE YOUR CHRISTMAS SKATES!

Ice skating lessons will be offered through the Park District every Saturday morning from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for six weeks beginning in late January. The cost will be \$6.00 for six lessons. All lessons will be held at the Circle Park Ice Rink on Circle Avenue.

Ice skating lessons for children nine years of age and older will be from 10:00-10:30. Children from six- to eight-years of age will receive lessons from 10:30-11:00, while a class for three- to five-year old children will be held from 11:00-11:30.

FIRST ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL OF FUN

The Bloomingdale Park District will hold a Winter Carnival of Fun from January 19-February 2, weather permitting for each event. Outdoor winter activities and contests will be open to all ages, individuals, teams and families. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in all contests. Registration will continue up to one hour prior to each event.

Speed Skating Races will be held Saturday, January 27 at Lakeview Park starting at 9:00 a.m. Races will be held for each of the following age groups: 3-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-18 years and adults. There is no entry fee.

A Broomball Tournament will be held during the evenings of January 29 - February 1 for adults and teens at the Circle Park Ice Rink. The game is played by coed adult and teen teams according to ice hockey rules using shoes, a broom, and a ball. The fee is \$1.00 per person.

The Winter Carnival of Fun will wind up with a final ski trip to the Playboy Club on Friday, February 2. Like the first ski trip, the bus will leave at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 12:30 a.m. The fee is \$17.00 with ski rental and \$14.00 without ski rental. Persons 16 years of age or younger must have an adult accompany them.

NEW POSTMASTER, (Cont'd)

clerks, carriers and managers who work for him. "We have a good working relationship," Sutter happily reveals. "I find the employees in this office are a notch above other places I've worked. They have a sincere interest in serving and I'm very proud of them."

When asked where the postal service is heading in the next few years, Sutter revealed that although Bloomingdale is presently considered a "mid-sized" office, community growth may eventually warrant a new or expanded postal facility.

In the meantime, the Postmaster commends the people of Bloomingdale for helping the service run smoothly and asks that residents continue using zip codes and keeping mail boxes clear of snow.

What specific plans does he have for improving the facilities under his administration? According to Sutter, he would like to increase communications between the post office and village residents concerning various services the post office provides to save them time, money and hours.

Sutter commented that while communications have not been bad "there are a lot of people who do not know or understand the postal rating system for packages and letters and they are not familiar with special services such as holding mail for vacationers." He added that he would also like to continue participation in Septemberfest each year.

After talking with Postmaster Sutter, one can see how he successfully wears the dual hats of competent manager and "World's Greatest Boss."



Recently appointed Bloomingdale Postmaster Jim Sutter points out part of a postal route on the Village map.



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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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Plan Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Commission |
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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.

WORDS OF THANKS

(The following letters were sent to the Village Hall in care of the Mayor during the month of December. They are re-printed verbatim.)

Dear Mrs. Morrisroe:

This is our first Christmas at a new community church in Bloomingdale. On behalf of our new congregation, I want to thank you as Village President, for the village's openness to our entry. We want you to know that we appreciate the efforts that your local government gave in terms of zoning approval, building permits, etc.

We look forward to serving in this, our community.

Wishing you a very meaningful Christmas season.

David Riemenschneider
Pastor, Bloomingdale Alliance Church



The Bloomingdale Alliance Church takes shape on Glen Ellyn Road promising a permanent home for its parishioners by this spring.

Dear Mayor Morrisroe:

On behalf of the homeowners in the Fairfield Condominium Association, I would like to thank you and your staff for helping us with the drainage/icing problem being experienced on Fairlane Court. Your interest, support and swift action has resolved our problem, at least until permanent corrective action can be completed. A special thanks is extended to Mr. Robert Mundo and his crew, for their extraordinary efforts.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the ongoing guidance and assistance Mr. Reeves has given our members and Board

of Directors. He has been most helpful and understanding, particularly during this past year — our first year of operating the Association without input from the builder.

Also, the members of the Police Department have responded to our needs promptly and courteously. I do not have the individual Officers' names, but I can tell you I have come into contact with at least half of the Patrol Section, and I consider them among the most professional I have ever met.

As I write this letter, numerous incidents come to mind which again bear out the concern the Village has for its residents. From the lady at the Village Hall reception counter, to the young man operating the front-end loader from Public Works, to the Police Youth Officer following up

an incident at our Clubhouse; all Village employees have been most kind.

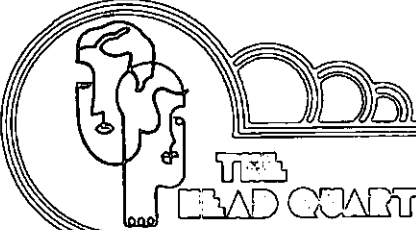
As Village President, you can be proud of the people you have working with you. We, as residents of Bloomingdale, are certainly proud to live here knowing we have such dedicated, responsive individuals under your direction.

Again, from all of us in Fairfield, thank you for all you have done for us. May you, your staff and your families have a joyous Christmas, and a New Year filled with much success and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

Fairfield Condominium Association

Edward C. Pedziwiatr
President



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"WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

Opinion Responses

OPINION OR FACTS?

While I certainly applaud the ALMANAC giving recognition periodically to outstanding local businessmen, I found the recent article on Trudy Troesken more one of opinions than facts. Newcomers like myself have heard, "Oh, Werner and Trudy have had a lot to do with the development of Bloomingdale" or an equally complimentary remark about another resident. However, it's ridiculous to congratulate anyone on a job well done when you don't know what the job was! So for us newcomers and for the old timers whose memories need refreshing, please give us the facts.

Name withheld upon request

It is the intention of the ALMANAC to give local business people recognition since they are investing both time and money in the present and future of our Village. A feature story attempts to show some of the feelings of the person or persons being described. We have forwarded your comments to the writer of the story. Because of the favorable responses received, however, we do intend to run a feature story each issue on a business person in the community. Editor

BETTER MAIL PICK-UP?

With new stores and offices now located throughout the Bloomingdale area, why can't the Village arrange for 5 p.m. mail pickup at the mailboxes located at various places now. Pickup at these boxes is 9:30 a.m. Offices close about 5 p.m. The congestion at the Bloomingdale Post Office at 5 p.m. is horrendous, and especially since Schick Road is in repair. The backup of cars at the Bloomingdale Rd. and Lake St. intersection makes one wait a long, long time to turn into the street for the post office especially just to drop mail!

Name Withheld by Request

Concerning the 5 p.m. mail collection schedule at the Bloomingdale Post Office, due to the current area served by this office, additional 5 p.m. collection points are not warranted at this time.

I have recently surveyed our collection schedule and a change can be made at the box in question (201 Army Trail Rd.). In rerouting the carriers line of return travel to the Post Office, this box will be collected at 2:30 p.m. This will allow 5 hours additional deposit time and hope-

fully relieve some of the need to deposit at the Post Office at 5 p.m.

James D. Sutter, Postmaster

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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 _____

BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Village of Bloomingdale encourages citizens to patronize local businesses whenever possible. Bloomingdale Businesses who wish to sponsor the Village Almanac should contact Steve Novy at the Village Hall. Phone 893-7000.

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267 Royce Ct.
529-0773
Real Estate Consultant.

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DENTIST

James Paradowski, D.D.S.
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DENTIST

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The public is encouraged to attend all 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

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 Comm.

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION

2nd & 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