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H. L. LATT & CO. LEASES OLD VILLAGE HALL

On September 11, 1979 H. L. Latt & Company "Furniture and Stuff Like That" entered into an agreement with the Village of Bloomingdale to lease the old Village Hall located at Lake and Third Streets for a 10-year period.

Latt agreed to make necessary improvements to the 2,000-square-foot structure so that it will meet all current building and zoning requirements of the Village. Such improvements could cost as much as \$75,000.

In turn the Village will lease the property to Latt for the first ten years at a rate of \$10 per month. The Company will also have the option to renew the lease for five years and a second option to renew for four-and-one-half years. Beginning with the eleventh year, however, the lease rate will be based on existing market value for similar space in the area.

Since mid-1975 when the Village authorities decided to construct a new Village Hall on South Bloomingdale Road, the disposition of the building was a matter of concern. Because of its unique architectural characteristics and rich heritage since its construction in 1894, few wished to see the building destroyed.

But the building had remained unoccupied since February 1, 1977 when the Village staff moved to their new quarters. Vandalism plus severe weather continued to take their toll.

The Old Town Commission at its first meeting on March 15, 1978 was charged with creating a "unique core of commercial uses by development of the Old Town area and to preserve many older buildings of historical significance or other unique qualities." To the commission members the old Village Hall was the cornerstone of any such development.



Latt first approached the Old Town Commission in August of 1978 with a proposal for use of the building. The Chicago-based company has been in business for the last 16 years selling home furnishings at both wholesale and retail. Current sales exceed \$3,000,000 and they have established a reputation for the development of many new and unique products in their industry.

As they explained in their proposal to the Old Town Commission, "Our plans for future growth include the addition of

several suburban stores. Because of the unique type of merchandise we carry, we strongly feel that shopping centers are not in keeping with our image. Our goal is to establish stores in antique buildings, old barns, old factories, etc.

"The opportunity of using the Old Village Hall would fit in beautifully with our plans; and we feel our plan would fit in with the Bloomingdale concept of creating an Old Town, in addition to acting as the impetus in getting the plan for Old Town off the drawing board and into reality."

VILLAGE HALL HAPPENINGS

by Paul Greening

CLOVERDALE ANNEXATION

On September 25, the Village Board agreed to the annexation of ten pieces of property in unincorporated Cloverdale to the Village of Bloomingdale.

The annexation took place as a result of a petition filed by the owners to the Village. Omitted from the annexation are two located on the northwest and southwest corners of the intersection of Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue plus the land held by School District 93 located at the north edge of the community.

Both Cloverdale and the Klein creek headwaters are within the Bloomingdale sewage subregion. The immediate availability of sewer and water lines was one of the reasons cited for the petition.

Carol Stream had proposed a referendum for the community to be annexed to that Village; however, they could not guarantee how soon or at what cost the sewer and water services could be provided.

At this time there is some question of whether or not the referendum will be conducted in spite of the action taken by the Village of Bloomingdale.

COMMISSION CHANGES

Ms. Pat Johnson was named Chairman of the Old Town Commission following the resignation from that position by Ms. Donna Tenuto. Recently appointed to the Old Town Commission was Ms. Lyn Lundberg, whose term will expire in February of 1982.

Mr. Dan Mitchell resigned from the Economic Development Commission citing business reasons.

All citizens of the Village are encouraged to volunteer for any of the commissions and committees which are involved in assisting Village government. Although no opening may exist at the time, it is evident that there is continual turnover. So volunteer now. Call the Village Hall for further information.

PARKING LOT EXPANDED

With the addition of 20 more parking spaces to the rear of the Village Hall, a long-standing problem of insufficient parking for Village meetings has been alleviated. Funds for the construction were obtained from revenue-sharing proceeds.

SCHICK ROAD NOW OPEN

After seeing Murphy's Law — "If anything can go wrong, it will" — apply in so many instances, Schick Road east of Bloomingdale Road was finally blacktopped and opened to traffic on Monday, October 15.

A major delay was caused by the lack of adequate information on location of utilities in the area. It must be remembered that this section of the road was originally an easement for the utilities, some of which initially laid underground piping almost 100 years ago. Many of the utilities own records did not show the existence of discovered underground piping.

At the time sewer and water pipes were installed, there was no intention of a road there. Subsequently sewer and water pipes had to be lowered to tolerate the additional stress of a road.

With all of the delays the contractor had to ask for more money for the job because prices had risen between the time of the initial bid and the time he could actually begin work.

RIDGE ROAD BLACKTOPPED

Tri-Land Properties has advised the ALMANAC that they are proceeding with curbing and blacktopping of Ridge Road from the ECON-O-MART store to Schick Road.

The completion of this road will permit people south of Lake Street access to the Springbrook Shopping Center as well as the stores and banks on Lake Street without having to go on Lake or Bloomingdale Road.

VILLAGE BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to attend all Board & Commission meetings.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Monday 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.

YOUTH COMMISSION

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

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INLAND PUT ON "HOLD"

At a special meeting held on September 19, the Board of Trustees announced that the multi-family development being constructed on Schick Road south of the Springbrook Shopping Center by Inland Real Estate Corporation was prohibited from any further construction until new plans had been submitted and approved by the plan Commission and public hearings had been held.

The reason for the action was based on the fact that Inland had not obtained building permits within one year from the date of approval of the project. Also at question was the proper notification of the PUD hearing for those residents living within 100 feet of the development.

Stated Mayor Sam Tenuto to an audience-packed Village Hall, "If Inland wants to go back to the Plan Commission and resubmit plans, they can. Right now, like I said, Inland cannot build on that

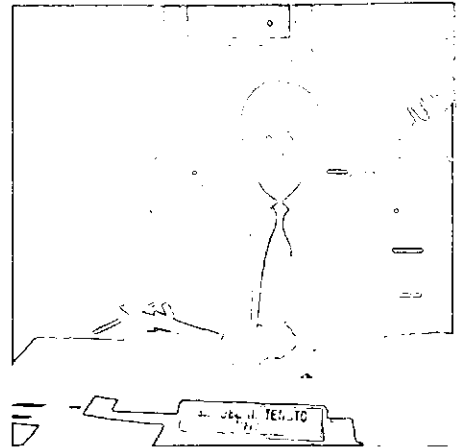
property. However I want to caution the people of Bloomingdale that Inland can come back to the Plan Commission and resubmit a site plan, or negotiate with you, but . . . I urge you to stay in contact with everything."

Many people said they would boycott the shopping center if the multi-family development proceeded. Mr. Richard Dube of Tri-Land Properties, the developer of Springbrook Shopping Center, wrote the Board.

"Inland Real Estate Corporation has no interest whatsoever in the ownership or management of said shopping center. Tri-Land Properties Incorporated is the developer and exclusive management and leasing agent."

At press time the Village had not received any response from Inland as to their future course of action.

TENUTO ELECTED MAYOR



With almost 2,000 votes cast in the special election on September 18, former Trustee Samuel J. Tenuto defeated Carol M. Koehler by less than 100 votes for the right to serve as Mayor until April, 1981.

After the election both candidates agreed that the tightly contested race was a well fought above-board campaign. Carol pledged the loyal help of herself and her supporters in working for the betterment of the Village.

In the continuing evolution of Village government, the Board agreed with the Mayor to ask persons interested in serving as Trustee to submit a resume to the Board not later than October 22.

According to law the majority of the Board can appoint whomever they choose; however, all agreed with the Mayor that "no stone should be left unturned in finding a suitable candidate."

After reviewing the resumes of interested parties, the Board will ask the most qualified candidates to meet with the Board for Personal interviews. They will then make their selection.

As we go to press Mr. Raymond J. Friscia, Trustee for the past two and one-half years, submitted his resignation on October 9. The Board will follow the same procedure for the selection of two Trustees rather than one. (More details on Friscia in next issue.)

INDIAN LAKES HOTEL TOPPED OFF

At Indian Lakes Resort topping off ceremonies, Carol Brooks (l. to r.) director of marketing and sales, points out the Stars and Stripes flying high atop the super-structure of the six-story building. With her are Samuel Tenuto, Mayor of Bloomingdale; Cheryl Lynn Urban, 1979 Miss DuPage County; and Steve Kostechka, assistant manager for the resort.

The topping off ceremony marked another milestone in the \$14 million expansion at Indian Lakes.

Presently scheduled for occupancy in June, 1980, the new 305-room hotel is the focal point of the resort complex which will also include a two-level restaurant overlooking a man-made lake, a complete health club including racquet ball courts, and an indoor swimming pool. All of the features of the complex will be connected by enclosed walkways.

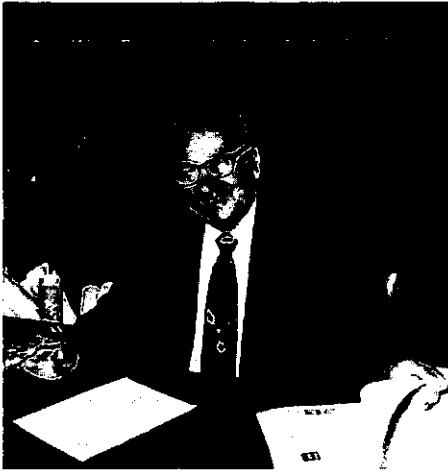
The entire Indian Lakes complex is owned and operated by Carson International, Inc., an enterprise of Carson, Pirie Scott, Inc.



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Meet Joe Stella



(The ALMANAC periodically writes about Village officials to better acquaint citizens with their activities and background.)

As Director of Building and Zoning Joseph M. Stella is responsible for assuring that all construction which takes place within the Village limits conforms to the building and zoning ordinances approved by the Village Board.

Once a new development has been approved by the Plan Commission and the Board of Trustees, the builder must then submit all detailed plans for the structure and related landscaping to Joe's office for approval. Then and only then can the builder obtain a permit to begin actual construction.

Construction and related crafts are in Joe's blood. His grandfather was a civil engineer in Italy. By the time his father was 21 he was a major contractor in the Chicago area. During his school years Joe spent many summers and weekends learning through the school of hard knocks on residential and commercial sites.

During the Depression, Stella worked for the Mills Industries for 18 years which manufactured all types of commercial and industrial refrigeration equipment. Following WWII he and a partner formed their own business refurbishing and manufacturing parts and equipment for various types of electronic, commercial, and industrial refrigeration equipment.

In 1968 at the age of 57 Joe and his partner sold their profitable businesses and Joe decided to retire. At the same time he had built a home at 380 Cardinal Drive. Soon he found that retirement was a little premature. In 1970 he joined the

SEWER AND WATER RATE INCREASES

by Paul Greening

The commercial and residential users of the Village sewer and water services will have to pay higher rates for those services, very soon, according to an ordinance currently under consolidation. This is the first increase in monthly rates since 1965, even though costs for other goods and services have practically doubled since that time.

Village administrator Bob Reeves attributed the need for an increase because of the skyrocketing costs for sludge removal and utilities. Last year sludge removal cost \$17,000. This year the cost will exceed \$75,000. Utilities cost \$84,000 in 1978; this year's estimate is \$150,000. Electric for sewer and water is currently running \$12,000 per month, with a rate increase pending.

In setting the rates the Board and Mayor agreed that the adjustment should be equitable to commercial and residential users. The new rates are shown below with the *previous* rates shown in parentheses. For the sake of brevity we have used the abbreviation GPM which stands for Gallons Per Month.

CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE ONLY

Residential:

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|--------------------|--|
| First 3,000 GPM | \$1.10 per 1,000 Gal. (1.00 per 1,000 for 1st 5,000) |
| All over 3,000 GPM | 1.05 per 1,000 Gal. (Over 5,000 Gal.: \$.75 per 1,000) |
| Minimum Charge: | \$3.30 per month |

Commercial and Industrial:

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| First 5,000 GPM | \$1.65 per 1,000 Gal. (7.50 per month minimum) |
| All over 5,000 GPM | 1.05 per 1,000 Gal. (Previously scaled by quantity From \$1.00 to .50) |

SEWER SERVICE ONLY

Residential: \$5.00 (4.00); Commercial and industrial: \$12.50 (10.00)

COMBINED WATER AND SEWER

Residential:

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|--------------------|--|
| First 3,000 GPM | \$8.30 minimum (7.00 minimum) |
| All over 3,000 GPM | 1.05 per 1,000 Gal. (Scaled from 1.00 to .75 per volume) |

Commercial and Industrial:

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| First 5,000 GPM | \$20.75 (17.50) |
| Next 5,000 GPM | 1.05 per 1,000 Ga. (5,000-100,000 GPM: 1.00 per 1,000.) |
| All over 10,000 GPM | 1.55 per 1,000 Gal. (From 100,000 Gal scaled by use) |

Multiple housing units will be charged for services in accordance with the number of units contained in the structure at the established residential user rate. Users of any of the above service which users are located outside the Village corporate limits will pay 200% of the rates shown.

Village staff as a part-time building inspector, wanting to be a part of the Village's growth and utilize his wealth of knowledge and experience. "At that time," said Joe, "we had total construction cost in process of about \$1,000,000."

In 1973 he assumed his present position as Director of Building and Zoning. For the 1979-80 fiscal year construction values for residential construction alone will exceed \$20,000,000, and commercial construction will exceed \$50,000,000. "Yes, the magnitude of the job has grown," the Director said, "but the Vil-

lage has carefully insured against hodge-podge development or schlocky quality through strict ordinances. And they have given me the staff to do the job the way it should be done."

During his off-hours Joe delights in playing the piano and Hammond organ. He also continues to dabble in electronics and wood-working when he and his wife Irene, whom he married 44 years ago, are not visiting one of their three grown children, Jim, Maria and Angela or their seven grandchildren.

ALLIANCE CHURCH GROWS

Reverend David Riemenschneider opened the doors to the new church building of the Bloomingdale Alliance Church in July of this year, after growing from a congregation of six families to forty in the space of one year.

In April of 1978 the Bloomingdale Alliance Church began public services in the Marquardt Special School. At that time the church was in the midst of negotiating for a centrally located five acre site at 260 Glen Ellyn Road. (Midway between Army Trail and Lake St.). By that summer, the Bloomingdale Planning Commission had given approval of the church site and for an initial church structure. Construction began in the fall on the two story, multi-purpose structure that included a worship area, Sunday School space, and an office.

When the present facility becomes inadequate, future plans call for the construction of a larger structure that will be erected adjacent to the present facility. The five-acre plot will give the church plenty of room to expand in future building and parking, as well as maintain an open space for a recreational area.

The Alliance Church is characteristically a community-oriented Bible church. Throughout its 90 year history, the church's denominational sponsor, the Christian and Missionary Alliance has had many adherents from a variety of denominational backgrounds in its 1600 churches. This has given it a distinct inter-denominational flavor. Aside from its normal church services, the BAC presently operates a year round Sunday School program, a teenage ministry called Sonlight, a children's club program, and several adult Bible studies in the neighborhood.

Tap-On Fees Increased

The Village Board found it necessary once again to increase the fees charged for the connection to the Village sewer and or water systems, commonly known as the "Tap-On Fee."

The tap-on fee is used primarily to fund the capital improvements required in the sewer and water systems of the Village.****

****Adjustments in tap-on rates are applied periodically to more accurately reflect the replacement value of the capacity in the water and sewer facility.

Increases were last made in 1978; and prior to that time, in 1976. We have shown the current rate and the 1978 rate in parentheses for single and multiple unit dwellings.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Single family: | (Per unit) |
| Sewer and Water | \$2,000 (\$1,100) |
| Water only | 350 (300) |
| Sewer only | 1,200 (800) |
| Meter Fee | 100 (100) |

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Multi-family | |
| Sewer and Water | \$1,550 (\$ 850) |
| Water only | 300 (250) |
| Sewer only | 1,200 (600) |
| Meter Fee | 100 (100) |

Business, commercial and industrial fees were increased proportionally as these rates are based on a multiplier of the single family rate.

Give a damn. Give a pint!

by Karen Umlauf

Bloomingdale's burgeoning population provides both new sources for and demands on the Village's Blood Assurance Program. Donor Recruitment Chairman Natalie Merkel expressed hope that many new residents will join repeating donors at this year's first draw on Saturday, November 3, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. at DuJardin School.

Association President Sandi Scesniak added that the program needs new board members and helpers again this year. To volunteer as a donor or helper call Mrs. Merkel at 893-3139 or Mrs. Scesniak at 894-4653.

Bloomingdale residents must once again donate 452 pints to guarantee a free blood supply for all residents as well as immediate families of donors and workers, regardless of their place of residence. Program co-ordinators are hopeful that this first drive will meet 50 percent of the quota; the balance to be donated on January 10 and March 15, 1980.

The Bloomingdale Blood Association extends special thanks to the Board of Education of District 13 which waived the customary charges for use of DuJardin School's facilities for the November draw. Thanks once more to McDonald's of Glendale Heights for again providing lunch for all volunteer workers and for publicizing the draw on their calendar-of-events placemats.

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BIGGER CHURCH FOR ST. ISIDORE'S PARISH

Father Arthur Maher, pastor of St. Isidore's Roman Catholic Church, announced that final approval has been obtained from the Joliet Diocese to construct a new church with a seating capacity of approximately 1,000.

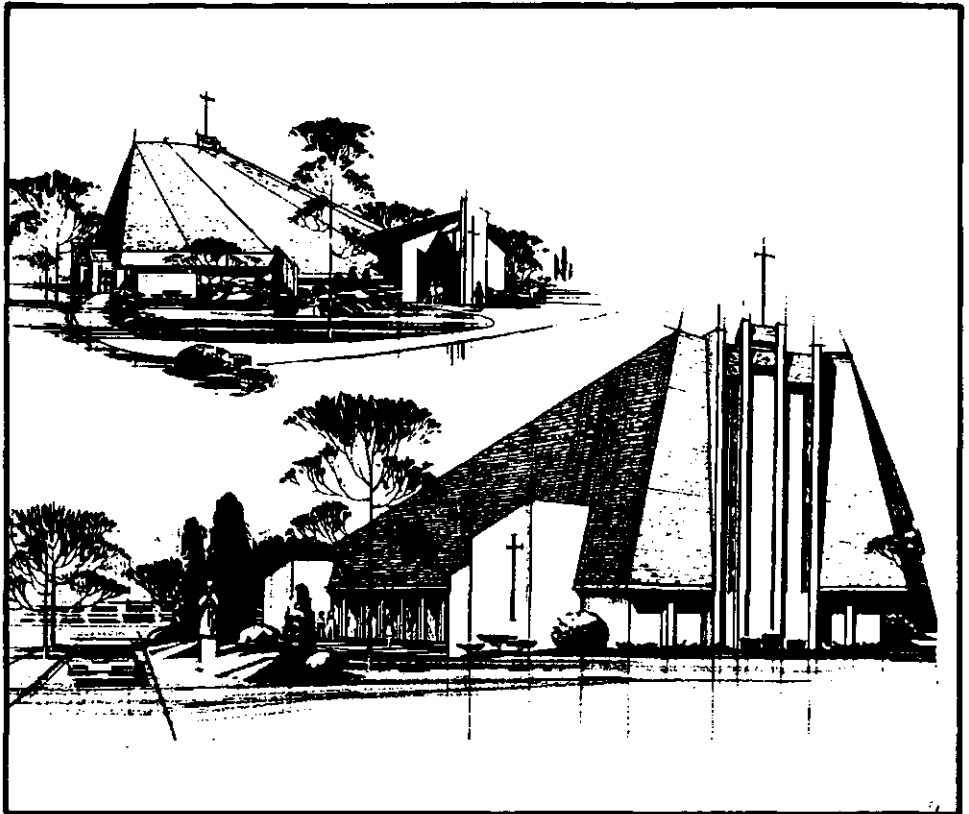
Specifications have already been released to contractors and bids are to be opened on October 19. If the bids are within cost estimates, formal groundbreaking will be held on Sunday, October 28 at 1 PM with Bishop Daniel Kucera, O.S.B., officiating. Barring unforeseen delays, parishoners hope to have church dedication by Christmas, 1980.

The building will be contemporary in design, featuring the extensive use of concrete and glass. At the same time, Father Maher emphasized, every attempt will be made to retain some of the beauty of the old edifice by incorporating certain elements into the new structure, such as the stained glass window in the present church entrance.

More than one-third of the monies needed have already been pledged through a building fund drive last Spring which raised over \$500,000 from parishoners.

The church will face on the newly constructed portion of Gary Avenue just North of Army Trail Road. The existing structure will become a multi-purpose facility for use by the school and the parishoners.

Previously a part of unincorporated Cloverdale, the parish property was annexed into Bloomingdale within the past year.



TWO NEW PRINCIPALS

During the past summer, two area elementary schools received new principals, one at Blackhawk School in School District 15 and one at DuJardin School in District 13.

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL

Born and bred on the south side of Chicago, Richard B. Sager, the new principal of Blackhawk School came to the Bloomingdale area after 11 years in the education field.

Mr. Sager received his B.S., M.S. and C.A.S. in Elementary education from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois. He has been actively involved in open school education for eight years, and served as an elementary school principal in Lamar, Colorado for the last two years.

DUJARDIN SCHOOL

Jeannine M. Vestuto, the new principal of DuJardin School, has a 19 year background in the educational field, teaching kindergarten, first, third, fourth grades, high school and college courses.

Her interests lie in the fields of elementary school courses, gifted education and federal grant writing.

Mrs. Vestuto's love for working directly with the children and staff brought her to the Bloomingdale area. Her goal is to continue to have an above average educational program with special programs for gifted and remedial type children.

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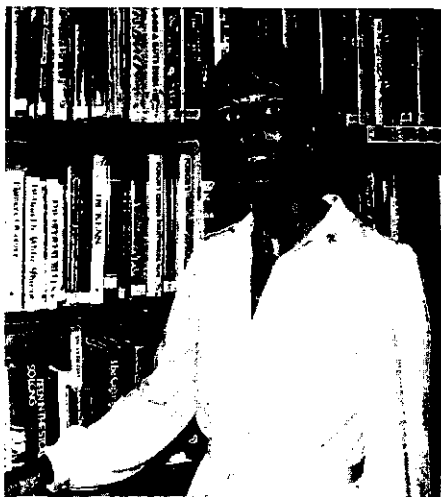
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NEW LIBRARIAN



"I'm very excited about being the new head librarian in Bloomingdale," stated Gaylene Nass enthusiastically, "and I'm over whelmed by the strong support given to the library by the Friends of the Library and the community as a whole."

"Our library has a strong foundation from which to build stronger programs and increased services. The adult readers will continue to want the best sellers, and will use the fiction and nonfiction heavily. We have a good reference collection, and we will continue to add to it. As a member of the DuPage Library System, we have access to unlimited titles, films, cassettes, art-prints and the like."

Gaylene replaces Mrs. Joanne Spector who resigned in July for personal reasons. A native of Fulda, Minnesota, "Gay" obtained her B.A. in Home Economics from Concordia College in Moorehead, Minnesota. After teaching Home Economics for a period of time, she developed an interest in library work, which led to her obtaining a Master's in Library Science from the University of Iowa.

Ms. Nass strongly urges the residents to view the library as more than a place to find books to read. "We are an information center where all types of questions can be answered and various needs can be met."

One of her goals is to increase the library's outreach to its senior citizens. "And I hope to continue the adult programs we have, and expand them as much as space will allow."

One such program began on Friday, October 5, when the DuPage County Health Department presented the first of an eight-part series entitled "Program for Parents". The series will be presented at

PARK DISTRICT FALL PROGRAMS

by Renee Spencer

The Bloomingdale Park District is currently accepting registration for several new Fall programs for all ages. All programs begin during the week of November 5, are six weeks long; and are held at the Park District Recreation Building, 172 S. Circle Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

FOR TOTS:

1. *Moms and Tots* — Offered for mothers and children 2 to 3; offers games and activities.
2. *Tot Tumbling Program* — Tumbling program for 3-and 4-year olds; Offered Tuesday from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM or Wednesday from 11 AM to 11:45 AM

SUB-TEENS & TEENS

1. *Boys Breakball Clinic* — For boys in grades 3 and 4 on Tuesdays from 4 PM to 5 PM; boys in grades 5 and 6 on Fridays from 4 to 5 PM (Held at DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid)
2. **NOTE:** Clinics will also be held for girls;s however, no time has been set.
3. *Boys' Floor Hockey* — For boys in grades 6 through 8; offered on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 PM.
4. *Tap Dancing* — For ages 8 through 16 on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 PM.

ADULTS

1. *Yoga* — Offered on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM.

The Bloomingdale Public Library from 10:30 to 11:15 A.M. on each of the following dates: October 5, 12, 19, and 26, and November 2, 9, 16 and 30.

Gary Hanson, a social worker for the DuPage County Health Department, and Joyce Peterson, a DuPage County Health nurse, are participating in the programs.

Such topics as disciplining your young children, sibling rivalry, temper tantrums, childhood illness and medical care for children are being covered. The programs are being presented in conjunction with the library's weekly story hour program so parents are encouraged to bring their pre-school children to each session. Call the library for more information.

NEEDLEPOINT CLASSES

The Library will sponsor a series of six weekly needlepoint classes starting on Monday, October 22 at 7 PM. The instructor is Jessie Loris, a member of the National Standard Council of American Embroideries and Embroideries Guild of America. Jessie has worked in needlecraft shops in Wheaton and Westmont. For further information concerning fees and registration, call the library at 529-3120.

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WHAT ABOUT CABLE TV IN BLOOMINGDALE?

In the last two issues of the ALMANAC we have asked readers to complete a brief survey if they were interested in CATV. To date we have received 183 responses which would appear to be a significant response worthy of taking action. We asked Bob Reeves, Village Administrator, to tell us what was being done.

Bob, why are we taking so much time to act on CATV when some of our neighboring communities seemed to move so quickly?

We don't want to buy a pig in a poke. Before we act we want to be sure of what we are committing to, and that takes time.

What choices are there, Bob?

Well there are two basic choices: cable TV or Pay TV. Additionally there are a multitude of companies attempting to crack this rich market. Some of them are extremely reputable and have proven track records; others we can't be too sure of. That's why we are investigating and attempting to learn as much as possible about our alternatives.

What is the basic difference between the two systems?

Cable TV, as the name implies, relies upon actual cable run from the base station located somewhere in the Village to all of the users, similar to a telephone line but using coaxial cable. No antennae are required for reception and the picture you receive is of studio quality because there is no possibility of outside interference. Also you can receive up to 36 different channels featuring specialized programming as well as providing reception from other commercial channels such as New York, Atlanta and San Francisco.

Pay TV may or may not use cable. Some companies provide an unscrambling device which is attached to the TV itself and utilizes the existing antenna to pick up the signal. Usually Pay TV does not offer the range provided by Cable TV; however, it can be installed more quickly at a lower cost, provided that cable is not used.

When do the companies decide they have a feasible market?

Normally for a community our size they would want at least 1,000 hookups for economic viability.

That's almost one-third of all the homes in the Village. Can we expect that response?

Hold it a minute. I said 1,000 hookups, not 1,000 homes. For example if everyone in Medinah on the Lakes wanted the service you would have 121 hookups and that is only one building. Townhomes and fourflats would be counted the same way. So you see 1,000 is a very reasonable number which wouldn't be too difficult to obtain, according to Cable TV sources.

What is the current status on the project?

The Board of Trustees has asked me to research the whole concept and come to them with recommendations. But we have to remember certain basic facts. First, the Village has no financial investment in the system with taxpayer funds. If we award a franchise for Cable TV, however, the company would have to use public easements to run its cable. That is where the Village comes in.

Second, this is a long-term commitment. Normally a company will not come into a community unless they are given a fifteen-year contract. That's a long time.

Of course you can appreciate the company's concern. They have a sizable investment up front and want to be sure that they can get a reasonable payout on that investment. On the other hand we want to be sure of what we are doing before we sign, not after!

So where do we go from here?

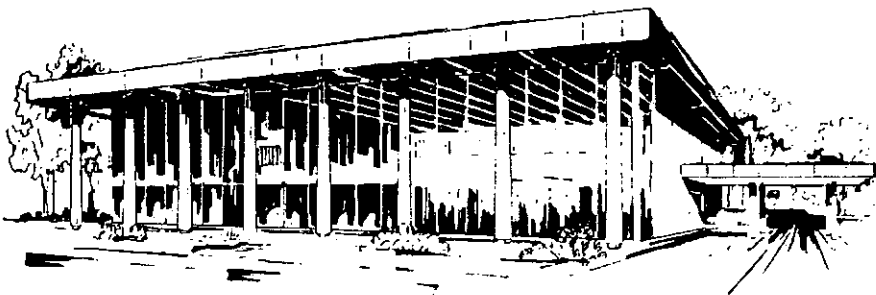
We are presently conducting research on systems feasibility. We also want to be sure that the companies can guarantee us a specific timetable for implementation. Further we want to be sure that the company we select has the financial strength to be in business 15 years from now. But most importantly the Board wants to be sure that we pick the best service for the community consistent with the costs to the users.

When we complete our research we will probably narrow the field down to three or four firms and then ask each to make a presentation at a special open meeting held by the Board-possibly on a Saturday morning. After that the Board can then make a decision. But as I said in the beginning, we are not going to buy a pig in a poke.

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PLANNING TO MOVE? TELL OTHERS NOW!

by Renee Spencer

That is the message from Jim Sutter, Bloomingdale Postmaster. Often people are distressed because they have not received monthly checks from VA, Social Security and others on the date stipulated. When he asks how long ago they notified their correspondents, some will say that they didn't think they had to. Others will say, within the past two weeks.

"The most important factor in changing addresses is allowing enough lead time," states Sutter. "Within the past 12 months we have had approximately 1,000 moves from a route of slightly more than 4,000. So you can see the magnitude of the problem."

Failure to notify far enough in advance causes significant delay. Assume a person has moved from Bloomingdale to Sacramento, California. He has notified the post office but not his correspondents. The check from VA is sent to his old address. The post office in Bloomingdale must check the file and note the new address, a time lag of one day. Then the mail must be sent to the new address in California, another three days. In other words a total loss of four days because the sender was not notified in time.

In addition to the delays in delivery there is the additional work load in the post office.

Free change of Address Kits are available at the Post Office for the asking. Jim says the minimum notification time should be at least one month. In the case of many weekly magazines, the publishers ask for six to eight weeks to assure continuous timely delivery.

First class mail is guaranteed to be delivered and forwarded for an indefinite period of time; normally second class mail can be forwarded for 90 days. Other classes of mail may not be forwarded.

The U.S. Post Office has mounted a national campaign to get people to act as soon as possible. Locally Jim is providing realtors with stocks of Change of Address Kits to give to buyers and sellers of homes so that people can act far enough in advance.

Postmaster Sutter sums it up this way: "Getting mail moved can be a lot easier than moving furniture and household goods. This is one moving problem you can solve at the drop of a postcard."

SEPTEMBERFEST FANTASTIC

"It was fantastic!" So stated Dolores Howe, General Chairman of the 7th Annual Septemberfest held in Old Town on Sunday, September 9.

Howe said that perfect weather plus the cooperation of so many clubs and organizations contributed to the success of the occasion.

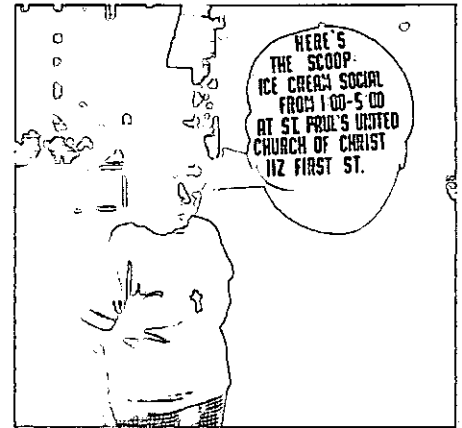
"The money we raised from the event will be used in further restoration of the Museum on Bloomingdale Road which was formerly the Park District Headquarters," she said.

Among the organizations working to make the day outstanding were the Jaycees, the Lions, Boy Scout Troop 189, Cub Scout Pack 57, the Campfire Girls, LaLeche League, Bloomingdale Hockey Team, the Garden Club, ORT, Indian Guides, Crusade of Mercy, North DuPage Eve Homemakers, the Welcome Wagon, St. Paul's United Church and the Bloomingdale Public Library.

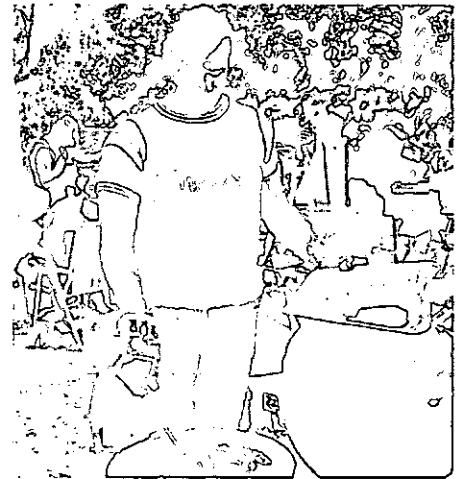
The Committee wished to extend special thanks to the Fire Department for their display and open house as well as the Police Department for their cooperation in maintaining smooth but friendly traffic and crowd control.

The Women's Club Art Fair held in the parking lot of Bloomingdale State Bank also shared in the success of the day. Total profits from booths and refreshments were 60% better than last year. Proceeds were donated to the Friendly Corner Child Care Center and the Children's Center, both non-profit organizations.

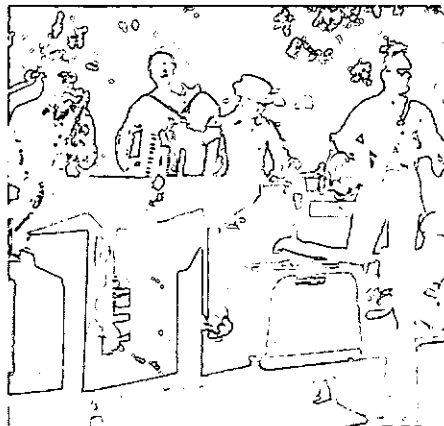
Artists from several Illinois communities and neighboring states displayed their works. James J. Connolly of Hammond, Indiana received the "Best of Show" Award for his graphics presentations.



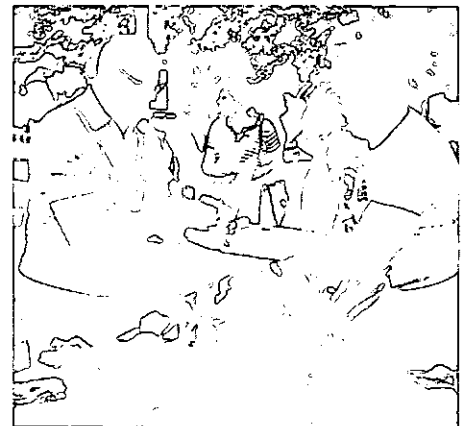
Getting the scoop



Brats from the Jaycees



Best of Show



Corn from the Lions

CHIEF'S CORNER

by Patrick J. McMahon, Chief of Police

Co-Existing with Wildlife

by Karen Umlauf

With fuel costs at all-time highs and undoubtedly going higher, pre-winter vehicle tune-ups are more important than ever because of fuel conservation problems coupled with the usual winter driving problems — inadequate traction and reduced visibility.

In view of continuing concerns about energy conservation and pollution controls, engine tune-ups and good vehicle maintenance are critical to getting through the winter months as economically as possible and without mechanical failures.

First and most importantly, have your engine tuned by a competent mechanic. A tune-up, such as the one we give our patrol and emergency vehicles, should include inspection of the electrical system, timing, points (newer cars use electronic ignition systems without points), plugs and the emission control devices on late model cars. This will reduce fuel consumption, while at the same time assure dependable starting at low temperatures and fewer stalls in traffic.

A balky car in traffic and under winter conditions is a sure way to start a traffic tie-up.

In addition to the basic tune-up, also heed the following equipment recommendations developed by the National Safety Council and endorsed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

HEATER-DEFROSTER SYSTEM — It must clear fog and frost off your windshield and keep it clear. Check the thermostat or adjustments to the control mechanism. Include the rear window defroster if your vehicle has one.

WINDSHIELD WIPERS — Have they dried out in summer heat? Live replacement blades are inexpensive and do a better job in wiping away slush and snow without streaking. Check your washer solution for adequate anti-freeze protection.

LIGHTS — They must be in perfect working order. Check for and replace burned out bulbs and broken or cracked lenses. Winter grime and road salt corrode sockets and reflectors. Clean all lights frequently during winter.

They burrow in lawns, chew weather-stripping from garage doors and devour hundreds of dollars worth of landscaping despite homeowner's best efforts.

Preventative maintenance on homes and garages will preclude infestation by small mammals in search of a place that is warm and dry.

So what do you do if one of these creatures takes up residence with you?

Raccoons or Squirrels in the Chimney: Don't try smoke or heat. First build a strong screen cover to be bolted or clamped over the top of the chimney. Animals often leave the new home generally before 10:00 P.M. The chimney can then be screened securely. Raccoons in particular are strong, smart and persistent; they will try several nights to gain admittance.

Rabbits in the Yard: This is the most difficult of animals to discourage it has expensive tastes and can do hundreds of dollars worth of damage to landscaping

BRAKES — Poorly adjusted, grabbing or failing brakes can force your vehicle into an uncontrolled skid on slippery pavement. Have them checked and adjusted by a competent mechanic-before trouble starts.

TIRES — Good treads are important year 'round, but especially so when pavements are covered with snow and ice. Snow tires are particularly helpful for pulling through loosely packed snow, but offer little advantage in stopping on icy pavements.

TIRE CHAINS — They still remain the best traction aid in deep snow or glare ice conditions. Carry them in your trunk and be prepared to use them for severe snow and ice driving.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT — Your trunk should carry: Booster cables, sand or rock salt, traction mats, a shovel, safety flares or reflectors, a tow chain or strap, emergency lighting equipment (with fresh batteries), extra windshield washer solvent, a window scraper and paper towels, heavy gloves and extra winter clothing.

Check your car, then double-check your driving habits. Safe and economical winter driving requires a little extra time, a little slower speed, a little extra care and a lot more common sense.

during a single winter. Short of fencing in the entire yard or all valuable bushes and trees there is no effective barrier against rabbits. Sometimes a creosote soaked rope works as a repellent when buried around the perimeter of the garden. Garden supply stores carry a variety of spray-on repellents, most of which are costly and only partially effective.

A Skunk under the Patio: This is the most difficult animal to deal with. They can be driven from underneath porches and patios by using household ammonia funneled through a garden hose. Dusk is the best time; stand clear when he comes out and fill in the tunnel when he's left. Naphthalene flakes can also be used as a wildlife repellent. Do not poison or gas a skunk under a deck or slab. When the body decomposes the scent returns; the only way to remove the odor would be to remove the concrete and dispose of the remains — both time-consuming and costly!

Vanilla neutralizes skunk odor indoors or out. Rinse clothing in milk or tomato juice.

A skunk that gets stuck in a window well can be helped out by placing a board covered with carpet for use as a ramp.

Squirrels or Raccoons in the Attic: The easiest solution is to chase the animal out and close off the point of entry. If this fails try enticing him out with a trail of nuts or cereal. An ordinary household product such as ammonia or mothballs can be effective if used in a confined area. Avoid shuttering the animal in; it will either expire or do considerable damage trying to escape. Avoid poisons; they are illegal and may leave a dead, stinking animal in a hard to reach place. Make sure a female has not left little ones behind.

Opossums in the Garage: The rat-like appearance of opossums can be disconcerting to someone who hasn't seen one before, but they are seldom a real problem. They can easily be caught with a fisherman's landing net, or by dropping a garbage can or box over him. Once caught he can be moved after a thin plywood sheet is slid under the box or can to provide a floor for his cage. Then get him out of town and turn him loose. Prevent further problems by keeping wood piles one foot above ground, closing off porches, and keeping garage doors closed.

"WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

Opinion Responses

CABLE TV

In regard to Cable TV, you mentioned that you have received "more than 90 positive responses." Have you also received any negative responses and if so how many? To be fair to the Village you should have had both opinions available on your survey form.

*Sherry Chalmers
206 Lakeshore Lane*

The purpose of the survey was to determine interest in Cable TV. As there is no obligation to purchase the service, we felt no need to ask for negative responses. See related story elsewhere in this issue. Editor

CIRCLE-LAKE INTERSECTION PROBLEMS

I moved from Tee Lane across Lake St. in June. I live in the Condo on Hillcrest Terrace. Trying to get out of Circle Avenue and Lake is almost impossible. Many cars have difficulty and I feel a light is badly needed at Circle and Lake before someone is killed. (I live here 14½ years and have seen Bloomingdale grow.)

Name withheld upon request.

A traffic signal will soon be constructed at Fairfield and Lake, which should improve the conditions of which you spoke. The offset between North Circle and South Circle at Lake Street has been the primary impediment to receiving approval from the State of Illinois for the signal there.

Village Administrator R. F. Reeves

by causing frequent or continued noise shall disturb the comfort or repose of any persons in the vicinity. This ordinance would provide for control of excessive barking by dogs. The penalty for violation of this ordinance is \$25 to \$500 per offense.

Police Chief Patrick J. McMahon

THE DOGS

Is there a Village ordinance on the number of dogs allowed in any one home? If so, does this (or a similar ordinance) specify either how much barking or at what times this noise can be considered a public nuisance?

Name withheld upon request.

Village Ordinance No. 72-28 sets a limit of no more than two dogs per single family residence, whether that be an apartment or a single family lot. The penalty is a fine of \$15 to \$100 for each offense.

Village Ordinance No. 72-29 prohibits the keeping of any animal or bird which

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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 _____

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