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from the
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The Village
of
Bloomingtondale



FAREWELL.....



The time has come to step down as Editor of the Village ALMANAC. Unfortunately the demands on my time in my work as well as other factors have forced me to make this decision. Mayor Tenuto has assured me, however, that the ALMANAC will continue as a vital organ of communication in the Village of Bloomingdale.

While I regret having to make this decision, I feel proud that we as a Village have come so far in such a short time and that as Editor I have had the opportunity to help in letting you know about this growth.

But the time has come to say goodbye. I wish to thank all of the past and present members of the ALMANAC staff who have tried to make this the best publication possible. In particular Pat Sodomka, Renee Spencer who have been with me since the beginning.

I also wish to thank all of our sponsors whose advertising has helped to defray printing costs and also made you aware of all the businesses available in our Village.

The Village staff has proved most cooperative not only in supplying information but also in taking care of much of the administrative burden connected with a Village publication.

Last, but not least, a special thank you to you readers who have been so helpful in supplying us with information both formally through surveys and informally through your correspondence and phone calls.

STICKER TIME AGAIN

Once again it is sticker time. According to Village ordinance vehicle stickers are required for all passenger cars, trucks and recreational vehicles which have a Bloomingdale registered address.

Recently the Village sent applications together with instructions and a return address envelope to all homes in the Village.

The deadline for vehicle stickers is February 15. Stickers were available as of December 1. Failure to have a sticker displayed after that date can result in a \$2.00 fine for each month after that date plus the cost of the sticker.

Recreational vehicle stickers must also be purchased now to avoid the fine even if the RV may not be used except during the summer. Senior citizens 65 and over are entitled to one honorary sticker per family.

So don't get stuck! Get your sticker now and avoid the rush!

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YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS?????

If you want a special community activity of yours to appear in lights, contact the American Heritage Savings and Loan Association at 261 E. Lake.

Branch Manager David J. Kapolnek offered the Electronic Message Center sign located in front of their office for use by any community organization in the Village free of charge. The "Center" is capable of displaying any six-line message over 200 times per hour on both the east and west sides of the sign.

For further information contact American Heritage at 894-5400.

VILLAGE BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS

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

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

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

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7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

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

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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

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2nd Friday of every Month, 8:00 A.M.
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2nd & 4th Thursday of every Month
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8:00 P.M. — Village Hall

OLD TOWN COMMISSION

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

INDIAN LAKES SEWER COMMITTEE

After a long and heated discussion at the open hearing on October 26th regarding the construction of sanitary sewers in "East Indian Lakes" the Board of Trustees established a committee of interested residents to come up with recommendations for the hearing which was continued to December 13.

The committee is chaired by Flemming Christensen of 329 Cardinal and consists of John Tomaras of 433 Cardinal, Marge Norman of 357 Eagle Lane, William Burke of 358 Cardinal, Joseph Vozella of 396 Cardinal, Geno Napolitano of 258 Eagle Lane, John Ehinger of 157 Army Trail, Shirley Olszewski of 179 Bobwhite, William Husko of 157 Raven Lane and Gerhardt Umlauf of 176 Cardinal.

Members of the committee have personally distributed a survey to all the parties involved which consists of those lots in Indian Lakes east of the Resort's golf course.

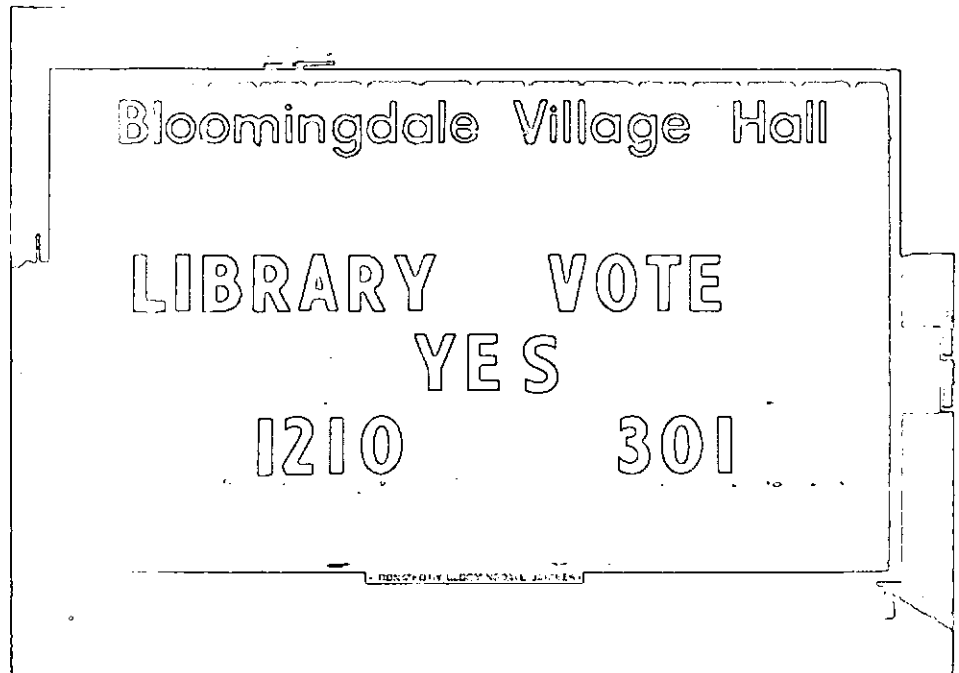
The committee has been charged with defining and researching the economic impact of various solutions and reviewing the accuracy and adequacy of cost estimates.

One of their first steps was to meet with an official from the grant administration section of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency who advised them that such a project would not carry the highest priority with that agency.

During the time since sanitary sewers were first discussed for Indian Lakes, Special Service Area No. 1 for Sanitary Sewers on Bunting Lane, Raven and Wren has already been initiated with construction underway, sewers have been installed in Old Town and along Lake Street.]

At press time the committee recommended that the 20-year Special Assessment be abandoned; however, the committee will continue to explore alternative solutions.

A BIG WINNER.....



The Village Bulletin Board indicated the success of the Library referendum. Ground-breaking will be in the Spring of 1981, as soon as weather permits.

MORE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

A valuable byproduct of the recent library referendum was the re-institution of the Friends of the Library. The previous group which became inactive had sponsored many fund-raising activities such as a children's theatre, a concert series and an art auction.

The new group of Bloomingdale Friends of the Library is working with Head Librarian Gay Nass to obtain a state charter as a non-profit organization, and to become more involved in the mainstream of community activities.

Some of the potential programs are a special interest book discussion group, a fund-raiser for needed items not in the library budget, a reception held annually for new residents and teachers in the community, an author's night, a family night and special exhibits emphasizing areas of particular interest.

Meetings have been held monthly on the second Thursday in the Village Hall Community Room at 7:30 p.m. For more information call the library at 529-3120.

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the many people who worked for and supported our recent library referendum. Our special thanks to Village President Sam Tenuto for his help and encouragement of this project. Also, thanks to Village Clerk Barb Arrivi, Village Administrator, Bob Reeves, and Bertie Sargis. Thank you to Sundee Luedecke for her work in organizing volunteers and to the over 100 people who made telephone calls, judged and poll-watched. We appreciate your efforts and time that you gave to the library. All of you played an important role in our successful referendum.

Gay Nass, Head Librarian
The Library Board of Directors
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SCOUT TROOP #189 RECYCLING PROJECT

The Bloomingdale Boy Scouts of Troop #189 hold paper drives throughout the year for the dual purpose of recycling the fibers and help provide the needed funds for Scout Summer Camp and Troop operation. The Boy Scouts encourage all residents of Bloomingdale to save their newspapers every day of the year and the Scouts will pick them up at your home. All paper drives start at 9:00 A.M. and cover the following areas: Seasons Four; North Suncrest; and the areas bordered by Lake Street to Army Trail Road and Medinah Road to Gary Avenue.

The Paper Drive dates are:

December 6, 1980
February 28, 1981
May 2, 1981
June 27, 1981

Because such items as aluminum foil, plastic and other contaminants reduce the usefulness of newspapers to be recycled, only clean newspapers should be tied in bundles or placed into paper shopping bags for pickup. Please place the bundles outside the garage door or where they can be seen and picked up by the Scouts on the day of the paper drive.

Using the paper industry figures, the Bloomingdale Boy Scouts of Troop #189 have recycled enough newspapers since January, 1977 to date to save cutting down 2156 pulpwood trees; also they say there is a considerable savings in energy used in processing recycled fibers compared to raw wood pulp. The ink used in printing is also salvaged and reused.

Once again the Scouts urge all residents to get involved and help with their recycling project by saving newspapers which the Scouts will pick up at your home. If you have a large quantity to be picked up or need help handling the paper or have any questions, please call Phil Manly at 529-3064.

PARK DISTRICT WELCOMES WINTER

Cross Country Skiing - Instructors from Aurora's Cross Country Ski Shop will teach beginning Cross Country Skiing for Bloomingdale Park District residents on Sunday, February 1, from 1-3:00 P.M. The fee is \$12.00. The fee includes equipment rental. Registration deadline is January 26.

Men's 16" Softball Tournament - Date Weekend of Feb. 7 (Weather permitting). Ten man roster. Single elimination, regulation softball rules apply. Sixty (60%) percent residency requirement per team. Individual trophies will be awarded for the First Place team. If the weather delays the tournament, it will be held on weekend of Feb. 14. Fee is \$25.00 per team.

This winter there will be a **natural ice rink** located in the following Parks: Circle, Westlake, Sunnyside, Indian Lakes, Austin Federal and Lakeview. The Park Maintenance Department will begin flooding the skating area when there is at least five inches of ground frost. These areas will be maintained and cleared of snow as much as possible.

A **new ball field** is now under construction at Austin Federal Park on Edgewater. This field will be placed in operation in the Spring of 1982, and may be used by older teams as well as the Minor-Major age group, depending on the scheduling of the softball area. All other ball fields in Circle Park and Lakeview Park have been reworked and are expected to provide better playing conditions next Spring and for years to come.

Meeting Nights Changed: Park District Board Meetings will be on the 1st Monday of each month for work session and 3rd Monday for regular meetings. Time is 8:00 P.M.

Program Director Mary Fernandez is interested in any ideas you may have for new programs or changes to existing programs. Call Mary at 529-3650.

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CABLE UPDATE

In late August the committee composed of representation from the Villages of Bloomingdale, Roselle, Carol Stream, Itasca and Wood Dale received proposals from eight cable TV companies. These were Centel Communications Company, Cablevision of Chicago, United Cable Television of Illinois, Six Star Cablevision, Multimedia Cablevision Inc., Metro Vision, Storer Northern Illinois Cablevision, and Cox Cable Communications Inc.

At their December meeting the joint committee narrowed the group down to four: Cablevision of Chicago, Six Star Cablevision, Metro Vision, and Cox Cable Communications. At this time the committee is seeking references on each of the four companies from 25 communities which they presently serve. Additionally the committee

has asked the four companies to make presentations to an open hearing composed of the committee, the boards of trustees from each of the five Villages, and school officials of each of the school districts within the area covered, as well as library representatives. Metro Vision and Cox Cable are scheduled for presentations on January 28; Six Star and Cablevision are scheduled for February 11. Interested parties should contact the Village Hall for further information.

Also a subcommittee will be analyzing the complete financial statements of each of the four companies. Lest some citizens become impatient, bear in mind that the winning bidder will have to expend several millions of dollars to provide the service. It is too late after the contract is signed.

WOMEN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW

The Bloomingdale Women's Club announces their annual fashion show will be held at Indian Lakes Resort Hotel on May 2, 1981.

The show entitled "Ordinary People With Extraordinary Style" will begin with cocktails at 11 AM, followed by lunch at noon. Providing the clothes will be Madigan's of Woodfield and other locations.

The show is being held to raise funds for the Marklund Home in Bloomingdale and is one more

example of the Club's objective to provide entertainment and also help deserving causes within the Village.

According to Co-Chairperson Lynne Denmark the club is currently busy collecting donations for the feature raffle prizes, two of which are a fur jacket and a Get-Away Weekend at Indian Lakes.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person; a \$12.50 deposit now will reserve a table for eight. Call Chris, 529-0335; Lynne, 980-5078; or Sharon, 529-0215.

THANKS, PAT

Pat Sodomka, Assistant Editor, recently announced her resignation from the ALMANAC. Pat is joining her husband Denny in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he recently became Assistant Manager Editor of the Charlotte News.

Pat first joined the staff of the ALMANAC at its inception in 1975 and has been involved continuously in its publication since that time.

But the loss to the Village will be even greater. In January of 1980 Pat was nominated by the Bloomingdale Jaycees as Bloomingdale's "Outstanding Citizen". In February the Illinois Jaycees named her as one of the ten "Outstanding Young Persons" in the State of Illinois.

Pat's belief has always been that "community involvement is the best expression of sharing oneself with the community to improve and help those whom we live near."

She has shared herself with her community in many ways. The charter administrator of the "Friendly Corner Learning Center," Pat guided the first non-profit, full-day, day-care and nursery school in the Village to its present state.

She has been a Sunday School teacher, an "Outreach" program worker, a volunteer for "Meals on Wheels," chairperson of the Bloomingdale Women's Club and coordinator of a reading program for the Bloomingdale Library.

On behalf of all the Village we can only say "Thanks, Pat."



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SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT

The following are additional projects for our community:

1. Building permits have been issued to **Talman Savings & Loan Association** for banking facilities to be located on an 1.8 acre site on the ring road of Stratford Square Shopping Center, at 68 Stratford Drive.
2. The first Mall Tenant of the Stratford Square Shopping Center has applied for a building permit. They are "**Houlihan's Old Place Restaurant**". Their plans are now being reviewed by the Building Department. The restaurant will occupy 8,490 square feet and will have a seating capacity of 251, with an additional 36 seats out on the patio for outdoor dining.
3. **Showbiz Pizza Place** has its building permits for construction of an 8,000 square foot building having a seating capacity of 177. The building will be located at 132 E. Lake Street in the Springbrook Shopping Center, west of the Bloomingdale State Bank.
4. Construction has already started on the new Dental Clinic building located north of the Village Hall. Completion should be some time in the Spring of 1981.
5. Father Maher, Pastor of St. Isidore Church, has purchased an old home near Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue and had it moved. It will be attached to the existing Rectory. This will provide additional living facilities and offices for the Parish Priests until some time in the near future when a new Rectory will be built.
6. Two more stores have opened in the Circle Center Shopping Center. They are:
 - a. **Avanti Fashion Imports**
 - b. **International Gift Imports.**

ARMCHAIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SOMEDAY...

Someday in the near future you may be able to shop for many goods from your armchair by using your home TV set. The concept is that people will see merchandise displayed and demonstrated on their home screens and then punch buttons on a special set attachment to order merchandise to be picked up at a nearby center or delivered to their home.

As cable TV spreads and as two-way television technology becomes more widely available, video shopping is expected to become a reality. What effect will this have on the major shopping centers such as Stratford Square?

According to Oscar Reid, Senior Vice President of Urban Investment Development Company, such an innovation may well increase shopping center business.

"Television shopping will undoubtedly account for a portion of sales, but it will also whet the ap-

petite of people to go out and actually see the merchandise," Reid said. "There are many goods, such as apparel, home furnishings, appliances and housewares, that people want to see, feel and try out before they buy. Television shopping is no more likely to replace in-person buying than mail order catalogs have done."

Reid also notes that the convenience of being able to see goods on home television and order them by punching buttons is no substitute for getting out of the house and enjoying the shopping center experience.

"Shopping centers are more than places to buy things," he said. "They are giant social centers where people go not just to shop, but to meet people, enjoy the surroundings, see a motion picture, visit a special exhibit, hear a concert or dine in a restaurant. Television shopping can't substitute for those experiences."

People are dying for your help.

Give blood.

The next Bloomingdale Blood Drive will be held on January 15, 1981 at DuJardin School from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Consider the benefits of being a blood donor. Your donation will provide protection for yourself and your entire family no matter where they may live in the United States. It will also help to fulfill the needs of patients in 22 hospitals in the 8-county regional service area of the Aurora Area Blood Bank. Of more significance, your "Gift of Life" may sustain the lives of upward of four people.

Recently the Bloomingdale Blood Association affiliated with the Aurora Blood Bank. With this new affiliation, blood bank protection is now extended to the entire families of all members of any participating groups. This may be interpreted to include all family members related by blood or marriage, no matter where they live.

The basic qualifications for being a blood donor are: 1) Be age 17 through 65; 2) Weigh 110 lbs. or more; 3) Be in good health. It is a safe and painless procedure which will only take about one-half hour of your time. So give! Help your neighbor and help yourself!

SEPTEMBER SUCCESS

The 8th Annual Septemberfest was the greatest ever due to the help of the Historical Society members, the Village government, the Park District, the Fire Department, the U.S. Post Office, the Police Department, the 20 local organizations, the 26 crafts and antiques exhibitors and the public.

We especially want to thank Brandt Crocker, Vincent DiVito, J.W. Reedy, Kenneth Olsen and Robert Iden who participated with their time and financial support.

The proceeds of Septemberfest will be used towards equipping the Historical Museum and landscaping the area around it. We anticipate officially opening the museum in the near future.

Congratulations to Helga Redmond of Bloomingdale who won the handmade quilt and Sharon Gabin-ski of Bloomingdale who won the afghan, both of which were raffled off at the Septemberfest. Winners of the old-fashioned costume contest were Chuck Franzen, Ronnie Howe, Kim King and Karen Lundgren. Each won \$25.00.

I would like to personally include my special thanks to the Society for allowing me the opportunity to organize the last five September-fests.

Dolores Howe

— A SWEET TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE —

The Knights of Columbus of the Thomas Merton Council managed to exceed last year's fund-raising drive for the mentally retarded by 225% thanks in great part to the generosity of the people in Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Bartlett, Wayne and other communities covered by the council.

Most of the proceeds from the drive will go to help the mentally retarded - the forgotten children - at Marklund Home in Bloomingdale and the Bartlett Learning Center in Bartlett.

For several years now the Knights have held an annual drive to assist the mentally retarded. The state-wide objective for 1980 was \$800,000 most of which will be contributed to local agencies such as Marklund and the Learning Center.

The use of Tootsie Rolls was started by one council in the South Side of Chicago. They reasoned that Tootsie Rolls had a much longer self life than other candies and reminded many people of the past enjoyment they had with the classic sweet. As the drive was held around Halloween many contributors declined to take the candies saying their kids had too much already. But as one of the knights said, "They may not have taken too much candy but they certainly helped to sweeten the day for many of our forgotten children."



FRIENDLY CORNER THANKS COMMUNITY HELPERS...

The staff and children at The Friendly Corner Learning Center wish to express our appreciation to some of our Bloomingdale neighbors for making our Community Helpers unit a worthwhile experience. Our special thanks to Mr. George Theis of Bloomingdale Pharmacy for his special tour; Dr. Robert Meyers D.D.S. who helped prepare the children for their first dental visit; to Mr. Frank Manella, grocer and butcher, who delighted the children as they donned aprons to help him price, cut up a chicken and learn where our food comes from; and to our Bloomingdale Police and Fire Departments for their tours and ability to have the children know you're their helper and friends.

The Friendly Corner was able to provide our children with a very worthwhile learning experience, and we are grateful to all of you for your time and efforts.

Sincerely,
Pat Sodomka
Administrator
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An interesting variety of specialty stores and services awaits the shopper at Circle Center. **Page's Schwinn Cyclery** boasts a complete line of Schwinn bikes including 10 speeds, adult exercisers, and BMX for kids. They also repair all models of Schwinn bikes and most other popular brands. "One stop shopping for all your health needs" may be found next door at **Golden Health**. Owner Sherron DeGeorge will be holding informative get-togethers during the winter at the store and is also available to talk to school organizations, women's clubs and community organizations on health and nutrition.

Avanti Fashion Imports is one of Circle Center's newest businesses. Shoes for the entire family are imported from Italy as are the beautiful knit children's clothes, ranging in size from newborn to age five. For that special occasion, Avanti carries exquisitely-made christening gowns and communion dresses. Gifts for those special occasions can be found at Avanti's neighboring store, **International Import Gifts**. The owners, residents of neighboring Addison, have imported figurines, statuettes, bamboniere and wedding favors from Italy. They will also custom-make specialty items for weddings and anniversaries.

Stroll next door to **Sal's** and you won't be able to resist their palate-pleasing pastries — guaranteed to be diet destroyers! Sal's specializes in quality meats, fresh produce and also provides a full line of staples. Get ready to let your belt out another notch or two... **Rosati's Pizza** is next on your list. The menu is extensive and diners have their choice of restaurant/lounge or carry-out service.

Hair's The Place celebrated it's Grand Opening two years ago January 15th — the night of the big snowstorm — with only two fellows on snowshoes in attendance! Today, however, it's 'business as

usual' catering to both men and women (in separate styling salons) and caring for women's skin needs with **LaMaur Natural Woman Products**.

Get another notch left in your belt? Let it out and head for **Tony's Italian Deli**! Bloomingdale resident and deli-owner Tony Moretti stocks a vast variety of aromatic and mouth-watering sausages, cheeses, lunch meats, and incredibly beautiful fruits and vegetables. For authenticity, his pastas are imported; and, he'll customize party trays for special occasions. Next door, **ALMANAC** sponsor **Classic Travel** is a fully-automated travel agency, equipped to handle vacation plans, group tours, and travel and lodging reservations.

Circle Center's first tenant, **The Liquor Shelf**, carries a complete supply of spirits, wines (both domestic and imported), and an extensive selection of imported beers. A gift-center, greeting card selection, and soda center round out the party provisions and fulfill the store's motto, "Our concern is you and your spirits!" Movies at home are becoming more and more popular; and the Circle Center shopper can choose his equipment and tapes at **TVIDEO - Herbener's Sales and Service**. The Herbeners have been serving the Roselle-Bloomingdale area for over 30 years with sales and service on RCA, Zenith, Sylvania, Magnavox, and Sony.

For over a year **Print Master** has been serving individual and commercial customers in the Bloomingdale area. Their specialties include wedding invitations, business cards, NCR's, letterheads, mailers, and of course, quick service! Remember that belt you've been letting out? Throw it away! Here comes **The Hot Dog Stand**! Besides the name sake, be sure to try the corned beef and steak sandwiches. We literally come full circle and complete the tour at **K-M Electronics Limited**, repairers of all types of audio equipment.

"CLUSTERED MAILBOXES"

Constructing "clustered mailboxes" (those having anywhere from eight to sixteen boxes on one pedestal), has been a topic of conversation in Bloomingdale since last Spring. But the talk has finally ceased and action has begun.

Talk of grouped boxes first emerged earlier in the year when a woman who had moved here from Milwaukee, Wis., sent a letter to the Mayor of Bloomingdale questioning why the community didn't use the system.

The idea was studied by Postmaster Sutter and the Board. It was deemed beneficial and concluded that any new complex would adopt the clustered system. Older communities will not be forced to have these boxes, says Sutter, because, "many people are perfectly happy with the way their service is handled now."

Studies have shown that grouping boxes provides faster and more economical collection and delivery of mail than having separate boxes. And the concept is not only more helpful for the postman, it helps the community look better too!

Clustered mailboxes can have cedar roofing added to make them more aesthetically pleasing. And all boxes have locks and keys for added safety.

Sutter explained that the eight to sixteen boxes grouped on a special stainless-steel pedestal have been used successfully in the Barrington/Lakes area.

Although the idea is currently being planned for only new developments, Sutter added that he would discuss the idea with any homeowner association if it would like to adopt the concept also. He stresses, however, that all individuals in a particular area would have to agree to the concept before it would be initiated.

A LOOK AHEAD....



Each morning Johnny leaves home a little early for school and each night he arrives home a little late. He's not a "lazy" walker who needs more time to get to class than some of the other kids and he hasn't been asked to stay late after class for being disruptive. Johnny is learning how to program a computer by attending Wesfield Jr. High's Computer Club.

According to Computer Club Sponsor Lorraine Mork, the organization was started several weeks ago after she received two computers ordered for her math classes. "The computers were ordered primarily for math enrichment and motivational exercises; however, some students have become so fascinated by the machines we've started a club."

The organization currently has 20 members in 6th, 7th and 8th grade who learn to operate the computers before and after school and also during their lunch breaks. Mork says she spends "a lot" of extra hours outside of class to help her club members, but believes it is well worth the sacrifice.

"It really amazes me what these kids can do. Right now, I have two students who are working on a global skills tape for the social studies program."

Mork says the computer program will include questions on such items as longitude, latitude, names of countries and cities, etc. When completed, this tape will be given to the social studies department for students to use in conjunction with class exercises.

Other club members who are not quite so advanced are currently learning the "words" of programming and the steps involved in actually devising a program.

The sponsor feels the club, which was just begun this year, is beneficial to both the advanced student and the one wanting to learn the basics of computer programming. She hopes more individuals will become interested in this futuristic piece of equipment and that parents won't mind their children arriving at school early or leaving late to learn a useful skill.

TAXPAYER'S COUNTDOWN

(Note: the following information has been provided by Mr. Donald T. McLean of Donald McLean & Co., Chtd. Certified Public Accountants. For specific questions you should consult with your own tax adviser.)

With the holiday season approaching now is the time to plan year-end tax strategy. There is little that can be done to alter the flow of income if you are paid on a scheduled basis such as weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. However, each of you has some control over tax deductible expenditures.

- A) If you have incurred dental or medical bills not covered by insurance; remembering that the first three (3%) percent of adjusted gross income is excluded from this deductible item, try to "group" the payment into one year. In this manner you might qualify for a deduction in one year whereas it's possible you would not qualify in either year by splitting the payments.
- B) If you have made a pledge to your church, college or other recognized charity; consider paying it before year end to claim the deduction in 1980. Speaking of charity - if you do volunteer work and keep a log of mileage incurred for this work, you are entitled to a standard deduction of nine (.09¢) cents per mile.
- C) State income tax payments are deductible on the federal return. Therefore, if you normally pay an estimated payment on January 15th each year consider paying it prior to year end. If you own property in Florida, or another state which pre-bills taxes, your 1981 tax bill will be out in November, 1980. This could be paid in 1980 to double up your deduction for this year.
- D) Though IRS limits the amount of net investment interest which you can deduct it does not prevent you from prepaying your January mortgage payment. You can also repay any term or installment note in 1980.

CHECK OUT HOME FILMS

If inflation has reduced your entertainment budget to a walk to the post office to mail bills, The Bloomingdale Public Library has some good news for you. Through Suburban Audio Visual Service, patrons may check out 16 mm films and videotapes for home use. Of the over 5,000 available, some of the popular 16 mm sound films are "Barefoot in the Park", "Frankenstein", "Born Free", "Cat Ballou", and "Paper Moon". There are also many educational films available.

Silent 8 mm films may be checked out from The DuPage Library System through your library. Many of these titles such as "Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein", "Batman", "Dracula", and W.

C. Fields' "The Dentist", are popular with people of all ages. Over 600 Beta and VHS may be checked out through your library.

Famous movies such as "The Bad News Bears", "Hello Dolly", "The Graduate", "M*A*S*H", "Patton", and "Saturday Night Fever" are included in the collection. Demand is heavy for some of these titles so it is best to "book" your film or videotape well in advance. Also, fees are charged for 16 mm films and videotapes. A descriptive catalog of available films and videotapes is at the library. 16 mm and 8 mm projectors are available for a small fee. For more information stop by the library at 101 Fairfield Way, or call 529-3120.

A STOP TO GO!!!

For several months citizens living west of Bloomingdale Road have complained that there is no way to cross that street at Schick Road without taking their lives into their own hands. Several letters to "What Do You Think?" have all expressed the same attitude of impatience.

As we go to press the Village has entered into an agreement with Du Page County to have a temporary light installed at the intersection. The Village and the County will share the cost on a 50-50 basis. In turn the Village has been able to convince major developers such as Carson's Old Town Square and others to offset some of the expenses to the Village.

Next spring the joint Village-County effort will involve construction of a left turn lane, left-turn signals and other more sophisticated methods of traffic control. But in the meanwhile, citizens wishing to cross Bloomingdale Road at Schick Road will now have a traffic light which will enable them to stop and then go; not stop and wait, and wait, and wait, and wait...

ENOUGH INSULATION?

The Illinois Institute of Natural Resources recently published several studies on the use of insulation and other factors which can improve your home energy efficiency. One of the key factors in home insulation is the attic space, commonly known as the area between the ceiling of the uppermost rooms and the roof. We chose the studies on attic space because of two reasons: (1) It is the easiest to check; and (2) It is the easiest to remedy.

The Institute recommends that you check several places where you currently have insulation and determine the average depth, bearing in mind that a man can drown in a river that averages three feet in depth. In their studies they determined that the area north of a line from the Quad Cities to Joliet had 6300 to 6900 degree days and named it "Zone 1." The table shown below indicates the savings with the proportionate increases in insulation. Also bear in mind that insulation does vary in quality so check with your dealer concerning the R-value, its effective heat resistance value.

**Table 1 - Zone 1
Fuel Units Saved By Insulation Improvement
For Each 1,000 Square Feet Of Attic**

Improvement From-To in. in.	Natural Gas therms	Oil gallons	Propane gallons	Electric Resistance kwh	Electric Heat Pump kwh
0 - 6	599	415	668	10,022	8,352
0 - 8	622	430	694	10,405	8,671
0 - 10	636	441	710	10,648	8,874
0 - 12	647	448	721	10,823	9,019
2 - 8	210	145	234	3,515	2,929
2 - 10	225	155	250	3,758	3,137
2 - 12	235	163	262	3,932	3,277
4 - 10	83	58	93	1,392	1,160
4 - 12	94	65	104	1,566	1,305
6 - 10	37	26	42	626	522
6 - 12	48	33	53	800	667

BWC FESTIVAL OF ARTS AWARDS

The September 14th, 8th Annual Bloomingdale Women's Club Festival of Fine Arts was a big success.

Although the weather was not the best, it did not stop the people from coming out for a look at the arts for sale. The judging was held at noon and first place winners received a cash prize of \$25.00.

- Oil/Acrylic..... Erik Holland
- Clay/Ceramics..... Alice Sulinski
- Photography..... Sharon Ganes
- Wood..... Rich and Lynn Larson
- Metal..... Nelta Stanek
- Fiber..... Barbara Goldwater
- Mixed Media..... Don Koneval
- Water Color..... Robin Cuplin

Sharon Pikrone was awarded the best of the show and a \$50.00 prize for her watercolor.

“WHAT DO YOU THINK?”

Traffic Light Timing

The traffic light at the intersection of Lake St. & Medinah is not balanced with the volume of traffic demand. During the rush hours, hundreds of automobiles sit and wait on Lake St. watching their “red” light long after the few autos on Medinah have since passed through the intersection. Also can we expect to see an improvement with the intersection of Lake St. and Rt. 53?

Frank Stringfellow, 264 Evergreen

Village Engineer Dan Wenerholm has contacted IDOT and requested them to investigate the timing of the lights at the Medinah-Lake St. intersection. Unfortunately we cannot expect any improvement at Route 53 and Lake until such time as the highway is extended to the south, which extension will be completed in about four years. *Editor*

Note: Two different letters were received wondering why a stop light has not been installed at Schick and Bloomingdale Roads. As we go to press the temporary light system is

now operational. See related story elsewhere in this issue. Editor

Upset with BEAT

I am a disabled senior person... I called the Village for an RTA Bus pickup because I have to go for therapy 3 days a week to Alexian Brothers Medical Center and was refused. They only go one day a month. But I notice seniors are picked up to go to Bloomingdale Senior Club, also Roselle Club, also shopping. That's more important than a sick person going to Drs., etc. These seniors have cars to get around parked in their driveways. Thanks a lot for nothing. I dare you to print this letter.

Name withheld by request.

Mayor Tenuto referred this unsigned complaint to Bloomingdale Township Supervisor Bill Kassal who responded as follows: “While we hope to provide transportation to shopping centers and the senior clubs for nutrition sites and resour-

ces, medical requests are our priority. When we cannot meet a particular request, we will refer them to other sources for assistance. For instance, the above request could have contacted the Township Senior Citizen’s Director, Mike Millioti (529-7715) or Wheels for Health (682-7291) for volunteer drivers. *Editor*

Keep Our Tax Dollars Here

Our Village is very lucky to have so many fine stores, businesses and restaurants. The only assurance we have to keep them here is to patronize them. Why do so many Bloomingdale residents. have to spend their money in stores and businesses in other communities? Our shopping centers cannot survive without our support! **Keep our tax dollars here!** *Elaine Kosey*

AMEN. Many newcomers may not be aware that for every dollar of retail sales the Village receives one cent from the sales tax charged. Ask yourself, isn't it worth it to shop where you live? *Editor*

OPINION FEATURE

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. No unsigned submissions will be considered. The ALMANAC reserves the right to reprint all or part of the submission depending upon length. We do, however, try to retain the gist of the query.

My thoughts are as follows: _____

Name _____ Address _____

Print my name: Yes _____ No _____

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