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## 1983 — A YEAR OF CELEBRATION — — A YEAR TO APPRECIATE — MAYOR TENUTO REPORTS

For the Village of Bloomingdale, the year 1983 was one we truly enjoyed celebrating in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Village's founding. It is also a year that, in review, we can fully appreciate for the challenge, opportunities, and progress it realized.

### The Sesquicentennial

We certainly made a year of it. The several varied events gave us particular reason to recognize Bloomingdale's unique character and attributes. There was ample occasion, along with a good share of fun, to reflect on our heritage, noting the differences in lifestyles of those here before us from our own. Likewise shown were the similarities of the last century's concerns and goals to those we yet share as a community today. And, just perhaps, we have sharpened our perspectives on what we should strive for to enhance Bloomingdale's welfare in the future.

Obviously, sesquicentennials are rather infrequent occurrences. However, more remote are the odds of being an individual who happens to reside within a village when it does occur. For those of us so fortunate, it was an experience not to be missed.



Artist's rendering of Founders' Park.

A special Landmark Committee, comprised of ten (10) residents, was formed to develop a plan to be a lasting remembrance of the founding of Bloomingdale. The committee's plan calls for a Landmark Gazebo to be built in a park-like setting on the old library site at the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way. The construction costs are estimated to be \$50,000.00. Current contributions are \$13,676.51. Contributors of sums in excess of \$200.00 will have their names placed on a bronze plaque to be displayed at the center of the Gazebo. Residents are welcome to make a donation in any amount to help build this legacy commemorating our Sesquicentennial. If every household contributed at least \$10.00, we can reach our goal and build the Landmark in 1984. Presently, Mr. John Olriksen, architect and resident of Bloomingdale, is contributing his professional services in preparing necessary documentation relative to the construction of this project.

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# 1983 — A Year of Celebration — A Year to Appreciate (Cont'd.)

The following is a reprint of a message from Ronald Reagan to the people of Bloomingdale:

September 7, 1983

*To the Citizens of the Village  
of Bloomingdale, Illinois:*

*Congratulations on your sesquicentennial!*

*Bloomingdale is a fine example of the American spirit — a place where families, working together, have built a community. It is "home" to those who love it dearly. I am proud to salute the special way you have chosen to celebrate your heritage.*

*Nancy joins me in sending, once again, our congratulations on this historic occasion. God bless you.*

*Sincerely,  
Ronald Reagan*

The President's letter will be placed in our time capsule which will be buried, with several other items, in Founder's Park Landmark Gazebo, marked by a plaque with instructions to open the capsule fifty (50) years hence, on the occasion of Bloomingdale's Bicentennial.

## **Annexations**

In 1983, we saw the positive results of our solid land planning strategies by annexing the following properties into our Village. The first annexation occurred on the southeast side of Army Trail Road. This annexation of approximately 14 acres owned by Saint Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Church will contain a magnificent 500-seat church, along with a four-story retirement complex for their members. While Saint Andrew's property will not directly return any tax dollars, it will provide indirect and ancillary benefits by extending our boundaries and adding to the overall quality of life in Bloomingdale.

In addition, the Village has successfully held all hearings and is expected to annex in early 1984 two (2) properties located on the northeast side of Lake Street as follows: the Carl Bauer property of 74-plus acres and the old Adventureland parcel of 42 acres owned by the Northeast Mutual Life Insurance Company. The preliminary plans for the two (2) call for commercial, office, and low-density residential development. The annexation of these two (2) properties will benefit our community in the following ways:

- will provide substantial tax benefits in future years when fully developed.
- will increase the overall assessed valuation of the community which will positively benefit the Village, School District in the area, the Park District, and Library.
- will provide annexation fees to the Village, School District in the area, the Park District, and Library.
- extends our boundaries to Medinah Road, enabling the Village to complete the 20-acre annexation of the Italian American Sports Hall of Fame Complex and Metrovision's studio.

- and finally, these annexations enable the Village to continue its quality planning and growth control along the Lake Street corridor.

## **Boundary Agreements**

In 1984, the Village Board will adopt a formalized boundary line agreement with the Village of Roselle. Also, we'll continue to work towards boundary agreements with the Villages of Carol Stream and Glendale Heights. These boundary line agreements will insure that the development of any one Village will compliment rather than negate the well-being of the other.

## **Planning Programs**

As our Village develops and expands, so must our planning strategies. The Village Board in 1984 will be working toward the completion of the following planning issues:

1. **Comprehensive Land Use Plan:** The purpose of the plan is to provide the community with comprehensive planning and development policies to be used in guiding future land development. As part of the comprehensive planning process, public hearings will be conducted in order to get residents' input on how they envision future land development in Bloomingdale. Please make an effort to be part of this process. Public hearing notices will be published in the local newspapers.
2. **Updating the Old Town Plan:** The plan update is intended to serve as a guide for future development in the area. It will link existing development patterns with future or proposed developments and will recommend specific planning policies for: preservation, architectural, sidewalk paving system, street design, and parking requirements.
3. **Updating Urban's 483 Acre tentative housing development site plan** which will insure that Urban's long-range housing plan will be constructed in a pleasant manner, with a housing quality that is complimentary to the surrounding area.

## **Lake Michigan Water**

The year 1983 saw the culmination of four (4) years' work at the DuPage Water Commission when the Lake Michigan Water Contracts were accepted and sent to each of the twenty-two (22) municipal members for adoption, individually. Executed contracts are required to be returned by February 1, 1984 (Bloomingdale's Board of Trustees executed the contract on January 23, 1984) so that the interim financing package of \$16 million may be implemented for final engineering, property acquisition, and initial construction. The project cost is estimated at \$310 million. However, with bond repayment schedule spread over twenty-eight (28) years with interest, the final cost will be in excess of \$960 million. It has been estimated that Bloomingdale's share (based on water allocation) will be about \$30 million over twenty-eight (28) years.

Last year, the Board of Trustees, along with the Finance Commission and Village staff, analyzed how to fund this program without impairing other Village services. The results of this study proved that the most equitable funding method to pay for the capital cost of constructing the pipeline was to have the State Legislature impose a ½ cent sales tax increase in DuPage County; thereby, making the costs tax deductible and providing a long-term cost benefit. At this time, however, this cost-saving effort does not appear to have any State backing. It would appear to me that our State Legislators would rather increase sales taxes for their own budget purposes than for the need of water for DuPage County residents.

It was estimated that a ½ cent sales tax increase would generate \$1,460,000,000.00 in twenty-eight (28) years, which is more than sufficient to retire the capital costs of \$960 million.

If the sales tax doesn't get approved, the committee's back-up funding plans are as follows:

- Get State Legislative authority for Bloomingdale to issue General Obligation Bonds via referendum. This method will place the capitalized costs on your property taxes; thereby, providing a tax deductible approach.
- If the above method fails to get Legislative approval, we will have to use a funding combination of water rate increases and Village tax rate increases to retire our share of the capitalized cost to construct the water pipeline.

Regardless of the funding method used to pay for our share of the capitalized cost to construct the water pipeline, there will be a gradual increase in water rates per thousand gallons over the next several years in order to pay for the purchase price of water of 69.4¢ from the City of Chicago and the cost of 17¢ for operation and maintenance.

I trust that the aforementioned update has provided you with a better understanding of this complex water project. The Village Board will be conducting public hearings regarding the Lake Michigan Water Program in 1984. The Village has already conducted several informational meetings to homeowners' associations last year regarding the Lake Michigan Water program. We will continue our efforts to inform the people of Bloomingdale regarding our progress on this major public works project.

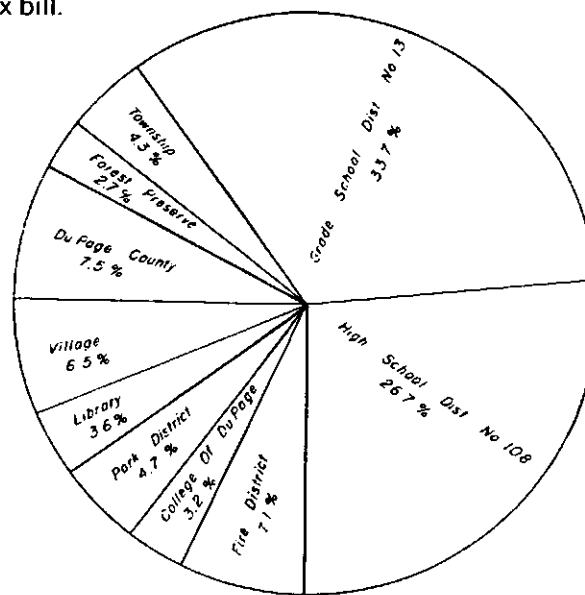
#### Village Tax Levy

The 1983 levy, collectible in 1984, reflected the continuing effort on the part of the Village Board to reduce the Corporate Property Tax Rate applied to our property. We expect the 1984 tax extensions to reflect an approximate \$10.00 decrease for the Village portion of the tax bill on a "typical" single-family home.

We expect to rely on increased sales tax receipts from businesses constructed over the past several years; and less on the Village Corporate property tax to provide necessary services.

Additionally, we have held Village property taxes down even further by abating taxes each year from surplus revenues. In 1983, for example, we abated \$462,452.00 in taxes; and in 1983 we have abated \$557,897.00 to date and expect to abate more in early 1984.

The Village's tax rate of .4789 for 1982 and collectible in 1983 is one of the lowest in DuPage County, and comprises only 6.5% of your total property tax bill. This compares favorably with other taxing bodies shown on the tax bill.



Typical Tax Bill Breakdown

#### Public Works and Engineering Programs

In 1983, Daniel Wennerholm, our Director of Public Works and Engineering, and his staff completed the following major programs:

1. The 1983 Street Resurfacing Program was completed and was again very successful. This continues to be a cost-efficient program due to our in-house capabilities in the design, inspections, and repairs prior to resurfacing. The following streets were completed: Glen Ellyn Road south of Byron, Pheasant Lane, Pheasant Court, Martin Lane, Martin Court, Redbird Road, Redbird Court, Bob-O-Link Drive, Skylark Drive, First Street, Killdeer Road, Franklin Street at First Street, Oak Street south of Franklin, Woodcrest Court, Franklin Street in South Lakewoods, Freeport Drive, Lockwood Lane, Circle Avenue (Lakeview to Freeport), Byron Avenue (Bedford to Walter), South Circle south of Schick Road, and parts of Washington Street and Fairfield Way.

The Village paid approximately \$225,000.00 for contract work plus approximately \$25,000.00 for materials used for the patching by our own crews. It is estimated that \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 was saved by performing the design, inspection, and patching with our own personnel instead of hiring outside assistance.

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2. In order to provide a more systematic and cost-effective street maintenance program, our Public Works and Engineering Department is now beginning work on a computerized pavement management system. This system has been developed by the American Public Works Association and is being successfully used in a number of municipalities nationwide. We will have a complete inventory of street conditions and will be able to monitor performance and more accurately estimate future maintenance needs and schedules.
3. In order to keep up with the natural aging of our infrastructure, we are developing a program for replacement of public sidewalks. This program will involve cost sharing between residents and the Village. Further details on this will appear in future issues of the Almanac.
4. Design work is now nearly completed for the widening of Bloomingdale/Roselle Roads from Franklin Street to the Milwaukee Railroad tracks in Roselle. This much-needed improvement is being done in conjunction with DuPage County and the Village of Roselle. The County is picking up most of the \$3,475,000.00 cost, with the two (2) Villages sharing only the engineering and legal expenses estimated at \$325,000.00. The construction schedule will depend on our ability to acquire the necessary property, but we hope to have the project underway during 1984.
5. In our efforts to continually improve pedestrian and traffic safety in our Village, funds have been allocated for additional street lights in areas of most need. The lights will be installed in the Spring. Also, we are planning to extend the sidewalk along Bloomingdale Road from the Village Hall to Edgewater.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, we were able to acquire a speed limit reduction from 40 m.p.h. to 35 m.p.h. on *Lake Street from Maple Avenue to Circle Avenue.*

Last year, the County Board approved a speed reduction on Army Trail Road from 45 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. from Gladstone to Creekside. Our original request to the County Board was to reduce the speed limit on Army Trail Road from 45 m.p.h. to 40 m.p.h. between Interstate 290 and Gary Avenue. It is my understanding that the County Board is re-evaluating my initial request regarding Army Trail Road speed limit reduction, in addition to having the speed limit on Bloomingdale Road lowered to a uniform 35 m.p.h.

6. The Village has two (2) significant Special Assessment projects underway which will aid in the development of the west end of our Village. One involves the construction of Springfield Drive, a four-lane road which will connect Schick Road to Lake Street. We expect this to be constructed in 1984. The other project is a drainage improvement along Lake Street extending south to the Indian Lakes complex. This will

provide an outfall for storm drainage enabling further development, and it is under construction at this time. These projects will total about \$4 million in costs to be shared with the benefitted properties. The Village's share of the road improvement project will be paid for out of Stratford Square sales tax revenues over a period of several years as per our agreement with Urban. The agreement provided for Urban to front fund all construction costs for Wheaton, Schick Road, and Springfield Drive and that the Village will pay back to Urban 50% of the road costs out of future Stratford Square sales tax revenues.

7. Our Water and Sewer Divisions are actively working on new projects such as: meter testing, energy conservation, and water well rehabilitation. This past year, we have improved Well #5 (Cardinal Drive) and are presently working on Well #2 (Prairie Avenue). In September 1983, we also placed a new well (#9) on line for blending with Well #8 to correct a problem with barium. Our meter testing program is designed to insure proper and equitable billing to all of our customers by having accurate meters.
8. Our Old Town area has seen considerable expansion in 1983. We have had traffic, parking, and drainage studies performed in order to coordinate this growth. These studies have led to drainage improvements near Third and Franklin; and to a recommendation to establish Franklin Street as one-way eastbound at the Post Office. Left turns from Third Street onto Lake Street will also be prohibited. Further work involving street improvements along Third Street is presently being planned for 1984 construction.
9. Our Engineering Division has been involved with many of the capital programs, as well as performing plan reviews and inspections on the public and private construction activities. Over the past year, the Village Engineering Department has prepared and submitted three (3) separate applications for Federal Funding for street improvements. These projects include widening and improving Glen Ellyn Road from Ironwood Drive to Lake Street; widening Schick Road to four lanes from Bloomingdale Road to the Indian Lakes Resort; and traffic signaling at Bloomingdale Road and Edgewater Drive. The total cost of these projects is estimated at \$1,350,000.00, with the Federal share at \$819,000.00. At this time, the exact status is unknown, but we expect to proceed with the engineering design work for Schick Road during 1984.
10. In continuation of our 1982 Fall tree planting program, we implemented another such program this past year. The 1983 program included a total of 74 trees planted with private residents sharing 50%. In addition, School District #13, the Bloomingdale Park District, and Bloomingdale Township also shared in 18 trees along their properties.

As part of this program, the Village planted 29 addi-

tional trees on our Water and Wastewater sites throughout the Village.

Combined with the 1982 program, there have been a total of 204 trees planted, with a total cost to the Village of \$10,200.00. Private property owners have contributed over \$6,700.00 for this beautification program.

Because of the success of this program, the Village Board is investigating the feasibility of expanding the program to include planting of trees in "front yard" areas; as opposed to the limitation for parkway only. Look for our 1984 Tree Planting Program details in future issues of the Almanac.

11. In 1984, you will notice a definite improvement in our street lighting repair program because of the hiring of a new contractor.
12. In continuing to modernize our codes and zoning ordinance with new technological advancements and planning considerations, the Village Board will be working towards the completion of revising the following regulations in 1984:

- **The Subdivision Regulations** concern themselves with the provision for and design of public facilities such as streets, curbs, sewers, watermains, and sidewalks, and the layout and division of the site so as to provide protection against flooding and erosion and to insure consistency with the development of adjacent land with respect to public facilities.
- **Off-Street Parking and Off-Street Loading Ordinance Update** will contain standards and requirements for fostering increased safety and less congestion in our streets.
- **Planned Unit Development Ordinance Update** will permit on two (2) acres or more a better quality development while adhering to our Comprehensive Plan.

### Police Programs

1983 saw a change in the administration of the Police Department with the appointment of Gary J. Schira as the new Chief of Police. Gary has the experience (11 years on the Department serving in various capacities from Patrolman to Acting Chief of Police), the education (Master's Degree in Public Administration, Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management), and leadership ability to move the Police Department in new directions, with an emphasis on the mutual interdependency of the Police Department and the citizenry in preventing crime.

1. 1983 featured a streamlining of the Police Department's Administrative staff. The extra personnel realized from such streamlining was pressed into service immediately to accomplish the Department's most urgent, unfulfilled goal for 1983 - the establishment and staffing of a Community Relations/Crime Prevention Unit coordinated through the Criminal Investigation/Youth Division. This has served to open lines of communication with residents and businessmen in town.

2. 1983 also saw Bloomingdale's case *Illinois v. Gates* reach the U.S. Supreme Court, who in overturning the lower Court's decisions, which had excluded the nearly 500 pounds of marijuana seized, reaffirmed the Bloomingdale Police Department's investigation. This case established a new landmark standard to govern future search warrant cases; and, as a result, has been added to most legal texts. This is an illustrative example of the investigative quality of our Police Department in the opinion of the highest Court in the land.
3. The Village in 1983 entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multi-Regional Training, which assured a high-quality, cost-effective source of training for all its Police employees. Offering a variety of courses for all levels of responsibility at a fixed cost per participant, a far wider range of courses becomes available for the effective training of all personnel. This has resulted in a more professional quality Police service rendered to our residents.

In 1984, the Police Department will be working towards the fulfillment of the following major goals:

1. The continuation of a community-based involvement in our law enforcement efforts through a broadening of our Community Relations programs. These will include (a) establishing stronger ties to the community through attendance at homeowners' meetings, neighborhood coffees, and organized neighborhood crime watch programs, (b) participating more actively with the schools in Bloomingdale by improving upon both the quality and frequency of our presentations, (c) becoming active with the senior citizen groups by bringing crime prevention tips to them on how they can avoid becoming the victims of crime, and (d) becoming active in the business community by offering some proactive training in the areas of shoplifting, check handling, general business security, and some selective programs for liquor license establishments.
2. The expansion of the Police records hours to include evening and Saturday hours which not only benefits the Department but also makes it more accessible to the public.
3. Totally revise the Liquor Control Ordinance and enforcement procedures in order to safeguard a healthy environment.

### Building and Zoning Activities

In spite of the somewhat slow economic times that the country is still experiencing, the Village of Bloomingdale is still realizing a steady increase in commercial and office construction.

Total construction cost in 1983 has increased from \$2,840,254.00 in 1982 to \$15,635,775.00 for 1983.

James Krautstrunk, our Director of Building and Zoning, and his staff worked on the following major projects:

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# 1983 — A Year of Celebration — A Year to Appreciate (Cont'd.)

## Old Town Area

This area experienced tremendous growth last year with the completion of six (6) unique buildings and two (2) residential structure renovations.

Also in 1983, the Village Board adopted a new Old Town Preservation Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance describes in great detail the standards and requirements for new construction and renovation of existing buildings in order to safeguard the unique development of the Old Town area.

Because of the sound planning behind the Old Town area, I'm predicting a continuation of more commercial and office development for 1984.

## Urban Area

1. Stratford Square Mall continues to develop. With five (5) new tenant spaces completed, we now have one-hundred and sixty (160) tenants for an approximate 90% occupancy rate.
2. The new 6,175 square foot Children's World Day Care Center, located on Knollwood Drive, has been completed and occupied.
3. Along Army Trail Road and Wheaton Road, the new Courtyard of Bloomingdale, a 31,321 square foot shopping center containing approximately twenty-five (25) tenant spaces including a Herman Sporting Goods store, is under construction and expected to be completed in the Spring of 1984.

The next two (2) projects still under construction will be establishing our office corridor development plans along Gary Avenue:

1. The corporate headquarters of Advanced Systems Applications Inc., one of the nation's fastest growing computer services and software companies, is expected to occupy their four-story 80,000 square foot building in the Summer of 1984.
  2. Also under construction is the Stratford Medical Center, a two-story, 25,000 square foot medical office building. The Medical Center is affiliated with Central DuPage Hospital and is designed to offer emergency care, X-ray and laboratory facilities, plus hospital pre-admission services. The Medical Center is expected to open in the Spring of 1984.
- Also in 1983, we saw the completion of the 42,705 square foot Ace Hardware Home Center located in the Springbrook Shopping Center.
  - In addition to all the commercial/office construction that took place in our Village last year, the Building Department completed the major building code revisions for adoption by the Village Board:  
amended the multi-family section of the building code providing for a "2-Hour" separation between dwelling units and also providing for "two" exits for all multi-family buildings.

The above building code revisions will enhance the quality and safety of all future multi-family development in our community.

- Last year the Village Board devoted a considerable amount of time researching, reviewing, and gathering information from all homeowners' associations and the Chamber of Commerce relative to the adoption of a Property Maintenance Code. The Code is intended to establish minimum acceptable standards for the maintenance of all existing buildings, structures, premises, and facilities. The Village Board is expected to adopt the code in 1984, after all resident input has been considered and written into the code.

## Finance Activity

Our Fiscal Year 1983 audit revealed a very stable, growing, and strong financial condition for the Village. Patricia Just, our Finance Director/Treasurer, and her staff continue to do an outstanding job in handling the financial affairs of the Village.

The Village has completed their second year in the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency. This is a group insurance program consisting of thirty-nine (39) municipalities. The premium for 1984, compared to conventional insurance, shows approximately a 39% savings or \$52,650.00. The Village enjoys a low loss experience which reduced our premium this year by \$4,083.00. This premium savings is a direct reflection on the fine job David Gottlieb, our Assistant Administrator, did by providing an extensive educational and safety program for all Village employees.

Last year also saw the Village begin microfilming all Village records, including Village Board Minutes and Ordinances. This program will allow our residents to monitor the operations of the Village.

## Executive and Legislative

As I wrap up this year's annual report, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the excellent job Robert Reeves, our Village Administrator, did for the Village last year. Bob is responsible, not only for the day-to-day operations of the Village, but he must also implement all policy decision established by the Village Board. Last year saw the accomplishment of many Village programs, and Bob Reeves played a significant role in attaining them.

There are a number of very special people I want to publicly acknowledge. I'd like to give special recognition to the Board of Trustees for the excellent job they did in accomplishing our 1983 goals. Their commitment to excellence makes me proud to be associated with them. I also extend my sincere appreciation to our professional Village Staff for providing a quality of service to the people of Bloomingdale that is hard to match. Also, a very special thank you to the many Sesquicentennial volun-

teers that made our celebration "one to remember." Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to the many community volunteers who make up the various commissions within the Village.

Finally, a most sincere appreciation for the continual flow of information, effort, and support from the various civic, school, park, and church groups. They accom-

plished many goals in 1983. The people involved have provided the foundation of caring and responsibility that makes Bloomingdale the very special Village it is.

Again, on behalf of the local Village government, I welcome the interest, concern, and pride of those residing in the Village. Your input is appreciated and reflected in the quality of life in our Village.



# THANKS FOR A YEAR TO REMEMBER

Our Sesquicentennial Year, 1983, was marked by many special events and activities: the Dinner/Auction, Oct. 16, 1982; Beard Trial, March 5; Students' Day and the Founders' Day/Dinner/Dance, March 11; Student Art Contest, March 12 & 13; The Way We Were, May 15; Nostalgia Dance, June 24; Parade and Country Fair, July 4; Mickey Mouse Breakfast, August 27; Gazebo Raffle, October 22; and the Time Capsule.

Many people put in a great deal of time coordinating and participating in the festivities. The Village of Bloomingdale wishes to thank the following people for their time and dedication. Some of those listed served as directors of events and many worked on more than one event. To simplify, we are listing everyone in alphabetical order. We sincerely apologize for any names we might have inadvertently missed.

Barbara Arrivi  
Mary Jo Bailey  
Richard and Rosemary Baldacci  
Randy Black  
Billie Bragg  
Toby Brannan  
Marge Bristow  
Scott Burritt  
Renee Cherrie  
Al and Carol Chesick  
Marty Chlapecka  
Paul Conarty  
Brandt Crocker  
Jim DeKeyrel  
Steve and Kathy Delzell  
Lynne Denemark  
Joe and Cindy DiVerde  
Lori Dziewiatkowski  
Maria Falco  
Leslie Fischer  
Wally and Georgene Geils  
Judy Gerardi  
Jim and Karen Gerovac

Barbara Gnau  
Jerry and Judy Gordon  
David Gottlieb  
Richard Haberstick  
Dee Hanrahan  
Judy Hesterman  
Joanne Hildt  
Bill, Joanne, and Toni Horvath  
Dolores Howe  
Heddy Hoy  
Gordon and Karen Jonasson  
Patricia Just  
Jim and Patt Korbecki  
Russ and Elaine Kosey  
Mark Lessert  
Annetta Lewis  
Karen Liston  
Jim and Paula Lubarda  
Loretta McGregor  
Bruce and Sue Modica  
Jerry Mroz  
John Nicky  
Shirley Olszewski

Paul Paoletti  
Carm Parrilli  
Jay Perkins  
Marilyn Placko  
Robert Reeves  
Pat Robinson  
Marv Roehlke  
Tom Rooney  
Neal and Judy Rosen  
Doug and Carol Rothery  
Carmen and Lori Rotolo  
Bobbie Sammauro  
Gay Sandelin  
Jim and Bertie Sargis  
Bonnie Sassmann  
Carl Stapleton  
Carolyn Stein  
Pat Summers  
Bill Swanson  
Marie Tayfel  
Donna Tenuto  
Ed Weiland  
Mike Zivic

Thank you also to the  
Bloomingdale Businessmen, Merchants, and Professionals,  
as well as the employees of the Village's Finance, Police, and Public Works Departments.

With the spirited help of all these people, 1983 was a landmark year in the history of Bloomingdale.



Samuel J. Tenuto  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Marie E. Tayfel  
VILLAGE CLERK

Robert F. Reeves  
VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

**TRUSTEES**

Biff Behr

Finance & Budget,  
Finance Commission, Park District  
DuPage Water Commission

Walter Cropper III

Police, Health & Safety, E.S.D.A.,  
Police Pension Board

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners  
RTA Services

Joanne Hildt

Old Town/Public Works  
Old Town Commission,  
Public Relations Committee,  
Chamber of Commerce,  
Community Development Commission

William Horvath

Public Works,  
Regionalization Committee

Robert Iden

Plan Commission, Architectural Review,  
Comprehensive Planning Committee,  
Cable TV

Sebastian J. "Buzz" Puccio

Zoning, Building & Street Maintenance  
Library Board  
Suburban O'Hare Commission

## 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

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st and 4th Monday of every Month  
7:30 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 Thursday of Every Month  
7:00 P.M. — Village Hall

### POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January  
2nd Monday,  
7:00 P.M. — Village Hall

### FINANCE COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Wednesday  
of every Month  
7:30 P.M. — Village Hall

### OLD TOWN COMMISSION

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

### LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3rd Wednesday of every Month  
7:30 P.M. — Library

## GOODBYE, DAVID GOTTLIEB!

David Gottlieb started with the Village as an Intern in May of 1974. Between May of 1974 and May of 1976, he was employed on a 20-hour per week schedule and has been full-time Assistant Administrator from May of 1976.

Dave has accepted a position as an Assistant in the Department of Community Development in Santa Ana, California, a town of over 200,000 population. The Department of Community Development employs over 100 personnel; and it is a wonderful opportunity for David.

We will all miss David but wish him well in his new position in the land of sunshine.

## COMMISSION MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Finance Commission is one of the volunteer commissions set up to aid the Village Board in running the Village. Its intent and purpose is to study and develop plans for the financial requirements necessary to provide municipal services to the residents. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at the Village Hall.

The Finance Commission is currently seeking more members. If you feel you might be able to serve on the Commission please contact the Village Hall for an application to submit.

## Speed Limit Change

Thanks to the perseverance of Mayor Tenuto and the Village, traveling through Bloomingdale on Lake Street will soon be a little safer. A traffic and engineering study was recently conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. The study results indicated the speed limit on Lake Street from Maple Avenue to Circle Avenue should be lowered to 35 MPH. Signs will be up soon. Watch your speed and drive safely.

## PLEASE NOTE

The Police Records Section of the Bloomingdale Police Department has expanded its hours. The Records Section is now open from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The change in hours is designed to make our police resources more accessible to the public.

## CLARIFICATION

In our last issue we featured a story on the award-winning Lake Park Marching Band, listing all the Bloomingdale members. Inadvertently, we missed Cindy Winiarczyk, who plays cymbals and Bob Schneible, who plays bass drum. We apologize for the omission. Bloomingdale is especially proud of all 23 band members residing in town.

## THE DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE IS MARCH 25

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## NEW TRUSTEE APPOINTED

On December 12, 1983 Sebastian "Buzz" Puccio was appointed as a trustee to fill the vacancy left by Jim LeBurkien's resignation. Bloomingdale's newest trustee is no stranger to many Bloomingdale residents. Since moving here in 1973 he has been very active in the Village.

In 1974 Puccio and several of his neighbors felt they were not getting representation on the Village Board, so they founded the Westlake Townhome Citizen Action Party. Buzz served as its campaign chairman. In 1976 he served as civic committee chairman for the Townhome Association, chairing several social activities and finally serving on the Board of Directors for five years.

In 1977 Puccio was appointed to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. At the same time he served on the Steering Committee for the Bloomingdale Youth Com-



mission. In 1981 he became the chairman for both the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board.

The private side of Puccio's life centers around his wife Pat and their two sons, Joseph, six and Anthony, three. Like her husband, Pat also has a very active life. She was the original chairperson of the Bloomingdale Youth Commission, a member of the Board of Directors of the Westlake Townhome Day Care Center and a counselor at Ray Graham Association Training Center for the Handicapped. Currently Pat teaches a psychology course at College of DuPage.

Buzz is the president of Consolidated Display Co., Inc., a small family held corporation specializing in visual merchandising, Christmas decorations and motion picture special effects.

A man who definitely knows the meaning of the word "involvement", Buzz is looking forward to the challenge of working for you as a Village Trustee.



Puccio was presented a plaque for his 6½ years of service on the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He was Chairman for the past two years.

## BLOOMINGDALE UNIT ACS

The recently formed Bloomingdale unit of the American Cancer Society held its first meeting of 1984 at the Village Hall in January. Many prominent village residents are members of the society: health care administrator and Bloomingdale resident Pat DeMoon, chairman; Bloomingdale practicing physician Paul Manet, president; Mayor Sam Tenuto, chairman of the nominating committee; former Bloomingdale Town Chairperson for the Society Joyce Abel, secretary; president of Bloomingdale State Bank Al Radcliffe, treasurer; principal of Winnebago School Charles Meschler, public education chairman; former president of Bloomingdale Library Board of Directors Paul Ingevaldson, public information chairman; former Bloomingdale Town Chairperson for the Society Dee Hanrahan, income development chairperson.

In addition to its well known fundraising activities, the Cancer Society is involved with public and professional education, service and rehabilitation and early cancer detection and awareness. In this regard the unit is seeking volunteers to assist in the making of surgical dressings, transporting patients to local hospitals for treatment and to assist in its door-to-door fundraising activities scheduled for Sunday, April 1st.

One of the unit's first activities was to sponsor a skit performed by students at Winnebago School to dramatize the dangers of smoking during the Society's "Great American Smokeout." Future activities include racquetball tournaments at Killshot and the annual Bike-a-thon on May 20th.

Residents wishing to volunteer their time for the work of the Society are asked to call 469-3011.

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# CONGRATULATIONS, GARY

When Police Chief Gary J. Schira was a youngster he wasn't really certain what he wanted to be when he grew up. As the son of a Chicago cop who spent 22 years in homicide, police work didn't really appeal to him. An only child of two working parents, Schira spent a good deal of time on his own. Growing up on the northwest side of Chicago, he became his own driving force for the satisfaction of achievement. He played football and ran track in high school while excelling scholastically.



Mariann, Gary, Doug and Marie Schira

Schira has worked his way up through the ranks serving as a patrolman, training officer, detective, sergeant, commander of operational services and was twice named acting chief. He is a self-admitted achiever, one who continually sets goals and reaches them. He believes strongly that one makes his own opportunities. After five years on the force Gary went back to college obtaining a B.A. in criminal justice management from Aurora College. Just recently the chief was awarded his Masters degree in public administration from Northern Illinois University.

Schira wants the Bloomington Police Department to become more pro-active, rather than reactive with respect to crime and law enforcement needs. This calls for more crime preventative measures - school programs, security surveys, neighborhood crime watches and training seminars on various topics for the public. A full-time person has already been assigned to coordinate this function.

A Neighborhood Watch Program has recently been instituted under Schira's direction, and he, as well as members of his staff, have attended numerous meetings of the civic organizations, homeowner associations and neighborhood groups in an attempt to identify the concerns of residents and businesspersons.

Evident beyond Schira's easy smile and engaging manner is a sincerity and real caring about the kind of job he does. Happily for Bloomington, the young man who really wasn't sure about his career choice seems to have made the right decision.



Mayor Tenuto made Schira official Police Chief on December 29.

Following his high school graduation Gary was persuaded to enter pre-med at the University of Florida. He left after receiving an associates degree in chemistry. Coming back to Chicago he landed a public relations job with an organization for police associations.

Here he found a different perspective on police work and it began to look more appealing. He knew, however, he could never make a real impact in Chicago so he began looking for a small community he could grow with.

His high school sweetheart had moved to Itasca while he was living in Florida and he was spending a great deal of time out here. He decided this was the area where he might begin his law enforcement career. That high school sweetheart, Mariann, became Mrs. Schira ten years ago. She and Gary have made their home in Bloomington for the past seven years. They have two children, seven-year old Marie, a second grader at Winnebago and two-year old Doug.



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## MANDATED COSTS... OUT OF YOUR POCKET

Recently the Village Board agreed to participate in a drive to place a proposal on the ballot at the next General Election in November concerning mandated costs. The proposal would be an amendment to the Illinois Constitution that would require a three-fifths vote of the General Assembly before the cost resulting from the passage of any legislation could be passed on to any local units of government affected by such legislation. The following is excerpted from an article written by Louis Barone, mayor of Hanover Park, explaining mandated costs.

*Simply put, a mandated cost is the amount of money that must be spent by a local body of government because a particular piece of legislation was passed by the General Assembly in Springfield. For instance, there is a law that requires cities and villages to publish their annual treasurer's report in a local newspaper every year. Therefore, every year, at an expense of several hundred dollars, we are required to publish a report that virtually no one reads. (When was the last time you read the columns of fine print in the legal notices of the newspaper?) Although most communities feel that there is a less expensive way of making this information available to anyone who is interested, the state requires us to make this expenditure.*

*The State Legislature also frequently makes requirements concerning payment of benefits to municipal employees. Recently, the State Legislature increased both the benefits and the costs. A decision on how a village is to handle local matters concerning its employees was made for us in Springfield but paid for you, the local taxpayer.*

*The recently passed Freedom of Information law requires a most detailed formula for villages to maintain their records, and a particular time frame for making certain information available on request. With-*

*out going into the merits of the law itself, it is anticipated that a great deal of extra time and effort will be required in order to comply with this law. Again, a decision made in Springfield will require expenses which local villages must pass on to their taxpayers.*

*Because of space limitations, I have only given three examples of mandated costs. There are many more. In fact, a recent study indicated that approximately 47% of a municipal budget in the state of Illinois is a result of mandated costs. In other words, before municipal officials can begin to plan for their local budgetary needs, there are expenses that are already set and cannot be changed. For every one million dollars in local budgets, \$470,000 is for mandated costs.*

*The irony of all this is that there is a provision in the state law that says this should not happen. When the General Assembly passes any legislation that imposes a financial burden on the local government, the state is required to cover the costs involved. But the General Assembly, in wholesale numbers during the last legislative session, again and again, exempted itself from the payment of mandated costs. So often, as part of the sales pitch by a sponsor of a particular piece of legislation, it was said that if his or her bill passed, it would not cost the state one cent. That is because the local government would be required to pass the cost along to its local taxpayers.*

If a sufficient number of local governments decide to participate in the drive the Illinois Municipal League will probably sponsor it. In order to have the proposal placed on the ballot, approximately 200,000 signatures statewide must be secured and petitions available for filing by the end of April.

The Village Board wanted to make the residents aware of the proposal and hope for their support if the petitions are circulated.

## Help Your Neighbor

What are you looking for in life? Is it an opportunity to do something important or a way to become more knowledgeable about your community? Perhaps you would like to help someone but don't know how.

If so, then take advantage of an opportunity that could help you achieve these and many other aspirations. The Board of Directors of the Glenside/Bloomington United Way is currently reviewing applications for several openings on its Budget Review Committee.

Included in requirements for the position would be either residency or employment in Glendale Heights, Bloomington or Glen Ellyn Countryside. Also, those considered should be willing to donate 20 to 30 hours of free time attending a series of meetings in early 1984.

Benefits extended include experience in budget review, an understanding of the charitable services in your area and the satisfaction that comes with doing something that matters to someone in your community.

Interested persons should respond by writing to the United Way, P.O. Box 1056, Glendale Heights, IL 60139 or by phoning John Bagdonas at 690-0701 evenings.

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# THANK YOU!!!

The Village wishes to publicly acknowledge the following ladies and gentlemen for their generous donation of time and effort in serving on these various commissions for the betterment of the community.

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## Police Pension Board

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Steve Delzell  
Rick Fiore  
Peter Hildt  
Shirley Olszewski

## Plan Commission

Barney Pelant (Chairman)  
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## Board of Fire

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## Public Relations Committee

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## Bloomington Transportation Committee

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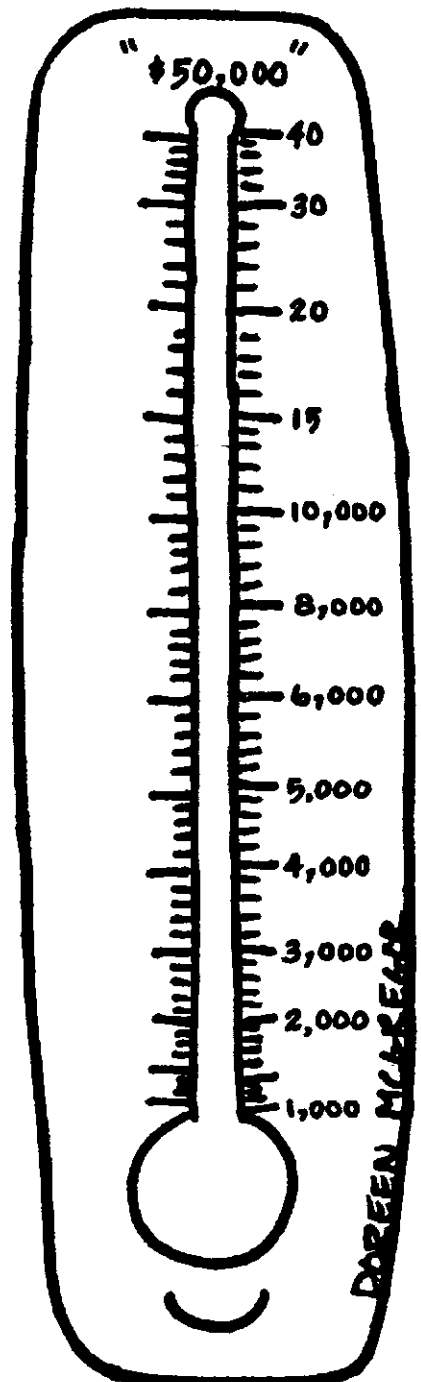
## Emergency Services Disaster Agency

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Paul Ryan



Snow Sculpture Supreme - Susan, Edward and Paulene Quigley created this 29-foot snow dragon in their backyard over the Christmas vacation.



# LANDMARK FUND

In our last issue we reported the donations in the Landmark Fund had reached slightly over \$7000. That amount has nearly doubled over the past two months.

At the beginning of the Sesquicentennial Year the Village had allocated \$5000 to help underwrite events planned. At the close of 1983 the Village donated the remaining \$3,460.32 to the Landmark Fund. Also added to the fund was \$2,155.70, the balance of the profits from the October '82 Dinner/Auction, \$89.80 in income from the Landmark Gazebo Raffle and \$106.83 in interest earned on the account. Private donations received recently are:

Bloomington Women's Club	\$200.00
Septemberfest Committee	\$250.00

This brings the total in the fund to \$13,676.78.



# K. of C.

by  
Paul T. Greening

## CHARTER INSTALLATION

January 29, 1984 was truly a momentous day for St. Isidore's of Bloomington Council No. 8522. On that date we had our formal installation of officers for our new council and officially became one of the more than 7,000 councils which make up the Knights of Columbus.

On hand to witness the historic occasion were Bob Kellam, State Deputy; John Ray, State Secretary; Gus Hurt, State Treasurer; Joe Kaltwasser, State Advocate; Jim Gentile, State Membership Director; Charlie Foos, State General Program Director; Gus Sundermeier, State Charitable Activity Director; Herb Gegenhuber, Past State Deputy; as well as several former and present District Deputies.

District Deputy Don Lively administered the oath to the following officers: Grand Knight, Paul Greening; Deputy Grand Knight, Eric Wiener; Chancellor, Dick Palazzo; Financial Secretary, Rich Gazda; Recorder, Mark Loepker; Warden, Bob Yap; Treasurer, Jim Schlessler; Lecturer, Don Scrivner; Advocate, Fred DiBernardino; and Trustees Sam Baiardo, Steve Bartalsky and Tony Stefanic.

Following the installation there was a brief reception for the visitors, officers, members and their wives in the basement of St. Isidore's parish chapel.

## LAS VEGAS NITE FEBRUARY 25

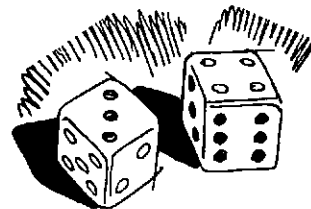
Circle your calendar for February 25 and start saving your money! The place: St. Andrew's Country Club; the time: 8 PM to Midnight. Sponsored jointly with the Bartlett Jaycees, we have use of the entire clubhouse for that evening. In addition to many door prizes we are also going to have an auction and also allow certain prizes to be purchased with your winnings. So be sure to come and have a good time at the various

## BLOOMINGDALE LIONS LAS VEGAS NIGHT

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Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Lions Club Member or at the Door on March 31st.

games of chance. If you wish to help or have any questions, contact Dick Palazzo at 894-3453.

## WANT TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS?

If you have been considering the Knights, please feel free to call me at 894-7308 or Membership Chairman Sam Baiardo at 893-9386 for further information.

## FOR TAXPAYERS

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# SPOTLIGHT

Trying to please the 150 or so students the high school teacher might face in a day is not always easy, but it's nothing compared to trying to please 12,000 residents at a time. Trustee Joanne Hildt is well aware of the difficulties of both.

Although at one time she was a high school speech/drama teacher, her career changes since that time have increased her abilities to deal with the responsibilities of an elected office.

Hildt left academia to enter the business world using her background in communications and marketing. From her start with a shopping center in St. Paul, Minn. to Yorktown Shopping Center in Lombard, Joanne has advanced to owner of Hildt & Associates, Shopping Center Marketing Consultants. During that progression she has accumulated some impressive credentials. She is presently an Executive Director of the Chicago Area Marketing Directors' Association, a State Director for the International Council of Shopping Centers and is listed in "Who's Who in Shopping Centers." She is also one of only 300 CMD's (Certified Shopping Center Marketing Directors) in the U.S.

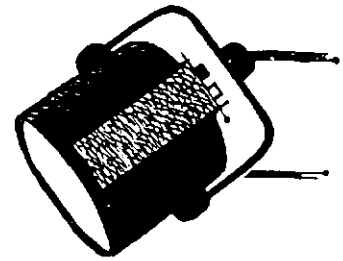
The knowledge of retail business she has garnered and the experience of consulting with major national manufacturer companies has given



her an unusual perspective toward her position of trustee. She feels there is a crucial need for communication between the Village and commercial business. As liaison to the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce she is in a position to facilitate this. And as liaison to the Public Relations Committee, her background in public relations provides the Almanac with invaluable input.

Joanne and her husband Peter moved to Bloomingdale six years ago. They liked the centralized location plus the feel of "country" they found in the North Lakewoods area.

The Old Town area has always fascinated her because it has the potential to become a central core, a "downtown" area to establish a unique character and atmosphere to the Village. Joanne herself served as member and chairperson of the Old Town Commission, as well as spending some time on the Plan Commission.



Hildt originally ran for office because she wanted to become closely involved in the planning process for the Village, especially in the areas of land planning and Old Town. She likes the prospect of helping residents and business owners with their concerns and honestly wants to keep Bloomingdale "a better place to live." She does acknowledge, however, that at times the process of Village government as it relates to the individual resident and businessman becomes very cumbersome. And this she finds frustrating.

Being the only woman on the Board of Trustees doesn't hinder Joanne in making her opinions heard or getting her point across. She isn't afraid to buck the majority when she feels she is right.

She isn't naive enough to think that she or any of the trustees could please 12,000 residents at one time. But Trustee Hildt is determined and persistent enough to keep plugging for what she feels is best for Bloomingdale.

## NOTICE

The Bloomingdale Public Library will open at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 20th instead of at 9:30 a.m., to allow for staff in-service training. The library will close at 9 p.m. as usual.

## ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

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# GUEST COLUMN CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

by Frank D. Letizia, D.D.S.

February is Children's Dental Health Month and the Almanac has made this space available to me to discuss children's dental health with you, the parent.

A common question is when do good oral hygiene habits become necessary for my child? The answer - good oral health and hygiene habits begin with the child's first tooth. For after the parental excitement over the eruption of the child's first tooth subsides, the time comes to set a goal for your child's dental health - to give your child a lifetime free of dental decay, fillings, toothaches and tooth loss. For "bad teeth" and dental problems are not inevitable for every child.

You might also be thinking that you should not be overly concerned about your infant's teeth that will eventually fall out to make room for the permanent teeth. But the primary teeth (a much better phrase than baby teeth) play a very important role in the development of a child's

further dental health. Besides providing a proper masticating or chewing function for the child, the primary teeth, if properly maintained, form a system of holding pillars so that the jaws can develop correctly and the permanent teeth which replace the primary teeth can assume their proper position in the mouth. The primary teeth most definitely influence eruption patterns and the final position of the permanent teeth. They also help a child form words as he or she learns to speak.

Remember if your child has decay at an early age, it can't possibly be his or her fault. Children are not born with the knowledge that good dental health is important - someone has to teach them.

The first few teeth can be lightly cleaned with a washcloth. Later, a small brush (with or without toothpaste) can be used when the child is older and more cooperative. As you brush the child's teeth you will also have an opportunity to observe the

teeth and notice any changes in their appearance.

Periodic dental exams can start as soon as the first tooth appears, and a child is usually ready for the first visit to the dentist by his or her second to third birthday.

Remember, dental disease is preventable; there are no secrets. Prevention involves brushing, flossing, fluoride treatments and rinses, regular check-ups and sealants (a special coating used to prevent decay in children's teeth).

Your early work, along with your child's learned efforts and commitment to personal oral health can help assure the success of a decay free generation.

Dr. Frank Letizia, D.D.S. maintains a comprehensive, prevention oriented general practice in Cloverleaf Tower, 201 E. Army Trail Road (529-0303) where children and adults of all ages are always welcome.

## MY FAIR LADY

Preparations for the 10th annual Bloomington Women's Club Fashion Show are underway. The date is Saturday, April 14, 1984 at Indian Lakes. Fashions this year are provided by August Max, Paul Paoletti, Ltd. and House of Brides.

Following luncheon and fashions a Grand Raffle will be held. This year prizes will include: a Royal Escape to London for two, including airfare and hotel accommodations for six days and five nights; a lithograph painting; and a super deluxe Escape Weekend at Indian Lakes. A Raffle of the Day will also be featured.


Tickets are \$17.50 per person. For more information or to reserve a seat call 980-0892 or 529-3117. Proceeds from the fashion show will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

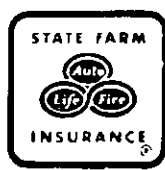


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# AN INVESTMENT FOR THE FUTURE: EDUCATION MARQUARDT DISTRICT 15

The present financial picture, not only in the Marquardt District but in virtually all school districts within the State of Illinois, is rather bleak. This is due primarily to the failure of the State of Illinois to adequately support the operation of its schools as provided by the State Constitution. Regrettably as the state fails to respond to the needs of providing an educational program for the students, the burden falls upon the local community in the form of taxes.

Over the past three years the general state aid provided to the Marquardt School District has declined by over \$470,000. Unfortunately, in an effort to offset this loss of funds, the district (over that same period) has reduced its certificated personnel by over 35 individuals. Additional reductions have included the closing of Craft Elementary School, the elimination of district-funded extra-curricular activities at both the elementary and middle school level, and reductions in programs such as physical education, music, speech, home economics, bi-lingual, special education and learning centers. In 1983-84 alone the district reduced over \$547,000 from the Educational Fund expenditures. Through these very difficult yet necessary actions the Board of Education has attempted to provide a sound educational program within very restrictive financial conditions.

Now the District finds itself faced with a projected deficit

within the Education Fund of approximately \$486,000 for the 1984-85 school year and an estimated \$1.3 million for the 1985-86 school year. With these projected deficits it was decided that an increase of 65¢ would provide the money for the present educational program to be maintained. This increase is not intended to provide any programs or activities over the present educational program; but is intended to support the present curriculum and educational services at their current level.

Therefore, the Marquardt School District 15 Board of Education has adopted a resolution authorizing a referendum to be placed on the election ballot for Tuesday, March 20, 1984. This resolution will call for an increase of 65¢ per \$100 assessed valuation for the Education Fund. The present tax rate for this fund is \$1.59. It is important to note that the last successful tax referendum raising this tax rate for the Education Fund occurred in January 1969 and thus the Marquardt District has been operating for the past 15 years at the current rate.

Without these additional funds, more severe cuts will need to be considered. The question that will need to be decided by the community on March 20th is how much of an investment will be made in the education of our children and in the development of a more educated society.

Lawrence J. Golden  
Superintendent of Schools

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Feb. 13** Rape Crisis Lecture - Glendale Heights Hospital 8:00 P.M.  
Free admission. Call 790-3049 or 469-1624 for more info.
- Feb. 15** Garden Club Meeting - Workshop "Christmas in February"  
7:30 P.M. 237 Crest Court. Call 529-5422 for more info.
- Feb. 18** Itasca Area AAUW (American Association of University Women)  
"Networking Luncheon" Arlington Place Hotel 12:30 P.M.  
Call 529-3050.
- Feb. 19** Marklund Home - Champagne Brunch/Silent Auction. 11:00 A.M.  
Indian Lakes Resort. \$17.50 Call 529-2871 for more info.
- Feb. 25** Knights of Columbus Las Vegas Nite. 8:00 P.M. at St. Andrews  
Country Club. Call 894-3453 for more info.
- March 8** AAUW "Peace Symposium" 8:00 P.M. at Itasca Library
- March 31** Lions Club Las Vegas Nite - 7:00 P.M. at Glendale Country Club.  
\$6.00 admission.
- April 14** BWC Fashion Show - Indian Lakes. Call 980-0892 or 529-3117 for  
more info. \$17.50

## CHILDREN'S CENTER

Children's World Inc. of Evergreen, Colo., which does business in Illinois as Children's Center, recently opened a new facility just south of Stratford Square on Knollwood Drive. This is the ninth facility to open in the Chicago area.

The Bloomingdale facility presently offers educational day care, before and after school care, a half-day preschool program and a toddler program. Day camp-style activities are offered during summer months for both preschool and elementary school children.

For program age ranges and/or more information call Director Crissie Hansen at 351-4511.



# DISTRICT 13 NEWS

by Karen Gerovac, President, Board of Education

Since last summer, when DuJardin and Central PTOs and Westfield's STP purchased computers for our district, we have been working hard on several fronts to provide a computer awareness and literacy program in the district. Our efforts are divided into three parts:

1) The teacher workshops begun last summer to acquaint some of our staff with the computer world and prepare them to introduce computer use to students are continuing during the school year.

2) A Computer Curriculum Committee has studied available materials and has made recommendations for a curriculum for grades 4 through 8. They are currently working on a curriculum for grades K through 3 and an advanced computer course for students who are capable of working at a higher level.

3) A Software Committee has been created to evaluate much of the software (programs) which is now available to determine which of it would be best for our students. Contributions by the PTOs, STP, interested parents, and a recent donation from the Bloomingdale Women's Club are being used to provide quality software for our programs.

An adult course, soon to be offered, will help acquaint parents with the microcomputers their children are using.

In cooperation with Northern Illinois University, District 13 has received nineteen computers from Commodore Electronics. These machines are currently being used to teach computer awareness and literacy and for computer-assisted instruction (CAI).

CAI, or computer-assisted instruction, will soon be used by most of our staff. An example would be drill and practice in language or mathematics skills. Tutorial programs, in which the student studies a new concept on the computer is another type of instruction. The third type of teaching by computer is called sim-

ulation. The Oregon Trail, which places the student on a wagon train to the West, is popular, and allows students to make the same choices our pioneers made. Another program might ask the student to make choices of how to spend money and resources and shows him the consequences of his choices.

Some of our students, of course, are already aware of the computer world and are literate in the use of the machines. These students are provided computer time to continue programs they have begun at home.

When our students leave District 13 to enter Lake Park High School, we feel they will be well-prepared for the required computer courses there.

## RE/MAX ASSOCIATES EAST

Ron Michalek, broker-owner of RE/MAX Associates, Hanover Park, has opened a second RE/MAX real estate office. The office, called RE/MAX Associates East, is at 160 S. Bloomingdale Road in the Old Towne Square Shopping Center and is affiliated with RE/MAX of Northern Illinois and RE/MAX of America, an international organization headquartered in Denver, Colo.

The RE/MAX network of real estate companies is unique in that the sales associates in each office are independent businessmen. Most real estate firms pay their salesmen a maximum commission of 50 percent on the sales they make. Under the RE/MAX plan each sales associate contributes his share of total office expenses and receives 100 percent of any commission earned for listing or selling a property.

The new office in Bloomingdale will serve clients in Bloomingdale and surrounding communities, as well as newcomers to the area. "We look forward to being of increasing service to our community with this expansion of our facilities," says Michalek.

## Amalfi Ristorante Opens In Village

This excellent Italian restaurant opened recently at 298 Glen Ellyn Road. Co-owners George Caravelli and Tony Spavone decided to use a name of an authentic area of old Italy; they took the name from a beautiful highway which follows the rocky scenic cliffs above the Sarento Peninsula coastline leading to very popular Italian holiday resorts. When you enter Amalfi's you find more than an authentic Italian name.

Both owners have learned their skills in Italian cuisine by working with their fathers for many years. They spend hours each day preparing their own pastas and butchering their own milk-fed veal. They also offer chicken and steak entrees, as well as specially selected fresh seafood. On the wine list you will find a wide selection of good to fine quality wines and champagnes.

In addition to personally preparing the food, the owners make a point of meeting their customers. In this way they find out how their patrons are enjoying the food and services and they welcome suggestions for improvements.

From this description you may draw the conclusion Amalfi's is an expensive fine restaurant. On the contrary, we found this restaurant to be very affordable.

In addition to being a very adept chef, Tony Spavone and his wife MaryLou are also professional singers. If you visited Chicago's Italian-fest last summer you would have seen Tony.

Next time you are ready to eat out you might want to consider Amalfi's. George and Tony are looking forward to making your visit an enjoyable one.



# TAX TIPS

by Trustee Biff Behr

*As Trustee Behr is a CPA, we asked him if he could provide us with a bit of free counseling. What follows is the information he graciously put together for us.*

New Year's is a time when people make promises to themselves to make improvements for their physical and emotional well-being. What they generally forget is Point Number 3; right after more exercising and more dieting is tax planning. In most cases, taxes represent the largest single expense you will incur this year, and your New Year's resolution should be to start a program of tax planning. There is no better place to start than with this year's return.

If you itemize your deductions, do not forget to include the following deductible items:

- (1) Tax return preparation fees and fees for tax planning.
- (2) Legal expenses for negotiating employment contracts.
- (3) Professional dues and publications.
- (4) Expenses relating to investment activities, including safe-deposit-box fees if used to store stocks and bonds.
- (5) Fees paid to employment agencies for assistance in finding a new job.
- (6) Custodial fees paid to the trustee of your IRA account.

Whether you itemize your deductions or not, you may be entitled to any or all of the following adjustments to income:

(1) If you change jobs and must move, and your new place of employment is thirty-five (35) miles more than your former place of employment, certain costs of the move can be used to reduce taxable income.

(2) Use of your car for business purposes (excluding mileage to and from work) not reimbursed by your employer can be used to decrease taxable income.

(3) Payments to an IRA or a Keogh Plan up to the legal limits are used to reduce taxable income.

(4) Alimony payments can reduce taxable income, but child support cannot.

(5) If you are married and your spouse works (even if only part-time), you are entitled to a special working couple credit.

The above list is certainly not complete, but it does highlight the most often missed items. If you feel you pay too much in taxes, it may be advantageous for you to have a professional review your current and prior years' returns; you can amend any return filed within the last thirty-six (36) months.

If a major tax event occurs, such as purchase or sale of a house, marriage or divorce, opening a business, receiving an inheritance, receiving profit sharing or retirement funds, or birth of a dependent, I strongly recommend you seek professional assistance.

It's everyone's responsibility to pay taxes, but you have the right to structure your affairs in such a way to pay as little as possible.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER at the library...



Want to be a junior reviewer?

Write about your favorite book in 25 words or less and you may see yourself in print! Write a poem, draw a picture... you could be in the next library Newsletter. There are exciting things for you to be involved in at the library... Not everything *YOU* want? Tell us on the new suggestion board in the Children's Department.



## P.A.C.E.S.

P.A.C.E.S. (Parent and Childbirth Educational Society) is an organization which fosters the education of parents of newborn and growing children. A new P.A.C.E.S. group has recently been started for the Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights and Carol Stream area. Local discussion groups have centered on such topics as: toy safety; first aid in the home; pros and cons of preschool; and speech and language development. The discussion group meets the first Wednesday evening of the month. For more information call Debbie, 668-5372 or Sarah, 668-6483.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

March 6, 7 p.m. Outward Bound — adventure travel.

April 11, 7 p.m. Ukrainian egg decorating workshop.

Registration is required in person, or by telephone, 529-3120.

# "WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

It would be a good idea to place a mail drop box in front of the Village Hall on the left side of the drive. With lines painted on the pavement this would allow a free flow of traffic, not to mention how it would ease the hazardous mess at the Post Office.

Bonnie Ulm  
202 Lakeshore Lane

*We have written to the Postmaster suggesting the installation of a mail-box at the Village Hall. We have also requested the use of a postal type box for paying water bills which would avoid having persons having to leave their vehicle in order to use the existing drop box. I will share the response with you when it is received from the Post Office.*

Daniel C. Wennerholm  
Director of Public Works  
and Engineering

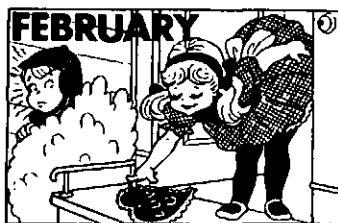
What isn't the library open on Sundays? Sometimes that's the only time students can go and study. I find it very inconvenient to go during

the week because of afterschool activities. Can anything be done?

Mary Wesolek  
180 Cardinal Drive

*The library is currently open 61 hours per week, as compared to 49 hours per week prior to the completion of the new library building. When the increase in hours was made, it was decided to add hours during the times most requested by patrons - evenings and Saturdays. Due to financial considerations and less patron interest, Sunday hours were not included at that time. As part of the library's long range planning, additional hours are being considered so that we may better serve students such as yourself.*

Gay Nass  
Administrative Librarian



So often we are quick to criticize when problems occur, but seldom do we take the time to thank those for a job well done. We would like to thank and commend your department (Public Works) for your continuing effort in snow removal. We have lived in Bloomingdale for eight years and snow has always been removed from the streets promptly and efficiently. Bloomingdale streets are so clean one cannot tell that it even snowed. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Capoccia  
185 Raven Lane

*Thank you for your compliments. It is always pleasant to receive this kind of feedback. Those directly responsible are Street Supervisor Gene Woehrle and the men of the Street Department: Tom Kosmel, Vern Fasse, Larry McArthur, Bill Lyman, Jon Kragel and Rob Blum.*

Daniel C. Wennerholm  
Director of Public Works  
and Engineering

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Print my name: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

# BLOOMINGDALE BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## Village of Bloomingdale

201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD  
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108

BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Bloomingdale, IL  
60108  
Permit No. 16

POSTAL PATRON, LOCAL  
BLOOMINGDALE, ILLINOIS 60108

### ACCOUNTANTS

Schoen, Coyle & Co.  
Certified Public Accountants  
125 S. Bloomingdale Road  
980-4121

### CARPET CLEANER

Broom Brigade, Inc. 894-4666  
Commercial & Residential Cleaning  
Carpet • Upholstery • Walls • Windows  
Furniture Touch-up & Repair

### CARPET CLEANER

Sansone Carpet, Drapery  
and Upholstery Cleaners  
312 Edgewater Drive  
893-4010

### CHIRPRACTOR

Bloomington Chiropractic Clinic  
Dr. James Dean  
181 S. Bloomingdale Rd.  
980-5460

### CHIROPRACTOR

Keller Chiropractic Clinic  
220 E. Lake Street  
980-6555 Hours by Appointment  
Total Health Care Facility

### DENTIST

Frank D. Letizia D.D.S.  
Clover Leaf Towers Suite 309  
201 E. Army Trail Road 529-0303  
Family Dentistry

### DENTIST

William J. McElroy, D.D.S.  
183 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Suite 105  
351-4440  
Children's & Hospital Dentistry

### DENTIST

Robert Meyers, D.D.S.  
135 First Street  
893-4650  
Office Hours by Appointment

### DENTIST

James Paradowski, D.D.S.  
255 E. Lake Street  
529-7130  
Office Hours by Appointment

### GENERAL MERCHANDISE

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

### HARDWARE

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

### HOUSECLEANING

The Bucket Brigade  
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"Reliable, Personal Homecare"  
Free Estimates

### INCOME TAX SERVICE

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Certified Public Accountants  
Tax & Financial Planners  
247 Lakeshore Lane 351-0003

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Investors Diversified Services  
Dorothy J. Lingeman  
359-3220 or 529-0858

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Stratford Square Mall Upper Level  
351-8900 Diamond Setting • Engraving •  
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275 Army Trail Road  
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"Let our family help yours"

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311 Edgewater Drive 894-7400  
Retirement • Convalescence • Restorative  
Nursing • Rehabilitation • Intensive care

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WORKING FOR YOU!  
BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE!**

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Clover Leaf Towers Suite 307  
201 E. Army Trail Road 980-7545  
24-hour Answering Service

### ORTHODONTIST

Dr. Clayton J. Crane  
Clover Leaf Towers Suite 309  
201 E. Army Trail Road 894-4333  
Practice Limited to Orthodontics

### PERIODONTIST

Stanley E. Treitler D.D.S.  
130 N. Bloomingdale Road  
893-7979  
Practice Limited To Periodontics

### PHARMACY

Bloomington Pharmacy  
Bloomington & Schick Roads  
980-9198 or 980-9199  
Free Prescription Delivery

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

Art Craft Photographers  
First Street & Schick Road  
529-8400  
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### PRINTING

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159 West Lake Street  
894-4009  
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Studio • Home • Outdoors  
Inexpensive, Prompt, Personal Service  
980-1316 20% Discount With This Ad

### SECRETARIAL SERVICE

Western DuPage Secretarial Service Inc.  
109 Fairfield Way — Suite 106  
893-9340  
Exec. Typing & Word Processing Service

### VETERINARIANS

Bloomington Animal Hospital  
Drs. Borman, Olson & Page  
290 Glen Ellyn Road  
893-4330

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