

From the Mayor's Desk

This spring the Village sent out a survey to all residents asking for a "report card" on services, concerns and direction on future Village action. We were very fortunate to have a 21.7 percent response, which translates to 1,694 residents. Here are some highlights from those responses.

We were happy to learn that overall satisfaction with the quality of life is quite high. Convenience, especially for shopping, and the small town ambiance were features most widely liked.

Some of the greater concerns or complaints centered around traffic, high property taxes and taxes and fees in general. Although there was a large proportion of people satisfied with our water, we did hear complaints about the taste and/or odor of the water from various areas in the Village. See page 3 of this newsletter regarding the taste of water.

Street pavement was a concern to some respondents and 30 percent said there was a need for sidewalks or repairs to sidewalks, especially in/around Stratford Square and along Bloomingdale Road.

The general feeling in regard to doing business at the Village Hall office was positive, but our voice mail system has more critics than fans.

Comments were made in regard to services for which the Village contracts. Satisfaction with Browning Ferris Industries refuse and recycling collection is generally high. We have seen very good numbers in recycling participation, so that was not a surprise. Opinions about Time Warner Cable TV were sharply divided. (Please read notice about upcoming cable TV franchise meeting on page 3.) There was also some criticism of the Township's weekend dial-a-ride service and mosquito control program.

Satisfaction is quite high for response time for our police department and for the employees' professionalism and courtesy. About three-quarters of the respondents think Bloomingdale has at least a moderate level of youth problems and half of those think the problem is serious. Unsupervised youth are considered more of a concern here than gangs. The D.A.R.E. program enjoys a relatively high awareness.

We learned both Septemberfest and Family Fest have equal appeal, although they attract somewhat different age groups. It was interesting to see newcomers, young people and senior citizens are the most positive about the events.

Three issues which emerge at the top of the list when residents were asked what the Village should focus on during the next five years are:

- Crime/safety, especially preventing/ controlling gang activity
- Zoning/overcrowding, especially controlling growth and building density and maintaining green space
- Traffic, especially managing congestion;

The second tier of priorities includes the condition of streets and sidewalks, as

well as funding and spending for Village services, especially in light of controlling or r e d u c i n g taxes.

The overall data received suggests that it is important



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for the Village to improve communication with residents. This is especially true for newcomers and younger households (under 36 years) who have relatively low awareness of Village programs. We, as a Village, also need to look at the growing complexity of meeting the needs of a diverse population.

We also found 96 percent of responding households read the *Almanac*, so it is our intention to address the concerns expressed by our residents through this publication over the next few issues.

In closing, once again, I thank all of you who took the time to respond. And I hope those of you who were not able to return the survey, will take a look as we examine the issues and concerns raised in the next few *Almanacs.*

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VILLAGE BOARD & COMMISSION MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE VILLAGE BOARD 2nd and 4th Monday of every month 7:30 PM – Village Hall

> ETHICS COMMITTEE 1st Wednesday in May 7:30 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month 7:30 PM – Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month 7:30 PM -- Village Hall

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS 3rd Thursday of every month 6:00 PM – Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD Quarterly beginning in January 2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM -- Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2nd Wednesday of every month 7:30 PM -- Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Board of Directors Meeting 1st Thursday of every month 8:00 AM -- Indian Lakes -On the Pond Restaurant

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News for Veterans



SCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM: Did you know?

VETERANS PRE-

As an honorably discharged Veteran, you may be eligible to receive prescription drugs through the VA at reduced cost. For more information on this program call the Veterans Service Officer Fred Bedard at 894-5264 or Jim Dorynek at 893-0103.

ALL KOREAN SERVICE VETERANS:

Any U.S. Veteran who served on the Korean Peninsula or in its territorial waters for thirty (30) consecutive days or sixty (60) non-consecutive days from 30 Jun 49 thru the present, is eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

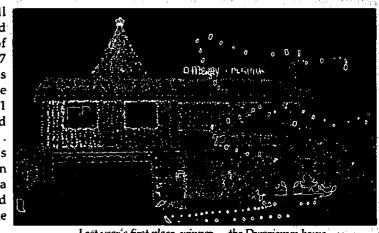
Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, lower level. For information on eligibility and membership, contact Jim Dorynek at 893-0103.

"Holiday Magic" Contest

The Village's Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee is hosting its second annual residential "Holiday Magic" Christmas Decorating Contest. A plaque will be awarded to first, second and third place, and photos of the winning homes will be in the February Almanac

Applications will be available at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Showcase on November 14 and in sponsoring stores as of Friday, November 17. Completed applications must be accompanied by a receipt from a Bloomingdale business dated after. November 1, for the purchase of an item used in the decorating, and a \$10 application fee which will be donated entirely to the Bloomingdale Township Pantry.

Winners will be announced the week of December 17 and plaques awarded at the December 21 Village Board m e e t i n g. B u s i n e s s e s interested in becoming a sponsor should call the Village Hall, 893-7000.



Cable TV Hearing October 25: What Services Would You Like to Have?

The Village is currently in the process of considering the renewal of the cable television franchise agreement with Time Warner Cable. We are working on this endeavor as part of the NORDCAT Consortium, of which we are a member community.

The renewal process includes a step called "ascertainment," during which we will be determining the needs of the community as it relates to cable services. We will

also be collecting data on the performance of Time Warner, including a telephone survey, meetings with community leaders and our annual public hearing. We hope that you will communicate your comments to us, either in writing (to the Village Administrator) or at the Public Hearing on October 25 at 8 p.m. at the Roselle Fire Station, 100 East Maple Avenue.



O'Dea Honored as 'Water Operator of the Year'

Congratulations are in order for Kevin O'Dea, water production supervisor, as he

was recently named "Water Operator of the Year - Distribution Classification" by the Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association. O'Dea has been an employee since 1985 and has been involved in several capital improvements to the water supply, as well as taking part in the changeover in water supply from wells to Lake Michigan 📕 water.

He helped develop several programs, including the vault meter replacement and meter testing programs, as well as the public relations computer presentation for Village Services many residents might have seen exhibited at the Septemberfest celebration.

This recent distinction awarded O'Dea in Kevin receives his award from Joseph Springfield is the highest professional recognition award given by the association.



Donvan, 2nd vice president and Rick Deadmond, president of IPWOA.

Does your drinking water smell or taste funny? Read on for the reasons ... and solutions

The Village has been receiving complaints in the last few weeks regarding the taste and odor of our water, which is



purchased from the City of Chicago. Rest assured, we are in total compliance with all Federal and State requirements and the water is safe to drink.

Chicago believes the taste and odor problems are caused by several factors in the chemistry of Lake Michigan water during summer and early fall, especially warm water temperature and the blooming of. algae. The Chicago Water Department treats the water with powdered activated carbon to control taste and odor problems. They have also recently engaged the services of the University of Illinois to provide independent research testing.

As a temporary solution, the Chicago Water Department recommends_storing drinking water in the refrigerator as the chilled water is less likely to have noticeable taste and odor problems. and the second

Bloomingdale water consumers are encouraged to report any problems they are experiencing to Village Services Utilities Division at 529-5865.

It's almost over . . . Thanks for your patience!

We appreciate your cooperation and patience during the prolonged and complicated construction MEN conditions on Edgewater Drive. Our contractor has worked continuously through utility company delays to complete as much work as possible. We are confident that all remaining items (WORKING of work will be completed within the original project schedule.

The initial paving of asphalt base on Edgewater Drive is complete. This has provided a hard surface upon which to drive, with only the final top course of pavement left to be installed. Final paving will occur after the landscaping has been done.

At the time of this writing, work still to be completed is landscaping, installation of School Zone beacons, final pavement surfacing, brick paver crosswalk and median "end," pavement striping and landscaping of the median islands. Much of this work should be finished by press time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Services Department at 893-7073.

ADD TO YOUR PROPERTY VALUE, BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME: ORDER A TREE TODAY!!!

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for parkways or front yards. If further information is desired, contact Larry Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 708-529-5865, ext.19.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- 1. Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 1995. No money is needed at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 1996.
- 2. Trees will be 2-1/2" caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- 3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- 4. Each parcel will be limited to two trees per year.

- 5. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- 6. We anticipate the cost of the trees to be between \$200 and \$300 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- 7. Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

PLANTING ADDRESS		 	
NAME	<u> </u>		
ADDRESS		 	

INDICATE NUMBER OF EACH TYPE DESIRED:

PARKWAY

Tatarian Maple (Acer tataricum) Small maple, native of Western Asia with round crown of medium green leaves which turn yellow-red in fall. Tolerant of urban conditions. Grows slowly to 30'.

_Ohio Buckeye (Aesculus glabra)

Upright, broadly ovate tree of bold texture. Large leaves are bright green in spring, dark green in summer and yellow-orange in fall. Grows moderately to 35'.

Pyramidal when young; becoming broadly conical with age. Hairy green leaves which turn yellow in fall. Grows moderately to 50'.

_Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor)

Broad crown. Dark green leathery leaves with white undersides turn yellow sometimes with red in fall. Tolerant of urban conditions. Grows slowly to 60'.

___Korean Mountainash (Sorbus alnifolia)

Beautiful ornamental tree with ovate crown. Simple leaves turn yellow-red in fall. Spring flowers are white, flat topped corymbs. Fruit is small orange persistent pome. Grows moderately to 40'.

FRONT YARD

- _____Tatarian Maple
- ____Ohio Buckeye
- _____Turkish Filbert
- ____Swamp White Oak
- ____Korean Mountainash

____Crabapple 'Prairifire' (Malus 'Prairifire') Reddish-pink blooms. Small red-purple, persistent fruit. Redpurple foliage matures to dark green with red-purple veins. Disease resistant. Grows moderately to 20'.

____8' Multi-Stem Crabapple 'Prairifire' See above.

_____6' Douglas Fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii) Evergreen with symmetrical pyramidal shape. Soft, flat, dark green, sometimes bluish needles. Grows moderately to 50'.

<u>American Yellowwood</u> (Cladrastis lutea/kentukea) Attractive ornamental with round crown of light green compound leaves which turn yellow-brown in fall.

SEND YOUR LEAVES TO A MULCH BETTER PLACE!

DELIVER OR SEND TO: DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL 201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

Think Trees

FEATURED URBAN TREE FOR 1996

DESCRIPTION

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Common Name:	Tatarian Maple
Botanical Name:	Acer tataricum
Native Habitat:	Southeast Europe, Western Asia. Introduced in 1759.
Hardiness Zone:	Zone 4 to 7
Mature Size:	Height - 20'; can grow to 30' Spread - 20' (comparable to height)
FEATURES	
Flower:	Greenish, white, April-May, on upright 2" to 3" long panicles, not overwhelmingly ornamental.
Fruit:	Samaras, 1" long, red in August turning brown in September.
Foliage:	Leaves are simple, 2" to 4" long, irregularly double ser rate, medium green turning red to yellow in autumn. On mature trees leaves are essentially unlobed; on young trees or vigorous shoots leaves may be 3 to 5 lobed.
Growth Rate:	Slow to moderate.
Pests & Diseases:	None particularly serious.
Site Requirements:	Very adaptable and tolerates most sites. Tolerates adverse conditions including drought when established:
Stem & Bark:	Stem is slender, reddish brown to dark brown, angular and dotted with numerous lenticels. Bark is brown to black
Landscape Value/ Additional Comments:	Nice small tree with upright, elliptical habit when young, becoming rounded with age. Landscape attributes

young, becoming rounded with age. Landscape attributes similar to Acer ginnala. Not common in commerce.



Marklund client Maryam is fascinated by a glowing ball as she sits in the glowing ball pool, one of the many pieces of equipment in Marklund's Snoezelen room. Snoezelen is a concept in environmental awareness created in Sweden for those with severe and profound impairments.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Incarnation Church will once again be hosting a Pumpkin Patch on parish grounds, 261 W. Army Trail, beginning Sunday, October 15 through Halloween, October 31. The patch will be open from 10:00 AM to dusk, daily. All proceeds go to Club Inc., the church's youth group.

Watch for Lions on the streetcorners! The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be out in force on Friday, October 13 for the annual Candy Day fundraiser. Be generous with your donations, as the Lions Club supports many fine causes, several of which are right here in town.

St. Isidore Knights of Columbus will conduct their Mentally Retarded/ Handicapped Drive selling Tootsie Rolls on October 20 & 21. This year the club has earmarked the proceeds to help fund a bus for Marklund Home. The Knights have already raised \$14,000 and are shooting for \$25,000 this year. They ask your support in this worthwhile endeavor.

Library Halloween Party This year the Bloomingdale Public Library party will be at the Family Fest site at Lake Street and Springfield Drive.

Ghosts, goblins and witches will be able to participate in a variety of activities including Halloween games with prizes and surprises. This year there will be a total of 13 games that are sure to please all ages.

You will also be able to enjoy an old-fashioned hayride! Storytelling and a sing-along will be the entertainment on the hayride. Don't be surprised if it is a witch doing the storytelling and singing.

Get your costume ready! Prepare for a Hauntingly Good Time! Saturday, October 28 1:30-4:00 PM



Patrick Ullrich and Aaron Machek were sworn in as Probationary Police Officers on September 25. Both young men are 23 and hold a bachelor's degree in law enforcement from Western Illinois. They are currently attending the Police Academy at College of DuPage. They will begin their field training in late November.

DuPage Senior Citizens Council



The DuPage Senior Citizens Council is a non-for-profit

agency that helps persons of all ages understand and respond to the needs and concerns of older people. The Council offers many programs and services for seniors 60 years and over in DuPage County. They include: Home delivered meals, senior dining centers, natural helpers, home maintenance, community development block grant, chore days, advocacy, and a resale shop.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Council, with more than 1;900 people of all ages on our volunteer team. Presently we are recruiting volunteer drivers to package meals at the Bloomingdale Senior Center and volunteer drivers to deliver noontime meals to homebound senior citizens in the Bloomingdale area Monday-Saturday. If you give an hour, weekly, bi-weekly, or on a substitute basis, please call Sarah at 620-0804 to join our volunteer team. The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce presents its Thirteenth Annual

Christmas Showcase

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00-9:00 PM Indian Lakes Resort Banquet Hall, Bloomingdale

FREE ADMISSION

Open to the public Door prizes continuous drawings You must be present to win

Santa Claus will be there with surprises for the children!

Food samples

Specialty items



See the latest Christmas gift-giving ideas Presented by local merchants Some merchants will be selling that evening



Bloomingdale Pavilion crowned Anna Quail and Alice Maury first and second floor Beauty Queens, respectively. This is the fifth year the facility has recognized two residents as representatives of the spirit and beauty of the Pavilion.

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Bloomingdale Community Events

School Board Elections

School Board elections are slated for November 7, 1995. There are three positions open on the Lake Park High School Board. A candidate forum will be hosted 7:30-9:30 on Tuesday, October 24 at the



East Campus, 600 S. Medinah Road. Residents are invited to hear from each of the candidates and get their views on different issues.

Culture Club News

Culture Club is gearing up for an exciting year. The not-for-profit group of local artisans meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Park District Museum. The October 17 meeting will feature floral arrangements by Gladys Kroon. For more information call Becky at the museum, 980-7650.

Bloomingdale Women's Club

The Bloomingdale Women's Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Upcoming programs are October 12, "The Art of Discount Shopping" and November 9, "How to Take 5 Years off your Face and 10 Pounds off your Figure." For more information on these programs or the club, call Terry Niesner at 924-1460.

Also, BWC hosts a garage sale to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation 9-3 on Saturday, October 28 at St. Paul's Church, 118 S. First. Donations are welcome. Call Kim (741-1958) or Terry (924-1460).

Christ the Redeemer Church

Christ the Redeemer Church, 241 E. Army Trail Road, is hosting the following special events:

Ôct. 22	10 a.m.	Celebration of Books Family Worship Service
Nov. 26	10 a.m.	Harvest Festival Family Worship Service
Dec. 10	9 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program

For more information call the church at 529-8290.

Make a Difference Day

Make a Difference Day is October 28. Some of our local schools are taking part by hosting a food drive for the Bloomingdale Township Pantry. The pantry is in great need now, since the usual outpouring comes around the holidays, not during the early fall. Contact your local school or neighborhood youngsters as to whether they are participating during the month of October.

The BWC is holding a coat collection drive on October 28. Donations may be dropped off at St. Paul Church, 118 S. First Street during the garage sale from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Or call Sue at 351-0058 for more information.

Check the Park District information on page 15 for their Clean up the Wetlands project on October 21.

School District 13 News

School District 13's Drug Free Advisory Committee presents "Kids! They Don't Come with Directions," at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 19 at Westfield Junior High, . Motivational speaker Steven M. Troglio will address interested area parents about how to stay flexible, yet strong while raising children. He will discuss basic parenting skills, along with guidelines for working with children. Troglio's parent presentation, along with two scheduled student assemblies earlier in the day, is the first in a series of programs and activities sponsored by District 13's Drug Free Advisory Committee. You're Invited to the first-ever HARVEST BALL Monday, October 30 The Pointe Restaurant

Bloomingdale, Illinois 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Purchase your Harvest Ball tickets at the Bloomingdale Park District Office. Tickets are \$50.00/ea. with a portion being tax deductible. All proceeds benefit the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation.

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!!!

\$1.00 raffle tickets for a chance to win...
\$200 Spiegel Gift Certificate

Airline Tickets for Two

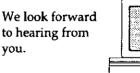
5 -- \$100 Gift Cert. to the Pointe Restaurant
Tickets to see the Blackhawks and Bulls

FREE CHILD CARE -- CALL 529-3650 FOR INFORMATION!

We're "On Line" With E-Mail

The Village Administrator's office is now equipped with E-Mail. If you wish to send us an electronic message, the address is:

wenner@interaccess.con





THE DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF *THE ALMANAC* IS NOVEMBER 20

Walk Through the Holidays

The Villagers Club will be hosting its second annual "Walk through the Holidays" from 12:00 noon to 9:00 PM on Friday, November 17. Six homes in the Village will be decked inside and out in the holiday spirit.

A two-bedroom loft townhouse in Bloomfield Club will be decorated by Carson, Pies Scott Co. with the theme "Angels on High". An exquisite Founders Pointe home will feature touches from Department of Interiors - Old Town Bloomingdale.

"Home for the Holidays" will be the theme for a Fairfield Victorian split level



home decorated by the Bombay Company. J.C. Penney will add holiday touches to a country decor in a gracious Old Town Estates home.

Local artisan Heidi Herrin, newly-opened Harlem Furniture, and Marshall Field's will furnish and decorate a Country Club Estates townhome for a contemporary Christmas. Lastly, a townhouse in Chateau Lorraine will combine the eclectic and Victorian with many rare antiques in a "Night before Christmas " theme designed by Accents by Hill Creek.

This promises to be a true community event as many other groups will be part of the affair. A variety of musical performers including folk singer Douglas Green, First Class of Harmony, a concert pianist and a

Lake Park High School choral group are among those slated. The Bloomingdale Park District Museum will feature a gallery of art, as well as refreshments.

In addition, some local restaurants, such as Bertucci's, International House of Coffees and Big Apple Bagels, will be offering "House Walk Specials on November 17.

Tickets are available for \$12.00 prior to the event at the Bloomingdale Museum or Public Library or from Juanita Hathway (893-0907). Ticket donation on November 17 is \$15.00. Tickets will include a map to the homes and restaurant special coupons.

For more information call Vicki Hettlinger (893-5213) or Corrine McCoy (585-8264). Local charities, including the Sharing Tree, Bloomingdale Park District & Library, will benefit from this event.



Helpful Hints for a Safe and Happy Halloween

Help keep your favorite ghosts and goblins safe this Halloween by reviewing these important safety rules with your children.



- NO candy should be eaten until it
- has been inspected by an adult.
- Discard any unwrapped items.
- Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that they can be easily seen at

night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.



◆ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.

 Trick or Treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or

more adults.

- Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street.
- Children should use sidewalks
- whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk – never run – across
 - streets.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE FROM 3:00-8:00 PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

For information on starting a Neighborhood R Watch group in your neighborhood, call Detective Gary Fuchs at 529-9868.





bloomingdale park district

172 south circle avenue, bloomingdale, illinois (708) 529-3650

IDON'T MILSS THIESE UPCOMING EVIENTS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Clean up the Wetlands

Saturday, October 21 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. -- clean up the wetlands 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Nature/wetlands exhibition The Park District Staff spends many hours each year maintaining the wetlands. On Make A Difference Day, the staff

could sure use your help with their on-going effort. With the knowledge of a Wheaton Park District Naturalist, you'll experience the thrill of ducks taking to the wind, the joy

you'll experience the tinnil of ducks taking to the wind, the joy of listening to frogs serenading, and you'll witness the delicate beauty and dazzling colors of wetland flowers.

In addition, we will have havrides around the park, a pumpkin sale, brats, hot dogs and more.



Saturday, October 28 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Grades K - 6

Come to the JRC for an evening including: Haunted House, Creepy Cartoon Movie Room, Games for all Ages, Jumping Pumpkin, Halloween Craft Room, Magic Show for all Ages, and an Adult Costume Contest.



Each child will receive a trick-or-treat bag filled with game tickets, candy, a craft ticket, and a haunted house ticket. Fill your belly with pizza, hot dogs, pretzels, chips and lemonade. Raffle Tickets will be available for 25 cents ea. or 5 for \$1.00.

FROM THE MUSEUM

The Bloomingdale Park District Museum 108 South Bloomingdale Road call 529-3650 for days and hours

"JEANETTE SUNDBERG & JEAN DUNHAM"

October 28 - through November 18 Watercolor and oil painting exhibition The public is invited to meet the artists during our open house reception Sunday, November 5, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

"QUILT NATIONAL '95" "B" Collection

November 24 through January 14 This one-of-a-kind exhibition of contemporary art quilts is traveling across the country in three sections. The Museum is proud to feature two of those sections, which together will contain 45 winning quilts from the 1995 biennial competition. The "B" collection will arrive at the Museum in the fall of 1996. Please note: special hours for "Quilt National '95" will be: Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 4:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY MAGIC

Sunday, December 10 1:00 - 5:00 p.m -- Open House. Johnston Recreation Center Refreshments, Sleigh Rides, Trinity Lutheran Bell Choir, Lake Park H.S. Choir, Madrigal Singers, Family Caroling, Tree Lighting Ceremon



Choir, Lake Park H.S. Choir, Madrigal Singers, Family Caroling, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa Claus, Dance Demos, Pre-School Open House and Christmas Presentation, Clothing & Food Drive, Toys for Tots

HARVEST BALL FESTIVITIES



Monday, October 30 The Pointe Restaurant Bloomingdale, Illinois 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Dance to the tunes of the Fabulous Murray Brothers Purchase Harvest Ball tickets at the Bloomingdale Park District Office. Tickets are \$50.00/ea. with a portion being tax deductible. All proceeds benefit the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation.

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BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY TREE

Once again the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale community tree at Brookfield Zoo. Two ornament-making workshops will be held at the Library on Saturday, November 4: from 1 pm-2 pm and from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm for children ages 3 and up.

During the workshop, children will make Christmas tree ornaments which will be used to trim the Village of Bloomingdale community tree that will be on display at Brookfield Zoo through January 1, 1996. Join us for a fun afternoon and help make Bloomingdale's eighth community tree "extra special." Refreshments will be served. To register, call 529-3120.

All children who make ornaments for the tree are invited to help trim the tree at Brookfield Zoo on November 25th at 2 pm. The zoo will be giving us a very limited number of Admission and Parking Passes. A drawing will be held this year to distribute the passes. Registration for the drawing will be on November 4, during the two workshop sessions. For more information about the zoo tree-trimming event, call the Library at 529-3120.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday -- 9:00 AM-9:00 PM Friday & Saturday -- 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Sunday -- 1:00 PM-5:00 PM (September-May)

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>OCTOBER</u>

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11	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
14	Writer's Seminar '95 1	0:00 AM-3:00 PM
* 18	"Italy and Sicily Travelogue" —	
	Norman Hathaway	6:45-9:00 PM
* 19	"Making Grape Vine Wreaths" - Tobi Abram	s 6:30-9:00 PM
* 19	Spooky Tales for the Brave Hearted at the Gaz	zebo
	Family Program	7:00-8:00 PM
25	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
25	Friends Of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM
26	Library Board Special Meeting	7:30 PM
28	Halloween Party — Springfield Dr. & Lake	St. 1:30-4:00 PM
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<u>NOVEMBER</u>

- 4 Brookfield Zoo Craft 1:00-2:00 PM & 2:30-3:30 PM 8 "Copper Enamel Jewelry Workshop" 6:00-9:00 PM Tobi Abrams 8 Library Board Meeting 7:30 PM 11 Writer's Group 9:00 AM-Noon 13-19 Children's Book Week 7:00-8:00 PM * 16 Family Reading Night — All Ages 18 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9:00 AM-4:00 PM 19 Friends of the Library Book Sale 1:00 PM-4:00 PM 22 Writer's Group 7:00-9:00 PM 23 Thanksgiving Day LIBRARY CLOSED 29 Friends of the Library Meeting 7:00 PM
- 30 Library Board Special Meeting

DECEMBER

* 2Breakfast with Santa9:00-10:30AM7Holiday Open House6:30-9:00 PM9Writer's Group9:00 AM-Noon13Library Board Meeting7:30 PM

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* Call 529-3120 to make a reservation for these programs.

WANTED

Donations of used books, magazines, records and cassettes for upcoming November 18 Bag-O'-Books Sale. Donations may be left at the Library any time before November 17. Pick-up can be arranged for full bag or box donations. Call 529-3120.

> The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library BAG-O-BOOKS SALE

(Used books & magazines)

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday, November 19, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (All remaining books half price, Sunday only) Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way

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Youth Services Department PROGRAMS TO PLEASE CHILDREN OF ALL AGES & INTERESTS

READING IS TREMENDOUS!

We heartily congratulate everyone who joined the Youth Services READING IS TREMENDOUS! Summer Reading Program! A total of 754 young people participated in the program and 535 finished the program. Younger readers read at least 10 books. Older readers read at least 6 books of 100 pages or more. The total number of books read by all participants was 22,506. The total number of people attending READING IS TREMENDOUS! Summer Reading Programs was 4,172.



The Youth Services Department would again like to thank all the local merchants who generously contributed to the Summer

Reading Program. Their continued support is so important in making the Summer Reading Program so successful each summer!

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK: "ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU OPEN A BOOK!" NOVEMBER 13 THROUGH 19, 1995

To celebrate Children's Book Week, the Youth Services Department is planning Family Reading Night, to be held on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 -8:00 p.m. The program will begin with a short presentation on Early Readers followed by stories reflecting the theme of Children's Book Week:

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN WHEN YOU OPEN A BOOK! Refreshments follow with time for families to spend time reading together, selecting from an assortment of great new books!



SPOOKY TALES FOR THE BRAVE-HEARTED

Get in the Halloween spirit early! Join us at the gazebo for bone chilling stories told by storyteller Leanne Johnson. Hot cider and donuts will be served. Thursday, October 19 7:00-8:00 PM.



JUNIOR FRIENDS

The Youth Services Department would like to thank the following Junior Friends for donating their time, energy and talents to help with the READING IS TREMENDOUS! Summer Reading Program:

Zaiba Baig Dinah Buensalida Sandy Bryla Samantha Carden Samantha Carlson Robin Chung **Emily Derrico** Nick Foster Katie Freund Karen Fuller Vanessa Kas Victoria Kas Julie Knorowski Iane Ko Kristen Levato Drew Lissuzzo Katie Marchi

Barbara Mateblewski Meghan Meyer Christy O'Connor Kyle Ölson Cathy Panfil Vicky Parent Viral Patel Jacquelyn Ranallo Nicole Roche Logan Rogers Amber Samuelson Dana Sharifi Marisa Slad Sufvan Sohel Anju Varakalayil Courtney Webb Mackenzie Welch

Amye Wilmes

Junior Friends contributed a total of 197 hours during the summer. They helped prepare craft materials, set up programs, assisted at programs, and even dressed as Book Characters during the Friends of the Library Scholastic Book Fair!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 2 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Join us by the cozy fireplace for a great BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! For the second year in a row, children and their families will enjoy a great breakfast with Santa at the beautiful Glendale Golf Course Banquet Room decorated

for the Holidays. This program is scheduled for Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Activities include enjoying a great meal, talking to Santa, picture taking, listening to stories told by Mrs. Santa and creating crafts at the Holiday Activity Table. You'll leave with memories treasured for a lifetime! Registration is being taken in Youth Services. The cost for the breakfast is \$5.00 per person at the time of registration.

Children 3 years old and under are free. Photos taken with Santa are \$5.00 each.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

The fast moving world we live in today and the pressures it forces upon us is the focus of Lucille Leverenz' writing. Nothing lasts forever. Death, divorce, the constant struggle of relationships, change our lives every day. Lucille writes about the impermanences of life, and she does it well.



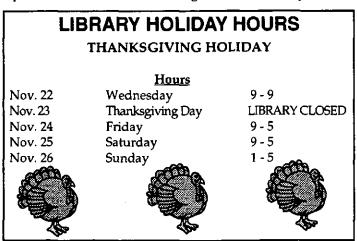
Lucille has been published internationally in Bitterroot Poetry magazine. Her work can be found in Patchwork Quill, published by the Schaumburg Writer's Group and in Yuletide Reveries, published by Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale. She has written for neighborhood newsletters, and at Lerner Voice newspaper, wrote feature articles and news stories on assignment. Later, she edited English translated articles in El Dia (The Day), a Spanish news publication. Lucille worked for Central DuPage Hospital where she wrote the health column for the Information Services Department.

Influenced by poets such as Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes, Lucille writes from her heart, striving to fill the gaps that we sometime stumble on because of misunderstanding or fear. In her writing, Lucille urges us to go beyond the outer walls of our identity to touch the core of what we are really feeling. Most readers will easily identify with these problems.

Lucille gives all of herself when she picks up her pen and begins to write. Like most writers, Lucille fears the rejection letter, but doesn't let that stop her from constantly working toward her goals. She is finishing up a collection of poetry and prose, hoping to publish it locally. She would also like to publish some short stories. Lucille is also interested in song writing and stand-up comedy.

Lucille would like to become involved in programs that reach out to high school students, making them aware of the strength and beauty of writing of all kinds, to plant within them an interest and love of literature.

Lucille is a member of Arlington Poetry Project and Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale. She has read her poetry to the public at Lyrics Coffeehouse, Barnes & Noble Bookstore and open forums held at the Bloomingdale Public Library.



CHESS TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE!

Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Public Library's Summer Chess Club for winning their fourth consecutive Interlibrary Chess Tournament. Fifty-seven players from five libraries played in the 12th Annual Interlibrary Chess Tournament held August 5 at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

The final team scores were:

Bloomingdale	29.5	
Lombard	20.5	
Poplar Creek	18.5	
Bartlett	16.5	
Glenside	15.0	
Poplar Creek Bartlett	18.5 16.5	

The winning team consisted of Blair Machaj, Craig Cochran, Kevin Brewer, Sean Luster, Eddie Patel, Jeff Schafer, Pat Karney, Dave Dixon, Jason Ghang, Brad Schafer, Kevin Perna, and Johnpaul Baggio.

A special thanks to the Friends of the Library for donating 36 Official Tournament chess sets and boards. Our players were very excited about the new chess sets. Thanks also to Paul Raso and Joe Gebis for helping as team coach.



KIDS IN K (Kids in Kindergarten)

New this fall, a program specially designed for kindergartners! Stories, crafts and activities geared for kindergarten age children.

Monday, November 6,13, 20 & 27 7:00-7:45 PM Registration taken at the Youth Services Department



Trustee Gloria Reyes and Mayor Bob Iden present Nancy and Jim Vandenberg with a proclamation in honor of Nancy's late mother, Cathy Bartscht.

UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION 1996

Bloomingdale Public Library's Adult Book Discussions are scheduled to meet from 7:30-8:30 pm on the first Thursday of the month, except summer months and December. Books will be available for checkout one month in advance of meetings. For registration or further information contact Adult Services at 529-3120.

1996 Book Discussion Titles

Jan. 4	Agee, James, A DEATH IN THE FAMILY
Feb. 1	Miller, Sue, THE GOOD MOTHER
Mar. 7	Filipovic, Zlata, ZLATA'S DIARY
Apr. 4	Proulx, E. Annie, THE SHIPPING NEWS
May 2	Cwiklik, Robert, HOUSE RULES
Sept. 5	Irving, John, CIDER HOUSE RULES
Oct. 3	Heckler, Jonellen, WHITE LIES
Nov. 7	Campbell, Bebe Moore, BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Don't forget the November 2, 1995 Book Discussion, the book under discussion will be Ntozake Shange's BETSEY BROWN.

ITALY AND SICILY TRAVELOGUE

Wednesday, October 18 from 6:45 to 9:00 pm. It's more than just pizza. Come see the history and beauty of Italy when Bloomingdale resident and world traveller, Norman Hathaway, present a slide show on the people and places of Italy and Sicily.

MAKING GRAPE VINE WREATHS

Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. Learn how to create beautiful decorations for your home. Tobi Star Abrams will offer a free "hands on" program where you will learn to make wreaths from freshly picked grape vines. Come and see how easy it is to be creative. Attendance limited. Call for a list of materials.

CREATE YOUR OWN COPPER ENAMEL JEWELRY

Wednesday, November 8 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Crafters will want to attend this workshop to learn how to design and create your own jewelry. Tobi Star Abrams will return to the Bloomingdale Library to teach us an interesting and creative craft. Attendance is limited.

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORY IN THE MAKING

When construction is completed Bloomingdale Library will have an expanded Local History area with room for displays and additional files. Our thanks to residents who have shared their materials with us. Anyone wishing to donate information or objects of historical significance for possible addition to the collection may contact Judy O'Loughlin at 529-3120.

IT'S YOUR CALL

Secretary of State George Ryan is calling all volunteers! Become a volunteer literacy tutor by calling the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline: 1-800-321-9511.



50 ADULTS COMPLETE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Adult Summer Reading Program was once again a great success. We had 88 Adult Readers participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program this summer 50 adult readers completed the program by reading 5 books and were entered into the prize drawing. Total books read this summer by adult readers, 282

The following prizes were awarded:

\$25.00 MALL GIFT CERTIFICATES

\$10.00 MALL GIFT CERTIFICATES

\$5.00 OLIVE GARDEN RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATE

\$5.00 GARIBALDI'S RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATE

FREE DESSERT OR APPETIZER, T.G.I. FRIDAY'S RESTAURANT

COMPLIMENTARY ENTREE, T.G.I. FRIDAY'S RESTAURANT

\$10.00 LA CAMPANA RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATE

\$15.00 HAMLET RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATE

INDIAN LAKES SUNDAY BRUNCH FOR TWO GIFT CERTIFICATE

\$25.00 UNITED AIRLINES GIFT CERTIFICATE

The library would like to extend a special THANKS to all the local businesses that donated prizes. The Adult Summer Reading Program's continuing success depends on the support of our local business community.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE ON CD-ROM

The Bloomingdale Library now has the current year (January - August 1995) of the *Chicago Tribune* on CD-ROM. Stop by Adult Services for a demonstration.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE FEATURES TREE LIGHTING, MAGIC SHOW

Kick off your holiday celebration by joining us for the seventh annual Holiday Open House on Thursday, December 7th from 6:30-9:00 PM at the Library.

From 6:45-7:30 PM Erich Olson will present a special Holiday Magic Show. Joining him on stage will be Rudolph and an elf-helper.

At 7:30 PM the lighting of the Village tree will take place at the Founder's Park Gazebo. The Library's preschool story hour children will perform several favorite holiday songs as the tree is lighted.

Next, everyone will return to the Library for an hour of visits with Santa, musical entertainment and refreshments, including Mary's famous Hot Apple Cider.

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1994-1995

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Bloomingdale Public Library actively provides current, highdemand popular materials and useful, timely information in a variety of formats for persons of all ages in pursuit of their recreational and personal needs. The Library places special emphasis on stimulating young children's interest in reading and learning, and assists students of all ages in formal education courses.

COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

The Library Board of Trustees and staff are committed at all times to providing excellence in library services. The trustees and staff actively work together to make the Library an open, friendly and warm place for patrons to visit.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

On April 30, 1995, Bloomingdale Public Library's fiscal year ended, and the statistics revealed that 1994-95 was a great year for the Bloomingdale Library. Our year was so successful because of the wonderful patronage of our community and the outstanding support of the Bloomingdale business community and non-profit organizations such as the Lions Club and the Friends of the Library. In addition, the fine support the Library received from the Village of Bloomingdale helped to make the Library's year very successful.

The main highlight of Fiscal Year 1994-95 was the successful Library Referendum last November. Once again the Board and Staff would like to extend special thanks to each and every one who helped to make the referendum a success.

Our Patrons -

- * checked out 165,309 items (books, videos, cassettes, etc.)
- visited the library 150,732 times. This averages out to approximately 7.5 visits for each resident in Bloomingdale.
- registered for many library cards. Currently 13,591 residents (68%) of Bloomingdale have registered library cards.

Our Staff -

- added 5,244 new items (books, cassettes, videos, CD's, etc.) to our collection of materials, which increased our total collection to 63,159 items.
- presented programs to 14,879 patrons; 12,539 children and 2,340 adults.
- answered a record-breaking number of reference questions, approximately 40,924 during the year.

The Library -

* provided rooms for community group meetings 264 times and for library programs 344 times, for a total of 608. That's an average of almost 12 activities each week.

EXTENSION OF SERVICES

The services of the Bloomingdale Public Library were expanded in the following ways during Fiscal Year 1994/95:

- Expanded the Library's patron microcomputer reference center by adding three new IBM-Compatible computers with CD drives and a number of reference sources—CD format.
- Added two additional (OPAC) Online Public Access Catalog terminals for patrons to facilitate access to the Library's holdings and the holdings of eight other libraries.
- * Started a new program for adults-an ongoing book discussion group.
- * Expanded the Library's Homebound Service by starting books on cassette book discussions for residents in nursing care facilities in Bloomingdale.
- * Expanded the Library's business reference area by adding a company annual report file.
- * Enhanced reference service to patrons by adding Internet access for staff on our DRA Automated System.
- * Started several new programs for children and families. The programs include a painting class series, a turn off the TV program series, a Breakfast With Santa program, and a Summer reading family night series.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Fiscal Year 1994/1995

REVENUES

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Local Government property taxes		828,907.00
Capital Income from Bonds	3	,779,741.00
Per Capita Grant		24,990.00
LSCA Grant		
Fines, Fees, donations etc.		354,592.00
Corporate replacement tax		2,205.00
Total Receipts	\$4	,990,435.00
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and Benefits	\$	523,069.00
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Printed Materials		/ 1
Nonprint Materials		14,973.00
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Total of All Expenditures	\$1,274,687.00 *
Capital Outlay for All Other Fixed Assets	<u>193.115.00</u>
Capital Outlay for Building Construction	29,658.00
in other operating Experiences	450,050.00

The figures are taken from the Illinois State Library Annual Report before the year end audit.

THANK YOU

1994-95 was a very busy and progressive year for the Bloomingdale Public Library. The Library Board and Staff extend a special thank you to everyone for making it so successful.

Hard Hat Corner

Parking will be at a premium during the construction and we ask everyone's patience during this time. Overflow parking will be available in the Village parking lots just west and north of the library

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lot and on Fairfield Way. For those coming to join in the library's activities, consider carpooling to and from the library.

State funds from the "Live and Learn" program administered by the Secretary of State and State Librarian will be used in the addition to the Bloomingdale Public Library.

BERFEST 95



Groundbreaking - September 7, 1995



Construction started - September 25, 1995





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It Was a Splendid Septemberfest!!!



The 23rd annual Septemberfest was a great success. Chairman Gary Fuchs thanks everyone who participated, everyone who attended and "God - for the beautiful day!"

Katherine Keeter was crowned queen. A Glenbard senior, Katherine is very involved in both the arts and sports at school, as well as SAFE, a student drug/alcohol awareness group. The 17-year old intends to major in music education in college and ultimately teach on the college level.

King Jason Orna is a student at University of Illinois at Chicago as an English education major. Jason is a gymnast who loves working with youngsters. Although his future plans are to become an English teacher, writer and coach, his biggest dream is to someday compete internationally in gymnastics.

Eighteen-year old Lisa Jones was named first runner-up. The sophomore at Northern Illinois University is currently competing to be accepted into the College of Business as an accounting major. She was an honor roll student all four years at Lake Park and was very active in softball, both as a player, coach and umpire.

First runner-up Marc Beth attends Glenbard East where he is very active in drama and in several music programs, including concert choir and Madrigal Singers. He is also the president of the Glenbard East Band program and a marching leader in the Glenbard East Marching Band.

Second runner-up Laura Budde is involved in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities at Lake Park High School where she is a senior. She plans to attend a small four-year college, majoring in English as she would like to teach high school English. Second runner-up Neil Walendy is a junior at the University of Iowa. He is pursuing a major in business administration and beginning his third year as a starter for the men's volleyball team. He speaks highly of the Bloomingdale Park District and encourages youngsters to take advantage of the many programs offered.

Marie Schira was named third runner-up. The sophomore at College of DuPage intends to finish at a four-year college to study psychology so she can eventually work with youngsters as a psychologist. She is also currently volunteering at Talklines, where she is trained as a paraprofessional in dealing with crisis calls.

Fourth runner-up Cara Neri is a 19-year old student at College of DuPage. She plans on receiving her Associate's degree in culinary arts, then transferring to Kendall College, one of the finest culinary schools in Illinois. Her goal is to become a great chef and build a restaurant of her own.

Thanks go to the following generous contributors who helped to make the Joe Draghi scholarship continue for the King, Queen and their court:

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