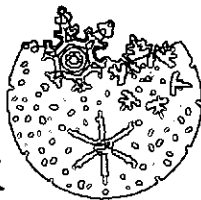
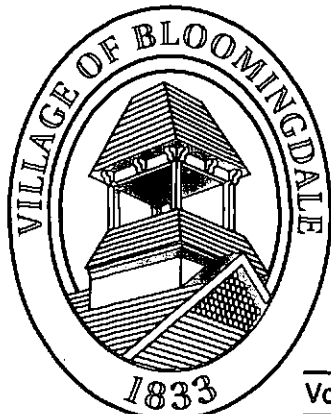


Winter
Info to
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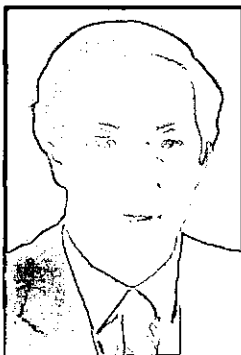
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From the Mayor's Desk

Original Artwork Slated for Library Courtyard



Robert G. Iden

We have many commissions and committees working within the Village. One of our newer committees is the Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee, which has worked on marketing projects over the past two years, including the banner program and the new signs located at entrances to the Village. Recently the members turned their collective efforts to a cultural endeavor.

This group has commissioned an artist to create an original, bronze, life-size statue of a mother and child sitting on a bench reading. This will be placed in the new courtyard being constructed at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

The group would like to see this as the first in a series of lifelike statues to be placed in various areas of town over the next several years. The plan is to have this artwork paid for strictly through donations of residents and businesses.

To that end, the committee has launched a commemorative brick program. The bricks will be permanently installed in the courtyard area surrounding the statue and will be person-

alized. A 4"x8" brick is \$75.00 per family and/or group. An 8"x8" brick is \$250 for businesses. All donations are tax deductible.

Each brick holds three lines of type with 13 characters per line (which includes spaces and punctuation). The engraved letters are filled with a black epoxy to protect it from the elements.

An order form is included on page nine of this *Almanac*. Forms are also available at the Bloomingdale Public Library and at the Village Hall.

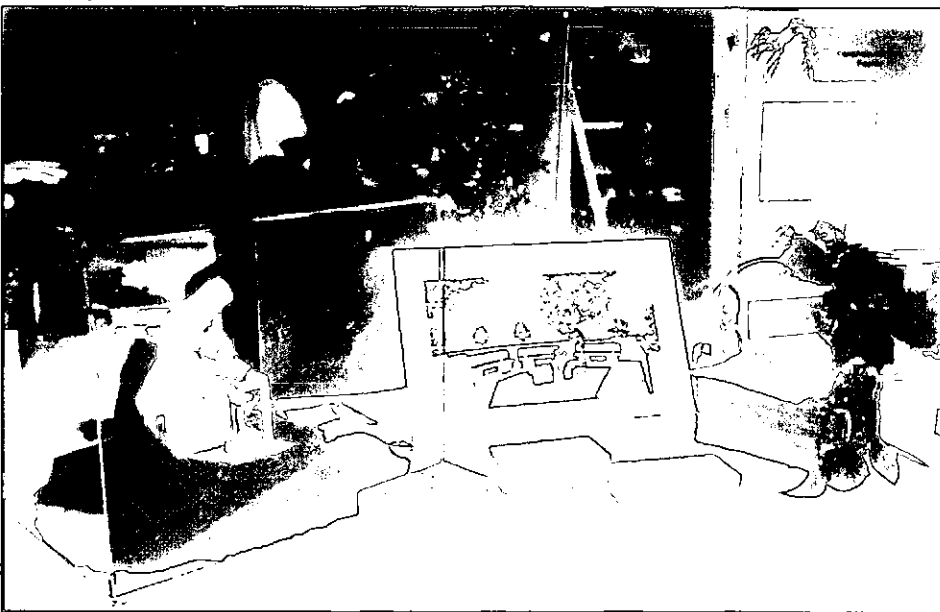
For more information call 893-7000, ext. 221 or contact one of the committee members.

They are Mary Ahart (Citibank), Georgene Geils (Econmart), Remo Turano (Turano Bakery), John Vertnik (Century 21 Camelot) and Bob Wright (resident).

This project offers folks a unique opportunity to participate in a community cultural project, which will hopefully become a lasting replica for posterity of life in Bloomingdale. I hope you will consider taking part.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Iden
Village President



A model of the statue to be cast by artist James Haire of Fort Collins, Colorado, was on exhibit at the Chamber's Christmas Showcase. Haire grew up in the Chicago area, graduating from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. While attending NIU, he developed an interest in bronze casting. His life size sculptures can be found throughout the country. The model is currently on display at the library, 101 Fairfield Way.

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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& Environmental Concerns*

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News for Veterans



VETERANS PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM:

Now your American
Legion membership card can earn you
a 20 percent discount on your prescrip-
tions at any participating pharmacy. For
details and a list of participating phar-
macies, see the September '95 issue of
Legion magazine.

REPLACING SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES FOR SENIORS

Bloomington Post 7539 has a program
to inspect and replace the nine-volt
smoke detector batteries, now installed,
in the homes of Bloomingdale seniors.
VFW members will replace any dead or
weak 9V batteries free of charge. The
club cautions as this is the beginning of
a new heating season, there should be
new batteries in your smoke detectors
for your safety.

For more information on any of the
above, or for membership information
call Fred Bedard at 894-5264 or Jim
Dorynek at 893-0103.

Sanitary Sewer Hookups Now Underway In Indian Lakes Area

The Village is pleased to announce that the installation and testing of the
sanitary sewer main and sewer laterals is complete. Landscaping in many
areas has been completed as well as street paving on Meadowlark, Red
Wing Court and Bob-O-Link.

Individual home connections to the sewer main have begun. Testing of the
sewers on Skylark Drive, Martin Lane, Martin Court and Killdeer is completed,
and those areas can now connect to the new sewer. Questions regarding sewer
connections and permit applications are being addressed by the Village
Services Department Engineering and Building and Zoning Divisions.

Remaining final landscaping and restorations of the parkway will be complet-
ed in the spring.

The Village Services Department would like to thank you for your patience
and cooperation throughout the course of the sewer construction. If you have
any questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact the
Village Services - Engineering Division Indian Lakes West Sanitary Sewer
Hotline at 893-7073 x232.

"Are You O.K.?" Checks On Well Being of Those Who Are Home Alone

The Bloomingdale Police Department and the Bloomingdale Lions Club are looking for residents interested in participating in a free service called **"ARE YOU O.K.?"**

"Are You O.K.?" was purchased in 1993 by the Lions Club and is run by the Police Department. Every day, current subscribers receive a telephone call at a designated time to check on their well being. When the subscriber answers the telephone, a pre-recorded message is played. In the subscriber is okay, he/she simply hangs up the telephone after hearing the pre-recorded message. If subscribers do not answer the telephone after three attempts to contact them, a family member is contacted or the police are dispatched to the residence.

Previously, this free service was offered only to seniors who lived alone, disabled persons, or shut-ins. Because of the positive response to this program, the Village and the Lions Club want to make this service available to others. Working parents whose children are home alone after school may be interested in participating in this free service. Seniors or disabled residents previously unaware of the program may also be interested in participating. Medical professionals and clergymen who know of families or individuals who could benefit from this program also are asked to contact the Bloomingdale Police Department for additional information.

Residents who sign up for this program will be asked to complete several forms. If you wish to sign up, or if you are interested in more information, please call supervisor Shilora Larson or Supervisor Patti Baron at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 529-9868.

"Once again, I thank the Bloomingdale Lions Club for its generosity and support of this worthwhile service to Bloomingdale residents," says Chief Gary Schira.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM BLOOMINGDALE'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

- ◇ Don't let a crook ruin your holidays!
- ◇ Keep your purse close to your body with your hand on the clasp.
- ◇ Don't leave packages on the car seat, lock them in the trunk.
- ◇ Teach your children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- ◇ Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway

REMEMBER: Neighborhood Watch is neighbors watching out for neighbors. No one knows a neighborhood better than the people living there. When in doubt -- call the Police Department. They are here to help!

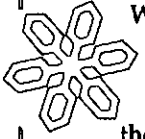
If you are interested in learning more about NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, plan to attend the next general meeting on Friday, January 26, 1996 at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall, or contact Detective Gary Fuchs at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 529-9868. See first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

**OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED
BY THE SCOPE
OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT**



Family Technology Night at District 13: More than 50 families showed up for Bloomingdale School District 13's Family Technology Night at Dujardin School on November 28. The program, co-sponsored by Microsoft Corp., FamilyPC Magazine, and the district's technology department, provided a demonstration of the latest software and hardware systems available for educational use. The night culminated with students taking their parents on a tour, via computer terminals, to showcase some of the programs that enhance their classroom studies.

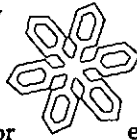
SNOW INFO TO GO!!!



With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 112 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.

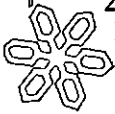
When a storm begins, day or night, the Village crews are promptly mobilized and begin spreading salt. The Village initially salts all Village streets approximately 100 feet before and after each intersection. The initial salt application mitigates icing conditions contributing to more effective snow removal operations. After a 1-inch to 2-inch accumulation of snow, crews begin the snow plow operations according to predetermined snow routes. The routes consist of 4 routes with 8 vehicles (2 separate vehicles handle cul-de-sacs and dead ends) and have been carefully designed to allow for the optimum use of the available snow plowing equipment and personnel. All Village-owned streets will eventually be plowed, but main streets are cleared before side streets, which are cleared before cul-de-sacs and dead ends. The rate at which the streets are cleared depends on many factors including total accumulation, type of snow (wet or powder-like), temperature and volume of traffic on streets during plow operations.

SAVE & POST



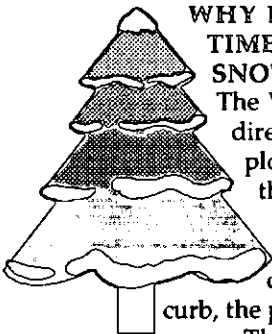
WHAT ARE THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE'S PARKING REGULATIONS WHEN IT SNOWS?

The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking vehicles in driveways or other off-street parking areas.



DOES THE VILLAGE REPAIR MY MAILBOX IF DAMAGED DURING SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$35.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snow plow operations, provided the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Street Division of the Village Services Department or the Public Works Division at 708-529-5865.



WHY DOES MY DRIVEWAY SOMETIMES GET "PLOWED IN" WHEN A SNOW PLOW TRUCK PASSES?

The Village snow plows are designed to direct the snow to the curb side of the plow blade. Side delivery plows are the fastest and most efficient means available to remove snowfall from the streets. As a result, snow is discharged along the length of the curb, the parkways, and the private driveway areas. The Village has thousands of private

driveways abutting Village streets, the cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.



Manpower and equipment limitations prohibit the Village from responding to routine requests to remove snow from private driveways. Therefore, we strongly recommend you delay your schedule for clearing the driveway until the snow plows have cleaned the majority of your street. **THE VILLAGE ORDINANCES PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE OF SNOW ONTO THE VILLAGE STREETS.** This illegally placed snow may freeze or become compacted, creating a safety hazard for all motorists.

WHOM DO I CALL WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS?

Any questions regarding snow removal should be directed to the Village Services Department - Public Works Maintenance Division Superintendent at 708-529-5865.

♦ Use extra caution when driving through intersections following a heavy snowfall. Snow is piled on cross streets when intersections are plowed. Until crews have had their final pass to completely clear the intersection, the snow piles along the curb lane may hinder visibility.

♦ Please do not attempt to stop the snow plow operators to discuss questions or problems. Such interruptions slow crews and reduce the speed of the truck and the efficiency of the snow removal operations. Drivers are instructed not to stop to talk to residents.

♦ If it is still snowing, or if snow is anticipated on the evening before garbage pick-up day, we ask that you delay putting out your garbage for as long as possible. This will minimize the problem of garbage containers being covered by snow that is pushed against the curb by the plows. Place garbage containers on the driveway or as close to the driveway as possible to give refuse collectors room to pick them up.



ADDITIONAL SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

Ornamental rocks along the curb or next to the pavement on non-curb streets present a serious safety hazard to the snow removal equipment. If residents use rocks or planters for landscape beautification, they need to insure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If these obstacles are not removed by the residents, the Village will remove them, if deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations.



FIRE HYDRANTS

For the convenience of firefighters - if an emergency should occur (maybe at your address), dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house **from the street**. Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly. Better yet, adopt a hydrant near your home and see that it is accessible.



CAUTION: MOTORISTS - STAY BACK 3 CAR LENGTHS

Do not follow snow plows too closely. Sometimes they stop and then back up. If you're right behind one when that happens, well ... Give snow plows plenty of space. Also, remember driving on slick winter-time pavements is dangerous, even if they've been plowed. Take more time to get where you're going, begin slowing for stops sooner and, for heaven's sake, don't drink and then try to drive.

WINTER PHONE NUMBERS

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE SNOW PHONE

708-529-5865

Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY

708-529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

BLOOMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT EMERGENCY

911

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

708-705-4000

Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

DEPARTMENT OF ROADS - DUPAGE COUNTY

708-665-1155

Call this number for information on DuPage County roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue)

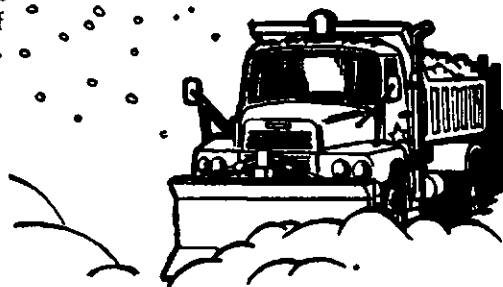
ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY INFORMATION LINE

708-241-6868

Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.

WEATHER INFORMATION (TOLL CALL)

708-976-1212



SAVE & POST



Edgewater Drive/Lakeview Lane Reconstruction Project Now Completed

The Edgewater Drive and Lakeview Lane reconstruction is now complete. The reconstruction, consisting of Edgewater Drive (Bloomingdale Road to Royce Drive), Lakeview Lane, and Lakeview Court, began Monday June 19 and continued for approximately four (4) months. Although there were delays in early July and August due to unplanned relocation of underground pipes and cables by Northern Illinois Gas, Commonwealth Edison, and Ameritech, the Village contractor was able to complete this project on schedule.

Landscaping of the islands and parkways consisting of tree and shrub planting is 75% complete. The remaining 25% of the landscaping will be installed in the spring to best accommodate conditions for the particular species being planted.

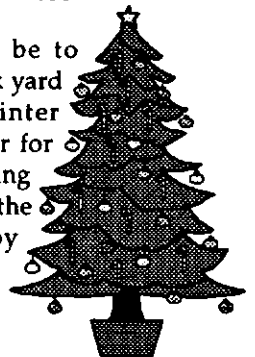
The Village Services Department would like to thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the course of the road reconstruction. If you have any questions, regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact the Village Services Department - Engineering Division at 893-7073 x259.

THINK TREES...

CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP IN JANUARY

Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) will pick up Christmas trees during the month of January on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day - Thursday, January 4, 11 & 18 and on Friday, January 5, 12 & 19. Christmas trees do not need a yard waste sticker. BFI is requesting residents position the bottom portion of their Christmas tree toward the curb for easy loading. Trees should be free of any decorations (tinsel, ornaments, lights, etc.). If there are any questions regarding the collection of Christmas trees, please contact BFI at 708-469-1036.

Another option would be to place the tree in your back yard for the remaining winter months to provide shelter for wildlife or serve as a feeding station for birds. Then, the tree could be recycled by placing it out during the Village's spring brush collection program.



Help Us Find You

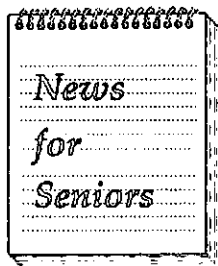
For your safety, the Village has specific requirements for the posting of addresses on buildings. Each of the figures of the address should be at least three inches in height and so marked as to be easily read. The numbers should be located in a conspicuous place at the side or above the front door of the building. The Building Department also suggests that the numbers be in a contrasting color to make them more easily visible.



Posting your address according to these guidelines will make it much easier for police,

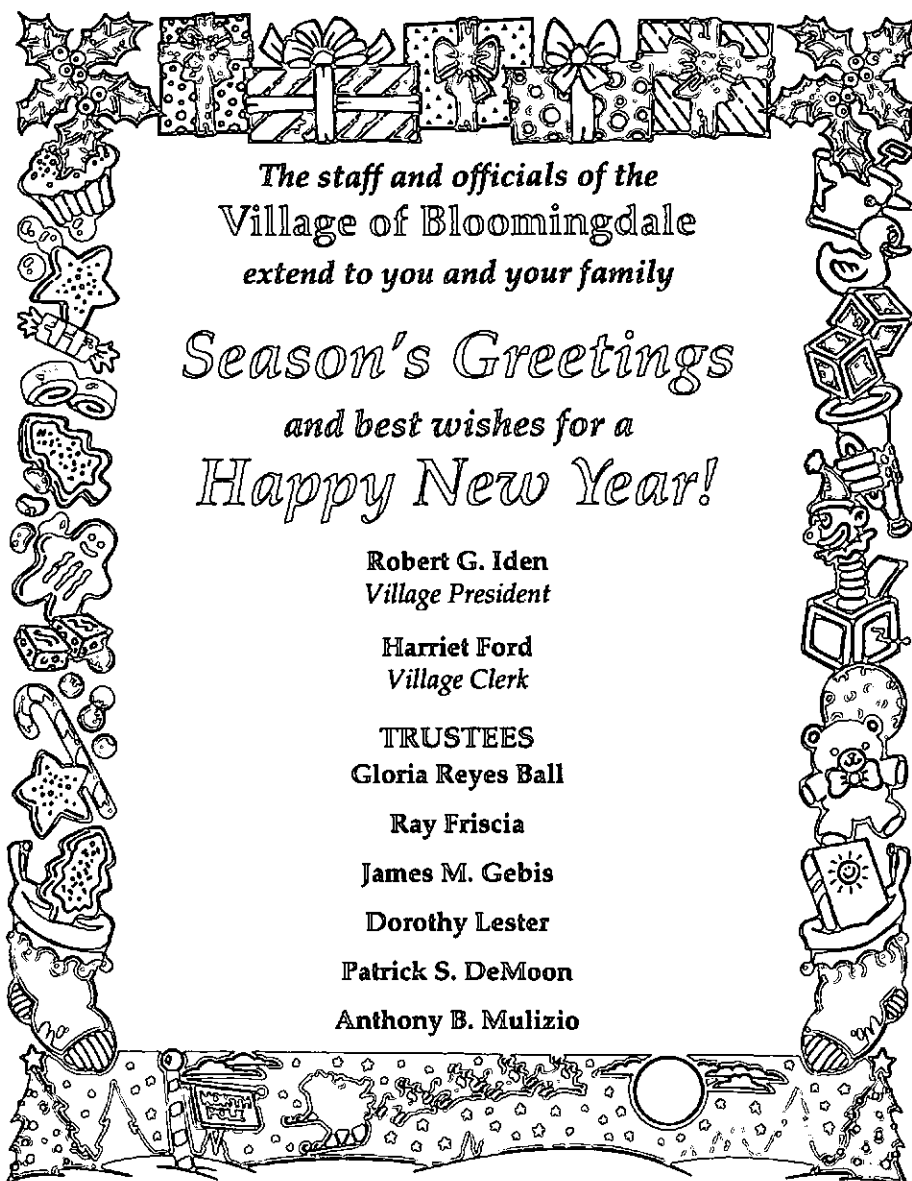
fire and emergency medical personnel to locate your home without delay in the event of an emergency.

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 staff and officials of the
Village of Bloomingdale
extend to you and your family*

*Season's Greetings
and best wishes for a
Happy New Year!*

Robert G. Iden
Village President

Harriet Ford
Village Clerk

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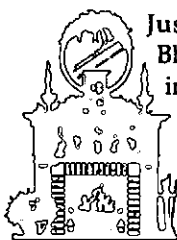
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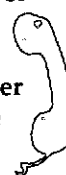
Anthony B. Mulizio

Welcome, New Businesses!



Just in time for the holidays we bring you Dec the House, a Bloomingdale business specializing in custom Christmas decorating of homes and businesses inside or out. Ben Metoyer, owner of Simply Transparent window washing service, has found a way to fill his time during the slow window washing season. For a minimum \$300, Metoyer's professional decorators will be happy to custom design, purchase, set up and maintain your holiday decorations. Metoyer explains lack of time is a real factor in the success of his business. Most people love the holiday decorations, but having the time to do it can pose a problem. For more information or to see a photo collection of Dec the House's past successes, call 894-2264.

Bloomingdale Telephone and Secretarial Service offers its clients the opportunity to give up that impersonal answering machine by providing personalized telephone service. The service can screen calls, take orders, schedule appointments or inform your clients of your itinerary. Owner Marilyn Favaro says she takes pride in her staff's ability to familiarize themselves with your company's business. For a quote, call 529-0500.



Bloomingtondale Community Events

Relay for Life

You can join friends, neighbors and co-workers to help battle cancer. **Relay for Life** is a non-competitive family oriented team event where participants run or walk around a track relay-style for eight hours. The fun starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Lake Park High School, West Campus. Early Bird team registration is \$100. For more information call the American Cancer Society at 469-3011. Come out and enjoy the food, entertainment and camaraderie.



Marklund Home Selling Christmas Cards

Marklund Children's Home is selling Christmas cards, bookmarks, clay pots, cinnamon scented ornaments and candles especially designed by children and adults who are severely and profoundly developmentally disabled. For more information or to purchase gifts, call 529-2871.

The Shirt off Your Back

The Bloomingtondale Jaycees are sponsoring a clothing drive to help the needy. Any clean clothing will be accepted. All the clothing will be brought to St. Vincent DePaul Society in West Chicago for distribution to the needy.

Collection boxes will be located by the front offices at DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools and Westfield Junior High, as well as in the front lobby of Alden Valley Ridge Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center at 275 Army Trail Road. The drive runs through December 17.

Culture Club

The **Culture Club** has been busy this season with a variety of cultural demonstrations at its regular meetings. The group also participated in the Villagers Christmas Housewalk and had a fall and winter exhibit the Park District museum during November. The club is a non-profit group of local artisans who enjoy all forms of art from watercolors to photography to music and dance. For more information call 529-0439 or 980-7650.



Artist Cynthia Richards demonstrates her special oil painting techniques at the September meeting.

Put Those 'Peanuts' to Use!

Linda Kettleson of Mailboxes Etc., 156A E. Lake Street invites residents to bring in those plastic loose-fill "peanuts" so many holiday packages will contain. "I encourage my customers to 'think green' and bring their 'clean as new' peanuts into the store in Springbrook Shopping Center to be re-used." Kettleson accepts any shape or color peanuts.

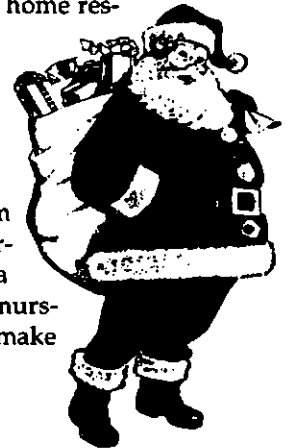
The recycling effort is part of a nationwide program sponsored by Mailboxes, Etc. and the Plastic Loose-Fill Producers Council. Mail Boxes, Etc. also works with Canon in their cartridge recycling program. For more information call 893-7447.

Look for Sharing Trees In Locations Throughout Bloomingtondale

Marcel Hair Salon, 2039 Bloomingtondale Road and Bloomingtondale Park District, 172 S. Circle - Pick a card from the tree and fill the wishes of a resident of the **Marklund Home** facilities.

Designs by Gerarde, 106 Third Street (Old Town) - Choose an ornament from the **Township Tree** and make a wish come true for a needy child or local convalescent or nursing home resident.

Alden Valley Ridge, 275 W. Army Trail Road - Take a candy cane from the tree and purchase a gift for a resident of the nursing center and make the miracle of Christmas happen.

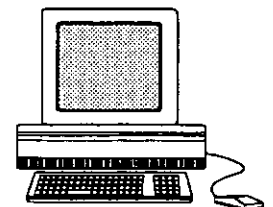


We're "On Line" With E-Mail . . . Please Note the Correction in Our Address

In the previous issue of The Almanac, we announced that the Village Administrator's office was now equipped with E-Mail. Unfortunately, we didn't get the address quite right. So if you wish to send us an electronic message, please note the corrected the address, which is:

wenner@interaccess.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.



**THE DEADLINE
FOR THE
DECEMBER ISSUE OF
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IS JANUARY 20**

ABOUT TOWN

Eileen Sciackitano Attends Seminar

Eileen Sciackitano was one of approximately 40,000 independent beauty consultants and sales directors attending the Mary Kay Cosmetics Seminar earlier this year. The seminar provides business classes, motivation and rewards top sales force members for their achievement. Long-time resident Sciackitano was honored once again. Her unit sold in excess of \$600,000, keeping it in the top 10 percent of the company for the seventh consecutive year.



Eileen Sciackitano

Housewalk a Success

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale thanks the residents of Bloomingdale for taking part in its very successful Christmas Housewalk. As a result of this and their annual auction, the Villagers will participate in the Holiday Sharing Tree to give toys to four youngsters, as well as contributing to Golden Years Inc. to provide holiday dinners for needy seniors.

In addition to other charitable endeavors, the Villagers major scope this year is the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. This group sponsors a summer camp for burned children. The camp helps youngsters build self esteem while learning to deal with the obvious burn scars and the psychological trauma they suffer. For more information on the Villagers call President Anna Nitzsche at 980-4576.

THINK TREES...

VILLAGE TREE ORDINANCE

On October 23, 1995, the Village approved an ordinance regulating the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees in Village-owned public places and parkways. Parkway are typically the area between the sidewalk and the street paving of a public street right-of-way.



The Village President and Board of Trustees strongly believe trees are an integral part of the Village's infrastructure and quality of life. Trees provide protection from weather, reduce pollution, oxygenate the atmosphere, inhibit soil erosion, provide wildlife habitat, increase property values, and are aesthetically pleasing.

In order to maintain the prosperity of the urban forest, the new ordinance requires a tree planting, maintenance, or removal permit for the following:

- 1) A permit is required for planting, maintenance and removal of trees in Village-owned public places or parkways.
- 2) A permit is required for any excavation of ditches, tunnels, trenches, or any construction of a driveway within a radius of ten (10) feet from any public tree.

Required permits will be issued at no charge to applicants. Applications must be made at the office of the Urban Forester at the Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, and not less than 48 hours (two working days) in advance of the time the work is to begin. The Village does reserve the right to require a performance bond in the form of cash or a letter of credit to assure compliance with permit conditions.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the Village Tree Ordinance, please contact the Urban Forester, Larry Slavicek, at 529-5865, ext. 19.

Helpful Numbers

Police & Fire Emergency.....	911
Village Hall Administration.....	893-7000
Building, Engineering.....	893-7073
Public Works.....	529-5865
Police Department (non-emergency).....	529-9868
Library.....	529-3120
Park District.....	529-3650
Fire Department (non-emergency).....	894-8488
Bloomington Township.....	529-7715
Post Office.....	529-5252

Immediate Medical Care

Stratford North - Branch of Central
Dupage Hospital; Open: 7 days a week
Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Sat-Sun 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.....893-9600

Buses, Buses, Buses

Pace Passenger Service.....364-PACE
RTA Information Center.....836-7000
Bloomington Township
Transportation.....893-7555
Dial-a-Ride (weekends only).....682-7542
DuPage County ADA Paratransit
Services.....1-312-917-4537

Hotlines

Adoption:
For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390
AIDS:
For testing info call 1-800-243-2437
Business:
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Children and Teenagers:
Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873
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For help collecting child support call
1-800-447-4278
Crime:
We Tip Hotline (for reporting crime)
call 1-800-782-7463
Internal Revenue Service:
1-800-829-1040
Labor:
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Act info call: 1-800-321-OSHA
Lawyer Referral Service:
1-800-252-8916
Missing Children:
I-Search call 1-800-843-5763
Secretary of State:
General info call 1-800-252-8980
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Senior Citizens:
General info for seniors call 1-800-252-8966
Attorney General:
Senior citizens consumer protection call
1-800-252-8666
Tourism:
Illinois tourism info call 1-800-223-0121
Volunteer Development of DuPage
(volunteers always needed).....682-7586

The Ball Family	Dad "80th"		
"Toki" 1/8/95			Sue & Sam 9/15/80
	Women's Club		
In Memory "Doris"			Reyes Productions
Class of '93		Baseball '95 Champs	1995

The Bloomingdale Commemorative Brick Program

You're invited to buy a commemorative brick that will be permanently installed in the new Bloomingdale Public Library courtyard surrounding a *life-size bronze statue* of a mother and child sitting on bench reading together.

The courtyard will include benches for outside reading and relaxation, flower beds, trees and hedges. The courtyard and new library addition dedication is scheduled for December 1996.

Individuals, groups and businesses may purchase a brick. A 4" x 8" brick is \$ 75.00 per family and/or group, and a 8" x 8" brick is \$250.00 for businesses. Each brick holds three lines of type with 13 characters per line (includes spaces and punctuation) and the engraved letters are filled with a black epoxy to protect it from the elements.

Monies raised through the Commemorative Brick Program will be used to cover the cost of the Bronze statue and bench. All donations are tax deductible.

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee reserves the right to edit text and determine the location of the bricks in the pathway pattern.

The NEW Friendship Courtyard at the Bloomingdale Public Library

Personalized Paving Bricks
for
Individuals / Businesses
Personal Tributes / Recognition
Celebrations / Memorials

Sponsored by

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee

Order Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, ST, Zip: _____, _____, _____
 Phone: (H) (____) ____ - ____ (W) (____) ____ - ____

Put ONE character per box. (Spaces & Punctuation count as a space)

Individual 4" x 8" Brick is \$ 75.00 / Business 8" x 8" Brick is \$ 250.00

Make checks payable to "Village of Bloomingdale"

Send orders to: The Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108
 Attn: Cultural Development Committee

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101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington 60108 (708) 529-3120



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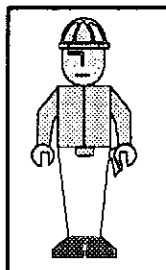
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Hard Hat Corner

Parking patience: Parking will be at a premium while the library's new addition is under construction. We ask for your patience during this temporary inconvenience.

Overflow parking will be available in the Village parking lots just west and north of the library lot, as well as on Fairfield Way. For those coming to join in the library's activities, consider carpooling.



Upcoming plans: Mid-December through the end of January will mark the first indoor phase of the construction project. The downstairs restrooms and meeting room will be renovated. During this time, groups normally using the meeting room will be rescheduled in the Craft Room, also downstairs. The downstairs restrooms will be unavailable at this time, so all patrons will have to use the upstairs restrooms.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

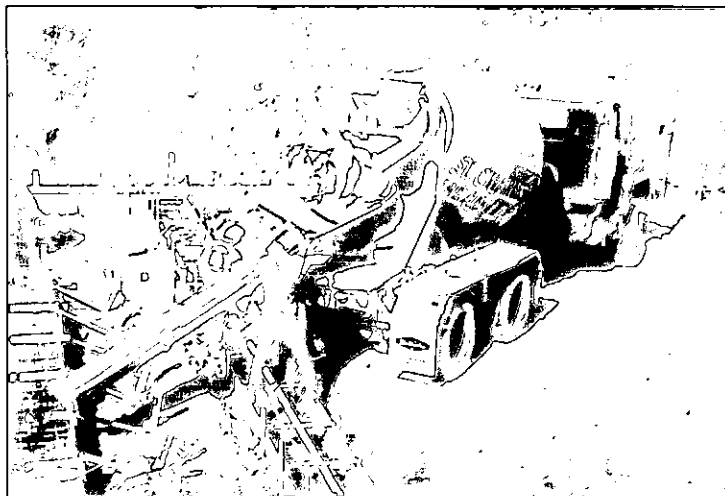
7	Holiday Open House	6:30-9:00 PM
9	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
13	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
24	Christmas Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
25	Christmas Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
27	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
31	New Year's Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
4	Adult Book Discussion	7:30 PM
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
13	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
20	Library Annual Planning Meeting	9:00 AM-Noon
20	Winter Program Registration Starts (IN PERSON ONLY)	
22	Winter Program Registration— (In Person and Telephone)	
24	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 PM
29	Winter Programs Begin	

FEBRUARY

1	Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM
10	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
14	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
28	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 PM



We're under construction!!! Foundation walls have been poured on the new addition to the library. Steel and pre-cast concrete work is scheduled to start in January.

Youth Services Department

PROGRAMS TO PLEASE CHILDREN OF ALL AGES & INTERESTS

TODDLER TIME

Join us for a wonderful story time on Monday mornings planned for children 18 - 36 months, accompanied by an adult. Nursery rhymes, finger plays, stories and music will be featured with a new theme each week. Please wear comfortable clothes so that you can participate with your child. Three sessions are available.

Monday 9:45-10:15 am 18-24 mos. Jan. 29-Apr. 15

Monday 10:30-11:00 am 25-36 mos. Jan. 29-Apr. 15

Monday 11:15-11:45 am 18-36 mos. Jan. 29-Apr. 15

Enrollment is limited to 15 children per session.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Join us for a lively, fun-filled story hour for children 3-5 years old. Stories, felt board stories, filmstrips or videos, and crafts will be featured with a new theme each week. Five-year-olds enrolled in Kindergarten are welcome! Choose from four session.

Tuesday 10:00-11:00 am 3-5 yrs. old Jan. 30-Apr. 16

Tuesday 1:00-2:00 pm 3-5 yrs. old Jan. 30-Apr. 16

Wednesday 1:00-2:00 pm 3-5 yrs. old Jan. 31-Apr. 17

Thursday 10:00-11:00 am 3-5 yrs. old Feb. 1-Apr. 18

Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

EVENING DROP-IN STORY TIME

If your schedule makes it difficult to visit the Library during the day, consider EVENING STORY TIME! Planned also for 3-5-year-olds, this program offers the same fun-filled stories as Preschool Story Hour and is a half hour in length. EVENING STORY TIME will be held for 12 weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

No registration is required, just drop in!

Tuesday 7:00-7:30 pm 3-5 yrs. old Jan. 30-Apr. 16

KIDS IN K

(Kids in Kindergarten)

We are happy to continue KIDS IN K! New last fall, this program is specially designed for Kindergartners. Popular with children beginning their school career, they will find stories, crafts and activities planned just for them!

Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

Monday 7:00-7:45 pm Kindergartners Jan. 29-Mar. 4

WINTER PROGRAMMING

The lower level of the Library will be experiencing construction in December and January as well as later in the year. Because of this, we will not be able to offer programs to larger groups of people or programs requiring the use of the sink in the Program Room.

We will keep you posted as the construction project affects our Department.

If a scheduled program must be delayed, rescheduled or cancelled, we will notify you by telephone. Some of the programs listed below may be moved to new rooms, depending on the work being done in the department. Once construction is finished, normal programming will resume. We ask for your patience as we grow and we look forward to serving you in our expanded, remodeled Library!

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

IN PERSON ONLY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1996

IN-PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE

REGISTRATION BEGINS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1995

Winter programming begins the week of January 29, 1996

Winter programming ends the week of April 15, 1996

The Youth Services Department will begin registration in January for winter programming. You may register **IN PERSON** on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 1996** from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. or **IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE** beginning **MONDAY, JANUARY 22. YOU MUST HAVE YOUR LIBRARY CARD WITH YOU TO REGISTER.** Bloomingdale Public Library patrons will be given priority; others will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if/when space is available.

Registration for Toddler Time and Preschool Story Hour ends

Monday, February 12, 1996.

(708) 529-3120



WRITER'S PROFILE

by Kristine C. Metoyer

Children's books create fantasy and enchantment in a child's life. A local author has dazzled thousands of children, placing them at the center of her career.



Sharon Kane has a special fascination for children, their delicate features, movements, and behavior. She set out to write books, the kind that explore a child's imagination, and she was successful. She is the author of 21 children's books. One copy of each is being displayed at the Northern Indiana Historical Society in South Bend, Indiana.

With the encouragement of her mother, she quickly learned to display her artistic talents and creative writing skills. Her first publication appeared in the "Children's Activities Magazine." She then continued her success with publications in "Seventeen" and the "South Bend Tribune."

Sharon captured Chicago readers when her piece, "The Highest Calling," appeared in the December 25, 1994 issue of the "Chicago Tribune." This piece centered around a child restoring hope to the troubled world.

Currently, Sharon has created a line of Angel notecards available at local gift shops. She is also developing a portfolio of illustrations for magazine publication.

A warm cheerfulness, an honest sense of hope about life, and a magnificent ability to capture the innocence and openness of children, that is Sharon Kane.

* Our thanks to Kristine Metoyer, a member of the Writers' Workshop of Bloomington, for providing this profile of a member of the group.

Our apologies to Susan Paulsen, author of the Writer's Profile in the last issue of the newsletter, whose byline was inadvertently omitted.

THANKS FOR THE MAGAZINES

The Bloomington Public Library would like to thank the following individuals, community groups and business for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

Len Sutkevich
The Woods Family

Thank you!

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)

WINTER READING PROGRAM

18 mos. - 5 yrs. old Week of Jan. 29 - Week of Mar. 4

The Youth Services Department will again hold a **Winter Reading Program** to warm up the coldest winter months with warm stories!

For children 18 months through 5 years old, this program's theme will be **HIBERNATE WITH A GOOD BOOK**. There will be special displays and bookmarks highlighting the program. Parents will keep a record of the books they read to their children in their Hibernate with a Good Book reading logs. Return the log to the Library the last week of the reading program to enter a drawing for prizes and receive a Reading Certificate for your child. We will proudly post each participating child's name on the Youth Services Display wall.

Sign-up for the **Hibernate with a Good Book Winter Reading Program** begins Saturday, January 20, 1996 and runs through the week of March 4. You do not have to be a Bloomington resident to participate in the program. A prize drawing will be held on Saturday, March 16. The winners do not have to be present to win. They will be notified by mail on or before Saturday, March 23.



ART CLUB

Art Club returns for students in grades 4 - 8. This season we will concentrate on the elements and the principles of design. Due to the Library's construction project affecting the Meeting Room and the Program Room, our materials will exclude the use of paint. Participants will learn the important concepts underlying all artwork - concepts that will become obvious as we note the beauty found in nature, art and design. Participants will then apply these concepts to their own artwork.



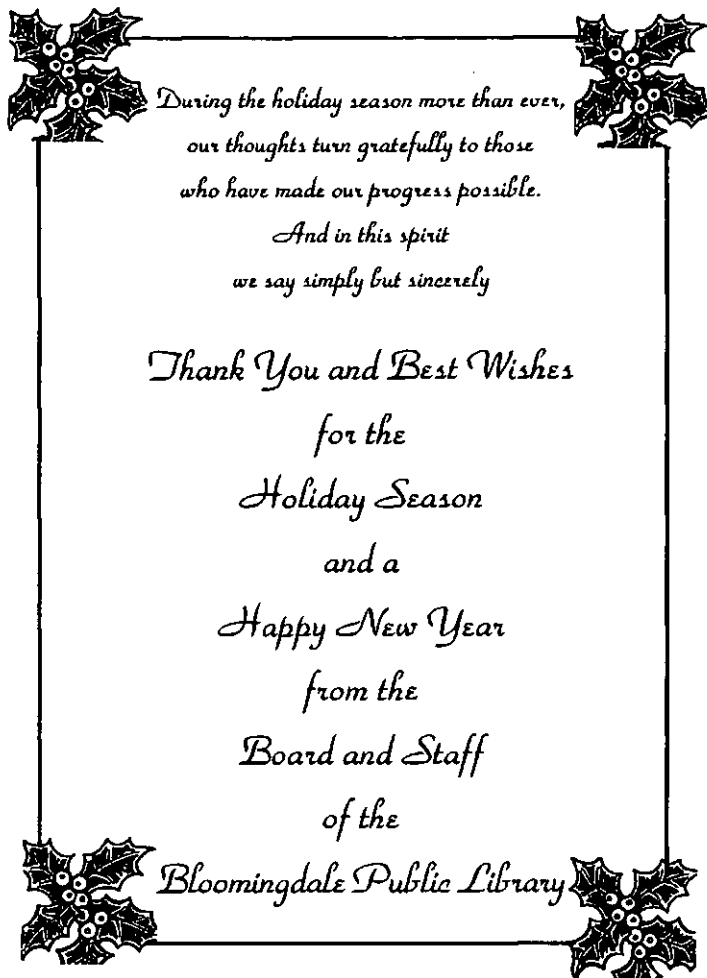
Wednesday 4:15-5:15 pm Grades 4-8 Jan. 31-Apr. 17

WORKSHOP

Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Grades 1-4	Feb. 17
Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Grades 1-4	Mar. 16
Saturday	10:30 - 11:30 am	Grades 1-4	Apr. 20

Workshops will be scheduled once a month on Saturday mornings. Look forward to programs full of exciting crafts teamed up with a related Reading Rainbow video!

Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

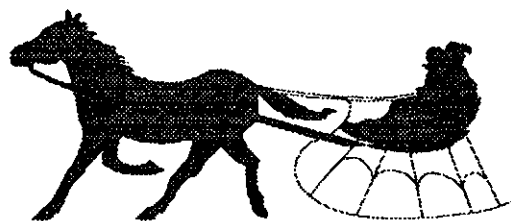


LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S

	Hours	
Dec. 24, 1995	Christmas Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
Dec. 25, 1995	Christmas Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
Dec. 26, 1995		9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Dec. 27, 1995		9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Dec. 28, 1995		9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Dec. 29, 1995		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Dec. 30, 1995		9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Dec. 31, 1995	New Year's Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
Jan. 1, 1996	New Year's Day	LIBRARY CLOSED

Happy Holidays!



ADOPT A MAGAZINE

We are excited to start our 1996 Adopt-A-Magazine campaign! Thanks to contributions from local residents, businesses, and organizations our magazine collection has grown in size and variety. Last year 25 residents, 3 local businesses, and 7 organizations participated in the program by paying the annual subscription to over 50 magazines. Magazines such as Business Week, Vanity Fair, Jack and Jill, and many more are available for "adoption" this year, with subscription prices ranging from \$15 to \$85. Once you "adopt" a magazine by paying the subscription price, your name will appear on the magazine's protective cover on display in the magazine browsing area of the library. And, as with any donation to the library, it is tax deductible. Please contact Leslie Kuizema at 529-3120 to join the program.

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.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE ON CD-ROM

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

TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

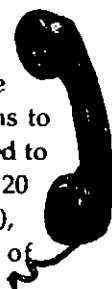
Bloomington Library's 1996 Adult Book Discussions will begin January 4 at 7:30 PM with James Agee's A Death in the Family as the topic. Future titles include:

Feb. 1,	<u>The Good Mother</u> , by Sue Miller
Mar. 7,	<u>Zlata's Diary</u> , by Zlata Filipovic
Apr. 4,	<u>The Shipping News</u> , by E. Annie Proulx
May 2,	<u>House Rules</u> , by Robert Cwiklik
Sept. 5,	<u>Cider House Rules</u> , by John Irving
Oct. 3,	<u>White Lies</u> , by Jonellen Heckler
Nov. 7,	<u>Brothers and Sisters</u> , by Bebe Moore Campbell

Books will be available at the Adult Reference Desk one month in advance of discussions. Call 529-3120 for further information.

Please call ahead so we may assist you . . .

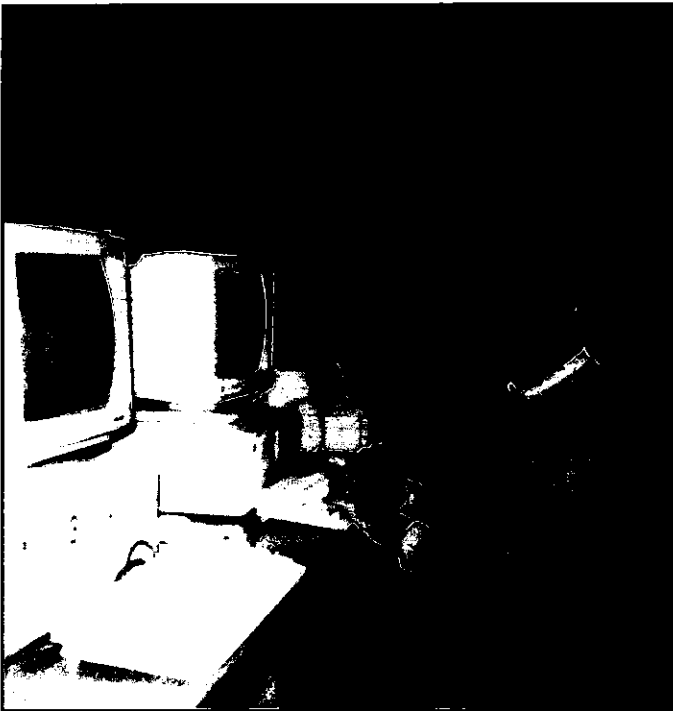
Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend Library programs and who require certain accommodations to participate are requested to call the Library, 529-3120 (TDD number 529-4739), 48 hours in advance of program date.



NEWEST COMPUTER DONATION

The Bloomingdale Public Library Board and Staff would like to extend a warm thank you to the Village of Bloomingdale for their donation of two new Gateway Pentium computers and a Hewlett Packard DeskJet 850C color printer. This newest equipment is now available for public use. Some of the software that can be used on the new computers is Office 4.3 Pro, which includes Microsoft Word 6.0, Microsoft Excel 5.0, Microsoft Power Point 4.0, as well as WordPerfect for Window 6.0 and 6.1. Color copies can be made for 15 cents a page.

Be sure to stop by the Adult Services Department and reserve some time to use our new Gateway Pentium computer and HP DeskJet color printer.



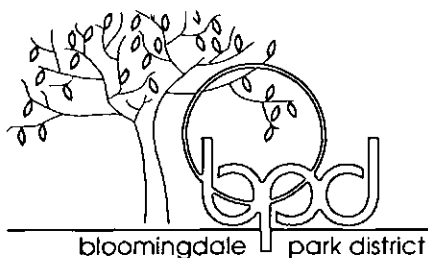
THE INTERNET HAS COME TO THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

In cooperation with the Village of Bloomingdale, the Bloomingdale Public Library will soon be offering a computer workstation that has access to the Internet. This exciting service will be available to any Bloomingdale resident who has a library card with a "MICRO" sticker. After registering at the Adult Reference Desk, patrons will be able to explore this new electronic world! The Bloomingdale Public Library has also created a "Homepage" which gives Bloomingdale residents access to information on events here in Bloomingdale. The address for the Bloomingdale Homepage is <http://www.xnet.com/~bdale>. Come in and ride the Information Superhighway! For more information, call 529-3120.



Bloomingdale Tree at Brookfield Zoo

On November 25, around 30 children and adults helped decorate the Village tree at Brookfield zoo. The theme of Bloomingdale's tree this year is "There's Snow Better Time to Read." Children made ornaments for the tree during two ornament workshops held on November 4. The ornaments are snowflakes and snowmen with books. The tree will be on display at Brookfield Zoo through December 31. This is the eighth year the Village and the Library have sponsored a tree at the zoo.



bloomingdale park district

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

**WE MAKE STICKING TO
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RESOLUTIONS EASY...**

GET FIT IN '96

The Bloomingdale Park District is bursting at the seams (so you don't have to) with adult fitness and recreation classes. Sign up today for a happier, healthier you! Here's a sampling of the wonderful programs being offered this Winter/Spring at the Park District:

**REEBOK STEP AEROBIC CLASSES
HI/LO IMPACT AEROBICS
TIGHTEN & TONE CLASSES
YOGA FOR THE BODY, BREATH & MIND
JAZZERCIZE
ADULT CO-REC VOLLEYBALL
MEN'S SUNDAY BASKETBALL LEAGUE
ADULT RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL
OVER 30 BASKETBALL
ADULT TENNIS LESSONS
ADULT GOLF LESSONS
LADIE'S GOLF LEAGUE
MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

Have you been thinking of putting together a company softball team? Do it now! The Bloomingdale Park District has a league that's right for you!

**MEN'S 12" SOFTBALL LEAGUE
WOMEN'S OVER 30 12" SOFTBALL LEAGUE
MEN'S 16" SOFTBALL LEAGUE
CO-REC 14" SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

Watch for the Winter/Spring brochure for more information, or call 529-3650.



FRIENDS OF SPRINGFIELD PARK

Friends of Springfield Park is a brand-new Volunteer Nature Committee for people who particularly like nature, children and enjoy worthwhile community involvement. The first meeting of this group is Thursday, January 11, 1996, 7:30 p.m., at the JRC. Friends of Springfield Park will be involved with Docent Programs (learn about nature, lead tours/classes), Wetland Restoration, the Prairie Garden, and a variety of school programs. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Bailey at the Bloomingdale Park District, 529-3650.

FROM THE MUSEUM

**"QUILT NATIONAL '95" -- "B" Collection
Now 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 current display contains 27 quilts from across the U.S., plus one each from Canada, Australia and Switzerland. 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.

**"CHOICE PICS II"
February 3 - March 3**

Our second-annual, juried photography competition is open to anyone in the area who is interested in submitting their work (be it black and white or colored). Professional judges will determine the pieces to be accepted into the show, as well as award prizes for the best photographs in several categories. Last year's competition brought out some excellent talent and a variety of subjects. *Drop off your framed, ready-to-hang, photographs at the Museum (108 S. Bloomingdale Road) on MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1:00 - 7:00 P.M.* There is an entry fee and cash awards.

COMPUTER EDUCATION

In a cooperative program, the Park District and School District #13 are offering a computer education program to residents of the Park District. We will be using Microsoft Works 3.0 Series. Classes will be taught by District #13 staff. Watch for the Winter/Spring brochure for details. The following classes will be taught on Tuesday evenings during February:

**INTRODUCTION TO WORD PROCESSING
INTRODUCTION TO SPREADSHEETS
INTRODUCTION TO DATABASES
ADVANCED MICROSOFT WORKS
INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT PUBLISHER**



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