

# Spring Branch Collection

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## The Village Almanac

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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Bloomingtondale to Vote on Home Rule in March



Robert G. Iden

As you may be aware, the Village Board has voted to place a question on the March 19 General Primary election relative to whether the Village of Bloomingtondale should become a home rule unit of

government. Home rule places more control in the hands of local lawmakers, rather than at the state level.

The Village plans to acquire property for open space preservation and recreational uses and we would like to specifically start with the 159-acre property known as the Glendale Golf Club. This land may be developed in the immediate future and we may never again have a reasonable opportunity to acquire it.

"Home rule" is a tool by which the Village could accomplish its open space preservation plan without increasing real estate taxes. Home rule status would permit the Village to enact a 1/4 cent local sales tax on non-food and drug items.

The Glendale Golf Course is likely to cost between \$10 and \$14 million. The

revenues generated by this sales tax increase would be sufficient to retire General Obligation Bonds issued to purchase the golf course within 20 years.

Approximately 10 percent of the dollars spent within the Village on non-food and drug items are spent by Village residents. Remember, the 1/4 cent home rule sales tax does not apply to the sale of food at grocery stores or the purchase of any medicines. Ninety percent of the Home Rule sales tax would be paid residents from outside of Bloomingtondale. The cost of the 1/4 cent increase would be an average of \$6 per resident per year.

It should be noted that the Village expects to reach a population of more than 25,000 which would automatically give Home Rule status to the Village per State Law. However, the land desired for open space may not be available at that time.

One more fact to note - our Village Board has been fiscally responsible over the years and has not abused its ability to tax and to increase fees. In fact, the Board has approved property tax abatements over the past 11 years, totalling \$8,888,710. Abatements reduce the amount of taxes a landowner has to pay.

In addition, during this same time period, the property tax rate for the Village has decreased from \$0.3842 to \$0.1578, a 60 percent reduction and the third lowest tax rate in DuPage County.

Bloomingtondale also remains one of six municipalities in DuPage County without a utility tax, although we currently have the ability to enact such a tax.

Should the referendum be successful, further study with community input will begin to consider long term options for recreational uses on the property.

If you favor the purchase of the 159-acre Glendale Golf Course for some form of recreational uses for all Village residents, which would be funded by bonds paid for by a home rule sales tax of 1/4 cent, a voter should consider supporting a home rule referendum. If residents reject the referendum, no attempt will be made to acquire the Glendale Golf Course using any other method of payment.

Public informational meetings will be held before the election regarding the question of home rule. Watch local papers or cable channel 52 for particulars on those meetings. You will also be receiving further details on home rule and the open space preservation plan in a special edition of the ALMANAC in early March.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Iden  
Village President

*The public is encouraged to attend all Board and Commission meetings*

2nd and 4th Monday of every month  
7:30 PM – Village Hall

1st Wednesday in May  
7:30 PM

**1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month**  
**7:30 PM – Village Hall**

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month  
7:30 PM – Village Hall

3rd Thursday of every month  
6:00 PM -- Village Hall

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

2nd Wednesday of every month  
7:30 PM -- Library

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

3rd Wednesday of the month  
(except September & October)  
7p.m. - Library

3rd Wednesday of the month  
March-December  
7 p.m. - Village Hall

**4th Tuesday of the month**  
**7:30 p.m. - Village Hall**

*The following committees meet on a less regular basis or as needed. Call the Village Hall at 893-7000 for the next scheduled meeting.*

**ADA COMMITTEE**  
As needed

**TRAFFIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
Quarterly or as needed

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Six times a year or as needed

**Robert G. Iden**  
*Village President*

**Harriet Ford**  
*Village Clerk*

**Patrick S. DeMoon**  
*Police and Community Relations*

**Ray Friscia**  
*Legal & Intergovernmental  
Relations*

**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Dorothy Lester**  
*Public Works and Services*

**Anthony B. Mulizio**  
*Finance and Personnel*

**Gloria Reyes**  
*Business Development  
& Social Services*

**VETERANS**  
**PRESCRIPTION**  
**DRUG PROGRAM:**

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

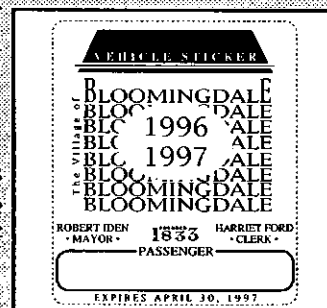
Bloomington Post 7539 has a program to inspect and replace the nine-volt smoke detector batteries, now installed, in the homes of Bloomington seniors. VFW members will replace any dead or weak 9V batteries free of charge. The club cautions as this is the beginning of a new heating season, there should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



All vehicles owned by a Bloomingdale resident or registered to a Bloomingdale address must have a Village vehicle license. Stickers go on sale March 1 and must be affixed by midnight, April 30.

The cost of a vehicle sticker for a passenger car is \$10. Costs vary for other vehicle licenses. Call the Village Hall for more information. A late charge of \$5 will be assessed for late sticker purchases.



Sticker applications will arrive in your mailbox soon. To avoid long lines and inclement weather, residents are encouraged to mail applications with payment in the envelope provided. Vehicle stickers will be returned by mail.

Of course, as always, vehicle stickers can be purchased in person at the Village Hall, at First Chicago Bank, Springbrook and Schick & Gary facilities only, and at the Springbrook Currency Exchange.

## Confused About Which Holidays Affect Your Garbage Pickup Day?

In response to calls we received during the holiday season, we give residents the following reminder from Browning-Ferris Industries.

Garbage collection will not be provided on the following holidays:

New Year's Day  
Independence Day (4th of July)  
Labor Day  
Memorial Day  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving  
Christmas

On holiday weeks, collection will be provided one day late that week only. For example, during the week of Thanksgiving, garbage pickup scheduled for Thursday will be moved to Friday. The regular Friday pickup will move to Saturday. Questions may be directed to BFI at 469-1036.



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## SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT

Listed below are the latest updates on construction from the Building & Zoning Department:

### New Businesses:

**Tropigrill Chicken, 338 W. Army Trail Road**  
Caribbean style eatery featuring grilled chicken -  
opened for business on 1/15/96



### Projects under Construction:

#### Commercial

**Hometown Buffet, 154 S. Gary Avenue**  
Family style buffet - Taking over the vacant Circus World Pizza space

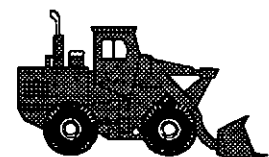
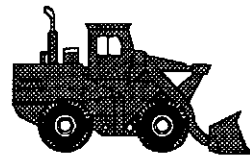
**Turano Bakery, 142 N. Bloomingdale Rd.**  
Expansion of the existing bakery with exterior building and parking improvements

**Sears HomeLife, 82 Stratford Drive**  
Home furniture and accessory store - South of Burger King at Stratford Square

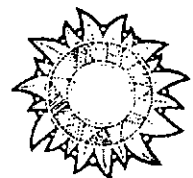
#### Residential

**Bell Tower, Day Street in Old Town**  
3, 3-story buildings (84 units total) Condominium units targeting those 55 years of age or older - models to open by the end of January

**The Crossings, Southeast corner of Bloomingdale & Schick Rds.**  
11 4-unit buildings (44 units total) Attached single family townhomes - models anticipated to open Spring of 1996



## Village of Bloomingdale Offers Full Time Maintenance Work Summer Employment Opportunities



The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal positions in Village Services - Public Works Division. The positions work 40 hours per week doing miscellaneous maintenance. Applicants must have a valid Illinois driver's license.



Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30 - 4:30 weekdays and 8:30 - noon on Saturdays. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 12. For information call 529-5865.

## **THINK TREES ... VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 100 seedlings provided by the National Tree Trust on Saturday, April 27th, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

For the second consecutive year, the Village has received a Community Tree Planting grant from the National Tree Trust. The Village will be receiving 100 Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

The National Tree Trust is a private, non-profit organization created to serve as a catalyst for local volunteers and community groups in the growing, planting and maintenance of trees in rural communities, urban areas and along our nation's highways. The Tree Trust was established in 1990 and endowed with a one-time grant from Congress as part of the "America the Beautiful" initiative designated by President Bush. The Tree Trust has partnered in reforestation, beautification and education projects with 300 groups, which include volunteer organizations, government agencies, forest product firms and other leading corporations, in 35 states since its founding. Now in its sixth year of operation, the Tree Trust is committed to bringing more trees to more communities across the nation. The Tree Trust has helped volunteers plant and nurture over one million trees each year in communities and along roadsides.

Volunteers will be trained to containerize and care for seedlings. Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After two growing seasons, the trees will be planted out through an "Adopt A Parkway Tree" Program.

Please contact Larry M. Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 708-529-5865, Extension 19, to volunteer or for more information.

## **Bloomington Church Building Again**

The Bloomington Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road, is wrapping up construction of a 6600-foot addition, expanding its sanctuary and adding classroom space for the teen and children's programs.

This is the fourth major construction project tackled by the church since its beginning 18 years ago when the parishioners met in a local school while its initial structure was being built.

Since then the church has built a new sanctuary on Glen Ellyn Road in 1985 and a gym/activity center in 1990. The present project, which began last summer, has been directed by members of the congregation with the church acting as its own contractor. Some work has been volunteer and some has been bid out to local contractors.

Bloomington Church is a community focused church that emphasizes the practical application of the Bible to everyday life. It offers a number of programs in addition to normal worship services on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.



## **DuJardin School Receives DARE Award**



Bloomington Police Detective Randy Sater presents an award from the Chicago Wolves hockey team to representative of DuJardin's fifth grade classes for the students' participation in the sports team's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Night. DuJardin students generated the most enthusiasm for DARE Night, selling more than 140 tickets to the December 15 game. More than 75 schools participated in the contest; the next DARE Night will be held in spring.

## Bloomington Township Offering Education & Employment Program

Bloomington Township Committee on Youth is offering a new Education and Employment Program for township residents ages 16-21 years old. The program offers a variety of services for township residents who want to further their education and/or employment goals. The program components include employability skills workshops, a free job referral service and onsite G.E.D. instruction.

To enroll in any components of this program, call the Township Committee of Youth offices at 893-6685. Appointments will be made with the Education and Employment Coordinator who will further explain the program options and enroll the applicants into the appropriate program.

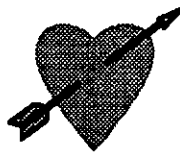
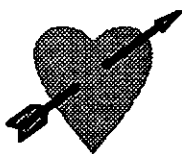
## 'Because We Care' Theme of Annual Women's Club Fashion Show on April 20

The Bloomington Women's Club has been working since September on plans for the 22nd annual fashion show and luncheon. This year's theme is "Because We Care," which is also the club's motto.

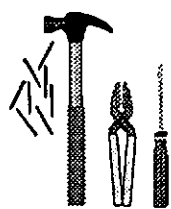
The fashion show will benefit The Caring Place at Loyola, Inc., a Ronald McDonald House. A great show is in the works with fashions from Sassy's, DeAnn Bridal, Gingiss Formal Wear, York Furrier, The Gap and Gap Kids.

The show will be held at Indian Lakes Resort on April 20. Cocktails are at 11 a.m. with lunch served at noon. As always a great many raffle prizes will be featured, including a full length New Zealand opossum coat. Raffle tickets are available from any BWC member, as well as at the show.

Fashion Show luncheon tickets are \$28.00 until April 1; \$30 after April 1. For tickets or more information, call Barb, 894-8280 or Fay, 351-9759.



## Do I Need a Building Permit?



Village Residents who are planning to build or install an accessory use or structure, such as a swimming pool, fireplace, patio, deck, gazebo, fence, shed, room addition, attached/detached garage, or central air conditioning unit, should contact the Village Services - Building and Zoning Division before starting the project. The Building and Zoning Division is staffed with certified/trained

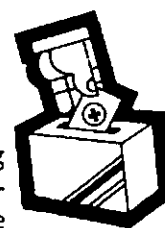
personnel who will be able to determine the various codes, requirements and permits involved with the construction of your individual project.

Many times, residents are unaware that their projects may cause drainage problems for themselves and their neighbors; that the accessory use or structure is located in a public easement; that ordinances may prohibit certain types of projects; or that the accessory is encroaching upon a neighbor's property. In addition, for some projects, the Building and Zoning Division will make sure that the design plans include the proper construction materials for your safety and, during construction, will conduct an inspection(s) to make sure that your project is being built correctly.

The Building and Zoning Division has prepared informational packets which outline the basic requirements for a number of accessory uses and structures. Although these packets provide the basic requirements, each project is unique and residents should consult with the Building and Zoning Division before starting the project. Packets are available for the more common projects such as fences, decks, gazebos, sheds, swimming pools, patios, room additions, attached/detached garages, re-roofing, fireplaces and residential central air conditioning units. These information packets are free of charge.

For more information, you can come into the Village Hall and speak with someone from the Building and Zoning Division or you may call 893-7000.

## Planning to be Out of Town on Primary Election Day? You Can Vote by Absentee Ballot



The Village currently has applications for absentee voting for the March 19 General Primary Election. Once the applications are filled out, they are mailed to the DuPage County Board of Elections. Upon receipt of the completed application, the County will forward a ballot to you with instructions for absentee voting.

You must allow at least two weeks for your absentee ballot application to be processed by mail.

We anticipate that as of February 26 we will have absentee ballots available on site at the Village Hall during regular business hours. Call the Village at 893-7000 to confirm that ballots are available before coming in to vote.

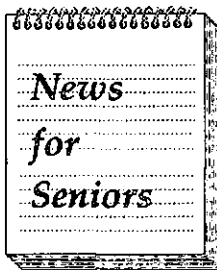
## Fire Protection District Purchases New Medical Emergency Equipment

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1 is in the process of installing ALS (Advance Life Support) equipment on both front-line engines which will greatly enhance the medical emergency response within the entire district. This is in addition to the two existing paramedic ambulances that are currently in service.

This was unanimously approved by the Fire Protection District Board of Trustees during its January meeting and is a significant improvement in the quality of medical services provided by the District to our community. According to the board members, this is just the beginning of many improvements we will be seeing in the future.

## DuPage Senior Citizens Council

Older adults are sharing the experience of a lifetime by getting involved in community service. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) keeps a current list of community agencies' volunteer needs and can be contacted for information by calling 847-398-1010. RSVP's membership currently includes over 1,000 persons, aged 55 and over.



## Village Hall News

The following Village employees were recognized for their years of service at the end of 1995.

### 15-years

Roy Derby	Police
Ron Turner	"
Tim Goergen	"
Carole Asbell	Finance
Lori Dziewiatkowski	Administration/Finance

### 10-years

Howard Marshall	Water Production
Kevin O'Dea	"
Mike Marchi	Village Services
Tom Burns	Police
Brian Siebrasse	"

### 5-years

Wally Ryback	Water Reclamation
Lilly Gicla	Police
John Turkyilmaz	"
Mark Kreciak	"
Kim McCormick	"
Rob Hadley	"
Steve Bollow	Streets
Al Bruno	"
Tom Howard	Legal
Joyce Morrison	"
Lori Godlewski	Water Reclamation

## Welcome, New Businesses!

Look out French Quarter! Old Town Bloomingdale now has its own taste of New Orleans. Franklin Street Cafe, featuring the best of New Orleans cuisine, opened last month at the corner of Franklin and Third Street.

The proprietors and cousins, Greg and Danny Levato, are both chefs who got an early start in the family restaurant business. Both have spent more than half their 30-something years in the food industry. Danny was a sou chef at the Radisson\Glenview and is now the executive chef there. Greg was formerly the executive chef at the same Radisson and now owns Gianorio's in Glendale Heights.



*The Chefs Levato welcome you to Franklin Street Cafe*

The Franklin Street Cafe features a variety of fish, meats and pasta, with specialties such as muffedlata, crawfish and jambalaya. The prices are reasonable, the ambiance is cozy. The restaurant is open for lunch weekdays 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and for dinner daily 4 - 10 p.m. and Sundays 2-9 p.m. For more information or reservations, call 894-1966.

## **Bloomington Community Events**

### **Steppin' Out Again**

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce invites residents to enjoy an evening of festivities at the Second Annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16. Once again, the event will be held in the Penthouse of the Pointe Restaurant.

The evening is in recognition of the Business Person of the Year, Chamber Ambassador of the Year and Bloomington citizen of the Year. The ticket price of \$55 per person includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres, complete dinner, dancing and entertainment. For more information or tickets, call the Chamber office at 980-9082.

### **Good News Bears**

Most fans have seen the Chicago Bears on the football field, but here's a chance to see the gridiron heroes on the basketball court.

The Good News Bears, a team comprised of current Chicago Bear players, are primed to play in a charity basketball game to benefit Marklund Children's Home. The Bears will square off against a team comprised of corporate sponsors, the Sports Authority/Marklund All Stars.

The game will be held on February 18 at William Rainey Harper College, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine. Doors open at 1:15 with tip-off set at 2 p.m. For more information or tickets at \$10 each, call the Marklund Development Department at 529-2871.

### **Soccer Registration**

Registration for American Eagle Soccer will take place on Saturday, February 10th 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Bloomington Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road in the lower level Community Room. For more information call 830-4959 or 582-1943.

### **Bloomington Women's Club**

The Bloomington Women's Club has some interesting programs slated for the next three meetings. Thursday, February 8 will feature "How to Achieve a Decorator Look on a Budget." On March 14, the BWC hosts a French Tea. Join members for some French snacks and tea. The April 11 program will be "Let's Talk Jewelry." Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings which begin at 7 p.m. at the Bloomington Library, lower level.

### **Dance-A-Thon**

The dancing will start at 5 p.m. March 2 and won't stop until 9 a.m. March 3 when the 21st annual Dance-a-thon takes place at Lake Park High School. Sponsored by Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), the event has raised nearly one-half million dollars for charity in its 20-year history. This year's goal is \$35,000 for the United Way, up over last year's \$33,000.

To contribute a sponsor prize and/or cash donation, call faculty sponsor Jim Benzin at 529-4500, ext. 269.

### **Five Star Business Expo**

The Bloomington Chamber invites residents to attend the Five Star Business Expo from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. on February 29 at Indian Lakes Resort. The event will feature businesses from Bartlett, Bloomington, Roselle, Carol Stream and Glendale Heights.

The event is free with a ticket you can pick up at the Village Hall, Bloomington Public Library or Chamber office, 107 S. Third. Tickets at the door are \$10 each.



## **Scholarships Available**

The Parent-Teacher organizations of the three District 13 schools, Erickson for former Central students, DuJardin and Westfield Junior High - are each offering a scholarship to graduating high school seniors. Erickson will award a \$500 scholarship, DuJardin a \$300 scholarship and Westfield a \$300 scholarship. Students who attended any of these schools may contact their high school guidance counselor for information on specific eligibility requirements and for a copy of the appropriate application. The deadline for submitting applications is April 12.

The Bloomington Chamber of Commerce is also offering scholarships to graduating seniors. Applicants must be Bloomington residents. For more information call the Chamber office at 980-9082.

The Bloomington Women's Club once again offers two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors residing in Bloomington. There is also a \$200 scholarship available to a woman in Bloomington who is either continuing her education or updating her skills. Applications are available through the high school guidance offices, the Village Hall, the Bloomington Public Library or through the club itself. Call Fay Herbach at 351-9759 for more information. Applications are due by April 15.

Also available is a \$500 scholarship from Padgett Business Services. To apply, the student must be the dependent of parents who are active owners in a business that employs less than 20 individuals. The local winner will become eligible for a grand prize scholarship of \$4,000. For more information on eligibility and applications call Padgett Business Services at 924-9800.

**THE DEADLINE  
FOR THE  
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IS MARCH 20**



## ABOUT TOWN

Lake Park senior **JASON GREENBERG** was recently awarded the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Award. Only four Lake Park students have received this distinction before Greenberg. His original essay which earned him a spot in the competition expounded on the way society treats teenagers.

For the competition, the 17-year old had one hour to complete an impromptu essay, in addition to writing a creative essay. The young man, who writes for the enjoyment of it, has submitted some of his creative pieces to "Montage" the year-end literary Lake Park publication.

He intends to attend the University of Illinois at Champaign next year with an ultimate goal of becoming a writer.



Jason Greenberg

Congratulations to **RITA SAMUELSON** for being named to "Who's Who in American Education" for 1996. Samuelson is a speech therapist at Bartlett Elementary School and author of three textbooks for speech education. The nine-year resident is active in the Villagers Club, Writers' Workshop and St. Isidore Choir, as well as being on the Executive Board of the DuPage Speech, Language and Hearing Association.

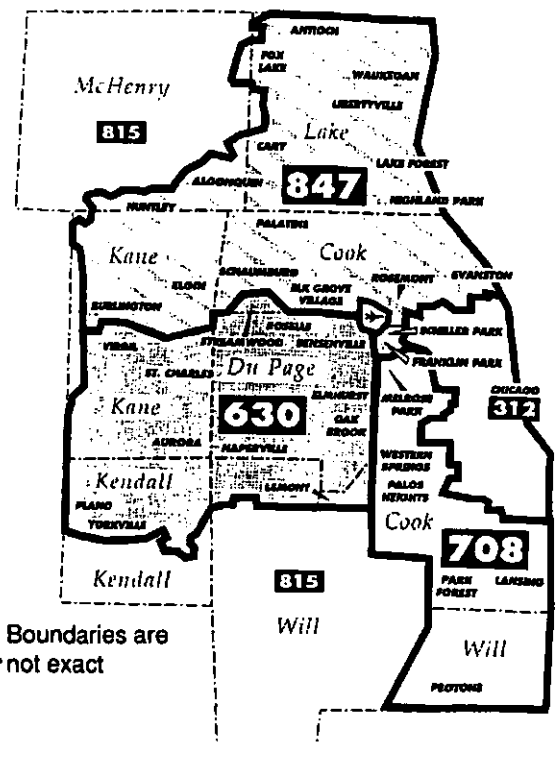
## New Year Brings New Area Codes

As you are probably aware, Ameritech is dividing the Chicago area suburbs into three area codes in 1996 - 847, 630 and 708. Bloomingdale will become 630 in August, 1996.

In the meantime, part of the suburbs have already become 847 area code. Residents can call 1-800-988-5888, at any time of the day or evening to hear general information about the suburban area code changes. Calling this 800 number will also allow you to verify area codes based on the first three digits of a seven-digit phone number.

These changes will not affect phone rates, and access to 911 and 411 services remain the same.

### New Suburban Area Codes 847/630/708



Boundaries are not exact

## 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:

Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923

#### Children and Teenagers:

Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873

#### Child Support:

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:

State Occupational Safety and Health 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

Driver's license info call 1-800-252-2904

#### 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



## Mark Your Calendar for Spring Branch Collection

# News For You About Village Services

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry and Street Divisions will be conducting their semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on April 8, 1996. The program is available to single family residences within the Village of Bloomingdale only.

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

♦ Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. **LEAVES, VINES, MULTIFLORA ROSE BUSHES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) WILLOW STEMS, HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND WEEDS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BECAUSE THE SOFT MATERIAL CLOGS AND DAMAGES OUR EQUIPMENT. STUMPS, ROOTS AND ROOT BALLS ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

♦ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. **BRANCHES SHOULD NOT BE BUNDLED, TIED, BAGGED OR PLACED IN CANS.** Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up.

♦ Please do not hide thorny tree branches inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to our workers.

♦ Small twigs and leaves may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up. B.F.I. Yard Waste Pick-Ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th.

♦ Each branch collection period will be one week in duration and **PICK-UP WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY DURING THE SCHEDULED WEEK.**

♦ Residents should have their branches out **NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF THEIR SCHEDULED PICK-UP.**

Woodchips are available; however, as the material is mostly branches and not wood, the quality may not be aesthetic but is very good nutritiously. On request woodchips will be delivered, or woodchips may be picked up at the Public Works Facility between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. To request a load of woodchips, call Helen Price at 708-529-5865, Extension 7.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program. For further information please call Helen Price at 529-5865, Extension 7.

## 1996 BRANCH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

### Section One:

**Pick-up APRIL 8 - APRIL 12, 1996**

Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Edgewater Drive on the north, and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.

### Section Two:

**Pick-up APRIL 15 - APRIL 19, 1996**

Area bounded by Edgewater Drive on the south, Bloomingdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Glen Ellyn Road on the east.

### Section Three:

**Pick-up APRIL 22 - APRIL 26, 1996**

Two areas with the first bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Glen Ellyn Road on the west, Lake Street on the north and Medinah Road/Walter Road on the east. The second area is bounded by Lake Street on the south, Rosedale Avenue on the west, Picton Road/Foster Avenue on the north, and Medinah Road on the east.

### Section Four:

**Pick-up APRIL 29 - MAY 3, 1996**

Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Old Gary Avenue on the west, Schick Road on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

### Section Five:

**Pick-up MAY 6 - MAY 10, 1996**

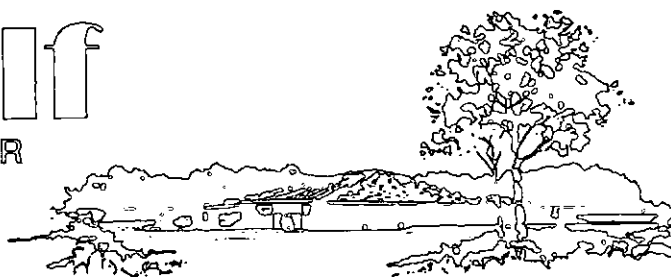
Area bounded by Schick Road on the south, Gary Avenue/Cloverdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

**NOTE: Seasonal positions are available in the Public Works Department. See page 3.**



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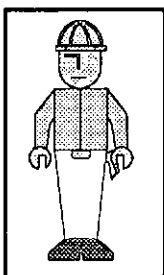
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## Hard Hat Corner

**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.



**Construction progress report:** The first indoor phase of the construction project will be completed in February. Work continues to proceed on the new addition. In coming weeks the floors will be poured, and rough mechanical work and duct work will be done. Those using the downstairs meeting rooms will be delighted by the completion of the rest rooms on the lower level in the near future.

### ARCHITECTS:

Dahlquist and Lutzow,  
Architects, Ltd.  
482 N. McLean Boulevard  
Elgin, Illinois 60123

### CONTRACTORS:

Driessen Construction Company  
P.O. Box 126  
1850 Dean Street  
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

STATE FUNDS FROM THE "LIVE AND LEARN"  
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## LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

1	Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM
10	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
14	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
17	Saturday Workshop (Grades 1-4)	10:30-11:30
22	Computerized Card Catalog —Basic & Advance Searching Techniques—all ages	7:00-8:00 PM
28	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
28	Friends of the Library Mtg.	7:30 PM

### MARCH

7	Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM
9	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
13	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
16	Saturday Workshop (grades 1 - 4)	10:30-11:30 AM
23	Kidz Stuff at Stratford Square	10:00 AM-7:00 PM
24	Kidz Stuff at Stratford Square	11:00 AM-6:00 PM
27	Writer's Group	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
27	Friends of the Library Mtg	7:30 PM

### APRIL

4	Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM
7	Easter Sunday	LIBRARY CLOSED
7	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
13	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
20	Saturday Workshop (Grades 1-4)	10:30-11:30 AM
24	Writer's Group	7:00 PM-9:00 PM
24	Friends of the Library Mtg	7:30 PM
26	LIBRARY STAFF IN SERVICE	LIBRARY CLOSED



## Youth Services Department

# PROGRAMS TO PLEASE CHILDREN OF ALL AGES & INTERESTS

We are pleased to announce that the following programs are in session and will continue as scheduled:

- ◆ TODDLER TIME ◆ PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
- ◆ DROP-IN STORY TIME ◆ KIDS IN K
- ◆ ART CLUB AFTER SCHOOL WORKSHOP
- ◆ SATURDAY WORKSHOP

If any of these programs must be re-scheduled, moved, or cancelled due to construction, we will notify you by telephone. Once construction is finished, programming for larger groups will resume. We ask for your patience as we grow and we look forward to serving you in our expanded, remodeled Library!

## NEWS FOR YOUNG READERS

The Young Adult Collection has recently been moved to the Youth Services Department on the lower level. At the present, it is shelved in the last two aisles to the left of the Reference Desk. We hope that our readers are comfortable with this change. This collection is growing! New Young Adult titles can be found next to the display case. Let us know what you think of these changes!

An Author of the Month display can now be found in the Juvenile Fiction area! Look for a new author each month, complete with a cart full of their books. We believe that this will give readers an opportunity to explore new writers that otherwise might be missed!

## COME SEE THE TWO NEW COMPUTERS IN THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT!!

Take advantage of the two new computers in Youth Services available for patron use! A reference librarian will explain the software programs of interest to children of all ages. The menus list KNOWLEDGE ADVENTURE, READER RABBIT'S READY FOR LETTERS, READER RABBIT 2, MATH RABBIT, METROGNOMES' MUSIC, WORD PERFECT, LOTUS, and NEWS FOR A GIVEN DATE.

The Library's computer policies apply to computers throughout the Library. Some of the guidelines are as follows: A registration form must be on file for all users. A parental signature is required for users under 18 years of age. Users must have a valid Bloomington Public Library card. A one-time registration fee of \$3.00 is required. For more information about computer usage, stop by or call the Library.

Children under the age of 9 must be assisted by an adult who remains with the child at the computer at all times.

## RECOMMENDED NEW PICTURE BOOKS

Pick up one or more of the following titles for your preschooler for warm and entertaining stories that convey a sense of joy in reading and an appreciation of fine illustration!

- Appelt, Kathi. Bayou Lullaby J E APP  
Haas, Jessie. No Foal Yet J E HAA  
Harper, Isabelle. My Cats Nick & Nora J E HAR  
Hazen, Barbara Shook. The Knight Who Was Afraid of the Dark J E HAZ  
Hess, Debra. Wilson Sat Alone J E HES  
Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie. When Spring Comes J E KIN  
Lester, Helen. Listen Buddy J E LES  
Lewison, Wendy Cheyette. The Rooster Who Lost His Crow J E LEW  
McAllister, Angela. The Wind Garden J E MCA  
Tregebov, Rhea. The Big Storm J E TRE

## HIBEARNATE WITH A GOOD BOOK" WINTER READING PROGRAM IS A HIT!

Parents and their children are still signing up for this year's Winter Reading Program, "HIBEARNATE WITH A GOOD BOOK!" With record numbers participating, we wish to let you know there is still time to be a part of this book club! The details are as follows:

For children 18 mos. - 5 yrs. old and their parents  
Program runs the week of Jan. 29 - Week of March 4

After signing-up, pick up a book bag. Inside you will find the details of the program, a book log, a bookmark, activity sheets and bibliographies!

Parents will keep a record of the books they read to their children in their "Hibernate with a Good Book" book logs. Return the book log to the Library the last week of the reading program to enter a drawing for prizes and receive a "Hibernate with a Good Book" Reading Certificate for your child. We will proudly post each participating child's name on the Youth Services Display wall.

You do not have to be a Bloomington resident to participate in the program. The 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.



## **WRITER'S PROFILE:** **JIM CUNNINGHAM**

*by Sharon Kane*

Jim Cunningham joined The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale in November 1994. He thought he might find encouragement for his anticipated foray into creative fiction and poetry after many years (eight) of technical writing.

Jim is something of a whiz kid when it comes to documenting and teaching computer science to neophytes. He has had articles published in the PC-1000 and HARD-COPY magazines and is Archive Editor for the latter. He has been a Computer Specialist and Store Manager for Tandy/Radio Shack Computer Plus, a sales support 'tech' for Computerland, a Forum Manager for the Quantum Computer Group on PC-Link Beginners Forum, and PC-1000 Magazine Forum.

Jim was born in Chicago, served eight years as an Air Force mechanic before joining the work force as a maintenance technician. He got his first computer eleven years ago "as a hobby" and before long started writing for the industry.

Writing and teaching seem to come naturally to Jim Cunningham. He now has his own company, Computers FYI, through which he tutors and trains youngsters and adults alike. He can be of great help to people setting up their first work-at-home office. Additionally, he's having remarkable success using the computer to teach both kids and adults with learning disabilities and reading problems.

You can't start too young. Jim is writing an article now on educational software for kindergarteners. And to think, all this started out for Jim "as a hobby." We at the Writer's Workshop will be watching for his first novel!

## **WRITER'S FORUM SCHEDULED**

The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale will host an Open Forum on April 17 as part of the celebration of National Library Week. It will be held from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Library.

The Forum will be an opportunity for members and other writers in the area to read their poems, short stories, essays, and other works in front of an audience.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free and ample parking is available. For further information, contact Adeline Dobbins, 529-2810.

### **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)**

## **Come See Us At the Stratford Square Mall Library Promotion on March 23**

The Bloomingdale Public Library and other area libraries will be participating in the ninth annual library promotion, in cooperation with Stratford Square Mall on Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on March 24, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The libraries' promotion will include displays, storytelling, puppetry, music, learning games, live storybook characters, and more.

The main feature of the promotion will be storytelling. Experienced storytellers from area libraries will be storytelling hourly on both Saturday and Sunday. Library displays will be highlighting service to children. The libraries' segment will be a part of Stratford Square's promotion "Kidz Stuff," which will include children's crafts and children's activities.

The Bloomingdale Public Library's theme this year will be "Discover the Reading Rain Forest." We invite you to stop by and visit the Library's display. Staff members will be accepting registrations for library cards, sharing information about the variety of services the Library provides, and distributing "Rain Forest" theme bookmarks. For more information, please call 529-3120.

### **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.

## THANKS FOR THE MAGAZINES

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

Woods Family  
Ethel Rathe  
Richard Hourigan  
Jim and Karen Petrus  
American Community Management  
Michael and Roberta Ratliff  
Harriet Smolla  
Vivian Krotz  
Gerald and Jacqueline Revely  
Thomas and Alice Spanos  
James and Pamela Hager  
Joyce Reparsky  
Barbara Bruckner  
Econo-Mart  
Jerilyn Willin  
Tony and Lucy Mettewie  
Carol Price  
Marie Manning  
Bloomingdale Garden Club  
Adeline Dobbins  
Nancy Burns  
Michael and Nancy Reich  
Laura Gallagher  
Christine Rosenow  
The Villagers of Bloomingdale

**Thank you!**

It's still not too late to get involved in the Adopt-A-Magazine program. All an individual, community group, or business has to do to adopt a magazine is pay the yearly subscription fee. Your name will then be displayed on the cover of the current issue. If you are interested in "adopting" a magazine, please contact Leslie Kuizema at the library 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.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY BAGS HELP MAKE YOUR CHILD'S BIG DAY A SUCCESS

Your child's birthday is just weeks (or days) away and you don't know where to begin?!

Check out the BIRTHDAY PARTY BAG! It contains books written to help you select a theme, write invitations, create decorations, develop a menu, plan crafts and select games. We also included bean bags with a cassette tape of bean bag songs and activities, tapes for dancing, and a bingo game. BIRTHDAY PARTY BAGS will be shelved behind the Circulation Desk in Youth Services. Planning your child's celebration will be easy and fun!



## 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.

## THANK YOU, KARA FOUNDATION

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to the Kara Foundation for their extremely generous grant of \$1000.00. The money will be used to purchase books on healthy lifestyles, especially those in the medical and low fat cooking areas.

## TALKING ABOUT BOOKS

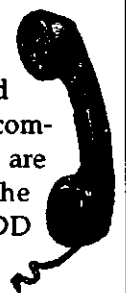
Adult Book Discussions continue at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month. 1996 titles include:

March 7,	<u>Zlata's Diary</u> , by Zlata Filipovic
April 4,	<u>The Shipping News</u> , by E. Annie Proulx
May 2,	<u>House Rules</u> , by Robert Cwiklik
September 5,	<u>Cider House Rules</u> , by John Irving
October 3,	<u>White Lies</u> , by Jonellen Heckler
November 7,	<u>Brothers and Sisters</u> , by Bebe Moore Campbell

Books will be available at the Reference Desk one month in advance of discussion. Call 529-3120 for registration or 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.



## FAMILY FEST

The Family Fest Committee invites you to mark your calendar now for Bloomingdale's eighth annual Family Fest 1996. This event is family oriented in activities and entertainment.

In 1996 we are starting a new feature, opening Thursday evening with food vendors, the beer garden and entertainment on the beer garden stage, in addition to rides. In the past, Thursday has been a "Sneak-A-Peek" evening of rides only which has proved enormously successful in generating increased interest and record attendance during the full Fest days. Full Fest activities will start on Friday, June 28 continuing through Sunday, June 30 at the same location used last year, Springfield Drive south of Lake Street.

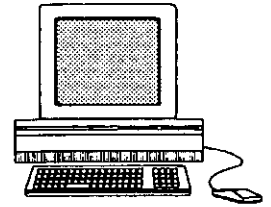
planning an exciting Fest featuring an extensive entertainment package for children and adults alike. There will be live entertainers, children's amusements, game booths, rides, clowns, and a fireworks finale on Sunday.

## NEED HELP USING THE COMPUTERIZED CARD CATALOG?

Having trouble with the "computerized card catalog"? Join us for a training session on Thursday, February 22, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Basic and advanced search techniques will be covered. All ages are welcome. Register in person or by phone.

## THE INTERNET HAS COME TO THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

In cooperation with the Village of Bloomingdale, the Bloomingdale Public Library is offering a computer workstation that has access to the Internet. This exciting service is 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.



## THANK YOU, LIONS CLUB

A special thank you goes out to the Bloomingdale Lion's Club for their extremely generous donation of \$2,500. The money will be used to purchase Large Print Books, Books on Cassettes, and Magnifiers for our sight impaired patrons.

## Winter Reminders

### 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 wintertime 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.

### 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.

## 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



# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Bloomingdale Police Department would like to express its gratitude to the following residents who have volunteered their time and talents in making the Neighborhood Watch program a huge success in 1995.

Cindy Albin  
Rose M. Amato  
Hugh Bailey  
Frank Bartolone  
Robert A. Becker  
Lee Beckermann  
Mary Lynn Brown  
Brad A. Butler  
Michael C. Cannata  
Gregory S. Carrol  
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Mary Sue Fornari  
Laura Geraci  
Sally A. Gill  
Joyce Gladbach  
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Vincentine Grassmuck  
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Grace S. Harty  
Juanita J. Hathaway  
Shirley A. Heavington  
Jocquelyne L. Hill  
Jane & Dennis Hyde  
Dorothy J. Jaskey  
Gretchen L. Johnson  
Ray Jones  
Karen M. Karras  
Carol Kieznitsky  
Cheri A. Kizman  
Kathleen Kohl  
Bonnielynn Kreiser  
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John Schultz  
Patricia Shannahan  
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Jerry Skiba  
Nancy Smith  
Joyce Smolinski  
Mary E. Soellner  
Alice Spanos  
Rachelle Spears  
Cindy Stepanek  
Kathy Thayer  
Janice Toy  
Carl A. Triana  
Herb Urban  
Jeannine Van-Sky  
Susan L. Voelker  
Mary Therese Wedel  
Constance White  
Bob Wikrent  
Melvin Wingier  
James Winterer  
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**OUR SUCCESS IS  
MEASURED BY THE SCOPE  
OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT**

Sincerely,

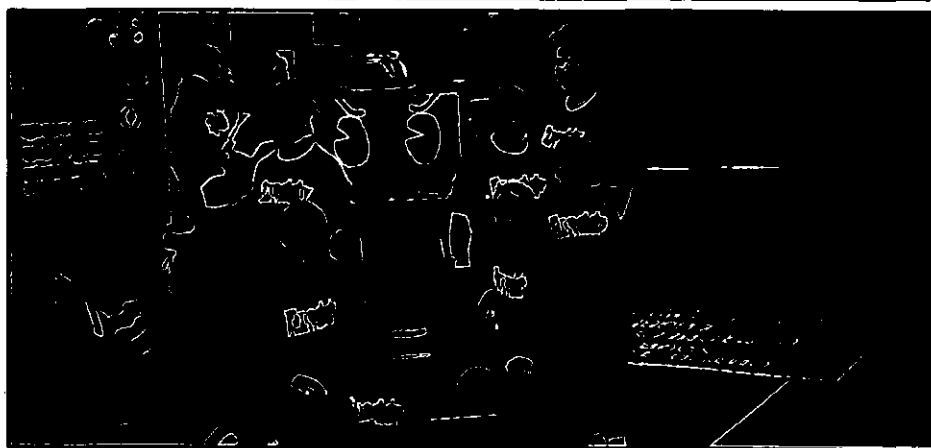
Gary J. Schira,  
Chief of Police

Gary Fuchs,  
Detective

529-9868

## Special Appearance At Hall School

Freddy the Fire Truck made a special appearance at Hall School. Freddy & his House Rangers taught students in grades kindergarten through third about fire safety. Author Amanda Oosterbaan, a registered nurse, has worked with many young burn victims, which inspired her to write about Freddy. She donates a portion of her book sales to Wyler's Children's Hospital.





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## Holiday Decorating Contest Winners Announced



178 Euclid

The Village of Bloomingdale happily announced the winners of its second Christmas decorating contest at its December 21st Village Board meeting. Judging was conducted by non-residents and coordinated by Platt Hill Nursery.

Taking first place was the Mikrut family household at 178 Euclid. Second place was garnered by the Ramanucci family at 286 Needham Drive. Third place went to the Costabile family at 154 N. Prairie.

All three families were present at the December 21st Board meeting to receive a plaque and be recognized for their creativity and holiday spirit.



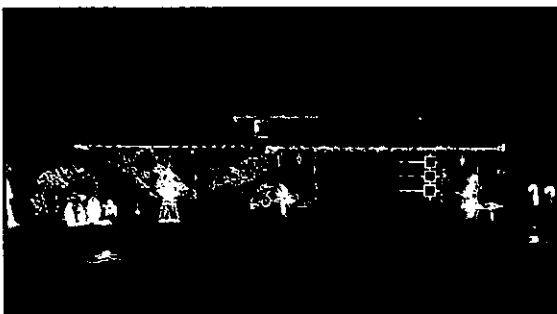
286 Needham

Mary Ahart, Chairman of the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee which sponsored the contest, said the Committee intends to continue "this friendly competition between residents. It is clear there is no lacking for holiday spirit in Bloomingdale."

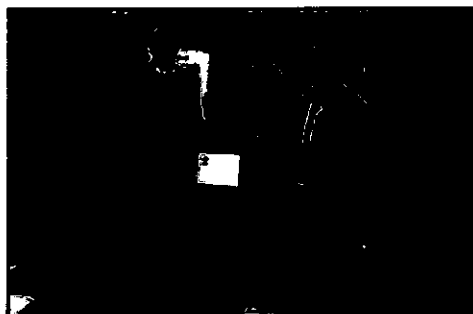
The contest benefitted the business community through a purchase and the Bloomingdale Food Pantry through a donation.

Sponsors of the contest were:

Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce  
Drs. Boyer & Scheive  
Citibank - Bloomingdale  
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Economart  
J.P. Jewelers  
Mailboxes, Etc.  
Old Town Chiropractic Center  
Padgett Business Services  
Reyes Productions



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