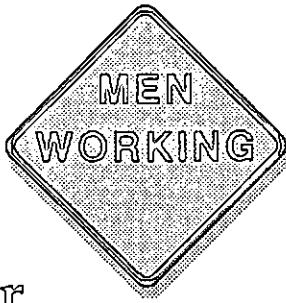


Street Repair Schedule



The Village Almanac

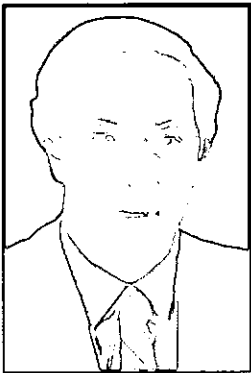
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From the Mayor's Desk

Bloomington Residents Say 'Yes' To Recent Home Rule Referendum



Robert G. Iden

I wish to thank all the voters of Bloomingdale who supported the home rule referendum. The home rule referendum was overwhelmingly approved by the voters on March 19.

Fifty-seven percent of all registered voters within the Village cast ballots (compared to 38 percent in DuPage County). The final vote was 3,941 "yes" and 602 "no." Home rule passed by a margin of 85 percent to 15 percent.

On March 25 the Village Board passed a Resolution certifying the results of the election. Also on March 25, the Village Board passed an Ordinance enacting an additional one-quarter cent sales tax effective July 1.

As was promised, in the coming weeks we will begin the procedures to purchase the land in order to preserve it as "open space." I will keep you all posted as we move along in this process.

Thank you for your tremendous support - and thank you for the trust you

have shown in your local government. I personally assure you we will be worthy of that trust.

Lastly, let me thank all of the citizen volunteers who worked so hard to communicate the issues of home rule to the citizens of Bloomingdale. Without your hard work, our effort would not have succeeded.

It is gratifying to know that local government and its citizens can work together for the common good for our community.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Iden
Village President.

VILLAGE HALL
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FROM MEMORIAL DAY
THROUGH LABOR DAY

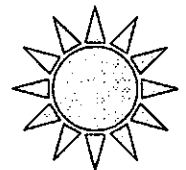
Refuse Collection Takes a Holiday for Memorial Day

Refuse collection will not take place on Memorial Day. During that week, collection will be one day later than usual.

Another note from BFI - when placing newspapers out for recycling, please place them at the bottom of your bin, or in brown paper bags. This will help keep the newspapers from blowing around during these windy spring days.

Voter registration is again open at both Village Hall and at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Register soon so that you will be eligible to vote in the November Presidential Election.

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 are currently being accepted. For information call 529-5865.

VILLAGE BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE 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 -
Illinois Room

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION

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

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION

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

BUSINESS PROMOTION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

*The following committees meet on a less reg-
ular 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

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robert G. Iden

Village President

Harriet Ford

Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

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

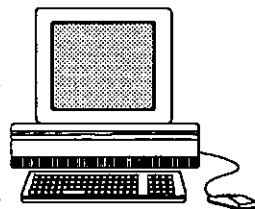
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes

*Business Development
& Social Services*

We're "On Line" With E-Mail . . . And We'd Love to Hear From You!

The Village Administrator's office is set up to receive E-mail. So if you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, the address is:



wenner@interaccess.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

REMINDER:

**April 30 is the
deadline for displaying
your 1996
Village of Bloomingdale
vehicle sticker**

Be a Friend of Septemberfest!!!

This is the fourth year that the Septemberfest Committee is promoting "Friends of Septemberfest" to encourage Bloomingdale residents to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund for the Septemberfest King and Queen. Individuals donating \$10 or more will be listed on the donor signage at Septemberfest under the "Friends" heading.

To become a "Friend", fill out the form above and mail it to the Bloomingdale Village Hall.

FRIEND OF SEPTEMBERFEST

YES! Count me in as a Friend of Septemberfest. I want to help ensure that our King and Queen and their court will continue to receive scholarships for their continuing education.

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____ (evening phone) _____

I am enclosing a check for \$10, made payable to Septemberfest '96.

Mail your check or money order to Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Commercial Water Billings To Be Converted to Bi-monthly Cycle

Later this spring Northern Illinois Gas representatives will begin reading commercial and multi-unit customers' water meters. At this time the Village will also be converting those same customers' billing cycle to a bi-monthly, rather than monthly, billing cycle.

During the initial conversion period, businesses and multi-unit customers may experience a slightly lower or higher bill than "normal" as a result of more or fewer days in the billing period. Following this conversion period, the bi-monthly bills will be for a relatively consistent 60-day period and the amounts of the bill will only change as more or less water is used.

The purpose of this change is to control costs. The Village has already seen benefits from doing the same with residential utility billing.

For your safety and protection, NiGas personnel will be in uniform and are required to carry a photo-ID.

Questions about this change may be addressed to the Village's Finance Department at 893-7000.

PLEASE NOTE: These changes will not affect current residential billing at all.

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Check the Calendar And the Clock Before Using Outside Water



The summer season is around the corner. Once again, sprinkling restrictions are in effect now through September. These restrictions have been mandated by state and federal authorities controlling Lake Michigan water allocations. The following are highlights from our Ordinance No. 90-30:

The following restrictions apply to automatic sprinkling devices and allow for sprinkling only between the hours of 5:00 AM and 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. These times have been established not only as a conservation method, but also as optimum times for effective lawn sprinkling with minimum loss due to evaporation or runoff.

Single Family residences with odd numbered addresses may sprinkle Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

Single family residences with even numbered addresses may sprinkle Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

Units of government, commercial, industrial, manufacturing, office buildings and multi-family residential buildings may sprinkle on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.

There is no sprinkling allowed on Fridays.

Permits for newly sodded or seeded lawns will be available from the Director of Village Services office upon application of such permit. Permits would allow for outside watering by means of automatic sprinklers for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days.

The use of hand-held water devices is permitted without restriction for any purpose except when the device is left on unattended, or no device is used to control the flow of water. If a hand-held watering device is left on unattended, it is subject to restrictions for an automatic sprinkling device.

Yard Waste Season is Underway

Effective July 1, 1990, yard waste materials (grass clippings, leaves, brush trimmings and tree trimmings) are no longer accepted at any landfill in the state of Illinois.

Browning Ferris picks up yard waste as part of the Village's yard waste program. Yard waste is to be placed curbside in either 33 gallon or less containers or in biodegradable paper bags. Yard waste stickers must be applied regardless of the method used.

Yard waste stickers are \$1.20 each and are available at the Village Hall or at the following local businesses: Dominicks, Jewel/Osco, Economart, and Bloomingdale Pharmacy. They may also be purchased directly from BFI. Remember, a yard waste sticker must be applied to each container or bag used.

BFI will also pick up bundled branches if a yard waste sticker is affixed to each bundle. Bundles should be no longer than four (4) feet and weigh less than 50 pounds. Branches may not exceed three (3) inches in diameter.



News For You About Village Services

1996 Hydrant Flushing Program Begins April 16

It's that time of year again. Starting Tuesday, April 16th through May 9th, the Village Services-Utilities Division will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village. The flushing will occur between the hours of 8:00 P.M. and 12:00 midnight. Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

One question that is always asked is - "Why does the Village flush hydrants?" Hydrant flushing is routine maintenance for a water system. It accomplishes the following:

1. Improves water quality: Flushing removes minerals such as iron and magnesium that have collected in the water mains.
2. Improves water flow: By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased and therefore, allows a better flow of water.
3. Hydrant maintenance: A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.
4. Hydrant inspection: Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to insure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.

The schedule for hydrant flushing by area is as follows:

LOCATION

DATE

Westlake - Edgewater and Greenway

Tues., April 16

Fairfield, Springbrook Villas, Old Town, Springbrook Shopping Center, North Bloomingdale Road, North Rosedale, Fessler's Grove

Wed., April 17

North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Circle Center

Thurs., April 18

Westlake Highlands, Sunnyside, Westwind, Deer Glen, Medinah Lakes, Medinah Meadows

Tues., April 23

Westlake Townhomes, Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, East Army Trail Road

Wed., April 24

Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Lakewoods

Thurs., April 25

Indian Lakes (East), Cardinal to Bloomingdale Road, Indian Lakes (West), Meadowlark to Skylark

Tues., April 30

Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Glengarry

Wed., May 1

Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Hills, Heritage, On the Park, Indian Lakes Resort

Thurs., May 2

Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phase 1, Springfield Drive, Stratford Square & Homes

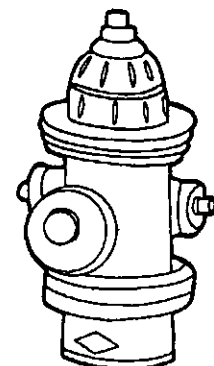
Tues., May 7

West Schick Road, Covington, Old Gary Stratford Plaza

Wed., May 8

West Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza

Thurs., May 9



News For You About Village Services

Lynbrook, Longridge & Royce to be Reconstructed

The Village is planning to reconstruct Lynbrook Drive south of 195 Lynbrook Drive, Longridge Drive south of 200 Longridge Drive, Royce Drive north of 182 Royce Drive and Royce Court during the summer of 1996. This project includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement including curbs and gutters, and road base. The new road pavement on Royce Drive and Royce Court will be the same width as the existing road; no widening is planned. Pavement width on Lynbrook Drive and Longridge Drive will be one foot narrower than existing to allow for protection to tree root system in narrow parkway areas during construction. All work is funded 100% by the Village.

The project is scheduled to begin during the month of May and will take approximately 3 months to complete. During construction, the road will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone, or on one of the adjacent streets you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.



Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage will be posted prior to construction.

As part of this project, the Village will be installing a depressed curb at each driveway. This means the "bump" at the curb of each driveway is being eliminated, and a smooth transition from the street to each driveway will be constructed. The Village will also be reconstructing the driveway aprons, that is, the concrete driveway between the sidewalk and the curb, as part of the project.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Street Construction Hotline at the Village Hall, Engineering Division, 893-7073, ext. 259.

Summer 1996 Street Repair Schedule

The Village is planning to perform overlay maintenance on Walter Court, Plymouth Lane, Hempstead Lane/Drive, Woodcrest Court, St. Francis Court, Millford Lane/Court, Salem Court, Bridgewater Lane, Surrey Lane/Drive, Norton Lane/Drive, Sutherland Lane, Fairfield Way (Schick to Bourne), Lawrence Avenue (Gary to Virginia), Foster Avenue (Bloomingtondale to east Village limit), Broker Road (St. Francis to Circle). Pavement patching (no new surface course) is planned for Third Street and Lockwood Lane.

The work will be done during the summer of 1996. All work is funded 100% by the Village.

New overlay construction consists of repairing curbs which do not drain properly, repairing failed pavement areas and installing a new asphalt surface over the entire road. We will not be repairing cracked curbs unless the failed curb is impeding drainage.



During this project, the streets will remain open to traffic. There will be brief periods when certain sections of the road are temporarily closed while work is taking place at a particular location. This work will begin in May and will take approximately 10 weeks to complete.

If you have any questions regarding this project, you may call the Street Construction Hotline at the Village Hall, Engineering Division 893-7073, ext. 259.

Any construction project of these types and sizes will create some inconvenience to the neighborhood. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during the construction process and will make every effort to minimize the disruption.

June 27-30

BE A FAMILY FEST VOLUNTEER!

Bloomingtondale Family Fest 1996 will be held on June 27, 1996, 6:00 pm-11:00 pm. June 28, 29 and 30, 12:00 pm-11:00 pm. As in the past, we are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help us selling tickets in the ride ticket booths. If you would like to volunteer at the Fest please contact Mary Rodne at the Bloomingtondale Public Library, phone number 529-3120.

The Fest committee has another great Fest planned for this year so mark your calendars for Thursday, June 27 through Sunday, June 30, 1996 and come enjoy the fun that you can only get during these four great days in June!



Come Celebrate the Earth at Arbor Day Ceremony on April 21

In cooperation with the Bloomingdale Park District and The Friends of Springfield Park, Bloomingdale will be celebrating Arbor Day at noon on Sunday, April 21st at Springfield Park in conjunction with the March for Parks. Four two-inch Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) trees will be planted at the wetland area.

The National Parks and Conservation Association's March for Parks, the largest walk event for America's parks, and largest Earth Day event, raises awareness and funds for local, state and national park projects.

In Bloomingdale, March for Parks is organized by the Bloomingdale Park District's Friends of Springfield Park and will begin at 1:00 P.M. and end with a post-march celebration, all at Springfield Park.

To organize the event, a broad community coalition has been formed under the leadership of Friends of Springfield Park; the coalition has outlined several goals for the march:

- ☐ enable local citizens to raise needed funds and awareness for Springfield Park
- ☐ highlight the role citizens play in protecting our parks
- ☐ raise funds for tree planting and prairie and wetland restoration

For additional information, please contact the Bloomingdale Park District at 708-529-3650.

**THE DEADLINE
FOR THE
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IS MAY 20**

THINK TREES

BLOOMINGDALE NAMED TREE CITY USA

Bloomingdale has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the first year Bloomingdale has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, and recognizes U.S. towns and cities which develop comprehensive urban forestry programs.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards:

1. A tree board or department,
2. A city tree ordinance,
3. A comprehensive community forestry program; and
4. An Arbor Day observance.

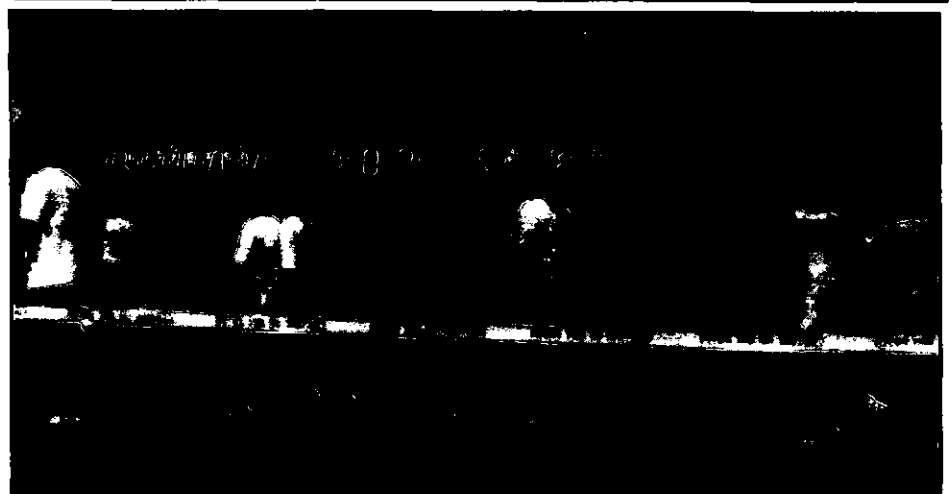
Communities apply for Tree City USA annually.

"An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement — a program of tree planting and care that continues through the years," says John Rosenow, the National Arbor Day Foundation's president, said. "The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement."

On March 19, 1996, Bloomingdale received a walnut plaque, a Tree City USA flag and two street signs at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Tree City USA Conference and Awards Ceremony held at the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois.



Forester Larry Slavicek presents Mayor Bob Iden with the Tree City USA plaque, held by Jim Johnson, crew leader.



A team from the Village of Bloomingdale and one from Erickson School's Just Say No! Club walked in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Walk on February 24. Over \$20,000 was raised for the cause.

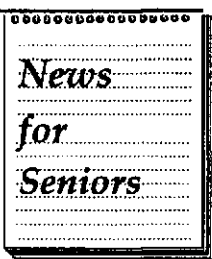
Welcome, New Businesses!

Preferred Chiropractic Care Center, P.C. is the newest medical practice to make its home in Bloomingdale. Owned and operated by Dr. Alex Zevan III, the Center opened in November 1995 and concentrates on a regimen based on nutrition programs and cardiovascular health.

Dr. Zevan's motto, "pursuing excellence in health care," is based on the belief that the body has the ability to heal itself. His wide range of treatment specialties include migraine/tension headaches, effects of chronic stress, neck and jaw pain, strains/sprains, muscular stiffness, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, allergies, and low back pain. He also treats patients who suffer from auto and work-related injuries, and works with other independent contractors to help heal patients who require rehabilitation and biofeedback treatments.

Preferred Chiropractic Care Center, P.C. is located at 125 E. Lake Street, Suite 201; telephone 539-5822.

DuPage Seniors Sponsor Caregiver Seminar April 27



The DuPage Senior Citizens Council is holding a Caregivers Seminar on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00-11:30 AM at the DuPage Convalescent Center, 400 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton. Persons caring for a loved one or a friend, either in a home or a medical facility, will learn more about the resources available in DuPage County.

Keynote speaker is Dr. Aaron Lazar, DuPage gerontologist. The theme of his talk is "There is Help! There is Support!"

The public is invited to attend. There is no charge, but reservations are requested. Call 620-0804.

SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT

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

New Businesses - now open:

Hometown Buffet, 154 S. Gary Avenue (Stratford Plaza)
Family style buffet

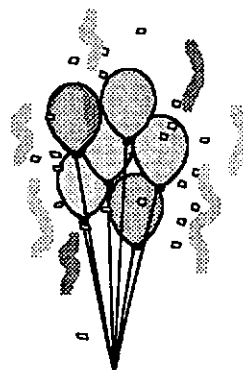
T.J. Maxx, 344 W. Army Trail Road (Bloomingdale Court)
Clothing store and home accessories
(Note: The new store replaces the T.J. Maxx location on Lake Street, which will be closing)

Gadzooks, 806 Stratford Square Mall
Unisex clothing

Dairy Queen, 215 E. Lake Street
Re-opening

Kids Asylum, 360 W. Schick Road, Unit II
Children's clothing

Tree Beefs, 142 S. Gary Avenue, Suite 106 (Stratford Plaza)
(formerly Wiener Take All)



Projects under Construction:

Commercial

Carsons, 4 Stratford Square Mall
Complete interior remodeling

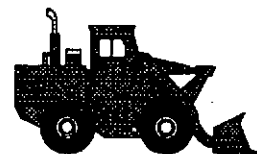
Bloomingdale Town Center, Phase II
Strip shops located north of McDonald's at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road

Fontanos Subs, 185 E. Lake Street, space E & F (Circle Center)

Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield
Addition/remodeling

Bloomingdale Alliance Church, 260 S. Glen Ellyn Road
Addition - sanctuary and classrooms

St. Isidore's 427 W. Army Trail Road
Parish ministry center



Upcoming Commercial Projects:

Pauli's Amoco Center, 200 E. Lake street
Gas station renovation - car wash addition

Residential

Vinings at Town Green
3-7 unit townhome rental buildings (2 & 3 bedroom units)
9-8 unit apartment rental buildings (1, 2 & 3 bedroom units)
9-11 unit apartment rental buildings (1 & 2 bedroom units)
Total of 192 dwelling units
Located between Springfield and Butterfield roads, north of Best Buy



Bloomingtondale Community Events

Women's Club Fashion Show Set for April 20

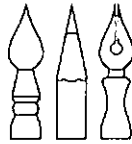
Tickets are still available for the Bloomingtondale Women's Club 22nd annual Fashion Show to be held at Indian Lakes Resort on Saturday, April 20. Cocktails are at 11 a.m., with lunch following at noon.

Fashions featured this year are from Sassy's, DeAnn's Bridal, The Gap, Gap Kids, Gingiss Formal Wear and York Furrier. Hair will be done by Shear Artistry.

Raffle prizes include a fur coat and a \$500 shopping spree at Marshall Fields, as well as hotel packages, gift certificates and more. Tickets are \$30. Call Barb at 894-8280 or Fay at 351-9759.

Fine Arts Showcase Opens April 20

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum has some exciting events coming up. "Fine Arts Showcase IV" opens Saturday, April 20 featuring the work of artists of the northeastern Illinois area. A wide variety of media will be on exhibit and for sale. The Showcase runs through May 19.



"Youth Art Competition III," through which kids, aged 8-18 can compete for cash prizes in different categories, is currently being organized through the museum. The competition is open to any student in the area from June 1- June 30.

Attention Lake Park Graduates - in honor of Lake Park's 40th anniversary, the museum is organizing a special display. They are looking for old photos, yearbooks, programs etc. to be used in the exhibit. For more information on any of the above, call the Park District at 529-3650.

Cheerleading Tryouts

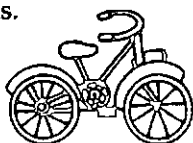
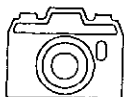
Bloomingtondale Bears Cheerleaders try-outs for girls entering 4th-8th grade will be held on April 15 at Johnston Rec Center, 172 S. Circle. For more information call 351-1930 or 582-0819.

Hall School Sponsors Science Fair April 25

The fifth annual Science Fair at Hall School will be held Thursday, April 25. Some 57 exhibits will feature how to take care of a turtle, weather prediction, mouse in a maze and electricity made by fruits, to name a few. The evening presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Bargains for Everyone at April 27 Police Auction

A Bicycle and Unclaimed Property Auction will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the Bloomingtondale Village Hall. The property to be auctioned may be viewed from 9-10 a.m. the day of the auction. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.



Join the Villagers Club!

The Villagers Club is known for both its philanthropic endeavors, as well as its social activities. The many interest groups include bridge, pinochle, canasta, gardening, golf, salad luncheons, movie outings, international dining and more. For more information about membership, call President Anita Nitzsche at 980-4576.

Culture Club Meetings

The Culture Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 16 at the Park District. Member Barbara Holmes will present "Art & Therapy." Bring a box of crayons for this interesting lecture and experimental project. The May 21 meeting will be "Talking about our Journal/Sketch Book."

Comprised of local artisans who enjoy all forms of art including watercolors, oils, photography, dance, music, poetry, etc., the Culture Club always welcomes new members. Call 529-0439 or 980-7650 for more information.

Bloomingtondale Bears Football Registration

The Bloomingtondale Bears conduct final registration for the 1996 football season from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sunday, April 21. Interested players may sign up at the Bloomingtondale Park District, 172 S. Circle or the Itasca Park District, 350 E. Irving Park Road. Registration is open to ages 8 through 14. Teams are divided by age and weight. For more information call 529-2176 or 529-5327.

Lions Club Hosts Easter Egg Hunt



Patti and Peter Cottontail once again hosted the Bloomingtondale Lions Club annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30.

Need Information on Buying, Maintaining or Repairing Your Car?

Quality Chevy-Geo is now offering free seminars to the public on buying, maintaining and repairing your car. For questions and seminar dates, call Nikko or Ron at 858-6200.

ABOUT TOWN

Amish Dave was the top speller in the DuPage Area Regional Spelling Bee in Wheaton on March 7. Dave correctly spelled the word "crescendo" to win the bee.

During the five-round contest, the Erickson School six-grader out-spelled more than 20 contestants from surrounding DuPage elementary and junior high schools, earning himself a spot in the Suburban Finals in the Chicago Tribune-sponsored spelling bee.



Amish Dave

"It's always been an dream of mine to leave an impression on my school after I leave it," said the 12-year old Dave. As this is his last year at Erickson, he seems to have done just that.

The literary writings of two Westfield Junior High students were recently selected for publication in a prominent national educational journal. Seventh-grader **Marilyn Chen's** poem "A Leaf" and eighth-grader **Marina Arvanitis'** poem "Listen" appeared in the February issue of the Association of Middle Level Schools newsletter. The poetry was submitted by language arts teachers Signe Noth and Nancy Beesley.

Charles Wolande and **Phillip Corcoran** were recently inducted into the 11th annual Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame. The two men are co-founders of Comark, a Bloomingdale-based business, which began as a computer supplies dealer and has grown into a multi-million dollar corporate enterprise.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

OPEN ENROLLMENT . . .

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOUR EYES AND EARS!

As an involved resident and Block Captain, you can be an important part of the communications link between your Police Department and your neighborhood.

Block Captains also enroll neighbors as Neighborhood Watch members, attend bi-monthly meetings, deliver bi-monthly newsletters, and once a year update their membership roster. It costs only an hour or two a month to help keep your neighborhood safe from crime.

If you are interested in learning more about the Neighborhood Watch program, contact the Bloomingdale Police Department, Detective Gary Fuchs, at 529-9868. You are invited to attend our next meeting May 31 in the Bloomingdale Village Hall council room to see first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

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



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

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Dupage Hospital; Open: 7 days a week
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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

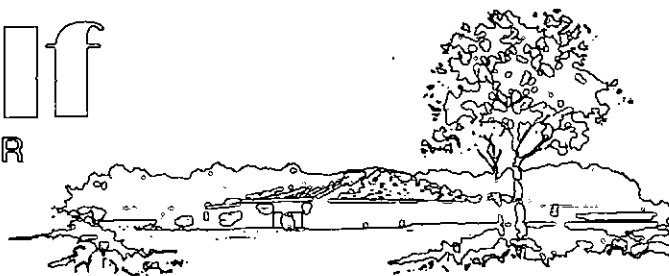
Adoption:
For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390
AIDS:
For testing info call 1-800-243-2437
Business:
Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923
Children and Teenagers:
Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873
Child Support:
For help collecting child support call
1-800-447-4278
Crime:
We Tip Hotline (for 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

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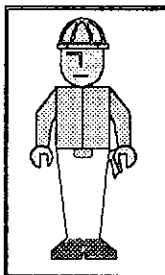
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Hard Hat Corner

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: During February and March, much work was completed on the construction project. The precast concrete floor between levels was placed. In the new addition, concrete floors were poured and walls were placed. Heating and air conditioning and electrical work was also done. In the next several months, work will start on the upper level addition as the masonry work proceeds.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

*4	Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM
7	EASTER SUNDAY	LIBRARY CLOSED
7	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	
9	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
13	Writer's Workshop	9:00 AM-Noon
*20	Saturday Workshop (Grades 1-4)	10:30-11:30 AM
24	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
24	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM
*25	Computerized Card Catalog Training	7:00-8:00 PM

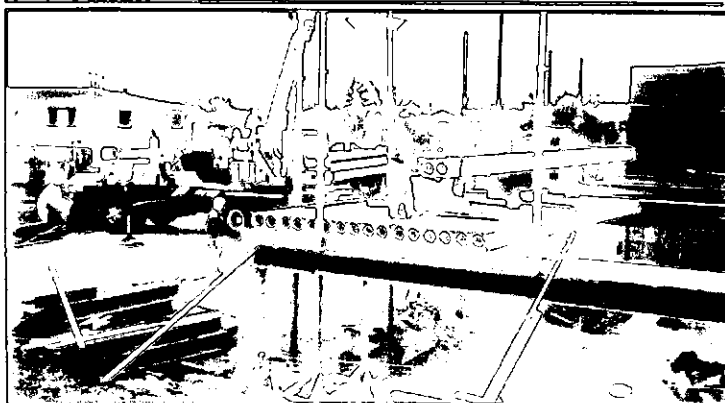
MAY

*2	Book Discussion Group	7:30 PM
8	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
11	Writer's Workshop	9:00 AM-Noon
14	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
22	Writer's Workshop	7:00-9:00 PM
22	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM
25	Registration for Summer Reading Program Begins	
26	LIBRARY CLOSED SUNDAYS FOR THE SUMMER	
27	MEMORIAL DAY	LIBRARY CLOSED

JUNE

8	Writer's Workshop	9:00 AM-Noon
11	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
17	Summer Reading Program Begins	
*22	Chess Club Begins	2:00-4:00 PM
26	Writer's Workshop	7:00-9:00 PM
26	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:00 PM

*Registration Required.



Construction continues!!! Workers laying the precast floor in the new addition.

Youth Services Department

KIDS CAN TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY THIS SUMMER!

When summer arrives, children across the nation will head for the one place where they know they can have plenty of fun. They will be signing up for their Library's Summer Reading Program! In planning your summer, be sure to include TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY!, Bloomingdale Public Library's Reading Program. This program includes special events, Toddler Time, Preschool Story Time, Workshops, Art Club, and programs for the entire family. The TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Summer Reading Program begins June 17 and continues for six weeks until July 27.

TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! is an I READ (Illinois Reading Enrichment and Development Program) summer reading program, proudly sponsored by the Illinois Library Association. Now in its fifteenth year, this nationally recognized summer reading program inspires thousands of young readers across the state to develop their reading skills and habits. Parents, teachers, and librarians recognize the value of summertime reading for young people. Bloomingdale Public Library is pleased to use the TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! theme and is

busy preparing interesting, entertaining programs and activities for young readers.

The Youth Services Staff will be visiting the schools in Bloomingdale during the month of May to inform students about the Program and to hand out brochures.

TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! brochures will be available in the Youth Services Department beginning Monday, May 20. Registration for TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Summer Reading Program begins Saturday, May 25 at 9:00 a.m.

The TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Summer Reading Program includes: Book Club I, the read-with-me program for children not yet reading on their own, Book Club II for independent readers and Book Club III for young adults. Readers may choose Book Club I, II, or III. They will receive prizes for a specified number of books read from one or more of the following collections: Juvenile Easy, Juvenile, Young Adult and Adult Departments.



THE LIBRARY NEEDS YOU! JOIN THE JUNIOR FRIENDS!

Once again the Bloomingdale Public Library is looking for young, energetic volunteers for the Junior Friends group to help with the TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY! Summer Reading Program. Junior Friends may help prepare crafts for workshops, make posters and assist with programs.

If you are entering 6th grade or up, and would like to be a Junior Friend, please complete the application below and return it to Sue Drogos, Youth Services Assistant. All former Junior Friends need to fill out a current application if they still wish to participate in the program. An organizational meeting will be scheduled for June. This is a great chance to become involved, participate in exciting Library activities and to make new friends!

JUNIOR FRIENDS APPLICATION (Please print)

Name _____ Grade _____

Address _____

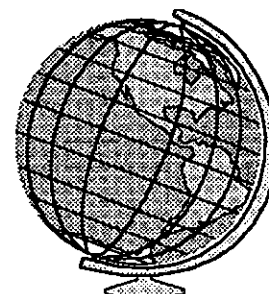
School _____

Telephone Number _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Friend's Signature _____



*Make a world of
difference --- be a
Junior Friend!!!*

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



WRITER'S OPEN FORUM IV

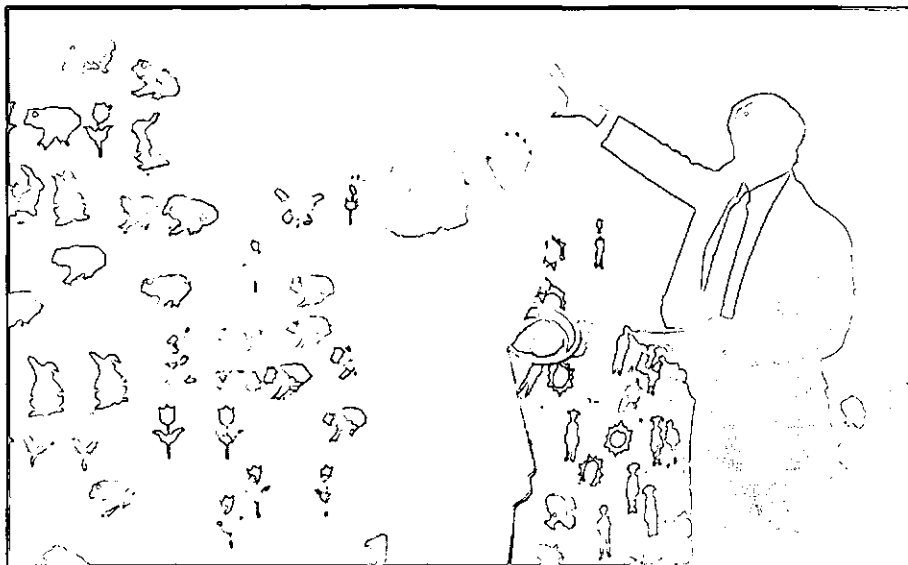
The Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale, in conjunction with The Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, will host Writer's Open Forum IV, for members of the group and other writers in the western suburbs, as part of the celebration of National Library Week.

The Forum is intended to serve as a catalyst bringing talented people together and allowing them to share with the public an insight into the wealth of creative effort that is taking place within the community.

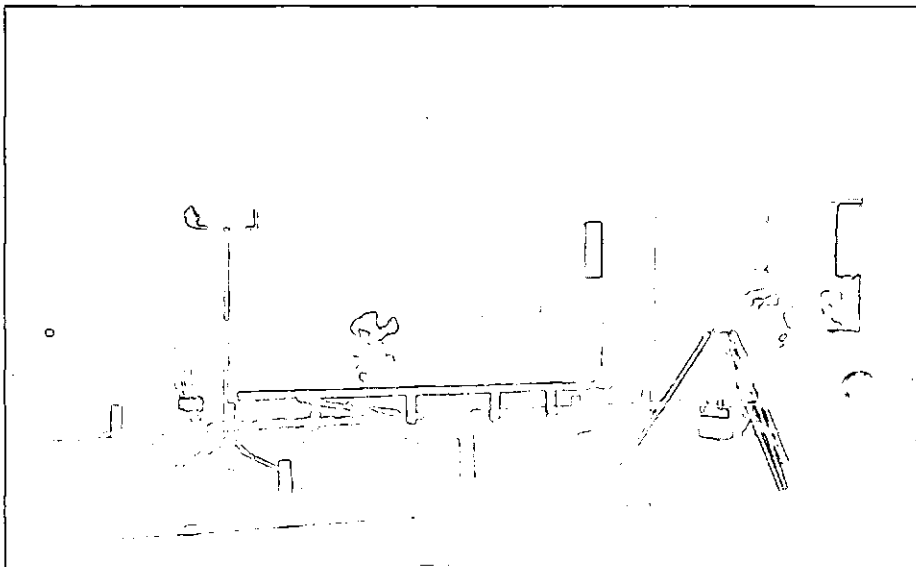
The Forum will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 7-9 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. Admission is free. There is ample parking available and refreshments will be provided by The Friends of the Library.

To read your work you must pre-register, no later than April 12, by calling Chris Aument, (708) 250-0266. To attend the Forum please call the Library, 529-3120.

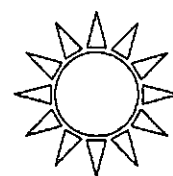
Take a Look at What's Happening at the Library!



Mayor Iden and Library Director Mary Rodne add their handprints to the spring panel where youthful library patrons have been "Constructing a Library for All Seasons."

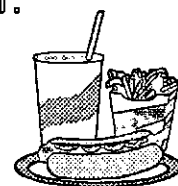


The library's new meeting room



THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON ALL SUNDAYS FROM
MAY 20 THRU SEPTEMBER 1.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!



UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

House Rules by Robert Cwiklik is the topic of the Adult Book Discussion on May 2 at 7:30 P.M. Books are available at the Reference Desk. The group will break for the summer months and resume meeting in September.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM: TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY

Back by popular demand, the Bloomingdale Public Library's Adult Summer Reading Program will be held from June 17 to August 3. This year participants will TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY by reading a variety of different kinds of books in various sections of the library. Lists of book titles will be given to each participant to help them choose what to read. This year's reading categories will have readers traveling through History, finding Romance, Friendships, and how to Help Yourself. Stop by the reference desk anytime after Saturday, May 25, to sign up for this free program and read along with your kids this Summer.

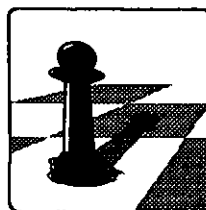
ATTENTION ALL BLOOMINGDALE SENIORS



The Bloomingdale Seniors Club meets at the Bloomingdale Library the first Tuesday of every month at 11 a.m. The group invites you to join them for informational speakers, bus trips, card playing and an all around fun time!

CHESS CLUB

Come join the current Interlibrary Chess Club Champions! The Bloomingdale Public Library Summer Chess Club will meet at the Library on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. beginning June 22.



If you are between the ages of eight and eighteen years old, and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills. Each Wednesday players will compete with other club members and a ranking will be established. In August the Club will participate in the Interlibrary Chess Tournament as the reigning champs for four years running!

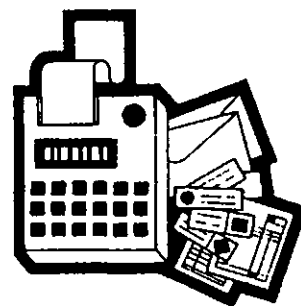
Sign-up begins May 25 in the Youth Services Department. For more information call the Library at 529-3120.

Library Hours

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

TAX FORMS DEADLINE

To assist our residents at tax time, on Monday April 15th, when the Library closes at 9:00 P.M. the lobby will be open until 11:30 P.M. for last minute tax form distribution. Federal and State of Illinois tax forms and a copy machine will be available for use in our front lobby. Copies of tax forms can be made for 10 cents a page.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library's April Used Book Sale has been canceled due to construction. Used materials are still being accepted as the Friends are maintaining a Used Book Sale Table at the library. The table is located near the current periodicals. New donations are added to the table several times a week. The prices for the materials are as follows:

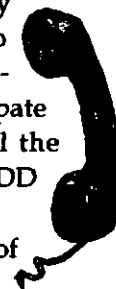
Magazines	\$.05 each
Cassettes/Records	3/\$1.00
Paperbacks	\$.25 each
Hardcovers	\$.50 each
New books	\$1.00 each

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Donations and purchases may be made any time the library is open. For further information call the library at 529-3120.

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.



Chamber Honors 3 at Dinner Dance

The second annual dinner dance sponsored by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce was another sellout. Alan Zaeske (Alphagraphics) and Linda Ketelsen (Mailboxes Etc.) were co-chairs of the gala event, held once again on the top floor of Tiffany Pointe.

Other committee members who worked to put together the event were: Mike Davorec, The Daveorec Group; Dee Gustaveson, Springbrook Optical; Naomi Lachetta, Sheer Artistry; Suzanne Mogan, Dollar Wise Publications; Rae Novak, Westlake Graphics; Jim Petterec, JP Jewelers; Cathy Raymond, Alden Valley Ridge; Judy Rio, Classic Event Designs; Susan Stulik, Citibank; Jacki Unger, Sign-A-Rama.

One of the highlights of the evening was the awards presented to three outstanding individuals who were honored for their contributions during 1995.

Nominated by the Bloomingdale Park District, John Ball was named 1995 Citizen of the Year. Ball is a charter member of the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation, which is a successful organization dedicated to providing long term support of community and park district goals. His participation has included formulating goals, objectives, and strategies to guide growth, as well as developing successful fundraising strategies.

He is also the driving force behind the establishment of a nature center in Springfield Park, which includes, among other highlights, a prairie demonstration garden which he personally planted.

His other affiliations include president of the Founders Pointe Homeowners Association, and volunteer to both Family Fest and the Friends of the Library. Ball also helped secure corporate funding for Marklund Home, specifically for needed physical therapy equipment.

Also honored at the event was Bloomingdale Library Director Mary Rodne, who was named Business Person of the Year. Over the nine years Rodne has been with the library, there has been significant growth in services and circulation. She has overseen one major expansion, a referendum campaign, and the current remodel and 15,000 square foot addition project.

In addition to her library projects and responsibilities, Rodne has been an active member of the Bloomingdale community. She has been chairman of the annual Family Fest since 1990. She has served on the Bloomingdale Chamber Board of Directors since 1994 and is currently a member of the Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group (BIG).

Also singled out was Alan Zaeske, recipient of the Chamber Ambassador of the Year. Zaeske has been a Chamber member since he opened his Alphagraphics business in early 1993. He became active on committees quickly and soon became a member of the Board of Directors.

Zaeske has also been involved in Scholarship Committee, Family Fest, the Committee for New Program Ideas which lead to the 1995 membership drive, and was the driving force behind the first and extremely successful dinner dance, as well as the awards presented at the event.

As "someone who takes action," Zaeske says he has "nurtured the involvement of many members who had not previously stepped forward."

In addition to honoring their own, the Chamber also installed new officers during the evening. Taking the President's gavel is Jim Casement of Casement Financial Services; first vice president is Alan Zaeske; second vice president is Jim Petterec; and secretary-treasurer is David Favaro of Padgett Business Services.



John Ball and Mary Rodne display their awards



Alan Zaeske is presented his award by Rae Novak.



Chamber members let their hair down in their musical rendition of "That Old Time Rock 'n Roll."

Critter Corner

DUCKS AND GEESE



Ducks and Geese are considered waterfowl. Although many species of waterfowl can cause problems to farmers and lakefront property owners, the species most often at fault are the well known Canada goose, the Mallard duck and a domestic species called the Muscovy duck. The Canada goose is a large, plump bird with a brown body, black neck and head, and a large white cheek patch. The Mallard, one of the most common ducks in the United States, is identified by a blue band, bordered by white, on its wings. The bright green head of the male (drake) is distinctive. The drab brown female (hen) is identifiable by association with the male.

Most ducks and geese are migratory, although local populations may become resident and remain year round at a location. All waterfowl require bodies of water, such as rivers, creeks, or lakes, at some time of the year.

The diets of waterfowl are varied, but ducks and geese, whose activities conflict with the interests of humans, feed chiefly on grass, grains, and other vegetation. Reproduction of ducks and geese is prevalent in the spring.

All waterfowl are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and its amendments. When they occur in large numbers, geese and ducks often contaminate areas with droppings, which can be a problem if left to accumulate.

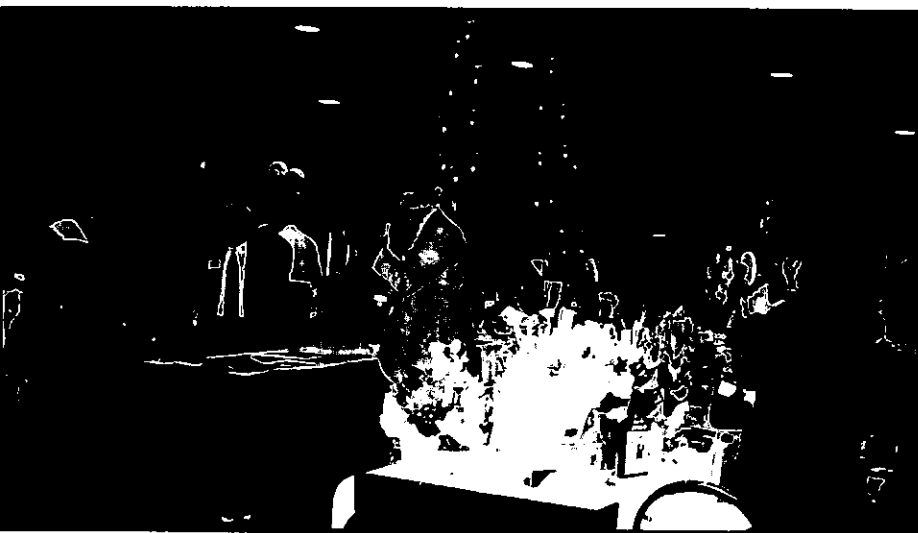
Control of the waterfowl requires awareness first, and sensitivity to potential problems. Supplemental feeding, such as bread, while a pleasurable activity, often leads to overpopulation and dependency. Also, Avian Botulism can occur if the waterfowl consume spoiled or contaminated food stuffs.

Waterfowl can be deterred by using plastic netting or light wire fencing, such as chicken wire, or scarecrows, or a 2 foot x 3 foot black plastic flag stapled to a 4 foot wood lathe.

If you would like further information, contact the Willowbrook Wildlife Center at 708-790-4900.

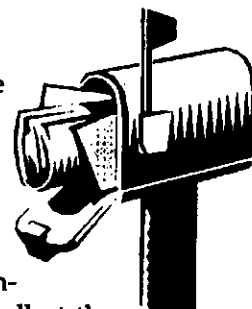
Chamber 5 Star Expo A Success!!!

The first ever "Five Star Expo" held at Indian Lakes featured businesses from five area chambers and was deemed a tremendous success.



Postmen Pick Up for Pantry

The National Association of Letter Carriers of the United States will conduct its annual food drive on Saturday, May 11. This is a national event which helps stock food pantries from May through October, a time when donations are typically slow.



On Saturday, May 11, residents are asked to place non-perishable food items by their mailbox. Carriers will collect them as they deliver mail. Last year over 4,300 pounds of food was donated by our residents, a 68 percent increase over the previous year.

Mail carriers thank residents for their participation and urge them to once again be generous in their donations.



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