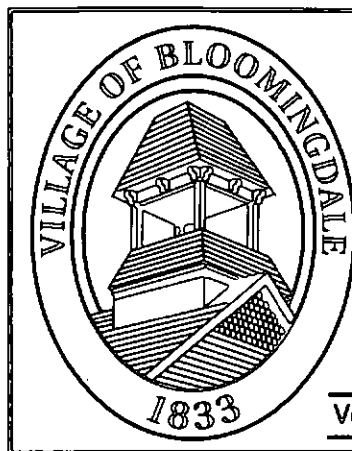


# Name the Golf Course!

See page 3



## The Village Almanac

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## Plans for Bloomingdale's 24th Annual Septemberfest Underway!

Bloomingdale residents and area neighbors are in for another wonderful celebration when they attend the 24th Annual Bloomingdale Septemberfest on Sunday, September 8, 1996. Set in the heart of Bloomingdale's Old Town at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road, the festival will run from 10:30 AM until 5:30 PM and feature entertainment, food, antique and craft dealers, and games that will appeal to family members of all ages.

Several popular acts from last year's Septemberfest will make a return appearance this year. Those Funny Little People will perform from 11:40 until 11:55 AM at the Main Stage prior to the opening ceremonies, and Picture Perfect and Sarah B! will perform from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the Main Stage.

New to Septemberfest this year is Danny and the Twisters, a very popular local group that plays the best of classic rock and roll. They will be on the Main Stage from 3:30-4:30 PM.

The opening ceremonies will begin with the traditional flag-raising ceremony. New this year will be a small parade featuring the Bloomingdale Park District baton twirlers escorting all the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale candidates to the Main Stage.

The Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition, formerly known as the Bloomingdale King and Queen Contest, is open to young women and men who are residents of

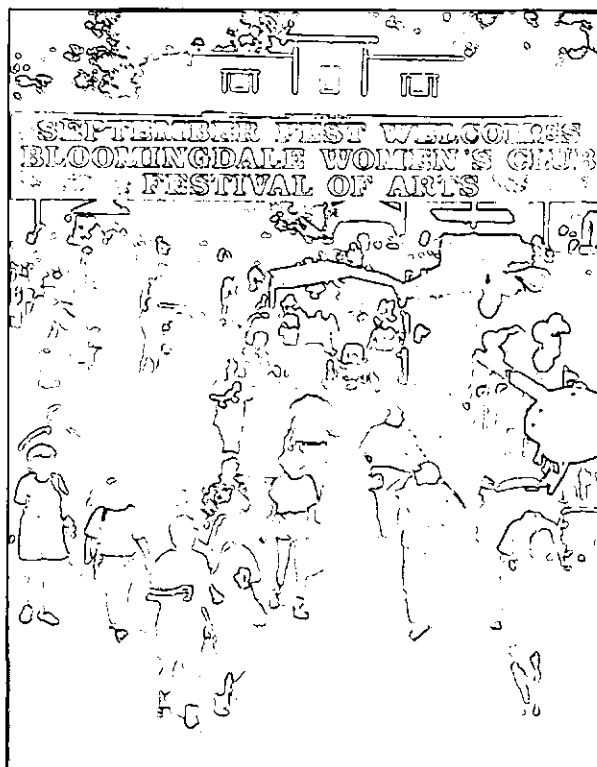
incorporated Bloomingdale and who are between 16 and 20 years of age. To be considered for this competition, applicants are required to complete the application form on page 5 of this newsletter along with an essay of 300 to 400 words that describes the contributions they feel they will make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. They are then interviewed by a judges' panel made up of civic and business leaders from Bloomingdale. The emphasis in this competition is on poise, personality, civic involvement, and communication skills.

The Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund, named in honor of a long-time and beloved Septemberfest Committee member and Bloomingdale resident, is one of the primary funding sources for the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale scholarships. Donations from Bloomingdale's businesses and residents still are needed to finance the scholarships. Last year's scholarships were \$1,600 for Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale, \$800 for both first runners-up, \$600 for both second runners-up, and \$400 for both third and fourth runners-up. To become a Friend of Septemberfest and contribute to the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund, fill out the application on page 3, or contact the Village Hall.

Another source of income for

the scholarship fund is the booth fee of \$35 paid by Septemberfest exhibitors and not-for-profit organizations. This year Septemberfest will welcome back many participants from previous years, such as the Bloomingdale Lions Club and Sons of Italy, and will also see new exhibitors such as a small farmers' market. The Bloomingdale Women's Club will once again host the Festival of Arts that will run concurrently with the Septemberfest festivities. The Festival of Arts features original clothing, jewelry, wood and ceramics. St. Paul Church will also be hosting an ice cream social at the church.

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**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

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION  
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
2nd Tuesday of the month  
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse, 108 W. Washington

*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

**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*

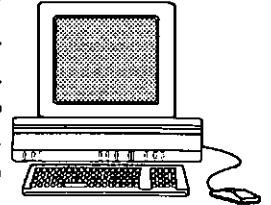
**Dorothy Lester**  
*Public Works and Services*

**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!**

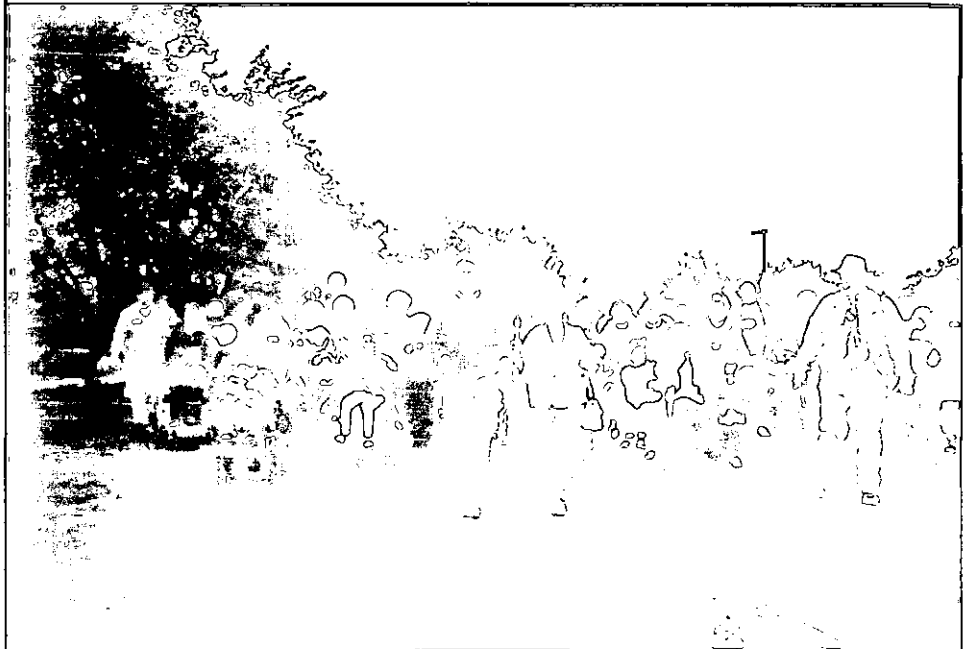
The Village Administrator's office is  
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"surfing the net" and have a ques-  
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just E-mail it to  
us. If you wish  
to send us an electronic message, the  
address is:



wenner@interaccess.com.

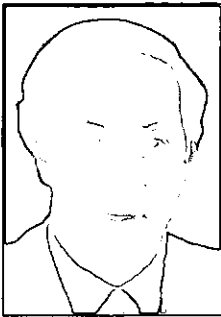
We look forward to hearing from you.

**THE DEADLINE  
FOR THE  
OCTOBER ISSUE OF  
THE ALMANAC  
IS SEPTEMBER 20**



**LOOK WHAT I CAN DO!!!** Mayor Bob Iden and Marklund Vice President of  
Development Velma Liddle lead the march during the 1996 Annual Marklund  
Children's Home Summer Games. The Summer Games give each child the  
chance to display to family members, volunteers and staff the goals they have  
learned throughout the year.

# From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

## An Update on the Golf Course Acquisition

Village officials have been busy preparing for the acquisition of Glendale Golf Course. I have been visiting other golf courses, along with staff and trustees, to gain information and ideas.

We have had some preliminary discussions in regard to some changes we foresee when we take over. We have been looking at the well and septic system currently in place and making some determinations on the needs in this area. Some

landscaping and drainage changes are also being looked at, as well as improvements to the clubhouse.

The anticipated closing on the golf course is September 30. You will find a form at the bottom of this page to use to suggest a name for the course. The name Glendale Golf Course leads many to think the property is located in Glendale Heights. We are looking for a name that will reflect Bloomingdale. Put on your thinking cap and send in a suggestion. If we pick one of the entries for the name, the submitter will receive a \$100 Stratford Square mall gift certificate.

We also have over 30 residents who have expressed an interest in serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee for the golf course. The trustees, staff and I have been examining the work this group will be able to accomplish for us. We will be bringing those volunteers together in the near future to discuss that and to form a small working group from the many candidates.

As we continue to discuss policies, improvements, operations and other aspects, I will keep you informed of our progress. We are very excited about the future of this new Village asset and want to share that with you.

## Name the Golf Course!

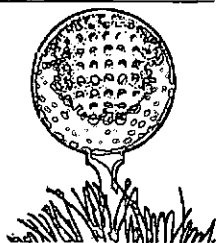
With the anticipated acquisition of Glendale Golf Course close at hand, the Village Board is soliciting a new name for the course from residents to better identify it with Bloomingdale. Below is a form to be returned to the Village Hall by September 1, 1996. If one of the names submitted is chosen, the submitter will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Stratford Square. Let's hear those ideas!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Course Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## DuPage Seniors Host Annual Meeting & Luncheon August 21

News  
for  
Seniors

DuPage Senior Citizens Council will hold its Annual Meeting and Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, August 21 at Windsor Park Manor, 124 Park Drive in Carol Stream.

The annual meeting begins at 8 a.m. with coffee and rolls and will feature reports from Council committees, as well as the election of officers for the coming year.

The legislative portion of the morning begins at 10 a.m. with an opportunity to talk with the legislators. All state and federal senators and representatives, members of DuPage County Board, as well as candidates for these offices, have been invited.

Reservations are necessary for the luncheon. Call the DuPage Senior Citizens Council at 620-0804 by August 14.

The Council is also seeking volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors, volunteers to assist at Senior Dining Centers, volunteers to work in "The Second Time Around" resale shop, as well as volunteers for reception and general office support. To donate your time to help someone in need, call Carol Clover at 620-0804.

## Extended Care Program Now Offered at Three Local Schools

Parents of students enrolled at Erickson, DuJardin and Winnebago elementary schools can sign their youngsters up for the Bloomingdale Park District's supervised extended care program, which includes organized activities, games, treats and entertainment. Flexible days and times allow parents to sign their kids up for once day a week or five, mornings or afternoons, or both. For information on "Kids' Place," call 529-3650.

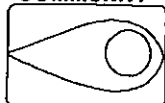
## Sign Up Today for the Bloomington Citizen Police Academy

The Bloomington Police Department is currently accepting registration for Citizen Police Academy XII. Citizen Police Academy is scheduled to begin on September 12, 1996.

The course covers such topics as:

- ♦ Search and Seizure
- ♦ Auto Theft
- ♦ Accident Investigation
- ♦ Crime Scene Processing
- ♦ Self Defense
- ♦ Use of Force
- ♦ DUI Enforcement
- ♦ Rape Awareness
- ♦ Radar Enforcement
- ♦ Interrogation
- ♦ Juvenile Law
- ♦ Street Gangs
- ♦ Cults
- and more.

**WELCOME**  
BLOOMINGTON IS A  
CRIME WATCH  
COMMUNITY



WE IMMEDIATELY REPORT  
ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES  
TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Programs are presented by our own professional police officers who are specialists in each topic.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn first hand what it is like to work in law enforcement in the 1990s. For more information or to apply, call Detective Gary Fuchs at 529-9868.

To sign up, simply fill out and mail in the form below.

### Citizen Police Academy XII Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Evening)

Return to:  
Bloomington Police Department  
201 S. Bloomington Road  
Bloomington, IL 60108  
Attn: Gary Fuchs

## Bloomington Bicycle Patrol on a Roll to Success

Community policing is one of the buzz words heard lately in the law enforcement field. Bloomington has always prided itself on its emphasis on community relations from the DARE Program to Neighborhood Watch to the Citizen Police Academy. Recently, we have taken another step to bring the police presence into the neighborhoods with our Bicycle Patrol.

Twenty officers have signed up to be part of this pilot program, which is under the supervision of Sergeant Len Jaster, assisted by Patrolman Frank Boenzi. A team of two officers goes out several times a week for the entire 3:00-11:00 PM afternoon shift. The beat is the entire Village, so the officers can easily log some 30 miles on the mountain bikes during that time. According to Officer Boenzi, the officers try to hit the problem areas in town first, then cover the rest of town. "Visibility," he said "is the key to this program."

"We can get to places on the bikes we can't get to with the squad cars and people don't usually notice who we are until we're right there." By the same token, Boenzi notes that residents have felt very comfortable stopping the officers to talk.

The officers have written tickets for ordinance violations, such as tobacco possession by minors and use of illegal fireworks, as well as making some arrests for more serious offenses. Boenzi relates there have even been traffic stops made by the Bicycle Patrol.

"You blow your whistle or yell 'stop', and people stop," he says. "They can tell we are the police from the helmet and the shirt."

Len Conradi, Commander of the Patrol Division, says the program has been very positive. "We haven't heard anything negative," he says. "It's new for both the residents and the police officers to have this kind of citizen contact. So far everyone seems to think it's great."



Officers Terry Marker and Vince Bruett are two of the 20 officers riding bike patrol.



Riding the bike patrol affords opportunities for informal contact with residents.

## SEPTEMBERFEST VENDORS WANTED

### 24TH ANNUAL BLOOMINGDALE SEPTEMBERFEST

**Sunday, September 8, 1996**  
(rain date September 15)

\$35 per booth  
Limited electricity available --  
Please inquire if interested

A portion of the proceeds will  
benefit the Joe Draghi Scholarship  
Fund for the  
Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale  
Competition

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS  
AUGUST 23, 1996**

For information,  
write or phone:

Village of Bloomingdale  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108  
893-7000

All phone numbers listed  
within the ALMANAC are  
area code 630 unless oth-  
erwise noted.

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893-7000

## Music, Entertainment, Family Fun at Septemberfest

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Septemberfest booth spaces are still available. To apply, submit your check for \$35 with the application form available at the Village Hall or Bloomingdale Public Library, or call 893-7000 for more information. No refunds on reserved space will be made after August 29, 1996.

Septemberfest is delighted to welcome back Mike Lettieri of M & R Music as disc jockey and MC for the entire day on the Main Stage. As in the past, Mike will entertain Fest goers with music, games, and local talent. In addition, he is orchestrating a Karaoke contest with cash prizes. Winners will receive \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$25 for third place.

The Bloomingdale Park District Beamers gymnastic team will return this year. Be sure to watch their demonstration of gravity-defying leaps, twists, somersaults and flips! In addition, wear any Bloomingdale Park District T shirt to this year's Septemberfest celebration and receive free ice cream! Stop by the museum grounds from 11:00 AM-6:00 PM that day for your free treat or to enjoy some of the other activities planned by the Park District. Sand art, special games and gymnastics demonstrations are just a few of the things the whole family can participate in.

Parking arrangements are still being finalized. Watch local newspapers for details several weeks before the event, and be sure to pick up a copy of the entertainment schedule and exhibitors list at the Village Hall the week before the event. Don't miss this fabulous salute to the end of summer. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 24th Annual Septemberfest!

## 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 to benefit the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition. 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 below and mail it to the Bloomingdale Village Hall. Donations must be received by August 30 to be included on the donor sign.

### FRIEND OF SEPTEMBERFEST

YES! Count me in as a Friend of Septemberfest. I want to ensure that Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale 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 ☐ \$25 ☐ other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 1996, to: Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

# You're invited to become a part of Bloomingdale in "StillLife" the first of a series of statues to appear in Bloomingdale

The people listed below have reserved their spot in the commemorative brick walkway surrounding the lifesize bronze statue to be located in the Bloomingdale Public Library "Friendship Court." The sculpture of a mother and child sitting on a bench reading together is an original piece created especially for the Village of Bloomingdale by artist James Haire, a former Midwest resident.

It is interesting to note, the woman who posed for the statue is the daughter of retired Judge Duane Walter, of Bloomingdale Old Town Wedding Chapel fame. Coincidentally, she is a neighbor of Haire's in Colorado.

The statue project is the brainchild of the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee. It is their intent to have this entire project paid for strictly through donations of residents and businesses through the purchase of commemorative bricks. All donations are tax deductible.

The Courtyard will include benches for outside reading and relaxation, flower beds, trees and hedges. The courtyard and library addition dedication are scheduled for December 1996. Don't miss your chance to be part of this unique opportunity...

**Act now** to be a part of history. An order form is included on the facing page. For more information call the Village Hall at 893-7000.



*Artist James Haire has finished our sculpture and is currently showing it in exhibitions before it comes to its permanent home at the Bloomingdale Public Library in December.*

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| The Barnoski Family      | In Memory of Mayor Robert Homola     | Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad! |
| Turano Pastry Shops      |                                      | Happy 80th Dad!              |
| Bloomington Women's Club | Joe Loves Stacy                      | The Friends of the Library   |
|                          | The Ahart's Steve, Mary Billy & Joey |                              |

## Cost for Bricks

**Family or group**      4"x8"    \$75.00  
Each brick holds three lines of type, with 13 characters per line.

**Businesses**      8"x8"    \$250.00  
Each brick holds four lines of type, with 13 characters per line.

Engraved letters are filled with black epoxy to protect them from the elements.

Sponsored by  
The Bloomingdale Business and  
Cultural Development Committee

**ORDER FORM ON  
FACING PAGE**

Make checks payable to: "Village of Bloomingdale"

Send orders to:

Village of Bloomingdale  
201 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

ATTN: Cultural Business Committee

Business Order Form (\$250.00)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Individual/Group Brick 4"x8" \$75.00

Businesses 8"x8" \$250.00

Make checks payable to "Village of Bloomingdale"

Send Orders to:

Village of Bloomingdale

201 S. Bloomingdale Rd.

Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Attn: Cultural Business Committee

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## 1996 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Will Reign Over Bloomingdale Septemberfest Festivities

Septemberfest is not far away and neither is Bloomingdale's annual Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship competition (formerly known as the Bloomingdale King and Queen Contest). The contest, for Bloomingdale residents between the ages of 16 and 20, is held in conjunction with the Septemberfest celebration on Sunday, September 8, 1996. The contest is open to both young men and women who reside in the corporate limits of Bloomingdale. Applicants are judged on poise, community involvement, and interview.

Each applicant must submit an essay of 300 to 400 words that describes what contributions they feel they will make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. The application follows, and is also available at the Village Hall or the library and must be postmarked by August 23, 1996.

Last year's Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale received \$1600 scholarships. First runners-up received \$800 along with \$600 to second runners-up and \$400 for third and fourth runners-up. The Septemberfest Commission is committed to the continuation of this tradition.

All applicants attend a pizza party the evening before they meet with the judges, and receive gift certificates to Stratford Square in appreciation for their participation.

The main source of income for the scholarships is booth fees. Additional financial contributions are still needed, as well as gifts of merchandise for Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale and their courts.

For further information, or to make a contribution to the scholarship fund contact Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition Chairperson Kathy Lovely at 351-5886.

### 1996 MS. AND MR. BLOOMINGDALE CONTEST OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

I am a resident of incorporated Bloomingdale, between the ages of 16 and 20 years and would like to enter the 1996 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

I have attached a letter of 300-400 words to introduce myself and describe how I can contribute to Bloomingdale in the role of Ms. or Mr. Bloomingdale.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 23, 1996.**

Mail applications to:  
1996 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition  
c/o Bloomingdale Village Hall  
201 South Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Judging date to be determined; coronation date is at Septemberfest on Sunday, September 8, 1996.

**ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.  
SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIMITED TO FUTURE TUITION, FEES AND BOOKS.**

## Friendship Provides Service to Others through Local Lions Club

When the wife of Lou Roels of Downers Grove died recently, his friend, Bloomingdale Lion Bob Cywinski, was a pallbearer at her funeral. Mrs. Roels had three strokes and numerous operations, but she had been able to lead a fairly active and productive life because of various pieces of equipment Lou had obtained for her.

Although Lou is not a Lion, he knew about Lions' projects through his friendship with Bob Cywinski. Therefore, Lou wanted to make sure the equipment he had purchased for his wife would be made available to those who could use it.

Thanks to Lou's generosity, the following items are now available through the Bloomingdale Lions Club for loan to individuals in need: Triumph Orpho-kinetic adult scooter (battery operated complete with charger, adjustable seat, tiller top controls, automatic braking and touch pad horn button), standard wheel chair, walker, four-legged cane, porta-potty, and non electric exercise bike.

Any individual from the Bloomingdale community who cannot afford such items may obtain them on loan by contacting the Lions Club president Mike Morrisroe at 539-0880.

**The Village Hall  
will be closed  
on Saturdays  
in August;  
Saturday hours  
resume on  
September 7**



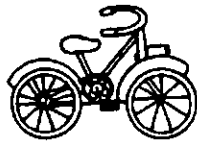
# SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT

An update from the Building & Zoning Department:

## Recently Opened

**Aldo Shoes**  
Stratford Square Mall

**Bike Line**  
160-A E. Lake Street  
Springbrook Shopping Center

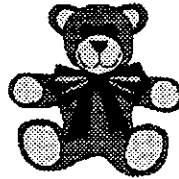


**Discount Tire**  
86 Stratford Drive

**Fontano's Sub**  
185 E. Lake Street  
Circle Center



**Noodle Kidoodle**  
Stratford Square Mall



In addition, 10 kiosks (carts) will be permanently located in Stratford Square Mall. The following are presently open:

**Beer Stuff**  
Century 21 Home Improvements  
Definitions  
Montgomery Wards  
Photography by Schuth  
Silver Mining Company



## News From the Bloomingdale Women's Club

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is celebrating 25 years of service to the community, having raised over \$250,000 for charities and individuals in that time. The club holds two major fundraisers yearly, as well as taking part in a number of social and philanthropic activities. Anyone interested in finding out more about BWC can attend a Get Acquainted Coffee at 7:30, September 24 at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

The first two BWC meetings promise to be very interesting. September 12 marks International Night when you can visit many culinary delights without leaving Bloomingdale.

On October 10, the BWC will host Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Christmas Around the World and many more companies. Here's a chance to see the wares and purchase if you like, without worrying about getting stuck hosting a party yourself.

BWC holds its meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Crafters are needed for the Bloomingdale Women's Club 24th annual Festival of Arts held in conjunction with Septemberfest on Sunday, September 8 in Old Town. For more information call Audrey at 924-0860.

## 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  
Western DuPage Special Rec.....790-9370  
Fire Department (non-emergency).....894-8488  
Bloomingdale 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.....847-364-PACE  
RTA Information Center.....847-836-7000  
Bloomingdale 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

# News For You About Village Services

## BRANCH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry and Street Divisions will be conducting their semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on September 23, 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. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small twigs, vines or other non-woody yard waste. LEAVES, VINES, MULTI-FLORA 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. IF IT IS BAGGABLE, IT IS YARD WASTE. 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. Branches left out in a tangled mess will not be picked up due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.

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

☐ Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste 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. Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 630-469-1036.

☐ Branches must be out NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHEDULED PICK-UP WEEK as our crew will be making only one pass down each block. PICK-UP WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY DURING THE SCHEDULED WEEK.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program. For further information, please call Helen Price at 630-529-5865, Extension 7.

## FALL 1996 SCHEDULE

### SECTION ONE:

Pick-up SEPTEMBER 23 - SEPTEMBER 27, 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 SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4, 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 OCTOBER 7 - OCTOBER 11, 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 OCTOBER 14 - OCTOBER 18, 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 OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 25, 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.

## 630 is Now Bloomingdale's Area Code

On August 3, Bloomingdale became part of the new 630 area code. In addition to serving Bloomingdale, area code 630 also serves those residents and businesses in DuPage County, southern Kane County and the parts of Kendall and Will Counties currently in 708. (Note - some cellular phones and pagers have also been assigned numbers with the 630 area code.)



# Bloomingtondale Community Events

## Art in the Park

Adult students from the Park District oil painting classes will be exhibiting projects from the last few classes on August 17 & 18. Some paintings will be for sale during this two-day exhibit at the museum.



## International Quilt Exhibit

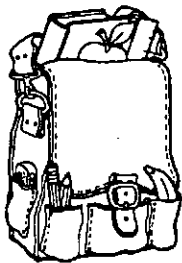
Opening August 31 at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingtondale Road, is "Quilt National '95". Twenty award-winning quilts from this nationally-known competition will be on display through October 20. Special hours for this exhibition are Tuesday through Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday noon-4 p.m. For more information call 980-7650.

## Parks Foundation Hosts 2nd Annual Dinner

Everyone is invited to a casual evening of food, entertainment and dancing on October 21 as the Parks Foundation commemorates the volunteer efforts of Bloomingtondale citizens. Included is a raffle drawing for two airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. Space is limited so call now for ticket or raffle information, 529-3650.

## School Supply Collection

Mail Boxes Etc., Springbrook Shopping Center, has initiated a school supplies collection project for children in need. Lists of needed items are available at the Mail Boxes, Etc. store, and include glue sticks, scissors, pens, crayons, dictionaries, spiral notebooks, index cards, rulers and book bags. Donations, which will be accepted until Labor Day, will be given to the Bloomingtondale Township General Assistance Office. In the past, as much as 70 pounds of school supplies has been donated on behalf of the Bloomingtondale community. For more information, call Linda or Roger of Mail Boxes, Etc. at 893-7447.



## Villager Meetings

The Villagers are looking forward to their two major fundraisers coming up this fall. Thursday, November 7 marks the annual auction where many craft items and services will be up for bid.

Also slated is the "Walk Through the Holiday" housewalk which will feature five unique homes from various areas of Bloomingtondale. This event runs from noon to 9 p.m. on November 11. More information on both events will appear in the October Almanac.

Villager meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at the Bloomingtondale Public Library, lower level.

## School District 15 Registration

Registration for School District 15 will take place from 1-7 p.m. at Marquardt Middle School, 1912 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights. Registration will be as follows: Wednesday, August 14 for Hall, BlackHawk and Marquardt Middle; and Thursday, August 15 for Reskin, Winnebago and Marquardt Middle.

School will begin with a half-day of attendance for all students in Grades 1-8 on Tuesday, August 27. There will also be a Kindergarten parent/student open house between 9:10 and 11:40 a.m. The first day of kindergarten will be August 28. No lunches will be served on Tuesday, August 27.

## Lake Park Partners

Lake Park Partners in Education, also known as Partners, is a group of dedicated people committed to facilitating communication between home, school and the surrounding Lake Park community. Partners would like to encourage any community member, whether they have a Lake Park student or not, to attend any of the 1996-97 meetings. Following is a schedule of upcoming meetings:



|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| August 19    | Business Meeting<br>7-8:30 p.m.                                      |
| September 16 | Business Meeting<br>7-8:30 p.m.                                      |
| October 21   | Business Meeting 7 p.m.<br>Program: Tools for Success<br>7:30-9 p.m. |
| November 18  | Business Meeting<br>7-8:30 p.m.                                      |

## 5K Run or Walk for Fun

The GlenOaks Hospital & Medical Center Foundation is hosting its third annual Run or Walk for Fun on Sunday, October 6. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the run starts at 9 a.m. SHARP, rain or shine.

Pre-register for a reduced rate of \$14 by calling GlenOaks Hospital at 630-545-6150 or register the day of the race for \$16. Register the entire family and receive the special family rate. Call for details.



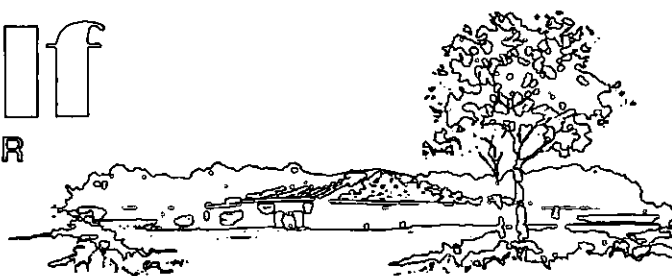
## REMINDER:

**Labor Day is a refuse collection holiday**

# Off the Shelf

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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



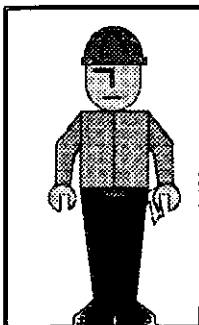
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## Hard Hat Corner

**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 the past several months, work progressed on the new addition. Work on the exterior masonry walls and the roof was completed. Nearly all window installation was completed, and dry-wall and taping started throughout the addition. Installation of ductwork, sprinkler piping, and electrical conduit continued. Remodeling work also continued. A new elevator and a new internal stairwell were installed.

During the next several months, interior finishing work will be completed. Demolition of existing first level offices will start, and carpeting is scheduled to be laid. Exterior sewer work will be completed and work on an outside reading area will start.

### 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" PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND STATE LIBRARIAN ARE BEING USED IN THE ADDITION TO THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

|    |                             |                    |
|----|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 8  | Ice Cream Social Finale     | 6:30-9:30 PM       |
| 10 | Writer's Workshop           | 9:00 AM-12:00 noon |
| 13 | Bloomington Seniors Club    | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM   |
| 14 | Library Board Meeting       | 7:30 PM            |
| 28 | Friends of the Library Mtg. | 7:00 PM            |
| 28 | Writer's Workshop           | 7:00-9:00 PM       |

### SEPTEMBER

|    |  |                  |
|----|--|------------------|
| 2  | LABOR DAY  | LIBRARY CLOSED   |
| 5  | Book Discussion Group                                | 7:30-9:00 PM     |
| 7  | Fall Program Registration<br>IN PERSON ONLY          |                  |
| 9  | Fall Program Registration<br>IN PERSON AND TELEPHONE |                  |
| 10 | Bloomington Seniors Club                             | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM |
| 11 | Library Board Meeting                                | 7:30 PM          |
| 14 | Writer's Workshop                                    | 7:00-9:00 PM     |
| 23 | Fall Programs Begin                                  |                  |
| 25 | Writer's Workshop                                    | 7:00-9:00 PM     |
| 25 | Friends of the Library Mtg.                          | 7:00 PM          |

### OCTOBER

|    |                             |                  |
|----|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 8  | Bloomington Senior's Club   | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM |
| 9  | Library Board Meeting       | 7:30 PM          |
| 12 | Writer's Workshop           | 9:00 AM          |
| 23 | Writer's Workshop           | 7:00-9:00 PM     |
| 23 | Friends of the Library Mtg. | 7:00 PM          |

## Youth Services Department

# FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

The Youth Services Staff will hold IN PERSON registration for Fall Programming on Saturday, September 7, 1996 FROM 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Registration, in person and by telephone (529-3120), will resume on Monday, September 9 at 9:00 AM and continue during regular Library hours. Please have your Library card with you when you come in or call. Bloomingdale Public Library patrons will be given priority; others will be placed on a waiting list and notified if/when space is available. All programs require registration except Evening Drop-in storytime.

**FALL PROGRAMMING BEGINS THE WEEK OF  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1996**

**FALL PROGRAMMING ENDS THE WEEK OF  
DECEMBER 9-14, 1996**

## FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION YOUTH SERVICES FALL PROGRAMS

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Preschool story hour will be held on Mondays and Thursday. Stories, musical activities, filmstrips, songs, finger plays and crafts will be featured. Preschool Story Hour is for 3 - 5 years-olds. Five-year-olds enrolled in Kindergarten are welcome! Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

There are four sessions to choose from:

Monday 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
(Sept. 23 - Dec. 9)

Monday 1:30 - 2:30 PM  
(Sept. 23 - Dec. 9)

Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 AM  
(Sept. 26 - Dec. 12)

Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 PM  
(Sept. 26 - Dec. 12)



### KIDS IN K

(Kids in Kindergarten)

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Monday

September 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

The children will enjoy six weeks of stories, crafts, and activities geared for Kindergartners. Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

### PRIMARY PALS

Grades 1 - 2

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Monday

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2, 9

New this fall, a program specially planned for children in grades 1 and 2. The program is designed to enhance school skills. Enrollment is limited to 25 children per session.

### TODDLER TIME

Offered on a new day this Fall — Tuesday mornings! Toddler Time is presented for children 18-35 months, accompanied by an adult. Stories, action rhymes, and musical activities are featured. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child.

Tuesdays, September 24 - December 10:

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| 9:45 - 10:15 AM  | 18-24 mos. |
| 10:30 - 11:00 AM | 25-35 mos. |
| 11:15 - 11:45 AM | 18-35 mos. |

### EVENING DROP-IN STORYTIME

Back by popular demand, Evening Drop-in Storytime is designed to serve children ages 3 - 5 who are unable to attend the day-time sessions. No registration is required for the 12-week session:

Tuesdays 7:00-7:30 PM  
(September 24 - December 10)



## Youth Services Department

# FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION (con't)

### SATURDAY SHOWCASE - Grades 3-4

We'll give Reading Rainbows a rest, and each month showcase a different topic and related activity. Sessions held on the 1st Saturday of the month:

October 5                      from 1:00-2:00 PM  
November 2                    from 1:00-2:00 PM

In December we'll join Grades 5-8 for a special holiday program and refreshments on the 2nd Saturday:

December 14                    from 1:00-2:00 PM

Specific information available at Fall Registration on September 7.      Limit 25.

### BOOKS AND BITES - Grades 5-8

You bring your own lunch, and the Library will provide the soda and dessert! We'll look into the fascinating lives of various authors and their books on the 3rd Saturday of the months:

October 19                      from 12 noon to 1:00 PM  
November 16                    from 12 noon to 1:00 PM

In December we'll join with the Saturday Showcasers for a special holiday program complete with refreshments:

December 14                    from 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Specific information available at Fall Registration on September 7.      Limit 25.

### A Great Big THANKS to Our Local Businesses for Their Support!!

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following merchants for their very generous donations to the Adult and Youth Services Summer Reading Programs, TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY.

A & W Restaurant, Stratford Square Mall  
Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizzeria, Gary Avenue  
Garibaldi's, Army Trail Road  
First Chicago Bank, Shick Road  
Friends of the Bloomingdale Library  
K Mart/Little Caesar's Pizza Station, Gary Avenue  
Kane County Cougars  
McDonald's, Lake Street and Stratford Square Mall  
TGI Friday's, Army Trail Road  
T-Shirts Plus, Stratford Square Mall  
Walgreens, Lake Street  
Wendy's, Gary Avenue  
West Suburban Bank, Army Trail Road

### "Pit Stops" a Roaring Success!

This summer the Library, in cooperation with Stratford Square Mall, launched a new program of Monday afternoon "Pit Stops" held at the Mall. Around 130-150 children and adults enjoyed six weekly sessions of stories, music, and crafts presented by Youth Services staff.

A Special Thank You to Marketing Manager Suzanne Cook-Beres for her outstanding cooperation, and to the following merchants who donated merchandise or gift certificates:

Auntie Anne's Pretzels  
A&W Hamburgers  
B.Dalton Bookstore  
The Children's Place  
Gloria Jean's

J.C. Penney  
Nationalities  
Radio Shack  
Schoop's  
Walden Books

The prizes were greatly appreciated and helped to create extra excitement for those who attended each week.



## **FALL ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

The Adult Book Discussions will resume with John Irving's CIDER HOUSE RULES on September 5 at 7:30 PM. Future titles include WHITE LIES by Jonellen Heckler on October 3, and BROTHERS AND SISTERS by Bebe Moore Campbell on November 7.

Books will be available at the Reference desk one month before discussions. For registration or further information, contact the Adult Services Department at 529-3120.

## **Mark your calendars and watch for details in the October Almanac . . . . .**

Sat. Nov. 16 - Brookfield Zoo Ornament Workshop

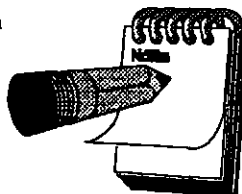
Sat. Nov. 30 - Brookfield Zoo Tree Trimming

Sat. Dec. 7 - Breakfast with Santa

Dates to be announced for:

October "Spooky Tales" program

November "Children's Book Week" activities

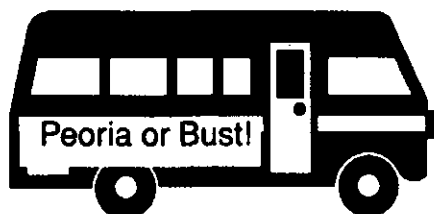


## **FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS/ HISTORIC PEORIA TRIP**

Who's making plans for Christmas?  
We are!

Join us for a wonderful trip through historic Peoria and the Festival of Lights on December 7 and 8. The weekend trip includes round trip transportation via Deluxe Motorcoach, overnight stay at Jumers Castle Lodge, a tour of the extensively decorated St. Francis Monastery where you'll enjoy a live nativity creche. Dinner and lunch are included.

Be a part of our Peoria excursion and you'll catch the holiday spirit with Christmas music, food and entertainment. For more information, call Adult Services at 529-3120.



## **Did you know the Library has . . .**

- ⇒ Free copies of "Rules of the Road"
- ⇒ Magnifiers for you to use in the library
- ⇒ American Business Disc on CD-ROM
- ⇒ A Notary Public service
- ⇒ A collection of Cliff's Notes
- ⇒ A fax service for a negligible fee



## **Library Sunday Hours**

**resume Sunday, September 8  
1:00-5:00 PM**

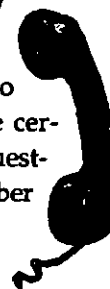


## **ADOPT A MAGAZINE**

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.

## **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.



**AFTER CONSTRUCTION  
IS COMPLETED  
ON OUR  
NEW ADDITION . . .**

**WE'LL BE BACK WITH  
FULL PROGRAMMING  
FOR THE  
WINTER-SPRING  
SESSION.**

**LOOK FOR YOUR  
FAVORITES  
AS WELL AS  
NEW ADDITIONS  
TO THE  
SCHEDULE!!**



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



*New masonry wall*



*Workers constructing new roof*

## **CHECK OUT THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE INTERNET!**

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.



## **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.





# BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1995-1996

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

## COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

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

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

On April 30, 1996, Bloomington Public Library's fiscal year ended, and the statistics revealed that 1995-96 was a great year for the Bloomington Library. Our year was so successful because of the wonderful patronage of our community and the outstanding support of the Bloomington business community and non-profit organizations such as the Lions Club and the Friends of the Library. In addition, the fine support the Library received from the Village of Bloomington helped to make the Library's year very successful.

The main highlights of Fiscal Year 1995-96 included the Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 7, 1995 and the day construction started on September 25, 1995. Everyone had an exciting year watching the construction progress.

### Our Patrons -

- \* checked out 174,270 items (books, videos, cassettes, etc.)
- \* visited the library 192,088 times. This averages out to approximately 9.6 visits for each resident in Bloomington.
- \* registered for many library cards. Currently 15,229 residents (77%) of Bloomington have registered library cards.

### Our Staff -

- \* added 6,724 new items (books, cassettes, videos, CD's, etc.) to our collection of materials, which increased our total collection to 64,991 items.
- \* presented programs to 14,479 patrons; 12,267 children and 2,212 adults.
- \* answered a record-breaking number of reference questions, approximately 34,840 during the year.

### The Library -

- \* provided rooms for community group meetings 250 times and for library programs 418 times, for a total of 668. That's an average of almost 13 activities each week.

## EXTENSION OF SERVICES

The services of the Bloomington Public library were expanded in the following ways during Fiscal Year 1995-96:

- ☐ Expanded the library's adult patron microcomputer center by

adding two new IBM Compatible Pentium computers and a color printer for public use.

- ☐ Added a new service, free Internet access, for Bloomington residents.
- ☐ Enhanced patron access to information about the Library by creating a Library Homepage on the Internet that contains current information about the Library's programs and services.
- ☐ Expanded programming for senior citizens by adding a monthly senior citizen club that includes bus tours, speakers, etc.
- ☐ Expanded services to residents in nursing care facilities in Bloomington by establishing circulating in-house collections for residents.
- ☐ Expanded reference service for residents by offering reference service online via E-mail.
- ☐ Added a new circulation service, renewal of materials via telephone.
- ☐ Enhanced patron access to non-fiction videos by removing the \$1.00 rental fee, increasing the loan period to one week, and allowing reserves to be placed on them.
- ☐ Expanded services to children by establishing a microcomputer for children in the Youth Services Department.
- ☐ Started several new programs; Kids in Kindergarten, and Family Nights during the school year, for children and their families.
- ☐ Enhanced services to Bloomington schools by creating a full-time Library/School liaison to coordinate all school requests.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

### Fiscal Year 1995-1996

### REVENUES

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Local Government property taxes | \$ 870,697.00         |
| Capital Income from Bonds       | 344,340.00            |
| Per Capita Grant                | 24,990.00             |
| LSCA Grant                      |                       |
| Fines, Fees, donations etc.     | 204,411.00            |
| Corporate replacement tax       | 2,417.00              |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>           | <b>\$1,446,855.00</b> |

### EXPENDITURES

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Salaries and Benefits                     | \$ 504,461.00           |
| Printed Materials                         | 112,639.00              |
| Nonprint Materials                        | 16,543.00               |
| All Other Operating Expenditures          | 145,290.00              |
| Capital Outlay for Building Construction  | 865,465.00              |
| Capital Outlay for All Other Fixed Assets | 438,163.00              |
| <b>Total of All Expenditures</b>          | <b>\$2,181,485.00 *</b> |

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

## THANK YOU

1995-96 was a very busy and progressive year for the Bloomington Public Library. The Library Board and Staff extend a special thank you to everyone for making it so successful.

# Sponsors, Volunteers & YOU Made Family Fest '96 A Huge Success!

Family Fest 1996 was held on June 27, 28, 29, and 30, and overall, the whole event was very successful. The Fest attendance was the highest, to date, in the history of the Fest.

Those who attended enjoyed an array of food, great weather, and a variety of entertainment—musical acts, carnival rides, magicians, clowns, stiltwalkers, pig races, pony rides, camel rides, exotic and domestic petting zoo animals, and much more.

The whole event ran smoothly and this was due to the fine planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on the Fest. These include:

## The Family Fest Commission Members:

Marjorie Radek, Volunteers  
Pat Cirrincione, Publicity  
Bob Cohen, Sponsorships  
John Dabrowski, Sponsorships  
Karen Paras, Food Vendors  
Dennis Szafran, Public Works Department Liaison  
Ed Lewen, Public Works Department Liaison  
Rich Meyer, Public Works Department Liaison  
Det. Sergeant Roy Derby, Police Department Liaison  
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In closing, I hope everyone who attended the Family Fest had a great time and we look forward to seeing everyone again there in 1997.

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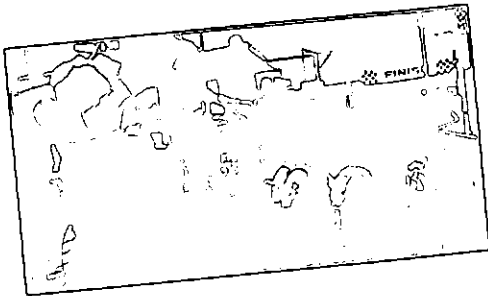
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