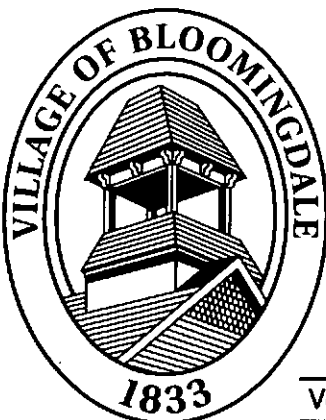


Plant a tree for half the cost!

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The Village Almanac

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October 1996

From the Mayor's Desk

On Monday, September 30, the Village of Bloomingdale fulfilled a mandate put to it by nearly 85 percent of its voter turnout last March. At that time a record number of resi-



Robert G. Iden

dents came out to approve home rule in order to facilitate the purchase of Glendale Golf Course with the intention of preserving that property as open space within Village limits.

On Monday, September 30 at 10 a.m., the sale became final. Bonds in the amount of \$14.5 million have been sold by Harris Bank at a 5.6 percent interest rate in order to pay for the golf course. The links were purchased for \$12.8 million from Riggs National Bank. A new clubhouse, new turf maintenance equipment, an improved irrigation system, drainage improvements, and additional landscaping are improvements to the property that are anticipated within the next two years. The balance of the \$14.5 million bond issue is earmarked toward these capital improvements. This is the largest expenditure of funds the Village has even undertaken.

Interest in the acquisition of the golf course continues to run high as more than 60 residents volunteered to be

part of a citizens advisory board for the golf course. By the time this Almanac reaches your home, the members of the group will have been named. The recent "Name the Golf Course" contest netted more than 200 entries, with an incredible 167 different suggestions! One of the first tasks of the citizens' advisory committee will be to select the new name for the golf course.

I will continue to keep you informed about the golf course as we move along with this exciting new acquisition.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Iden
Village President

NOTE: See page 14 for photo of the official transfer of the property!

Three Police Officers Honored for Heroism

Bloomingdale recently honored three of its finest as Sergeant Len Jaster, Detective Frank Giammarese and Officer John Krueger were officially commended for going "above and beyond the call of duty." The three of them, along with paramedic David Haas, have been called heroes for courageously freeing a man and woman from their burning car with no regard for their own safety. In front of family, friends and the Village Board, Mayor Iden presented each with a memento recognizing the act of heroism.



Trustee Pat DeMoon congratulates Officer Krueger on his well-earned commendation.

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

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Patrick S. DeMoon
Police and Community Relations

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*Legal & Intergovernmental
Relations*

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& Environmental Concerns*

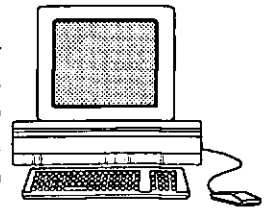
Dorothy Lester
Public Works and Services

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes
*Business Development
& Social Services*

**We're "Online" 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.

**THE DEADLINE
FOR THE
OCTOBER ISSUE OF
THE ALMANAC
IS NOVEMBER 15**

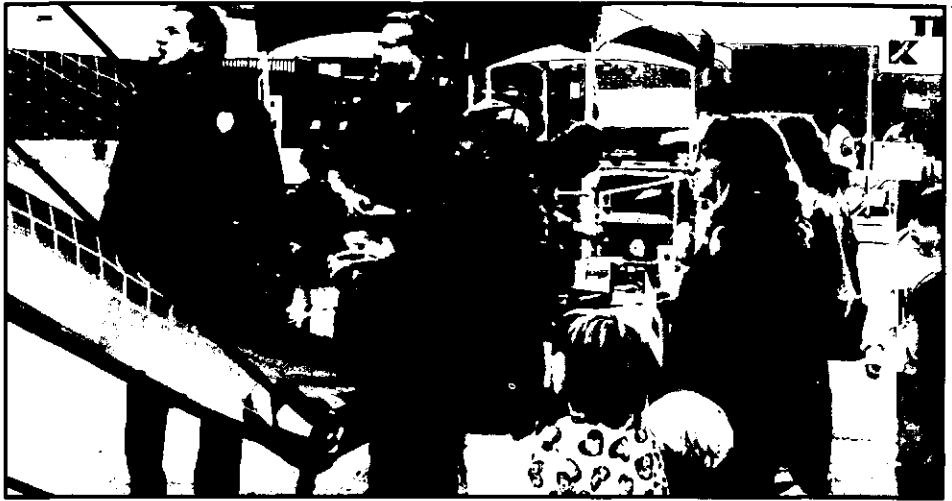


MEMORIES OF DAYS GONE BY: Childhood sweethearts and former residents Don and Dot (formerly Ioder) Goodwin came back through Bloomingdale for a visit last month. The pair, now living in Virginia, have been gone for 26 years, leaving Bloomingdale when there were about 350 residents. Boy, were they surprised to see it now! They visited with Mayor Iden and reminisced about some of the people and places they remember. They also brought him a token marked "Bloomingdale" that is good for a "5 cent drink at the bar" at a place owned by Jos. Ingrish. Anybody remember where that was? Let us know.

News & Events From the Bloomingdale Police Beat

The Bloomingdale K-Mart hosted a "Kids Race Against Drugs" tractor race last month, where youngsters raced modified garden tractors through an obstacle course. K-Mart also donated \$5,000 to our DARE program, which will be used to buy DARE materials, to fund the "Wheel of Wisdom" game show to be held at the Park District in May, and to fund the cost of sending some kids to DARE camp at Carbondale in July.

Our DARE officers, Detectives Randy Sater, Gary Fuchs, Dawn Odoi and Officer Paul Deibel, are anxious to get back in the classrooms. They will be teaching our fifth graders the ways to say no to drugs, techniques to reduce violence and how to deal with peer pressure.



Youngsters "shoot hoops" at the K-Mart DARE event.

The first DARE activity for the year will be a pumpkin display at the Bloomingdale Library beginning

October 28. Pumpkins will be decorated with an anti-drug theme by our DARE students.



A warm welcome to our newest police officer: Mayor Bob Iden poses with Jacqueline Slater after he swore her in as our newest police officer. Officer Slater started at the Suburban Police Academy at College of DuPage September 16. Public service seems to run in the family as her husband is a Hoffman Estates fireman/paramedic.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch group enjoyed a National Night Out last August, co-sponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and Park District. The nationally recognized event is held in over 8,000 communities to promote crime prevention and bring people out to meet their neighbors. The barbecue/swim party was attended by over 140 people interested in, or members of the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch.



Officer Vince Bruett visits with a young swimmer at the National Night Out event.

50/50 TREE PROGRAM ENABLES RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE TREES FOR HALF PRICE

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways or front yards. If further information is desired, contact Larry Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 630-529-5865, Ext. 19.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

1. Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 1996. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 1997.
2. Trees will be 2" caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based

on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.

4. Each parcel will be limited to two trees per year.
5. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
6. We anticipate the cost of the trees to be between \$200 and \$300 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
7. Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
8. For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

PLANTING ADDRESS _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ DAYTIME PHONE _____

INDICATE NUMBER OF EACH TYPE DESIRED:

PARKWAY

____ Tatarian Maple (*Acer tataricum*)

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

____ Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*)

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

____ Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)

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

____ Korean Mountainash (*Sorbus alnifolia*)

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

____ 2" Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*)

Handsome native tree. Crown is pyraminial when young, becoming broadly oval with age. Dense horizontal branching habit. Small shiny green leaves turn yellow to crimson in fall. Grows slowly to 60 feet.

FRONT YARD

____ Tatarian Maple

____ Ohio Buckeye

____ Swamp White Oak

____ Korean Mountainash

____ 2" Black Tupelo

____ 8' Multi-Stem Amur Maple (*Acer ginnala*)

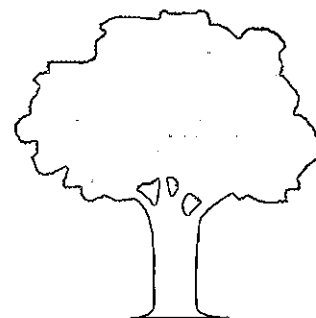
Small, dense shrubby tree. Broad crown of glossy green leaves which turn orange-red in fall. Grows moderately to 20'.

____ 6' Colorado Spruce (*Picea pungens glauca*)

Evergreen with symmetrical pyramidal shape. Gray-green to blue-green needles. Grows moderately to 50'.

____ American Yellowwood (*Cladrastis lutea/kentukea*)

Attractive ornamental with round crown of light green compound leaves which turn yellow-brown in fall. Grows moderately fast to 40'.



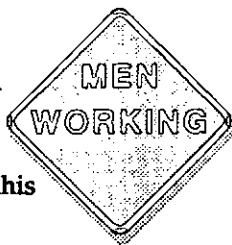
SEND YOUR LEAVES TO A MULCH BETTER PLACE!

DELIVER OR SEND TO:

DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

Summer Street Construction Wrapup Report

The Village Services Department - Engineering Division would like to extend its appreciation for your cooperation and patience during this very busy construction season.



The Engineering Division has overseen the following projects during this summer:

❑ Street reconstruction on Royce Drive (between 178 Royce Drive and Edgewater Drive), Lynbrook and Longridge Drive (Lynbrook Drive to east end).

This work was completed in early September and consisted of the removal and replacement of street, base, concrete curb and gutter, inlets, catchbasins, driveway aprons and restorations. This work has provided new, durable street pavements.

❑ Street overlay construction consisting of pavement patching, curb & gutter repair and installation of reflective crack control.

Installation of a 2 inch thick bituminous concrete surface course has been completed on the following streets to extend the life of the pavement:

◆ Fairfield Way (Bourne to Schick)
◆ Lawrence Avenue (Gary to Wheaton)
◆ Foster Avenue (Bloomingdale Road to Village limits)
◆ Broker Road (Circle Avenue to St. Francis Court)
◆ Cavalry Drive (Army Trail to Village limits)
◆ Walter Court ◆ Plymouth Lane ◆ Hempstead Lane
◆ Woodcrest Court ◆ St. Francis Court ◆ Millford Lane
◆ Millford Court ◆ Salem Court ◆ Bridgewater Lane
◆ Surrey Lane ◆ Surrey Drive ◆ Norton Lane
◆ Norton Drive

This work was completed in early July.

❑ Indian Lakes West Sanitary Sewer Improvement: Lawn Restorations are complete.

❑ Pedestrian sidewalk construction and restoration in the following areas will be completed by the end of October.

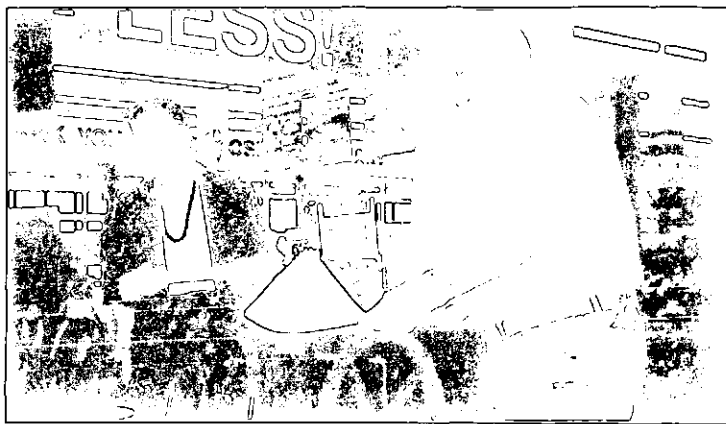
Glen Ellyn Road (Schick Road to Tee Lane)
North side Tee Lane and East side Pleasant
(Schick to Euclid)
Crest Court
Foster Avenue (Lucas Subdivision)

Thank you again for your cooperation and patience during this past construction season.

— ABOUT TOWN —

Betsy Niemiec, teacher at Erickson Elementary School, recently received the WalMart Teacher of the Year Award for excellence in teaching. She was honored at an August 30 ceremony where she received a plaque and a \$500 grant for the school.

Niemiec, a seven-year veteran of the district, was nominated by Erickson principal John Markgraf, who commends Niemiec for creating the school's accelerated reading program, encouraging more active readers.

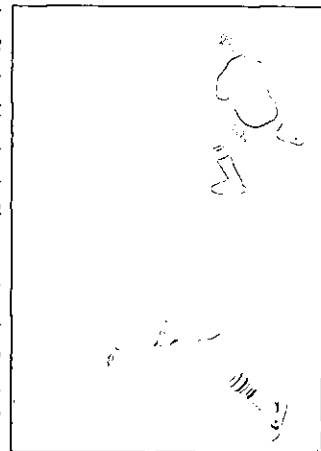


Businesswoman Eileen Sciackitano was recently honored with the Circle of Achievement award at Mary Kay's annual business building seminar held at the Dallas Convention Center in July. This award marks a milestone for directors who have exceeded unit retail production of \$500,000. During the last year, Sciackitano has a unit retail production of \$578,931.77. Residents might have seen Sciackitano at Septemberfest sponsoring the "Luscious Lips" contest. Winners included former Lake Park graduate 22-year old Margarita Rena - most kissable lips; resident Lael Lewand - poustiest lips; and resident Gina Rutledge - sexiest lips.

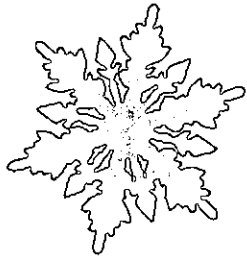


Officer Terry Marker has distinguished himself once again on the racquetball court. The 18-year veteran participated in the 1996 Midwest Police & Fire Summer Games in Milwaukee and came away with the gold medal in his class, the Men's Masters - ages 40-49.

Marker has been playing racquetball for 22 years and has won numerous awards in the Illinois Police Olympics, as well as in many other tournaments. Later this month, he will take part in the Pro Stop Halloween Classic in Schaumburg.

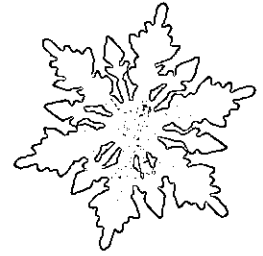


Marker is thinking about competing in the World Games in Ontario in August 1997.



The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce presents its
Fourteenth Annual

Christmas Showcase



Tuesday, November 19, 6:00-9:00 PM
Indian Lakes Resort Banquet Hall, Bloomingdale

FREE ADMISSION

Door prizes ♦ continuous drawings

You must be present to win

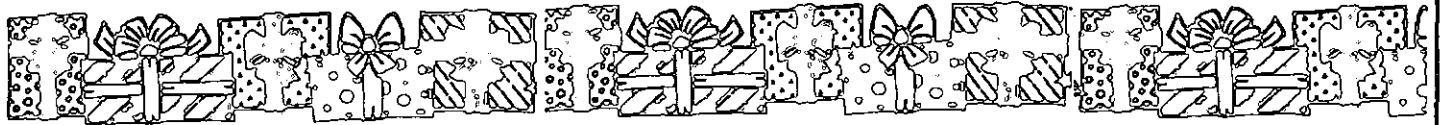
Open to the public

Food samples & specialty items

*Santa Claus will be
there with surprises
for the children!*

See the latest Christmas gift-giving ideas presented by local merchants

Some merchants will be selling that evening



New Facility Dedicated At Bloomingdale Church

The Bloomingdale Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road, dedicated its new worship area and classrooms on September 29 at the Sunday worship services. The new facility more than doubles the size of the existing sanctuary and provides a glassed observation room so that parents with infants can still participate.

Six new spacious classrooms for the children, as well as a teen "coffee house" are being added by the new facility. The September 29 dedication included a media presentation of the church's 18-year history, reflections by various members, a challenge for the future and a balloon launching for the children. This is the fifth building program Bloomingdale Church has undertaken on its five-acre site.



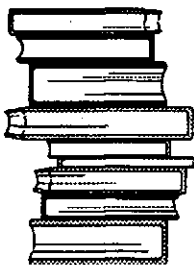
According to long term pastor David Riemenschneider, the weekly Sunday morning services include a blend of both traditional and contemporary elements and a practical sermon presented by one of the church's three staff pastors.

Other programs sponsored by the church include a lively, popular summer day camp program, AWANA clubs and multiple activities for teens. For more information about the church call 894-0090.

Bloomingtondale Community Events

Lake Park Partners in Education Presents "Life After High School"

Monday, October 21 marks the first program of Lake Park Partners in Education. "Tools for Success" will be presented by Lynn Strevell, Director of Communications and Grants. She will give parents some helpful hints in preparing students for life after high school. Among topics covered will be matching the student with the right college and questions to ask on college visits. The main focus will be on 4-and 2-year colleges, but Strevell will also touch on technical/vocational training. The program runs 7:30-9:30 at in the West campus cafeteria, 500 W. Bryn Mawr. For more information call 307-7477.



Brunch Bunch Upcoming Programs

The Brunch Bunch, sponsored by Alden Valley Ridge, 275 E. Army Trail Road, invites seniors to two upcoming programs. Friday, October 18 features "Senior Safety" and Friday, November 15 features "Holiday Decorating." The program begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch at 11:30 a.m. The program is free, but pre-registration is required. Please call Cathy Raymond at 893-9616.



Bloomingtondale Township Seniors Host Heath Fair October 30



Bloomingtondale Township Senior Center is hosting a Health Fair from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. Medicare Card Required. Flu (\$10), pneumonia (\$20) and tetanus (\$7) shots will be available to all regardless of age. Glen Oaks Hospital and the Lions Club Mobile Hearing Unit will also be on hand. Call the senior center at 529-7794 to make appointments for immunizations and for more information.

DuPage Seniors Seeking Help Delivering Meals to Homebound

Parents, seniors, employees and community volunteers who are interested in volunteer opportunities during the school year are encouraged to contact the DuPage Senior Citizens Council. Help is critically needed to deliver meals to the homebound and for the senior dining centers. The Bloomingtondale Township Senior Center currently needs substitute help. If interested call Carol Clover at 620-0804.



Marklund Home Hosts Informational Tea As Part of "Make a Difference Day"



In recognition of NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY, Marklund invites residents to an informational tea from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, October 26 at the Glen Ellyn Public Library, 400 Duane (corner of Duane and Prospect). The event will focus on Marklund's volunteer program. Find out more about Marklund, its volunteer needs and the benefits of being a volunteer. Call 529-2018 to R.S.V.P.

Welcome, New Businesses!

Assemblies Unlimited

Building on the philosophy that "outsourcing is a "much more attractive" way of building a product, Randy Shaw founded a manufacturer representative business, **Assemblies Unlimited**. The rep firm includes a vast network of suppliers - both local and offshore who perform contract assembly and manufacturing services such as packaging, manufacturing and warehousing.

Shaw says the companies supplier network includes more than 40 suppliers who have the capabilities to service all industries, from retail to industrial. Customers include Motorola, Sun Electric, U.S Robotics, Paris Presents and Ecco Housewares.

Shaw's experience includes 15 years of sales expertise for rep agencies in the semiconductor and printed circuit board industry. Contact Shaw by phone at 980-0200 or visit the company's WEB site at <http://assemblies.com>.

Jeff Simpson Named President Of First Chicago Bank

Banking veteran Jeff Simpson is the new president of the two Bloomingtondale branches of First Chicago Bank. He brings with him experience in auditing, financial services and collecting.

First Chicago Bank merged with NBD Bank in November 1995, creating the largest banking network in the Chicago area. The two Bloomingtondale First Chicago Bank branches are located at 439 W. Schick Road and at 136 E. Lake Street. Customers can reach both branches by calling 980-2200.

"Thanks to you, Bloomingtondale residents, we took 40 pounds of school supplies to Bloomingtondale Township!"
-Mail Boxes, Etc.,
Springbrook Shopping Center

Walk Through the Holidays

The Villagers Club will host its third annual house walk on **Friday, November 15** from noon to 9 p.m. Six unique homes will be on display decked in holiday finery.

This year's features include the 112-year old parsonage of the St. Paul United Church of Christ, a festive wedding at Founders Pointe, soft, elegant dining in Bloomfield Club, an eclectic Country French townhouse in Westwind, a rustic manor in the woods, and a children's fantasy home in a Chateau Lorraine townhouse.



Renown local decorators creating their special magic include Marshall Field's of Stratford Square, Ruffles and Flourishes, Gladys Kroon, Creations Unlimited, and Decorating Design.

Again, entertainment will welcome visitors to each home. This year's musicals delights include Allegro Bell, a bell choir; Kathryn Belden, pianist; Lake Park High School Chamber Singers; The Cracker Jacks, a barbershop quartet; Carolyn Hansen, pianist; Gladys Kroon, organist; and St. Paul's Choir.

Tickets are available for \$12 prior to the event at the Public Library, Park District, Bloomingdale Museum, and First Chicago

Bank on Schick Road. On November 15, tickets will be \$15. For information on tickets call Elizabeth Fangusaro at 893-7596.

On the ticket will be a map to the homes, as well as Housewalk specials being featured at local restaurants -- International Coffee Company, Franklin Street Cafe, Bertucci's Brick Oven, Pizzeria, and Rooster's Barn & Grill.

Contributing their financial support to this exciting event are Classic Travel & Tours, First Chicago Bank, Franklin Street Cafe, International Coffee Co., Hettlinger Interiors, David G. Jaskey, M.D., Mecon Industries, Inc., Roosters Bar & Grill, Robert Storto Hair Design, and R.D.N. Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Many local charities will benefit from this event. For more information about this seasonal favorite, call Vicki Hettlinger at 893-5231 or Nancine Danner at 980-6080.



Helpful Hints for a Safe and Happy Halloween

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



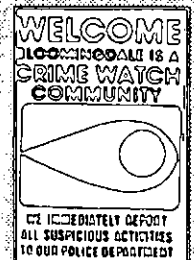
- ◇ NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- ◇ Discard any unwrapped items.
- ◇ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- ◇ Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that they can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- ◇ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- ◇ Trick or Treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.



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

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

For information on starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your neighborhood, call Detective Randy Sater at 529-9868.



News For You About Village Services

BRANCH COLLECTION PROGRAM

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry and Street Divisions' semi-annual Branch Collection Program continues until October 25, 1996. The program is available to single family residences within the Village of Bloomingdale only.

FALL 1996 SCHEDULE

(Collections have already taken place in Sections 1 & 2)

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.

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

THINK TREES . . . AND PLANET EARTH

As he watched leaves fall gently to the earth one autumn day, Henry David Thoreau realized the importance, even beauty, of the decomposition process:

"How pleasant to walk over beds of these fresh, crisp, and rustling fallen leaves . . . They that waved so loftily, how contentedly they return to dust again and are laid low, resigned to lie and decay at the foot of the tree and afford nourishment to new generations of their kind . . . They are about to add a leaf's breadth to the depth of the soil. We are all richer for their decay."

WATER QUALITY NEWSLINE

Keeping you updated on issues affecting the water you drink...

CITY OF CHICAGO SEES AN INCREASE IN TASTE AND ODOR COMPLAINTS

The Village of Bloomingdale, along with several other DuPage Water Commission communities, are experiencing some water taste and odor complaints due to the change in the City of Chicago's collection point for water being treated at the Jardine Water Filtration Plant.



The water is perfectly safe to drink. Lowering the water temperature by placing a pitcher of water in your refrigerator for drinking purposes will reduce the tastes and odors created by the change in the City of Chicago's intake points.

The City of Chicago is currently preparing for the installation of chlorine lines for zebra mussel control. Zebra mussels have contributed to the clarity of Lake Michigan water which has caused an increase in the growth of algae species, which accounts for the musty, earthy taste and smell.

The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

For your safety and protection:

LEAD/COPPER TESTING CONTINUES

The Utilities Division/Water Production personnel are collecting samples to monitor lead/copper at 30 selected homesites in Bloomingdale. The samples are sent to a state lab for analysis. This is the fifth time since 1992 that we have been required by Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to sample for these metals in our water system. In all five sample periods, the Village of Bloomingdale water supply system has been in compliance with IEPA standards. The Village is currently on a reduced sampling schedule based on compliance with IEPA for lead and copper levels in our water supply during past sampling periods.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding water quality issues, please contact Kevin M. O'Dea, Water Production Supervisor at 630-529-5865, ext. 20.

Off the Shelf

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER
101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington 60108 (708) 529-3120



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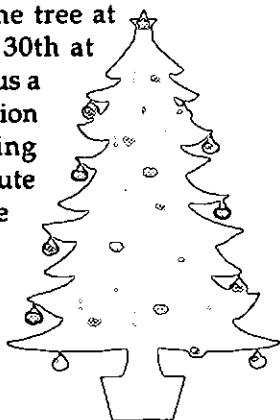


MAKE A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FOR THE ANIMALS & HANG IT ON THE TREE AT BROOKFIELD ZOO

Once again the Village of Bloomington and the Bloomington Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomington community tree at Brookfield Zoo. Two ornament-making workshops will be held at the Library on Saturday, November 16 from 1:30-2:30 pm and 3:00-4:00 pm for children ages 3 and up.

During the workshop, children will make Christmas tree ornaments which will be used to trim the Village of Bloomington community tree that will be on display at Brookfield Zoo through January 1, 1997. Join us for a fun afternoon and help make Bloomington's ninth community tree "extra special." Refreshments will be served. To register, call 529-3120.

All children who make ornaments for the tree are invited to help trim the tree at Brookfield Zoo on November 30th at 2:00 pm. The zoo will be giving us a very limited number of Admission and Parking Passes. A drawing will be held this year to distribute the passes. Registration for the drawing will be on November 16 during the two workshop sessions. For more information about the zoo tree-trimming event, call the Library at 529-3120.



LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

8	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
9	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
12	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
23	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
23	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 PM
*30	Spooky Tales for the Brave-Hearted, ages 5-12	7:00-8:00 PM

NOVEMBER

3-16	Children's Books by Northern Illinois Authors on Display	
5	Election Day	
7	Book Discussion Group	7:30-9:00 PM
9	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-Noon
*11	Computerized Card Catalog Training	7:00-8:00 PM
12	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
13	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
*16	Brookfield Zoo Craft, ages 3 and up	1:30-2:30 PM and 3:00-4:00 PM
18-23	Children's Book Week	
*21	Family Reading Night	7:00-8:15 PM
27	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00 PM
28	THANKSGIVING DAY	LIBRARY CLOSED

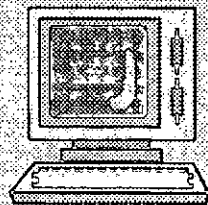
DECEMBER

1	Library Dedication and Open House	1:00-5:00 PM
*7	Breakfast with Santa	9:00-10:30 AM
*7&8	Historic Peoria and Festival of Lights Trip	
10	Bloomington Seniors Club	11:00 AM-3:00 PM
11	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM

* Registration required

Having trouble with the "computerized card catalog"?

Join us for a training session on Monday, November 11 from 7 pm. to 8 pm. Basic and advanced search techniques will be covered. All ages are welcome. Register in person or by phone.



Youth Services Department

PROGRAMS TO PLEASE CHILDREN OF ALL AGES & INTERESTS

TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY!

Congratulations to all the Youth Services TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY participants. A total of 781 young people registered, and 598 completed the program. Younger children read or listened to at least 10 books; older readers read at least 6 books of 100 pages or more. The total number of books read by all participants was 23,574. The total number of people attending the TRAVEL THE READING HIGHWAY Summer Reading programs was 3,767.

The Youth Services Department would again like to thank all the local merchants who so generously contributed to our Summer Reading Program. Their continued support is important in making the Summer Reading Program so successful each year.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, JUNIOR FRIENDS

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

Zaiba Baig
Diane Fuller
Victoria Kas
Leanne King
Jane Ko
Kristen Levato
Katie Marchi
Kyle Olson
Barbie Panfil
Jenna Rubino
Nicole Sedlacek
Dana Sharifi
Marisa Slad
Ashley Wilmes

Katie Freund
Karen Fuller
Lynn Kerr
Julie Knorowski
Sarah Krohn
Vnette Lupo
Meghan Meyer
Michelle Olson
Megan Redmon
Amber Samuelson
Brendan Shanley
Christine Sigalos
Mackenzie Welch

The Junior Friends contributed a total of 115 hours during the summer. They helped prepare craft materials, set up programs, assisted at programs, and even dressed as Book Characters. All Junior Friends were given SURPRISE PACKAGES in appreciation for their help.

SPOOKY TALES FOR THE BRAVE-HEARTED

**Wednesday, October 30,
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Get in the Halloween spirit! Join us at the gazebo for Tales from the Droll-Teller by Chicago's Imagination Theater. They'll chill your bones with traditional-folk tales and legends of ghosts,

goblins, witches and dark, haunted forests. Best suited for children 5 to 12 years old. Hot cider and refreshments will be served.



*In the event of bad weather, the program will be held inside the Library.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Saturday, December 7
9:00 - 10:30 AM**

Join us by the cozy fireplace for a great BREAKFAST WITH SANTA! For the third year in a row, children and their families will enjoy a great breakfast with Santa at the beautiful Glendale Golf Course Banquet Room decorated for the Holidays. This program is scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 9:00-10:30 am. Activities include enjoying a great meal, talking to Santa and Mrs. Santa, picture taking, and creating crafts at the Holiday Activity Table. You'll leave with memories treasured for a lifetime! Registration is being taken in Youth Services. The cost for breakfast is \$5.00 per person at the time of registration.



Children 3 years old and under are free.

Photos taken with Santa are \$5.00 each.

Youth Services Department

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CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY NORTHERN ILLINOIS AUTHORS DISPLAY

November 3-16, 1996

Stop by the Youth Services Department between November 3 - 16 to view a special traveling display of Children's Books by Northern Illinois Authors. The display is co-sponsored by the College of Education and the College of Education Alumni Council of Northern Illinois University, "Celebrating 100 Years of Teacher Education."

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK:

"READ WITH ARTHUR"

November 18 through 23, 1996

Along with special emphases in our scheduled weekly programming, the Youth Services Department is planning a FAMILY READING NIGHT for Thursday, November 21, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. On that evening, families throughout the state of Illinois will also be gathering to read at their local Libraries.

The first 50 people entering the Bloomingdale Public Library meeting room as the doors open at 6:55 pm will receive a free book bag featuring Marc Brown's Arthur. Families can spend about 45 minutes reading together. At the close of the program, we'll see the filmstrip "Arthur's Thanksgiving", and drawings will be held for Arthur and D.W. books. Our new Arthur and D.W. dolls will be displayed on the refreshment table.

Bring a pillow or cushion if you like to sit on the floor! (we'll have chairs set up for those who don't). Books will be available for you to read here, or you can bring your special book from home that you've already begun to read.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

		Hours
Nov. 27	Wednesday	9 - 9
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
Nov. 29	Friday	9 - 5
Nov. 30	Saturday	9 - 5
Dec. 1	Sunday	1 - 5

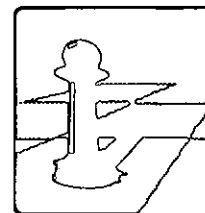


CHESS TEAM WINS FIRST PLACE!

Congratulations are in order for the victorious Bloomingdale Public Library's Summer Chess Club. The Chess Club won first place for the fifth consecutive year at the 13th Annual Interlibrary Chess Tournament. The tournament was held on Saturday, August 10, at the Bartlett Public Library.

The final team scores were:

Bloomingdale	267.5
Bartlett	183
Poplar Creek	158.5
Helen Plum	121
Villa Park	95



The winning team consisted of Blair Machaj, Sean Luster, Craig Cochran, David Nordahl, Jeff Schafer, Joey Velso, Aaron Dubas, Brad Schafer, Pat Karney, Samarjit Sing, Jaspreet Sing, Jason Hess, Jan Michael Veloso.

A special thanks goes to Paul Raso, who served as team coach.

THANKS FOR ADOPTING A MAGAZINE!

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

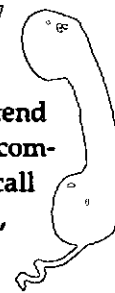
Lisa M. Savegnago
Len Sutkevich

Thank you!

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



You're Invited

Grand Opening

*Please join us in celebration
as we host the Grand Opening of our
newly remodeled and expanded facility
in connection with our
annual Holiday Open House*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:00-5:00 PM

**Library Dedication and
Statue Unveiling ceremony**

1:30-2:30 PM

**Music, tours, refreshments,
children's entertainment & Santa**

2:30-4:45 PM

Village tree-lighting ceremony

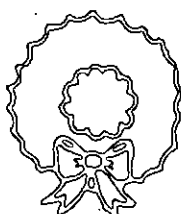
4:45 PM

DID YOU KNOW THE LIBRARY...

- ☛ Has a color copier?
- ☛ Accepts e-mail reference questions?
- ☛ Has the Chicago Tribune on CD-ROM?
- ☛ Has student financial aid forms?
- ☛ Has the local PACE bus schedules?

WHO'S MAKING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS?

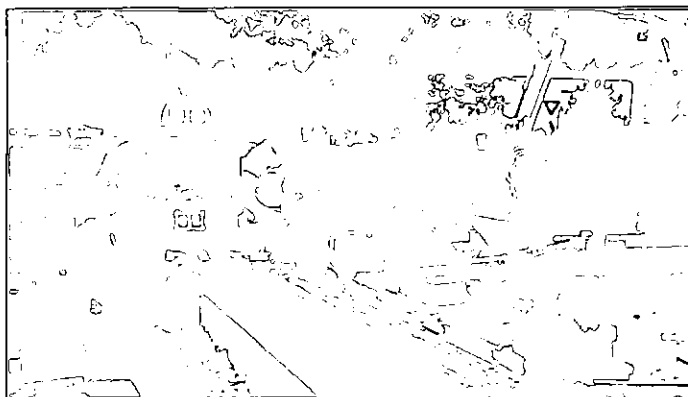
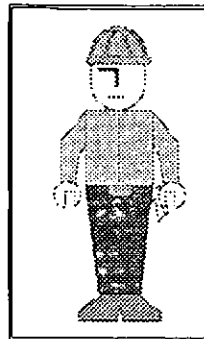
We are! Join us for a wonderful trip through historic Peoria and the Festival of Lights December 7 and 8. Catch the holiday spirit with Christmas music, food, and entertainment. For more information, please call 529-3120, ask for Adult Services.



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.



Friendship Court in progress

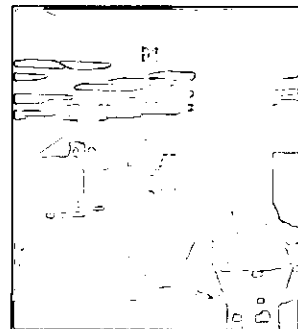
Construction progress report: During the past several months, interior work on the new addition was completed, except for carpet installation. The library was closed for several days at the end of August. During this time, the temporary walls between the new addition and the existing building were taken down, and we moved into the new addition temporarily without carpet.

Currently, the first floor administrative area is being remodeled and carpet is being laid in the lower level. Outside work continues on the Friendship Court reading area where the statue will be placed.

The entire project is scheduled to be completed sometime in November, and on December 1st a Grand Opening and statue unveiling ceremony will be held in the Library from 1-5 PM.

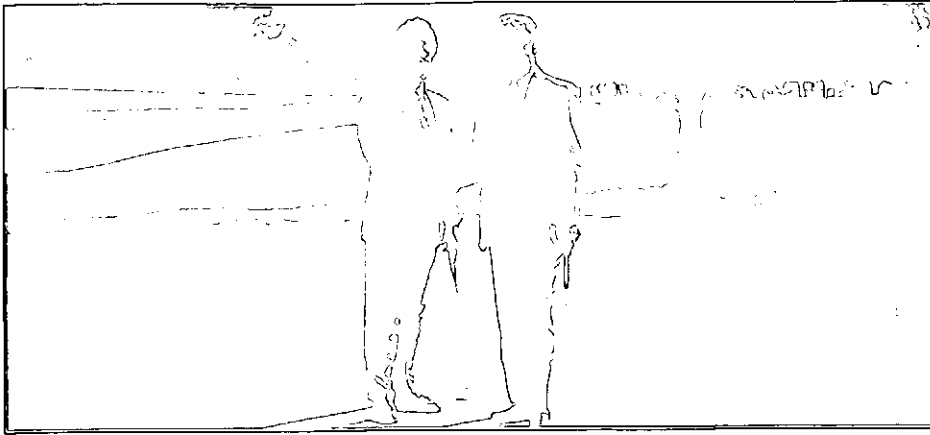
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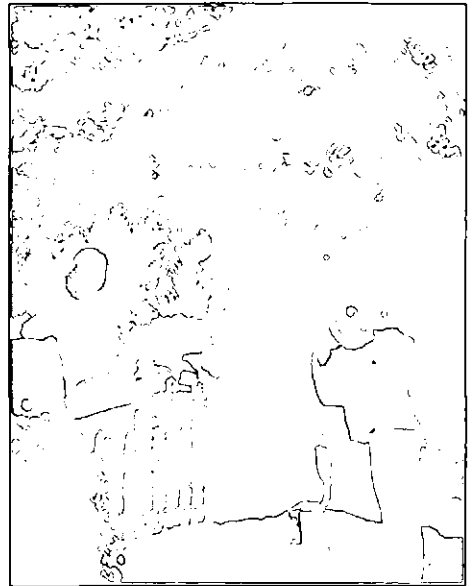


STATE FUNDS FROM THE "LIVE AND LEARN" PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND STATE LIBRARIAN ARE BRING USED IN THE ADDITION TO THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's Ours, Bloomingdale!



Pat Mayberry, Vice President of Riggs National Bank (left), and Mayor Bob Iden seal the deal with a handshake on the practice green.

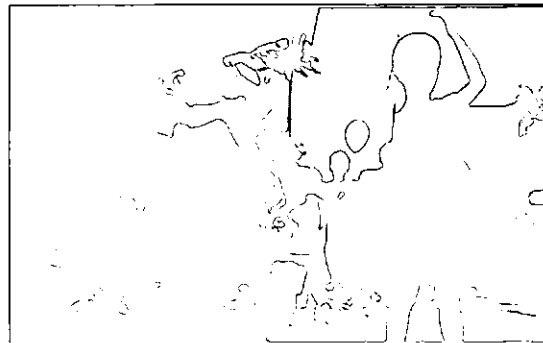
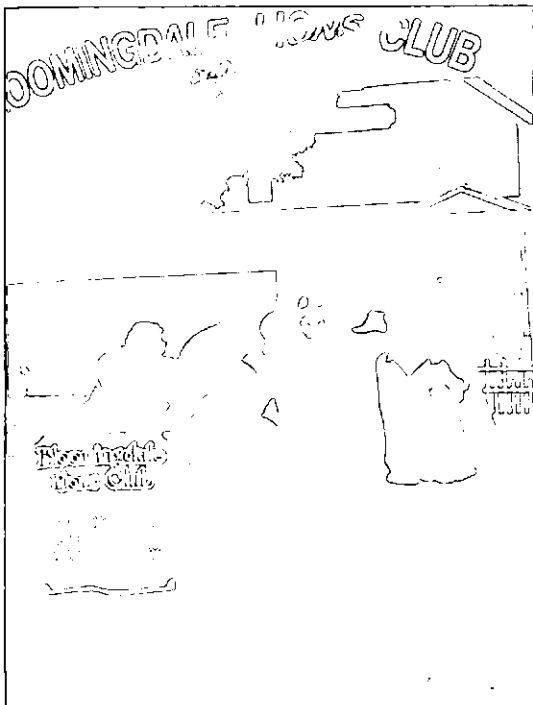


As a service project, members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 736 from DuJardin & Erickson schools painted the fence and statue of Lincoln in Old Town this summer.

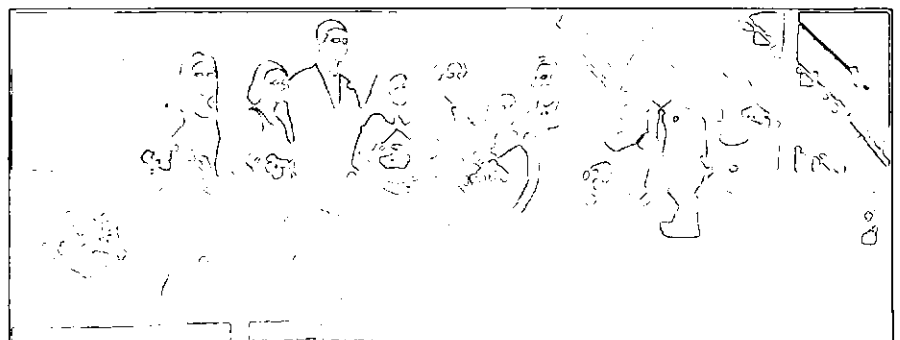
The scouts included Kari Weber, Katie Gedrimas, Jenny Bach, Rachel Beagley, Jacqueline Zafrani, Becky Klimek, Rachel Soden, Jade Dorynek, Amanda Brewer, Michelle Olson, Jenna Rubino, Kristine Kondi, Rachel Larsen, Katherine O'Rourke and Cassie Brewer.

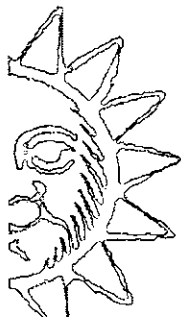


Magic Moments from Septemberfest '96



Join us next year
for a very special
25th Annual
Septemberfest!





look for these

upcoming special events

... from the Bloomingdale Park District

Make A Difference Day/Sunday, October 20

The wetlands at Springfield Park is the site of this year's annual challenge for national "Make a Difference Day". We invite you, your family or your organization to help clean up the wetlands, home to hundreds of species of birds, wildflowers and plants, and really make a difference in your community! For information, please call Mary Jo Bailey at 529-3650. Clean-up begins at 11:00 am; and from 12:00 to 2:00 there will be hayrides, refreshments, nature talks and more!

Halloween Happening/Saturday, October 26

The biggest Halloween party around features games, prizes, concessions and all sorts of spooky activities! For ages pre-school through 5th grade. Join us from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

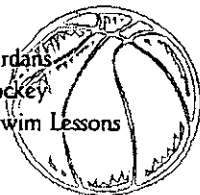
Volunteers ... we need you!

Halloween Happening attracts over 600 children every year, and we are looking for volunteers who can help us help them have a safe and fun Halloween. If you are interested and have a free evening, why don't you consider spending it with us? Call Sandy at 529-3650.

Programs ... we've got programs!

Lots to be exact....including fun things for infants, pre-schoolers, youth and adults. Call the office for specifics. Many programs begin the week of November 11th, including:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ■ Introduction to Preschool | ■ Junior Jordans |
| ■ Gymnastics | ■ Floor Hockey |
| ■ Daddy & Me | ■ Indoor Swim Lessons |
| ■ Drama | ■ Yoga |
| ■ Baton | ■ CPR |



Bored? Need something to do?

Are you 9 to 14 years old and looking for something to do? We have two great ideas!



"Friday Night Live"

"Friday Night Live" is our drop-in program featuring dancing, games, a DJ, special contests and more! Admission is \$6.00 at the door ... every Friday night at the Bloomingdale Park District. Call us for further information.

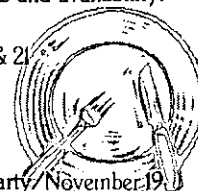
"Enchanted Castle Over-Nighter"

Saturday, Nov. 16 to Sunday, Nov. 17. For ages 10-14. Join your friends for exclusive use of the best entertainment complex around. The fee of \$25 includes transportation, pizza buffet, breakfast, 30 tokens for games, and a great time! Registration deadline is Nov. 1, so sign up now!

Fall Adult Cooking Series continues....

Fun, hands-on cooking experiences in the Park District's teaching kitchen! Professional instructors will share their secrets and recipes with you. Please call 529-3650 for reservations and availability.

- Great Gifts of the Harvest/October 15
- Great Ways with Chicken/October 14 & 21
- Pizza, Pizza, Pizza/November 4
- Victorian Christmas/November 5
- Sauces Galore/November 18
- How to Cheat Your Way to a Great Party/November 19
- Men Only/December 2 & 16



Want to be more fit?



We can help! Our adult fitness classes are ongoing, taught by qualified instructors, are reasonably priced and just waiting for you! Call 529-3650 for a list of all our different aerobic and fitness programs.

School days off ...

Kids got the day off and don't know what to do? We've got you covered! The Park District offers a variety of trips and activities in conjunction with School District 13 & 15's days off. Programs are listed on page 22 of our Fall/Winter brochure, or call the Park District for updates and availability (programs fill up early).

Bloomingdale Parks Foundation

Excitement is mounting...for the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation's **2nd Annual Recognition Dinner** coming up on October 21 at the Pointe Restaurant. For \$50.00, you'll enjoy an evening of entertainment, great food, dancing and a chance to win some exciting raffle prizes. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible. Call 529-3650 now to reserve your seat!

◀ Don't miss your chance to win ...

And help our youth organizations too! Raffle tickets for the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation are now being sold by members of the Bloomingdale Baseball Association, Bloomingdale Soccer Organization, Bloomingdale Athletic Club and our gymnastics program. Twenty cents of every dollar sold by these groups goes directly to them for their efforts. Grand prize this year includes two airline tickets for anywhere in the continental U.S.! Tickets are also available at the Park District. The drawing will held October 21.

Museum Corner



Through October 20: "Quilt National '95".

Beginning November 2: "Bloomingdale Artists VI - A Group Exhibition" - "Meet the Artists" party on Friday, November 1 from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone is invited!

let's have fun!

Bloomingdale Park District

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 8:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm



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24th Annual Septemberfest Another Rousing Success



The 24th annual Septemberfest was another rousing success. The weather held out long enough to get nearly the whole day in. Chairman Gary Fuchs extends his thanks to his committee members, as well as all those who participated in the event.

Cathy Cassata was crowned Ms. Bloomingdale. The 18 year old Rosary College student has been involved in youth activities, especially sports, while growing up in Bloomingdale. The former Lake Park graduate is currently majoring in English writing and hopes to pursue a career in journalism.

Bernie Bartelli, Mr. Bloomingdale, is a 16 year old Driscoll Catholic High School honor student. As a Driscoll Diplomat he has recently attended three week-long service trips to help the poor repair their homes. Sports and music are also an important part of his life. His plan for the future is to attend a five-year program majoring in architecture.

Seventeen-year old Erin Lareau was named first runner-up. The Lake Park senior has made music a big part of her life, performing for church, community, high school and semi-professional theatre. The National Honor student is also a very active volunteer for many local causes.

First runner-up Ryan Rushton is a second year student at Western Illinois University where he is working on his bachelor's degree in recreation, parks and tourism administration and intends to get his master's degree in business administration. In addition to participating in sports, he is very active as a leader of various youth groups.

Shannon Mores, second runner-up, is a senior at Driscoll Catholic. The National Honor student and Driscoll Diplomat has made sports a very big part of her life, which she says strengthens your body, your soul and your mind.

Tim Nagle, also second runner-up, graduated from Lake Park High School and is currently attending the College of DuPage. He has spent time volunteering for different groups in Bloomingdale and finds a great deal of satisfaction in those activities.

Seventeen year-old Valarie Deluca was third runner-up. The Lake Park senior has been very active with the Barracudas Swim Team, as well as National Honor and Thespian societies.

Sixteen year-old Robert Holda, third runner-up, has received academic honors at Lake Park. His volunteer activities include working at camp and with senior citizens.

Kimberly Rushton and Lisa Jones shared fourth runner-up status. Rushton is a senior at Lake Park who is very involved in sports and in church. She hopes to eventually work with children in teaching or counseling. Jones is a junior at Northern Illinois University in the College of Business. As a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, she has done a lot of charitable work in DeKalb.

Thanks go to the following generous contributors who helped the Joe Draghi Scholarship continue for Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale and their court:

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