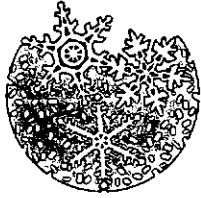


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## From the Mayor's Desk

### Dial-A-Ride Offers Expanded Weekend Service



Robert G. Iden

The Village of Bloomingdale has arranged for the weekend hours for Dial-A-Ride transportation services to be expanded now through Sunday, January 5, 1997 to better accommodate residents' holiday travel and shopping needs.

The weekend services will run from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM on Saturdays; and from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM on Sundays.

Bloomington residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township boundaries, as well as to Central DuPage Hospital, Glen Oaks Hospital, Wheaton Medical Clinic, Wheaton Eye Clinic, Mona Kea Medical Complex, and to the Omni food store in Glendale Heights.

The Village of Bloomingdale weekend Dial-A-Ride rates are as follows for one way:

- \$1.30 Village adult residents (14 & older)
- .75 Village seniors (65 & older)
- .75 Village residents of any age with a disability
- .75 Students (ages 7-13 years)

Free for children under seven years of age.

Advanced notice is required to arrange for a trip. A minimum of 24 hours

advanced notice is required to guarantee transportation. Same day service requests are accepted, however transportation cannot be guaranteed.

Weekend Dial-A-Ride reservations may be made by calling 893-7555.



In an update on the Golf Course, I have appointed members to the Citizens' Advisory Committee. They are Bob Czernek, Barb Glasgow, John Murray, Eileen Nash, Rich Prybell, Buzz Puccio, Al Radcliffe and Dave Von Huben.

Among the topics they will be addressing in the upcoming months are the com-

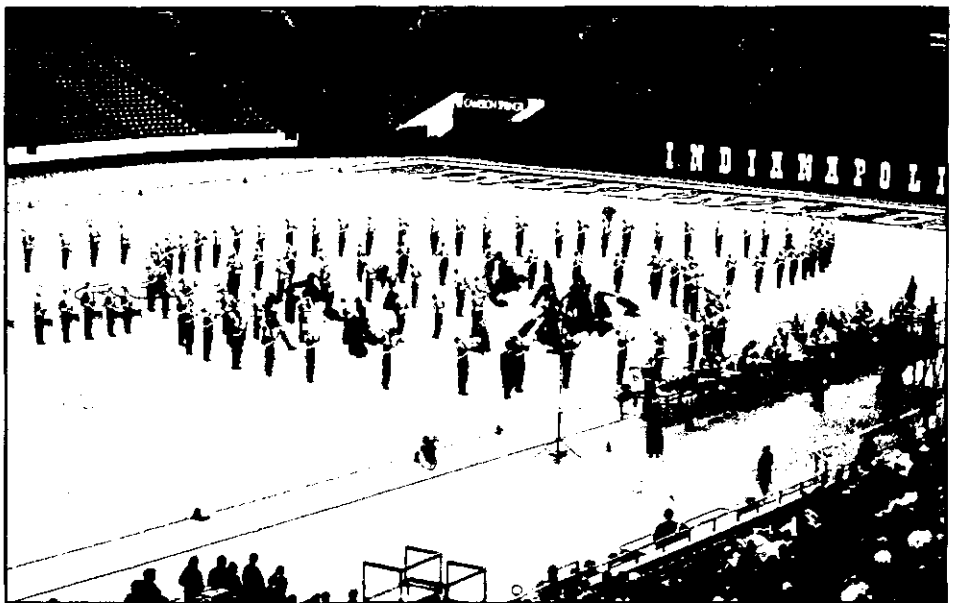
mittee's role, golf course name selection, clubhouse planning and financial planning. The citizens' group will be working with the trustee Golf Course Development Committee on some of these areas. We will continue to update residents as decisions are made.



Let me also take this opportunity to extend to all residents warmest wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

**Robert G. Iden**  
Village President



The Lake Park Lancers marched to the top of the heap when they garnered first place in the National Bands of America competition last month in Indianapolis. The 156-member marching band bested 79 other bands from around the country to earn the title of best marching band in the nation. Our hats off to each of them for a job superbly done!!

**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*

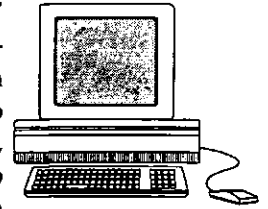
**Dorothy Lester**  
*Public Works and Services*

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

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

**We're "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  
FEBRUARY ISSUE OF  
THE ALMANAC  
IS JANUARY 20**



**In the Spirit of the Season . . .**

Mike Gulley and Joe Puccio put the finishing touches on the Village Hall's festive lights.

## Bloomingtondale Barracudas Move to Higher Division

The DuPage Swim and Dive Conference of 14 park district swim teams is divided into three sections. Bloomingtondale has been in the middle, or Red Division, for many years.

There were 115 members of the Barracuda Swim Team this year. At the end of the season, final conference meets are held for each division. Each team sends only its top two swimmers, so it's an accomplishment to be able to swim in the meet.

This year 55 members of the Barracudas competed at the conference meet. The final results of that meet showed Bloomingtondale in top position with 466 points, a full 157 points ahead of second place Butterfield. As a result of this, Bloomingtondale will move up to the top, or Blue Division, joining Hanover Park, Roselle, Itasca and Lombard for the 1997 season. This is quite an accomplishment.

The Park District team is strongly supported and assisted by the volunteer parent organization, the Barracuda Boosters.



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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

### HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM BLOOMINGTONDALE'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

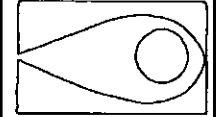
- ◆ Don't let a crook ruin your holidays!
- ◆ Keep your purse close to your body with your hand on the clasp.
- ◆ Don't leave packages on the car seat, lock them in the trunk.
- ◆ Teach your children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- ◆ Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or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

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

If you are interested in learning more about NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, plan to attend the next general meeting on Friday, January 31, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall, or contact Detective Randy Sater at the Bloomingtondale Police Department, 529-9868. See first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

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

**WELCOME  
BLOOMINGTONDALE IS A  
CRIME WATCH  
COMMUNITY**



**WE IMMEDIATELY REPORT  
ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES  
TO OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**A hands-on Thanksgiving experience:** The first annual Thanksgiving feast took place at Erickson Elementary School. Every teacher and student took part in some part of the preparation of the event and sat down to enjoy a full turkey dinner served by 60 plus PTO members on November 25. Mayor Bob Iden and District 13 School Superintendent Jerry Gordon were among the VIP guests to the fest.

# SNOW SEASON SURVIVAL TIPS!!!



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

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

SAVE & POST

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

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

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

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

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

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



cleaning of which is the responsibility of the property owner.

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

## WHOM DO I CALL WITH QUESTIONS REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS?

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

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

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

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

## ADDITIONAL SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

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





### FIRE HYDRANTS

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

### CAUTION: MOTORISTS - STAY BACK 3 CAR LENGTHS

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

SAVE & POST



## WINTER PHONE NUMBERS

### VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE SNOW PHONE

630-529-5865

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

### VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY

630-529-9868

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

### BLOOMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT EMERGENCY

911

### ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

847-705-4000

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

### DEPARTMENT OF ROADS - DUPAGE COUNTY

630-665-1155

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

### ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY INFORMATION LINE

630-241-6868

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

### WEATHER INFORMATION (TOLL CALL)

630-976-1212



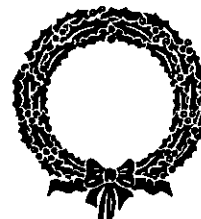
## Make the Holiday a Recycling Season

Christmas trees, crumpled wrapping paper and packing materials can all be recycled to help conserve the earth's precious resources. You can make sure that those plastic loose-fill, commonly referred to as packing peanuts, get reused instead of tossed out.

Once again for this holiday season, gift-givers may recycle their plastic loose-fill peanuts at Mail Boxes, Etc., Springbrook Shopping Center, 156 A East Lake Street.

The recycling effort is part of a nationwide program sponsored by Mail Boxes, Etc. and the Plastic Loose-Fill Producers Council. Mail Boxes Etc. also works with Cannon in their cartridge recycling program.

For more information, call 893-7447.

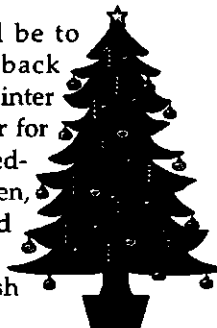


### THINK TREES ....

## CURBSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP IN JANUARY

Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) will pick up Christmas trees during the month of January on your regularly scheduled refuse pick-up day - Thursday, January 9, 16, & 23; and Friday January 10, 17 & 24. Christmas trees do not need a yard waste sticker. BFI is requesting residents position the bottom portion of their Christmas tree toward the curb for easy loading. Trees should be free of any decorations (tinsel, ornaments, lights, plastic bags or tree stands). If there are any questions regarding the collection of Christmas trees, please contact BFI at 630-469-1036.

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



## Calling All Nominees for 1996 Citizen of the Year!

The Village of Bloomingdale is currently accepting nominations for the Third Annual Bloomingdale Citizen of the Year Award. This award recognizes those citizens who have given of themselves by contributing something special to the community.

Eligible nominees must be a resident of Bloomingdale who has or currently provides significant volunteer service to Bloomingdale residents.

Nominations will be accepted through January 13, 1997, and may be submitted to the President or Secretary of any Bloomingdale civic organization. Nomination forms are available at the Village Hall, or by calling Barb Weber at 893-7000, ext. 223.

## Bloomingdale Township Matches Youths To Do Odd Jobs With Residents Seeking Assistance

The CHORE program, a free job referral service which matches area youth ages 13-16 with senior citizens, as well as residents of any age, who need help with odd jobs around the house, is available through Bloomingdale Township.

Any adult in Bloomingdale Township may list an odd job or household chore for which they would like to hire an area youth to do the work. Just call 893-6685, ask for the CHORE program. You will be asked to provide your name, address, telephone number, work requested, and pay rate.

Youths from 13 to 16 years of age who are interested in working can register with the CHORE program by completing an application form and attending a mandatory pre-employment orientation. Job openings are matched with registered youth based on interest and geographic proximity.

Since the program was implemented in June 1996, over 100 youths have registered with the service and all job orders have been successfully filled.

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

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

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

**Harriet Ford**  
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### TRUSTEES

**Patrick S. DeMoon**

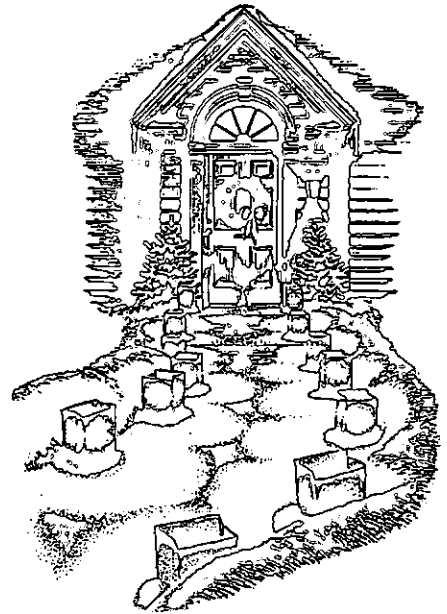
**Ray Friscia**

**James M. Gebis**

**Dorothy Lester**

**Anthony B. Mulizio**

**Gloria Reyes**



*Workers place the commemorative bricks in the walkway leading up to the statue unveiled at the Bloomingdale Public Library Grand Re-opening held December 1.*

## Bloomingtondale Community Events

### **Brunch for the Family with Santa**

Sunday brunch with Santa is offered from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM on Sundays, December 8, 15 and 22 in the Sedona Grille restaurant at Indian Lakes Resort, 250 W. Schick Road. A family photo with Santa is included in the cost of brunch. For more information or reservations, call Indian Lakes at 529-2000.

### **'Holiday Magic' for the Whole Family**

The Bloomingtondale Park District invites the entire community to its **Holiday Magic** open house from 1:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, December 15 at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle. In addition to Santa, there will be horse-drawn hay rides outside, and refreshments and a variety of entertainment inside. Holiday Magic is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Park District at 529-3650.

### **Letters to Santa**

Santa has a mailbox in the lobby at the Bloomingtondale Park District, 172 S. Circle, so get your Christmas letters written and dropped off no later than **December 16** to receive a reply from Santa before Christmas! Letters will be mailed to children at home so be sure to include your full name and return address.

### **Fundraising Feast**

St. Isidore Church is sponsoring a major parish benefit on Sunday, January 12 at all the restaurants located at Tiffany Pointe, Schick and Bloomingtondale roads.

The Don Morris family is graciously underwriting the entire cost of the day. All ticket receipts are a complete benefit to the parish and will be used to complete the new landscaping.

There will be two seatings for the Champagne Brunch in the Penthouse Ballroom. Mid-afternoon will feature two seatings for a feast of Italian foods in Trattoria Mia Strada. Cost for either the morning or afternoon repast is \$20 per adult or \$10 per child ages three to 10. Children under three are free.

The highlight of the evening will be two seatings for a gourmet continental dinner served in The Pointe Restaurant at \$50 per person.

Also included is an exciting raffle featuring such prizes as Bulls' tickets and a Dream Team basketball. As an added treat, local officials will be serving dinner.

For more information, complete menu selection or reservations, call Lynne Denmark at 980-5078 or Rita Letizia at 351-6998.

### **Bloomingtondale Women's Club Upcoming Programs**

Plan to join the Bloomingtondale Women's Club at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 12 at the Bloomingtondale Public Library. Get in the spirit with a holiday program of musical memories and holiday songs by Rosemary Sutz.

On January 12, a fashion show will be presented by Weekenders. Come check out the wonderful clothes.

Come February 13, grab your boots and hat, and join the club for line dancing. Learn all the newest steps and have a great time.

Mark April 12 on your calendars for the annual Fashion Show to be held at Indian Lakes. More details to follow in the next *Almanac*.

## **Lions Celebrate 35 Years**

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club recently celebrated its 35th anniversary. Special recognition awards were presented to longtime Lions Marv Roehlke, Bob Cywinski, Bill Morrisroe and John Vertnik at the celebratory dinner.

The Bloomingtondale Lions Club is a shining example of the Lions' motto "We Serve." During the past year Bloomingtondale Lions have contributed more than \$18,000 to 26 organizations in the community and throughout the state.

### **Golf Pro Goes National**



Indian Lakes Resort Golf Professional Tom Williams recently taped a "golf tips" segment for the nationally viewed television show "Golf Scene."

**Bloomingtondale Park District**  
*Presents:*

**Holiday Magic**

*open house*

**Sunday, December 15**

**1:00 to 5:00 PM**

*Pictures with Santa*

*Horsedrawn Hay Rides*

*Trinity Lutheran Bell Choir*

*Comedy Performance by*

*Gretchen the Elf*

*Refreshments*



--free--



# ABOUT TOWN

## German Students Get Taste of American Life

Since Hamburg, Germany is the sister city of Chicago, a group of teachers in Germany thought a visit to the Windy City would provide students with an exciting educational experience of a lifetime. This fall, the teachers' idea became a reality, as several German students -- all of whom have taken classes in the English language since the fifth grade -- were matched with host families of Lake Park High School students for a three week visit earlier this fall.

In addition to several sightseeing trips to popular spots such as Navy Pier, the students enjoyed typical teen activities such as shopping at the local malls, catching the latest movies, and of course attending school with their hosts. Three Bloomingdale families -- **George and Gloria Kas, Bob and Chris Rosenow, and Theodore and Elizabeth Springer** -- each hosted German students **Ruth Mgams, Jaana Sahling and Viola van Beek**.

Ruth, 16, said her favorite moments took place during Lake Park's Homecoming Week, which had an Olympic theme. She said she enjoyed cheering on the Lancers with her student host, **Vanessa Kas**, and attended Homecoming Dance that evening. Ruth said the most exciting aspect of life in the U.S. is that there is no underground bus system -- and that kids can drive at age 16. She also said that American students are exposed to more extra-curricular school activities, particularly sports. "It's great here," Ruth smiled. "The shopping was lots of fun!"

Jaana Sahling, 16, commented that she most enjoyed talking with American students about life in Germany and comparing typical teen life with her student host, **Esther Rosenow**, a Lake Park junior. "Everything is bigger here, especially cars and houses," Jaana noted. She added that the German school system requires students to take 13 classes a day and attend one more year of school. Jaana also pointed out that activities, such as band and sports, are more popular in the U.S.

Seventeen year old Viola said her favorite activities included the trips she took to Chicago's Shedd Aquarium and to the city's ethnic neighborhoods with her student host, **Daniela Springer**. Viola especially noted the differences in the environment and the architecture. "German houses are mostly made of stone and are more compact than they are here." She, like her German friends, also found that sports and school pride played an important role in American students' lives.

Upon their return to Germany, students were required to write reports about their experiences and discuss their visit with other students who will be making the trip to the U.S. next year.

## Rotary of Bloomingdale/Roselle

A new local club of Rotary International is currently being formed. This new club will provide an opportunity for business and professional leaders who work or live in the Bloomingdale and Roselle area to build lifelong friendships and experience the personal fulfillment of providing volunteer service to others.

While membership in a Rotary Club is by invitation only, the club is welcoming any interested members of the community to join them for lunch as they form their initial charter membership. To ensure a wide cross section of community representation, membership invitations are extended on the basis of one representative for each business or profession. As a new club, they plan to be able to extend invitations to several community members.

The Rotary Club meets weekly at 12 noon on Tuesdays at Indian Lakes Sedona Grill, 250 W. Schick Road. Please call Membership Director Denis Jones at 980-7300 to reserve a seat for the next lunch.

## Helpful Numbers

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

### Immediate Medical Care

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

### Buses, Buses, Buses

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

### Hotlines

#### Adoption:

For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390

#### AIDS:

For testing info call 1-800-243-2437

#### Business:

Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923

#### Children and Teenagers:

Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873

#### Child Support:

For help collecting child support call  
1-800-447-4278

#### Crime:

We Tip Hotline (for reporting crime)  
call 1-800-782-7463

#### Internal Revenue Service:

1-800-829-1040

#### Labor:

State Occupational Safety and Health  
Act info call: 1-800-321-OSHA

#### Lawyer Referral Service:

1-800-252-8916

#### Missing Children:

I-Search call 1-800-843-5763

#### Secretary of State:

General info call 1-800-252-8980

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

#### Senior Citizens:

General info for seniors call ..1-800-252-8966

#### Attorney General:

Senior citizens consumer protection call  
1-800-252-8666

#### Tourism:

Illinois tourism info call 1-800-223-0121  
Volunteer Development of DuPage  
(volunteers always needed).....682-7586



## Share the Spirit Of the Season

There are a number of ways Bloomingdale residents can share with those less fortunate this year.

The **Bloomingdale Park District** is co-sponsoring, along with DuJardin, Erickson, Westfield Junior High and Winnebago schools, both a **Toys for Tots** and a **Food Pantry Collection** from now until December 20. Bring new, unwrapped toys and/or non-perishable foods, canned goods and paper products to the following locations:

- Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle
- DuJardin School, 166 S. Euclid
- Erickson School, 227 Springfield
- Westfield Junior High, 149 Fairfield
- Winnebago School, 195 Greenway

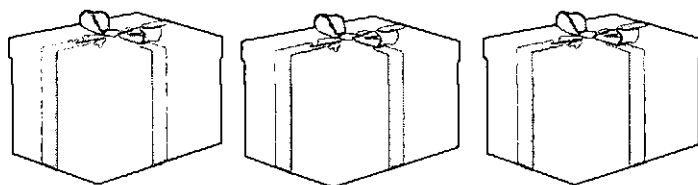
There are a number of sharing trees also located in town.

The **Marklund Home Sharing Tree** is located in the upstairs lobby of the Bloomingdale Park District. Pick a card from the tree and fulfill the wishes of a resident of the Marklund Home facilities.

The **Bloomingdale Township Tree** is located in the Mansion, 108 Third Street, Suite 4 in Bloomingdale Old Town. Names and holiday wishes of local needy children and residents of the local convalescent and nursing homes can be picked from this tree.

The **Salvation Army Tree** program is being supported by the Bloomingdale Village Hall employees. Residents may also pick a name from this tree to provide needy children in the Chicagoland area with new toys and clothing for the holidays. These unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, by Monday, December 16.

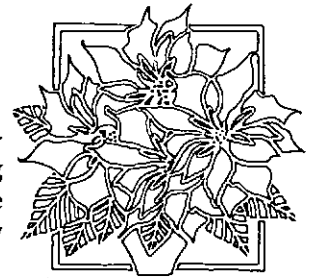
**Alden Valley Ridge** is also sponsoring a Sharing Tree in the lobby, 275 E. Army Train Road, for its residents. There is a suggested gift list. Wrapped and labeled gifts need to be returned by Friday, December 13. Bloomingdale residents are also invited to the residents' Christmas party at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 20 to watch the Miracle of Christmas happen.



## Think Trees . . .

### And Poinsettias

Poinsettias (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) are green plants with long lived red, white, pink or marble leaves, called bracts, and tiny golden yellow flowers.



Poinsettias are very sensitive to cold temperatures and should be wrapped when taken outside. After purchasing your poinsettia, take it home as soon as possible; it should never be left in a vehicle if temperatures fall below 50 degrees.

For best results in your home:

- ❖ Place in a room where there is good natural light.
- ❖ Avoid drafts or excessive heat from appliances, radiators or heating ducts.
- ❖ Place plant high enough to be away from traffic and out of reach of unmonitored children and animals. Regarding the persistent poinsettia myth that poinsettias are toxic, extensive research done by the universities proves that the poinsettia plant is not poisonous to humans or animals. Although it is not intended for human consumption, ingestion of small amounts of poinsettia leaves will not result in serious harm. However, it is recommended that children and pets be discouraged from eating poinsettias or any other house plant.
- ❖ Water plant thoroughly when surface is dry to touch. Remember to discard excess water.
- ❖ To prolong the bright color of the bracts, temperature should not exceed 72 degrees during the day and fall below 60 degrees at night. When bracts age and become muddy green, cut back plant to eight inches to grow as a foliage plant. It may be placed outdoors throughout summer. Return plant indoors when night temperatures drop below 50 degrees.

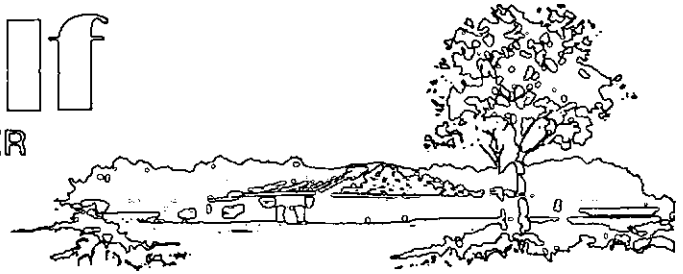
For reflowering in the winter, avoid artificial light at night after mid-September. Poinsettias require 12-14 hours of uninterrupted darkness from mid-September to Thanksgiving if they are to reflower.



**DARE shows its stuff:** Detective Randy Sater, Community Relations coordinator, shows off our DARE display last month at Randhust Shopping Center.

# Off the Shelf

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## LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

10	Bloomingtondale Seniors Club	11:00 AM-4:00 PM
11	Library Board Meeting	7:30 PM
14	Writer's Group	9:00 AM-noon
24	Christmas Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
25	Christmas Day	LIBRARY CLOSED

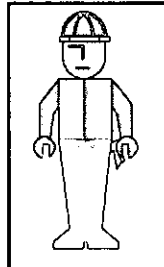
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11	Writer's Group	9:00 AM - noon
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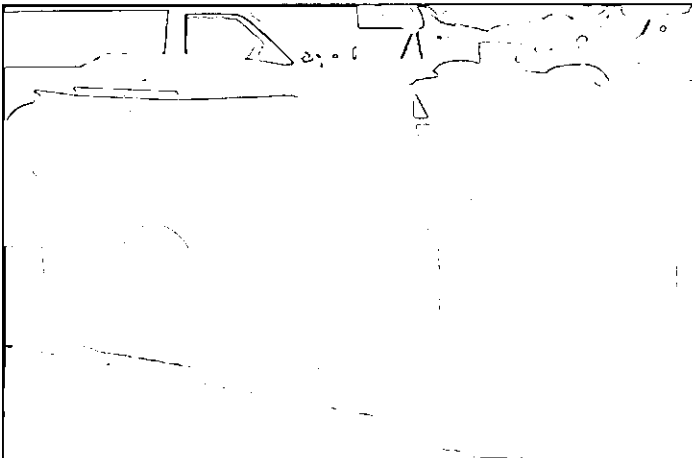
## Hard Hat Corner



After having been closed two weeks for construction, the library re-opened December 1, 1996. All departments are now in place and awaiting the finishing touches. It is anticipated that by early 1997 all shelving, furniture, and lighting will be installed. Dust, dirt and noise will be history! Thanks for your patience throughout the construction process!

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 BLOOMINGTONDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

## WE'VE GOT A NEW DRIVE UP!



On snowy, rainy or sunny days, the book, video, and mail drop boxes are open 24 hours. A special thank you to Ed Lewen, Street & Maintenance Supervisor, and his staff for designing and installing the drive up.

## ADOPT A MAGAZINE IN 1997!

We are excited to start our 1997 Adopt-A-Magazine campaign! Thanks to contributions from local residents, businesses, and organizations, our magazine collection has grown in size and variety. Magazines such as American Demographics, Vanity Fair, Jack and Jill, and many more are available for "adoption" this year, with subscription prices ranging from \$15 to \$100. 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's tax deductible! Please contact Leslie Kuizema at 529-3120 to join the program.

## Youth Services Department

# WINTER PROGRAMMING BEGINS THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20

### REGISTRATION

Beginning Saturday, January 11th, you may register for all Winter programs using the Program Registration Hotline. The number is 529-9029. Please have your Library card available when you 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.

### BABY TALK

**"Language, Literature and Love for Infants"**

The best way to start "reading" to infants is not really reading at all! Babies are fascinated by the steady beat of a nursery rhyme. BabyTalk is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and books are shared with babies and their caregivers. The program is designed to engage parents and children in a bonding experience while allowing participants to meet other caregivers and share information.

Groups will be divided by developmental ability; those under 18 months old who are walking and those under 18 months old who are not walking.

Wednesdays, January 22-April 9

Pre-walkers	9:30 am-10:15 am
Walkers	11:00 am-11:45 am

### TODDLER TIME

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, January 21-April 8

9:45-10:15 am	18-24 months
10:30-11:00 am	25-35 months
11:15-11:45 am	18-35 months



### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Preschool Story Hour will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. Stories, musical activities, filmstrips, songs, fingerplays and crafts will be featured. Preschool Story Hour is for 3-5 year old children. 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 am-11:00 am (January 20 - April 7)
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Monday	1:30 pm-2:30 pm (January 20 - April 7)
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Thursday	10:00 am-11:00 am (January 23 - April 10)
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Thursday	1:30 pm-2:30 pm (January 23-April 10)
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### EVENING DROP-IN STORY TIME

Evening Drop-In Storytime is designed to serve children ages 3-5 years old who are unable to attend daytime sessions. No registration is required for the 12 week session.

Tuesdays	7:00-7:30 pm (January 21 - April 8)
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### KIDS N' FUN

(Kindergarten - Grade 1)

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

Monday	4:30 pm-5:30 pm (January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24)
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### KID CAPERS

(Grades 2-3)

This program for 2nd and 3rd graders is designed to provide fun while enhancing school skills. Enrollment is limited to 25 per session.

Monday	4:30 pm-5:30 pm (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7)
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*(More Youth Winter Programs on next page)*

## Youth Services Department

# WINTER PROGRAMMING BEGINS THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20

### STORYART

(Grades 4-6)

StoryArt is a NEW program that will bring your imagination alive! Each StoryArt program will focus on an author, illustrator or story theme. The programs will include a variety of creative activities.

Thursday 4:30 pm-5:30 pm  
(January 23 - April 10)

### BOOKS AND BITES

(Grades 5-8)

You bring your lunch and the Library will provide the beverage and dessert! We'll look into the fascinating lives of various authors and their books while we eat. In the first session, the group will discuss R.L. Stine and other authors of series books. In the second session, the group will discuss the works of James Howe, author of Bunnacula.

Saturday, February 22 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm  
Saturday, March 22 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

### WINTER READING PROGRAM

Week of January 20 - Week of February 24

For children in infancy to 5 years of age and their caregivers.

The Youth Services Department will be promoting "the most important 20 minutes of your day" with this year's Winter Reading Program theme: **READ TO YOUR BUNNY**.

Adults are encouraged to participate with all their children ages 5 and under (yes, even the babies). Upon registration, participants will receive a **Read to Your Bunny** bag filled with special treats and a reading log.

Caregivers will keep a record of the books they read to their children in their Read to Your Bunny reading logs and return them to the Library when completed and prior to March 1st. Those who return their reading logs are automatically entered in a drawing for prizes.

Registration for the **READ TO YOUR BUNNY** Winter Reading Program begins on Saturday, January 11. You do not have to be a Bloomingdale resident to participate in the program. The prize drawings for those who have turned in completed logs will be held on Saturday, March 1. The winners will be notified by mail on or before March 8.

### SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS

Watch for exciting, entertaining programs for kids of all ages. Details will be available at registration on Saturday, January 11.

#### RED DAY

Saturday, February 15 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

#### GREEN DAY - Magic by Frank Kay

Saturday, March 15 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

### RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

The American Red Cross Babysitting Course is again being offered by the Bloomingdale Public Library for boys and girls age 11 and older. The course will be held on Saturday, January 18 and Saturday, January 25 from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm in the lower level Meeting Room.

The course will cover the following topics:

- ◆ Responsibilities of a babysitter
- ◆ Basic growth and child development
- ◆ Selection of appropriate toys and games
- ◆ Supervision of children
- ◆ Home safety and accident prevention
- ◆ Basic first aid
- ◆ Feeding children
- ◆ Handling and diapering infants

Students who attend both Saturday classes and successfully complete the handouts and final exam will be certified by the Red Cross. The class size is limited to 15. The instructor will be MaryBeth Fuller, Youth Services Assistant. Registration, including a \$10.00 fee, must be received prior to January 17 in order to receive program materials.

### HOME ALONE WORKSHOP

This American Red Cross course will cover simple rules and procedures for responsible self-care. It is designed for children from Kindergarten through Grade 6, and students will be urged to work on the activity booklet at home with their parents.

Classes will be held from 4:30 - 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 21, and Wednesday, January 22, 1997. Children need to attend both sessions to receive a Red Cross certificate. Limit of 20.

(Please have your library card with you when registering.) A fee of \$3.00 per student will be due before the start of the first session.

## Youth Services Department Programs

(continued from preceding page)

### FIRST AID FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

Tuesday, January 28 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 29 4:30 - 5:30 pm

The American Red Cross "First Aid for Little People" course will be offered on Tuesday, January 28 and Wednesday, January 29, 1997, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm both days. Children need to attend both sessions to receive a Red Cross Certificate of Attendance. A fee of \$3.00 per student will be due before the start of the first session.

The class will teach children in Grades 1, 2 & 3 how to handle an emergency situation. Those enrolled will also make a First Aid Kit (parents will need to provide the necessary supplies to fill it at home).



## LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

### CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S

	Hours
Dec. 22, 1996	1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Dec. 23, 1996	9:00AM-9:00 PM
Dec. 24, 1996	LIBRARY CLOSED
Dec. 25, 1996	LIBRARY CLOSED
Dec. 26, 1996	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Dec. 27, 1996	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Dec. 28, 1996	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Dec. 29, 1996	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Dec. 30, 1996	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Dec. 31, 1996	LIBRARY CLOSED
Jan. 1, 1997	LIBRARY CLOSED

Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve  
New Year's Day

**Happy Holidays!**

## UPCOMING ADULT PROGRAMS

### CAREER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Bruce Bloom, Career Management Consultant, will present a series of workshops on Career Management designed to help you Successfully Market Yourself!

#### Writing Effective Resumes and Cover Letters

Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at 7:00 pm

The focus of this workshop will be to identify your skills and accomplishments and effectively include them in a resume. Also, basic components of resumes and cover letters and suggested formats will be discussed.

#### Writing Effective Job Search Letters

Wednesday, January 22, 1997 at 7:00 pm

The focus of this workshop will be linking job search letters to career development by examining their definition and purpose. Writing styles, tips for writing and producing all types of job search correspondence, including cover, thank you, acceptance, and rejection letters will be discussed.

#### Effective Job Search Strategies for the 90s and Beyond

Wednesday, January 29, 1997 at 7:00 pm

The focus of this workshop will be on strategies to use in conducting your job search. Discussed will be networking, information interviewing, job club/support & networking groups, job fairs, a variety of associations and much more.

#### Effective Salary Negotiations

Wednesday, February 5, 1997 at 7:00 pm

The focus of this workshop will be on acquiring a better understanding of the salary negotiation process by examining definitions of salary negotiations, the salary negotiation process, salary mistakes, and trends. Two self assessments will be presented to determining your salary negotiations IQ.

## 1997 ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Bloomington Library's Adult Book Discussion Group will meet from 7:30-8:30 pm on the first Thursday of the following months:

Jan. 2	<u>Snow Falling on Cedars</u> by David Guterson
Feb. 6	<u>Old Friends</u> by Tracy Kidder
Mar. 6	<u>One True Thing</u> by Anne Quindlen
Apr. 3	<u>Savage Inequities</u> by Jonathan Kozol
Oct. 2	<u>A Thousand Acres</u> by Jane Smiley
Nov. 6	<u>The Stone Diaries</u> by Carol Shields

To register, please call our Program Registration Hotline, 980-5164.

## We've Got a Year's Worth of Exciting Trips & Tours!

Mark your calendar today and plan on joining us for these 12 upcoming monthly events. January's event is described in detail. Other events will be fully described as the date nears. For full informaton, call our information line at 529-9029. All tours include bus transportation which departs from the library and returns to the library at the times indicated.

### JANUARY

#### **Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet and Pipe Organ Concert.**

We'll have a guided tour of this architecturally significant facility which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Rialto is a former Vaudeville movie palace built during the "Golden Age" of movies. Debuting on May 24, 1926, the Rialto was two years in the making at an approximate cost of \$1.5 million. The Rialto is considered one of the 10 most beautiful theaters in the nation. The building reflects Italian Renaissance, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Rococo, Venetian and Baroque architecture. The Esplanade, or inner lobby, is designed after the Hall of Mirrors in the Palace of Versailles near Paris, France. There are over 200 crystal chandeliers and light fixtures throughout the Rialto. All are Czechoslovakian crystal, Steuben glass, copper and bronze. Each piece of crystal was hand-hewn by the Victor S. Perlman Company in Chicago. To end the day, we will see the Barton Grande Theater Pipe Organ with a mini-concert, performed just for our group in the magnificent Rialto Auditorium.

Price includes buffet lunch under the Rotunda.

Date: Saturday, January 11  
 Depart: 10:30 am  
 Return: 3:00 pm  
 Price: \$39.00

**FEBRUARY 8TH**  
 Chicago Historical Museum and Harold Washington Library

**MARCH 13TH**  
 Easter in Milwaukee

**APRIL 11TH**  
 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous

**MAY 10TH**  
 Holland, Michigan at Tulip Time

**JUNE 6-8TH**  
 Bridges of Madison County

**JULY (date to be announced)**  
 Ravinia Concert

**AUGUST 9-11TH**  
 Greenfield Village and Frankenmuth

**SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
 Shippshewana, Indiana

**OCTOBER 11TH**  
 Autumn on the Farm

**NOVEMBER 15TH**  
 A Fireside Christmas

**DECEMBER 5TH**  
 Nutcracker Tea and a Winter Wonderland

## Chamber of Commerce Christmas Showcase 1996





**Welcome Aboard:** Jackie Slater, Bloomingdale's newest officer, graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on November 22, 1996. She earned an Academic Achievement Award for the highest grade average in her recruit officer class, as well as winning the George Graves Distinguished Recruit Award for her outstanding initiative, character, leadership, and commitment. The latter was voted on by her classmates. She is pictured here with Deputy Chief Chuck Mader, George Graves, Chief Gary Schira and Field Training Program Coordinator Sergeant Len Jaster.

## Park District Notes

Park District winter/spring brochures will be hand-delivered between Christmas and New Year's. If you don't receive one by January 4, call the Park District office at 529-3650.

Also, the Park District is looking for business and/or organizations to sponsor one of its youth basketball teams for the 1997 season. The cost is \$100. For more information on what that includes and what the sponsor receives in return, call Gary Grusch as soon as possible at 529-3650.

## THANKS!

A big thank you goes out to Aaron Pollack and Boy Scout Troop 457 from the Village Services Department Utilities Division for their participation in the Storm Drainage Stenciling Program this fall. Their dedication, assistance and spirit of community service helped the Village provide both education for the public and protection for the environment.

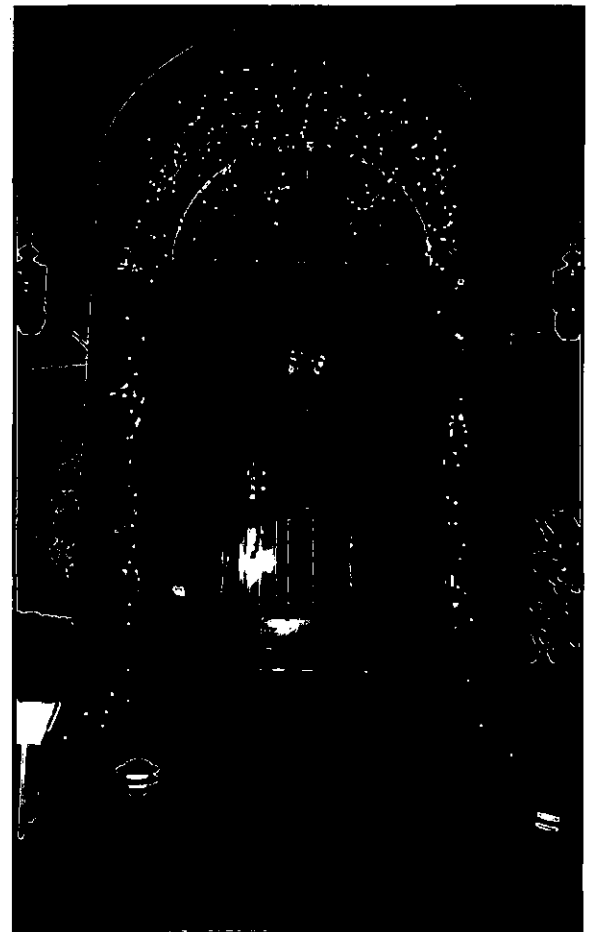
## Knights Make Dream Come True for Marklund

The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus Council 8522 recently made a dream come true for Marklund Home in Bloomingdale. Rather than spending \$24,000 a year in leasing, the organization wanted to purchase a bus, but the initial cost of \$48,000 seemed insurmountable.

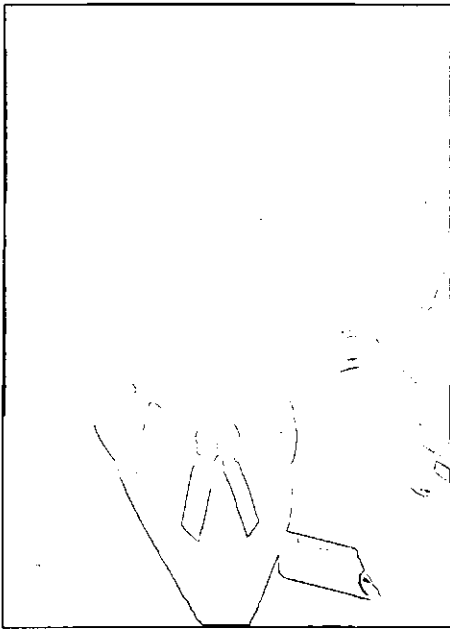
Each year the Knights participate in the statewide drive for the Mentally Retarded/Handicapped, commonly known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." The council called their 1995 drive "Give Them a Lift" with the commitment that funds raised would go toward buying a bus for Marklund.

The news about the drive spread and other councils in the northern Illinois area wanted to participate. "We saw a tangible need that offered immense appeal. It was a goal oriented drive and we are pleased to have played a major role," said 1995 Chairman Paul Greening. "But it was really the volunteers and contributors who made the dream come true."

The bus will be used to transport patients from the Children's Home in Bloomingdale, as well as from the satellite facilities located in Wheaton, Winfield and West Chicago to the three accredited leaning centers operated by Marklund.



**Holiday Housewalk:** The Villagers's third Christmas Housewalk was an enormous success as over \$8,000 was raised for local charities from the one-day event. The club thanks the many residents who supported the event.



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