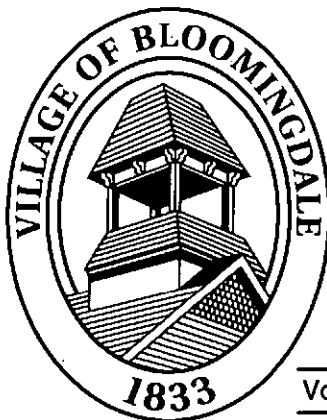
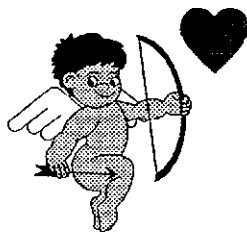


Happy Valentine's Day!



The Village Almanac

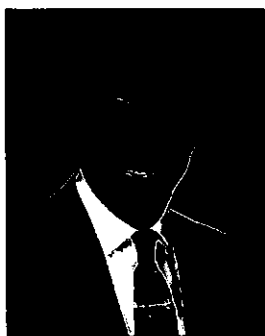
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Mayor's Direct Line

Looking Ahead to 1998 In Bloomingdale



and many exciting things are happening in Bloomingdale.

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Once again Bloomingdale residents have proven that despite our continued growth, the small town spirit is alive and well. This was very evident in the outpouring of support received by the Sircher family following our December issue of the Almanac describing their plight. At the time of this printing, Bloomingdale Bank & Trust had accepted \$70,000 in donations for the family. Since that time, the Bloomingdale Firefighters have also hosted a Spaghetti Dinner benefit for the family. They are only one of many organizations, as well as individuals, who have come forward with assistance.

Information on another Bloomingdale family needing financial assistance due to overwhelming medical bills is on page 8.

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Relative to Bloomingdale Golf Club,

improvements are being planned for several of the holes, including new larger tee boxes, and enhanced configurations, such as water hazards and sand traps. A practice facility will be located at the northwest corner of the course. Bids for the new clubhouse and maintenance facility came in at the end of January, as the Almanac went to print.

Actual construction on the building will begin early February as soon as the bids are awarded. The scheduled date for substantial completion is January 1, 1999. An artist's rendering will be on display at the Village Hall later this month. Construction drawings will also be available for review at the Village Hall.

The course will remain open for play during the season despite construction, however some modifications will be necessary to facilitate play.

As part of the golf course project, we will also be making several improvements to Glen Ellyn Road, one of which is to align the entrance of the golf club with Tee Lane. That construction will begin April 1998 and is expected to take four months. More information will follow in the next Almanac issue.

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It is also time to publicly thank the many commissioners and committee members who voluntarily serve the

Village in various capacities. Much was accomplished during 1997 because of them. Their names are listed on page 3.

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The year 1998 will bring many things to Bloomingdale - hopefully, one of these will be the rebirth of the Springbrook Shopping Center. We have local developers trying to work out a financial plan to bring Springbrook back to life - and yes, a grocery store is one of the businesses they are pursuing.

This is also the year we will see the beginning of the widening of Lake Street. The project will require some patience, but it will ultimately benefit all residents by allowing traffic on one of our major arterial routes to pass through Bloomingdale more efficiently. We will be putting updates on this project in the Almanac, as well as providing information to the local papers.

All in all, 1998 promises to be an exciting year. I will keep you informed on the progress of our various programs through this column.

Once, again, my best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous 1998.

*Bob Iden,
Mayor*

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

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
6:30 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

2nd 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 & 4th 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.

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

Robert Czernek

*Legal & Intergovernmental
Relations*

Patrick S. DeMoon

Police and Community 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*

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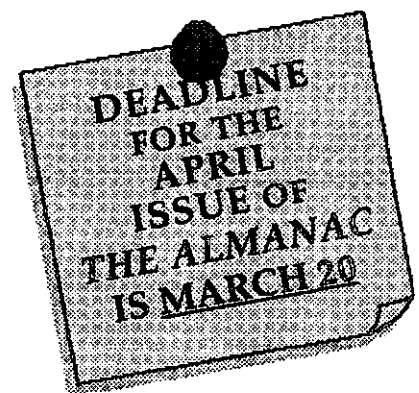
If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

Visit our web page site at:

<http://www.xnet.com/~bdale>



Volunteer "Grandma Jean" works with second grade students at Hall School to turn their reading lesson "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" into a science lesson as they create oobleck.

April 30 Is Deadline for Displaying 1998 Bloomingdale Vehicle Stickers

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

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

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

Of course, as always, vehicle stickers can be purchased in person at the Village Hall, as well as at the following locations:

First Chicago Bank
Springbrook and
Schick & Gary facilities **ONLY**
Springbrook Currency Exchange
Towne Center Shopping Center
115 E. Lake Street
West Suburban Currency Exchange
158 S. Gary Avenue

Summer Employment Opportunities Village Offers Full Time Maintenance Work

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill several summer temporary positions in the Public Works Department. The positions work 40 hours per week doing miscellaneous maintenance. Applicants must have a valid Illinois driver's license.

Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30AM - 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, and from 8:30AM - noon on Saturdays. Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, May 1. For information call 529-5865.

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The Village Hall will be closed
on Presidents Day, February 16

Thanks

We extend thanks to the following individuals for their volunteer contributions during 1997 to Village Commissions and Committees:

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Kristal Eckley	John Vertnik
Mary Ahart	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
Louis Pavone	

Family Fest Commission

Mary Rodne	Milton Clark
Pat Cirrincione	Robert H. Cohen
John T. Dabrowski	Karen Paras
Guy Sanalidro	

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Terry Marker
Steve Apostolopoulos	Robert Denney

Plan Commission

Mauro DeFalco	Rich Prybell
Mary Lou Vanda	Roger Jenisch
John Dabrowski	James King
Judi Von Huben	Jack Wilson

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Barbara Arrivi	Debby Bodnar
Gary Fuchs	Pam Hagar
Mike Korney	Kathy Lovely
Dolores Orlik	Lynne Richman
Gloria Tomaras	

Traffic Concerns Committee

Patrick Ranallo	Pat Cirrincione
Robert Cohen	Robert Gergen
John O'Sullivan	

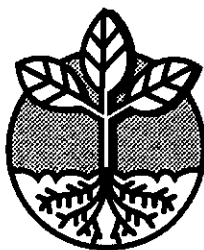
Recreational Pathway Advisory Committee

Michael Croll	Helen Price
Richard Ford	Mark Redini
Mic Minneman	Carmen Rotolo
Karen Paras	Janine Sabal
Judi Von Huben	

THINK TREES

PRUNING DECIDUOUS SHRUBS

When to prune deciduous shrubs depends to a large extent on why you prune. Most pruning is aimed at maintaining a shrub's natural form by removing only dead, broken, crossing, objectionable, diseased or insect infected branches. This type of pruning can be done at any time of year. The timing of pruning to reduce a shrub's size, to redirect an undesirable branch, or to restore vigor to older shrubs, depends upon the type of shrub you have.



For most plants, the ideal time to prune is just prior to the beginning of new growth, in late winter or early spring. Pruning cuts heal faster at this time of year, and shrubs that bloom in the summer, such as beautybush, bottlebrush buckeye, butterfly bush, cinquefoil, most hydrangeas, Japanese spirea, hybrid roses, rose-of-Sharon, St. John's wort, snowberry, sumac, and sweetspire, are stimulated to produce more flowers. However, spring flowering shrubs, including bridal wreath spirea, chokeberry, cotoneaster, dogwood, forsythia, honeysuckle, lilac, mock orange, shrub roses, viburnum, and weigela, bear flower buds on last year's growth and should be pruned soon after flowers fade in late spring for the maximum number of blooms.

Late winter and early spring are also good times for renewal pruning (removing one-third of the oldest branches), heading back spindly shrubs to promote thickness (cutting a branch to a lower bud), and rejuvenation of old neglected shrubs (removing all branches at ground level).

Shearing should be done only when a formal hedge is desired. When shearing, it is important to keep the top of the hedge narrower than the base as this allows the sunlight to reach the lower branches. The best time to shear is when new growth is complete (mid-summer). During the summer, plants are busy manufacturing food and storing it in various forms in the roots and stems for new growth next year. Most shrubs will tolerate light pruning during the summer, but heavy pruning reduces the amount of growth and diminishes a plant's vigor. Early summer is a time to remove unwanted suckers and sprouts.

Pruning in fall can stimulate new growth if the weather should become unseasonably warm. Plants need a chance to harden off before winter, so limit fall pruning to the removal of dead, broken, or diseased branches only.

For further information, contact Larry M. Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 630-529-5865, Extension 19.

THINK MORE TREES ...

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 100 seedlings provided by the National Tree Trust on Saturday, April 25th, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

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

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

Volunteers will be trained to containerize and care for seedlings. Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Larry M. Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 630-529-5865, Extension 19.



BRUSH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on March 23, 1998. Once during each spring and fall are the only times the Village of Bloomingdale picks up residents' branches with the exception of branches downed by storms. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 630-529-5865, Extension 7, within 72 hours of storm for scheduling.

The branch collection program is available to single family detached residences within the Village of Bloomingdale only. If residents of townhomes have questions regarding branch collection, please contact your association.

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

□ Branches must be out **NO LATER THAN 7 A.M. ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SCHEDULED PICK-UP WEEK** as our crew will be making only one pass down each block and **WILL NOT RETURN**.

□ Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and up to twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. Long lengths, up to twenty feet, are favored. Do not reduce the length for our benefit. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small twigs, vines or other non-woody yard waste. **LEAVES, VINES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) FLEXIBLE**

WILLOW STEMS, HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND WEEDS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BECAUSE THE SOFT MATERIAL CLOGS AND DAMAGES OUR EQUIPMENT. IF IT IS BAGGABLE, IT IS YARD WASTE.

□ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be **STACKED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION** with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. Small branches may be bundled with string. **PLEASE NOTE** - branches left out in a tangled mess will not be picked up due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.

□ Branches with spikes, hooks or other metal objects will not be picked up. **STUMPS, ROOTS, ROOT BALLS, WOODEN FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION LUMBER ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

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

□ Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up. B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 630-469-1036.

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

SPRING 1998 BRUSH PICKUP SCHEDULE

SECTION ONE:

Pick-up MARCH 23 - MARCH 27, 1998

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

SECTION TWO:

Pick-up MARCH 30 - APRIL 3, 1998

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

SECTION THREE:

Pick-up APRIL 6 - APRIL 9, 1998

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.

SECTION FOUR:

Pick-up APRIL 13 - APRIL 17, 1998

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 APRIL 20 - APRIL 24, 1998

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.

Welcome New Business

Quality temporary staffing solutions have come to Bloomingdale. Atlanta-based TRC Staffing Services announces its grand opening of a franchise at 121 Fairfield Way, Suite 270 on February 16, 1998.



TRC supplies quality temporary workers servicing the business communities of northern DuPage County with skills such as general office, customer service, word processing, administrative, warehouse, electronic assembly, data entry and receptionist.

Franchise owner Al Spagnola has over 10 years of experience in the staffing industry. "Combined with our office manager, Jean Petrick, we have the experience to guide our applicants into great career opportunities with some of the best companies in the area," he said.

"I see a strong need for more responsive staffing service in support of our business community. TRC will work with our applicants to successfully recruit at a local level."

Success, Inc. and Entrepreneur magazines have ranked TRC as one of the fastest growing, most successful companies. Both local employers and job seekers are invited to visit the grand opening and open house at TRC Staffing Services from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Monday, February 16. For information call 351-1090.

Village has Opening for Engineering Assistant

The Village Services Department - Engineering Division is seeking one seasonal/temporary Engineering Assistant. Ideal candidate is a College student pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering or related field experience. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Village of Bloomingdale. For further information, contact Robert Prohaska at 893-7073.

Bloomingtondale Community Events

St. Isidore Church of Bloomingdale Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will have its renown **St. Joseph Table** on Thursday, March 19 in the parish Ministry Center located next to the church on Gary Avenue and Army Trail Road. The culinary treat begins at 4 p.m.

This tradition of feasting on fine foods on the feast day of St. Joseph goes back to Italian customs. To honor this saint and to thank the Lord for a special blessing, people would share their wealth with neighbors who would then make donations to help those less fortunate.

This eating extravaganza offers breads, salads, pasta, fish and meat dishes, fruit and a variety of sweets. A free will donation is requested. All monies will be donated to the parish's WE CARE fund. For more information on this annual event, call Brenda Byrne at 876-0087.

A spring fashion show is on the calendar for the Villagers Club of Bloomingdale on Thursday, April 2, 1998. The show, which will be part of the evening's meeting, will be a most unique fashion presentation. All the clothing will be from the Walk-in Closet, located in Old Town Bloomingdale, owned by Brigitte Mondt and Chairman March. The models will be members of The Villagers Club.

Walk-in Closet, a resale boutique, offers a variety of styles from blue jeans to dressy gowns. They also have a complete line of accessories and new contemporary jewelry. Many of the clothes are from world-renown fashion designers. After several years in business in Old Town, the shop attracts clients from Chicago, as well as from distant suburbs.

The Villagers Club Fashion Show will feature clothes for women in the business world, for going out on the town, and for those just fun times. Refreshments open this free fashion show at 7:15 p.m. on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. For more information call Paula Duffy at 894-0894.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club holds its 24th annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, April 25 beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Indian Lakes Resort. Proceeds from this year's show, "Cruising into Spring," will benefit the American Diabetes Association.

Ticket prices, including lunch, are \$28 prior to April 15 and \$30 thereafter. Call 894-8309 to reserve your place. As always, there will be many raffle prizes available. Grand Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to the show by calling 462-0540.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club is a philanthropic and social organization dedicated to serving the community. Over the past 25 years, the BWC has raised more than \$275,000 for worthy causes. If you would like more information about the club, please phone 893-3392.

Second Annual Swing for Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, August 14, 1998
Bloomingdale Golf Club

Sponsored by the Bloomingdale Lions Club

Call Mike at 539-0880 for more information



Area Organizations Offer Scholarships To Bloomingdale Residents

Once again, several scholarships are available for residents through local groups. The Bloomingdale Women's Club is offering two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Bloomingdale. A \$500 scholarship is also available to a woman resident of the Village who is continuing her education or updating her skills. Funds for these scholarships are obtained from one of the Bloomingdale Women's Club's major fundraisers, the Festival of Arts held in conjunction with Septemberfest.

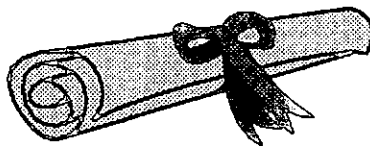
After February 15, applications will be available at the Village Hall, the Bloomingdale Public Library and in the guidance offices of the local high schools, as well as in the Financial Aid office of the College of DuPage. All applications are due back to the club by April 15, 1998. For more information call Fay Herbach at 351-9759.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce is offering three \$1000 scholarships for entrance to vocational, business or 2 or 4-year college. They are available to both graduating seniors and continuing post-secondary students. Candidates must be a Bloomingdale resident with a "C" average or above. Applications are due by April 15 to the Chamber office, 107 S. Third. Pick up forms at Village Hall, Library and Chamber office, as well as local high school counselors' offices.

Applications are now being accepted for three scholarships for college-bound high school seniors who previously attended School District 13 schools. The scholarships, made available by the district's parent-teacher organizations, may be picked up at the district's feeder high school, as well as private schools Driscoll Catholic and St. Francis. Applications must be returned to the sponsoring schools by Tuesday, April 14.

Students may apply for scholarships offered by either of the schools they attended. Each school is awarding a \$500 scholarship. Lake Park seniors who attended Central School may apply for Erickson Elementary's scholarship.

Scholarship winners will be selected by a committee who evaluates the students' applications, grade point averages, introductory letters and letters of recommendation. This is the seventh year the district's PTOs have been offering the college scholarships.



Indian Lakes Names New Head of Sales & Marketing



Priscilla Lorenzin was recently named the new Director of Sales and Marketing for both Indian Lakes Resort and Nordic Hills Resort in Itasca. She is responsible for the overall management of all sales personnel for meetings and functions at both resorts, as well as their advertising, promotions and public relations.

Lorenzin has over 16 years of experience in the hospitality and meeting industry, including eight years in sales at Indian Lakes and Nordic. She and her family reside in West Chicago.

Female Self-Defense Classes Expanded for 1998

Graduates from Deputy Chief Chuck Mader's adult female self defense class agreed it was a "unique experience." In addition to exploring the many choices for defending oneself, they felt the hands-on experience of techniques and simulations enabled them to walk out of the class with the conviction that "I can do this!"

More classes have been slated for 1998, the first beginning in February. Also starting this month is a self defense class for mothers and daughters (high school juniors and seniors).

Each program will consist of five 3-hour sessions (15 hours total). The first session is a lecture format; the following four consist of self-defense activities. These classes are restricted to Bloomingdale residents.

The adult female self defense class meets on Mondays, beginning on February 23; the mother/daughter class on Tuesdays, beginning February 24. Both classes meet from 6:00-9:00 PM. If you are interested, call Donna at the Police Department, 529-9868.

Construction Begins at the Robert F. Reeves Water Reclamation Facility

The facility located at 299 Glen Ellyn Road once again will be under construction to replace the influent pump station and installation of excess flow facilities.

The project will restore the capacity of the influent pump station to a 8.625 mgd design maximum flow and provide excess flow with an additional 15.1 mgd design maximum capacity.

The improvements to the facility are expected to cost \$2,776,000.00. The contract was awarded to the low bidder of the project, Szabo Construction of Elmhurst, Illinois. A low interest loan has been secured from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Water Pollution Control Fund to finance the project.

The project is expected to be completed in the spring of 1999.

ABOUT TOWN

Local boy appears in Kenny Rogers Musical

Everyone who knew Francesco Maranto thought he had an excellent singing voice. But the DuJardin second-grader declined to perform in musical productions at his school or in the community. But when auditions were held for "The Toy Shoppe," a Christmas show at Pheasant Run starring singer Kenny Rogers, Francesco finally agreed to try out. It was during the audition that Francesco's talents were "discovered" and he was promptly selected to not only sing with the show's children's chorus, but also to perform a solo act, "Hey Little Christmas Tree."

"He aced it," beamed his mother, Karen, of the sold-out performances on December 19-20. "They all received a standing ovation after each show!"

With his first professional acting performance behind him, Karen reports that Francesco has "caught the bug" and will audition for the Rogers' show again next year and is also interested in auditioning for other shows in the area. "He's so excited -- he thinks he's famous now!" laughed Karen.

Francesco (front right) and fellow singers pose with Kenny Rogers after the show.



Preschooler doing well after transplant

They are taking one day at a time, but the Czyzewski family is thankful that three-year-old Emily is home from the hospital and doing remarkably well after enduring an ordeal that nearly claimed her life.

Just days after Thanksgiving, a mysterious disease landed the preschooler in the hospital, where doctors determined that virtually all of her liver was destroyed. A liver transplant was extremely critical, and doctors raced against the clock to perform a battery of tests and transplant surgery to save Emily's life. It was the girl's mother, Diane, who played a major role in the ordeal -- she donated a portion of her own liver to help Emily.

After a few obstacles, including kidney failure, depression, fluid around the lungs and blood problems, Emily is back home and doing well. The portion of her mother's liver Emily received will grow into a norma-sized liver in time, but Emily will need to take three different types of medicine for the rest of her life to keep her from rejecting the liver.

While Emily is recovering, doctors are still researching what caused her liver to malfunction. Diane said they are looking into the possibility that a virus Emily caught never left her body and settled into her liver.

To help defray the phenomenal medical expenses the family has incurred, supporters have set up a trust fund for Emily at Bloomingdale Bank and Trust.

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
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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: 1-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

WE WOULD LIKE YOUR HELP

WE NEED YOUR EYES!!!

The Bloomingdale Village Services Department is asking you - the residents - for help in advising us whenever a street light is out - either in your own neighborhood or elsewhere in the Village.



Street lights can be identified by location and/or by letter and number codes. Identification codes are attached to the poles. When you call to notify us of a defective street light, please indicate the location and/or letter and number codes. We can then determine the responsible agency and have the street light repaired.

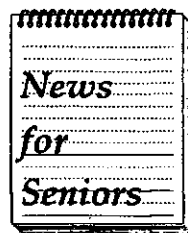
Please direct your calls to Helen Schober in the Village Services Department, at 893-7073, Extension 233.

Thank you in advance for your help.

SENIOR PROGRAMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Your Entry Point for Senior Citizen Information and Assistance

The Office of Senior Citizen Services through DuPage County Services can provide you with answers concerning benefits, services and resources available in DuPage County. Qualified staff can answer your questions in a caring, confidential manner. Information is available on a variety of subjects including home support services, financial assistance, nursing home or long term care options, Federal and state benefits, housing options, transportation and recreational activities. Human Services also publishes the DuPage County Senior Citizens Resource Directory. For information and assistance, call the DuPage County Human Services, Senior Citizen Services at (630) 682-7000, or 1-800-942-9412.



Subsidized In-Home Services Available to Seniors

Illinois residents over the age of 60 can qualify for assistance with housekeeping tasks, personal care, adult day care, meal preparation and shopping and errands at a reduced cost. The Illinois Department on Aging's Community Care Program is designed to prevent premature nursing home placement by providing the help older people need to remain living independently in the community. For information about this program or other services available for senior citizens, please call DuPage County Human Services, Office of Senior Citizen Services, at (630) 682-7000, or 1-800-942-9412.

Options Available for Long Term Care

Making decisions about long term care options for yourself or a family member can be overwhelming. Through the Choices for Care program, a trained professional can provide a helping hand at no cost to you. Care managers in the community will provide a free consultation that includes an assessment of your needs, a review of service options and cost, and assistance in developing your plan for care. For more information or to schedule a Choices for Care consultation, call DuPage County Human Services, Office of Senior Citizen Services, at (630) 682-7000, or 1-800-942-9412.



Lions Jim King, Jack Hummel, Chuck Ainsworth, Jim Sargis, and Steve Sederquist get ready to unload their shopping baskets of groceries for needy residents of the Bloomingdale community as part of their annual holiday activity.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Bloomingdale Police Department would like to express its gratitude to the following residents who have volunteered their time and talents in making the Neighborhood Watch program a huge success in 1997.

Cindy Albin
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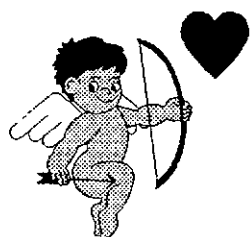
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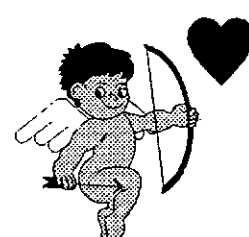
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Randy Sater,
Detective

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***HAPPY VALENTINE'S
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Local History Notes

The Bloomington Local History Room recently featured a World War II display with artifacts loaned by Bloomington resident George Siemianowski. The pictures, booklets, helmets, caps and Japanese flag attracted a lot of attention from library patrons of all ages. We would like to thank Mr. Siemianowski for generously sharing his memorabilia with us.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

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| 5 | Book Discussion | 7:30PM - 9:00PM |
| 7 | *Valentine Sweatshirt and T-shirts | 2:00PM |
| | Tobi Abrams | |
| 10 | Bloomington Seniors | 11:00AM - 3:00PM |
| 11 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30PM |
| 12 | Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 14 | Writer's Group | 9:00AM - Noon |
| 23 | *Basic Dental Health | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 24 | *Creating Memory Books
(limited registration) | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 25 | Friends of the Library | 7:30PM |
| 25 | Writer's Group | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 27 | *No School Program
"The Frogman" - all ages | 12:00PM - 4:30PM |
| 28 | *Nagano Olympic Festival
3rd thru 5 grades | 1:00PM - 2:00PM |

MARCH

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(limited registration) | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
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| 16 | *Buying or Selling Your Home
Seminar | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 17 | Primary Elections | |
| 24 | *Restorative Dentistry
What you should know | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 25 | Writer's Group | 7:00PM - 9:00PM |
| 25 | Friends of the Library | 7:30PM - 9:00PM |
| 28 | *Chocolate Ice Cream, Jelly Beans
& Soda Pop (3rd thru 5 grades) | 1:00PM - 2:00PM |
| 30 | *Craft on Easter Basket
- Tobi Abrams | 6:30PM - 9:00PM |

APRIL

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* Please call 529-3120 to register.

Youth Services Department

WINTER PROGRAMS – THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!

For school-age children:

"READ TO SUCCEED" with the Chicago Wolves Reading Program!

All you have to do is read 3 books and return your booklog to the Youth Services desk by March 7 and you'll be eligible for great prizes like hockey pucks, team pennants, books and more.

For preschool children:

"WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK" Family Reading Program

If you like penguins, you'll love this program for caregivers and children. Record the books you read to your child and return the booklog by March 7 to be eligible for prizes like puppets, stuffed animals and Barnes and Noble gift certificates!

WINTER PROGRAMS

We still have room for more children in the following programs:

Baby Talk (birth to 17months)

Mondays 10:00 am – 10:45 am Through April 8, 1998

Babies and caregivers share songs, rhymes, developmental activities, parenting information and homemade toys in this language-enrichment program.

Watch for details on these Youth Services programs coming up in April!

Arbor Day Spring Party – April 25th

The Library has one more historic author tree to plant in Friendship Court before our landscaping will be complete. This year, Larry Slavicek (the village's Urban Forester) will help us plant a Walden Woods Northern Red Oak tree. Come help us welcome spring!

Turn-off the TV Week – April 22-28

We'll be cooperating with Bloomingdale schools during their annual "Turn Off the TV Week" by providing fun programs for children. We're always a great alternative to TV!

Story Art

(3rd – 5th Grade)

NAGANO OLYMPIC FESTIVAL!

Saturday, February 28 1:00pm – 2:00pm

***You may register for this program starting Saturday, February 14.**

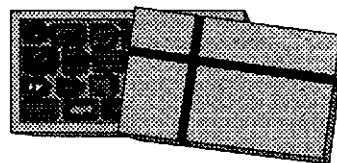
Join your friends at the Library for crafts, games and Japanese fun! We'll provide the chopsticks for refreshments.

CHOCOLATE, ICE CREAM, JELLY BEANS AND SODA POP!

Saturday, March 28 1:00pm – 2:00pm

***You may register for this program starting Saturday, March 14.**

Find out how some of your favorite foods are made! Sample gourmet jelly beans and make your own SODA!



No School Program

(School-Aged children)

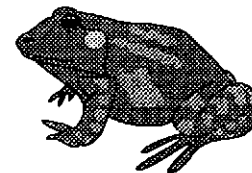
Friday, February 27 12:00-4:30pm

***You may register for this program starting Saturday, February 14.**

THE FROGMAN IS BACK!

Those of you who came to our Frogman program last summer remember all of his exotic LIVE frogs. This time, the Frogman is building a home for the Library frogs (Frog and Toad) AND all the new animals (turtles, fish and more frogs!) he's bringing to live at the Library. This new habitat will be like a living river with running waterfalls, live plants and lots of rocks. He needs your help in building this frog palace! He needs your hands, your brains and your ideas!

PLEASE NOTE: We'll also have a drop-in craft project and show a movie at 2:00pm!



Adult Programs

MAKE A SWEATSHIRT, CREATE A MEMORY BOOK & MORE!

Valentine Sweatshirts and T-Shirts

Saturday, February 7, at 2:00 p.m.



Tobi Star Abrams will teach participants how to craft a beautifully decorated sweatshirt or t-shirt for Valentine's Day. Registration is required and the number of participants is limited. Please call 529-3120 ext. 324 to register and for a list of materials.

Basic Dental Health

Monday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Joseph Favia of Comprehensive Dentistry, Ltd. in Bloomingdale begins a three part series on dental care with this lecture on basic dental health. Some of the topics to be discussed include gum disease, oral hygiene, needle-free electronic anesthesia, and temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders. Dr. Favia encourages questions from the audience so please come with some in mind. For more information or to register, please call 529-3120 ext. 324.



Creating Memory Books

Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m.

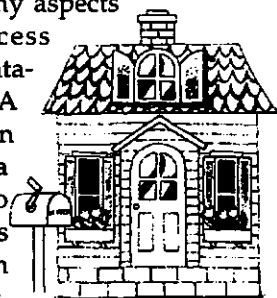
Making memory books or scrapbooks is one of today's hottest crafting activities. The process combines photographs, colored paper, markers, and rubber stamps to form a work of art. Jennifer Sall will teach the proper techniques for creating an album that will last a lifetime. Attendance is limited to ten so please register early. Call 529-3120 ext. 324 to register and for a list of materials.



Avoid the Most Critical Mistakes When Buying or Selling Your Home

Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

This program offers advice on many aspects of the buying and selling process including mortgages, legal representation, marketing, and inspections. A panel composed of a realtor, an attorney, a mortgage lender, and a home inspector will be present to offer instruction in those areas, as well as to answer any questions on related topics. Call 529-3120 ext. 324 to register.



Restorative Dentistry – What You Should Know

Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m.



The second program in Dr. Joseph Favia's three-part series on dental health will deal with dental implants, dentures, and the use of mercury free materials in restorations. Call 529-3120 ext. 324 to register.

Craft an Easter Basket with Tobi

Monday, March 30, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Tobi Star Abrams returns to offer instruction in the art of basket making. Those who attend will make their very own Easter basket to take home that night. Participation in this popular program is limited. Please call 529-3120 ext. 324 to register and for a list of materials.



THANK YOU, KARA FOUNDATION

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to the Kara Foundation for its generous donation of \$2,000. The money will be used to purchase books on healthy lifestyles, low fat cooking and health issues.

INCOME TAX FORMS

The library has Federal and State of Illinois income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are free. The more obscure forms may be photocopied from a master for 10 cents per copy. Do not hesitate to call the Reference Desk, 529-3120, ext. 324 for information.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Bloomington Library's Adult Book Discussion Group meets at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month. Please join us!

March 5 **DEAD MAN WALKING** by Sister Helen Prejean

An examination of the death penalty in the United States by a Roman Catholic nun who has spent much of her career counseling death row inmates and the families of their victims.

April 2 **THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN** by Jacquelyn Mitchard

This nine year saga of a family whose three year old son disappears examines the effects of the abduction on other family members before coming to a bittersweet conclusion.

Call 529-3120 to reserve a copy of these books.



INTRODUCING . . . THE LIBRARY DEBIT CARD SYSTEM QUESTIONS.....QUESTIONS.....QUESTIONS

Q. What is a debit card?

A. A debit card is pre-paid monetary card that is used in place of cash. The patron determines the value of the card.

Q. What can I use the debit card for?

A. The library debit card may be used to make color copies for \$1.00 each, black and white copies for 10 cents each, and microfilm/microfiche, personal computers and Internet materials at 10 cents per page.

Q. Why has the library gone to a debit card system?

A. The paper and staff time needed to maintain four copiers and 27 computers with printers that are available for patrons has increased significantly. The debit card system allows the library to keep track of paper, usage and money in a more efficient manner.

Q. How much does it cost to acquire a debit card?

A. The first time a patron uses the system they will need to purchase a card. The Automated Card Teller dispenses a card when one dollar is inserted into the machine. The card has a monetary value of fifty cents.

Q. What if I need more than fifty cents?

A. After a patron has obtained a card the Automated Card Teller can be used to increase the value of the card with a one, five, ten or twenty dollar bill.

Q. Do I need to buy a card each time?

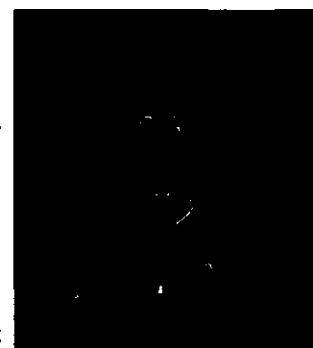
A. No, keep the card and continue adding value to it as necessary.

Q. Does everyone in the family need his or her own card?

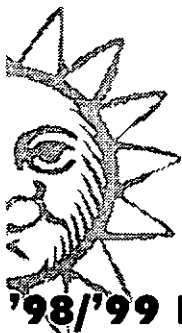
A. No, a family can choose to have one card or each member may purchase their own.

MEET DONNA ANDREWS

The Adult Services Department has a new assistant department head, Donna Andrews. After graduating from the University of Iowa with a BA in history and a MALIS (Masters of Art/Library and Information Science), Donna worked at the Watertown Public Library in Wisconsin. Donna's last position was as the Adult Services Assistant Department head at the Carol Stream Public Library. One of the duties that Donna will be assuming is programming for adults. She is looking forward to booking interesting and informative programs. When she is not at work, she enjoys cross stitching and spectator sports. The winter Olympics is one of her favorites. The next time you are in the library stop at the reference desk and welcome Donna to the community.



Donna Andrews



The Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!

'98/'99 Preschool Registration

The Park District offers a superb selection of classes for three to five year-olds, Monday through Friday. We offer low student/teacher ratios, well-equipped classrooms and a variety of fun and educational experiences for your child. Classes are offered for two age groups: **Tiny Tots** for three and four year-olds, and **Pre-Kindergarten/Junior Kindergarten** for children who will be four by September 1, 1998. Tiny Tot classes are offered two or three days a week for 2-1/2 hours, morning or afternoon. Pre-Kindergarten classes are 2-1/2 hours, three or four days a week. Registration for the September '98 to May '99 school year begins March 2nd. Registration forms are located in the latest park district brochure, or at the Johnston Recreation Center. Please give us a call at 529-3650 for costs and details on the program.



Foundation Golf Outing

The Foundation's Golf Outing will be held May 18th at Indian Lakes Resort. Watch for details on this fund-raiser in the next issue of the Almanac!



Adult Workshops

♦ Beginning Feng Shui – February 18 & April 29

Learn the Chinese art of placement to enhance harmony and balance in your home or office. Cost: \$25.00

♦ Faux Finishes – February 21 & April 21

You'll learn the latest painting technique to enhance your home decor! Sponging, ragging, striping, splatter and much more. Cost: \$10.00

♦ More Faux Finishes – February 21 & April 21

Fake marbleizing, dragging, French wash, plus some favorites such as sponging, rag rolling and more! Cost: \$10.00

♦ Home Stenciling & Sponge Painting – March 9

Enhance the beauty of your home with easy and inexpensive redecorating techniques. Cost: \$10.00

♦ Bows, Bows, Bows – April 7

Decorate all sorts of things once you learn these step-by-step methods of making beautiful bows! Cost: \$10.00

♦ Introduction to Rubber Stamping – March 23

Create wonderful, original projects using art rubber stamps. All supplies are included in the fee. Cost: \$19.00

Adult Fitness & Sports

Golf Lessons begin April 11th
Tennis Lessons begin April 4th
Yoga begins the week of April 6th
Aerobics – Ongoing, you can start anytime!
Kickboxing begins April 8th
Adult Drop-In Volleyball – Every Monday night 8-10pm
Family Open Gym – Sundays from Noon-3pm



Special Events

Sock Hop – Saturday, March 14

Join us for an evening of rock 'n roll fun! This family event with a 50's beat will feature dancing with a DJ, contests for all ages: "Best Dressed 50's Family", Hula Hoop, and "Best Elvis Look-A-Like".

Time: 6:30 - 9:30pm

Place: The Park District Gym

Price: \$15 per family



Breakfast with the Bunny & Lions

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4th

A true family event – a special breakfast, performance by children's entertainer, Bill Hooper, a take-home photograph of your child with the Easter Bunny; all followed by the Bloomingdale Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Circle Park. Tickets go on sale March 2nd, and are required for all children and any adult who wishes to enjoy the breakfast!

Time: 9:00am

Place: The Park District Gym

Price: \$7 per child



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A 'Roaring' Good Time!

The setting was one of Al Capone's favorite hideaways, complete with a secret entrance and "Tiny" to guard the door. The occasion was the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce fourth annual dinner dance on January 24 at Indian Lakes Resort. This year's event transported party-goers back to the days of gangsters, flappers and bathtub gin.



Part of the evening's highlights was the annual presentation of two coveted awards. Named Ambassador of the Year for the Bloomingdale Chamber was Jim Petterec of J.P. Jewelers. His enthusiasm and willingness to take an active role may have earned him the honor. Joining the Chamber only four years ago, Jim has been extremely active from the start. He volunteered for the Board of Directors six months after he joined the Chamber. He has served as an officer and chaired some very successful Chamber events. J.P. Jewelers has been open since July 1993 and is located at 142 S. Gary Avenue in Stratford Plaza.

The honor of Businessperson of the Year was awarded to the partnership of Montclair Hotel Investors, owners of Indian Lakes Resort. Peter Cyrus and Dennis Langley, the managing partners of Montclair, were recognized for their successful efforts to bring Indian Lakes back as a contender in the business conference/convention arena. In addition, thanks to Montclair Investors, Indian Lakes has become a valued supporter, not only of Chamber events, but also of other community organizations such as Marklund Home, Lions of Illinois Foundation, and the Bloomingdale Park District Foundation.

Following dinner, Mae West and W.C. Fields joined the party. Whether dancing away the cold January night to some hot tunes, or gambling in the back room casino, the Chamber's fourth annual diner dance event was definitely a "Roaring" success!

