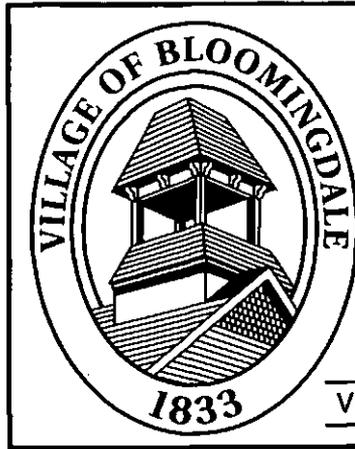


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From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. These are all values we hope our young people grasp while growing up - qualities that will help them grow into successful and productive citizens in our society. But they can't do it alone. They need the guidance and support of their community. Enter the Character Counts! Coalition, a nonprofit consortium of the nation's largest and most influential educational and youth-serving organizations united in one mission: strengthening the character of America's youth.

Formed in 1993, the national Character Counts! organization reaches more than 40 million young people and their families. The program is endorsed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as well as 40 states and nearly 1,000 communities, counties, school districts and chambers of commerce.

The Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Police Department, along with several other community organizations, including Bloomingdale's Park District, Public Library, Fire Protection District, Township & Chamber of Commerce, as well as School Districts 13, 15 and 108, St. Isidore and Bloomingdale churches, have formed a local coalition to focus on promoting the importance of positive character

traits. The coalition, spearheaded by School District 13, was officially launched on May 26.

"The Character Counts! program is all about living, modeling and teaching young people that character does count in society," said Dr. Jerome Gordon, District 13 superintendent. "Involving the entire Bloomingdale community is our ultimate goal, and we are encouraged as representatives from area businesses and service organizations are responding enthusiastically to this program."

National Character Counts! Week is being celebrated this month. Many of the organizations have passed resolutions in support of the program and its benefits to the community at large. The Village Board officially proclaimed October 18-24, 1998 as Character Counts Week in Bloomingdale, and urged all residents to "support the community-wide initiative by practicing the six pillars of character in their everyday lives."

In other news, the old clubhouse at Bloomingdale Golf Club was demolished mid-September. Weather permitting the golf course will stay open until October 15. The construction of the clubhouse is coming along and interior design selections have been made for the new facility. Renderings and sample materials are currently on display in the lobby of the Village Hall. We're very excited about this most recent step and would love to have residents stop in and take a look.

Thanks to all those who took part in celebrating the 26th annual Septemberfest. Gary Fuchs and his committee do a terrific job! The Saturday night car show and entertainment were a big hit again. Congratulations to the car show winners. Steve Quinn of Schaumburg took the Septemberfest Commission's Best of Show Award for his 1941 Plymouth Coupe. The Mayor's Choice Award went to Nick Carso of Roselle for his 1960 Bentley S-2.



Although Sunday's weather was reminiscent of Family Fest, I really appreciated the heat when I was taking my turn in the dunk tank. Septemberfest pictures and thank yous are on p. 20.

Other news in this issue include a Lake Street construction update on page 6, as well as information on hydrant flushing, brush pickup and the annual tree planting program.

Sincerely,

Robert 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 Monday
5:00 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 & 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*

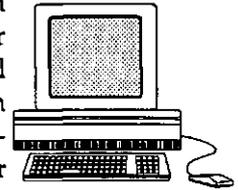
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Public Works and Services

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Gloria Reyes
*Business Development
& Social Services*

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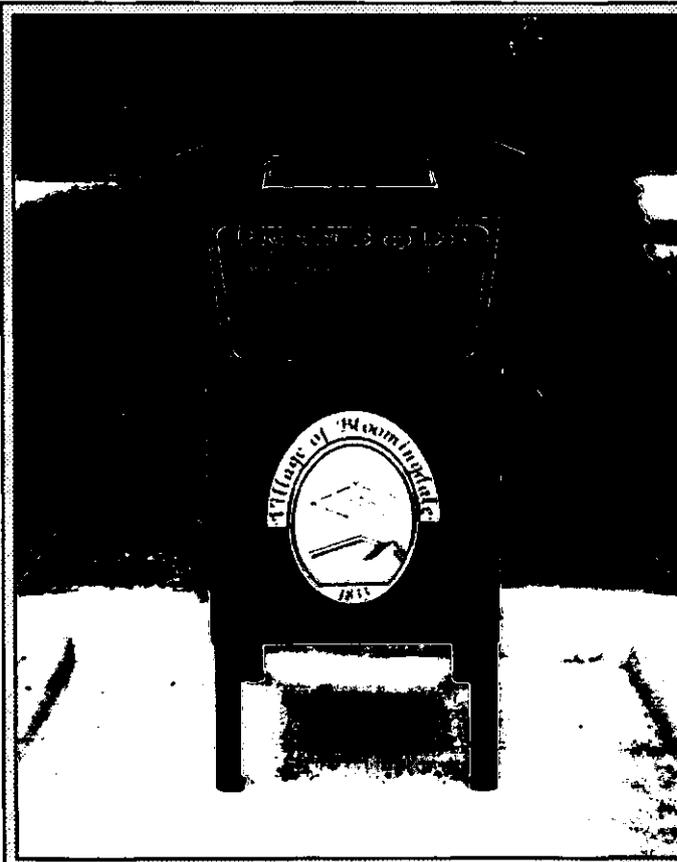
If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

Visit our web page site at:
<http://www.xnet.com/~bdale>

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**Drop
by Our
Drop Box!**

Try our new convenient drop box for payments!! Located on the west side of the Village Hall front driveway, payment for water/sewer bills, Bloomingdale police tickets, vehicle and animal licenses can be deposited here from the convenience of one's car. Pickup is made at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection October 17

Did you know that some residential waste can pose a danger if you throw it away with your regular garbage?

Household products that are flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive, can threaten public health or damage our environment when disposed of improperly. Fortunately, DuPage County, the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Women's Club are sponsoring a One Day Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, October 17, 1998 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, at 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road (3 blocks north of Army Trail Road and one mile south of Lake Street).

The list of items **ACCEPTED** at the event includes: waste paint, pesticides, poisons, cleaners, household batteries, tainted gasoline, used oil, and other automotive fluids.

UNACCEPTABLE items include: auto (lead-acid) batteries, radioactive materials, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, smoke detectors, propane tanks, or fire extinguishers. Because the collection event is only permitted to accept **household** hazardous waste, wastes from business, commercial, or agricultural sources cannot be accepted.

If you have questions about the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste collection day, please call the DuPage County Solid Waste Department at 682-7373.



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VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE 1998 STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Glen Ellyn Road Reconstruction – Harvard to Byron Oakwood Drive Reconstruction Harvard Drive Reconstruction

The reconstruction of these streets was completed prior to Labor Day of this year. All pavement and lawn restorations are now complete. Thank you for your patience during the reconstruction of these roads.



Glen Ellyn Road Reconstruction – Nordic to Ironwood

This section of Glen Ellyn Road is currently under reconstruction. This work is being done as part of the Bloomingdale Golf Clubhouse construction project. Glen Ellyn Road will be widened to match the width of the remaining portion of Glen Ellyn Road south of Ironwood. The new Glen Ellyn Road pavement will include a left turn lane at the new entrance to the Bloomingdale Golf Club at Tee Lane.

It was necessary to make Glen Ellyn Road a one-way southbound road between Schick Road and Ironwood Drive to facilitate the construction of the new pavement. The traffic detour and one-way southbound lane on Glen Ellyn Road will remain until the new pavement is completed in about five weeks.

As part of this work, the Village will also be installing a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Glen Ellyn Road between Ironwood Drive and Tee Lane, and a 10 foot wide asphalt recreational path on the east side of Glen Ellyn Road between Lake Street and Ironwood Drive.

The Village is recommending northbound motorists use alternate routes and avoid the construction area. The new road should be done and all lanes re-opened by mid-November 1998. If you have any questions regarding this project, you may call the Village Services Department at 893-7073.

Thank you for your patience during the construction of these projects.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month DuPage County Offering Free Breast Cancer Screenings to Qualifying Women

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Early detection is the key to successful treatment of breast or cervical cancer. Free screening is available from the DuPage County Health Department for women 50 and over who qualify financially.

The Health Department is urging women to follow a three-pronged approach: monthly breast self-exams, clinical breast exams and age-appropriate mammograms. The American Cancer Society recommends an annual mammogram for women age 40 and over. For more information call the DuPage County Health Department, 682-7979, ext. 7094, or the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Get in Shape at Athletic Club

If you're looking for a good place to get in shape, the recently opened Bloomingdale Athletic Club at 321 Edgewater (near Glen Ellyn Road) has what you need under one roof. Co-owners Dave, John and Dennis Negrete offer eight racquetball/handball courts, a full free-weight room, cardio room with treadmills, steppers and lifecycles and aerobic classes. The latest fitness trend, spinning, is also available at the club.

After workouts, members can relax in the club's lounge or shop in the full-service pro shop. The club also offers various fitness classes in cooperation with the Bloomingdale Park District and gives discount club memberships to Bloomingdale residents. The Negrete brothers plan on adding physical training services in the future, including chiropractic massage therapy and sports injury rehabilitation. For more details on joining the club, call 893-9577.

AlphaGraphics Owner Honored

Alan Zaeske, owner of the AlphaGraphics Printshops of the Future in Bloomingdale, received AlphaGraphics Chairman's Club Award during the company's annual conference held recently in Bal Harbour, Florida.

The Chairman's Club Award is presented to an AlphaGraphics store that achieves strong financial results, whose store appearance and organization meet system standards and the store receives a model rating on the annual quality assurance review.

The Chairman & CEO of AlphaGraphics, extended his congratulations to Zaeske, recognizing him for his "dedication to achieving this level of personal and professional distinction" and commended the store staff for their "commitment to customers, dedication to hard work, and leading the industry in quality standards." Zaeske is both a resident and Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce director.

Store manager, Frank Judd was also honored at the conference as one of the Top Ten store managers in the AlphaGraphic's system of more than 340 worldwide locations.

For more information, contact AlphaGraphics at 185 E. Lake Street in Bloomingdale by phone at 582-2579.

Welcome New Businesses!

The following business have recently opened in town:

Old Town area:

Christina Lynn's, 110 S Third Street
Full-service beauty salon offering hair and nail services.

Computer Insights, 108 S. Third Street
Computer consulting company.

Spa Technologies, 108 S. Third Street
Corporate web site design.

Padgett Business Services, 124 W. Lake Street
Newly relocated business offers accounting and tax preparation services.

Green Environmental, 107 S. Third Street
Consulting company for the waste industry.

Advance Custom Engineering, 107 S. Third Street
Equipment purchasing services for the waste industry.

Capital Design, 130 W. Lake Street
Architectural services.

Springbrook Shopping Center:

Soccer, Inc., 160 A E. Lake Street
Soccer equipment sales.

Herbal Weight Loss, 156B E. Lake Street
Weight loss products.

Bloomington Court:

Sportsworn, 362-260 W. Army Trail Road
Bulls merchandise.

Bugle Boy, 360-210 W. Army Trail Road
Clothing store.

Stratford Square Mall:

Cyber Shoppe, lower level kiosk by food court
Returning shop features computer-related gifts and novelties.

Something Nice, Upper level
Novelty items from India.

Ralph Marlin & Co., Upper level kiosk by Penney's
Men's neckties.

Sunspace Design, Upper level kiosk
Sunrooms.

M.E.J. Publications, Upper level kiosk by Penney's
Coupon book sales.

Yo-Yo House, Lower level kiosk by Penney's
Yo-yos.

Fall Hydrant Flushing Begins October 20

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning October 20, 1998 through November 12, 1998. The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

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

1. Improves water quality: Flushing removes minerals

such as iron and magnesium that have collected in the water mains.

2. Improves water flow: By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased and therefore, allows a better flow of water.

3. Hydrant maintenance: A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.

4. Hydrant inspection: Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to insure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Tuesday, October 20

Westlake - Edgewater and Greenway,
Lakeshore Townhomes

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Glengarry, Stratford Homes, The Vinings

Thursday, November 5

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

Tuesday, November 10

Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Springfield Drive, Stratford Square

Wednesday, November 11

West Schick Road, Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza

Thursday, November 12

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

**TRICK
OR
TREAT!**



**Trick or Treating hours
in Bloomingdale are
from 2:00-8:00 PM on
Saturday, October 31.**



Lake Street Reconstruction Project Now Underway

Utility work in progress; temporary lanes to be in place before winter

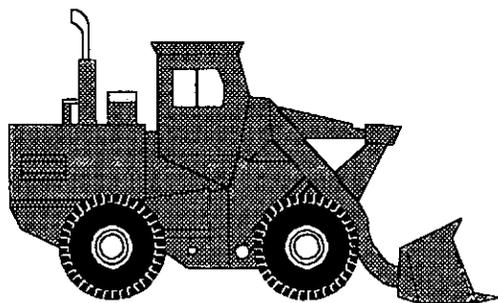
The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Lake Street Construction Project officially began on Tuesday, September 8, 1998. Construction began at the east end of the project replacing existing water main, sanitary, and sewer lines along Lake Street. IDOT is hopeful this work will be completed in time to construct temporary lanes on the south side of Lake Street before winter.

Utility companies are finishing moving their lines in preparation for the road widening. The utility companies' work requires temporary lane closures since some of these lines are located beneath the pavement. Currently, Commonwealth Edison is moving east on the north side of Bloomingdale Road, near the intersection of Bloomingdale Road and Lake Street.

Four lanes of traffic (2 east and 2 westbound) on Lake Street will try to be maintained throughout the construction (except for day closure of single lanes). However, motorists can expect temporary lane and possible road closures at various locations along the corridor due to sanitary and water main construction.

The Village Board, Traffic Concerns Committee, and the Village staff are working together with the Illinois Department of Transportation to ensure construction traffic delays are minimized and alternative routes are well-planned and maintained throughout the project. Residents, in close proximity to the construction, may see heavier traffic on their streets due to the construction. IDOT and the Village will be monitoring the traffic patterns to prevent further delays and maintain safe alternate routes.

For further information on the Lake Street Widening project, please contact Paul Helmick, Illinois Department of Transportation at 529-0454 or Jim Monkemeyer, Village of Bloomingdale, 893-7073 ext. 262 or Lake Street Widening Hotline at 893-7073 ext. 253.



Fire Department Referendum

On November 3rd, Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1 will place on the ballot a bond referendum for the sale of \$4 million in general obligation tax exempt bonds in order to build a new headquarters station.

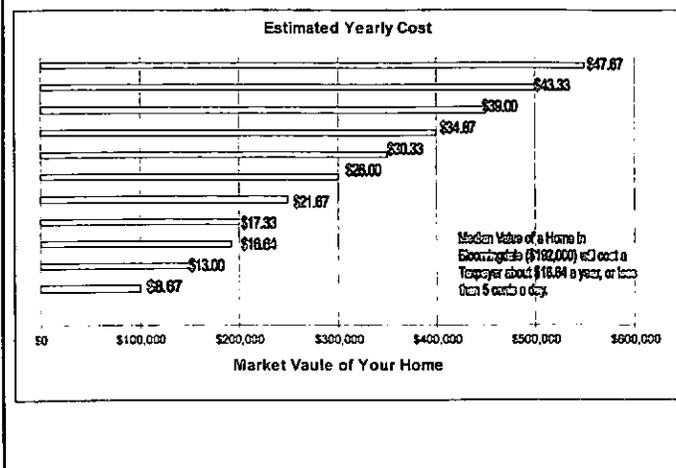
The District recently purchased four acres of property on the far northwest corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield way, next to the Village Hall and library. The proposed one-story, 18,000 square foot building with a partial basement will consist of apparatus bays, living quarters, administration facilities, fire prevention bureau, and training rooms.

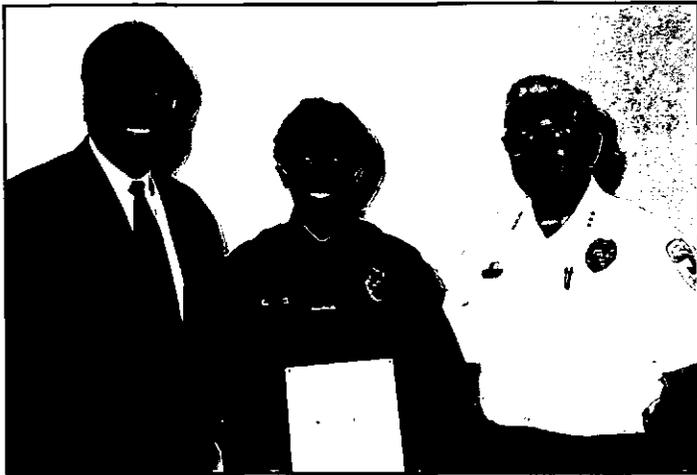
The current headquarters station in Old Town was originally designed to meet the needs of the organization in 1958. The station was intended to handle the functions of a volunteer fire department, not the current daily operations which involves 56 personnel. It is not feasible nor cost effective to remodel or add on to the current station.

The square footage of the new headquarters will be approximately three times the size of the current headquarters station. Studies conducted have shown that the size of the new headquarters station should be sufficient for 50 years. It was decided that it was better to build an adequate station at this time rather than come back to the taxpayers in a few years, asking for a tax increase to add onto the new station.

The referendum is for \$4 million. With a median value of a home in Bloomingdale being \$192,000, this will cost a homeowner \$16.64 per year, or less than 5 cents a day.

The referendum is spread over 20 years. Current statistics show that homeowners stay at their current residence an average of seven years. The referendum will be spread over 20 years so the impact will affect current and future residents.





Bloomington Officer Honored by Police Academy

Bloomington Police Officer Sally Zeiger received the George Graves Distinguished Recruit Award at her graduation from the Police Academy at College of DuPage for her outstanding initiative, character, leadership and commitment. This award is voted on by the recruits themselves. Pictured with Sally are Police Chief Gary Schira and Downers Grove Chief George Graves who was instrumental in creating the academy at COD.

Village Employee James Johnson Earns Professional Certification

James Johnson of the Village of Bloomington Forestry Division recently demonstrated professional competency by successfully completing the CERTIFIED ARBORIST examination administered through the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) and the Illinois Chapter of the ISA.

The International Society of Arboriculture is a scientific and educational organization devoted to the dissemination of information in the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees.

The purpose of the ISA Certification Program is to improve the level of knowledge and standard of practice within the tree care profession. It is designed to assist the public in identifying those professionals in arboriculture who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed examination and education program, a thorough knowledge of tree care practices. The ISA Certification program tests and certifies an individual's knowledge in the field of arboriculture. Certification is granted for three years.

Village's Fall Curbside Branch Collection Now Underway

The Bloomington Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on October 5, 1998.

The branch collection program is available to single family detached residences within the Village of Bloomington

only. If residents of townhomes have questions regarding branch collection, please contact your association.

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

Branch Pickup Schedule

SECTION ONE:

Pick-up OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9, 1998

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

SECTION TWO:

Pick-up OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 16, 1998

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

SECTION THREE:

Pick-up OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 23, 1998

Area bounded by Schick Road on the south, Gary Avenue/Cloverdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Bloomington Road on the east.

SECTION FOUR:

Pick-up OCTOBER 26 - OCTOBER 30, 1998

Area bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Old Gary Avenue on the west, Schick Road on the north, and Bloomington Road on the east.

SECTION FIVE:

Pick-up NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6, 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.

Community Events

Lions Club Candy Day October 9

Members of the **Bloomingtondale Lions Club** will be hitting the streets on Friday, October 9 for the annual **Lions Candy Day**. Candy Day is held annually to raise money to help the blind, visually impaired, deaf and hearing impaired. People can also help by either underwriting the price of a case of candy or by volunteering for a few hours on Candy Day.

Persons wishing to join the Lions in their campaign against vision and hearing disorders may call Bob Hettlinger, 893-5117; Harlan Robinson, 894-1383 or Marv Roehlke, 980-7448.

Women's Club Co-Sponsors Hazardous Waste Collection

The **Bloomingtondale Women's Club** is participating with the Village of Bloomingtondale in DuPage County's Clean Sweep Mobile **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event** on Saturday, October 17, from 8 am to 3 pm at the Public Works Garage, 305 N. Glen Ellyn Road. For more information, see page 3.

The Bloomingtondale Women's Club is also seeking members. Ladies living in and around Bloomingtondale are invited to see what the club is all about. Members in the club range in variety of lifestyles, from working ladies, moms, grandmoms, great-grandmoms and retired ladies. The common denominator is that they are all women who live, laugh, love and care about people and their community. For more information, call club president, Debby Bodnar at 894-8309.

Villagers Club Selling "Ultimate" Entertainment

The **Villagers Club of Bloomingtondale** has joined Chicago's "ONE FOR THE COMMUNITY" campaign by selling the **Entertainment ULTIMATE '99 books**. Funds raised will be used for the multitude of charities that the Club sponsors. The Entertainment ULTIMATE '99 books are valid now through November 1, 1999. They offer hundreds of fantastic 50% off and 2 for 1 discounts for local dining, movies, attractions and sporting events. Entertainment ULTIMATE '99 books sell for just \$35. Three huge Chicagoland editions are available and out-of-town books worldwide can be special ordered. To order contact Cindy Stepanek at 351-2981.

Marklund Auxiliary Hosts annual Dinner

The **Marklund Auxiliary** will be hosting an **annual dinner auction** on Friday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Indian Lakes Resort. Cost is \$45.00 per person, includes buffet dinner, live and silent auctions. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Madelene Bernar at 529-2018, ext. 251.

Park District Offers Family New Year's Eve Celebration

The Bloomingtondale Park District is proud to present **MOOMBA '99**, a family-oriented New Year's Eve celebration. The community-wide event will provide a safe and fun alternative designed for the whole family on Thursday, December 31, 7 p.m. - midnight. For more information call the park district office at 529-3650. Ring in the New Year with neighbors, friends and family.

Marklund Charities Announces 'Rent a Plant' Program Fundraiser

Marklund Charities has a new and unique program which allows its clients to interact with the business community.

The Rent-A-Plant program provides a job for in the community for older disabled clients, while providing a service for the businesses. For \$5 per month, a Marklund resident will furnish you with an indoor plant in a hand-painted pot and will provide weekly care. The plants are guaranteed.

Several businesses in town, including the Village Hall, are participating in this program. For more information, call Peggy Szarzynski at Marklund 529-2018, ext. 264.

PACE Update

Pace, the suburban transit service, wants Bloomingtondale residents to be aware of two bus routes that might be of special interest. Route 407 provides weekday rush-hour service from several subdivisions in Bloomingtondale and Roselle to the Roselle Metra station along the Milwaukee District West Line.

This bus route is ideal for residents needing to catch Chicago-bound trains from Glengarry Club, Stratford Place, Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Club Estates, Bloomfield Hills, Heritage at Stratford, Waterbury, and other neighborhoods in between.

If your destination is Stratford Square Shopping Center, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center, or somewhere in between, chances are that Pace Route 711 Wheaton/Carol Stream/Stratford Square can get you there conveniently and inexpensively. Both routes are wheelchair accessible.

For more information on Pace Route 407, Pace Route 711, or to get a route schedule, please call Pace Passenger Services weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (847) 364-PACE, or the RTA Travel Information Center any day from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. at 836-7000. Pace's TDD line for hearing impaired customers is (847) 364-5093.

Walk Through the Holidays on November 13

The Villagers Club will be hosting its fifth annual "Walk through the Holidays" from 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm on Friday, November 13. Definitely a Bloomingdale holiday tradition, five unique and charming homes in the village will glow with creativity, warmth and holiday wonder.

You will think you are in a Hollywood Studio when you wander through the John Wayne room in the Country Club Estates luxury town house, decorated by Marshall Field and Flowers by Christine.

The festive New Year's Eve home in Heritage Square decorated by Savvy will be a sight to behold. The owners are world travelers who display their treasures in a very unusual and creative manner.

Another Heritage Square Home is being sprinkled with holiday glitter by Richard Honquist Interiors and Barrington Floral. The faux finishes and stenciling in this home are marvelous! The children's theme bedrooms are picture perfect. You will walk away with many decorating ideas for your home.

A large two-story home in Founders Point takes you on a tour of the United States cities in which the owners have lived. Tedi Maves of "Something Special Interiors" and Flowers by Design lend their unique talents for this special trip.

The aroma of fresh baked biscotti and cappuccino brewing will welcome you to a "Buon Natale" in this Fairfield home. Originally built in 1976, this home has been completely updated by the current owners and is ready to enter the millennium. Fantasy Flowers of Glendale Heights will add the final touches.

Highlights of the walk include musical entertainment, and the raffling of a quilt that was handmade by club members. Joining in the community spirit, Mama Mia and Roosters restaurants invite you to take a break and enjoy their "House Walk Specials".

Tickets are available for \$12.00 prior to the event at the Public Library, First Chicago Bank (either the Lake Street or Schick Road location) and from Lucille Ricchio (924-0897).

Tickets will be \$15.00 on the day of the walk. All funds raised are donated to local charities, including Illinois Safety Alliance Burn Camp, Crisis Pregnancy Center, CASA, and Trinity Lutheran Adult Day Care. The Bloomingdale Park District and Library, Sharing Tree and the Marklund Home also benefit from this event. For more information call Corinne McCoy (585-8264).



Writer's Workshop to Present an Original Radio Play



Poor Nell Needler! Strange things have been happening at the Never C. Light Nursing Home, and as the head nurse, she wants to find out why. Unfortunately, Nell has been confined to bed because of an accident and needs to rely on her less-than-reliable staff to keep her informed. Before long, her life will become even more complicated by the arrival of detective Sam Solver, who has come to Never C. Light to investigate a murder!

This is the premise of the original comedy "Shred of Evidence", by Writers Workshop of Bloomingdale member Susan Paulsen. It will be performed on Sunday, October 18th at 2.00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Admission is free.

To add to the intrigue, the production will be presented in a radio-play format. Directed by Rita Samuelson, the play features Writers Workshop members Chris Aument, Bob Cram, Marilyn Donovan, Sheila Floyd, and Bob Kurek, along with local actor Rick Kay.

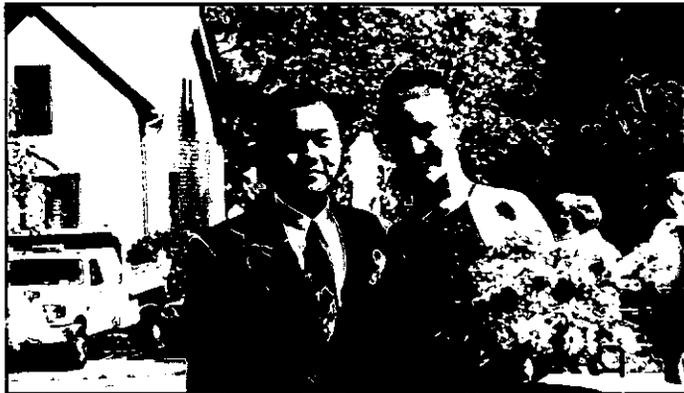
Of course, a radio play is never complete without old-fashioned radio sound effects. These will be supplied by veteran sound effects expert Wally Cwik, who has performed his magic for many Chicago-area productions.

Come and see entertainment the way it used to be performed, and experience a type of production rarely performed in DuPage County.

ABOUT TOWN

Allison McDonald was named Ms. Bloomingdale. The 17 year old Lake Park graduate immersed herself in activities during high school. She served as an officer in National Honor Society and Student Council, as well as participating in speech team, theatre, and serving as a student ambassador. She is currently attending U of I at Urbanaampaign, majoring in international business, with a minor in Spanish.

Shannon Mores, Ms. Bloomingdale, is a senior at Lake Park High School. She has consistently achieved highest honor roll. She has also played on the basketball team, writes for *The Perspective*, the school newspaper, and is a member of both the psychology club and National Honor Society. He plans to enter veterinary medicine and is currently enrolled in a career internship program in that area.



First runner-up **Shannon Mores** is a sophomore at the University of Iowa majoring in communications and broadcasting. She is extremely active on campus, being involved in many charitable activities, some of which are an extension of her involvement in Kappa Alpha Theta. In addition to her extra-curricular activities, she also maintains a B average.

Eighteen year old **Ryan Nagle** was also first runner-up. An honors graduate of Lake Park High School, he was an active member of Student Council and participated in Operation Snowball, a drug prevention program. He is an active tennis and basketball player and currently attends Virginia University, majoring in business.

Christina Rozdowski was named third runner-up. The 18 year old student graduated from the Chicago Academy for the Arts where she excelled academically as well as artistically. She intends to continue her education at New York University.

Third runner-up **Brian Bartelli** is a senior at Driscoll High School. He plays a variety of sports, is enrolled in the honor program and serves as a Driscoll diplomat. He is President of the National Honors Society and volunteers at the church and at Glen Oaks Hospital.

The Bloomingdale Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road, is celebrating its 20th Anniversary as a congregation. The congregation held its first public service on April 2, 1978 with twenty one people at the Marquardt School on Glen Ellyn Road.

The congregation grew and moved to an initial building on the present five-acre parcel on Glen Ellyn Road in 1979 where they have continued to grow. In 1984, they raised the funds for the construction of a worship sanctuary. In 1989, the congregation actually built an activity center themselves to enlarge their ministry to youth. In 1995, the church tackled the challenge of doubling the size of the sanctuary and adding 7 new classrooms.

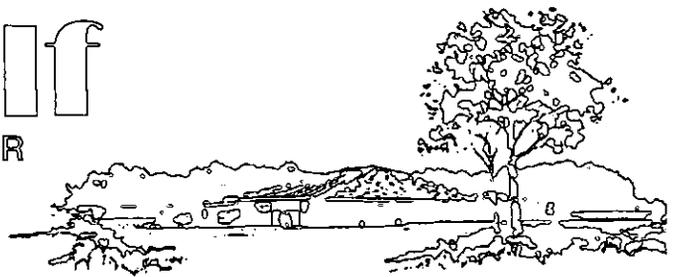
The Bloomingdale Church has developed an array of weekly programs to serve the local community, especially for teens and children. There is an active teen program with numerous weekly events. An open gym and coffee house with adult supervision operates every Friday night. Children's programs include an active learning Sunday School program, Junior Church, AWANA Clubs (3 years - 4th grade) and PAK (5th & 6th graders). Joy Junction, a state-licensed preschool, is directed by Marsha Beard. There is also a Women's Ministry Team that directs numerous women's programs including Morning Break and Evening Break. Men's Ministry hosts Men's Basketball and Promise Keepers groups.

From its simple beginning twenty years ago, the Bloomingdale Church has become an active, visible institution in the community. The mission pastor who started the congregation, Dr. David Riemenschneider, has stayed with the church. "Marina and I made a commitment to stay in this community because we think that longevity is important to the ministry of the church in the community. Settling down has also been important to our family. Besides, Bloomingdale is a great place to live," he said. During their tenure, David and Marina Riemenschneider have been involved in numerous village, library and school committees. While serving at the church, David also completed the requirements and earned a doctor of ministry degree.

The Bloomingdale Church congregation is comprised people from a variety of backgrounds. The church focuses on the practical application of the Bible. Weekly Sunday services include a mixture of both traditional and contemporary elements. The church is affiliated with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and has been a part of the ordination of eight assistant pastors and assisted in the planting of three other new congregations in nearby suburbs in the past twenty years. Sunday services at the church are at 8:30 and 11:00 AM every Sunday. For more information call the church office at 894-0090.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

*7 Nutrition & Stress/Rosaline Malter	7:00-9:00PM
8 Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
*10 Trip to Galena	8:00AM-8:30PM
10 Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
*12 Managing Your Money/Tim Aspy	7:00-9:00PM
13 Bloomingtondale Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
14 Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
18 Writer's Group-Old Time Radio Play	2:00-4:00PM
22 Bloomingtondale Garden Club- Anniversary Meeting	1:00-3:00PM
*22 Weight Management/Dr. Alex Zevan III	7:00-8:00PM
24 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)	2:00-4:00PM
*26 The Art of Investing-Tim Aspy	7:00-9:00PM
*27 Staying Sane in Today's Hectic World- Charles Strauss	7:00-9:00PM
*28 Story Art (grades 3-5)	4:30-5:30PM
28 Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
28 Friends of the Library	7:30PM
29 Bloomingtondale Fire Dept.-School Fire Prevention Art Exhibit Reception	6:30-8:00PM
*31 Halloween Party (all ages)	1:00-3:30PM

NOVEMBER

3 General Election	
*4 Dressing for Success-Kristen Tragas	7:00-9:00PM
*5 Adult Book Discussion Group	7:30-9:00PM
*9 Copper Enamel Jewelry-Tobi Star Abrams	7:00-9:00PM
10 Bloomingtondale Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
11 Student Scrapbooking Workshop (ages 16 and older)-Sharon Siciak	1:00PM
11 Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
12 Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
14 Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
15-22 Children's Book Week	
*15 Chris Fascione (all ages)	2:00-2:45PM
*16 Medicine and Acupuncture: Dr. Frederic Luo & Dr. Henley Luo	7:00-9:00PM
*16 Brookfield Zoo Ornament Workshop (ages 3 and older)	7:00-8:00PM
18 Bloomingtondale Garden Club	1:00PM
*18 Holiday Floral Arranging/Gloria Grimaldi	7:30-9:00PM
*19 Weight Management Workshop	7:00-8:00PM
*21 Brookfield Zoo Tree Decorating	1:30PM
21 Chess Club (ages 8 & up)	2:00-4:00 PM
25 Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
26 Thanksgiving	LIBRARY CLOSED

* Registration required (630-529-3120).



at the
Bloomingtondale Public Library
Saturday, October 31, 1998
1:00-3:30PM

Sponsored by:
The Village of Bloomingtondale
The Friends of the Library and
The Bloomingtondale Public Library

*The Halloween Party will be held
outside under a tent, rain or shine!
Children are encouraged
to wear costumes.*

Sixteen Games
Prizes
Pumpkin Moonwalk
Refreshments

This is no charge for the party but
registration is requested.

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk
at 529-3120 ext. 331

CREATIVE ART FOR KIDS & HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

STORY ART

"Stamp-ed Book Construction"

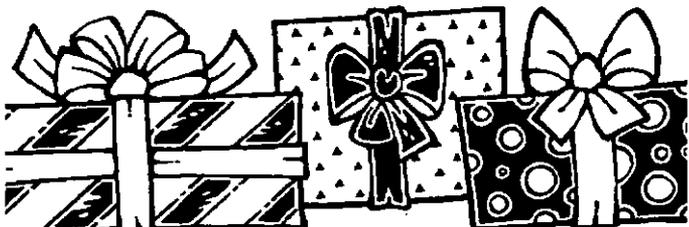
Wednesday, October 28 4:30pm – 5:30pm (grades 3-5)
(Register now)

Those of you who loved our "Message in a Bottle" program will not want to miss this! Mail Artist Carol Thomas will teach you how to make your own "wee books" using origami-style paper folding, stamping and more!

"Wrapping Paper Roundup"

Wednesday, December 2 4:30pm – 5:30pm (grades 3-5)
(registration begins October 28)

How creative can you get with making your own wrapping paper? You'll use all sorts of artistic techniques plus hear some heartwarming stories of generosity. This is a great way to personalize your holiday gifts and celebrate the season of giving.

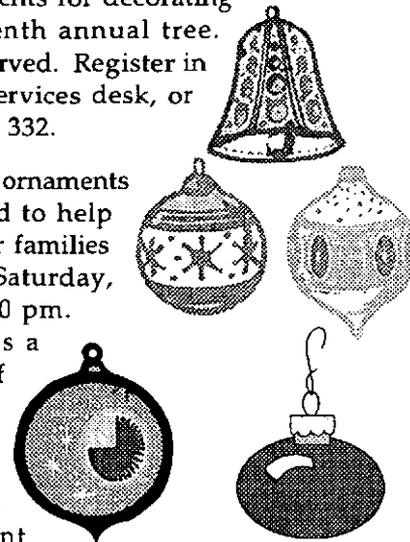


CALLING ALL KIDS TO THE ZOO ORNAMENT WORKSHOP!

Once again the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree at Brookfield Zoo. All children ages 3 and up are invited to join us on Monday evening, November 16th from 7:00pm – 8:00pm, to make special ornaments for decorating Bloomingdale's eleventh annual tree. Refreshments will be served. Register in person at the Youth Services desk, or call (630) 529-3120 ext. 332.

All children who make ornaments for the tree are invited to help trim the tree with their families at Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 21st at 1:30 pm.

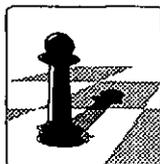
The Zoo has given us a very limited number of admission and parking passes. Registration for the drawing of these passes will be taken at the ornament workshop November 16.



Bloomington Chess Club Takes 3rd Place in Tournament

It was a very exciting day for the Bloomingdale Public Library's Chess Club as they hosted the 15th Annual Interlibrary Chess Tournament on August 1st. The participating libraries were Bartlett, Glenside, Helen Plum, Poplar Creek and Villa Park. The day was both long and exciting. The Bloomingdale Public Library was proud to take third place. The Bloomingdale team in ranking order was:

David Nordahl, Craig Cochran, Navpaul Singh, Jamie Cavanaugh, Anthony Gorgonson, Shaun Riley, Mike Diamond, Diane Fuller, Paul Mazurske, Joseph Sanchez, Anthony Sanchez and Kevin Fuller. A special thank you goes to Sean Luster who served as the team's coach.



Chess Club News!!

Chess Club is not just for summers anymore! The Chess Club will also meet during the school year one Saturday per month from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

Saturday, October 24,
Saturday, November 21

2:00pm – 4:00pm
2:00pm – 4:00pm



Youth Services Department

MORE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 12

First seating 8:30 - 10:00am

Second seating 10:30 - 12 noon

****New location**BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Pages the Library Bear invites children of all ages to come to the Bloomingdale Public Library for its annual **Breakfast with Santa!**

Children can bring their favorite teddy bear to meet Pages and sit on Santa's lap. Families can enjoy a delicious breakfast of egg and cheese strata, sliced ham, assorted muffins and rolls, cereal, milk, juice and coffee catered by Party Plus. Come experience the ever-popular holiday Craft Table, and the main event of the morning, a visit with SANTA, complete with a photo opportunity.

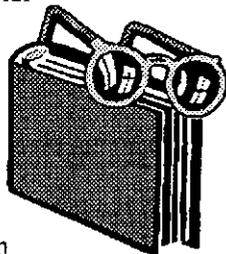
The cost for the breakfast is \$5.00 per person at the time of registration (children 2 years and under are free). Photos taken with Santa are \$5.00 each. Register in person at the Youth Services desk.

CHRIS FASCIONE LAUNCHES CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Join us on Sunday, November 15 from 2:00 - 2:45pm as storyteller/actor Chris Fascione brings contemporary and traditional children's literature to life with his high-spirited and innovative performance. Using a unique combination of storytelling, mime, and clowning, Chris's shows educate, entertain and lead children into the world of books. Refreshments will be served.

Sign-up to attend early, as every appearance by Chris always draws a large crowd! Register either in person at the Youth Services desk, or by phone, (630) 529-3120, ext. 332.

Anyone visiting the Youth Services Department during Children's Book Week (November 15 - 22) is eligible to sign up for a chance to win Children's Book Week T-shirt that will be on display during this week, in honor of Children's Book Week and Family Reading Night. The drawing will be held on Monday, November 23. You need not be present on that day to win.



Thank You, Junior Friends!

The Youth Services Department would like to thank the following Junior Friends for donating their time, energy, and talents to help with the DIVE INTO BOOKS Summer Reading Program:

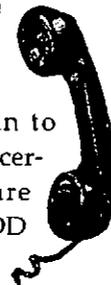
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The Junior Friends contributed a total of 257 volunteer hours during the summer. They helped prepare craft materials, set up programs, assisted at programs, worked the check-in desk, and even dressed as Book Characters. All Junior Friends were invited to a Lock-In in appreciation for their help.

**Please call ahead so we
may assist you . . .**

Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend Library programs and who require certain accommodations to participate are requested to call the Library, 529-3120 (TDD number 529-4739), 48 hours in advance of program date.



Adult Programs

CREATE JEWELRY, A SCRAPBOOK, OR A NEW LOOK!

The Adult Services Department is pleased to offer a variety of fall programs for your enjoyment. We encourage you to broaden your horizons by attending any or all of the programs offered at the Library. Registration is requested for all adult programs, and can be done in person or by telephone. Call 529-3120 ext. 324 for more information about any of the programs listed or to register.

Weight Management Workshop

Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.



Dr. Alex Zevan III will demonstrate a body composition analysis and offer a detailed explanation of the Metabolic Weight Management System and the nutritional supplements used to reduce weight permanently. Also joining Dr.

Zevan is Ray Bisevac, a nutritionist, who will be highlighting an effective way to determine your nutritional needs and the role this plays in weight management. This one-hour program is a continuation of the series that was offered in the spring.

Dr. Alex Zevan III is a Bloomingdale chiropractor who specializes in the treatment of chronic or difficult cases through the use of acupuncture, nutritional guidance, and chiropractic therapies.

The Art of Investing

Monday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m.



Tim Aspy, a Personal Financial Analyst from Primerica Financial Services, will discuss the fine points of investing. He will describe various investment vehicles, rates of return, the Rule of 72, risk tolerance, and other points related to making sound investment decisions. Mr. Aspy will also discuss the Taxpayers' Relief Act of 1997.

Staying Sane

In Today's Hectic World

Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

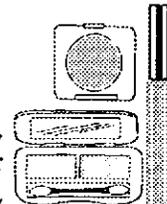


This is the second of three programs in the Personal Enrichment series. These presentations are geared toward anyone who wants to better himself as a person. The main topics of discussion at this meeting are managing time, balancing priorities, and meeting obligations while

maintaining one's sanity in today's hectic world. The Personal Enrichment series offers instruction in self-motivation, achieving one's goals, and finding the path to personal happiness. Mr. Charles Strauss is the presenter.

Dressing for Success

Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.



Kristin Tragas, a Mary Kay consultant, will offer women tips on improving their professional image. Wardrobe selection, skin care, and makeup application are the main topics for the evening. Ms. Tragas will offer tips for selecting the right wardrobe for various body shapes, how to accessorize, and how to avoid fashion and makeup mistakes. This presentation is certain to offer much useful information.

Copper Enamel Jewelry

Monday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.

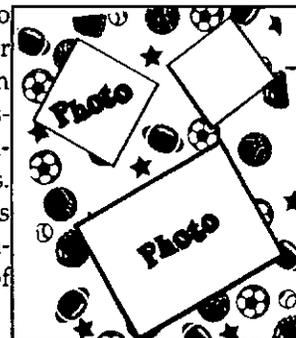
Tobi Star Abrams is back to teach another interesting craft class. Create two beautiful and unique copper enamel jewelry pieces. Keep them for yourself or use as a beautiful holiday gift for a loved one. Crafters will learn several new techniques. "Swirling" is a process that makes the colors look like they are flowing one into another. The "drop method" is a process that creates colorful lines and threads on an enamel background to create a unique design. Class size is limited, so be sure to register early. A list of required materials will be provided at the time of registration.



Student Scrapbooking Workshop

Wednesday, November 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Making memory books or scrapbooks is one to today's most popular crafting activities. High school and college students, age 16 and older, are invited to participate in this scrapbooking workshop. The Library has arranged for Sharon Siciak, a Creative Memories consultant, to instruct participants on the proper techniques for creating an album that will last a lifetime. Some possible album themes are homecoming, prom, and summer vacations. Please register early as class size is limited. A list of required materials will be provided at the time of registration.



Adult Programs

TIPS ON HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS & YOUR HEALTH

Medicine and Acupuncture: An Integrated Approach

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

Traditional acupuncture has a five thousand-year history. Drs. Frederic Luo and Henley Luo will present a brief overview of the history of acupuncture, explain how acupuncture differs from acupressure and transcutaneous electro-nerve stimulation, and discuss how acupuncture can be combined with modern medical techniques to create a complete regimen for a given disease.

Frederic Luo is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Wisconsin Medical School. As a second-generation acupuncturist, he learned the techniques from his parents. Henley Luo is a general surgeon trained in China. He learned the techniques of Chinese acupuncture in the 1950s, and has over forty years of experience in medicine and acupuncture. Please join them for a very informative evening.

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Holiday Floral Arranging

Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m.



Gloria Grimaldi of Fantasy Flowers in Glendale Heights will present a beautiful program where she will design various floral arrangements and centerpieces using a variety of seasonal flowers and greenery. Ms. Grimaldi also appears on Time-Warner cable channel 4 in "The Flower Lady" on Monday afternoons at 4:30 and Thursday evenings at 7:00. This one-

hour presentation is not a hands-on workshop, but all who attend will be entered into a drawing and will be eligible to win one of the newly-created floral arrangements. Be sure to register early for this popular program.

Weight Management Workshop

Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

This program is a continuation of the October 22 program. Attendance at the prior presentation is not a requirement for attending this session.



Finding Holiday Happiness

Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

This is the third of three programs in the Personal Enrichment series.

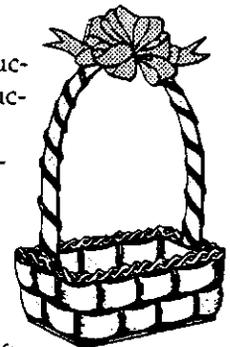
These presentations are geared toward anyone who wants to better himself as a person. The main topics of discussion at this meeting are attitude, happiness, enthusiasm, and expectations. These topics will be explored in an effort to offer those attending a better outlook on the busy holiday season, as well as life in general. The Personal Enrichment series offers instruction in self-motivation, achieving one's goals, and finding the path to personal happiness. Mr. Charles Strauss is the presenter.

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Gift Baskets for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

This program offers a step by step demonstration on gift basket construction. Judy Yublosky will offer instruction on creating both holiday and everyday gift baskets. Those attending will learn how to artistically arrange food and non-food items, wrap the basket, and how to make a bow to complete the desired look. Elegant or fun, gift baskets can be tailored to anyone or any theme. Gift baskets need not be expensive and can still look like a million dollars!



Judy Yublosky, of A-BnC Parties and More, has been in the gift basket and centerpiece business for over nine years. She is quite knowledgeable of the latest trends and techniques in gift basket construction. This promises to be a popular program, so early registration is suggested.



Adult Programs

HOLIDAY TRIPS, EVENTS & MORE . . .

You Are Cordially Invited to Our

10th Annual HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Bloomington Public Library

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1998

2:00-5:00 PM

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jingle Bell Express -- children's musical program

Children's Holiday Crafts

Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus

Musical Entertainment

Refreshments

Village Tree Lighting Ceremony—4:30PM

Register at the Adult or Youth Services
Reference Desk.

529-3120, ext. 324

Hop on the bus and come along!

CHRISTMAS IN MILWAUKEE



Date: Saturday, December 12

Depart: 8:15 a.m. **Return:** 5:45 p.m.

Price: \$43.00 (includes deluxe motorcoach, professional escort, all admission fees, gourmet lunch, tax, and gratuity)

Registration Deadline: November 7

The day will begin with a stop at the Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory, better known as The Domes. Here we will visit each of the three domes: 1) The Tropical Dome containing plants of the tropical rain forests; 2) The Arid Dome containing plants of the arid regions of the world; 3) The Show Dome with its wonderful Christmas presentation.

Lunch will be at the Pieces of Eight Restaurant, Milwaukee's only lakefront restaurant. A hearty menu has been prepared for our enjoyment as we savor the panoramic view of Lake Michigan from our comfortable vantage point. Lunch consists of a house salad, freshly baked bread, Pieces of Eight Chicken (grilled chicken breast with mushroom burgundy sauce topped with Monterey cheese), rice pilaf, beverage, and dessert.



Our next stop is Milaeger's Nursery, known throughout the nation for their perennial mail-order service. They will captivate you with their festive holiday flowers including over 60,000 poinsettias. We will be given a tour and the opportunity to shop at their fabulous gift store. The store is filled with every Christmas decoration imaginable, as well as many other wonderful gift ideas.

Our last stop will be at a Danish kringle bakery. These authentic Danish pastries, filled with fruits or nuts, have gained worldwide fame. One of the employees will give a demonstration of how these wonderful pastries are made. There will also be a variety of kringles for you to sample!

The October bus trip to Galena filled up quickly. Early registration is encouraged for this tour, as it is sure to be just as popular. All tours include bus transportation, which departs from and returns to the Library at the times indicated. Non-residents are welcome to participate. For more information or to register, please call the Library at 529-3120 ext. 324.

This 'n That

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Adult Summer Reading Program was once again a great success. We had 79 adults participate in the Adult Summer Reading Program. 48 adult readers completed the program by reading five books and were entered into the prize drawing. Total books read this summer by adult readers, 310.

The library would like to extend a special THANKS to all the local businesses that donated prizes. The Adult Summer Reading Program's continuing success depends on the support of our local business community.

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Bloomington Library's last 1998 Adult Book Discussion will be held on Thursday, November 5 at 7:30 PM. Call the reference desk at 529-3120, extension 324 to register and reserve a copy of Evening Class by Maeve Binchy.



WRITERS WORKSHOP PROFILE OF SUSAN PAULSEN

By Rita Samuelson

A published poet who writes radio plays! These words can only describe Writer's Workshop member Susan Paulsen, a contributor to both genres.



Although she has studied writing at the University of Wisconsin, College of DuPage, and the Lyons Township Continuing Education Program, Sue credits the Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale with inspiring her to write and improving her ability to express herself through the written word.

"With every workshop and networking seminar of the Writer's Workshop of Bloomingdale, I came away with a fresh idea or new slant on a story. I think the healthiest environment for a writer is to be with other writers. It helps break down the barriers that might keep your writing from moving ahead. If you practice keeping an open mind you will eventually find a story or poem in every aspect of your daily life, from a glimpse out the car window on the way to work, to an old song or the innocence of a child. There are poems written about washing machines and toasters, as well as beauty, love and eternity."

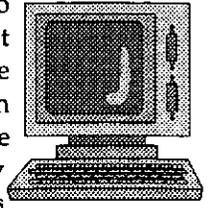
Sue has had five poems published in literary journals and served as editor of the Writer's Workshop Literary Calendar for the past two years. Her expertise in poetry has gained her the respect of other members of the group, not only as an accomplished poet, but also for her ability to teach and critique other writers.

Her latest project has taken her writing to a completely different area of interest—one which Bloomingdale residents should find most engaging. "Shred of Evidence~ a light-hearted mystery features a group of zany characters trying to solve a murder. The play demonstrates Sue's flare for comedic dialogue, and is sure to be an instant hit when it is presented in a radio play format by the Writer's Workshop on October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

"Writing has opened my senses to the beauty of simple things and unfortunately, to the violence and anger that touches our lives every day," Sue stated recently. "The courage of people living their lives the best way they can, in spite of the harshness life brings to bear upon them is where the real stories are. These are the stories I want to write. I only hope I'm good enough to put the rich moments of well-lived lives on paper with the dignity they deserve."

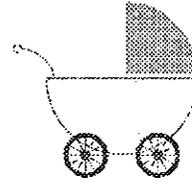
Want to Learn How To Get Online?

The Library now has volunteers who will offer One on One Internet Training. The Training Sessions will be offered in half-hour time slots on Thursday evenings, and forty-five minute time slots on Monday evenings. Advanced registration is required. Please call 529-3120 ext. 324 to check on availability. Anyone interested in volunteering as a trainer, please contact Holly Sorensen at 529-3120 ext. 328.



Do You Know Any Expectant or New Parents?

*Make sure their babies are
BORN TO READ!*

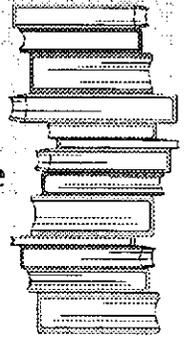


In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the Bloomingdale Public Library has launched its **BORN TO READ** program for new parents.

The Library sends the new baby and its family a congratulatory card with a certificate for a free board book to be picked up in the Youth Services Department. If you or anyone you know is a new or soon-to-be parent and would like to receive this service, you may give the name and address to a Youth Services staff member (with the expectant person's permission, of course).

WANTED

Donations of used books
for our ongoing Book
Sale! May be left any time
at the library or can be
arranged for pickup.
Call 529-3120.



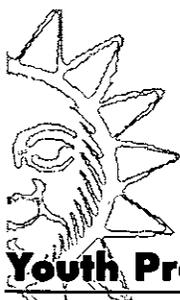
CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS (grades 6-12)—WE NEED YOU!

The Youth Services department would like to better serve Young Adults. How should we do that? What programs would be cool? What kinds of books/magazines/ CD's/ videos do you like? What's hip? What's not? YOU TELL US!

Last year, the group designed a newsletter that went to all the schools. If you would like to be a member of the YEAH Bloomingdale Library Young Adult Board, please sign up in the Youth Services Department, or call 529-3120 ext. 331.

The Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!



Youth Programs

Youth Basketball Registration

Grades 3rd through 8th – Boys & Girls

Registration for our youth basketball season is starting soon, so don't miss it! The program begins in late November and runs to mid-March. Uniform jerseys are included in the fee. Registration will take place at the Johnston Rec Center.

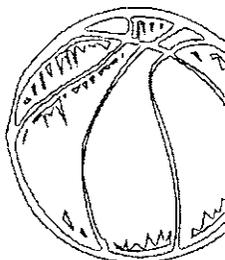
Early Registration Dates:

October 10 9-12pm \$50

October 14 6-8pm \$50

Late Registration Date:

October 28 6-8pm \$55



Adult Programs

55+ Forever Young Fitness

It's never too late to feel great! Discover a variety of low impact exercises, stretching and light resistance training in this program. Classes will be held in the aerobic studio.

Thursdays 10:30-11:30am 11/17-1/21

Yoga

Instructor Jeanette Kopala, C.N. will help you bring harmony, balance and relaxation to your life through yoga! The next session starts the week of November 16th. Choose one day a week from the following offerings:

Mondays or Wednesdays 9:30-10:45am or 7:45-9:00pm

Saturdays 10:00-11:15am

Intro to New Orleans Cuisine



Instructor Kyle Richard will teach a series of six cooking classes exploring the wonderful cuisine of New Orleans. Sign up for one or all six! All classes meet from 6:30-9:30pm in our teaching kitchen. Please call us for complete descriptions.

Candle Making

Tuesday 7:00-9:00pm November 17

(Pre-registration required)

Springfield Park Boardwalk

Donations to our Boardwalk Fund are still welcome. Please give us a call for information or stop by the office for a donation form.



Special Events

Halloween Happening *Games, fun and food!*

Friday, October 30 7:00-9:30pm

Johnston Rec Center. Free Admission.



Mom & Son Drive-In Sci-Fi Movie Night

Movie, popcorn and fun!

Friday, November 13 6:00-9:00pm

Holiday Magic *Santa, music and food!*

Our Christmas Open House has something for everyone!

Free admission.

Sunday, December 13 1:00-4:00pm

Museum Grand Opening

The restoration of the 149 year-old Park District Museum is almost complete! Watch for details soon on our Grand Opening Celebration.

NOVEMBER EXHIBITIONS:

"Into The Fire" – Documentary Photography of Firefighters
by Artist Patti Butcher

"Five-Fold" – Group Exhibition of the work of five
contemporary photographers



OLD TOWN PARK



Perfect weather for the Annual Septemberfest Celebration and our new interactive fountain at Old Town Park, located at Third Street & Franklin. Park hours are dawn-9pm; fountain hours: 11am-3pm and 5pm-9pm.

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