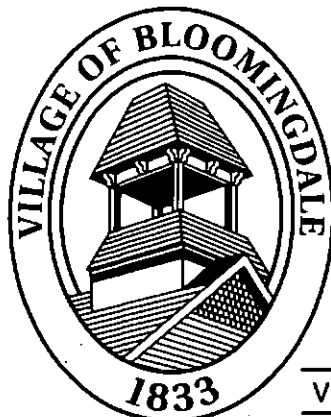
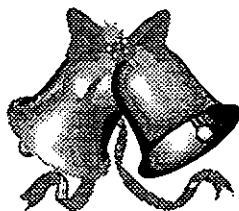


# SEASON'S GREETINGS



## The Village Almanac

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### From the Mayor's Desk



Robert G. Iden

Here it is, the holiday season once again! Every year seems to fly by just a little faster than the last. This has been another busy year in Bloomingdale. We have seen the new golf course clubhouse construction begin. That project will be completed in spring 1999. Also, the long-awaited Lake Street widening has begun. This major project will require much patience on the part of residents and those who travel through our town, but the final result should be worth it all. For more information on the progress of the roadwork, see page 2.

As this year draws to a close, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the people "behind the scenes" who are responsible for the day to day operations of the Village. That is, the employees of the Village of Bloomingdale. They keep the water flowing, the streets paved and plowed, the crimes investigated, the water bills processed, the calls for help answered, the branches picked up after the storms, the traffic moving around an accident or during a power outage, the watermain breaks fixed, the building inspections completed, the bills paid, and on and on. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

This year several of our employees reached landmark anniversaries of employment. Two employees, both in

the police department, marked 25 years with the Village. Ten more employees saw their 20th anniversary. We are very proud of the longevity of so many of our employees. In these days of increased job mobility, this is quite an accomplishment.

I'd like to publicly recognize the following employees:

#### 25 years

Chuck Mader, Police Deputy Chief  
Frank Cudio, Police Sergeant

#### 20 years

Rich Meyer, Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor  
Jeff Fritz, Police Watch Commander  
Bob Maguire, Utilities Superintendent  
Tim Heffron, Water Reclamation Plant Operator  
Tom Kosmel, Utilities Maintenance Worker  
Rich Blair, Police Patrol Officer  
John Crabb, Police Patrol Officer  
Paul Deibel, Police Patrol Officer  
Len Jaster, Police Sergeant  
Terry Marker, Police Patrol Officer

#### 15 years

Patti Baron, Police Telecommunications Supervisor  
Bob Jensen, Utilities Crew Leader  
Julie Jaster, Police Community Service Officer/Evidence Custodian  
Rob Blum, Utilities Crew Leader  
Irene Jones, Executive Secretary to the Village Administrator

Two of our 20-year employees, John Crabb and Terry Marker, have decided to retire from the police force. Both are off to start new careers. We wish them all the best. More about them on page 6.

Another exciting event this year was the dedication of Old Town Park in Old Town. The Bloomingdale Park District did a magnificent job of creating this passive and beautiful park area. On December 5, they also held a grand opening of the Old Town Museum which underwent restoration and expansion. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, stop in. You will be amazed and impressed.

December 6 marked the official beginning of the holiday season in Bloomingdale with the tree lighting ceremony at the library as part of their open house festivities. I always enjoy seeing Santa, as well as many friends and neighbors there. I hope many of you had a chance to do the same.

On behalf of the officials and employees of the Village of Bloomingdale, I wish each and every one of you warmest holiday wishes and a prosperous and Happy New Year!

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*

**Dorothy Lester**

*Public Works and Services*

**Anthony B. Mulizio**

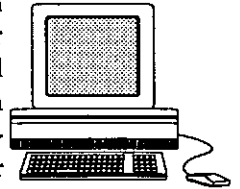
*Finance and Personnel*

**Gloria Reyes**

*Business Development  
& Social Services*

## PLEASE NOTE: We have a New Website Address --

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

Our new website address is:

[www.vil.bloomington.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomington.il.us)

**DEADLINE  
FOR THE  
FEBRUARY ISSUE  
OF  
THE ALMANAC  
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**Sharing  
the Spirit  
of the  
Season**

Bloomington  
Public Library  
patrons decorated  
Bloomington's  
tree at the  
Brookfield Zoo.

## U.S. Route 20 (Lake Street) Construction Update

This two-year project is nearing the end of the first phase of construction. The new temporary pavement has been opened to traffic, between Summerfield Road and Springbrook Shopping Center. The remaining portion of the temporary pavement between Springbrook Shopping Center and Glen Ellyn Road will be opened to traffic in late December of this year. Eastbound traffic will use the new temporary pavement and Westbound traffic will use the existing Eastbound lanes. Left turn lanes will be provided at Bloomingdale Rd., Springbrook Shopping Center, Circle Ave. (North), Fairfield, and Glen Ellyn Rd. Left turns will not be permitted at other locations. Once traffic is shifted to the new temporary pavement, Stage 2 construction will begin. Work will continue through the winter, weather permitting.



**ADDITIONAL WARNING SIGNS WILL BE PLACED AT ALL MAJOR INTERSECTIONS TO ALERT TRAFFIC TO NEW LANE CONFIGURATIONS. PLEASE BE ALERT FOR CHANGES IN TRAFFIC PATTERNS.**

## Enjoy Your Christmas Tree - - Then Recycle It At the Curb

During the month of January, Browning Ferris Inc., the Village refuse hauler, will pick up Christmas trees on your regular scheduled refuse pick-up day - Thursdays, January 7th and 14th, 1999, and on Fridays, January 8th and 15th, 1999.



Residents are requested to position their Christmas trees cut end toward the curb for easy loading. Browning Ferris Inc. will dispose of the Christmas trees.

## U.S. Route 20 (Lake Street) Construction: What You Need to Know About Possible Traffic Delays

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Lake Street Construction Project is approximately 10% complete and is progressing as scheduled. Stage 1 of the construction (replacing existing watermain, sanitary sewer, & storm sewers and constructing temporary lanes on the south side of Lake Street) is scheduled to be complete by the end of December 1998 (weather permitting). For further information, please review the Illinois Department of Transportation's Construction update in the column to the left.

Stage 2 will consist of constructing new lanes on the north side of the road. Work will continue throughout the winter months (weather permitting) and the first half of 1999.

Utility companies are continuing to relocate overhead lines underground. The utility companies work requires temporary lane closure since some of these lines are located beneath the pavement.

Expect temporary lane and possible road closures at various locations along the corridor due to sanitary and water main construction and temporary pavement construction.

### Local Businesses Affected by Construction Can Request Special Sign Variances

The Village of Bloomingdale is willing to consider reasonable accommodations to the Sign Ordinance requirements for businesses directly fronting Lake Street, Ridge Avenue, and all businesses located within the Old Town District during the Lake Street Construction. To obtain these general guidelines please contact the Village Services - Building & Zoning Division, 893-7073 Mike Gricus or Steve Mertes.

### Traffic Control on Residential Streets

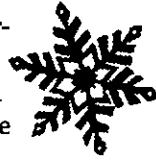
The Village staff and the Illinois Department of Transportation continue to monitor traffic patterns to ensure construction traffic delays are minimized and alternative routes are well-planned and maintained throughout the project. However, residents in close proximity to the construction may see heavier traffic due to the construction.

### For Further Information

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.

# GET READY . . . WINTER WEATHER

With the seasonal snowfall just around the corner, the Village Services Department, Public Works Division is ready to combat snow and ice on the 114 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.



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

## What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?

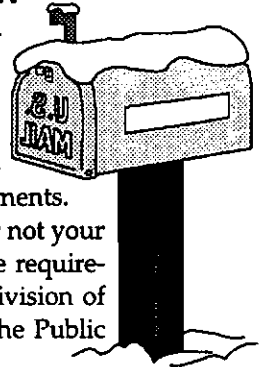
The Village's winter parking ban takes effect after snowfalls of 2 inches or more. The ban applies to all vehicles on any Village-owned street and is in effect for a period of 24 hours or until the streets have been cleared of snow. Residents can assist Village crews in the snow removal efforts by parking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



## Will the Village Repair My Mailbox If It Is Damaged During Snowplowing Operations?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$50.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snow plow operations, provided the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements.

If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Street Division of the Village Services Department or the Public Works Division at 529-5865.



## Why Does My Driveway Sometimes Get "Plowed In" When a Snowplow Truck Passes?

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



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

# IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

## Who Do I Call With Questions About Snow Removal Operations?

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

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

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

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

## Additional Snow Removal Information

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

## Fire Hydrants

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

## Motorists - Stay Back Three Car Lengths

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

## WINTER PHONE NUMBERS



**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE  
SNOW PHONE.....529-5865**

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

**VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
NON-EMERGENCY.....529-9868**  
Call this number for non-emergency general information.

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT  
EMERGENCY.....911**

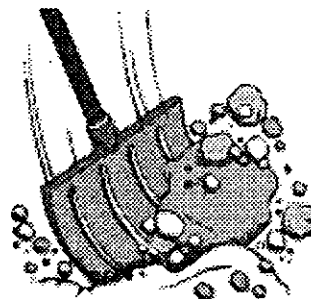
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT  
OF TRANSPORTATION....312-DOT-INFO  
(312-368-4636)**

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

**DEPARTMENT OF ROADS -  
DUPAGE COUNTY.....630-665-1155**  
Call this number for information on DuPage County roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue)

**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY  
INFORMATION LINE.....630-241-6868**  
Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.

**WEATHER INFORMATION..630-976-1212**



SAVE & POST

# Farewell, and Thanks for a Job Well Done!

The Village said good-bye to two of its finest last month as they chose to retire after 20 years of service as police officers for the Village of Bloomingdale.

Police Officers Terry Marker and John Crabb both marked their 20 year anniversary date on November 2 of this year. Both, far from being senior citizens yet, have chosen to take their lives down different paths. John Crabb, who lives with his family in Crystal Lake, will be working as a customer service representative for an area builder. Terry Marker is relocating to Orlando, Florida where he will be involved in office management for a refuse company, as well as doing lots of relaxing on the beach.

Crabb credits a Willowbrook High School police officer liaison for sparking his interest in the field. Marker started college, majoring in business management, followed by radio broadcasting. Then a friend suggested he "be a cop". He noted there are "good benefits, you never get laid off and there's always business."



Chief Schira and John Crabb.

Both officers noted many changes over the years, although Crabb said there is still an extraordinary amount of paper work involved. He admitted the computers in the squad cars have helped. "I was skeptical at first, but they are great" he noted.

Over the years, both officers have received commendations for their

actions both as individuals and as members of the team. In addition, Crabb completed training and was certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Crash Reconstruction Specialist, which is an outstanding accomplishment. Out of the thousands of police officers in Illinois, there are about only 200 who have earned such a distinction.

As a patrol officer, Marker took the lead in Bloomingdale's initiative to enforce overweight vehicle laws, resulting in substantial funds coming back to Bloomingdale by the



Mayor Bob Iden, Terry Marker, Chief Gary Schira.

way of fines. He also represented his peers on the Police Pension Board for the last 15 years, where he has shared his expertise in finance and investment.

Both officers were recognized by Mayor Iden with an official proclamation on behalf of the Village officials, employees and residents of the Village of Bloomingdale. We extend our gratitude to both gentlemen for their 20 years of service to the community and wish them both all the best upon their retirement.

## Sign Up for DuPage County's Free & Entertaining Recycling Tours !

Why not resolve to be less wasteful in 1999? The DuPage County Solid Waste Education Center will host two (free & entertaining!) Recycling Tours for everyone, on Monday afternoon December 28, 1998, from 1:00 - 2:30 PM, and Tuesday morning, December 29, from 10 AM to 12:00 noon.

Learn how to make less garbage, help save natural resources, make cool new craft items, including holiday decorations at our Trash to Treasure" station from leftovers, and lots more.



To register for this free tour, please call the Solid Waste Education Center at 681-2400. It is located above the DuPage County Recycling Center in Carol Stream, on Fullerton, between Gary and Schmale (just west of the U.S. Post office).

# Community Events

## Breakfast with Santa at Indian Lakes

Indian Lakes Resort has special plans for the holidays. On the Sundays prior to Christmas, the popular "Breakfast with Santa" returns in the Sedona Grille restaurant. The champagne brunch is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be there to talk with children and give them gifts. A free family photo with Santa is included.

An exquisite Christmas Day buffet and dinner is being served at Indian Lakes Resort's main restaurant, Sedona Grille. The buffet feast is from noon until 6 p.m. and features dozens of holiday favorites. In addition, Sedona Grille is offering Christmas dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. A special menu is available for children ten-years-old and under.

The resort is also offering two special New Year's Eve celebration packages, the gala Ballroom Package and the Sedona Grille Restaurant Package. Both include the New Year's Day champagne brunch.

For more information and/or reservations for these events, call 529-0200. Indian Lakes Resort is located at 250 W. Schick Road.

## Share the Spirit

The Bloomingdale Township Tree is located in the offices of "Homes for Sale by Owner," 126 W. Lake Street. Names and holiday wishes of local needy children and residents of the local convalescent and nursing homes can be picked up from this tree. Purchase a gift, wrap it and return it to the sharing tree by Saturday, December 19. Gifts will be distributed to the appropriate agency.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

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

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

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

If you are interested in learning more about NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, plan to attend the next general meeting on Friday, January 29 at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall, or contact Detective Randy Sater at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 529-9868. See first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

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



## Community reaches out to help Sircher Family Update

We have had calls regarding the Sircher family, the family we featured in the December 1997 Almanac issue. Their friend Marina Sciacqua recently called to give us an update. The family is still struggling financially, but both parents are on lists for transplants. In fact, doctors are hopeful that Scott, the father, will be able to receive his heart and lung transplant in about three months.

The fund still exists at Bloomingdale Bank & Trust. Lisa Rojewski is the contact at the bank for making contributions to the "Sircher Family Fund." More information about the family and their needs can be obtained by calling Ms. Sciacqua at REMAX Accord 893-7860.

## Thanks for Your Support Of The Fire Protection District Referendum

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District would like to express our most sincere appreciation to everyone who supported our referendum during the November 3, 1998 election. The 2 to 1 margin overwhelmingly demonstrated your support on this issue.

We are hoping to start construction of the new headquarters station in the spring of 1999. As always, the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District continues in its effort to provide the best possible service to our district.

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

**Frederick Scott & Co.** provides specialized informational technology staffing for small and mid-sized businesses. Operated by Scott Machado, the company specializes in personnel placement in a variety of technology-related positions, including network administrators, PC technicians, help desk specialists and Internet specialists. Machado's background includes 10 years in the information technology industry with IBM in San Francisco. He has been involved in the technical staffing field for five years. To schedule a consultation, contact Frederick Scott & Co. at 351-4416.

**Photography by Lanza, Inc.** specializes in portrait, wedding, special event and commercial photography. Owner Sam Lanza's studio features top-of-the-line equipment and packages are available in many price ranges. Lanza has been photographing for 27 years and has studied under several renowned masters in photography. Consultations are available by appointment by calling 582-1322.

The **Hanover Park Jaycees** are a not-for-profit organization of men and women between the ages of 21-39. Members develop leadership skills through community service. Some of the projects Jaycees run are Christmas Wish Tree, Harvest Fest tickets booths, Chilifest, local parades, as well as participating in programs such as D.A.R.E. and Camp New Hope. Members do not need to reside in Hanover Park to join. Call the Jaycee Hotline at 847-985-5130.

The **Rotary Club of Bloomingdale-Roselle and Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates** held a joint Thanksgiving luncheon at Mia Strada Ristorante on November 24. Highlights of the luncheon included musical entertainment by

resident Gary Umlauf, who delighted his audience with his rendition of several old favorites, including



Elvis and Roy Orbison. Umlauf is the president of Harris Bank Elk Grove. The Rotary meets every Tuesday at noon at Mia Strada. Anyone interested in joining the Rotary or attending a luncheon meeting as the Rotary's guest, may call Steve Scholten at 529-3650.

The **Bloomingdale Professional Firefighters Association Local 3272** is raising funds by selling the Entertainment Book. Each book contains hundreds of two-for-one discounts for fine dining, family dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, special attractions and hotels - 50% savings on almost everything! Books are \$35 and can be ordered by calling Richard Kurka at 894-8488. Proceeds will help fund public education activities in the fire district.

Chicago's famous **Home Run Inn Pizza** held its Home Run Derby Finals in Oak Brook this summer. The debut was open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 12.

Ten-year old Andrew Maranti hit a distance of 215 feet. For his efforts, he won a trip for four to Disney World in Orlando. The trip includes round-trip air transportation,



hotel accommodations and admission to the theme park for two days. Maranti also received a \$50 gift certificate for Home Run Pizza, a Pro Player Sports jacket and a one-year subscription to Sports Profiles magazine.

## THINK...

### EVERGREEN TREES

"One need not go into history to find the reasons for veneration of the evergreen tree as part of the Christmas season. They are of the enduring things of this earth, and man has known them as long as man has been here. The Pine, the Spruce, the Hemlock, the Fir - all those conifers that know no leafless season - have been held in special favor when man would have symbols of life that outlast all winters."

--Hal Borland



## Looking for a Part Time Job?

The Village Services Department is seeking individuals to fill seasonal/part time positions within the Public Works Divisions.

Please contact Jim Monkemeyer at 893-7073, ext. 262 for further information.



## Way Back When . . .

Think driving on Lake Street is bad today? Imagine traveling back in the early 1900's when the streets weren't even paved! Can you guess where this picture was taken in Bloomingdale?

If you are interested in finding out the answer and exploring Bloomingdale's past, join us for a Reflections meeting January 10, 1999 at the Bloomingdale Public Library.

The Historical Society is looking for members who want to help preserve our history for future generations. We encourage students to participate and learn more about the village they live in. Call 529-3120, ext. 324 for reservations or information.



### Village Offers Expanded Holiday Weekend Hours for Dial-A-Ride Transportation

The Village of Bloomingdale will again be offering Expanded Weekend Dial-A-Ride hours during the holiday season from **Saturday, November 28th through Sunday, January 3rd**. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from **8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays**.

Bloomingdale residents may ride anywhere within the Bloomingdale Township Boundaries, and also to Central Dupage, Alexian Brothers and Glen Oaks Hospitals, DuPage Oncology Clinic, Monakea Medical Complex, Wheaton Medical Clinic, and Wheaton Eye Clinic.

Bloomingdale's Weekend Dial-A-Ride one-way rates are:

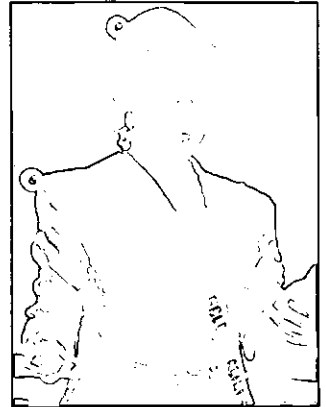
\$1.30 For Adult Residents (age 14 and older)  
\$.75 For Village Residents with a Disability, Village Seniors (age 65 and older) and for students (age 7 to 13).  
Free for children (under age 7) accompanied by an adult

Reservations shall be accepted up to one week in advance on a first serve basis. Same day service requests are accepted, however, transportation cannot be guaranteed.

**For Weekend Dial-A-Ride reservations, call: 1-888-405-2060.**

## ABOUT TOWN

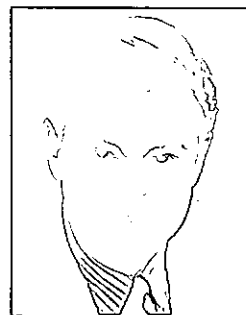
Eileen Sciackitano was once again honored this summer with the Circle of Achievement award at the Mary Kay, Inc. business seminar in Dallas. The longtime resident consistently earns this accolade for exceeding retail production of \$500,000 for the year. "Eileen's extraordinary determination and hard work led her to achieve this honor," said Tom Watley, president of U.S. Sales. "We are proud of her success and the positive example she sets for thousands of other entrepreneurs around the country."



Jim King, longtime resident and Bloomingdale Lions Club member since 1974, recently received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, which is the most prestigious award a Lion can achieve.

Amber Samuelson was recently selected as a semi-finalist in the 1999 Miss Illinois Teen USA Pageant. The fifteen-year old Lake Park sophomore is an honor student, as well as being a member of Student Council, Class Council and French Club. The former District 13 student is the daughter of Alan and Rita Samuelson.

David M. McGowan was recently appointed as the executive director of the DuPage Community



Foundation. In his position, McGowan will oversee the growth of the foundation's endowment fund. He is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). McGowan has lived in Bloomingdale for more than 11 years with his wife and three children. In addition to volunteer activities for his children's schools, he volunteers in the religious education program at St. Isidore's and at Wyncscape Nursing Home in Wheaton.



# Off the Shelf

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## NEW!! NEW!! NEW!! Patrons Can Now Apply for A 'Library Plus' Card

The Bloomington Public Library is issuing its new **Library Plus Card**. This is a multifunctional card. It will enable the patron to check out library materials, make copies, use the printers and access the Internet. The card contains a photo image of the user as well as a magnetic strip for using the debit card system. It will no longer be necessary for a patron to carry three different cards for use at the library.



To obtain one of these cards, you must be a resident of the village of Bloomington and have two forms of identification. One form must be a photo ID and one must have the applicant's current Village of Bloomington address.

A parent or guardian must accompany those under the age of 18 when they apply for the card. At the time of registration, the parent or guardian will be asked to choose restricted or unrestricted Internet access.

For more information, please call the library's Circulation Department at 529-3120, ext. 312.

## LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER

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|-----|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 9   | Library Board Meeting       | 7:30PM         |
| 10  | Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00-9:00PM    |
| *12 | Breakfast with Santa        | 8:30-10:00AM   |
|     |                             | 10:30-Noon     |
| 12  | Writer's Group              | 9:00AM-Noon    |
| 12  | Garden Club-Holiday Party   | 6:00PM         |
| *13 | Polar Express               | 1:00-3:00PM    |
| 24  | Christmas Eve               | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 25  | Christmas Day               | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 26  |                             | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 27  |                             | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 31  | New Year's Eve              | LIBRARY CLOSED |

### JANUARY

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| 1   | New Year's Day   | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 2   |  | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 3   |  | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 4   | Registration for Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin |                |
| *5  | Personal Enrichment Series                             | 7:00-9:00PM    |
| 7   | Writer's Group Subcommittee                            | 7:00-9:00PM    |
| *7  | Real Estate 101: Before You Buy Or Sell Your Home      | 7:00-9:00PM    |
| *7  | Adult Book Discussion                                  | 7:30PM         |
| 9   | Writer's Group   | 9:00AM-Noon    |
| *10 | Reflections and Projections- Bloomington Hist. Society | 2:00-5:00PM    |
| 12  | Bloomington Seniors                                    | 11:00AM-3:00PM |
| *13 | Introduction to Scrapbooks with Sharon                 | 12:30PM        |
| *13 | How to Buy & Invest in IRA's Michael Cirone            | 7:00-9:00PM    |
| 13  | Library Board Meeting                                  | 7:30PM         |
| 18  | Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin                  |                |
| *18 | Mother-Daughter Book Club- (girls in grades 5-7)       | 7:00PM         |
| *19 | Creating Memory Books                                  | 6:30-9:00PM    |
| 20  | Bloomington Garden Club                                | 1:00PM         |
| 23  | Chess Club (ages 8 and up)                             | 2:00-4:00PM    |
| *26 | Creating Memory Books- (repeat of 1/19)                | 6:30-9:00PM    |
| 27  | Writer's Group   | 7:00-9:00PM    |
| 27  | Friends of the Library                                 | 7:30PM         |

\* Registration required (630-529-3120).

## Youth Services Department

# STORIES HOURS FOR LITTLE ONES

## REGISTRATION

Begins Monday, January 4 at 9:00am

Registration will be available in person and by calling the Library at 630-529-3120, ext. 332. Please have your library card ready when you call.

*\*All programs require registration except Bedtime Stories and Drop-in Craft.*

## BABY TALK

*"Language, Literature and Love for Infants"*  
(Ages birth to 17 months) \*Registration required.

Mondays, January 18 – April 5      10:00am – 10:45am  
Wednesdays, January 20 – April 7      10:00am – 10:45 am

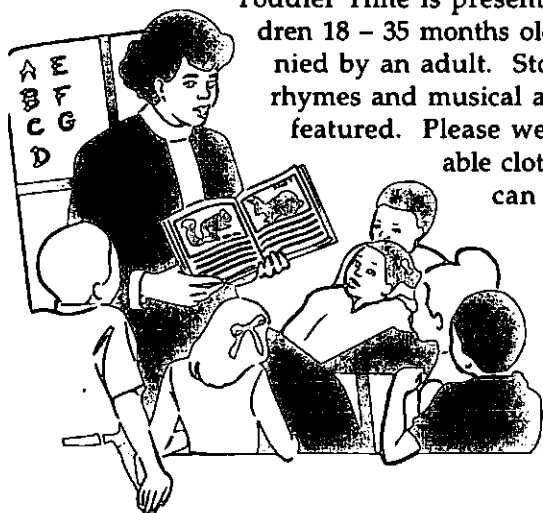
The best way to start "reading" to infants is not really reading at all! Baby Talk is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books are shared with babies and their caregivers. Caregivers will learn about age-appropriate activities and how to make homemade toys. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child.

## TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays, January 19 – April 6 \*Registration required.

9:45 – 10:15am	(18 – 24 months)
10:30 – 11:00am	(25 – 35 months)
11:15 – 11:45am	(18 – 35 months)

Toddler Time is presented for children 18 – 35 months old, accompanied by an adult. Stories, action rhymes and musical activities are featured. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child.



## BEDTIME STORIES

(Toddlers and preschoolers)

Tuesdays, January 19 – April 6      7:00pm – 7:45pm

Caregivers can bring their toddlers AND preschoolers for stories, rhymes, musical activities and a video. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child (stories may be the same as Preschool Story Hour). Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas so they'll be ready to hop into bed once stories are done!  
NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

## PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

(Ages 3-5 years) \*Registration required.

<u>Mondays, January 18 – April 5</u>	10:00am – 11:00am
<u>Wednesdays, January 20 – April 7</u>	10:00am – 11:00am
<u>Thursdays, January 21 – April 8</u>	1:30 pm – 2:30pm

Stories, musical activities, videos, songs, fingerplays and crafts will be featured in this program for 3 – 5 year old children. Five-year-old children enrolled in kindergarten are welcome!

## STORYBOOK STEW

K-2nd Graders \*Registration required.

Mondays, January 18 – February 22      4:30 – 5:30pm

Join us in an interactive story program as we share stories, prepare crafts and perhaps dabble a little in the culinary arts. This six week program will meet on Mondays from 4:30 – 5:30pm.

## Youth Services Department

# MORE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

## DROP-IN CRAFT DAYS!

(All Ages)

Saturday, January 30 9:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday, February 27 9:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday, March 27 9:00am - 4:30pm

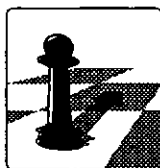
Drop in any time during the above hours to make a fun and easy craft. This is perfect for the busy family! Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by someone over age 12.

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM.

## CHESS CLUB

(Ages 8 and up)

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



Saturday, December 26 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Saturday, January 23 2:00pm - 4:00pm

## MOTHER - DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

(Girls in grades 5-7 and their maternal caregivers)

Monday, January 18 at 7:00pm \*Registration required.

You'll laugh! You'll cry! You'll eat good junk food! You'll win prizes! Join us for a spirited gabfest about the book BABY by Patricia MacLachlan. Twelve year-old Larkin and her friend Lalo find a baby in a basket with a note saying "This is Sophie. She is almost a year old and she is good....I love her. I will come back for her one day." It is the only clue to explain why the baby has been left. Read the book BABY to find out what happens to Larkin and baby Sophie. When library copies are gone, paperback copies are available for purchase at Barnes & Noble.

## HOLIDAY VIDEO SPECIAL



To wish you a Happy Holiday  
there will be no video fees from

December 20, 1998 until January 4, 1999

Six videos may be checked out during this period.



## WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Begins on the day you register and ends on March 6.  
(Registration begins on Monday, January 6th at 9:00am)  
Registration must be in person.

"READ TO SUCCEED" is for 1st through 8th grade readers.  
"READ WITH Curious George!" is for Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.

### "READ TO SUCCEED"

#### with the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team !!

All participants in this reading program have a chance to WIN team pennants, hockey pucks and even Chicago Wolves hockey game tickets! Just keep track of the books you read between the day you register and March 6th and return your book log to the Youth Services Desk. (The book logs contain order forms for discounted Wolves hockey game tickets! Proceeds from ticket sales benefit your local library system). Sign up during regular program registration (see REGISTRATION).

### Meet a Real Professional Hockey Player!

(all ages)

Tuesday, March 9 at 4:30 pm

We'll celebrate your "READ TO SUCCEED" achievements with a visit from a Chicago Wolves hockey player. You'll find out why these hockey players love school and some lucky person will get to dress up in a Wolves hockey gear!

### "READ WITH CURIOUS GEORGE" and win great prizes!

Family Reading Program for Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.

George says, "Be Curious and Read to Your Kids!"

This winter, Curious George is encouraging all of us to read to our children as much as we can! Pick up your "Curious George" reading packet beginning January 4th. Inside you will find a book log and lots of Curious George goodies. Families should keep track of the books they read between the day they register and March 6th, and return their completed book log to the Youth Services Desk. All Children and Caregivers who do so have a chance to win great PRIZES! Sign up during regular program registration.

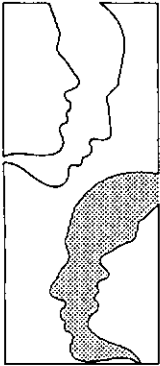
## Adult Programs

# MANAGE YOUR MONEY, PRESERVE MEMORIES & MORE!

*Beat those winter blahs by attending some of the free adult programs offered by 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.*

### Personal Enrichment Series

**Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m.**



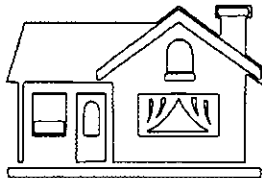
Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the previous programs, Charles Strauss has agreed to continue offering this series through the winter months. There will not be a defined topic for the January meeting. Patrons are invited to attend and share questions and issues that they face regarding their quest for spiritual development, self-improvement, and personal happiness. The topic for the February meeting will be determined using feedback from those that

attend the January program.

### Real Estate 101: Before You Buy or Sell Your Home

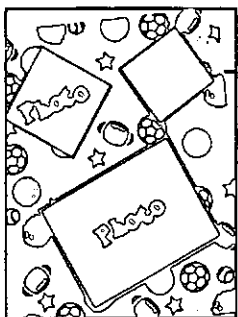
**Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

A team headed by Michael Cirone of RE/MAX Central in Roselle will offer those interested in buying or selling a home important information about today's real estate market. This program is aimed at both buyers and sellers.



### Introduction to Scrapbooks With Sharon

**Wednesday, January 13 at 12:30 p.m.**



The Library has arranged for Creative Memories consultant Sharon Siciak to teach an introductory class on creating a scrapbook or memory book. Scrapbooking or making memory books is one of today's most popular craft activities. Attendance is limited so please register early.

### How to Buy and Invest in IRAs

**Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs, are popular investment choices. Join Michael Cirone, representing Wall Street Financial of Schaumburg, as he offers tips on purchasing three specific types of IRAs including the popular ROTH IRA.



### Creating Memory Books

**Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

or

**Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 pm**



Help the Library welcome back Creative Memories consultant Jennifer Sall by attending one of her beginning memory book workshops. She will teach those attending how to use photographs, colored paper, markers, and rubber stamps to create

a memory book that will last a lifetime. A list of supplies will be furnished at registration. These popular classes fill quickly so register early.

### Career Management Series

#### Effective Interviewing Skills

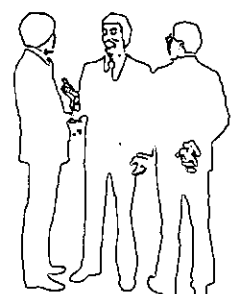
**Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

Bruce Bloom will offer tips on effective job interviewing which include how to best describe accomplishments, how to ask good questions of the employer, and how to follow up after the interview.

#### Effective Salary Negotiation

**Saturday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.**

In the last part of this series, Bruce Bloom will offer instruction in the art of the salary negotiation process. Some of the topics he will cover include salary trends, salary mistakes, and effective strategies.



## Adult Programs

# MORE PROGRAMS OF INTEREST FOR ADULTS

### Chocolate Creations

#### For Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

In this wonderful demonstration, Rose Deneen will show how to make a variety of chocolate treats for those you love on Valentine's Day. This is a very popular presentation so early registration is encouraged.



### Reflections and Projections -- Bloomington's Past and Future

Bloomington Historical Society will sponsor an afternoon of Reflection and Projection on Sunday, January 10, from 2PM until 5PM at Bloomington Public Library. Anyone interested in Bloomington history or future plans of the newly reorganized Historical Society is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call 529-3120, ext. 324 for reservations or information.

### Adult book Discussion

Bloomington Library's first 1999 Adult Book Discussion will be held on Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 PM. Call the reference desk at 529-3120 extension 324 to register and reserve a copy of *Smilla's Sense of Snow* by Peter Hoeg.



## WRITERS WORKSHOP PROFILE OF BILL KERNAN

By Susan Paulson

Writer's Workshop of Bloomington member, Bill Kernan has been writing since he was a high school student. It wasn't until he retired that he finally fulfilled his dream of contacting and then submitting his writing to an editor. With the encouragement of fellow members of the Writer's Workshop, Bill approached the editor of the Daily Herald, and was soon hitting the pavement after his first assignment.



Throughout his career, Bill had been familiar with writing speeches, brochures and company newsletters. He also wrote training manuals which he says was "brutal and difficult". There was no enjoyment in it, because it had to be exact and correct. So, writing for the Herald was new and very exciting for Bill.

Even though Bill has done many types of writing, his favorite kind is correspondence. He credits his enjoyment of writing and receiving letters to mail call during World War II, in which he served in the US Navy.

From 1969 to 1975, Bill wrote a letter to his mother every day. He feels confident that the essence of his writing moves from his head to his heart, into the letter, through the post office to the recipient. "It's a vehicle for my own thoughts, ideas and opinions," says Bill.

Bill often mentions how grateful he is for having found the Bloomington Library. It's a place where he can lose himself among the books and other wonderful material available to the public. Bill was introduced to the WWB through his contact with the library. He's glad to have found the support which has been a source of support and encouragement.

Working for the Daily Herald has been beneficial in many ways. Bill has been able to meet many people, and enjoys delving into their stories and turning it into the who, what, why and where of an article for the Herald.

Bill says "good writing can cross a desk, the city, the country, the next generation. One person writing ... one heart, one soul."

### HOLIDAY HOURS

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# The Bloomingdale Park District

*We're right around the corner!*

## The Bloomingdale Park District Museum

After a nine month long improvement project that included significant historical restoration work and an addition, the 149-year old building at the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Franklin is once again open to the public. The museum celebrated its' Grand Opening on December 5th & 6th with music and refreshments and the opening of two photography exhibitions.

### Gallery One: "Into The Fire"

Documentary photography exhibition of firefighters by artist Patti Butcher. Our thanks to the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District for loaning us a full set of turn-out gear for this exhibition.

### Gallery Two: "5-Fold"

An exhibition of contemporary photography.

On display through January 17th

(Closed December 24, 25, 26, 31 & January 1)

Open Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10am-4pm; Sun. Noon-4pm

## Holiday Magic Open House

Sunday, December 13

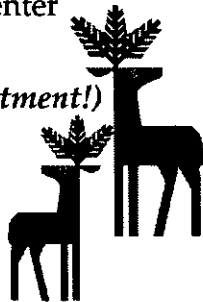
1:00 to 4:00pm

at the The Johnston Recreation Center

### **Santa's Coming!!**

*(via the Bloomingdale Fire Department!)*

- Pictures with Santa
- Horse-Drawn Hayrides
- Entertainment
- Refreshments
- Performances



*A free event for the whole family!*

## Winter/Spring Brochure

On your doorstep mid-December. Mail-in registration begins immediately upon receipt of the brochure.



- Adult Fitness & Leagues
- Fall Preschool Registration
- Trips & Classes
- Golf Softball Leagues
- Spring Soccer
- Youth Programs & more!

## Aerobic Free Week!

January 4 thru January 9

Get started on those New Year's resolutions! Includes all park district aerobic and step classes except Jazzercise.

### **Park District Holiday Office Hours:**

Closed December 24th, 25th, 26th and January 1st.



*Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who contributed to the success of our annual fall Halloween party!*

*Please have a safe and very happy Holiday Season ...  
from the staff and commissioners of the Bloomingdale Park District.*

## Bloomingdale Park District

172 South Circle Avenue • Phone 630-529-3650

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

*Parks and Recreation... The benefits are endless!*

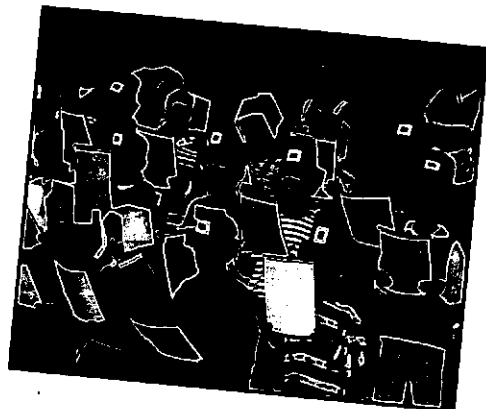


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Thursday, December 31st 7 pm to Midnight

at the Bloomingdale Park District's  
Johnston Recreation Center

**COUNTDOWN & BALLOON DROP**

Activities include:

Main Stage with DJ - Games - Karaoke - Shows - Carnival Games  
Clowns - Face Painting - Hypnotist - Comic & Family Entertainer  
Professional Storyteller - Concessions - Movies & Cartoons

**Pre-Sale:**

\$30 per family (up to 6 people)

\$10 per individual

\$5 each additional family member

**Tickets on sale now!**

**Night of the Event:**

\$35 per family (up to 6 people)

\$15 per individual

\$5 each additional family member

Call the Park District for more information!

**529-3650**