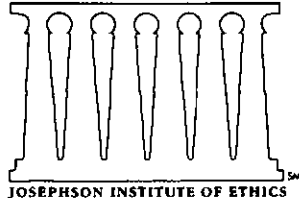


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CHARACTER COUNTS!



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The Village Almanac

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Don't Miss the Last Septemberfest of the Twentieth Century!

The annual Septemberfest celebration will once again feature one and one-half days of entertainment, food, antique and craft dealers, and games that will appeal to family members of all ages. It is a very special union between Bloomingdale residents, the Village Board and employees, local not-for-profit organizations, and the Park District. The 1999 event begins on Saturday evening, September 11 with a street dance and collector car show from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm. and continues on Sunday, September 12 from 10:30 am until 5:30 pm with more musical entertainment and exhibitors. All festival activities are held in the heart of Bloomingdale Old Town at Lake Street and Bloomingdale Road.

Saturday evening's festivities start with music and entertainment provided by Mike Lettieri of M&R Music. At 7:30 pm, Infinity will take the stage with their unique vocals and instrumentation. Voted the "Best Tribute Band in the Midwest" for five consecutive years, Infinity specializes in the sounds of the '70s, '80s, and '90s such as Styx, Boston, Kansas, and Journey, whose popular album, "Infinity," provided the inspiration for the band's name. The car show will feature 40 vehicles that are at least 25 years old. In addition to receiving a commemorative dash plaque, all vehicles will be judged for trophy categories that include the Mayor's Choice and Commission's Best of Show awards, plus new awards in the "Best of" category,

such as red car, paint job, convertible, and more. There is no entrance fee for this show, but due to limited space, only those car enthusiasts who submit an application will be allowed into the show. Completed applications are due to the Septemberfest Commission by September 1. Please see page 10 for the application, or contact the Village Hall.

Sunday's musical entertainers, the Grand Avenue Swing Band, will have you tapping your feet and swaying to the melodies of the 1930s and 1940s, as well as to the sounds of contemporary music performed in the big band style. According to the band leader and co-founder, Nick Desmond, the band chose its name for the Western Springs Community Center on Grand Avenue,

where the group practices. Thanks to the generosity of the Park District, you'll be able to practice the latest dance steps on a ballroom dance floor rather than in the grass. The floor will be installed for Saturday evening, also.

Mike Lettieri of M&R Music will continue his role as disc jockey and MC, with music, games, and karaoke, and the Park District will demonstrate tumbling and gymnastics.

Prior to the opening ceremonies at noon on Sunday, Bloomingdale residents can demonstrate their community spirit as they line Third Street for the opening parade, starting at 11:30 am. *(continued on page 4)*



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

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

John Dabrowski
*Community Programs and
Special Events*

Patrick S. DeMoon
Police

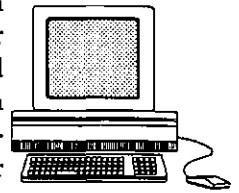
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes
Public Works and 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

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Support the 27th Anniversary celebration Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

This is the sixth year that the Septemberfest Commission is promoting "Friends of Septemberfest" to encourage Bloomingdale residents to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund to benefit the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition. Individuals donating \$10 or more will be listed on the donor signage at Septemberfest under the "Friends" heading.

To become a "Friend", fill out the form below and mail it to the Village Hall. Donations must be received by August 29 to be included on the donor sign.

FRIEND OF SEPTEMBERFEST

YES! Count me in as a Friend of Septemberfest. I want to ensure that Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale and their court will continue to receive scholarships for their continuing education.

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____

(evening phone) _____

I am enclosing a check for ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 1999 to:
Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Street Paving to be Complete by Labor Day

The 1999 Street Improvement Program is on schedule and will be completed in the late summer of 1999. Paving of some streets is already complete, with only landscape restoration to be done. These streets include all streets in Founder's Pointe and Bloomfield Hills, as well as Arbor Lane, Bedford Lane, Villa Way, Douglas Drive, and 3rd Street.

Paving of other streets, including the final paving layer of Arbor Lane, Bedford Lane, Applewood Drive, and Elmwood Lane, and completion of Byron Avenue will occur in before Labor Day.

The contractor for this project is A. Lamp Concrete Contractors of Schaumburg, Illinois. A. Lamp Concrete Contractors has worked in Bloomingdale on street improvement projects, which include concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer repairs, driveways, sidewalks and recreational paths.

During the 1999 Street Improvement project on Byron Avenue, A. Lamp Concrete Contractors furnished and installed the underground water supply for a drinking fountain in Sunnyside Park. The water supply piping was provided by A. Lamp Concrete Contractors as a donation to the Bloomingdale Park District. The work included tapping the water main, bringing the water supply across Byron Avenue and into Sunnyside Park. The Park District will be installing the drinking fountain near the basketball court in the spring of 2000.

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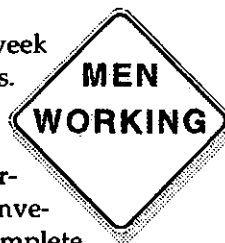
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Lake Street Construction Update

The paving of the eastbound lanes began during the week of July 26, 1999 and will be completed within 3-4 weeks. (Schedule dependent on weather.) The two outer eastbound lanes will be poured first and then the inner eastbound lane will be poured. While the Village understands these plans are intense and will cause an inconvenience to the businesses, it is equally important to complete the road construction.



During the pouring of new pavement, the contractor (depending on location) will leave 15-30 foot wide gaps in the pavement to allow access to businesses on the south side of the road which have no other access to the site. After pavement is cured, the driveway access will be across the new pavement and the gaps completed.

Below summarizes how each business and street will be affected by the paving of the eastbound lanes:

Social Security Building/Platt Hill-Social Security Building and Platt Hill will have one (1) 30-foot gap to allow access to these businesses. The Social Security driveway and Platt Hill eastern driveway will be closed.

William Way – will remain open and be completed one-half at a time.

South Maple Avenue – will remain open and be completed one-half at a time.

Third Street – will be closed as long as First Street, Franklin and Bloomingdale Road are open.

Old Town – will have one 30-foot wide gap east of the barn to allow access to these businesses.

Mobil Gas Station – will have one 15-foot gap from Lake Street to allow access to the business.

First Avenue – will be closed as long as Franklin, Third Street and Bloomingdale Roads are open.

Ridge Avenue – Ridge Avenue will be closed as long as First Avenue is open.

Springbrook Shopping Center – will have a 30-foot gap to allow access to this shopping center.

Fairfield Way – will remain open and be completed one-half at a time.

Thorton's Gas Station – will have one 15-foot gap left unpaved to allow access to the business.

Amoco Gas Station – will have one 15-foot gap left unpaved to allow access to the business.

South Prairie Avenue – will be closed as long as Circle and Euclid are open.

South Circle Avenue – will be closed as long as Prairie and Euclid are open.

Euclid Avenue – will be closed as long as Prairie and Circle are open.

On the days when the contractor is installing new permanent pavement, it will be necessary for work to be completed at night. The pavement will have control joints sawed into the new concrete within 12-18 hours after installation. The control joints are necessary to control cracking on the new pavement sections. The sawing operation will be the extent of night work.

Last Septemberfest of the Century

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The parade route was shortened this year due to construction on Lake Street, but it still will feature the Bloomingdale Park District baton twirlers, local civic and not-for-profit groups, and classic cars to escort the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale candidates to the Main Stage.

This year, the Commission will again offer the option of parade participation to local area businesses who make a \$25 donation to the scholarship fund. There is no donation requirement for not-for-profit organizations. To participate in the parade, contact Debbie Bodnar at 894-8309.

The Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition, formally known as the Bloomingdale King and Queen Contest, is open to young women and men between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age who are residents of incorporated Bloomingdale. To enter this competition, applicants must complete an application and submit an essay of 300 -400 words that describes the contributions they feel they will make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. Then, they are interviewed by a judges' panel made up of civic and business leaders from Bloomingdale. The emphasis in this competition is on poise, civic involvement, and communication skills. Applications were due August 2.

One of the main sources to fund the Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale scholarships is the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund, named in honor of a beloved Septemberfest Commission member who passed away several years ago. Donations from Bloomingdale businesses and residents still are needed to finance the scholarships. Sponsor banners have been introduced as a new feature this year for sponsors who donate over \$500 in cash or over \$1,000 in services. The banners will be displayed around the new Park District park in Old Town, starting the first week of August. Response from donors has been exceptional this year, with the following companies and organizations sponsoring banners:

Behr & Co. Certified Public Accountants, Bloomingdale Park District, Bloomingdale Women's Club, Bloomingdale Lion's Club, Cecchin Plumbing and Heating, Comark, and Signs by Tomorrow. To become a banner sponsor or Friend of Septemberfest, contribute to the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund by completing the application on page 2, or contact the Village Hall for more information.

An additional source for scholarship funding is the booth fee of \$40 paid by Septemberfest exhibitors and not-for-profits. Not-for-profit organizations selling food may set up their booths Saturday night as well as all day Sunday. All other Septemberfest vendors will participate on Sunday only. Look for the return of the Bloomingdale Lion's Club food booth on Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, the Bloomingdale Women's Club Festival of Arts runs concurrently with the Septemberfest festivities, and features original clothing, jewelry, wood crafts, and ceramics.

Septemberfest booth spaces are still available. To apply, submit your check for \$40 (\$80 for not-for-profit food vendors for Saturday and Sunday) with the application form available at the Village Hall, or call 529-9868, extension 271 for more information. Not-for-profit food vendors must obtain a DuPage County permit to sell food and must post that permit throughout the festival. Deadline for entry is August 16, 1999.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

Sign Up for Bloomingdale Citizen Police Academy

The Bloomingdale Citizen Police Academy will be offered to residents and business persons of Bloomingdale beginning September 16, 1999.

The course covers such topics as:

- ◆ Search and Seizure
- ◆ Auto Theft
- ◆ Accident Investigation
- ◆ Crime Scene Processing
- ◆ Self Defense
- ◆ Use of Force
- ◆ Firearms
- ◆ DUI Enforcement
- ◆ Rape Awareness
- ◆ Radar Enforcement
- ◆ Interrogation
- ◆ Juvenile Law
- ◆ Street Gangs
- ◆ Cults
- and more.

Programs are presented by our own professional police officers who are specialists in each topic.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn first hand what it is like to work in law enforcement in the 1990s. For more information or to apply, call Detective Randy Sater at 529-9868.

DuPage County Sponsoring Caregivers Fair October 8

The Senior Citizens Services Unit of DuPage County Human Services is sponsoring a Seniors' and Caregivers' Fair on Friday, October 8, 1999.

There will be a multitude of resources and health screenings available. As always, there will be free giveaways, raffle prizes, entertainment and refreshments.

For further information, call the Senior Citizens Services Unit at 682-7000.

The Bloomingdale Commemorative Brick Program

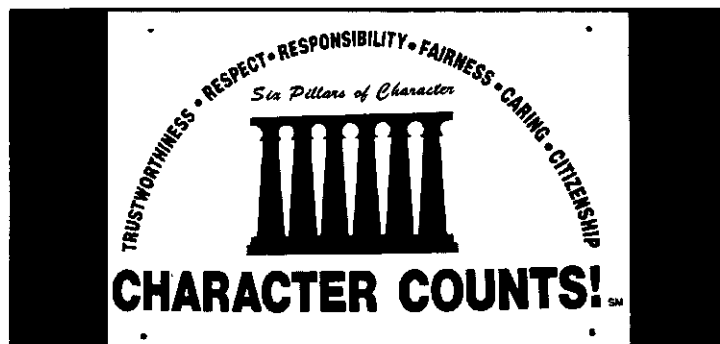
The Village's Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee is continuing its project to place bronze, life-size statues throughout the Village. The second of the series is "The Golfers" which will be placed in front of the new Bloomingdale Golf Clubhouse commemorating the dedication and valiant efforts put forth each week on the course and other activities that recognize the true spirit of the weekend golfer.

Join your friends and neighbors or promote your own business and become a part of Bloomingdale's history through the purchase of a commemorative brick. The monies raised will go toward the purchase of "The Golfers."

Two kinds of bricks are available:

Type	SIZE	Cost	Description
PERSONAL BRICK	4" x 8"	\$ 75	Three lines of type 13 characters per line
CORPORATE	8" x 8"	\$ 300	Four lines of type 13 characters per line

Order forms are available at the Village Hall or at the golf course. Checks should be made payable to the Village of Bloomingdale. All donations are tax deductible. All text must be approved by the Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee. NOTE: Bricks are still available at the library location.



The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition hosted a national training session of 40 community members last month. In addition, Michael Josephson, founder of the national program, spoke to over 200 community leaders on July 26 at Bloomingdale Church. He talked about CHARACTER COUNTS! as a framework for parents, schools, youth groups and all organizations to help build character.

"Anyone who deals with kids is in the values 'business,'" said Josephson. "We want to surround our kids with voices that care."

The 40 people who were trained represent many of our local agencies and schools. They will carry the CHARACTER COUNTS! message back to their own agencies and spread the word among their peers in order that more and more people will become committed to modeling good character for youngsters to follow. It is the coalition's mission to make Bloomingdale a community where character truly does count.



Bloomingdale's PGA Championship Banners Available for Purchase

The 81st PGA Championship is being held at Medinah Country Club on August 9-15. In honor of the occasion, the Village of Bloomingdale has hung banners along Lake Street and Springfield Drive welcoming this memorable event. Following the PGA, these banners will be offered for sale as a memento of this prestigious championship for \$75 each. The banners are 30"x66" and there are 70 available. You can reserve your banner with the payment of \$75 in either cash or a check made out to "Village

of Bloomingdale." Banners can be picked up sometime in September. For information on tickets to the PGA call 1-800-742-8258.

Mark Your Calendar for Fall Branch Collection Schedule

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its semi-annual Branch Collection Program beginning on October 4, 1999. Once during each spring and fall are the only times the Village of Bloomingdale picks up residents' branches with the exception of branches downed by storms. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 529-5865, ext. 7, within 72 hours of storm for scheduling.

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

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

- Branches must be out NO LATER THAN 7 A.M. ON THE DAY PICK-UP IS TO BEGIN FOR THE SECTION as our crew will be making only one pass down each block and WILL NOT RETURN.
- Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and up to 20 feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. Long lengths, up to twenty feet, are favored. Do not reduce the length for our benefit. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small twigs, vines or other non-woody yard waste. LEAVES, VINES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) FLEXIBLE WILLOW STEMS,

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

- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be STACKED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. Small branches may be bundled with string. PLEASE NOTE - branches left out in a tangled mess will not be picked up due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.
- Branches with spikes, hooks or other metal objects will not be picked up. STUMPS, ROOTS, ROOT BALLS, WOODEN FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION LUMBER ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.
- Please do not conceal thorny tree branches inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to our workers.
- Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up. B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 469-1036.

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



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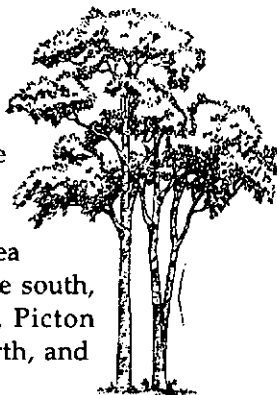
Fall Branch Collection Pickup Schedule



SECTION ONE:

Pick-up begins October 4, 1999

Two areas with the first bounded by Army Trail Road on the south, Glen Ellyn Road on the west, Lake Street on the north and Medinah Road/Walter Road on the east. The second area is bounded by Lake Street on the south, Rosedale Avenue on the west, Picton Road/Foster Avenue on the north, and Medinah Road on the east.



SECTION TWO:

Pick-up begins October 11, 1999

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

SECTION THREE:

Pick-up begins October 18, 1999

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

SECTION FOUR:

Pick-up begins October 25, 1999

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

SECTION FIVE:

Pick-up begins November 1, 1999

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

THINK TREES

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION

Parkway Tree Maintenance

For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas.

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 529-5865, ext. 7.

Leaf Collection

The Village does not provide leaf pick-up services. Blowing or raking leaves into the street is a violation of the Comprehensive Code of Village of Bloomingdale - Chapter 9 Section 1-42.

BFI (469-1036) will pick up leaves and other yard waste on regular trash pick-up days from April 1st through November 30th. Leaves must be placed in bags or cans (up to 60 pounds), each affixed with a yard waste sticker (\$1.23 per sticker).

Tree Planting

• 50/50 Tree Planting Program:

The 50/50 Tree Planting Program is a program for parkway and front yard trees which was started in 1982. Trees are provided to residents, including planting, in a 50/50 cost-sharing with the Village. The trees are planted in the spring and are limited to two trees per year on a lot. Village

residents are notified of the program in the October 'Almanac'. Information and applications for the 'Tree Planting Program' are included for interested property owners. Actual requests must be submitted by December 1st and billing occurs in February.

• Parkway Tree Planting:

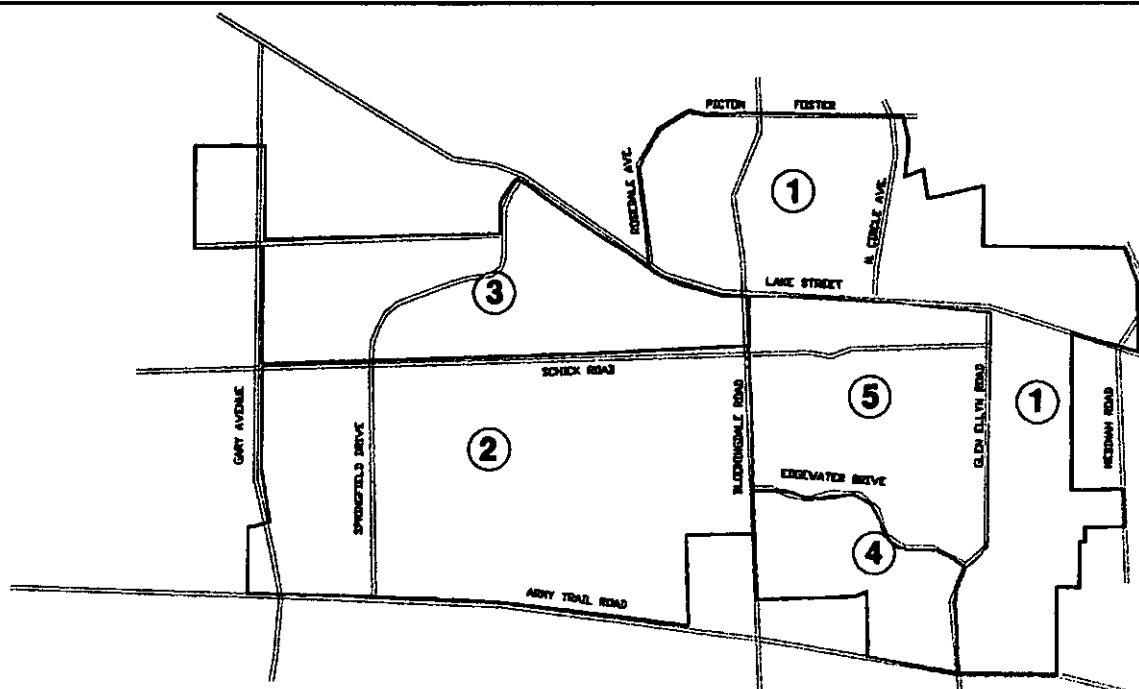
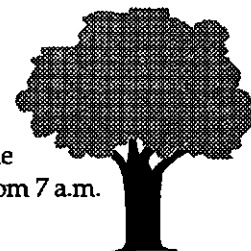
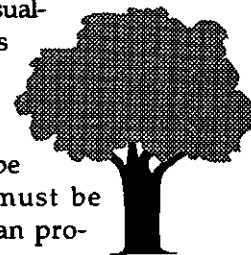
Replacement parkway trees may also be requested from the Village. The size of this program is limited by the available funds in the Tree Budget and is maintained on a first-come, first-served basis. The tree planting usually occurs between one and two years from the time of the request.

The residents may plant parkway trees. In this case, a permit must be obtained and the tree species must be approved. The Village Forester can provide assistance in species selection.

Mulch

The Village has woodchip mulch available at Public Works, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, for those who wish to come and pick it up. Pick-up can be done from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Monday through Friday.

Late summer/early fall is an advantageous time to mulch as the mulch will moderate the effects of winter on the soil and plant roots, and the decomposition of organic mulches during the winter will add nutrients for the spring growing season.



Community Events Community Events Community Events

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

SonCastle Faire Vacation Bible School

Edgewater Community Church invites children to a castle adventure set in merry old England. "We have an exciting summer program planned for the children in our community," said Pastor Steve Graham. "This summer we will be transforming the church into Son-Castle Faire, where children will discover the joy of using their talents to serve the King of kings. We will feature lively songs, crafts, games, Bible studies and snacks—all of the things that make Vacation Bible School so popular with children and their parents. On top of that, we will be helping kids discover their unique abilities and learn how to use them to serve God and others."

"We are looking forward to this very special opportunity for us to reach out to parents and children in our neighborhood and to share with them the joy of developing a personal relationship with God."

The SonCastle Faire Vacation Bible School begins August 16th and continues through August 20th for children finishing kindergarten to 4th grade. Classes are held at Edgewater Community Church, 245 S Bloomingdale Road from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For information, call 980-6161.

St. Isidore Parish Fest

St. Isidore Church hosts its Parish Fest on Saturday, August 21 from 5 – 11 p.m. and Sunday, August 22 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. on the parish grounds. Over seventy-five years ago, the parishioners of the farm community held a summer chicken dinner picnic, which drew folks from as far away as Chicago and Elgin. The 1999 Parish Fest will feature a chicken dinner, reminiscent of those early days of the rural church.

Other highlights include bingo, a best dessert contest, free blood pressure testing, moon walk, face painting, games and relay races, magic shows, dance lessons and a variety of other entertainment. Also featured will be a raffle and a silent auction for items such as a yacht excursion on Lake Michigan for 10 couples and golf at Medinah Country Club. All proceeds from this event benefit the renovation of the chapel, which is the original farmers' church.

Holiday Craft Show Seeks Crafters

The St. Isidore Council of Catholic Women is seeking crafters for its annual holiday craft show. Table space is \$50 with an additional \$10 for electrical hook-up. As space is limited to 50 crafters, contact Liz Freund soon at 894-1843 to reserve space.

Back to School Fair

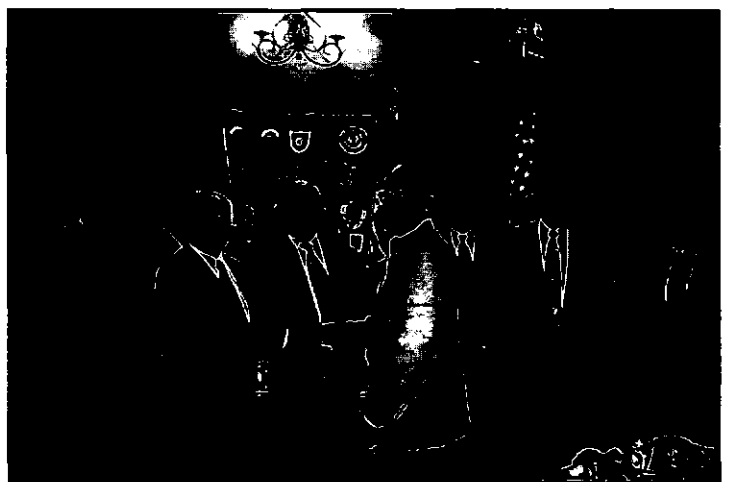
The 1999 Back to School Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Odeum Sports & Expo Center, 1033 N. Villa Avenue in Villa Park. The fair provides "one-stop shopping" for low income DuPage County families, and includes free immunizations, dental exams, vision screenings and lead screenings. Free physical exams are also available on a limited basis and require an appointment by calling 782-7878. In addition to health and human services, a bag of new school supplies will be distributed to each eligible child.

Interested residents may pre-register at Bloomingdale Township. For more information on how to become a sponsor or make a donation to the fair call Mary Tarnow at Catholic Charities, 495-8008.

Villagers Club Hosts Ice Cream Social

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale offers a wide variety of activities for women living in Bloomingdale, both social and philanthropic. On Thursday, August 17, the club will host an ice cream social at 7:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of the month beginning with a social time at 7:15 p.m. At the September 2 meeting, Carol Fritzshall, a certified antique appraiser, will talk about your antiques. Interested women are encouraged to attend, even if they cannot attend the ice cream social. For more information contact Sue Matula at 894-2580 or Rochelle Krause at 893-3501.



Lion Harlan Robinson (center) relinquishes his title of Bloomingdale Lions Club president to Lion Bob Hettlinger at the club's June 11 installation ceremony. Other officers elected included (l to r) Fred Frederickson, Mike Korney, Bob Schoen, Raj Patel, Frank Zappa, Jack Hummel, Dan Beasley and Ron Fangusaro. Fangusaro, who is also a zone chairman, performed the installation of officers.

Street Smart Seniors Earns Governors Hometown Award

The Village of Bloomingdale earned its first Governor's Hometown Award in the senior citizens category for the Police Department's Street Smart Senior program. The awards are presented for volunteer efforts to improve the quality of life in Illinois.



Lt. Governor Corrine Wood presented Detective Dawn Odoi and Police Chief Gary Schira with the Governor's Hometown Award.

According to program coordinator Detective Dawn Odoi, the Street Smart Senior program is designed to give seniors the tools they need "to confidently carry forward a daily routine of residing, working or traveling within their community, and further opening the lines of communication. Seniors gain awareness of their own safety and the safety of the community by their participation."

For more information about the fall program beginning September 1, call Detective Odoi at 529-9868.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society Invites You to Join!

The Bloomingdale Historical Society recently filed for re-incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation with the State of Illinois. This move was necessary as the Society was dissolved some years ago.

Mission Statement: To preserve and present the history of Bloomingdale by working with the Bloomingdale Library to save historical documents and oral histories of current and former village residents. Save and preserve historical artifacts in a safe and accessible location for all residents to enjoy.

Officers named for 1999-2000 are:

Emil Zidek, President
Bonnie Homola, Vice-President
Sue Hornat, Secretary
Bob Kurek, Treasurer
Marian Jonas, Member-at-large

August has been declared Membership Drive Month. A table will be set up at the Fish Fry on August 13, 1999 to recruit members to join the Society. Membership dues will be as follows: \$10.00 per year; \$5.00 for senior citizens (65 and older) and students 18 and younger; \$15.00 for couples.

The Society meets on the first Monday of every month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Everyone is welcome.

For information, contact Bob Kurek at (630) 894-0045; Email: BlmHisSoc@webtv.net

SEPTEMBERFEST VENDORS WANTED

27TH ANNUAL BLOOMINGDALE SEPTEMBERFEST

Saturday, September 11, 1999

6:30 PM - 10:30 PM --

food vendors only

Sunday, September 12, 1999

10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

\$40 per booth

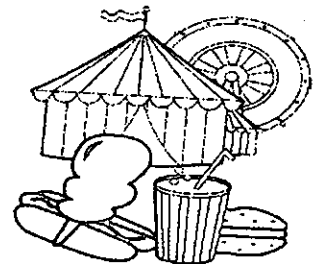
**Limited electricity available --
Please inquire if interested**

**A portion of the proceeds will
benefit the Joe Draghi
Scholarship Fund for the
Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale
Scholarship Competition**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS
AUGUST 16, 1999**

**For information,
write or phone:**

**Village of Bloomingdale
201 S. Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108
(630) 529-9868, ext. 271**



**The Village Hall will
be closed
on Saturdays
through August;
Saturday hours
resume on
September 10**

Wanted: Classic Auto Enthusiasts to Participate in 1999 Car Show

Bring your antique or classic car to the street dance and car show to celebrate Septemberfest 1999. The show will run Saturday, September 11, 1999 from 6:30 to 10:30 PM in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets.

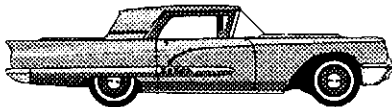
There is NO ENTRANCE FEE. All exhibitors receive commemorative dash plaques, and participate in the Mayor's Choice Award, the Septemberfest Commission Best of Show Award, and other prizes. However, due to space limitations, the show is limited to 40 vehicles.

The first 40 cars to meet the eligibility requirements listed to the right will be selected for this show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation.

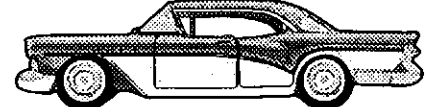
Questions? Call Dolores Orlik at 893-7000, ext. 214.

Eligibility:

1. Cars must be at least 25 years old.
2. You must be able to drive your vehicle into the display area.
3. Cars must arrive by 5:30 pm for staging.
4. Cars must be suitable for display, i.e. no in-progress restorations or questionable graphics.
5. You must complete and return the application on or before September 1, 1999.
6. All cars must carry liability insurance, have safety glass, and have a working fire extinguisher inside the car during the show.



1999 Septemberfest Car Show Application



Owner's Name (please print)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Vehicle Make

Vehicle Model

Year

Member of the following car club(s)

Insurance Carrier

Policy Number

Mail your application to Septemberfest Car Show, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL, 60108, attention: Mrs. Dolores Orlik. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.** All information must be complete.

Artists & Crafters -- Sign Up Today For Septemberfest Festival of Arts

The Bloomingdale Womens Club is seeking vendors for their upcoming Festival of Arts, which is held in conjunction with the Bloomingdale Septemberfest on Sunday, September 12th.

Interested parties should contact Debby at (630) 894-8309.

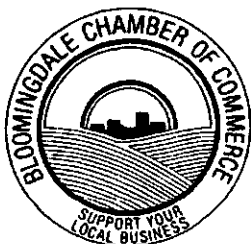
Proceeds from the Festival of Arts go towards college scholarships which are awarded to Bloomingdale residents.



DuPage County Sponsoring Hazardous Waste Collections

The DuPage County Solid Waste Department is sponsoring free hazardous waste collections on Saturday, September 18 at the Lombard Municipal Center, 255 E. Wilson Avenue; and Saturday, October 2 at the Wheaton commuter parking lot #9, Liberty Drive and Carlton Avenue. Hours are 8:00 AM-3:00 PM. Residents may drop off household hazardous wastes that may be poisonous, flammable, corrosive and/or reactive, such as lead-acid batteries, fireworks, explosives, ammunition, latex and oil based paint, photo or pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, pesticides, fertilizer, propane tanks, auto fluids, turpentine, cleaners, asphalt sealer and poisons.

Questions? Call 682-6758.



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138 N. Bloomingtondale Rd.
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107 S. Third St.
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Bloomingtondale Fire Protection
108 W. Washington Street
894-8488

Cecala & Associates
One Tiffany Pointe, Ste. 200
924-1990

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128 W. Lake St.
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Law Office of Mauro DeFalco
108 S. Third St., Ste. 1
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101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington 60108

529-3120



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Party

Saturday, October 30



Friends Autograph Auction

Saturday, November 6

Annual Holiday Open House

Tuesday, November 30



Polar Express

Sunday, December 5

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 11



LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 9:00AM - 5:00pm

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LIBRARY CLOSED

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 LIBRARY CLOSED
(LABOR DAY)

SUNDAY HOURS RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 12
FROM 1:00 - 5:00PM

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

4	Sunshine Serenades— Dooley Brothers	NOON-1:00PM
7	Last day to check in books for Summer Reading Programs	
10	Bloomington Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
11	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
12	Ice Cream Social/ Renaissance Faire; all ages	6:00-9:00PM
12	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
*13	Roy's Friday Night Fish Fry	6:30-10:00PM
14	Writer's Group	9:00AM-NOON
18	Bloomington Garden Club	1:00PM
*18	Internet Training	7:00-9:00PM
25	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
25	Friends of the Library	7:30PM
*26	Introduction to the Internet	7:00PM-9:00PM

SEPTEMBER

*6	LABOR DAY	LIBRARY CLOSED
7	REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS BEGINS	
8	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
9	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
11	Writer's Group	9:00AM-NOON
12	Sunday hours resume	1:00-5:00PM
14	Bloomington Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
20	FALL PROGRAMMING BEGINS	
22	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
22	Friends of the Library	7:00-9:00PM
*23	Introduction to the Internet	7:00-8:00PM
*28	How to Get What You Want Out of Life	6:30-10:00PM 7:00-9:00PM
21	Sunshine Serenades	Noon-1:00PM
21	Bloomington Garden Club	7:30PM
*22	Debbie Dadey, author of the Bailey School Kids (all ages)	3:00-4:30PM
*22	Health, Happiness or Wealth? It's Your Choice!-Chuck Strauss	7:00-9:00PM
28	Sunshine Serenades	Noon-1:00PM

OCTOBER

7	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
*9	Pride of Oregon - Bus Tour	9:00AM-5:30PM
9	Writers Group	9:00AM-NOON
12	Bloomington Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
13	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM

*Registration required (630-529-3120)

Youth Services Department

REGISTER NOW FOR GREAT FALL PROGRAMS

Registration, in person or by telephone 529-3120 ext. 331, will begin on Tuesday, September 7 at 9:00am. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

Non-residents will be placed on a waiting list. If there is room in the program, they will be notified 24 hours before the start of the program session. Beginning 24 hours before the start of the program session, registration is open to both residents and non-residents.

All programs require registration except Drop-in Craft and Bedtime Storytime.

FALL PROGRAMMING BEGINS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 1999.

FALL PROGRAMMING ENDS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 1999.

STORYTIMES

Programs for Newborns through Preschoolers

BABYTALK (infants-17 Months)

Wednesdays, September 22-December 8

9:30 am -10:30 am

11:00am -12:00 pm

BabyTalk is a language enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, finger plays, and books are shared with babies and their caregivers.

TODDLER TIME (18-35 Months)

Mondays, September 20-December 6

10:00 am -10:30 am, (18-24 months)

11:00 am -11:30am (25-35 months)

Tuesdays, September 21-December 7

10:00 am -10:30 am (18-35 months)

Toddler Time is a storytime for young children accompanied by an adult. Stories, songs, rhymes and musical activities are presented for interactive participation.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR (3-5 years)

Mondays, September 20-December 6

10:00 am -11:00 am

Tuesdays, September 21-December 7

(See *Bedtime Stories* below)

7:00 pm -7:45 pm

Wednesdays, September 22-December 8

9:30 am -10:30 am

Thursdays, September 23-December 9

1:30 pm -2:30 pm

Preschool story hour features stories, musical activities, filmstrips and songs. Five year olds enrolled in kindergarten are welcome.



BEDTIME STORIES (18 months-5 years)

Tuesdays, September 21-December 7

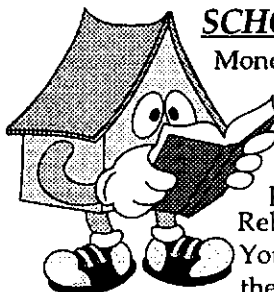
7:00 -7:45 pm

Bedtime Stories is a program designed to serve families with toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. No registration is required for the 12 week session. FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS.

Great opportunity for the **SCHOOLDAZED** (Grades 4 and up)

Mondays through Thursdays

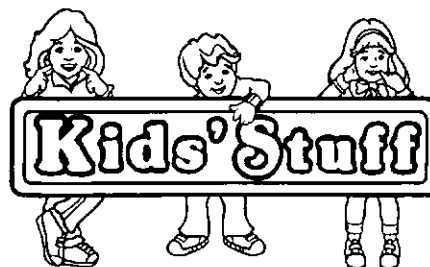
3:30 pm - 4 pm



Our collection of textbooks, Wall of posted Assignment Alerts, the Rebecca Caudill Collection, and the Youth Services Computer Lab all make the Library a great place to do homework anytime. But you may need to unwind, and take a short break before you tackle the books! If you are in Grades 4 and up, come and listen to music, visit, or bring a snack and refuel before you get started. Make sure you bring your Library Card, you will need it to use the computers, make photocopies, and borrow books.

YOUTH SERVICES COMPUTER CENTER

Library staff will be offering training sessions for the online catalog and our electronic resources. Get details and sign up at the Youth Services Desk.



Youth Services Department FALL SPECIAL EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

DROP-IN CRAFT (All ages)

Saturday September 25, October 23, and November 27
Anytime between 9:00 am -4:30 pm

Drop in anytime during the above hours to make a fun and easy craft. Children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by someone over age 12.

YOUTH SERVICES COMPUTER CENTER

Library staff will be offering training sessions for the online catalog and our other electronic resources. Get details and sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

PUPPET PLAYHOUSE (Grades 6 and up)

Wednesdays, September 22-December 8
4:30 pm -5:30 pm

Come and help create a puppet show from scratch and give a performance. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk.

FALL FUN (Grades K to 5)

Thursdays 4:30 pm -5:30 pm

September 23, October 7,
November 4, December 2 (K-1)

September 30, October 21,
November 18, December 9 (2-3)

September 30, October 28,
December 9 (4-5)



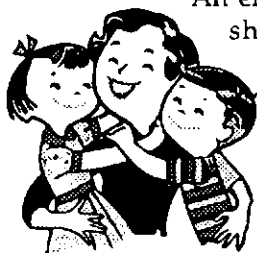
Autumn is chock full of things to celebrate. Each month there will be games and activities. Check at the Youth Services Desk for details and to register.

PARENTING FROM THE HEART

Dates: Tuesdays, September 7-28

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Cost: \$20.00 per person/ \$30.00 per couple



An enjoyable, interactive workshop that shows you how to take the daily struggle out of parenting and to give your child the values needed to grow into healthy, self-confident adults. It is offered in cooperation with Central DuPage Hospital and the fee includes a helpful manual.

'Time Trek Readers' Story Stops at Stratford Square Mall a Hit with Kids

The Youth Services Department worked with Mall staff to produce a series of storytimes which were held each Monday afternoon at the mall. Approximately 100 people joined in singing songs, listening to stories and working on crafts projects during each of the sessions.

A special thank you goes to Stratford Square Mall, Marketing Manager Rhonda Lewallen, and Customer Services Supervisor Helen Ibsen for their guidance and enthusiasm, and to the following merchants who donated merchandise or gift certificates.

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A Great Big THANKS to Our Local Businesses for Their Support!!!!

**DVDs ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR
CHECKOUT AT THE LIBRARY.
THREE DAY LOAN PERIOD FOR \$1.00.
SEE THE DISPLAY IN THE ADULT
SERVICES DEPARTMENT.**

WANTED

*Donations of used books for our ongoing
Book Sale!*

*May be left anytime at the library or
can be arranged for pickup.*

Please call the library at 529-3120.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Come all gallant knights and beautiful maidens to the 11th annual Ice Cream Social

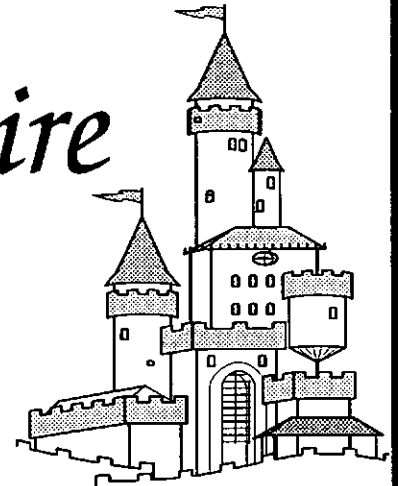
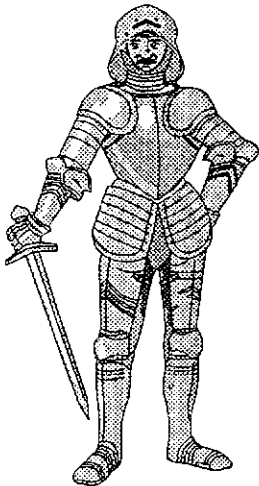
Presented as a

Renaissance Faire

Thursday, August 12, 1999

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Exciting Events



MINISTROSITY: a mix of traditional, folk, and original music

DONNA BENKERT on the Hammered Dulcimer with **RICK VERAS** on fiddle (6:30 to 9:00 PM)

SIR JOHN III the noble knight and his squire

The courtly
SIR JOHN HARRINGTON

Brad Weston as **JACK VALENTINE**, juggler, jester and magician. (6:30 to 8:30 PM)

The **CELTIC LIVING THEATRE SOCIETY** presents crafts and costumes.

The **SOCIETY** for **CREATIVE ANACHRONISM** presents period games, costumes and combat.

Seaweed the Serpent and the giant Knight's Slide. (Inflatable rides)

Other Activities

Clowns, sculptured balloons, Stratford Square tile painting, face painting and visits from the characters Whimsey, Franklin, and Pages the library bear. Special exhibits by the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District and the Bloomingdale Police Department.

Vendors:

❖ **RALPH'S CATERING:** Hotdogs, Bratwurst and chips

❖ **FRIENDS OF THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY:** ice cream sundaes, beverages and popcorn

❖ **Location:** Under the Big Top on the corner of Bloomingdale Road and Fairfield Way.

❖ **Parking note:** overflow parking next to the Village Hall, Starck & Camelot at 181 S. Bloomingdale Road, and the lot to the immediate north of Starck & Camelot.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale.
Special thanks to Braun Enterprises, Noodle Kidoodle, Starck & Camelot, and Fundways, Inc.*

Adult Services Department

UPCOMING PROGRAMS ESPECIALLY FOR ADULTS

Please read the latest schedule of programs offered by the Adult Services Department. We are scheduling new programs every day. Please stop at the Adult Reference Desk if you would like more information. 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.

How to Get What You Want Out of Life

Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Chuck Strauss is back with his series on exploring personal growth opportunities and ways to get more out of life. He has revamped the content of his seminars and promises to give even more in the way of advice and coping skills so that you, too, can get what you want out of life. Now that the kids are back in school, allow some time for personal growth and attend this popular seminar.

Introduction to the Internet

Wednesday, August 18 and
Thursday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

And

Wednesday, September 8 and
Thursday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.



These popular Internet training classes will continue in August and September. This small group session is limited to twenty participants. A special computerized device is used to project what appears on the computer screen to a movie screen so all can view the information. This class is aimed at those who have some working knowledge of computers and computer-related terminology, but have little or no experience using the Internet. Space is limited so please register early.

A Great Big Thanks To Our Local Businesses for Their Support

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following merchants and organizations for their very generous donations to the Adult and Youth Services Summer Reading Program, Time Trek Readers.

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Amalfis
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Friends of the Bloomingdale Library
Garibaldi's Italian Eatery
Hamlet
Indian Lakes Resort
JFK Health World
Kane County Cougars
McDonald's, Lake Street
Noodle Kidoodle
Platt Hill Nursery
Stratford Square Mall
West Suburban Bank, Army Trail Road*

September is . . . Library Card Sign-Up Month!

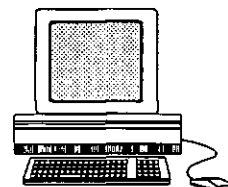
September signals the beginning of the school year, the start of fall sports programs and at the library it is National Library Card Sign-up month. Anyone residing within the Village of Bloomingdale may obtain a Bloomingdale Library Plus Card. Proof of residency is necessary at time of registration. Individuals under the age of eighteen must have a parent or guardian present in order to receive a card. The Library Plus Card is a digitally enhanced photo ID that offers many features and allows the patron limitless opportunities:

- Checkout materials for school assignments.
- Search the Internet for the latest information in the medical field.
- Make copies using one of the three black and white copiers or the color copier.
- Print information retrieved from the Internet or one of the online reference sources.
- Sign up for fall programs.
- Search Info Trac for current periodical articles.
- Update your resume using one of the libraries PCs and laser printer.
- Take a look at the library's new DVD collection.
- Borrow one of the CD-ROM programs to use on your home computer.
- Browse the book stacks for a new author.
- Read a book to your child in the Youth Services area.
- Find information on how to build a deck.

Bring the family to the library and either register for the Library Plus Card or renew your existing card and receive one of the new cards. For more information call the Circulation Desk at 529-3120 x 312.

INTERNET TUTORS NEEDED

The library needs volunteers who can offer one-on-one training for patrons. Training sessions are offered in half-hour time slots in the evenings. Anyone interested in volunteering as a trainer, please call Peggy Carlson at 529-3120, ext. 328.



Adult Services Department

ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS CONTINUED

The Adult Services Department has scheduled the following bus trips for your enjoyment. Early registration is encouraged as prior tours have filled quickly. Non-residents are welcome to participate. Call the Library at 529-3120 ext. 324 for more information.

PRIDE OF OREGON

Date: Saturday, October 9, 1999

Depart: 9:15 a.m. Return: 5:30 p.m.

Price: \$51 per person

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 12, 1999

The trip will take participants west to the town of Oregon, Illinois for a trip on the paddle wheel riverboat Pride of Oregon. Lunch will be served during the two and one-half hour cruise. The boat features an enclosed area, which should make the trip enjoyable for all regardless of the weather.

The next stop is at Lowden State Park. This park is one of the most picturesque sites along the Rock River. It is well known for the nearly-50-foot-tall-concrete-reinforced statue of Chief Black Hawk that stands as a tribute to all Native Americans. The figure is estimated to weigh 270 tons and is the second largest concrete monolithic statue in the world.

The final stop is Behmer's Pumpkin Fantasy Land. Participants will enjoy seeing many types of animals, tour a barn filled with different fall characters, enjoy hot cider or coffee, and take home a pumpkin. Participants will then return by motor coach to the Library.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS TOUR

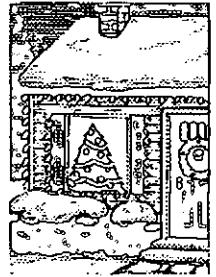
Date: Saturday, December 4 through
Sunday, December 5, 1999

Departure and Arrival Times to be
determined

Price: \$199 per person (double),

\$185 per person (triple),

\$240 per person (single)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- NEW DATES FOR BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP



The Bloomingdale Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. Please note that the meeting day has changed.

Our fall selections are:

October 21

Stones From the River by Ursula Hegi

November 18

Falling Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah

Copies of the selections will be available at the Reference Desk approximately one month prior to the discussion. New members are always welcome!

2nd annual

ROY'S FAMOUS FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

Friday, August 13 from 6:30-10:00 PM

\$10.00 per person

Come enjoy an evening of food and dancing sponsored by the
Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Historical Society
Call 630-529-3120 for information and tickets.



Kids Invited to Paint 'Tiles for Lifelong Learning' At Stratford Square Mall

Donations from businesses, individuals also being sought

by Adeline Dobbins

The Bloomingdale Public Library and Stratford Square Mall invite area youngsters to participate in the creation of the Stratford "Squares for Lifelong Learning" tile wall.

"All proceeds from this joint effort will benefit the library's computer training lab being developed for patrons and staff," said Mary Rodne, library director.

Children will be able to design and paint a tile for the art wall. Tiles already decorated with a colorful footprint may be purchased in the names of children too young to paint.

The tile wall will be on permanent display near the food court in the newly renovated section of Stratford Square, and a plaque acknowledging all donors will remain on display in the computer lab at the library.

Informational brochures, with order forms attached, can be obtained at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, or at Stratford Square Mall, 152 Stratford Square. Order forms should be completed and returned to the library or the mall, along with a check payable to "The Bloomingdale Public Library." Each tile is \$25 and is tax deductible. Orders must be received no later than August 12, 1999.

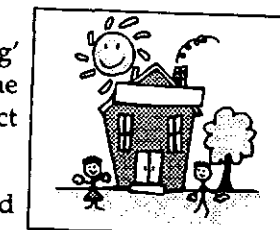
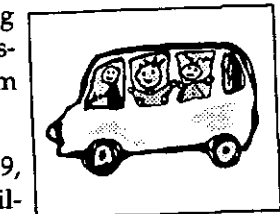
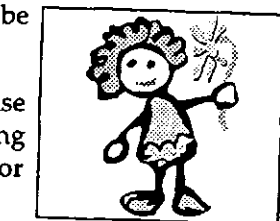
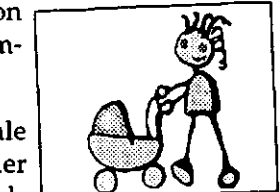
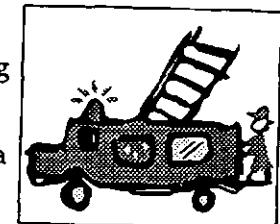
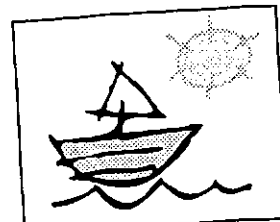
Businesses and individuals may sponsor tiles for children in the community who otherwise might not have an opportunity to participate. "We've already had inquiries about sponsoring tiles for youngsters at Marklund Children's Home and Alden Village Health Facility for Children and Young Adults," Rodne said.

Informational packets sent to participants will include an outline of the tile to give young artists a chance to develop their designs prior to the scheduled painting sessions. Many sessions are planned, both at the library and Stratford Square, so no one should have a problem reserving a time that best fits their schedule.

Each packet also will contain three tickets for a preview party to be held on November 7, 1999, 6-8 p.m. The party will include children's entertainment, refreshments and the formal unveiling of the art wall. Additional tickets will be available for \$5.

"We look forward to working with the library on the Stratford 'Squares for Lifelong Learning' tile wall," said Rhonda Lewallen, marketing manager at Stratford Square. "With all of the proceeds benefiting the library's computer lab, we feel this project will have a positive effect on our community."

For more information contact Rodne, at the library, (630) 529-3120, or Lewallen, at Stratford Square, (630) 351-2800.



Friends of the Bloomingdale Library present

Autograph Auction/Local Artist Exhibit and Sale

Plans are well under way for the fourth Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library Autograph Auction, scheduled for November 6, 1999. To date, over 150 items, autographs of famous authors, entertainers, athletes and personalities have been collected for the silent auction.

Mark your calendars and start saving your money! You won't want to miss this popular event!

JOIN OUR FRIENDLY SENIORS!

The Bloomingdale Seniors Club meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Bloomingdale Library on the second Tuesday of every month. Join them for conversation, informational speakers, bus trips, and card playing. Come join the fun and activities!

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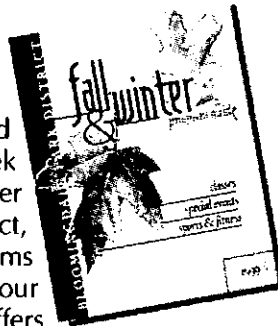
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Park District Fall Brochures Mailed Week of August 16

Our latest brochure will be mailed to all park district residents the week of August 16. Everything you ever wanted to know about the park district, including hundreds of exciting programs and offerings, will be presented in our latest brochure! The park district offers classes for adults, seniors, teens, youth and tots, as well as family-oriented special events. The brochure will include information on classes through December.



The Classes Look Great – How Do I Sign Up?



The park district offers several ways that you can register for programs. The easiest is mail-in registration which begins as soon as you receive your brochure. A registration form is located in the back of the brochure along with instructions and important dates. Registration forms can also be faxed to us at 630-529-9184. Or if you would like to stop in, you can fill out a form and leave it with us. Please remember – no confirmation notices are sent to participants. If you do not hear from us prior to the class beginning, then you can consider yourself registered. Registration for programs that still have openings will be taken up to ten days prior to the start of the class. **Register early!**

Visit Our Tent at Septemberfest Sunday, September 12



The annual Septemberfest celebration is always a great time and we have a few things lined up that we think you'll enjoy. Stop by our tent and see pottery and craft demonstrations, visit a great quilt show at the museum, or see our well-known gymnasts perform.

Aerobics FREE Week – August 30 through September 4



Try any one of our aerobic classes for **FREE** during the week of August 30 through September 4. We offer a variety of classes including Reebok Step, Tighten 'N Tone, and combination classes. Call us for specific days and times. Steps are available but participants should bring a mat.

Please note: Free week does not include Jazzercise classes.

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Make A Difference Day



Springfield Park Nature Area – Saturday, September 25

You can make a difference in the community by volunteering your time to help clean up the wetlands located at Springfield Park. The day will include refreshments and a guided tour of this 20-acre premier ecological area. Please call Mary Jo Bailey at the park district for more information.



Make A Difference Day '98 – Springfield Park Nature Area

Thank you to the following generous donors:

- Bob and Regina Wright for their generous \$15,000 donation to the new, 350 foot boardwalk located at the Springfield Park Nature Area.
- Mr. Micheal J. Darovec who donated \$3,000 for the construction of the observation deck that is located in the north marsh area.
- Indian Lakes Resort for the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation's Annual Golf Outing.

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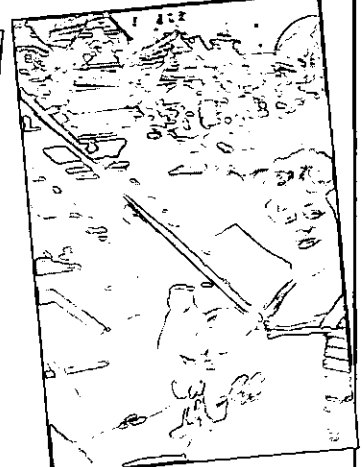
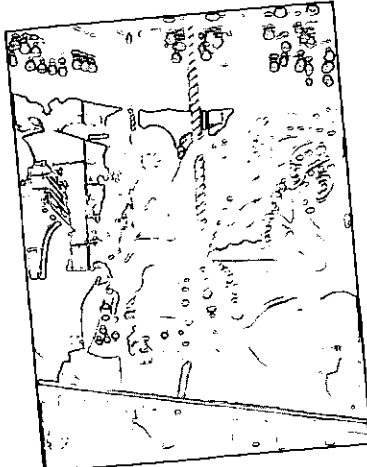


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