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Mayor's Column

Reflections



Bloomingtondale, founded in 1833 and incorporated as a Village in 1889, will be seeing its second "turn of a century" at the end of this year. We are fortunate to have

well preserved documentation dating back to our incorporation election in 1889. Both minutes and ordinances were laboriously handwritten for many years.

The election of March 5, 1889 brought out 47 voters in favor of incorporating as a Village. There were 12 votes against it. The election was held in the Tailor Shop of the late F.X. Neltner. About a month later the first six trustees were elected: Frank Holstein, H.W. Vanderhoof, John Bagge, William Wangelieu, Joe Fiedler and William Rathje. Vanderhoof was named president (or first mayor) from that group.

Although not always stimulating reading, the minutes and laws give us a glimpse into life roughly 100 years ago. At one meeting Julius King gets his dog tax abated (\$1 or \$2 depending on the dog's gender) because his dog was shot. An ordinance passed in 1899 allows the Chicago Telephone Company to erect poles and wires for communication by telephone.

Another early ordinance prohibits anyone from "flying kites, throwing stones, trundling hoops..." or anything that was likely to frighten a horse. By 1904 the Village Board passed an ordinance regulating automobiles in Bloomingdale. Note the speed limit was 18 mph, 4 mph when turning a corner.

In 1909 anyone who took the Village fire truck or water wagon with team to a real fire within the village limits, would be paid \$5 each occurrence. A 1915 ordinance regulates the use of cement sidewalks, specifying that children under 13 (and no one else!) were allowed to roller skate from 4 - 7 p.m. as long as they were not too noisy or boisterous.

The total budget for 1910 was \$2550, which included \$350 in salaries. Our budget for this fiscal year was \$37 million, which includes the golf course. How far we have come in the last 100 years. From a remote (relatively) farm town to today's bustling suburb which boasts quality homes, education, recreation, commerce and more, our founding fathers could have never imagined where we would be today. One hundred years ago, Bloomingdale was just getting telephone service. Today we can communicate by phone (wireless, no less), fax and e-mail.

As a child in the 40's & 50's, my idea of the year 2000 conjured up visions of Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. Now

that we are on the verge of this new millennium, the future looks a little more familiar than the one Flash and Dale Arden inhabited. How lucky we all are to be here for this opportunity.

Our founding fathers, and those who followed, did their best to make Bloomingdale a great place to live. It has continued to be just that.

On behalf of the Village Board and the employees of the Village of Bloomingdale, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. I give you our sincere commitment to continue to make Bloomingdale a wonderful place to live well into the new century.

Sincerely,
Robert Iden



Getting ready for the holidays

**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 p.m. -- Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS**

3rd Thursday of every month
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Quarterly beginning in January
2nd Monday
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Board of Directors Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
8:00 a.m. -- 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

TRUSTEES

Robert Czernek
Legal & Intergovernmental

John Dabrowski
*Community Programs and
Special Events*

Patrick S. DeMoon
Police

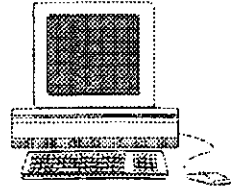
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Anthony B. Mulizio
Finance and Personnel

Gloria Reyes
Public Works and Services

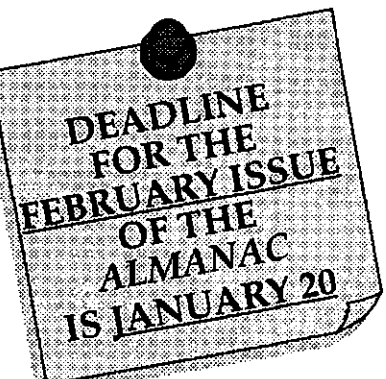
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address is:



VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@worldnet.att.net

Our new website address is:
www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us



In the Spirit of the Season...



*VFW Post #7539 came out in force to decorate a tree at the Library's
"Snowman Crossing."*

Police Academy II Classes Begin January 27

The Bloomingdale Police Department is commencing the second Citizen Police Academy II Class. The classes begin on Thursday, January 27, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. The classes will run for six consecutive Thursday evenings.

Content of the classes includes—Personal Safety, Vehicle Maintenance, Scams, Internet Crimes, Team Building, Road Rage, and The Illinois Vehicle Code. There are also tours slated for the DuPage County Crime Lab, Jail, and Coroner's Office.

The cost is free and you need not be a Citizen Police Academy I graduate to participate. If you wish to sign up or need further information, please call Detective Randy Sater at 529-9868.

New Phone System to Better Serve Your Needs

The Village has a new phone system designed to make it easier for callers to reach the right department more quickly. The following are direct numbers for various departments.

671-5600 Mayor's Office

671-5610 Administration

671-5630 Finance

General Finance

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Payable

671-5650 Water Billing

671-5690 Village Services Dept. Adm.

671-5676 Engineering

671-5660 Building & Zoning

671-5800 Public Works Maintenance

Street Repair

Snow Plowing

Forestry

671-5830 Public Works Utilities

671-5850 Water Reclamation Facility

The 893-7000 number is still operational and will give you the extensions for individual employees if you know who you are trying to reach.

The Police Department non-emergency number remains 529-9868.



Lake Street Construction Update

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Lake Street Construction Project is progressing as scheduled. All lanes are now open to traffic.

The remainder of work includes:

- ➔ All medians
- ➔ Permanent traffic signals
- ➔ Street Lighting
- ➔ Sidewalks
- ➔ Seeding and sodding
- ➔ Landscaping (A separate landscaping project is scheduled to begin during the summer of 2000.)



Work on the above items will continue as weather permits. Please note that occasional daytime closures may be necessary for the construction of these items.

Additional warning signs will be placed at all intersections to alert drivers to new lane configurations. Please be alert for changes in traffic patterns.

Please use caution when approaching Lake Street. Watch for new traffic lanes.

For your safety and the safety of the construction workers, please use extreme caution while driving in the work zone and obey all construction and work zone signage. Watch for work zone speed limits.

For further information on the Lake Street Widening project, please contact Paul Helmick, Illinois Department of Transportation at (630) 529-0454 or Jim Monkemeyer, Village of Bloomingdale, 893-7073 ext. 5692 or Lake Street Widening Hotline at 671-5676.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding during the construction.

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 6th and 13th, 2000, and on Fridays, January 7th and 14th, 2000.

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.

THINK TREE PRUNING

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION

Tree & Shrub Planting Class

A tree and shrub pruning class in February 2000 is under consideration by the Village Forestry Department. All residents who might be interested in attending are asked to call Helen Price at 671-5800.

Enjoy a Real Christmas Tree

If your family is among the 36 million that will purchase a real Christmas tree this year, you can do so with a clear conscience that the tradition is both environmentally correct and even patriotic. According to the National Christmas Tree Association, 90 percent of all Christmas trees are grown on some 15,000 plantations, many of which are family operations. These tree farms are found in all 50 states and employ 100,000 people full or part-time. Artificial trees, which are non-recyclable when discarded, are manufactured mostly in Asia, and are usually made of synthetic material made from non-renewable resources. Also, for each real Christmas tree harvested, two or three seedlings are planted in its place. Since young trees in their rapid growth years have a high rate of photosynthesis, just one acre of Christmas trees produces the daily oxygen requirement for 18 people. With approximately one million acres dedicated to Christmas tree production in the U.S., this translates to oxygen for 18 million people every day.

Preparing Plants for Winter

Drying Winds

Many plants, especially evergreens which retain their leaves all winter, are susceptible to desiccation from cold, dry winds, and sun. Desiccation injury occurs when plants lose water through their leaves faster than their roots can absorb it.

⇒ Water all plants well until the ground freezes. This is especially important because once the ground freezes, plants are no longer able to absorb water.

⇒ Construct a screen from burlap to protect exposed plants from drying winds.

⇒ Apply anti-desiccant sprays in November or December and again in January or February when the temperature is above 40 degrees to slow water loss.

Ice and Snow

⇒ Gently brush or shake heavy, wet snow from the branches of small trees and shrubs. Do not attempt to remove ice or frozen snow. This may cause more damage to the plant.

⇒ Protect multi-stemmed evergreens, such as arborvitae, junipers, and yews, from winter storm damage by tying trunks together with old nylons or soft cotton rope. Remove the ties in the spring!

⇒ Avoid using large amounts of de-icing salts around plants along sidewalks and driveways.

Looking for a Great Christmas Gift for the Golfer in Your Life?

Looking for something really different for a Christmas gift for the golf enthusiast? The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee might have just the ticket! The second in the series of lifesize statues, "The Golfer," will be placed at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The committee is selling a limited number of engraved bricks to surround the statue.

If you purchase a brick as a gift, we will have a gift card printed for you which would include the inscription you want imprinted the brick. We will also enclose a small color picture of the statue to accompany the card. The committee hopes to place the statue late spring, early summer 2000.

There are two size bricks available:
4"x8" for \$75 or 8" x 8" for \$300. Order forms are available at the Village Hall or the golf course. For more information call Mary Ellen at the Village Hall, 671-5600. All donations are tax deductible.

NOTE: Bricks are still available at the library location and we will do the same gift note (no picture) for that one also.



Congratulations to These Valued Employees!

This year several of our employees reached landmark anniversaries of employment. One of our employees reached an unprecedented 30 years with the Village. Eleanor Alumbaugh, known as Ellie to friends and co-workers, has worked in several departments over the years, but currently works part-time in the Police Records Division. Ellie and her husband Roy are longtime residents of Bloomingdale.

We are very proud of the longevity of so many of our employees. In addition to Ellie, we'd like to publicly recognize the following employees:

25 years

James Fluess,
Water Reclamation Supervisor

20 years

Dan Wennerholm, Village Administrator
Shirley Burger, Chemist

15 Years

Dennis Szafran,
Public Works Maintenance Superintendent
Helen Domanski-Schober,
Village Services Executive Secretary
Dolores Orlik,
Financial Assistant/Water Billing
Gary Fuchs, Police Detective
Edward Lewen,
Street Maintenance Division Supervisor

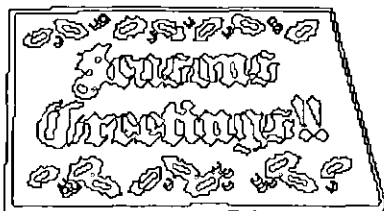
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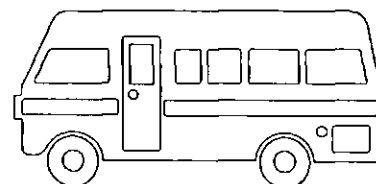
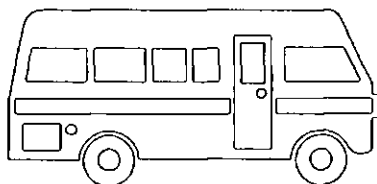
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PACE Offers Expanded Service To Roselle Metra Station

PACE recently expanded service on Route 407 Bloomingdale/Roselle which provides weekday rush-hour service to the Metra station along the Milwaukee District West Line. In addition to the three trips currently going to the train station each weekday morning, two new trips will originate at the Pace Park-n-Ride in Bloomingdale at Springfield Park on Springfield Drive, south of Lake Street. Commuters who don't have a permit to park at the Roselle Metra station can conveniently park free at the Park-n-ride.

The bus route is ideal for residents needing to catch Chicago-bound trains from Glengarry Club, Stratford Place, Country Club Estates, Chateau Lorraine, Bloomfield Club, Bloomfield Hills Heritage at Stratford and other neighborhoods in between. To get a schedule call Pace Passenger Service weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 847-364-PACE. Visit Pace on the internet at www.pacebus.com.



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 27th through Sunday, January 2nd**. 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**. There is No Service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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 —

Two Lake Park seniors were recently honored by receiving a Youth Excellence Award. The awards, which were sponsored by Lt. Governor Corrine Wood, were presented at the Thompson Center on October 18. Adam Beagley received an award for academic achievement. Beagley ranks first in his class of 632 and is the president of Lake Park's National Honor Society. His award was presented by Deputy Governor for Education, Dr. Hazel Lucks.

Sufyan Sohel received his award for his involvement in student council. He has been an officer in Student Council since his freshman year and currently serves as the president of the Illinois Association of Student Councils. His award was presented by Jade Smalls, Miss Illinois 1999.

Earlier this year, both young men earned the Eagle Scout Award, which is the highest honor a Boy Scout can receive. They were nominated for the Youth Excellence Award by Lake Park West principal Martin Quinn.



Adam Beagley receives his award.

Young published author April Samuelson has now won the Chicago Foundation for Women's writing award for her essay, My Favorite Female Writer, Emily Dickinson. The Westfield Junior High eighth grader was one of six winners from nearly 200 entrants. Samuelson has had a short story published in "Girl's Life" magazine and a poem included in the anthology A Celebration of young Poets - 1998.



Bloomington Bulldogs Place 5th in Nation

The Bloomington Bulldogs boys 12-year old traveling baseball team finished the season by placing fifth in the 47-team national baseball tournament in Cooperstown, New York this summer. Teams from across the nation competed in a week-long tournament. In addition to the fifth place showing, the Bulldogs won the team skills competition during the opening ceremonies. The young players were able to make the trip to Cooperstown thanks to the generosity of businesses and individuals in the Bloomington area. There is a great display at the Bloomington Park District Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle, honoring the Bulldogs and their great showing in Cooperstown. Stop in and see it!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

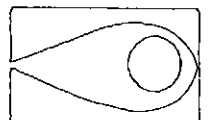
HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM BLOOMINGDALE'S NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

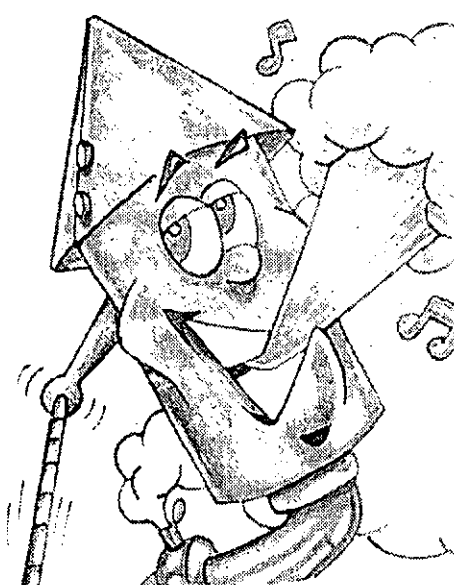
- ◇ Keep your purse close to your body with your hand on the clasp.
- ◇ Don't leave packages on the car seat, lock them in the trunk.
- ◇ Teach your children to go to a cashier if they are lost.
- ◇ Don't display gifts where they can be seen from a window or doorway

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 28 at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall, or contact Detective Randy Sater at the Bloomington Police Department, 529-9868. See first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

OUR SUCCESS IS MEASURED BY
THE SCOPE OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT





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The Chief Executive of an HMO died and was very relieved that he got into heaven. Of course, he had to check out after 48 hours...



This guy is selling three parrots. Another guy who wants to buy a parrot approaches him and asks, "How much are your parrots?" The salesman answers, "The first one is \$1,000." "What does he know?" "He knows 10,000 words and 500 sentences and is able to solve mathematical expressions." "How about the second one?" "The second parrot



costs \$5,000." "What does he know?" "He knows 100,000 words and 10,000 sentences, is able to solve mathematical expressions, and create computer programs." Then what is the price for the third one?, the buyer is wondering. "This one costs \$20,000." "Really?!" wonders the exciting buyer. "What does he know?" This one knows absolutely nothing, but the two others always call him "THEIR BOSS."



If corn oil comes from corn, where does baby oil come from?



If it's tourist season, why can't we shoot them?



The Reverend Francis Norton woke up Sunday morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So...he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and convinced him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed,

"You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?" The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE! St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?" The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"



The cop says, "Good evening sir, you were going 60 in a 50 mph zone." The guy says, "No, I wasn't." The wife turns to him and says, "Yes, dear



you were." The man says, "Why don't you shut up?" Then the cop says, "You also didn't have your seatbelt on sir." Naturally the guy says, "Sure I had it on." Again the woman says, "No honey, you didn't." The man turns around and says to the woman, "I told you to shut up (violently)." Then the cop bends down and says to the woman, "Excuse me ma'am but is this your husband?" The woman says, "Yes." "Is he always this mean and rude with you?" The woman says, "No officer, only when he is DRUNK!"




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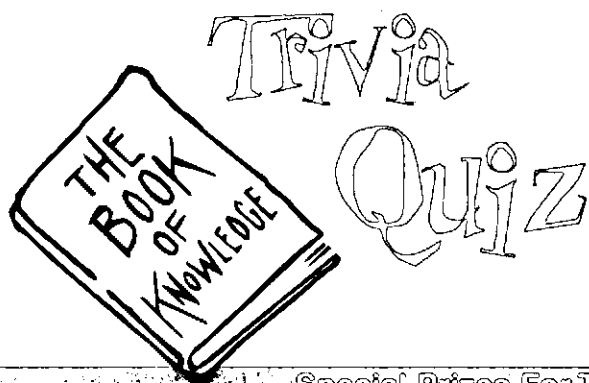
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Community Events Community Events Community Events

Women's Club Christmas Dinner

"A Currier and Ives Christmas" is the theme for the Bloomingdale Women's Club's annual Christmas dinner. It will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 7 p.m. at the newly restored Bloomingdale Museum. Members seeking further information should contact President Kathleen Pitts at 980-7860.

Brunch with Santa

The popular annual "Sunday Brunch with Santa" at Indian Lakes Resort is set for Sundays, December 5, 12 and 19 in the Sedona Grille restaurant. The champagne brunch is offered from 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. A free family photo is included. For more information and reservations call 529-0200.

Lions Host Spaghetti Dinner

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be hosting one of their fabulous Spaghetti Dinners on Friday, January 14 from 5-8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Tickets are \$8 per person; kids 8 and under are free. Call Lion Jack Hummel at 529-0834 for more information or for tickets. Tickets are also available at the door.

Officer Honored

Officer Bruce Beck, an 11-year veteran of the Bloomingdale Police Department, was recently recognized and honored for his valor and heroism under traumatic circumstances in saving the life of a child. Mayor Iden presented him with a plaque recognizing his efforts at the September 27th Village Board meeting. In addition, the Hundred Club of DuPage County also presented Beck with its Valor Award. The 100 Club is dedicated to helping and honoring police and firefighter personnel.



Township Chore Program for Youths 13-16

The Bloomingdale Township Chore Program offers a residential job referral service which matches local youth ages 13-16 with citizens in the community who need or desire help with odd jobs around the house or yard. The youth are recruited through the local middle schools during their lunch periods. All interested youth must attend a pre-employment orientation which covers basic information on how the program works and practical job skills on how to get and keep a job. Typical job requests made by residents to the Chore Program include mowing lawns, washing windows, cleaning house, raking leaves and shoveling snow. Job opportunities are matched with registered youth based on

interest and geographic proximity. Township helps the residents negotiate a salary with the youth. For more information on student participation or residents needing help, call the Township Youth Service Bureau at 893-6685.

Four Bloomingdale Residents to Participate in Eco-Challenge in Borneo

Four Bloomingdale athletes have been chosen to compete in the Eco-Challenge ultimate adventure race next year in Borneo. The event, which gained prominence on The Discovery Channel, will be contested next August.

Bloomingdale firefighters Dan Phillips, Andy Daylor, teacher Lisa Black and chiropractor Steve Major are members of Team Outrageous Adventures. Eco-Challenge is an eight-day event featuring rock climbing, mountain biking, caving, jungle trekking, scuba diving and at least one surprise or mystery event. A non-profit corporation has been established to help defray training and travel costs for the team. Contact Phillips at 833-4461 or Daylor at 373-4259 for more information.

Volunteers Needed to Deliver Meals

The DuPage Senior Citizens Council is looking for volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors throughout the County, including Bloomingdale. Drivers are needed to deliver noontime meals Monday through Friday. To learn more about this and other volunteer opportunities, call the senior council at 620-0804.

BLOOMINGDALE
Golf Club

Sunday Brunch

Starting Sunday, January 23
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Adults	\$15.95
Children 5 to 12	\$7.95
Under 5	Free

AND

**The ever-popular
Fish Fry Returns!**

Fridays, starting January 21

For more information on either, call 529-3380.
Reservations suggested, but not necessary.

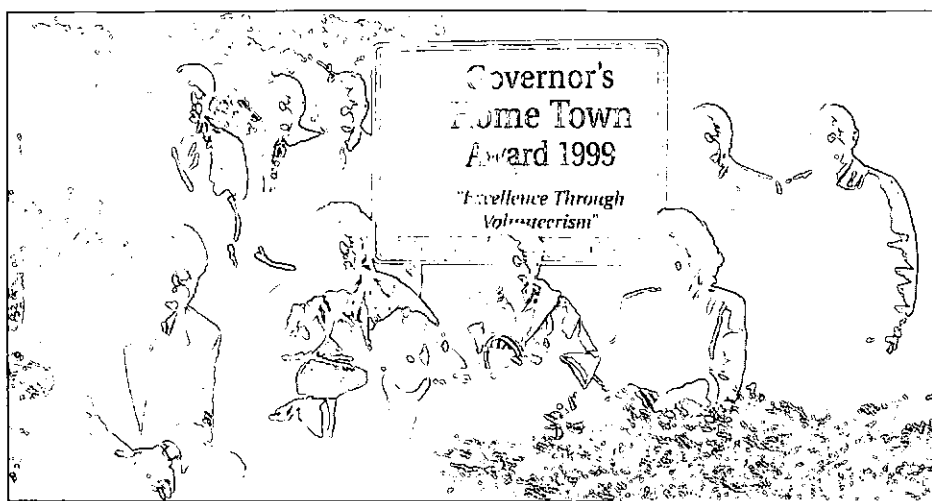


Erickson Elementary Students Provide a Thanksgiving Feast for 800 People

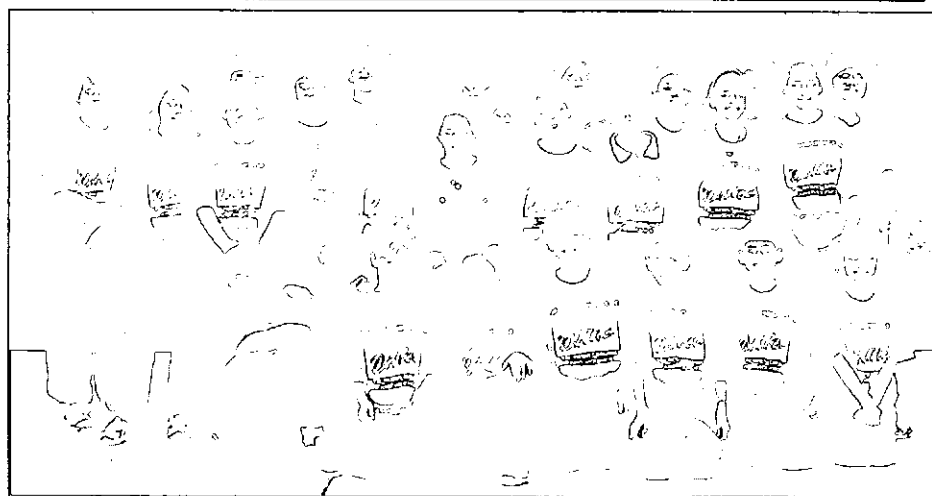
Erickson Elementary PTO hosted the 1999 Thanksgiving feast. Nearly 100 volunteers took part in the annual event feeding nearly 800 people with 30 turkeys and all the trimmings. Here second graders provided some seasonal songs.



Celebrating Our Governor's Home Town Award



Governor's Home Town Award Participants: (Back row) Marv Roehlke, William Bailey, Frederick Brown, Joseph Cimmarusti, George Sweet; (Front row) Chief Gary Schira, Ginny Bailey, Detective Dawn Odoi, Rae Lorenzin, Rosa Cimmarusti. Not pictured: Pauline Brown, Masako Okamoto.



D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes instructing 5th graders against drugs and violence has begun in the Bloomingdale schools. D.A.R.E. informs its students about pressure, self esteem issues, decisions and consequences. It also enhances positive communication between kids and police officers. Pictured above - the 1999 Erickson Elementary D.A.R.E. class.

Helpful Numbers

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

Immediate Medical Care

Central Dupage Hospital Convenient Care
at Stratford Square:

Mon-Fri 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.;

Sat-Sun 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. 893-9600

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Pace Passenger Service..... 364-PACE

RTA Information Center..... 836-7000

Bloomington Township

Transportation..... 1-888-405-2060

Dial-a-Ride (weekends only).... 682-7542

DuPage County ADA Paratransit
Services..... 1-312-917-4537

Hotlines

Adoption:

For adoption info call 1-800-572-2390

AIDS:

For testing info call 1-800-243-2437

Business:

Small Business Hotline call 1-800-252-2923

Children and Teenagers:

Child Abuse Hotline call 1-800-252-2873

Child Support:

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

Crime:

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

Internal Revenue Service:

1-800-829-1040

Labor:

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

Lawyer Referral Service:

1-800-252-8916

Missing Children:

1-Search call 1-800-843-5763

Secretary of State:

General info call 1-800-252-8930

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

Senior Citizens:

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

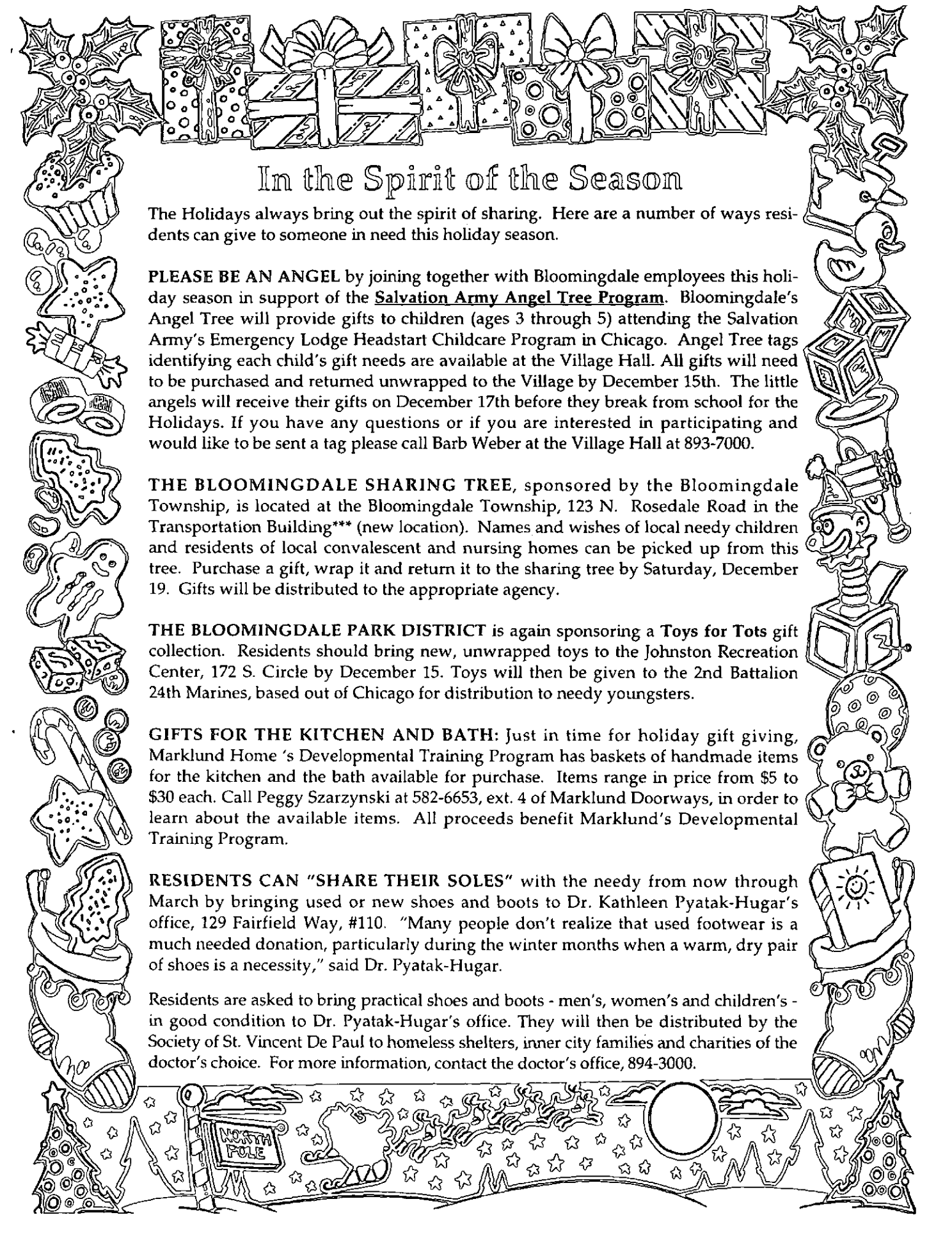
Attorney General:

Senior citizens consumer protection call
1-800-252-8366

Tourism:

Illinois tourism info call: 1-800-223-0121

Volunteer Development of DuPage
(volunteers always needed).... 682-7586



In the Spirit of the Season

The Holidays always bring out the spirit of sharing. Here are a number of ways residents can give to someone in need this holiday season.

PLEASE BE AN ANGEL by joining together with Bloomingdale employees this holiday season in support of the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Bloomingdale's Angel Tree will provide gifts to children (ages 3 through 5) attending the Salvation Army's Emergency Lodge Headstart Childcare Program in Chicago. Angel Tree tags identifying each child's gift needs are available at the Village Hall. All gifts will need to be purchased and returned unwrapped to the Village by December 15th. The little angels will receive their gifts on December 17th before they break from school for the Holidays. If you have any questions or if you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag please call Barb Weber at the Village Hall at 893-7000.

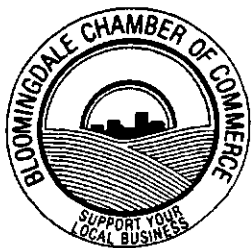
THE BLOOMINGDALE SHARING TREE, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Township, is located at the Bloomingdale Township, 123 N. Rosedale Road in the Transportation Building*** (new location). Names and wishes of local needy children and residents of local convalescent and nursing homes can be picked up from this 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.

THE BLOOMINGDALE PARK DISTRICT is again sponsoring a Toys for Tots gift collection. Residents should bring new, unwrapped toys to the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle by December 15. Toys will then be given to the 2nd Battalion 24th Marines, based out of Chicago for distribution to needy youngsters.

GIFTS FOR THE KITCHEN AND BATH: Just in time for holiday gift giving, Marklund Home's Developmental Training Program has baskets of handmade items for the kitchen and the bath available for purchase. Items range in price from \$5 to \$30 each. Call Peggy Szarzynski at 582-6653, ext. 4 of Marklund Doorways, in order to learn about the available items. All proceeds benefit Marklund's Developmental Training Program.

RESIDENTS CAN "SHARE THEIR SOLES" with the needy from now through March by bringing used or new shoes and boots to Dr. Kathleen Pyatak-Hugar's office, 129 Fairfield Way, #110. "Many people don't realize that used footwear is a much needed donation, particularly during the winter months when a warm, dry pair of shoes is a necessity," said Dr. Pyatak-Hugar.

Residents are asked to bring practical shoes and boots - men's, women's and children's - in good condition to Dr. Pyatak-Hugar's office. They will then be distributed by the Society of St. Vincent De Paul to homeless shelters, inner city families and charities of the doctor's choice. For more information, contact the doctor's office, 894-3000.



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529-6232

Bloomingtondale Pavilion
311 Edgewater Dr.
894-7400

Casement Financial Services, P.C.
109 Fairfield Way, Ste. 101
894-9900

Fairfield Office Center
121 Fairfield Way
351-3200

Fred Lonigro, CPA
109 Fairfield Way, Ste. 201
894-6677

KSI Corporation
201 E. Army Trail Rd., Ste. 208
980-7038

NOW Natural Foods
395 S. Glen Ellyn Rd.
545-9098

Ristorante Amalfi
298 Glen Ellyn Rd.
893-9222

Thomas Bauer & Assoc., CPA's
113 Fairfield Way, Ste. 201
894-9111

Absolute Solutions
201 E. Army Trail Rd., Ste. 100
893-3300

Bloomingtondale Animal Hospital
290 Glen Ellyn Road
893-4330

Bloomingtondale Internal Medicine
303 E. Army Trail Rd., Ste. 304
545-8320

Bloomingtondale Pharmacy
156 S. Bloomingtondale Road
890-9198

Cecchin Plumbing & Heating
4N275 Cavalry Dr.
529-4046

Five Star Safety Equipment
4N240 Cavalry Dr., Unit D
351-3080

Glendale Family Practice
303 E. Army Trail Rd., Ste 300
545-8300

Katzenbach & Associates
121 Fairfield Way, Ste. 200
980-9689

Nitech Fire & Security
109 Fairfield Way, Ste. 303
307-8805

Sandler Sales Institute
121 Fairfield Way, Ste. 312
582-1902

Western Southern Insurance
303 E. Army Trail Rd.
295-5540

Alden Valley Ridge
275 E. Army Trail Road
893-9616

Bloomingtondale Foot & Ankle Assoc.
129 Fairfield Way, Ste. 110
894-3000

Bloomingtondale Park District
172 S. Circle Ave.
529-3650

Bloomingtondale School District 13
164 S. Euclid
893-9590

Chicago Funding, Inc.
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351-2400

Frank Letizia, DDS
303 E. Army Trail Rd.
529-0303

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24W121 Army Trail Rd.
894-5950

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303 E. Army Trail Rd., Ste. 304
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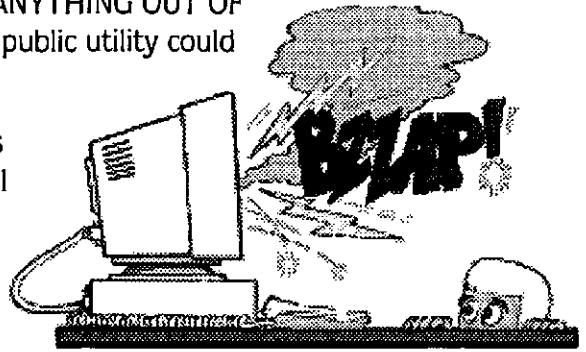
Looking for a job? Check out our website!

www.BloomingtondaleChamber.com

BLOOMINGDALE PREPARES FOR Y2K

As most people are now aware, there has been much discussion and varying opinions regarding the potential impact of the Y2K bug. Both the Village and the utility companies have worked aggressively to prepare for January 1, 2000. Although the Village is very optimistic of a smooth transition into the new millennium, we do recommend that every household and business prepare "sensibly" for Y2K. With regard to electric, gas, telephone and water usage please, **DO NOT DO ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY**. A dramatic increase/decrease in the use of a public utility could cause more problems than Y2K itself.

The Village has completed the inventory and assessment of its mission critical services. All identified "at-risk" mission critical systems operated by the Village are either being remediated or replaced. The Village continues to monitor the compliance status of the public utility services and its mission critical third party vendors to ensure a smooth transition into the 21st century. To this end, contingency plans are being developed and will be activated in the unlikely event of third-party utility service failures. The Village's Y2K compliance plan is proceeding on schedule. We expect all of our mission critical processes under the Village's direct control to be Y2K compliant by December 1, 1999.



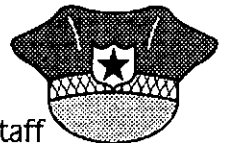
The Village has established a **Y2K Information Line (630) 529-9599** for residents and businesses to call with questions or desiring further information. Effective, December 31st at 10:00 p.m., the Y2K Information Line will be staffed with Village personnel to personally answer questions and to identify problems as they arise within the Village. The hotline will remain staffed until it is determined to be no longer required. In the event of telephone service interruption, the Police Department lobby will be open and operating as a **Y2K Information Center**.



MISSION CRITICAL VILLAGE SERVICES

WATER/SEWER: The Village Water and Sewer facilities are Y2K compliant. Contingencies are in place to provide service in the unlikely event of wide spread power outages or the failure of the DuPage Water Commission to supply Lake Michigan water to the Village.

POLICE: The Village's 911, squad cars and radio equipment are all Y2K compliant. Extra police officers and employees will be working New Year's Eve to respond as needed.



FIRE/AMBULANCE: The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1 will have increased staff on-duty December 31st. Standard operating guidelines have been established in preparation for any problems that may arise from Y2K; including, but not limited to, alarms, celebration mishaps and inclement weather. In the unlikely event of interrupted communication lines, citizens with an emergency can come to Station # 1 (108 W. Washington St.) or Station #3 (246 S. Gary Ave.) for assistance.



SNOW & ICE CONTROL: The Village's snow & ice control fleet is Y2K compliant. Contingencies are in place to provide adequate staff in the event of a snow & ice control emergency.

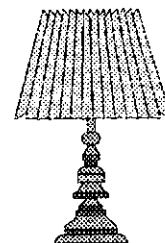
PUBLIC UTILITIES

Please continue your day-to-day utility consumption activities as if January 1, 2000 was just another day. This will help minimize unusual load patterns for the utility companies, which could produce a service problem of its own.

ELECTRICITY: At last report, Commonwealth Edison indicated that as of June 30, 1999 they are fully Y2K Compliant. For more specific information, please visit their Web Site at www.ucm.com.

GAS: At last report, NICOR Gas indicated that they are in the final stages of testing and contingency planning which they expect to complete by the end of the third-quarter 1999. For more specific information, please visit their Web Site at www.nicorinc.com.

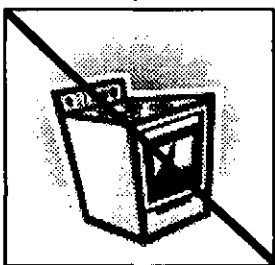
TELEPHONE: At last report, Ameritech indicated that 98% of their mission-critical system (i.e., system vital to the provision of voice and data switching transporting) was completed. For more specific information, please contact Ameritech direct at (888) 247-5259, or visit their Web Site at www.ameritech.com/y2k. For long distance and/or cell phone services, please contact your carrier directly.



UTILITY SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

The best thing each of us can do to prepare for the unlikely event of an extended public utility interruption is to prepare in the same way you would for the threat of a major winter storm. If a public utility does go out, remain calm and continue to tend to the basic needs of yourself and your family. The following are some useful household preparation guidelines.

HEAT: Most homes will remain comfortably warm for up to six hours or longer. If using a fireplace for extended periods of time, keep a window slightly opened to provide air for proper combustion. Ovens and range tops are not designed nor intended to heat your home. Alternate heating sources such as a kerosene heater should only be used in strict accordance with the manufacturer's specifications. Gasoline and Coleman fuel cannot be used in these devices. Most propane heaters are not intended for indoor use and could introduce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide into your home. If your home is without heat for a long period of time and the temperature of your home nears freezing, shut off your water and drain your pipes to prevent freezing of the water lines. If your electricity is on and your heat is not working, check your thermostat. Some digital thermostats are calendar programmed and could malfunction.



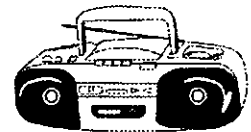
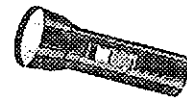
SPECIAL MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS: If you or anyone in your home have an illness that requires constant medical attention such as an oxygen concentrator, cardiac monitor, or are bedridden, please plan on having a spare oxygen cylinder on hand or back up batteries for the monitor should there be an interruption in the electrical power for a period of time. The Bloomingdale Police Department is in the process of updating its list of homebound and/or medically disabled residents. While we will not be in a position to supply electrical generators to residents, we can make arrangements to check in on you by telephone or in person during the transition period, and assist. Please contact Commander Tim Goergen, 529-9868.



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SUPPLIES: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) developed the following list of the "most needed" supplies in the event of a disaster. FEMA recommends that all households have a "Disaster Supplies Kit" on hand to sustain a family for up to three days in the event of any emergency, to include the following supplies:

- ✓ 3-Day Supply Water, 1 gallon per day - per person (Store water in a thoroughly washed plastic, glass, fiberglass or enamel-lined metal container. Never use a container that has held toxic substances)
- ✓ 3-Day Food Supply, Ready to Eat & Non-Perishable (First, eat perishable foods and foods from the refrigerator. Then, eat the foods from the freezer. Last, eat non-perishable foods and staples.)
- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Baby Supplies (formula, diapers, bottles, medications)
- ✓ Medications, Extra Glasses/Contacts, Denture Needs, etc.
- ✓ Mess Kits (or paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils) & Utility Knife
- ✓ Flashlight, Radio, and extra batteries
- ✓ Some Cash
- ✓ Personal Hygiene items (toilet paper, soap, feminine supplies)
- ✓ One change of clothing, sturdy shoes/boots, and rain gear
- ✓ Blankets/sleeping bags



A full tank of gas for your car is also recommended. If you would like more information on how to prepare for an emergency, check out the FEMA web site at www.fema.gov or write to: FEMA, PO Box 2012, Jessup, MD, 20794-2012.

GENERATORS: Hooking up a back-up generator to your home's electrical service has a number of safety risks. Non-industrial generators do not supply enough amperage to supply power for today's home energy needs (to run a furnace, lighting, appliances, etc.). Home fires and Carbon Monoxide Poisoning deaths have occurred by misuse of a generator. Statistics from the Northeastern Ice Storm of January/February 1997 show that as many as 100 people were killed and 5,000 people injured by such misuse. Unless your home's power supply was installed with a disconnect to the main power feeding lines, use of a generator could "backfeed" into the main power line and cause other problems for yourself, your neighbors, and for the electrical utility company. A Village building permit is required for the installation of a generator.



VILLAGE WARMING CENTERS: The Village is prepared to open a community warming center, in the event of localized loss of electrical service, and provided that the Village can meet community demand. The location and the number of warming centers to be opened will be determined January 1st, subject to the number of residents in need and the availability of electrical service at each potential warming center facility. Due to the limitation of both space and staffing, warming centers will not be opened in the event of a catastrophic Village-wide loss of electrical power. The location of an opened Village warming center can be acquired by calling the Village's Y2K Information Line after 7:00 a.m. on January 1st.



DIGITAL THERMOSTATS, BURGLAR/FIRE ALARMS & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES



If your heat currently operates from a programmable thermostat, please check with the manufacturer of the thermostat to confirm that it will operate properly on January 1st. Some systems are not compliant and may either activate shortly after midnight or stop working altogether. If you have a fire or burglar alarm that is monitored by an alarm service, please check with them to ensure that your system is Y2K compliant as well. Some systems are not compliant and may either activate shortly after midnight or stop working altogether. Generally, most appliances, such as coffee makers, microwaves, clock radios will not be affected by Y2K because these items use a clock rather than a calendar. Products that do have calendars, such as VCRs and camcorders are not likely to have problems unless they were purchased before 1987.

MONEY & FINANCE

Management of financial records is a good idea anytime of the year. With regard to Y2K, try to keep a sensible amount of cash and coin on hand, in case the ATM's and bank computers are down for awhile. If



you don't already do so, try to maintain transaction receipts, deposit records and bank/credit card statements for at least the last several months of 1999. It's always a good idea to maintain copies of your important financial information such as mortgage, deeds, stocks, bonds, birth certificates, and passport, etc, in a safe place. LOOK OUT FOR

SCAM ARTISTS! Be skeptical of anyone who asks for your account information or tries to sell you a product, service, or investment that is supposedly Y2K safe.



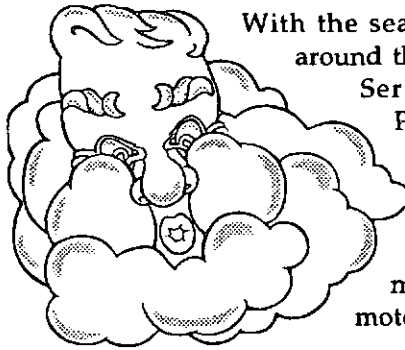
SPECIAL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bloomington has several volunteer opportunities for residents interested in serving their community, either during/following a disaster, or on an ongoing basis. Areas where volunteers would be welcome, include, but are certainly not limited to;

- ❖ Checking in on special needs residents, during/following a disaster
- ❖ Transportation for homebound residents following a disaster
- ❖ Helping out with registration, food service, and set-up at a temporary shelter
- ❖ Amateur Radio Operators
- ❖ Tornado Spotters
- ❖ Answering Telephones/Clerical Work

If you are interested in volunteering time for community service, please contact Barb Weber, Assistant Village Administrator/Y2K Coordinator at 671-5613.

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 118 center lane miles of Village streets, making them safer for motorists.

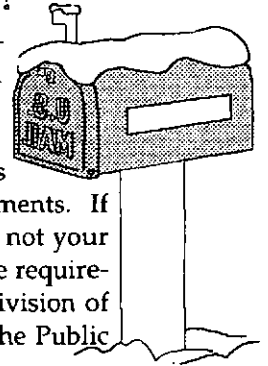
When a storm begins, day or night, the Village crews are promptly mobilized and begin spreading salt. The Village initially salts all Village streets approximately 100 feet before and after each intersection. The initial salt application mitigates icing conditions contributing to more effective snow 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.

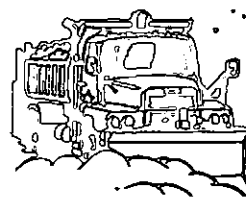
Will the Village Repair My Mailbox If It Is Damaged During Snowplowing Operations?

The Village will replace and/or reimburse a resident up to \$35.00 for a mailbox and post which is damaged as a result of the Village snow plow operations, provided the mailbox is installed per Village setback requirements. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Street Division of the Village Services Department or the Public Works Division at 671-5800.



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 671-5800.

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.....671-5800

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

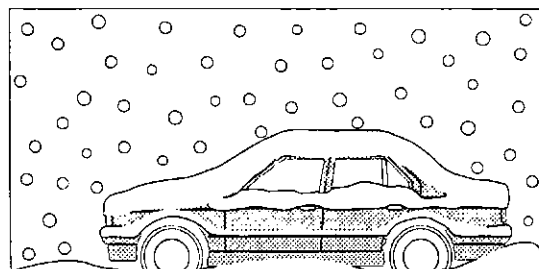
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION.....312-DOT-INFO
(312-368-4636)

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

DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION -
DUPAGE COUNTY.....630-682-7318
Call this number for information on DuPage County roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY
INFORMATION LINE.....800-865-5394
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



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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

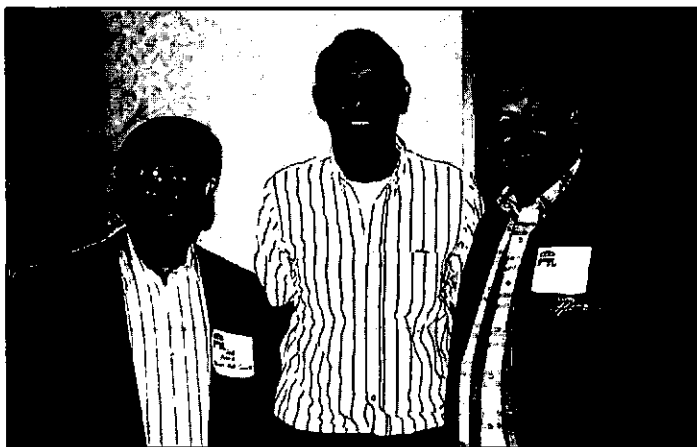
8	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
9	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
* 11	Breakfast with Santa	9:00-11:00AM 11:30 AM-2:00 PM
11	Writer's Group	9:00AM-NOON
24	Christmas Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
25	Christmas Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
26		LIBRARY CLOSED
31	New Year's Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
2		LIBRARY CLOSED
3	Registration for Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin	
6	Writer's Group Subcommittee	7:00-9:00PM
8	Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
*10	Online Catalog Class	7:00-7:30PM
10	Bloomington Historical Society	7:00-9:00PM
*11	Investment Info on the Internet	7:00-8:30PM
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
*13	Crafting Millennium Memory Books	7:00-9:00PM
17	Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin	
*17	Introduction to the Internet	7:00-8:30PM
*19	Cooking With the Seasons	7:00-9:00PM
*20	Online Catalog Class	7:00-7:30PM
*20	Book Discussion	7:30PM
*25	Buying/Upgrading a Personal Computer	7:00-9:00PM
25	Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
25	Friends of the Library	7:30PM

*Registration required (630-529-3120)

Historical Society Receives Check



The Bloomington Historical Society was a recipient of a check for \$300 from the Bloomington Township Republican Party. Pictured from left to right are Bob Kurek, Society Treasurer, Jim Plumb, Party Chairman, and Emil Zidek, Society President. The Society will be meeting on December 6 and January 10 at the Library from 7:30 pm-9:00 pm. For more information, please contact Bob Kurek at 894-0045.

Adopt-A-Magazine

The Bloomington Library is conducting its annual Adopt-A-Magazine drive to help maintain and expand the periodicals collection. If you would be interested in making a donation for the collection you will receive a souvenir holiday ornament for your Christmas Tree. Please contact Peggy Carlson at 529-3120 ext. 328 for more information and a list of suggested magazine titles for donation.

Seasons Greetings

STORY TIMES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

WINTER PROGRAM REGISTRATION Begins Monday, January 3 at 9:00 AM

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.

Wednesdays, January 19 – April 5
9:30am – 10:30am

OR

11:00 am – 12 noon

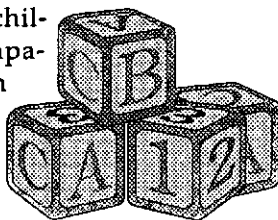
The best way to start "reading" to infants is not really reading at all! Baby Talk is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books are shared with babies and their caregivers. Caregivers will learn about age-appropriate activities and how to make homemade toys.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

TODDLER TIME

Tuesdays, January 18 – April 4 *Registration required.

9:45 – 10:15 am (18 – 24 months)
10:30 – 11:00 am (25 – 35 months)
11:15 – 11:45 am (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 18 – April 4 7:00 – 7:45 pm

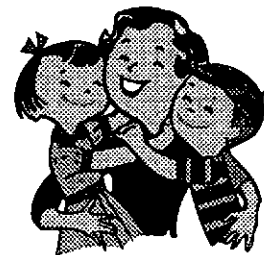
Caregivers can bring their toddlers AND preschoolers for stories, rhymes, musical activities and a video. Please wear comfortable clothing so you can participate with your child. (Stories may be the same as for Preschool Story Hour.) Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas so they'll be ready to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

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

(Ages 3 – 5 years) *Registration required.

Mondays, January 17 – April 3 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Wednesdays, January 19 – April 5 9:30 – 10:30 am
Thursdays, January 20 – April 6 10:00 – 11:00 am

Stories, musical activities, videos, songs, fingerplays, and crafts will be featured in this program for 3 – 5 year old children.



SCHOOL-AGE SPECIALS

Theme programs geared to younger and older children for a once-a-month get-together!

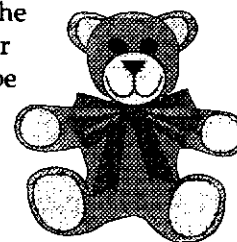
*Registration required.

Thursday, January 20 4:30 – 5:30 pm (K – 2)
Thursday, January 27 4:30 – 5:30 pm (Gr. 3 – 5)
Thursday, February 17 4:30 – 5:30 pm (K – 2)
Thursday, February 24 4:30 – 5:30 pm (Gr. 3 – 5)
Thursday, March 16 4:30 – 5:30 pm (K – 2)
Thursday, March 23 4:30 – 5:30 pm (Gr. 3 – 5)

BORN TO READ PACKETS

Do you know any expectant or new parents?
Make sure their babies are BORN TO READ!

In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the Bloomingdale Public Library will send the new baby and its family a congratulatory packet with a certificate for a free board book to be picked up in the Youth Services Department. If you, or anyone you know, is a new or soon-to-be parent and would like to receive this service, you may give your name and address to a Youth Services Staff Member.



Youth Services Department

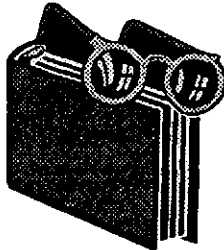
WINTER READING PROGRAMS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

WINTER READING PROGRAMS begin on the day you register, and end on Saturday, March 4.
(Registration begins on Monday, January 3, at 9:00 am.)
Please register in person, to get your materials.

"READ TO SUCCEED"

sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team!!
(1st through 8th graders)

All participants in this reading program have a chance to WIN team pennants and hockey pucks. Just keep track of the books you read starting the day that you register, and turn in your book log to the Youth Services Desk on or before March 4th. Sign up during regular program registration.



HOLIDAY VIDEO SPECIAL

To wish you a Happy Holiday
there will be no Video or DVD fees from
December 19, 1999 through January 2, 2000.
Six videos and three DVDs may be checked out
during this period.

"SKATE INTO READING"

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

Families may keep track of the books they read between the day you register and March 4th, the last day to return your book log to the Youth Services Desk. All Children and Caregivers who turn in a completed log will have a chance to win great PRIZES! Sign up during regular program registration.



DROP-IN CRAFT DAYS

(All ages)

Saturday, January 29	9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday, February 26	9:00 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday, March 25	9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Drop in anytime 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.



Our Brookfield Zoo Tree

Residents made the ornaments last month, then decked the Village of Bloomingdale Tree at Brookfield Zoo on Saturday Nov. 20. If you're at the zoo this holiday season, check out the tree with the giant candies. It's ours!



Adult Services Department

INTERNET CLASSES PUT THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

INTERNET CLASSES

Investment Information on the Internet

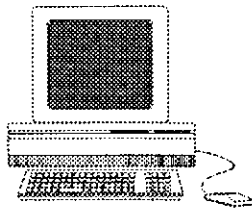
Tuesday January 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

A demonstration of various investment sites and what type of information they offer for investors. No investment advice will be given.

Introduction to the Internet

Monday January 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This demonstration class is aimed at those who have some knowledge of computers, but have little or no experience using the Internet.



Online Catalog Classes

Monday January 10 – 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Thursday January 20 – 7:00-7:30 p.m.

We have a new web based catalog both in the library and also available from our home page (www.bloomington.lib.il.us). If you would like more information on how to use it, please call the Reference Desk for a reservation for this basic hands-on class at 529-3120, ext. 324.

Internet Tutor Available

One-on-one Internet training is available on Tuesday evenings. Please call the reference desk for a half-hour appointment, 529-3120, ext. 324.

You're invited to visit

SNOWMAN CROSSING

featuring

COMMUNITY DECORATED HOLIDAY TREES

(located on Fairfield Way
at the Library)



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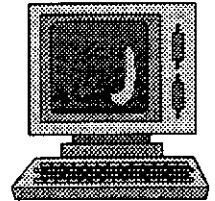
Home Access to Reference Databases is Now Available

Many of the reference databases available in the library can now be also accessed remotely from your home computer. To use them, visit our homepage at:

www.bloomington.lib.il.us

and click on the "Home Access" button. You will need to enter your library card number at this point.

Databases available include: General Business File, Health Reference Center, General Magazine Index, Axiom Telephone Directory, SIRS, Grove Dictionary of Art, Reference USA, First Search, and Novelist.



If you would like more information about these databases and how to access them, please stop at the Reference Desk or call us at 529-3120, ext. 324.

Adult Book Discussion

The Adult Book Discussion Group continues to meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Our winter titles are as follows:



January 20 – *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*
by Rebecca Wells

February 17 – *The Risk Pool* by Richard Russo

March 16 – *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy

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

HOLIDAY HOURS

DECEMBER 24, 1999
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Adult Services Department

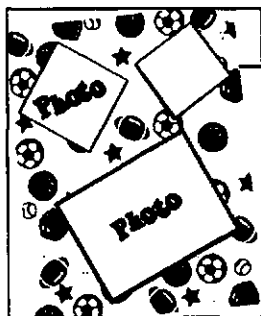
ADULT SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Check out 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 about any of the programs listed. 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.

Crafting Millennium Memory Books

Thursday, January 13, 2000 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The year 2000 is right around the corner and a great way to document it is with a "Millennium Memory Book". Creative Memories consultant Sharon Siciak will be at the



Bloomington Public Library on Thursday, January 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to explain and assist in the making of your memory book in time for the start of the new year. This hands-on class is free but space is limited. Registrants are asked to bring a RECENT photo: of family, pets, neighborhood, home, fashion trends, city landmarks, etc. Ms.

Siciak will supply all necessary materials. Don't miss this unique, once-in-a-lifetime event! Call the library at 529-3120, x324 to register.

Cooking with the Seasons

Wednesday, January 19, 2000 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Join Chef Monique Hooker at the Bloomington Public Library on Wednesday, January 19 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. as she teaches practical ways to "cook with the seasons" for your daily meals as well as offering intriguing tips to use throughout the year. If you love to cook or love to eat, you will surely enjoy this program.

Call the reference desk at 529-3120, x324 to make your reservation.



Buying/Upgrading a Personal Computer

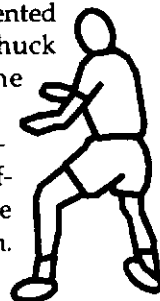
Tuesday, January 25, 2000 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Confused about the different types of computers available? Overwhelmed by the selection of accessories available for a pc? Tired of endless computing acronyms? Don't be discouraged. Instead, join computer consultant Jennifer Didier of Banner Training at Bloomington Public Library as she demystifies the ins and outs of buying (or upgrading) a computer. The program will be held Tuesday, January 25 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This is a free event so sign up now and bring your questions. Call 529-3120, x324 to reserve your spot.

Women's Self Defense

Saturday, February 12 and 19 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

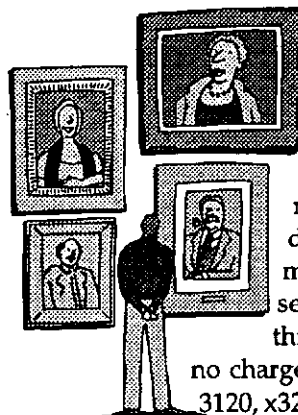
The Bloomington Public Library will sponsor an interactive, two-part self-protection class for women on two consecutive Saturdays, February 12 and 19. Presented by Bloomington Deputy Chief of Police Chuck Mader and assisted by members of the Bloomington Police Department, the classes will stress the physical and emotional techniques and mental awareness essential for self-defense. The format of the class will include lecture, demonstration and class participation. All women, 18 and over, are invited to attend this two-day, free program. Please plan to attend both sessions. To learn how to avoid a potential attack and deal with one should it ever occur, register now by calling the library at 529-3120, x324. Attendance is limited.



Monet to Moore

Thursday, February 24, 2000 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

On Thursday, February 24 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., the Bloomington Public Library will sponsor an evening program entitled "Monet to Moore", a preview of the traveling exhibition of works of art donated to the Art Institute of Chicago by the Sara Lee Corporation. The collection will be on display in Chicago from March 13 to May 28. Our program will feature an interactive slide discussion highlighting many of the key players in the early development of the impressionist movement. Noted art historian and seasoned lecturer Jeff Mishur leads this engaging presentation. There is no charge for this program. Please call 529-3120, x324 to register.



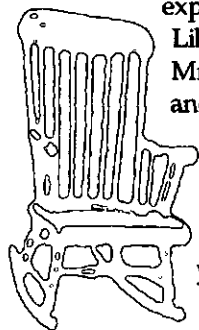
The Bloomington Historical Society now has Year 2000 Millennium calendars available for a \$5 donation. The calendars can be purchased at the Library circulation Desk.

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Antiques and Antique Evaluation

Wednesday, March 8, 2000 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Found something in your attic or at a flea market and are unsure of its value? To answer this question, join antiques expert Rex Newell at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Wednesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Newell will lecture on antique buying and the appraisal process and offer his opinion regarding your antiques questions. Feel free to bring your "treasure" for an evaluation. There is no charge for this program but seating is limited. Reserve your space by calling 529-3120, x324.



Chicago Flower & Garden Show Bus Trip

March 18, 2000 10:45 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Public Library is planning a bus trip to the annual Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier. Sign up now to see 30 amazing gardens created by master craftspeople in the gardening industry. Some gardens will feature waterfalls and rain forests while others will be created around themes and fantasies. Explore over 150 booths sponsored by the area's top gardening supply houses or wander around famous Navy Pier. The cost for this trip is \$47.00 per person which includes lunch at King Wah Chinese restaurant in historic Chinatown. Payment is due at the time of registration. The bus leaves Bloomingdale Public Library at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 18 and is due to return at 4:45 p.m. Space is limited.

Stratford "Squares for Lifelong Learning" Tile Wall Project An Unequivocal Success

Early this year the management company of Stratford Square Mall, Urban Retail Properties Company, approached the library with a unique idea—a Stratford Squares for Lifelong Learning tile wall, which would be located near the food court in the newly renovated section of the mall.

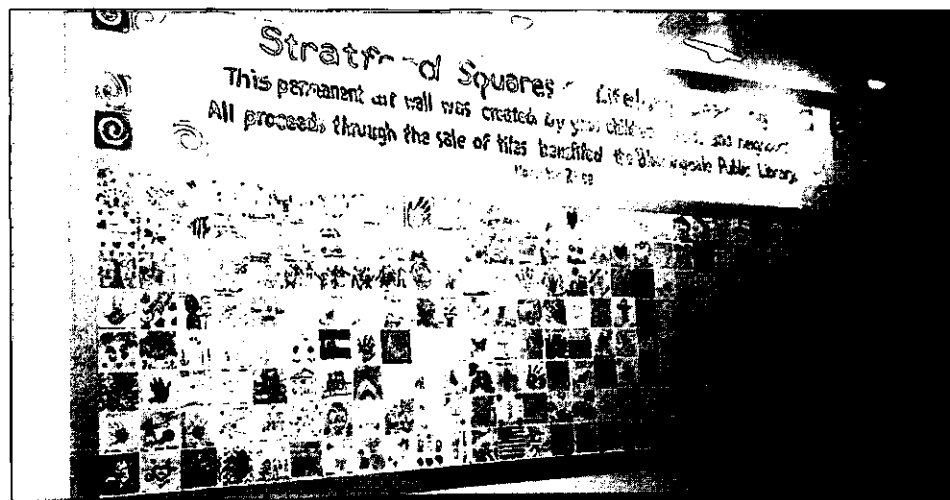
Urban proposed that this permanent display be created by our community's children—something they all would want to re-visit for years to come. Urban generously agreed that all of the proceeds from the project would benefit the computer-training lab that was being developed for library patrons and staff.

Throughout the summer families purchased tiles for their children, grandchildren, friends' children and others. During scheduled painting sessions held at both Stratford Square and the library, the youngsters created delightful original designs.

Tiles also were purchased by organizations and by individuals and businesses on behalf of children at Marklund Children's Home and Alden Village Health Facility for Children and Young Adults. Informational packets sent to participants included an outline of the tile, which gave every young artist a chance to develop their design prior to the

scheduled painting sessions. Each packet also contained tickets for a gala preview party hosted by Urban Retail Properties Company on November 7.

Thanks to the renaissance spirit of Urban Retail Properties Company, the enthusiasm and generosity of the residents and business people of Bloomingdale, and the unwavering efforts of the library staff, its Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library and volunteers, this project has been an unequivocal success.





The Bloomingdale Park District

We're right around the corner!



Aerobics Free Week

Try any one of our aerobic classes* for FREE the week of January 3 through January 8. Our excellent staff of instructors offer you great exercise classes six days a week. Stop in and try any or all of these Super Passport to Fitness classes!



**Does not include Jazzercise.*

Step & Sculpt Low impact, high intensity aerobics.

Ideal for men and women with a workout as intense as running but the impact on the joints as if you were walking. Fat loss, cardio training and muscle tone are all part of this fitness program.

Steppin' with Ease Low impact, high intensity.

This class continues you on the fitness trail and conquering that fitness and weight loss New Years' resolution. This class offers the Step & Sculpt workout with an added touch of muscle isolation and toning.

TNT - Tighten 'N Tone

This conditioning class is your ticket to firmer abs, tighter buns and toning in your arms and legs. You will utilize free weights while performing various floor exercises designed to shape and strengthen your muscle tissue in all those sensitive areas.

Winter/Spring 2000 Brochure Coming!

There will be an extra present dropped in your mailbox just in time for the presents of recreation. The Park District seasonal program guide is once again getting ready to hit the streets of Bloomingdale just in time for the holidays. Watch for your brochure scheduled to be released the week of December 15!



Have Your Next Party With Us!

The Bloomingdale Park District has several rental opportunities at its various facilities and park sites. The Park District Museum is available for rent during dates when exhibits are not scheduled. This facility features 14 ft. ceilings, oversized windows and hardwood floors. A very elegant space for just the right occasion. Also, right across the street is the new Old Town Park Pavilion which is ideal for that summer time function - right in the middle of Old Town! Please call the park district at 630-529-3650 for these and other rental opportunities around town.



Winter Break Camp

It may be getting cold outside, but the activities at the park district are just starting to heat up! Don't spend your holiday break tied to the computer at home. Come join your friends in a variety of fun activities and trips during winter break. The scheduled activities are as follows:

December 20	Santa Surprise
December 21	Holiday T-Shirts
December 22	A to Z
December 23	A Christmas Carol Trip
December 27	Indoor Olympics
December 28	Swimming Trip
December 29	Trip to the Movies
December 30	Millennium Party
December 31	Pizza Party

The program dates run 8:30am to 3:30pm. Before and after care options are available for all dates except PM. care for December 31. Register at the Recreation Center today for one day or all. Don't miss the fun!



Super Saturday January 8

No, the NFL has not moved the Super Bowl to Saturday! The Youth Basketball Association (YBA) is hosting its first annual Super Saturday event to kick off the basketball season in Bloomingdale. The event is January 8 from 8am to 8 pm at the Recreation Center. Games will be going on all day, along with raffles and other fun. Come join us for the festivities.

Midnight Madness Ski Trip February 4



Wilmot Mountain is closing their facility for all area park districts to offer this to their youth groups. Grades 6-12 are welcome to register for this all night ski trip. Unlimited skiing, a DJ and food will be part of this event you won't want to miss. Registration deadline is January 14 and limited space is available. Get your friends together and register today!



Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance February 11

It's that time again for this very popular event and quality time with dads and their daughters. This always sold-out event will feature a sit-down dinner, DJ, dancing and much more fun. The registration deadline is February 1, so register early because this will be a sell-out as it is limited to the first 50 couples.

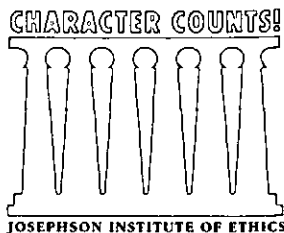
check out our e-mail address at bdalepd@aol.com

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

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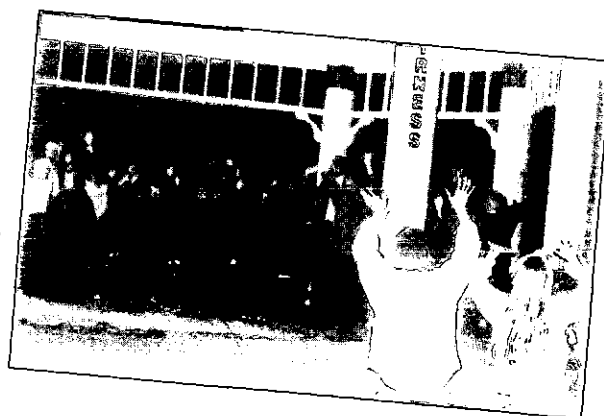
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