

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

October 2000

From the Mayor's Desk

The 28th annual Septemberfest provided us with plenty of opportunities for fun, food and entertainment with friends and neighbors.

A BIG thanks to the Septemberfest Commission members for their work in bringing it all together: Barb Arrivi, Mary Jo Bailey, Debby Bodnar, Irene Jones, Mike Korney, Kathy Lovely, Dolores Orlik, Lynne Richman, Gloria Tomaras and Chairperson Pam Hager. Thanks also to Bob Maguire and Vern Fasse, Village Services liaisons, Sergeant Len Jaster, Police Department liaison, and Dr. Michael Kelly, Chamber liaison.

Friday night's antique and collector car show brought out the crowds. Six of the 40 plus cars were named winners and received a trophy. The Mayor's Choice award went to Tom Anzelmo for his '56 Chevy Bel Air. Ronald Rufo took the Septemberfest Commission Best of Show with his '59 Cadillac convertible.

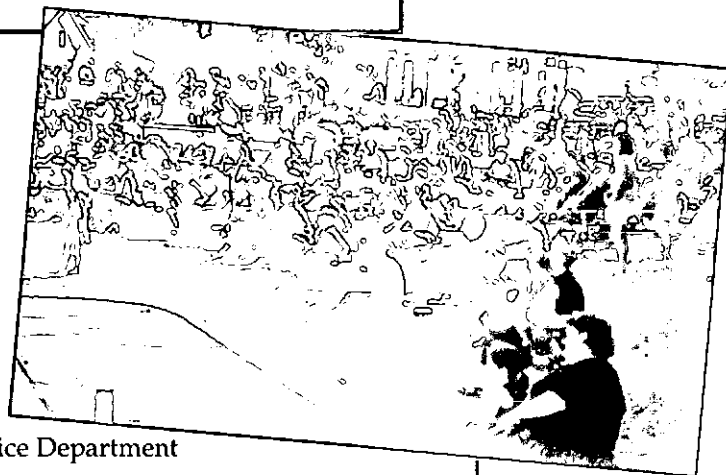
Winning the Lions Club Best Muscle car was Perry Beal with his '68 Chevy Chevelle. Biff Behr's '63 Chevy Corvette was named the Women's Club Best Convertible. A '29 Ford Model A Roadster belonging to Tom Price was named the Bloomingdale Park District Most Unique car. Taking the Knights of Columbus Best Pre-World War II car was Marty Windelborn with his '37 Pontiac Sports Coupe.

Sunday brought more festivities. This year's Joe Draghi Scholarship competition at Septemberfest yielded the two winners along with three winners-up for each position. Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale were each awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. First runners-up received \$1500, second, \$1000 and third, \$500.

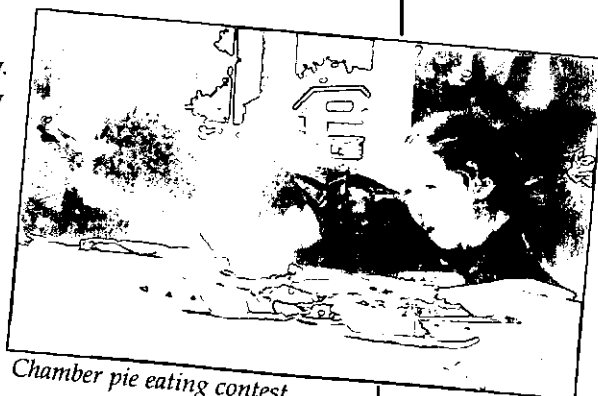
Mr. Bloomingdale, **Brian Bartelli**, is a graduate of Driscoll High School currently majoring in physical therapy at Bradley University. The sophomore is also a member of Delta Upsilon, a social fraternity. He is the chapter relations officer for the fraternity and has been very involved in its philanthropic endeavors, including a major fundraiser for St. Jude's Hospital.

Ms. Bloomingdale nineteen-year old **Gina Bartucci** is a lifelong resident. Currently a sophomore at the University of Illinois - Champaign, she is majoring in business and plans to ultimately attend law school. Bartucci credits her 10 years in girl scouting for her interest in helping people through service projects.

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Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale: Gina Bartucci and Brian Bartelli



Chamber pie eating contest

**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 Wednesday 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

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION
2nd Wednesday of every month
9:30 a.m. -- Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION
3rd Wednesday of the month
March-December
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

**BUSINESS PROMOTION &
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**
3rd Friday of the month
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

**BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

*The following committees meet on a less regular
basis or as needed. Call the Village Hall at
671-5600 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

Paul Lockwood
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

We'd like to hear from you:
Please note our website
address --

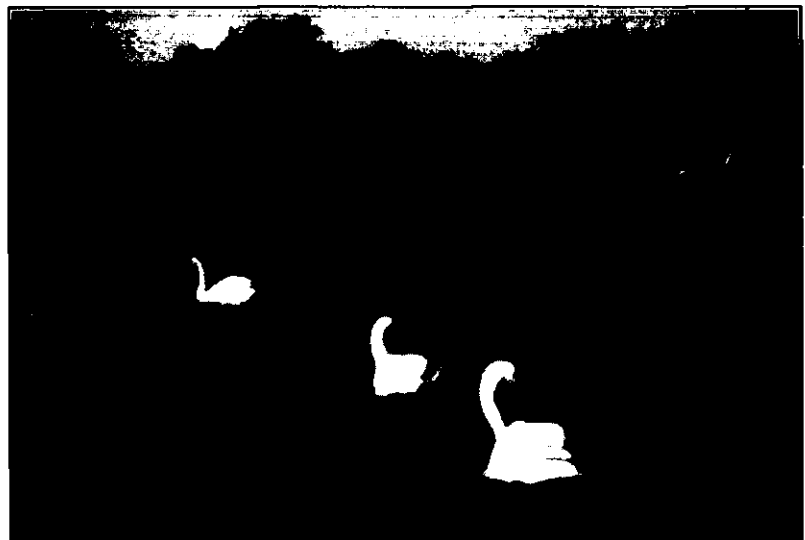
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net" and have a ques-
tion to ask or an issue
to bring to our atten-
tion, just E-mail it to us.
If you wish to send us
an electronic message, our address is:



**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-
net.att.net**

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

NEW DEADLINE
The deadline for
the December issue
of the
Almanac is
NOVEMBER 10



Thank You, Hamilton Partners!

Thanks to the generosity of the Itasca-based developer, the Bloomingdale Park District swan, Clipper, will no longer be swimming alone in Westlake lake.

After officials at Hamilton Partners learned of the death of Schooner, Clipper's swimming mate, they donated three male mute swans to the Bloomingdale Park District. Park District officials ask visitors to the park not to feed the swans, as human food is harmful to the birds.

About Town

Twenty-nine year old **Michael Ross Panicola** recently graduated with a Ph.D. in medical ethics from St. Louis University. Grandparents **Lucille and Soddie Panicola** who are eight-year residents are beaming with pride about their grandson's accomplishment.

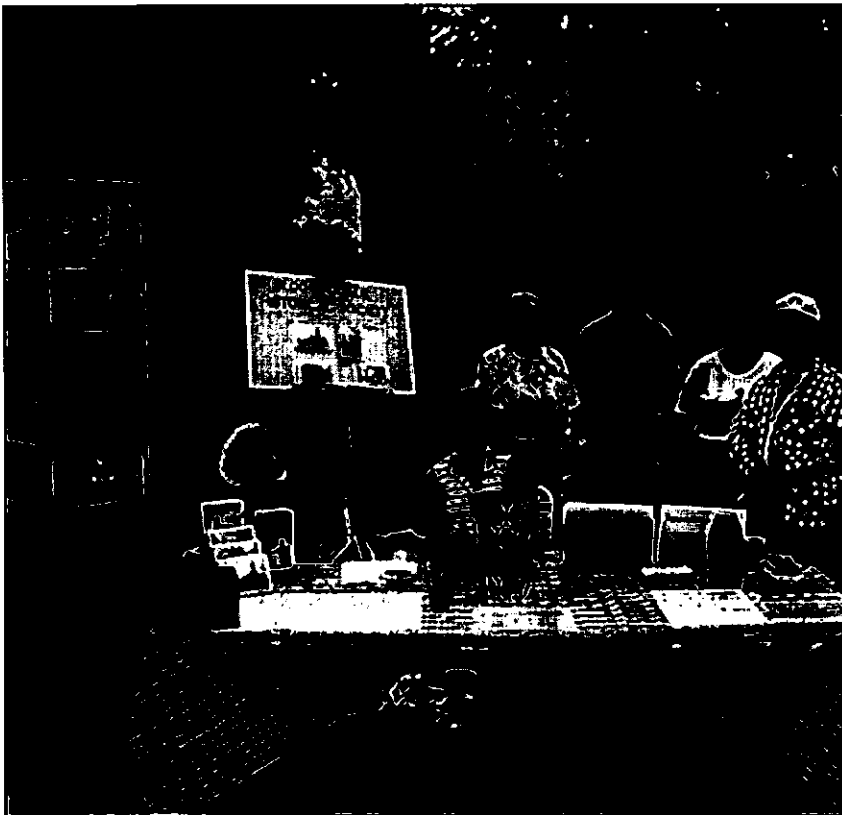
Michael Maida, member of Boy Scout Troop 20, recently earned his Eagle award, which is the highest ranking a Boy Scout can achieve. In addition to earning 29 merit badges, Mike has participated in numerous service projects and held several leadership roles, including assistant senior patrol leader. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow. The Lake Park senior is a member of the science club and on junior varsity tennis team.

For his Eagle Scout service project Michael identified and labeled 400 trees at Itasca Nature Center to provide more information to visitors to the arboretum.

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is seeking sponsors for its 2001 calendar featuring photos of Bloomingdale's past. A full month sponsorship is \$60. This year a special sponsor page will be added featuring business cards for \$10 each.

Donations can be sent to Bob Kurek, c/o Bloomingdale Historical Society, 101 Fairfield Way, B'dale IL 60108. The deadline to be a part of this historical endeavor is October 10, 2000.

This is the second year the organization has gathered several of its historic photos for a calendar to share with residents. The calendar will be sold for \$5 as part of the society's fundraising program.



Helpful Hints for A Safe And Happy Halloween

Help keep your favorite ghosts and goblins safe this Halloween by reviewing these important safety rules with your children.

☐ NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.

☐ Discard any unwrapped items.

☐ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.

☐ Keep costumes simple.

Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.

☐ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.

☐ Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.

☐ Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.

☐ For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.

☐ Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS
ARE FROM
3:00-7:00 PM
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**





Part-time Forestry Division Employment Opportunities

The Forestry Division is seeking a temporary Forestry assistant. Ideal candidate is a college student pursuing a degree in Forestry or Horticulture with related work experience. Applications are available at the Bloomingdale Village Hall. For further information, contact Larry M. Slavicek at 671-5803.

THINK TREES

NEWS FROM THE 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.

PLEASE NOTE -

Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting Larry M. Slavicek, Village Forester, at 630-671-5803. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered.

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 671-5800.



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.

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 (847-429-7370) 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 (with handles), each affixed with a yard waste sticker (\$1.26 per sticker). Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds.



New Patrol Officers

Two new patrol officers, Jimmy Janes and Brian McCoy, were sworn in on July 10 by Mayor Bob Iden. The two officers recently graduated from the police academy and are currently in field training.

Fall Hydrant Flushing Begins October 3

The Village Services - Utilities Division will be performing the annual Hydrant Flushing Program beginning October 3, 2000 through October 26, 2000. **The Program will be performed during the daytime hours of 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.** Please **DO NOT WASH LAUNDRY** during the flushing hours, as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

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

1. Improves water quality: Flushing

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

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

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

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

Questions? Call Vern Fasse, Water Distribution Supervisor at 671-5830.

Hydrant Flushing Schedule

Tuesday, October 3

Westlake - Edgewater and Greenway, Lakeshore Townhomes

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

North and South Suncrest, Medinah Country Estates, Dinah Road off Broker Road, Circle Center, Medinah on the Lakes

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

Colony Green Westlake Townhomes, College Quad Fours, Harvard, Brookdale, Wilshire Towers, East Army Trail Rd., South Glen Ellyn Rd. to Now Foods

Thursday, October 12

Founder's Pointe, Old Town Estates (East and West), Longridge (Levitt), West Pointe Estates, Lakewoods, The Crossings, South Bloomingdale Rd. to Edgewater Dr.

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

Bloomfield Club, Stratford Place, Glengarry, Stratford Homes, Avalon at Stratford, Butterfield Rd., Springfield Rd. from Army Trail to Schick Rd.

Thursday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 24

Stratford Lakes, Camden Apts., Bayview Crossing Phases 1 & 2, Springfield Drive, Schick Rd. to Lake St., Stratford Square

Wednesday, October 25

West Schick Road, Covington, Old Gary, Stratford Plaza, New Bloomingdale Business Center

Thursday, October 26

West Army Trail Road from Oriole to Old Gary, Bloomingdale Court, Fretter's Plaza, Schmale Rd. South Including Equity One and Klein Creek

YEAH!!!! New Market Comes to Springbrook

Well, at long last - it looks like Springbrook Shopping Center on Lake Street will once again be seeing a grocery store in the center. The new grocery store will celebrate its grand opening around the beginning of October.

Springbrook Market, offering everything from European import foods to a full-line of general groceries, will serve the Bloomingdale area at 166 E. Lake St., in the former Dominick's building. The store will also feature a full-service meat and deli section, as well as produce and baked goods. Delivery is available and a catering menu will be offered soon.

Community members are invited to stop by for several Grand Opening specials. Owner Pedro Morales is a longtime resident of the Bloomingdale and Glendale Heights area. Store hours are 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. seven days a week. Call for more information: 539-1458.

HELP WANTED

The Village Services Department – Engineering Division is seeking one seasonal/temporary Engineering Assistant. Ideal candidate is a College student pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering or related field experience. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Village of Bloomingdale. For further information, contact Robert Prohaska at 671-5671 or Jim Monkemeyer at 671-5692.

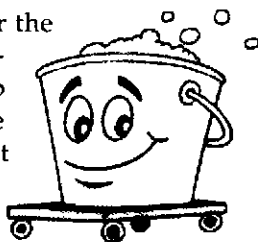
Do You Own Commercial or Residential Rental Property?

The Village is updating its water and sewer account information regarding owner information on residential and commercial rental properties. Tenants or owners of residential and commercial rental properties are requested to contact the Village to verify or update owner information. Owner information is often used to contact owners about utility bills and building and zoning issues. You may contact Dolores Orlik in Water Billing by calling 671-5650. The name of the owner, owner address, service address and owner telephone number will be requested when you call in. Thank you for taking the time to help the Village update this important information.

Got Odd Jobs That Need to Be Done? Teens Can Help

The Bloomingdale Township has a CHORE Program which matches up youngsters ages 13-16 with senior citizens, as well as other residents, to help them with odd jobs around the house and yard. Most of the workers are 8th or 9th graders. They can do light maintenance, such as clean out garages or basements, wash windows (cannot climb ladders), some yard work (rake leaves, cut grass with push mowers, sidewalk snow clearing, etc.). Other possible tasks are pet walking, car washing and house cleaning.

Youngsters are paid for the services at a rate determined by the township after speaking with the resident. Resident must provide equipment, yard waste bags, stickers, shovel, gloves, etc. Residents should contact the township at 893-6685 for more information.



Water Quality Report

The Water Quality Report was included in a special edition of the Almanac mailed out in July. Additional copies are available upon request by contacting the Utilities Division at 671-5830.

Put a New Tree in Your Parkway for Half the Cost

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the second year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/commercial properties. If further information is desired, contact Larry Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 671-5803.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

1. Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2000. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2001.
2. Trees will be 2" caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
3. The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
4. Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
5. Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
6. Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
7. We anticipate the cost of 2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
8. Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
9. For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

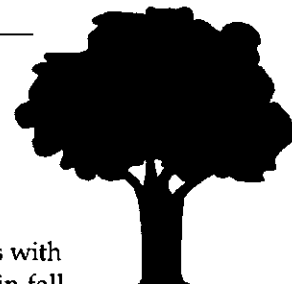
2001 Tree Planting Program Business/Commercial Request Form

BUSINESS: _____ CONTACT PERSON: _____

ADDRESS: _____ BUSINESS PHONE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

Indicate number of each type desired:



PARKWAY (VILLAGE R.O.W./PROPERTY)

_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Superform Norway Maple (<i>Acer platanoides</i> 'Superform') Cultivar is noted for its straight trunk and even form. Matures with broadly globe-shaped crown. Dark green foliage turns yellow in fall.
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Autumn Purple White Ash (<i>Fraxinus americana</i> 'Autumn Purple') Seedless cultivar with dark burgundy fall color. Crown is broadly globe-shaped in maturity. Grows moderately to 80'.
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Swamp White Oak (<i>Quercus bicolor</i>) Matures into majestic tree with large trunk and broad crown. Dark green leathery leaves with white undersides which turn yellow sometimes with red in fall. Very tough and tolerant of heavy clay soils and/or poor drainage. Grows slowly to 60'.
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Silver Linden (<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>) Pyramidal when young; becoming oval with age. Dark green leaves with silver undersurface. Grows moderately to 60'.

ON-SITE

_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Superform Norway Maple
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Autumn Purple White Ash
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Swamp White Oak
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Silver Linden
_____ 3"	_____ 4"	Thornless Honeylocust (<i>Gleditsia triacanthos inermis</i>) Tree with open spreading crown. Compound leaf with 20 to leaflets which are bright green in summer and yellow – green to yellow in fall. Grows moderately fast to 70'.
_____	_____	8' Multi-Stem Cockspur Hawthorn (<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i>) Broad-rounded low branched tree with horizontal thorny branches. The small leaves are lustrous dark green in summer turning bronze-red in fall. Grows moderately slow to 25'.
_____	_____	10' Austrian Pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i>) Evergreen with broad pyramidal shape. Long dark green needles. Grows moderately to 50'.

DELIVER OR SEND TO:

DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

2001 Tree Planting Program -- Residential Request Form

NAME: _____ DAYTIME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

Indicate number of each type desired:

PARKWAY

_____ **Superform Norway Maple** (*Acer platanoides* 'Superform')
Cultivar is noted for its straight trunk and even form. Matures with broadly globe-shaped crown. Dark green foliage turns yellow in fall. Grows moderately fast to 50'.

_____ **Norwegian Sunset Hybrid Maple** (*Acer* 'Keithsform')
An upright oval medium-sized tree with dark green, heat tolerant summer foliage which turns yellow with some orange-red. Grows moderately to 35'.

_____ **Swamp White Oak** (*Quercus bicolor*)
Matures into majestic tree with large trunk and broad crown. Dark green leathery leaves with white undersides which turn yellow sometimes with red in fall. Very tough and tolerant of heavy clay soils and/or poor drainage. Grows slowly to 60'.

_____ **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
The Prairie Oak. Develops into an impressive tree with a massive trunk and a broad crown of stout branches. Large dark green leaves with whitish undersides turning yellow brown in fall. Tolerant of urban conditions. Grows slowly to 80'.

_____ **Silver Linden** (*Tilia tomentosa*)
Pyramidal when young; becoming oval with age. Dark green leaves with silver undersurface. Grows moderately to 60'.

_____ **Regal Elm** (*Ulmus* 'Regal')
Hybrid elm with round crown of dark green leaves. Good urban tree which is resistant to Dutch Elm disease. Grows moderately fast to 60'.

FRONT YARD

_____ **Superform Norway Maple**

_____ **Norwegian Sunset Hybrid Maple**

_____ **Swamp White Oak**

_____ **Bur Oak**

_____ **Silver Linden**

_____ **Regal Elm**

_____ **Zumi Crabapple** (*Malus sieboldii* var. *zumi*)
Small tree with round crown to 20'. Flowers are pink in bud and white after opening. Fruit is 3/8" diameter and red.

_____ **7' Multi-Stem Sergeant Crabapple**
(*Malus sargentii*)
Dense wide-spreading shrubby species. Grows to 12'. Flowers are red in bud and white and fragrant when open. Fruit is bright red and 1/4" diameter.

_____ **6' Colorado Spruce** (*Picea pungens* f. *glauca*)
Evergreen with symmetrical pyramidal shape. Gray-green to blue-green needles. Grows moderately to 50'.



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201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108

Community Events

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Household Hazardous Water Collections are being held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the following locations and times:

Wheaton October 7

Commuter Parking Lot (SW corner of Liberty St & Carlton Ave.

Darien October 14

Rockwell International, 8245 S. Lemont Road

There is no charge for disposal of materials. For more information on acceptable items call the HHW Hotline at 510-2810.

Come to the Cabaret!

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary presents Suzanne Petri, a highly regarded Chicago-based vocalist who specializes in Cabaret style music. The vocalist will perform songs of Marlene Dietrich, Jacques Brel, Cole Porter, Noel Coward and Stephen Sondheim, among others on Friday, October 20 from 8 - 10 p.m. at the grand ballroom of Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Tickets are \$25. Full service cash bar and hors d'oeuvres also available for purchase. Reservation hotline: 307-0285. Proceeds benefit civic and charitable programs supported by the Rotary.

Celebrate CHARACTER COUNTS Celebration October 17-21

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition presents a Charity Walk and Celebration program on Tuesday, October 17 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Old Town Park Pavilion, Third and Franklin Streets. The event is free and will feature a charity walk for the Illinois Society for Prevention of Blindness, presentation of Youth Character Awards 2000, (one from each school in Bloomingdale), entertainment by Bloomingdale Youth groups, and keynote speaker "Dr. Mike."

Dr. Mike is an inspirational and motivational speaker who entertains adults and kids alike. All are invited to attend this celebration in honor of CHARACTER COUNTS! Week, October 15-21.

All are invited to participate in the charity walk. The charity was chosen through an essay contest won by Sonia Menon, a DuJardin sixth-grader. The purpose of the walk is to support the community and to reinforce the six pillars of character - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Luminary bags representing each donation will light the charity walk pathway, kicking off the evening's program. The more donations received, the longer the pathway. Residents are encouraged to support the charity walk by sending a donation to CC! Charity Walk, 164 S. Euclid, Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Amount of Donation Enclosed ___\$5 ___\$10 ___\$15 ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$Other

State exactly what you would like on your luminary bag (i.e. Chestnut Family, Ms. Johnson's 1st grade class, Bob's Plumbing, etc)



Camp Lions is a weeklong camping experience for youngsters and adults with specific disabilities. The Bloomingdale Lions Club helps support this service through fundraisers such as its annual charity golf outing which raised approximately \$6,000 last July. Pictured - campers perform skits and song in sign language at the Camp Lions open house.

Save those pop can tabs for a good cause

Ms. Joy Doll's math class at Marquardt Middle School is holding a yearlong project of collecting tabs from drink cans. The projects will serve both as a math project, as well as a community service project. The tabs will be donated to Ronald McDonald House. Community members wishing to help can drop off tabs at Marquardt Middle School, 1912 N. Glen Ellyn Road.

*We thank the following
for their contributions
which make the
Septemberfest, as well as
the Mr./Ms Bloomingdale
scholarship program,
possible:*

Contributors

Addison's House of Hair Design
Amici's Salon
Bloomingdale Court Cinemas
Bloomingdale Golf Club
Bloomingdale Pharmacy
Bloomingdale Public Library
Eddie Caruso Hair & Day Spa
Central DuPage Health
Chili's
DiMaggio's Eatery
Dina's Golden Hand Cleaners &
Tailors
Eclectic Salon & Day Spa
Flowers by Christine
Fontano's Subs
Garibaldi's Italian Eatery
Hair Phazes
Headlines Family Hair Care
Center
Levato & Kotche
Loews Cineplex at
Bloomingdale Court
Lofendo Flowers & Balloons
Marcus Cinema - Addison
Norgetown Cleaners
Panera Bread (Stratford)
Red Lobster
Rhonda's Pancake House
Rosewood Family Restaurant
T.G.I. Friday's
Tower Records - Bloomingdale

Friends of Septemberfest

The Arrivi Family
Paul & Karen Becker & Family
Thomas Dziedzic
The Hannigan Family
Dr. Edgar & Mirna Khoury

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In high school, she was very involved in Operation Snowball; as a college student, she has been involved with the Habitat for Humanity mentoring program.

First runner-up **Doug Schira** has excelled academically throughout his school years. During his years at Glenbard East, he was in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta, a math honor society. He is working toward an associate's degree at the College of DuPage where he has been participating in an Honors Scholar Program. Schira plans to attend the University of Illinois-Urbana to complete his bachelor's degree in business and go on to law school.

Nineteen-year old **Jessica Johnson** was also first runner-up. A senior at Western, she is a communications and Spanish major with an emphasis in human resource management. At Western she is very involved in hall government, providing social and educational programs for conferences, both on campus and statewide. During her high school years at Lake Park, Johnson was president of Students Against Destructive Decisions for three years and was also very active in Operation Snowball. After graduation she intends to work in a field assisting in the prevention of juvenile delinquency.

Second runner-up is **Vincent Abate**, a sophomore at DePaul University, studying computer science making the dean's list all of freshman year, as well as being inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. His talents in the computer field have enabled him to become the computer services assistant and graphic designer for the Bloomingdale Public Library. He recently also took over web page design for the library, Village of Bloomingdale and many other agencies in the village.

Twenty-year old **Kim Riley** was also named second runner-up. A senior at Illinois State University, she is studying elementary education and looks forward to student teaching in January. In addition to making the Dean's List at Illinois State, Riley is also involved in Campus for Christ. The last two years she has also taken part in a reading program helping youngsters through the Normal Public Library.

Third runner-up **Dan LoBraco** is currently attending the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design. He intends to earn a bachelor of fine arts degree in sculpture, with a high school teaching certificate. At MIAD the 19-year old has been on the president's list for maintaining his 3.77 GPA, as well as serving as a resident's assistant and helping with various dorm community activities.

Also named third runner-up was seventeen-year old **Kelli Biggam**. A senior at Glenbard North, she is a cheerleader, member of the Pep Club, and has worked on the school newspaper, as well as maintaining her honor student status with a 4.5 GPA. She has also participated in the Peer Jury program in Bloomingdale.

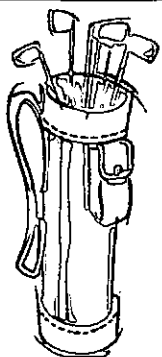
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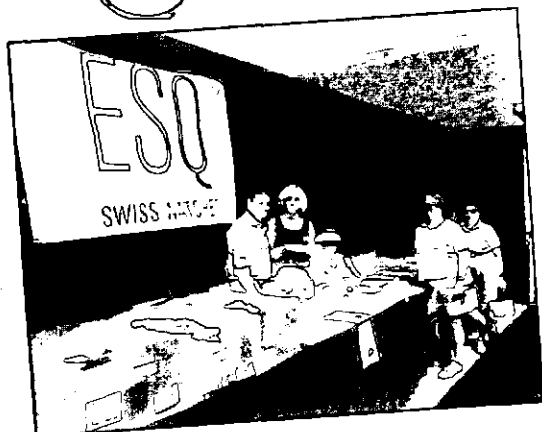
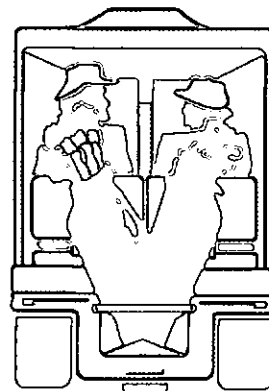
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Bloomington Community Tree 2000

Once again the Village of Bloomington and the Bloomington Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomington Community Tree at Brookfield Zoo. An ornament-making workshop will be held at the Library on Monday, November 13, from 7 - 9 PM, for all children ages 3 and up. Refreshments will be served. To register, call 529-3120 ext. 332.

During the workshop, children will make special ornaments to be used for decorating Bloomington's 13th Annual Community Tree. All children who make ornaments (and their families) are invited to help trim the tree at the Zoo on Saturday, November 18th at 2:00 PM. The trees will be on display at Brookfield Zoo through January 1, 2001.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 23

Library Closed

Friday, November 24

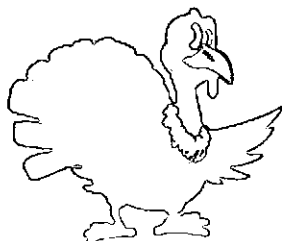
9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Saturday, November 25

9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.

Sunday, November 26

1:00p.m.-5:00p.m.



LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

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| 2 Bloomington Historical Society | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 3 Chess Club | 6:00-9:00pm |
| *3 Parent/Child Intro to the Internet | 4:00-5:00pm |
| *3 Lyric Opera Lecture Series—Rigoletto | 7:00-8:30pm |
| *4 Intro to using Microsoft Word 2000 | 7:00-9:00pm |
| *5 Understanding Windows | 1:00-3:00pm |
| 10 Bloomington Seniors | 11:00am-3:00pm |
| 10 Chess Club | 6:00-9:00pm |
| *11 Searching the Library Catalog | 10:30-11:30am |
| *11 Intro to the Personal Computer | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 11 Library Board Meeting | 7:30pm |
| *12 Internet and E-Mail for Seniors | 1:00-3:00pm |
| 12 Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00-9:00pm |
| *12 Searching the Library Catalog | 7:00-8:00pm |
| 14 Writer's Workshop | 9:00am-12noon |
| *14 Parent/Child Intro to the Internet | 10:00-11:00am |
| *15 Intermediate Microsoft Word 2000 | 2:00-4:00pm |
| *16 Parent/Child Intro to the Internet | 7:00-8:00pm |
| *17 Fall Festival Pow Wow—grades K-2 | 4:30-5:30pm |
| *17 PowerPoint for Students (ages 10-14) | 6:00-8:00pm |
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| *19 Pendragon Players--Three in a Row by Poe | 7:00-8:30pm |
| *19 Book Discussion | 7:30-9:00pm |
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| *25 Understanding Windows | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 25 Writer's Workshop | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 25 Friends of the Library | 7:30-9:00pm |
| *26 Intro to using Microsoft Word 2000 | 1:00-3:00pm |
| *26 Power Point for students | 6:00-8:00pm |
| 28 Halloween Party—all ages | 1:00-3:30pm |
| *29 Personal Computing for the Intermediate User | 2:00-4:00pm |
| 31 Chess Club | 6:00-9:00pm |

NOVEMBER

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| *4 Antique Appraisal | 2:00-4:00pm |
| 6 Bloomington Historical Society | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 7 ELECTION DAY | |
| *8 Footloose in Scotland | 7:00-8:30pm |
| *8 Parent/Child Intro to the Internet | 7:00-8:00pm |
| 8 Library Board Meeting | 7:30pm |
| 9 Writer's Group Subcommittee | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 11 Writer's Group Workshop | 9:00am-12noon |
| 14 Bloomington Seniors | 11:00am-3:00pm |
| 14 Chess Club | 6:00-9:00pm |
| 15 Bloomington Garden Club | 1:00-3:00pm |
| *16 Book Discussion | 7:30-9:00pm |
| *18 Making Holiday Greeting Cards with Photoshop (ages 10-14) | 10:00am-12Noon |
| 21 Writer's Workshop | 7:00-9:00pm |
| 22 Friends of the Library | 7:30-9:00pm |
| 23 THANKSGIVING | LIBRARY CLOSED |
| 28 12th Annual Open House | 6:30-9:00pm |
| *30 Attention Deficit Disorder | 7:00-8:30pm |

*Registration required (630-529-3120)

Youth Services Department

FALL PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

Drop-In Programs

No registration required

BEDTIME STORIES

(toddlers and preschoolers with caregivers)
Tuesdays, through December 5
7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. **FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS.**



DROP-IN CRAFT

(All ages)

Saturday, October 21

Anytime between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 10

Anytime between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 11

Anytime between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Drop-in anytime during the above hours to make a fun and easy craft to take with you. The craft is designed to require little supervision; however, children under the age of 6 must be accompanied by someone over age 12. In honor of the presidential election, there will be a special presidential windsock craft in November.

SCHOOL AGE SPECIAL PROGRAMS -- REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Fall Festival Pow Wow

(grades K-2)

Tuesday, October 17

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Register in person, or by calling (630) 529-3120, ext. 332

Come join us for a fun fall festival celebrating "Indian Summer". We will read stories celebrating the fall season; play Native American games, make fun crafts, dance around a teepee doing the rain dance, and enjoy a cultural treat.

Fee Fie Foe FUN

(Grades K-2)

Tuesday, November 21

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Register in person, or by calling (630) 529-3120, ext. 332

Join us as we create a working version of the story of "Jack and the Giant." We may even learn the real story from the giant's point of view. **Please bring a shoebox.**

*Everyone is invited to attend
The 12th Annual*

HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

Bloomington Public Library

Saturday, October 28, 2000

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by:

The Village of Bloomington

The Friends of the Library

The Bloomington Public Library

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

Games

Prizes

Pumpkin Moonwalk

Refreshments

There is no charge for the party, but
Registration is requested.

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk
at 529-3120 ext. 332



Youth Services Department

HOLIDAY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Come to the 'Snowman Crossing'

Get a Group Together to Decorate a Beautiful Holiday Tree at the Library!

The Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library are pleased to announce the Second Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk around the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available and Village and the Library are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 24, 2000 and November 27, 2000. Trees must be completed by Monday, November 27, 2000 for the Village/Library Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on November 28, 2000 at 6:30p.m. outside the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, we may limit the number of trees a school or other group can decorate, so all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There is no required theme, however, there are certain rules:

Decorating may not begin until Friday, November 24th and must be completed by Monday, November 27th.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from their trees between Tuesday, January 2, 2001 and Sunday, January 7, 2001. Beginning at 9:00a.m. Monday, January 8, 2001, all remaining decorations will be removed from trees in preparation for chipping. Chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village. Ornaments will not be saved.

The Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged decorations.

This event is open to Bloomingdale clubs, groups, and/or classes. The groups must be from Bloomingdale, or their members must be from Bloomingdale residents in order to participate. If groups wish to laminate ornaments, the Library has a laminator available. Please call to reserve a time. If groups wish to have a sponsor, the sponsor can be recognized.

We are very excited about the Second Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you have any questions and/or if you wish to participate, please contact the Business Office at (630) 529-3120.

Seventh Annual

Breakfast with Santa

Sponsored by the Bloomingdale Public Library and the Bloomingdale Golf Club

Saturday, December 9

Breakfast

9:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Brunch

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Pages the Library Bear is inviting children of all ages and their families to come to the Bloomingdale Golf Club for the Annual Breakfast and Brunch with Santa.

Tickets will be available Monday, October 9, 2000. Please register in person in the Business Office. The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00 per adult, \$7.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids 3 and under. Checks may be made payable to THE BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Photos with Santa will be \$5.00 each, payable at the breakfast.

Polar Express

*Bring the family for a ride on
"The Polar Express"**

**based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg*

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at 1:00p.m. on Sunday, December 3 for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station). We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling, and a visit with Santa.

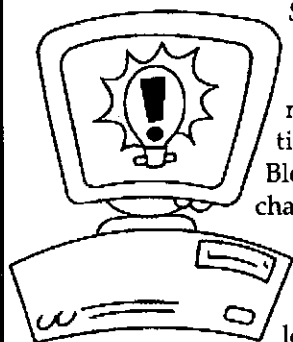
Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5.00 for children. You may purchase tickets in person beginning October 9, 2000 in the Business Office. Groups wishing to sit together will need to register at the same time.



Computer Lab Offers Instruction on the Internet, Popular Computer Programs for Kids, Adults & Seniors

As summer eases into fall the Library's recently completed Computer Training Lab is gearing up for its first series of classes.

As a result of the overwhelming success of the Stratford Squares for Lifelong Learning tile wall project initiated by Urban Retail Properties Company that raised \$25,000 and a \$10,000 donation made by the Village of Bloomingdale, the library has purchased 13 wireless Gateway Profile computers for the new lab.



If you are unfamiliar with wireless computer technology you may think you are entering a non-functional computer lab because you won't see intertwined wires or cables all over the floor nor will you see any bulky computer hardware. But, once you check out the small box—called the "hub"—that is plugged into the wall data jack you will be at the threshold of experiencing one of the more impressive breakthroughs in computer technology.

Each of the wireless computers is portable and requires less than a square foot of desktop space—not including the keyboard and mouse, which actually still do have connecting wires. This translates into efficient use of space and increased flexibility in setting up computer training classes.

The library's class schedule for Fall 2000, prepared by Dana Iaccino, Special Programs Coordinator, and Sean Luster, Computer Services Assistant, has something for everyone.

There are three youth computer classes:

☐ **Parent/Child Introduction to the Internet** is for children age 7-14 and one parent and includes an introduction to Internet sites that are of interest to children and that can be helpful in completing homework assignments and projects.

Tuesday, October 3	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 14	10:00-11:00 a.m.
Monday, October 16	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 8	7:00-8:00 p.m.

☐ **PowerPoint for Students** is for ages 10-14. Students will learn to create simple on-screen presentations. This is an introductory level class.

Tuesday, October 17	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 26	6:00-8:00 p.m.

☐ **Making Holiday Greeting Cards With PhotoShop** will utilize Adobe PhotoShop and a digital camera and students will learn to apply a variety of creative graphic features to photos while making their own holiday greeting cards.

Saturday, November 18	10:00 a.m.-12 Noon
Wednesday, December 13	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Monday, December 18	6:00-8:00 p.m.

The following classes are recommended for youngsters 13 and older as well as adults:

- ☐ **Introductions to Using Microsoft Word 2000**

Wednesday, October 4	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 26	1:00-3:00 p.m.
- ☐ **Intermediate Microsoft Word 2000**

Sunday, October 15	2:00-4:00 p.m.
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- ☐ **Understanding Windows 98**

Thursday, October 5	1:00-3:00 p.m.
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- ☐ **Intro to the Personal Computer**

Wednesday, October 11	7:00-9:00 p.m.
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- ☐ **Personal Computing for the Intermediate User**

Sunday, October 29	2:00-4:00 p.m.
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- ☐ **Introduction to Microsoft Access 2000**

Wednesday, October 18	7:00-9:00 p.m.
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For current information about these classes visit <http://www.bloomingtonlib.il.us/class/>

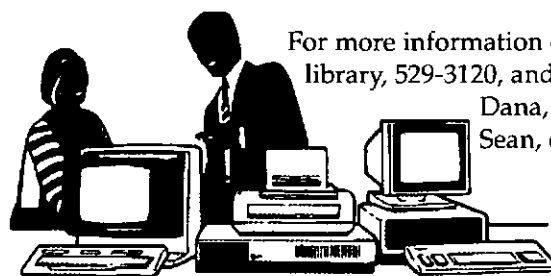
The schedule also includes classes to meet the needs of senior citizens:

☐ **Internet and E-Mail for Seniors** will cover how to create an e-mail account, how to read and send e-mail, and will provide a review of other useful resources available on the Internet. There will be hands-on training and time for questions and answers.

Thursday, October 12	1:00-3:00 p.m.
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☐ **Computing for Seniors** will be similar to the Intro to the Personal Computer class and ample time will be devoted to answering questions and addressing problems.

Thursday, October 19	1:00-3:00 p.m.
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For more information call the library, 529-3120, and speak to Dana, ext. 321 or Sean, ext. 644.

Adult Services Department

READ A BOOK, LEARN THE INTERNET & MORE!

Book Discussion

The Bloomingdale Public Library Adult Book Discussion will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. Our Fall selections are:

October 19 – *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf

November 16 – *Paris Trout* by Adeline Yen Mah

Copies of the books are available at the Reference Desk. New members are always welcome!

Internet Tutors Available

One-on-one training is available on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please call the Reference Desk for a half-hour appointment, 529-3120, ext. 324.

Searching the Library Catalog

Wednesday October 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday October 18, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday October 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday October 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Learn how to effectively search the library catalog in the library or from your home computer.

New Reference Databases

Standard and Poor's Stock Reports - This database features current and historical financial and investment data, analyst's commentary, industry outlook, and news headlines on over 6,400 companies.

Daily Herald - Full text articles updated daily, with back files available to 1997.

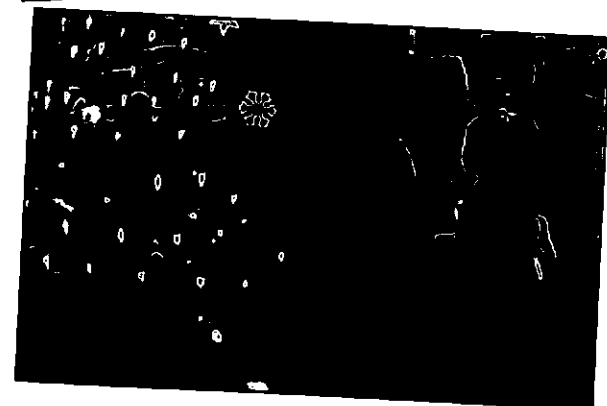
Student Resource Center - Contains articles and illustrations of various topics targeted towards students in grades 6-12.

Contemporary Literary Criticism Select - Provides critical essays on contemporary writers and their works.

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

People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program

People educating People (PEP) at College of DuPage needs more volunteer tutor-aides for ESL and reading classes in Bloomingdale. A 14-hour training is required. The next series will be Nov. 4, 11 and 18. Call (630) 942-3794.



The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale
Cordially invite you to attend our

12th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House

Tuesday, November 28
6:30-9:00p.m.

Activities

6:30-7:00pm

Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:00-7:45pm

Holly Jolly Magic Show

7:00-9:00pm

Various activities:

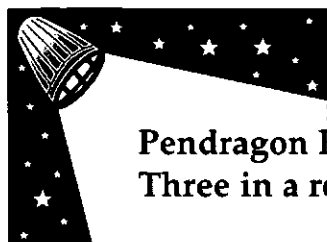
Children's crafts and musical performers, and refreshments.

Call the Library at 630-529-3120 for more details.

Adult Services Department

FALL/WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

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 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.



Pendragon Players— Three in a row by Poe

October 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In celebration of Teen Read Week, the library is proud to present the Pendragon Players as they bring the adaptation of three of Edgar Allen Poe's short tales to life. Their dramatizations combine the immediacy of live theater with the narrative pleasure of a great bedtime story. Featured will be "The Cask of Amontillado", "The Telltale Heart" and the immortal poem, "The Raven". Suitable for both teens and adults. Register for this free program by calling the Adult Services Reference Desk at 529-3120, x324.

Antique Appraisal

November 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Once again, antiques expert Rex Newell has agreed to lecture on antique buying and the appraisal process and offer his opinion regarding your antiques questions. Class size will be limited to 150. However, only the first 40 *Bloomingtondale residents* to register will have the option of bringing one item to be examined. Please note that this program is being held on Saturday. Registration is required.

Footloose in Scotland

November 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Be an armchair tourist as we travel through Scotland via a slide presentation by adventurer John Lynn. You'll experience the highlands, the lowlands, the loch and glens, the history and culture that is unique to this country. Mr. Lynn walked the 500-mile length of Scotland to gather his photos and stories. Don't miss this colorful program by the person WGN radio labeled a "walking encyclopedia." Please call to sign-up.

Attention Deficit Disorder

November 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Ritalin is one of the most controversial drugs in use today. In fact, American children take more Ritalin than the rest of the world combined. If you'd like to learn about non-drug alternatives and discover techniques to improve behavior and performance, then join Dr. Michael Calcagno from Olympic Chiropractic as he lectures on this subject. Registration is required.

Holiday Shopping in Chicago

December 2, 11:00 am-4:00 p.m.

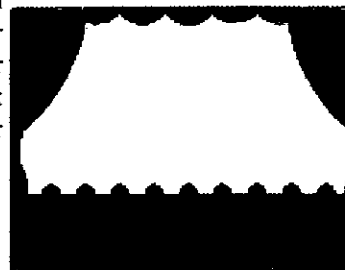
Cost: \$8.00 per person

Ahhh, the sights, the sounds, the smells of the holidays!!! Experience all of these on a shopping excursion into the "City." Our motor coach will leave the library and make two stops: one at State Street and the other at Michigan Avenue. The stops will be reversed for pick-up. Take this opportunity to shop, enjoy the decorations or visit the museums. The trip is limited to 55 so register early. The fee is due at the time of registration.

Lyric Opera Lecture #3 - Tosca

December 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join us as Lyric Opera volunteer Arn Buonamici relates the tragic tale of Tosca, a glamorous opera singer in this famous work by Puccini. Floria Tosca and Mario Cavaradossi are in love and all they want is to be left alone. Baron Scarpia, however, wants Floria for his physical needs. He arrests Mario for aiding a fugitive and tells Tosca she can save him by giving herself to him. She agrees, but the kiss he has so longed for is the fatal kiss of a knife blade. He had promised to set up a false execution for Mario, but the treachery of Scarpia is revealed as Mario is killed. Tosca vows to meet Scarpia in front of God as she leaps over the side of the building to her death. Please call the Adult Reference desk to register for this program.



Bloomington Chess Team Brings Home 10th Consecutive Tournament Championship

In August the Bloomington Public Library hosted the 17th Annual Interlibrary Chess Tournament. Teams from Bartlett, Bloomington, Carol Stream, Glenside, Lombard and Poplar Creek Libraries competed in the one-day encounter. After five rounds, the team from Bloomington secured its 10th tournament championship.

Team members included Eric Linder, Tony McDaniel, Shaun Riley, Navpaul Singh, Kym McDaniel, Mike Diamond, Mike Tabor, Phillip Man, Danny Murphy and Andrew Adami. Alternate Melanie Fisher was called upon to fill in for a team member. Other alternates were Navkiran Singh and Michelle Memoli.

The team from Poplar Creek placed second, third place went to the Bartlett team, fourth to Lombard, fifth to Glenside, and sixth place was awarded to Carol Stream.

Sean Luster, who himself is a product of Bloomington Public Library's chess program, has coached the team for three years. Youth Librarian Rosie Lukas provided administrative, organizational and supervisory support.

"It was kind of a baptism under fire for Rosie because she just recently joined the library staff," said Sean. "She did a great job keeping everything in order and on schedule."

The Library's chess program fills different needs for different people. "A number of the kids on our team, Mike Tabor and Shaun Riley for example, are beginning to take part in organized chess outside of the library," said Sean. For both beginners and those already playing chess competitively, the program provides a regular opportunity to sharpen their skills in a friendly, relaxed environment.

"We currently have several team members—first board, Eric Linder and fifth board, Kym McDaniels in particular—who had previous tournament experience before joining the program; on the other hand, many others involved in the program are getting their first introduction to chess," Sean added.

Though some participants may never play much outside the library group, their newfound hobby has brought about positive changes in their lives. Parents have commented that since their children started playing chess their grades have improved in math and other subjects that involve reasoning skills, and that their self-confidence has increased.

"I've always felt that learning how to think and developing the discipline to really work through a mentally challenging problem is what education is all about, and chess certainly fosters those skills," Sean added.

The library's expanded chess program, which began on August 22, now runs throughout the year. The program offers weekly sessions—Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m.—for those age eight and over, including adults. There also will be small weekly events, centered around recreational or tournament chess, as well as occasional weekend events. No registration is required for this program—just stop by and check it out.

For more information call Sean Luster at (630) 529-3210, ext. 644.

"Every year there is a handful of players for whom a passion for the game ignites. It can be someone who is playing for the first time or someone I've been working with for years who suddenly sees something in the game that had never been quite clear before. The eagerness and enjoyment they show makes my job very rewarding."

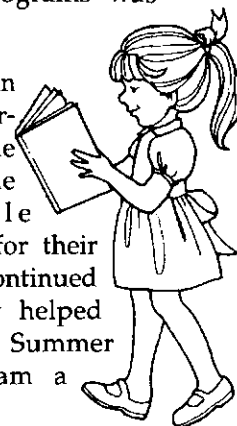
—Sean Luster

"Celebrate!" Summer Reading Program Nets 9,000 Hours of Reading!

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Youth Services Summer Reading Program!

A total of 919 young people registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. By the end of the program, participants had read a cumulative total of 9,065.5 hours, and the total number of people attending "Celebrate!" programs was 4,036.

Thank you again to the local merchants and the Friends of the Bloomington Public Library for their donations and continued support. They helped make the Summer Reading Program a success!

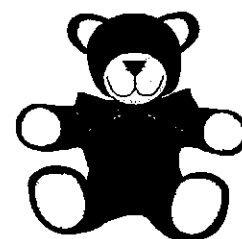


Do You Know Any New Or Expectant Parents?

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 Bloomington 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.





Bloomington Park District

We're right around the corner!



6th Annual Recognition Dinner

Friday, November 3, 6:30-11:00pm
Indian Lakes Resort

thank you!

Please join the Bloomington Parks Foundation for a very special celebration honoring the volunteer efforts of our fellow citizens. Winners of the Annual Volunteer Recognition Awards will be announced that evening. The evening will also include dinner, entertainment, prizes and a raffle. Tickets are available at the Park District Office, \$50 per person. All proceeds benefit the Bloomington Parks Foundation (a portion of the ticket is tax-deductible).

Dinner with Drac

Tuesday, October 24, 6:00-7:30pm

Come dine with Wacky Drac and feast on ghoulish pizza! There will also be music, games and stories to entertain. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Pre-registration is required.



Ages: 4-6

Fee: \$11/13 (resident/nonresident)

Adult tickets \$8.00

Location: Johnston Recreation Center

Halloween Happening

Friday, October 27, 7:00-9:30pm
Johnston Recreation Center

Kids ages preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join us for our annual Halloween event. Favorites like the Haunted House, Jumping Pumpkin, and the Haunted Trail will return again this year.

Admission is free, but tickets to the Jumping Pumpkin and Haunted House are extra. There will be plenty to keep you busy the entire evening, including an appearance by Wacky Drac!



Haunted House Extended Hours

Thursday, October 26, 7:00-10:00pm
Saturday, October 28, 7:00-10:00pm



This year the Haunted House will be open for 2 extra days! Check out scary scenes and lots of Halloween frights! Admission is \$3 per person. Please note the Haunted House will only be open to Halloween Happening on Friday, October 27.

Holiday Magic:

A Victorian Christmas in Old Town Park
Friday, December 1, 6:00-8:00pm



Spend an evening feeling like you went back in time. Carolers will be there to entertain you. View ice sculptures in the park and enjoy a carriage ride. Of course, there will also be a special visit from Old St. Nick to light the Christmas tree.

Holiday Magic Open House

Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:30-11:30am



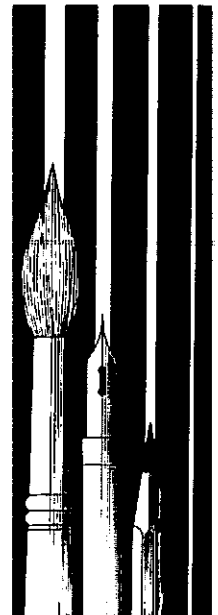
Join us for our traditional holiday open house where we transform the Johnston Recreation Center with Holiday Magic. Watch Santa arrive in "style," and stay with us for entertainment, crafts, games, and cookies.

At the Museum...

2000 National Drawing & Print Exhibition

October 21-December 17, 2000

This is the first national juried exhibition in the history of the Museum. The show includes a wide variety of drawing and printmaking techniques – both traditional and experimental are represented. Of the more than 300 slide entries received from 35 states, the juror, John Heintzman, Director & Curator at University Galleries, Bradley University, selected 46 pieces from 25 states for this exhibition. Museum hours are Wednesday-Saturday 10-4; Sunday 12-4. Admission is free. The Opening Reception for the show is Saturday, October 9, 5-8pm.



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