

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

December 2000



## From the Mayor's Desk

We are very happy to report that our reverse 911 system, which was approved by the Village Board earlier this year, is now in place. This system allows the police department and the village to reach residents and businesses via the phone with important messages. This system operates using the existing phone lines and allows us to automatically dial eight residences per minute.

The system can automatically select phone numbers in the database within a defined geographical area, meaning we can target only a certain area in town, as needed. It could be used, for example, during power outages to give updates or during water main breaks to issue a boil water order. Reverse 911 can be used for anything from police emergencies or disasters to community oriented policing.

Due to the fact that the system only has published phone numbers in its database, anyone with an unpublished number would not be included in the system. Residents can, however, request to be included.

We are encouraging all residents who have unlisted phone numbers to contact us. These residents can call 671-5727 where they will receive a voice mail message asking them to leave their name, address and phone number. A clerk in the police department will retrieve the information. She will then call and verify the information so that it can be put added to the reverse 911 database.

Be assured, all information given to the police department will be kept confidential and will not be given to anyone else.

More good news, the Lake Street project is just about totally complete. More of the landscaping went in last month. The final landscape touches will be finished in Spring 2001.

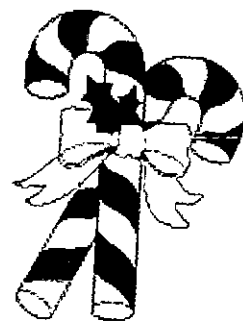
Also, on page 11 you will find information on purchasing a brick to be located on the site of the golf course statue. The sculpture will be here in spring and the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee is taking orders for the last bricks. There are a limited amount of bricks left. They do make a unique holiday gift for the "hard-to-buy-for" golfer in your family.

Speaking of the holidays, it's hard to believe they are here already. Seems like we were just talking about how we were preparing for Y2K, and suddenly the year 2000 is coming to a close.

On behalf of the Village Board and all of our staff, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest wishes for very happy holidays to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Iden



## 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  
4th 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*

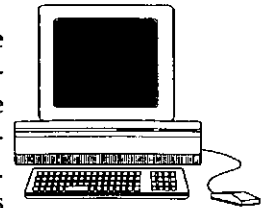
**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Anthony B. Mulizio**  
*Finance and Personnel*

**Gloria Reyes**  
*Public Works and Services*

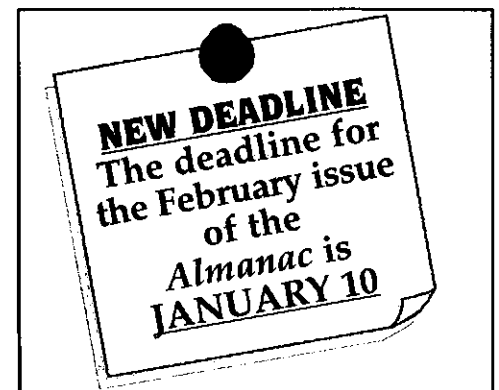
## We'd like to hear from you: Please note our website address --

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



## Fire Protection District Station Dedicated

The new headquarters station for the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1 dedicated its new 24,000 square foot headquarters, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, on September 30. The district is made up of 39 career personnel, nine paid on-call and six civilians. As part of the dedication activities, the department staged a water rescue.

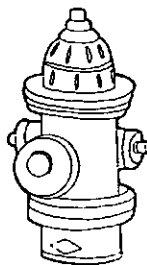


*Marshall Gray, president, and Lydia DiBuono, treasurer of the Fire Protection Board of Trustees did the honors of cutting the ribbon.*

# Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!

## Help Keep Fire Hydrants Visible

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.



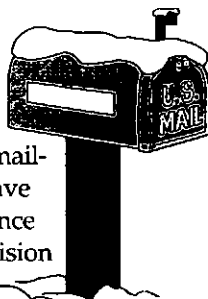
## What Are the Village's Parking Regulations When It Snows?



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.

## What If a Snowplow Damages My Mailbox?

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. 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.

## 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.

### Bloomington Fire District -

**Emergency . . . . . 911**

### Illinois Department of Transportation Information Line

**312-DOT-INFO**

**(312-368-4636)**

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

### Division of Transportation -

**DuPage County . . . 630-682-7321**

Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

### Illinois Tollway Roadway

**Information Line . . . 800-861-5394**

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**



## Farewell and Best Wishes

Join us in wishing Village Clerk Paul E. Lockwood all the best as he and his wife move to their new home in Woodstock. Paul has been a tremendous asset to the Village in his role of Village Clerk. We will miss him and his professionalism a great deal.

## Be Fire Safe This Holiday Season

December, January and February are the leading months for home fires and home fire deaths in the U.S. With that in mind, the Fire Department offers the following holiday safety tips.

- ▲ Use candles with care
- ▲ Select toys with safety in mind
- ▲ Use only non-flammable decorations
- ▲ Hang stockings by the chimney away from any fire that might be built in the fireplace.
- ▲ Keep children away from poinsettias and holly. They are poisonous plants!
- ▲ Keep your fresh Christmas tree watered
- ▲ Place packages under the tree away from the lights
- ▲ Turn off electrical light strings and decorations before going to bed or leaving home
- ▲ Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace

## Take Advantage of Tours, Presentations

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District provides tours, educational information, and presentations to schools and groups within the community upon request.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes are offered monthly for a nominal cost to cover course materials. Call 894-8488 for additional information about CPR classes or any other district program.



## Village of Bloomingdale 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 25th through Sunday, January 7th. The Holiday Weekend Service will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays.

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

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

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

Weekend Dial-A-Ride Reservations may be made by calling: 1-888-405-2060

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

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

#### While Shopping...

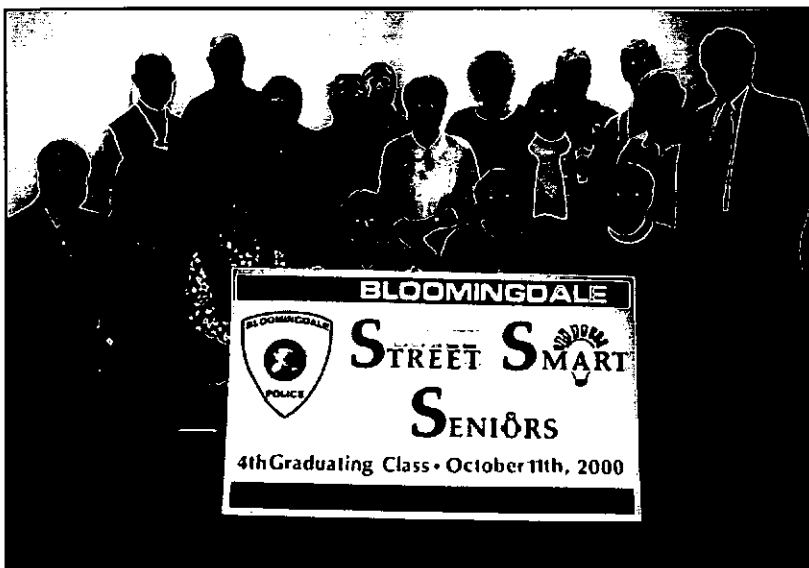
- Keep your purse/wallet and packages with you at all times.
- Do not leave items unattended in a shopping cart, on a counter or floor.
- Teach your children to go to a cashier if they are lost
- Hold your purse close to your body and keep it in front of you.
- Place your wallet, money, etc. in your front pocket.
- Don't display large amounts of cash to others.
- Place all valuables in your trunk.
- Park in well-lighted areas and look inside your vehicle before opening it.

#### At Home...

- Make your home appear to be occupied; Use timers on lights, radio and T.V.
- Do not leave valuables near windows or in plain view for others to notice.

If you are interested in learning more about NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH, plan to attend the next general meeting on Friday, January 26, 2001 at 7:30 PM in the Village Hall, or contact Detective Dawn Odoi at the Bloomingdale Police Department, 529-9868. See first hand how your involvement can make a difference.

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



#### Street Smart Seniors

The most recent graduating class for the Street Smart Senior program – an interactive program designed to educate resident seniors about the Bloomingdale Police Department's policies and to concentrate on issues which affect the daily lives of seniors.

### Engineering Technician Village of Bloomingdale

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking full-time applicants for one (1) Engineering Technician position. The starting hourly rate is \$17.31 (\$36,004.80/annual)

Qualified applicants must have knowledge of and experience inspecting construction and maintenance techniques of sewers, water mains, streets, lighting systems and drainage.

Position open until filled. Interested applicants may obtain application and detailed job description, in person, at the offices of the Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Rd., Bloomingdale, IL 60108. For further information, please contact Jim Monkemeyer, Assistant Director of Village Services, 671-5692.

The Village of Bloomingdale is an equal opportunity employer.

## Your Water Bill: Where to Pay It, How to Discontinue Service

**PLEASE NOTE:** Bank One is **no longer** accepting Village of Bloomingdale water bills payments. Payments can be made in person at the Village Hall - or mailed in. Pre-addressed envelopes for mailing of water bills are available at no charge from the Village Hall.

If you are planning to move, don't forget to call the Water Billing Department at 671-5650 to stop your water service. Arrangements can be made for a final bill. Please have the following information when you call:

- ✓ your name
- ✓ new address
- ✓ telephone number
- ✓ if available, most recent meter read and the name of the new resident

## Holiday Schedule: for BFI Refuse and Recycling

Collection **IS NOT** provided on the following holidays:

**Christmas**      **New Year's Day**

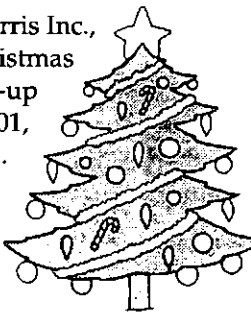
On Holiday weeks, collection will be provided one day late on that week only.



## 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 4th and 11th, 2001, and on Fridays, January 5th and 12th, 2001.

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.



## BFI Rate Increase Effective December 1st

In accordance with the Village's contract for curbside single-family residential refuse pick-up services, BFI will be increasing their refuse pick-up rates by 2.6% effective December 1, 2000. This increase represents the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for all items in the Chicago-Gary-Kenosha area. BFI's monthly charge for refuse and recycling pick-up services will increase from \$11.49 to \$11.79. Senior citizen monthly rates will increase from \$5.74 to \$5.89. Yard waste sticker rates will increase from \$1.26 to \$1.29.

## HELP WANTED

The Village Services Department is seeking applicants for the following temporary/seasonal positions:

- 1 Engineering Assistant/Intern
- 1 Landscape Architect Intern
- 1 Forestry Intern

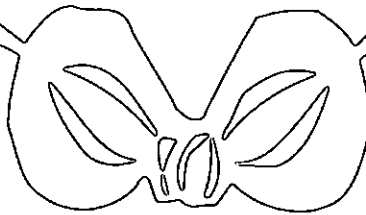
Ideal candidates are either individuals pursuing degrees in their respective areas or individuals having related field experience.

Job applications are available at the Village of Bloomingdale. For further information, contact Jim Monkemeyer, Assistant Director of Village Services, at 671-5692.

The Village Services Department is also seeking applicants for seasonal maintenance positions in the Public Works and Utilities Divisions. For further information, contact Jim Monkemeyer, Assistant Director of Village Services, at 671-5692.

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*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 upcoming 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 and toy desires are available at the Village Hall. All gifts need to be purchased and returned un-wrapped to the Village by December 14th. The little angels will receive their gifts before they break from school for the Holidays. If you are interested in participating and would like to be sent a tag, please call Barb Weber at the Village Hall at 671-5613.

**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 16. 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.

The Park District will also be sponsoring a program to provide gifts for **Marklund Home** residents. Ornaments hanging in the lobby of the park district building at 172 S. Circle, contain information about the child, along with a listing of 3 items that the child would like. People can buy as many or as few items for the child as they wish, and they keep the ornament as well. Wrapped gifts, with the child's name attached, should be brought to the Park District by Friday, December 15.

**LIGHT UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH HOPE:** This holiday season, the very first Childhood Cancer Awareness Tree will be displayed on Capital Hill in Washington D.C. This unique tree will glitter only with gold ribbons celebrating the lives of children with cancer. Some of the children are newly diagnosed; some are in remission; some have relapsed. Some are in active treatment and some are long term survivors. And sadly, some have died.

Resident Pat Tallungan, founder of the Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation, will be at the tree lighting ceremony on December 15 in memory of her son Nicky, who passed away at the age of 10 in April, 1999. To learn more about the tree lighting ceremony, or to purchase a ribbon for \$5 call Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation at 1-800-366-2223 or the Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation at 1-866-671-2623.



## **THINK TREES . . . . .**

### **NEWS FROM THE BLOOMINGDALE FORESTRY DIVISION**

#### **PLANTS AND WINTER**

Woody plants most likely to suffer winter injury are those that are marginally hardy to our area or those that enter winter already weakened by previous stress. To encourage the fall hardening process, late summer pruning and fertilization should be avoided. If we have not had adequate rainfall, keep watering until the ground freezes — this is especially important for evergreens.

Mulching the area around trees and shrubs with a three-to-four inch layer of organic material, like woodchips or shredded bark, will conserve soil moisture and protect roots from cold temperatures. (Remember to keep the mulch off the base of the plants.)

Shallow-rooted perennials can be protected from the freeze-thaw cycles of winter by covering plants with evergreen boughs from leftover holiday greens.

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. To prevent desiccation injury:

- 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 to evergreens (especially rhododendrons) in November or December, and again in January or February when the temperature is above 40 degrees to slow water loss and help prevent winter burn.

Young trees with a thin bark, such as maples and lindens, are susceptible to sunscald, a trunk injury. The bright winter sunshine tends to warm the bark during the day, only to have it freeze again at night, as well as dehydrate the bark. These situations can cause the bark to split and peel, which makes the tree prone to future insect and disease problems. To prevent this type of trunk damage, apply commercial tree wrap products prior to winter freezing. Remove the wrap in April.

Feeding damage from mice and rabbits can also be a problem during winter. Rabbits will feed on bark above the snow, while mice will tunnel under the snow and feed on bark at ground level. Partial bark removal on trunks and stems weakens the plant; complete bark removal will cause plant death. Protect trunks, stems, and branches with wire screen, hardware cloth, or commercial tree wraps above the snow line.

The winter storm that poses the greatest danger to trees and shrubs is a heavy, wet snowfall followed by very cold temperatures and more snow. The result is a heavy accumulation on the crowns of trees and shrubs, which can cause stems to split and break.

Snow removal on trees and shrubs should only be done while the snow is fresh; once it becomes frozen, trying to remove it can cause damage, such as broken branches.

To remove snow, gently brush it or shake it from the branches to lessen the accumulated weight caused by the heavy snow. It is best to tap the branches carefully with your hand rather than using a utensil, such as a broom or brush, which may cause breakage.

As a preventative measure, in late fall tie together the stems of upright evergreens and small, multi-stemmed trees with an old nylon stocking, wire threaded through a garden hose, a bungee cord, or soft cotton rope. Remember to remove these restraints in the spring.

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



# Community Events

## Birthday in a Box

Girl Scout Troop 313 from Erickson School is sponsoring a project for disadvantaged children served by the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry. The project is called "Birthday in a Box," and is for children who might otherwise have to forego having a special birthday cake on their birthday.

A "Birthday in a Box" will include cake mix, canned frosting, party candles, party plates and napkins and wrapping paper. The troop has an initial goal of 100 "Birthday in a Box" packages. They are asking residents for support in their efforts by donating any of the items to be included. The Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way and the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, both have drop-off boxes for items. The girls will also be contacting companies and local businesses to see if they would like to help. For more information call Linda Szramiak at 894-0194 or at her e-mail address [LJLSUS@aol.com](mailto:LJLSUS@aol.com).



## Thanks from the Villagers

Almost 1000 people attended the Villagers "A Walk Through the Holidays 2000" on November 10. Five very different homes were featured in this pre-holiday event. The club wants to thank the many groups who helped make this year's event such a tremendous success.

The decorators who helped create the effects in the five lovely homes were Contemporary Concepts by Pleasing Impressions of St. Charles, Fabbrini's Flowers Inc. of Hoffman Estates, Floraltique of Carol Stream, as well as KMC Distinctive Florals & Interiors and Flowers by Christine of Bloomingdale, Kaleidoscope of Floral Design of Roselle, Marshall Fields of Stratford Square and Something Special Interiors by Tedi of Bloomingdale.

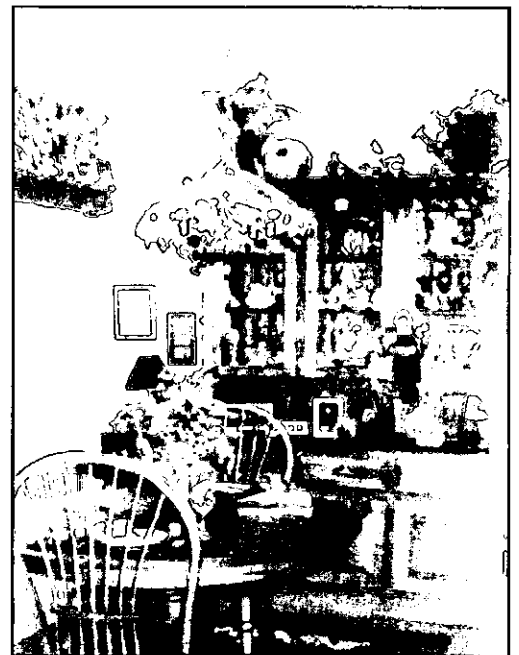
Other sponsors included Amici's Salon, Angelo Caputo's New Farm Produce & Italian Specialties, Bank One, Classic Travel and Tours, Indian Lakes Resort, J.P. Jewelers, Joanne Alice Portrait Artist, Maids on Time, ReMax, Rosewood Restaurant and Salem Staffing Services. Also Glen Oaks Hospital, J.C. Penney, Stratford Square and Jet Lithocolor, Inc. In addition, Bloomingdale restaurants LaMargarita, Rooster's and Salvatore's offered specials for housewalk patrons.

The charities benefited by the housewalk proceeds are the Fire Safety Alliance Burn Camp for Children, Trinity Lutheran Adult Day Care Center, DuPage Community Clinic and DuPage MYM Inc (Adolescent Parent Training).

Shown is the Sinnot home, decorated for Thanksgiving. Toni Sinnot commented, "It was fascinating to see the interest of the people who came through our home. More importantly we appreciate the opportunity to open our home to benefit our local Bloomingdale charities."

## Sunday Brunch with Santa

Indian Lakes annual "Sunday Brunch with Santa" takes place from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sundays, December 3, 10 and 17. in the Sedona Grille restaurant. The champagne brunch is \$21.95 for adults and \$11.95 for youngsters. A free family photo is included. For more information and reservations call 529-0200.



**Bloomington Police Officer Mark Kreciak** was recently honored at a *MADD About You Awards* luncheon. Presented by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Kreciak was honored for "Exemplary Service in Combating Drunk Driving in DuPage County. Police Commander Tim Goergen explained the occasion was to recognize County-wide, officers who enforce the DUI laws in admirable ways. Approximately 30 officers from various law enforcement agencies were honored.

Actually, Officer Kreciak is one of the top five DUI ticket writers in the County. But, more important than the mere numbers, Director of Legal Affairs Tom Howard says, "Mark has an outstanding conviction record, I know because I try the cases. His concerted efforts in addressing this problem have been very effective."

Police Chief Gary Schira also congratulated Kreciak on this distinction. "Through your efforts, the motoring public and their family members can be assured that we at the Bloomington Police Department are serious about removing drug and alcohol impaired drivers from the road."

We have always been proud of Mark's efforts to make those DUI arrests, but it is very gratifying to also see him recognized by an agency as well respected as MADD.

**Representatives of the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition** declared the October celebration program in honor of the National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week an official success. More than 300 people came out to participate in the charity walk to benefit the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, as well as to participate in other activities. The charity was chosen through an essay contest won by **Sonia Menon**, a DuJardin sixth-grader.

As part of the celebration seven youngsters from Bloomington schools were selected to receive an American Youth Character Award recognizing them as young people with outstanding character.

The American Youth Character award is the only national award given to young people solely for strength of character. It is designed to honor young people whose lives and achievements demonstrate an enduring commitment to qualities associated with good character.



*"American Youth Character Award" winners pose with Mayor Bob Iden following the presentation of their awards.*



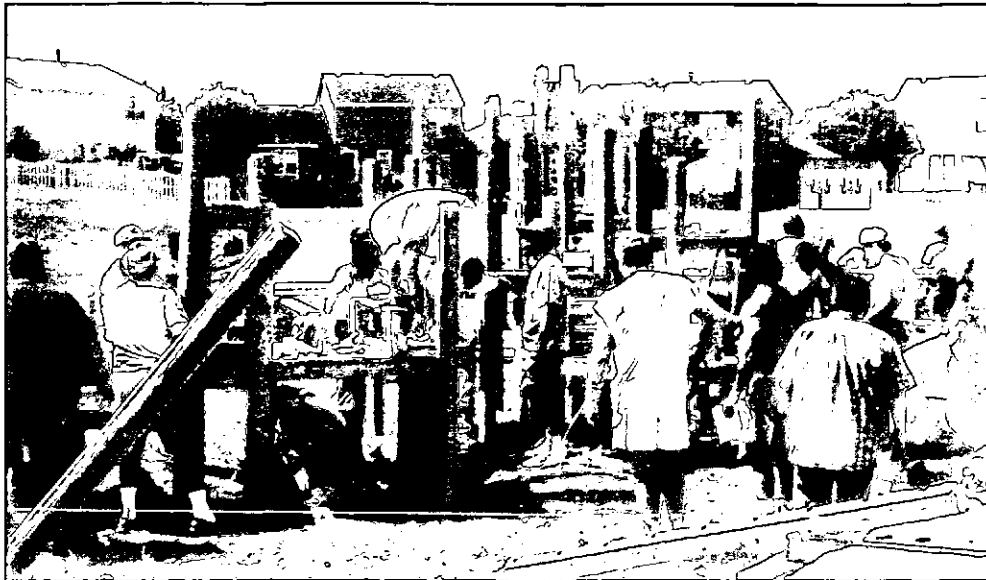
Presented with the award were: **Elizabeth Atchison** - fifth grade, Erickson Elementary; **Patrick Jecmen** - fifth grade, Winnebago Elementary; **Parker Jendrycki** - sixth grade, Erickson Elementary; **Katie Johnson** - eighth grade, Westfield School; **Margaret Morrison** - fifth grade, DuJardin School; **Mark Obstalecki** - eighth grade, St. Isidore School; and **Shannon Page** - sixth grade, DuJardin School.

**Bloomington School District 13 Superintendent Jerry Gordon** was recently honored by Bloomington VFW Post 7539 when they named him "Citizen of the Year" in honor of his many contributions to the Village of Bloomington.

## Cloverdale School Opens Doors

School District 93 proudly opened the doors to Cloverdale School this August. The new school bears the same name as the original school, a two-room structure located on Old Gary Road, which became part of the Community Consolidated School District 93 in 1920. In 1957 the building was replaced by a brick school which now houses the administrative offices. The new and third reincarnation of Cloverdale School has two stories and serves 750 kindergarten through fifth grade youngsters from Bloomingdale, Hanover Park and Carol Stream.

Staff, students and families are very excited about this new school community. During August some 100 parents from the three communities got together to construct the playground for the new school. If this new beginning can be any indication, the new Cloverdale School promises to be one of great community spirit.



## 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 on the brick. We will also enclose a small color picture of the statue to accompany the card. The committee will be placing the statue in spring, 2001.

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.

## Citizens Police Academy II

This course is a continuation of Citizen's Police academy and is a six week program. It provides residents with a further glimpse into additional elements of law enforcement. Topics addressed include personal safety, internet crimes, scams, seat-belt safety, team building and tours of the DuPage Crime Lab and Sheriff's Department. The next session begins February 1, 2001. To register for this Police Department program, call Detective Dawn Odoi at 529-9868.



# Off the Shelf

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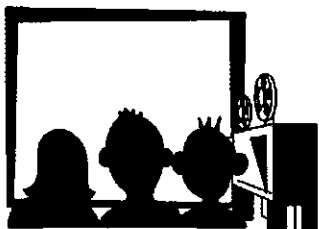


**Thanks!** Bob Cohen, Bob Allen, Kathy Winn, Helen Ibsen, Paul Winn, of Stratford Square Mall and Mary Rodne, Library Director check out some of the computers at the dedication of the new Patron Computer Lab made possible by the Stratford Squares for Lifelong Learning Tile Wall.

### Feature Film at the Library!

February 18, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Who needs the inconvenience and expense of going to the local megaplex to see a movie? Join us at the library to see a feature film complete with popcorn and soda for free. Make a note of this day and time to break up the tedium of a cold February. Movie title to be announced at a later time but with plenty of notice to make plans.



### LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### DECEMBER

*2 Holiday Shopping in Chicago	10:00AM-4:00PM
*3 Understanding Windows	2:00-4:00PM
4 Bloomington Historical Society	7:00-9:00PM
*5 Lyric Opera Lecture #3—Tosca	7:00-8:30PM
*6 Introduction to Using Microsoft Word	7:00-9:00PM
*7 Using Publisher	1:00-3:00PM
7 Writer's Group Steering Committee	7:00-9:00PM
9 Writer's Group	9:00AM-NOON
*11 Introduction to Microsoft Access	7:00-9:00PM
12 Bloomington Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
12 Author Signing—Michael L. Kahn <i>The Screaming Eagles</i>	7:00-9:00PM
*13 Making Holiday Greeting Cards (ages 8-14)	6:00-8:00PM
13 Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
17 Bloomington Garden Club	1:00-3:00PM
*17 Introduction to the Internet and and E-Mail for Seniors	2:00-4:00PM
*18 Making Holiday Greeting Cards (ages 8-14)	6:00-8:00PM
*20 Understanding Your Computer I	7:00-9:00PM
*21 Intro to the Personal Computer	1:00-3:00PM
23	LIBRARY CLOSED
24 Christmas Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED
25 Christmas Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
30	LIBRARY CLOSED
31 New Year's Eve	LIBRARY CLOSED

#### JANUARY

1 New Year's Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
2 Registration for Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin	
8 Bloomington Historical Society	7:00-9:00PM
9 Bloomington Seniors	11:00AM-3:00PM
*10 Intermediate Microsoft Access	7:00-9:00PM 10
*10 Lyric Opera #4	7:00-8:30 PM
10 Library Board Meeting	7:30PM
*11 Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail	1:00-3:00PM
*11 PowerPoint for Students (ages 9-14)	6:00-8:00PM
11 Writer's Group Steering Committee	7:00-9:00PM
13 Writer's Group	9:00AM-Noon
*14 Personal Computing for the Intermediate User	2:00-4:00PM
15 Youth Services' Winter Programs Begin	
*15 PowerPoint for Students (ages 9-14)	2:00-4:00PM
17 Bloomington Garden Club	1:00-3:00PM
*17 Introduction to Microsoft Excel	7:00-9:00PM
*18 Genealogy - An Introduction	7:00-9:00 PM
*18 Book Discussion	7:30PM
*24 Understanding Your Computer 2	7:00-9:00PM
24 Writer's Group	7:00-9:00PM
24 Friends of the Library	7:30PM
*25 Using Power Point	1:00-3:00PM
25 Copycat Cows	7:00-8:30 PM
*28 How to Buy a Personal Computer	2:00-4:00PM
*29 Intermediate Microsoft Word	7:00-9:00PM
*31 Making Valentines (ages 8-14)	6:00-8:00PM

\*Registration required (630-529-3120)

## Youth Services Department

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR WINTER PROGRAMS

*In-person registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2001. Phone-in registration will be accepted after 10:00 a.m. that same day at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. Please have your library card when you register.*

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

*All programs require registration and no siblings are allowed except at Bedtime Stories and Drop-In Craft programs.*

**Winter Programming begins the week of January 15, 2001**

**Winter Programming ends the week of April 2, 2001**

## Please note . . . .

The following age appropriate programs are intended for the registered child. Please make alternative arrangements for siblings.

## STORYTIMES

*Programs for Newborns through Preschoolers*

### **BABY TALK** (Birth - 15 months)

*Wednesdays, January 17 - April 4  
9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.*

Baby Talk is a language enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and books are shared with babies and their parents or caregivers. The program is designed to engage parents and children in a bonding experience while allowing participants to meet other caregivers and share information. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

### **BEYOND BABY TALK** (16 months - 23 months)

*Wednesdays, January 17 - April 4  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

Beyond Baby Talk is a transition class designed to prepare Baby Talk graduates for Toddler Time. Children and their parents or caregivers will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs, and finger plays in addition to a story or flannelboard. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

### **TODDLER TIME** (24 months - 35 months)

*Tuesdays, January 16 - April 3  
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

Toddler Time is a storytime for young children accompanied by an adult. This program features stories, songs, finger plays, action rhymes, and activities. Adults should wear comfortable clothing, so they can participate with their child. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

### **PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR** (ages 3 - 5)

*Mondays, January 15-April 2-- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesdays, January 16-April 3 -- (See Bedtime Stories below)  
7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Wednesdays, January 17-April 4-- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Thursdays, January 18-April 5-- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.*

Preschool Story Hour includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboards, videos, filmstrips, musical activities, and crafts. In order to foster the child's independence, parents and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the story hour.

### **BEDTIME STORIES** (All ages)

*Tuesdays, January 16 - April 3  
7:00 - 7:45 p.m.*

Bedtime Stories is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who are unable to attend daytime sessions. *Feel free to come in your pajamas. No registration is required for this program.*

## Youth Services Department

# WINTER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

## DROP-IN CRAFT DAYS (All ages)

Saturday, January 20: Anytime between 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 10: 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. **NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

***\*\*Youth Services Computer Programs are described on page 17.***

## SCHOOL AGE SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### CREATIVE HAND-MADE VALENTINES

(K - 2nd grade)

Tuesday, February 6

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we make hand-made valentines that you can give to special friends, parents, relatives, or teachers! We'll furnish all the necessary supplies to make modern and old-fashioned valentines. Enjoy stories and special valentine refreshments.



### MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

This discussion group for girls in grades 4 - 6 and their moms will meet for three Sundays to share satisfying conversations about literature and life! Come to an informational meeting to learn more about this popular book discussion format, and to pick up the first title. Members of the club will vote on future titles. Registration begins January 2.



Informational Meeting: January 14, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

First Meeting: February 4, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Second Meeting: March 11, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Third Meeting: April 22, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

## WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Winter Reading Programs start on the day you register and end on Saturday, February 24. (Registration begins on Tuesday, January 2). **PLEASE REGISTER IN PERSON TO GET YOUR MATERIALS.**

### **"GO SNOWBOOKING...READ!"**

(Family Reading Program for Parents and/or Caregivers and their Infants, Toddlers, Preschoolers, and Kindergartners.)

Families keep track of the reading and listening time on the log provided at registration, beginning January 2. Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk between January 15 and February 24 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING. Sign up in person during regular program registration.



### **"READ TO SUCCEED"**

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

Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! Register in person beginning January 2. Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk between January 15 and February 24 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.

## **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.



## Adult Services Department WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

### COPYCAT COWS

January 25, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

It's said that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. If that's true then Chicago should feel quite proud. Its art experiment, *Cows on Parade*, proved so successful that cities all across the nation have put numerous other animals on parade. Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions will show slides and offer commentary on Peoria's pigs, Arlington Heights' ponies, Buffalo, New York's "herd", Toronto's moose and many more. Please join us for this fun and light-hearted program.

### ASK FOR SUCCESS

February 6, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The library is proud to present Paul Lowrie and Bret Nicholaus, authors and motivational speakers. They are the authors of the book, *The Conversation Piece: Creative Questions to Tickle the Mind* which poses thought-provoking, entertaining questions to be used in countless situations. They will be here to discuss what it takes to be successful in book publishing. However, their seven key questions we must ask ourselves to be successful can be applied to any business situation. Come prepared for an entertaining yet educational evening. Class size is limited to 25 with preference given to Bloomingdale library card holders.

### 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 18 - *Life Estates* by Shelby Heron

February 15 - *The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton

March 15 - *My Last Days as Roy Rogers* by Pat Cunningham Devoto

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



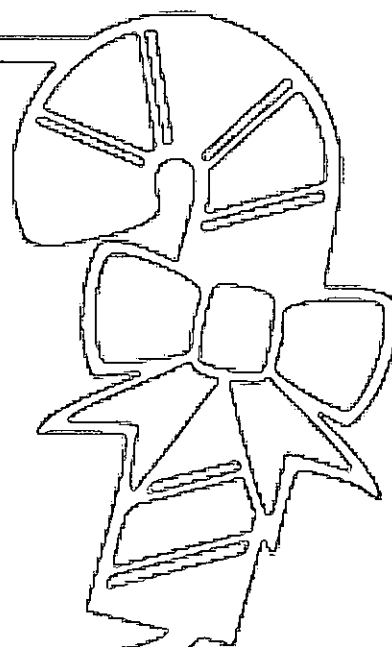
### Adopt-A-Magazine

The Bloomingdale 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.

### HOLIDAY HOURS

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## **Adult Services Department**

# **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.*

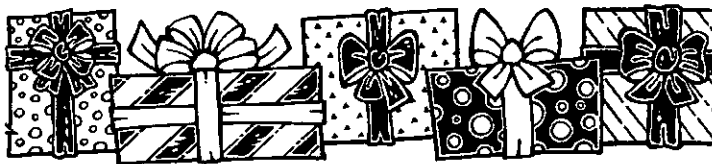
### **HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN CHICAGO**

*December 2, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

*Cost: \$8.00 per person*

When was the last time you visited Chicago during the holiday season? Well, if you'd like to visit the city, here is your chance. A motor coach will leave the library and make two stops once we reach downtown: one at State Street and the other on Michigan Avenue. These stops will be reversed for pick-up. Take this opportunity to shop, sightsee, enjoy the decorations or visit the museums. The trip is limited to 55 and fee is due at time of registration.

**NOTE:** A mistake was made in the previous Almanac. The bus will leave the library at 10:00 a.m., not 11:00 a.m. Please contact the reference desk if you have any questions. 529-3120, ext. 324.



### **LYRIC OPERA LECTURE #3 - TOSCA**

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

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 own. 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 so longed for is the fatal kiss of a knife blade. He had promised to prepare a false execution for Mario, but Scarpia's treachery is revealed as Mario is killed. Please plan to attend our lecture to find out the surprising climax to this famous opera. Call the adult reference desk to register.



### **MICHAEL L. KAHN,**

### **AUTHOR OF THE SCREAMING EAGLES**

*December 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

Glen Ellyn businessman and author Michael L. Kahn will be at the library to talk about and sign copies of his book, *The Screaming Eagles*. This "high voltage" suspense novel features a master spy from Iran whose mission is to bring down the U.S. government. Enter an ex-Israeli paratrooper who is coerced into searching for the spy. What he does not know is that the spy is waiting for him. If you like Clancy, Ludlum and Forsyth, you will enjoy this book as well. Please register by calling the adult services reference desk.

### **LYRIC OPERA LECTURE #4 -**

### **BARBER OF SEVILLE**

*January 10, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.*

Il barbiere di Siviglia, commonly known as the Barber of Seville, is one of the most famous operas of modern society. The story is simple: A count loves a woman whom he can't marry

because of her over-protective guardian. He enlists the help of a local man-of-all-trades, outwits the guardian and marries his love. The constant plot twists, however, are hardly simple. It is full of broad humor, sight gags and general chaos. Berdine Weiner will be our Lyric Opera lecturer. You can expect to have an enjoyable evening.



### **GENEALOGY - AN INTRODUCTION**

*January 18, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.*

Linda Ries, a "genealogical enthusiast", and Jane Shish, a certified genealogical record specialist, will be at the library to show individuals how to begin the complicated process of tracing one's roots. Helpful information packets will be handed out to all attendees. The class will be strictly limited to 20 people. Preference will be given to Bloomingdale library card holders. Register by calling the adult services reference desk at 529-3120, ext. 324.



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

## Internet for the Intermediate User

Wednesday, February 28...7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will cover topics such as downloading, formatting your browser, using advanced E-Mail features, and other more advanced skills. Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" is recommended.

## Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail for Seniors

Sunday, December 17...2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8...1:00-3:00 p.m.

This class is intended for senior citizens only and will allow time for hands on training and questions and answers.

## Computing for Seniors

Thursday, February 22...1:00-3:00 p.m.

This class will also be reserved for senior citizens. The content will be similar to Intro to the Personal Computer.

## How to Buy a Personal Computer

Sunday, January 28...2:00-4:00 p.m.

In this class we will discuss how to correctly assess what you need to purchase in a computer.

## Understanding Your Computer 1

Wednesday, December 20...7:00-9:00 p.m.

This is the first of three sequential courses covering more advanced topics than those discussed in Understanding Windows or Introduction to the PC. Having taken "Understanding Windows" and "Introduction to the Personal Computer" is recommended.

## Understanding Your Computer 2

Wednesday, January 24...7:00-9:00 p.m.

The second session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced Windows topics.

## Understanding Your Computer 3

Wednesday, February 21...7:00-9:00 p.m.

The final session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced hardware topics.

## Youth Computer Classes

*Please register in-person at the Library Business Office. There is a \$10.00 deposit for each class, which will be refunded by the instructor at the end of each session. Non-residents will be added to a waiting list, and will be notified if space becomes available.*

## Making Holiday Greeting Cards

(Ages 8-14) Limited to 10 per class

Wednesday, December 13 .....6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18.....6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Using Microsoft Publisher and a digital camera, students will create personalized greeting cards that can be sent to friends and family.

## Making Valentines

(Ages 8-14) Limited to 10 per class

Wednesday, January 31.....6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7 .....6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Using Microsoft Publisher and a digital camera, students will create personalized valentines that can be given to friends and family.

## PowerPoint For Students

(Ages 9-14) Limited to 12 per class

Thursday, January 11 .....6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15 .....2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Using Microsoft PowerPoint, students will learn to create on screen presentations that can be used to complete school projects.

## Parent/Child Internet

(Ages 7-14 and one parent) Limited to 12 per class

Monday, February 19....7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Parents and children ages 7 - 14 will get a brief introduction to Internet sites that are of particular interest to children, and that can be helpful in completing homework assignments and projects. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

## Computers For Preschoolers

(Ages 3-5 and one parent)

Limited to 5 children/parents per session

Session I: Thurs., February 1,8,15, 22 .....6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Session II: Fri., February 2, 9,16, 23.....10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

This exciting four-week class will introduce preschoolers and their parents to simple functions of the computer, including basic keyboarding, as well as develop their language and number skills through interactive software programs for early learners. A new program will be introduced each week.

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

*December, January, and February Computer Classes, recommended for ages 13 and older. For most current information and outlines of class topics visit <http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us/class/>*

## Introduction to using Microsoft Word

Wednesday, December 6...7:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5...7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word and will require virtually no knowledge of computer use. Having taken "Understanding Windows" is recommended.

## Intermediate Microsoft Word

Monday, January 29...7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" is recommended.

## Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, January 17...7:00-9:00 p.m.

In this class the basic concepts of using spreadsheets will be covered working within the Excel program. Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" is recommended.

## Using Publisher

Thursday, December 7...1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18...2:00-4:00 p.m.

The versatile product Microsoft Publisher can be used for producing a wide range of documents and reports. Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is recommended.

## Using Power Point

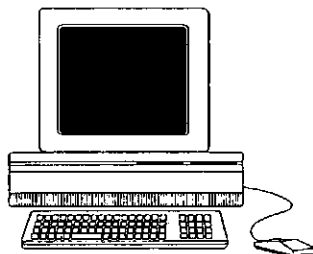
Thursday, January 25...1:00-3:00p.m.

This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is recommended.

## Introduction to Microsoft Access

Monday, December 11...7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is recommended.



## Intermediate Microsoft Access

Wednesday, January 10...7:00-9:00 p.m.

In this class we will cover more advanced topics in Microsoft Access. Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Access" is recommended.

## Understanding Windows

Sunday, December 3...2:00-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 4...2:00-4:00 p.m.

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows. Class is intended for those with little to no knowledge of computers.

## Understanding Windows 2

Wednesday, February 14...7:00-9:00 p.m.

This class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as editing settings, troubleshooting, installing software, and file trees. Having taken "Understanding Windows" is recommended.

## Intro to the Personal Computer

Thursday, December 21...1:00-3:00 p.m.

Those with little or no knowledge of computers will benefit from this class. Skills and techniques to perform basic, very functional operations with a computer will be covered.

## Personal Computing for the Intermediate User

Sunday, January 14...2:00-4:00 p.m.

This class will cover more advanced computer problems within Windows, such as installing operating systems, editing hardware settings, and adding and removing components from computers. Having taken "Introduction to the Personal Computer" and "Understanding Windows" is recommended.

## Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail

Thursday, January 11...1:00-3:00 p.m.

This class will introduce participants to the many resources available on the Internet. We will learn what the Browser is and how to use it as well as how to create and use E-Mail addresses. Having taken "Understanding Windows" is recommended.



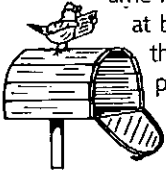
# Bloomington Park District

*We're right around the corner!*



## Winter/Spring 2000 Program Guide Coming Soon!

Watch your mailbox for the Park District's seasonal program guide. The guide is getting ready to hit the streets of Bloomington just in time for the holidays. Be sure to also check out our website at [bloomingtonparks.org](http://bloomingtonparks.org) as it will reflect a new look for the changing season. Look for your program guide complete with the Park Bench newsletter in mid December, and remember you will also find them at area locations such as the Village and Library for your convenience.

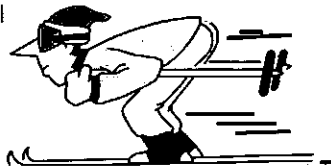


## Grand Geneva Youth Ski Trip

**Thursday, December 21st**  
**8:15am-6:30pm**

Grand Geneva Resort is a wonderful place to ski. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced skier, you'll have fun and be challenged. There are twelve slopes, and lessons are available for beginners. Bring money for lunch and quarters for locker rental. Park District staff will be present at the resort, however participants will be skiing "on their own." Snowboarders are welcome. Register by December 14th.

**Ages:** 10-18  
**Location:** Meet in JRC Lobby  
**Fee:** \$34 w/equipment rental  
\$30 w/own equipment



## Holiday Hat & Bag Workshop

**Thursday, December 21st**  
**10:00-12:30 or 1:00-3:30pm**

You'll be busy as an elf decorating your very own canvas bag and special holiday hat. Come join the fun at the Park District for this class. Be sure to register by December 13th.

**Grades:** K-6  
**Location:** Meacham Room,  
Johnston Recreation Center  
**Fee:** \$14 resident/\$16 nonresident

## At the Museum...



### Choice Pics VII

January 13-March 4, 2001

Get ready for our annual juried photography show! View the black and white, color, and digital photographs of talented area artists. Cash awards and ribbons will be awarded to the winners in each category, including digital! Museum hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 10-4; Sunday 12-4. Admission is free. The Opening Reception for the show is Saturday, January 13, 5-8pm. Entry forms are available at the Museum and the Park District Office.

**Drop-off Dates at the Museum: (deadline for entries)**

Thursday, Jan. 4 4:00-8:00pm  
Friday, Jan. 5 10:00-1:00pm  
Saturday, Jan. 6 10:00-1:00pm

**Bloomington Park District Museum**  
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# Bloomington Park District

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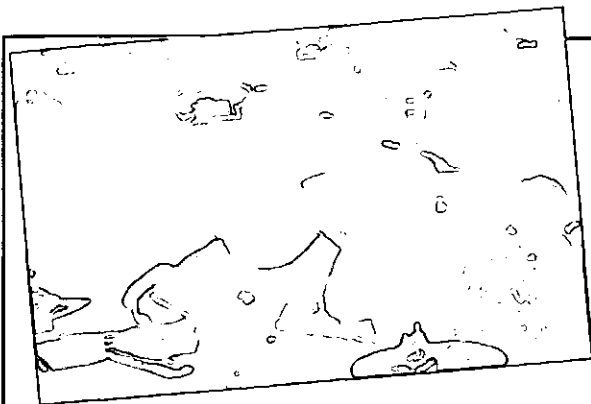
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