

Village of Bloomingdale

Almanac

SPECIAL EDITION

Fall 2001

In this issue

This special edition of the Village Almanac contains timely news for the fall season. Please keep this edition handy as a reference for branch pick-up dates, water bill electronic payment application and instructions, latex paint disposal, and more.

Engineering Division

Army Trail Road Construction Update

The Du Page County Highway Department's Army Trail Road Widening Improvements (84 Court to Schmale Road) project is on schedule. The project is approximately 45% complete.

This project includes:

- Curb and gutter and enclosed storm drainage system throughout the project.
- Additional lanes for turning at various locations.
- Burial of existing overhead cables.
- Relocation or adjustment of existing Village water and sanitary sewer lines.

In early July, Army Trail Road was closed at the CP-IC railroad crossing for one week.

Thank you for your cooperation in using the provided detours. The improvements at this location occurred as anticipated and on schedule.

Phase Two of the construction will occur in early September through November 2001 (weather permitting). Phase Two will consist of the following:

- Squeeze traffic onto the south side

(continued on page 13) Workers construct curbs along the south side of Army Trail Road.



Forestry Division

Fall Branch Pickup Program Dates & Procedures

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its Fall Branch Collection Program beginning on October 1, 2001. Large branches downed by storms will also be picked up. Small branches and twigs downed during storms should be bagged for BFI pick-up. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 630671-5800 **within 72 hours of storm for scheduling.**

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

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

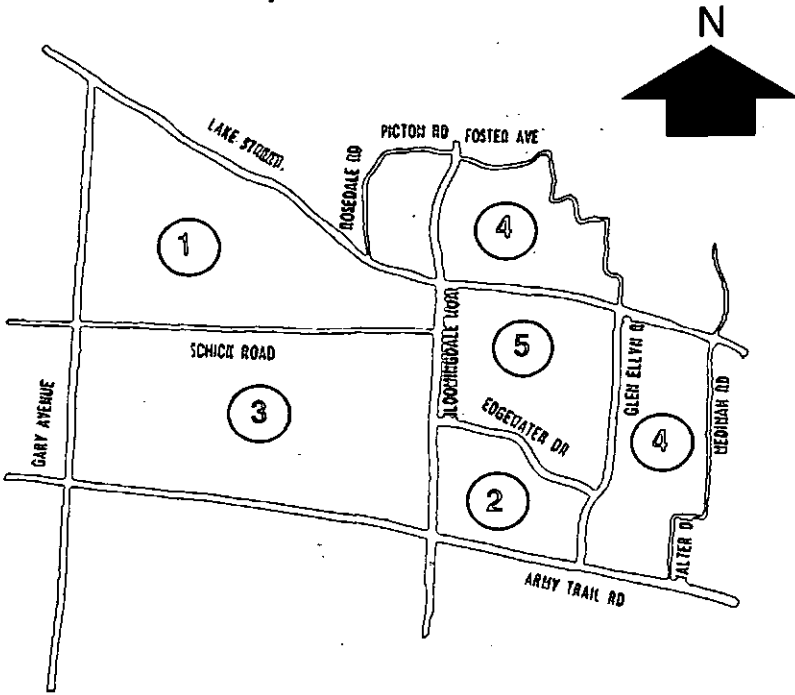
- Branches must be out **NO LATER THAN 7 A.M. ON THE DAY PICK-UP IS TO BEGIN** for the section as **our crew will be making only one pass down each block and will not return.**
- Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and up to twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. Long lengths, up to twenty feet, are favored. Do not reduce the length for our benefit. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small twigs, vines or other non-woody yard waste. **LEAVES, VINES, SMALL (under 1/2 inch in diameter) FLEXIBLE WILLOW STEMS, HERBACEOUS PLANTS AND WEEDS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP BECAUSE THE SOFT MATERIAL CLOGS AND DAMAGES OUR EQUIPMENT. IF IT IS BAGGABLE, IT IS YARD WASTE.**
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be **STACKED IN AN ORDERLY FASHION** with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. In areas with very narrow parkways, branches can be stacked on the front yard side of sidewalk or parallel to the street with all cut ends on one end of the stack. Small branches may be bundled with string. **PLEASE NOTE - branches left out in a tangled mess will not be picked up** due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.
- Branches with spikes, hooks or other metal objects will not be picked up. **STUMPS, ROOTS, ROOT BALLS, WOODEN FENCE AND CONSTRUCTION LUMBER ALSO WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

• Please do not conceal thorny tree branches inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to our workers.

• Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up. B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th. Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program. For further information, please call Helen Price at 671-5800.

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SECTION ONE:

Pick-up begins October 1, 2001

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

SECTION TWO:

Pick-up begins October 8, 2001

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

SECTION THREE:

Pick-up begins October 15, 2001

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

SECTION FOUR:

Pick-up begins October 22, 2001

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

SECTION FIVE:

Pick-up begins October 29, 2001

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

Clip this schedule for fall

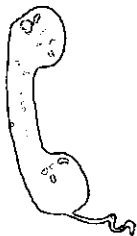
Fall 2001 Branch Pickup Dates



Costco Under Construction on Army Trail Road

Work is proceeding on the new Costco Wholesale Warehouse at 505 Army Trail Road, west of Gary Avenue in the Bloomingdale Business Center. Costco is planning to be open in November 2001.

Village Services Division Phone Numbers



Administration	671-5690
Building & Zoning	671-5660
Engineering Division	671-5676
Forestry Division	671-5803
Public Works Maintenance Division/Streets	671-5800
Utilities Division/Water Production/Water Distribution	671-5830
Wastewater Treatment Plant	671-5850

Lake Street Medians Not Looking Their Best, But Help Is On The Way!

We agree - the medians along Lake Street and the park area between Prairie and Euclid have not looked up to standards as of late. At this time IDOT is responsible for the planting and maintenance of these areas. We are doing our best to keep in touch with IDOT representatives to make sure their contractor performs his duties with these areas. We should note, the very hot weather did contribute to this situation.

In Spring, 2002, the Village of Bloomingdale is scheduled to take over the maintenance of these medians from IDOT. We are also working to get state legislation passed to have the park area along Lake Street donated to us from IDOT in exchange for the Village maintaining this area as open space.

In addition, Village street maintenance crews will be collecting the debris along the medians periodically.



Be a "Seasoned" Driver

Here are some basic defensive-driving tips for the fall season:

Children crossing

The beginning of the school year brings a new group of children who are unfamiliar with crossing streets. Sure, there are crossing guards in many areas and school-bus drivers do their best to monitor their riders as they get on and off the bus. But for children of all ages, having fun takes precedence over safety. Remember that:

- Children often do not understand the real-life dangers of motor vehicles. They often see cartoon characters go unscathed after they are smashed, bashed and run over. Children don't comprehend the real consequences.
- Small children have a tendency to dart out in front of a moving vehicle without looking. Unless they look directly at you, assume they haven't seen you. Even then, be cautious because their judgment of speed and space is often not keen.
- When approaching a school bus from either direction, which is stopped to pick up or drop off students, you must stop until the bus resumes motion, the visual signals are no longer activated, or you are signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

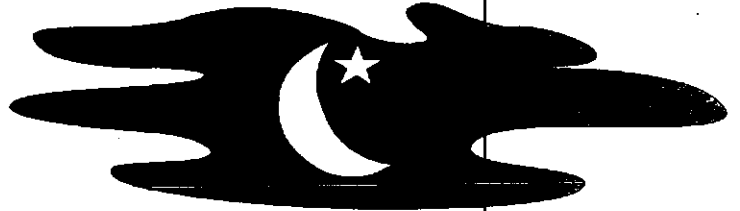


The exception to this is if the bus is traveling in the opposite direction on a four or more lane road (e.i. Bloomingdale Road, Schick Road). However, you must stop if you are traveling in the same direction as the school bus.

The darkest hours

Be prepared for the lessening daylight hours:

- Keep your lights clean — all of them. Not only do you want to see, but you also want to be seen by others. Keep your windows and mirrors (inside, too) clean.
- Never wear sunglasses at night. While they may cut down the glare of oncoming traffic, they also hamper your overall vision.



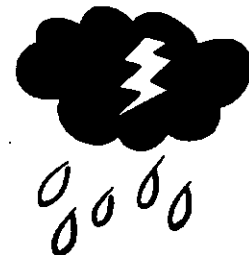
Leaves are falling

Leaves add another hazard to driving during the fall season. Leaves contain plant oils and, as we all know, oil and water don't mix. Stopping on wet leaves can be like stopping on ice. Be aware of the road conditions and adjust your speed and following distance accordingly.

Changing weather

Fall is also a time of changing weather. One day can be warm while the next day may be cool. Some areas become foggy. Other areas develop icy conditions after dark.

Don't Forget to put your headlights on when you use your windshield wipers - It's the law.



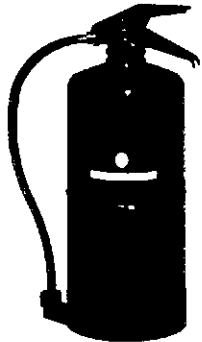
Remember, when driving during the fall season, be extra cautious and be prepared for the changes in weather, light and driving conditions.

Open Burning & Disposal of Landscape Waste

The DuPage County Board adopted the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance on March 22, 1998. Landscape waste means all accumulations of grass, shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. Open Burning means the combustion of any matter in the open or in an open dump. Refuse means waste of all kinds, (definitions from Ordinance OWR-001-90, the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance).

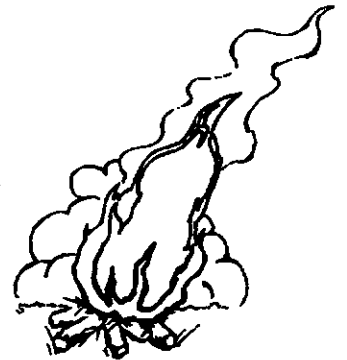
What is allowed:

- Open burning shall be allowed for recreational purposes. This is defined as an outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption.
- Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that they are not less than 15 feet from any structure. Approved containers are defined as containers designed for this purpose. Examples are the Weber outdoor fireplace or other similar listed devices.
- Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, garden hose, etc., shall be available for immediate use.
- Within the Village's boundaries, all open burning shall be confined to approved containers designed for the designated purpose.



What is Not Allowed:

- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any open and uncontrolled burning of landscape wastes in the Villages of Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights or unincorporated DuPage County.
- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the burning of any refuse including landscape waste in any chamber not specifically designed for the purpose and approved by the Illinois EPA.
- It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the open dumping or disposal of any wastes, including landscape waste, at any site in Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights or unincorporated DuPage County, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.
- It is unlawful for any person to abandon, dump, or deposit any waste, including landscape waste, upon the public highways or other public property, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.



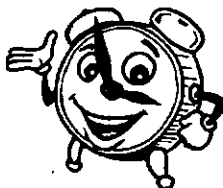
The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1, and Village and County Officials shall have the final approval for open burning, and in certain cases may determine that the fire needs to be extinguished for health and safety reasons.

The Village of Bloomingdale

Now Offers Electronic Payment of Your Utility Bill

Save Time

Your payment is electronically withdrawn from your savings or checking account on the due date. No more check writing. No more mailing of your payment. See application, page 8.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Can I have my utility bill paid out of any kind of account?

A: You can have your bill paid from a checking, savings, or money market account at your participating bank, financial institution, or credit union. Most financial institutions offer this service.

Q: How will I keep track of my payments?

A: You will continue to receive a bill that details your charges, but the bill will state "AMOUNT AUTO PAID." Your bank will also show the withdrawal on your bank statement.

Q: Once I sign up, can I change banks or accounts?

A: Yes, you can make a change by submitting a new authorization form. Any changes take 2-3 weeks to process and verify.

Initial payment

Once your completed application is received it will undergo a "pre-notification" process where a test transaction (zero dollars) is created and used to verify the accuracy of the information provided. Each pre-notification test takes approximately 10 days to complete. Should the pre-notification test fail (incorrect account number or transit routing number) you will be notified and asked to provide corrected information prior to beginning electronic payments. You will know that electronic payments have begun when your bill indicates "AMOUNT AUTO PAID." Please continue to make payments by check until your bill indicates "AMOUNT AUTO PAID."

Stop Payments

Stop payments of your electronic withdrawal can be issued up to five (5) business days prior to your due date. As with checks, you are responsible for any charges associated with the stop payment. You may be required to provide written confirmation of the stop payment to your financial institution.

Please contact the Village of Bloomingdale if you have requested a stop payment. Once you issue a stop payment, you still remain responsible for paying the bill on time and may be subject to fees for late payment.

Save Money

No more late fees because the bill was misplaced or lost in the mail. No more envelopes. No more stamps.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question about my bill?

A: Questions concerning your bill should be directed to the Village's Utility Billing Department at 671-5650.

Q: Who do I call with questions about my electronic payment?

A: Questions concerning electronic payments, should first be directed to your bank. You may also contact us and we will assist you as best we can. Call us at 671-5650.

Record of Payment

Your monthly bank statement will indicate the amount and date of your electronic payment. Retain this record as proof of payment for future reference regarding your billing. If a question arises regarding your payment or if the amount differs from the bill, please contact us and your financial institution within sixty days of the date of the questioned statement. Your financial institution will advise you of rights concerning an error. We will assist you as best we can.

Availability of Funds

You are responsible for having enough money in your bank account on your due date. As with checks returned for non-sufficient funds, there is a \$20.00 NSF charge on all returned electronic payments for non-sufficient funds.

Payment Date

The full amount due on your bill will be electronically deducted from your bank account on the due date. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, your account will be debited on the following business day.

Termination

Electronic payments will remain in effect unless we receive written notice from you five (5) business days prior to your due date requested that your electronic payments be discontinued. Additionally, you must provide this same notice if you have closed your bank account. If we do not receive notice you may be subject to additional fees.

Account/Address Change

Notify the Village of any account or address changes as soon as possible for uninterrupted billing and electronic payments.

Questions

If you have questions concerning this program, please contact the Village's Utility Billing Department at 671-5650.



Village of Bloomingdale

Application for Electronic Payment of Utility Bills

The Village of Bloomingdale is pleased to offer our utility customers the convenience of electronic bill payment. No need to worry about writing checks, finding a stamp and mailing the envelope. No need to worry about late payments and late fees; it saves time and money. Just complete the following application, include the necessary documentation and return it to our office. If you have any questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at (630) 671-5650.

Village of Bloomingdale Electronic Payment Application

Name as it appears on your bill. (Please Print)

Name of your Bank (Financial Institution)

Utility Account Number

Bank Routing Number (ABA #) Must be 9 digits

Service Street Address

Checking Account Or Savings Account

City, State, Zip code

Your Account Number at your Bank

() _____
Daytime Telephone Number

() _____
Bank Telephone Number

**For a checking account, please attach a voided check or a photocopy of a check.
For a savings account, please attach a voided deposit slip.**

Terms of Application:

I authorize the Village of Bloomingdale (the "Village") to initiate debit entries (withdrawals) to my checking/savings account at the financial institution indicated above and to withdraw the same from such account as instructed. I understand payment of the total amount due will be made on the bill's due date. This said authority in such time and in such manner as to afford the Village and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on said revocation prior to debiting (withdrawing) the account. I understand I have the right to stop payment of a debit entry (withdrawal) by notifying the Village in writing at least five (5) business days prior to the due date on my bill. I further understand that either the Village or the financial institution named above reserve the right to terminate this agreement and my participation therein at anytime.

Printed Name of Authorizing Party _____

Authorizing Signature _____ Date: _____

I agree to the terms of this application.

Return this form to:

The Village of Bloomingdale, Attn: Utility Billing, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Leaf Collection: Leave Them at The Curb in Bags or Cans

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 142.

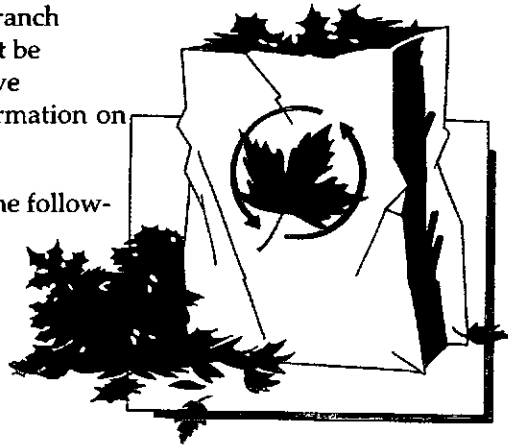
Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) will pick up leaves and other yard waste on regular trash pick-up days from *April 1st through November 30th*. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or cans (with handles), each affixed with a yard waste sticker (\$1.29 per sticker). Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds.

Brush must be no longer than 4 feet in length; the largest branch must be no more than four inches in diameter. Brush must be bundled in bundles weighing no more than 50 lbs. and have a yard waste sticker attached to ensure pickup. For information on Fall Branch Pick-up, see pages 2-3.

Yard waste stickers are available at the Village Hall or at the following local businesses:

Dominick's on Gary Avenue
Jewel/Osco
Bloomingdale Pharmacy

Stickers can also be purchased directly from BFI by calling (847) 429-7370.



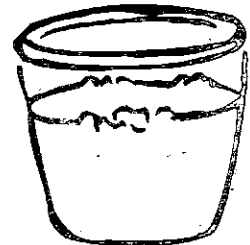
Village Services Department - Utilities Division

Drinking Water Updates - Water Taste and Odors

In the past, we, along with other DuPage Water Commission communities, have experienced some water taste and odor complaints at this time of the year. The City of Chicago who treats the Lake Michigan water has made several improvements over the last few years to remove these problems from our drinking water.

If you experience taste or odor problems with your drinking water, please contact our Village Services-Utilities Division at 671-5830. We will pass the information received on to both the DuPage Water Commission and the City of Chicago.

For your information, the taste and odor problem poses no health risk and the water is perfectly safe to drink. Lowering the water temperature by placing a pitcher of water in your refrigerator for drinking purposes will reduce the tastes and odors.

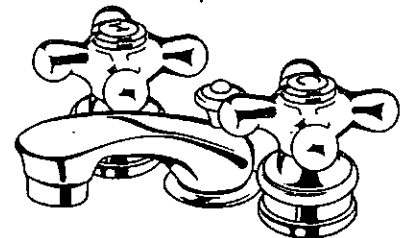


Record Water Pumpage

The Village of Bloomingdale experienced record water pumpages in the month of July. For the first time in the history of our public water supply, we pumped over 100 million gallons to meet demand in a one-month period. In addition we had our second highest daily pumpage of 4,428,000 million gallons on July 15, 2001.

It is important to note that our Lake Michigan water allocation allows us to take a maximum of 4,464,000 million gallons per day. Any amount over this must come from our water storage. As you can see we came close to that on July 15, 2001.

It is important that we conserve this precious resource by using the water wisely and within the parameters of the Village's Water Conservation Ordinance.



Building & Zoning Division **Do I Need a Building Permit?**

Village residents who are planning to build or install an accessory use or structure, such as a swimming pool, fireplace, patio, deck, gazebo, fence, shed, room addition, attached/detached garage, or central air conditioning unit, should contact the Village Services - Building and Zoning Division before starting the project. The Building and Zoning Division is staffed with certified/trained personnel who will be able to determine the various codes, requirements and permits involved with the construction of your individual project.

Many times, residents are unaware that their projects may cause drainage problems for themselves and their neighbors; that the accessory use or structure is located in a public easement; that ordinances may prohibit certain types of projects; or that the accessory is encroaching upon a neighbor's property. In addition, for some projects, the Building and Zoning Division will make sure that the design plans include the proper construction materials for your safety and, during construction, will conduct an inspection(s) to verify permit compliance.



The Building and Zoning Division has prepared informational packets which outline the basic requirements for a number of accessory uses and structures. Although these packets provide the basic requirements, each project is unique and residents should consult with the Building and Zoning Division before starting the project. Packets are available for the more common projects such as fences, decks, gazebos, sheds, swimming pools, patios, room additions, attached/detached garages, re-roofing, fireplaces and residential central air conditioning units. These information packets are free of charge.

For more information, you can come into the Village Hall and speak with someone from the Building and Zoning Division or you may call 671-5660.

Before You Begin Digging for That New Deck, Pool or Room Addition . . .

Before you begin any project ... Please call J.U.L.I.E. at 1-800-892-0123 before you dig. In 1992, the Village was required to become a member of the J.U.L.I.E. System. This is a one-call system that notifies utility companies of a party's intent to excavate properties. As a member we are required to locate our underground utilities within 48 hours of initial notification. We process approximately 3,600 locate requests per year.



Help Protect Our Natural Waterways from Pollution

The Village currently maintains 70 miles of underground storm sewers. As part of this system there are 900 manholes and 2,800 inlets/basins, which allow access for maintenance, and more importantly, storm sewer run off.

The purpose of the Storm Water Collection System is to take storm water run off away from streets and structures. The water enters the system at curb or yard inlets and is then transported by gravity through the Storm Sewer Mains. The storm sewer mains deliver the water to retention ponds, which in turn discharge into natural water ways.

The Storm Water Collection System is completely separate from the Sanitary Sewer Collection System. While they have similarities in the way they transport the flows received, the destination is different. The Sanitary Sewer Collection System discharges to the Water Reclamation Facility located at Glen Ellyn Road near Edgewater Drive where it receives treatment prior to discharge to the receiving stream.

It is important to understand that anything dumped into any of the storm water inlets eventually is discharged into natural water ways and endangers the environment. Village ordinance 92-31 strictly prohibits the discharge of any flammable or toxic, in liquid, gas or solid forms into either sewer system. Examples would include motor oil, gasoline, paint, paint cleaners and cleaning solvents.

Fines for violation of this ordinance can be levied from \$50.00 to \$500.00 per occurrence. In addition, violators can be responsible for clean up costs which normally run thousands of dollars.

The Village requests that all our residents help us combat this type of potential pollution. If you see anyone dumping anything into the inlets near your house, please call the Bloomingdale Police Department at 529-9868, or the Village Services Utilities Division at 671-5830. If you would like more information, please contact the Village Services-Utilities Division.



Police Department Internal Investigations: Here's How They're Handled

It is the policy of the Bloomingdale Police Department to receive and investigate all complaints related to internal discipline in a manner that will assure the community prompt, corrective action when Police Department personnel conduct themselves improperly, while also protecting Police Personnel from unwarranted criticism pursuant to the discharge of their duties.

It is recommended that citizens who wish to report bona-fide complaints against police personnel do so in person at the Police Department to police supervisors. However, complaints will be taken by telephone or by mail. All allegations of misconduct or violations of procedure will be investigated and, upon conclusion, citizens will be advised of the findings.



Think You know the Safest Way to Buckle Up Your Baby Or Child? Read This to Find Out!

Ninety-six percent of parents who do buckle up their children think they are doing it correctly. However, car seat check-ups show that four out of five unintentionally make mistakes that could result in their child being injured or killed in a crash. Child safety seats have proven to be more than 70 percent effective in preventing deaths and serious injuries, but to get these benefits, the child restraints need to be used properly.

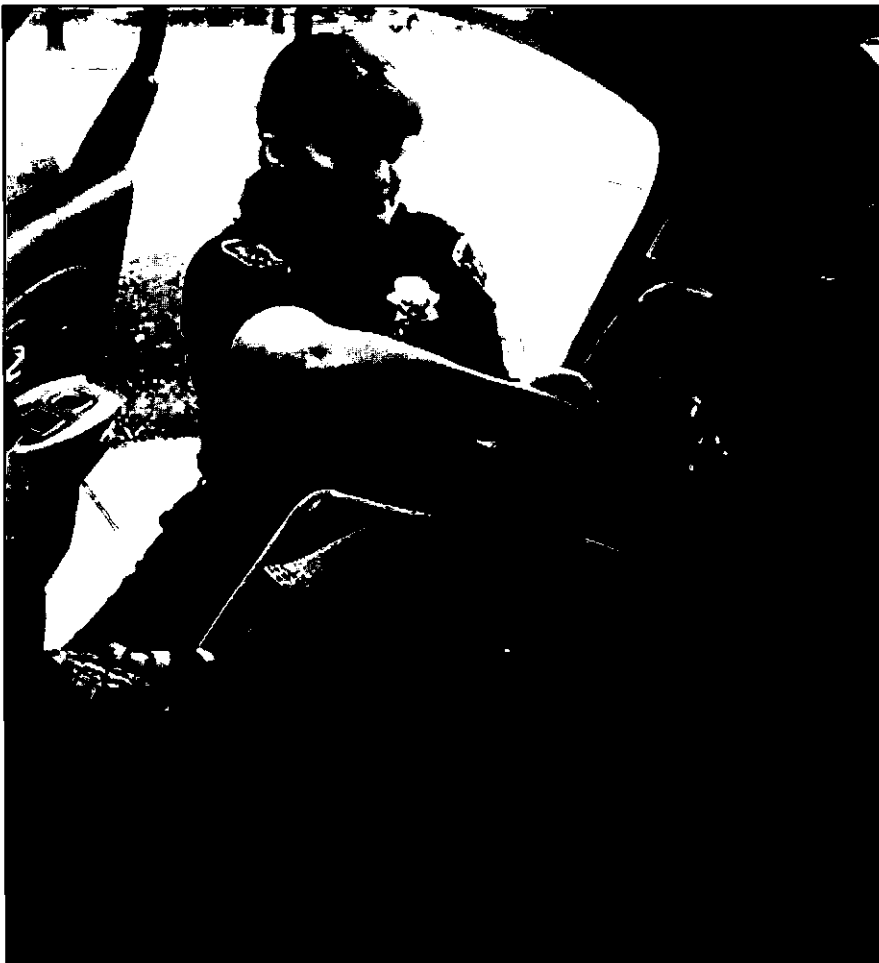
There is no one seat that is the "best." The "best" car seat is the one that fits the child, fits the vehicle with its belt system, and is convenient to use on every ride. Not all restraints fit in all vehicles. Try a selected model before purchase to make sure it fits properly in all family vehicles. After purchasing the child seat, make sure to read the owner's manual completely before installing the seat into the vehicle. Here are some general guidelines on types:

Rear-facing seat (infant only) - birth to 20-22 lbs. Move to larger seat before the head reaches the top of the shell.

Convertible (rear & forward facing) - Birth to 40 lbs. Move to high-backed child seat or booster when child's ears are above the seat or shoulders are above top harness slots.

Forward-facing only - Weight limits vary - check instructions.

Booster - For children 30-40 lbs. who have outgrown convertible/toddler seats



Officer Jackie Slater checks two-year old Liz Fuchs for proper restraint.

- Never place a rear facing seat in front of an air bag.
- The safest place to install a child seat is the rear center seat.
- It is important to fasten belt tightly so the seat cannot move more than one inch forward and sideways.
- Do not secure a child restraint with an automatic shoulder belt.
- Rear facing seats must ride reclined at 45 degrees.

You can also find helpful information on the following web sites:

<http://www.safekids.org>

<http://www.childsafety.org>

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

The Bloomingdale Police Department has Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians and offers free child seat safety checks at the police station by appointment only. Please contact Officer Jackie Slater at 529-9868 for more information.

Buckle up and set a good example for the children by using your seat belt every time you drive.

Wondering What To Do With Leftover Latex Paint? Here's Some Options . . .

DuPage County has established a latex paint recycling facility for residents to drop-off unwanted latex paint. The drop off collections have been so popular that on average they collect 1,000 gallons of usable latex paint per event.

The DuPage County Public Works Department/Solid Waste Division is offering free recycled latex paint to residents, businesses, schools and community groups.

The free recycled paint is available in five-gallon buckets in a variety of colors types, and finishes (i.e., flat, gloss, and enamel). The paint will be distributed every Tuesday and Thursday, except holidays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the County's Woodridge Greene Valley Wastewater Treatment Facility. Individuals can also contact (630) 985-7400 to schedule an appointment to pick up paint at a more convenient time. The facility is located at 7900 S. Route 53 in Woodridge, south of 75th street and north of 83rd street.

For more information about recycled paint, contact the Solid Waste Department at (630) 682-7373.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is advising that due to the very low level of toxicity in latex paint small amounts can be dried in the paint can or larger amounts (more than 1 inch) can be dried with an absorbent and disposed of with regular refuse. Absorbents include sawdust, kitty litter, shredded paper, soil and many other absorbent materials. Once the mixture is dried out, residents can empty the contents using a screw driver or putty knife and dispose of the non-liquid residue in the trash and recycle the steel can.



Army Trail Road Construction

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of Army Trail Road.

- Squeeze traffic onto the west side of Gary Avenue.
- Create a work zone on the north side of the road.
- Maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- Maintain left turn lanes.

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

RELEVANT INFORMATION

The Du Page County Highway Department contact is Kent Kuper, Senior Civil Engineer 682-7318.

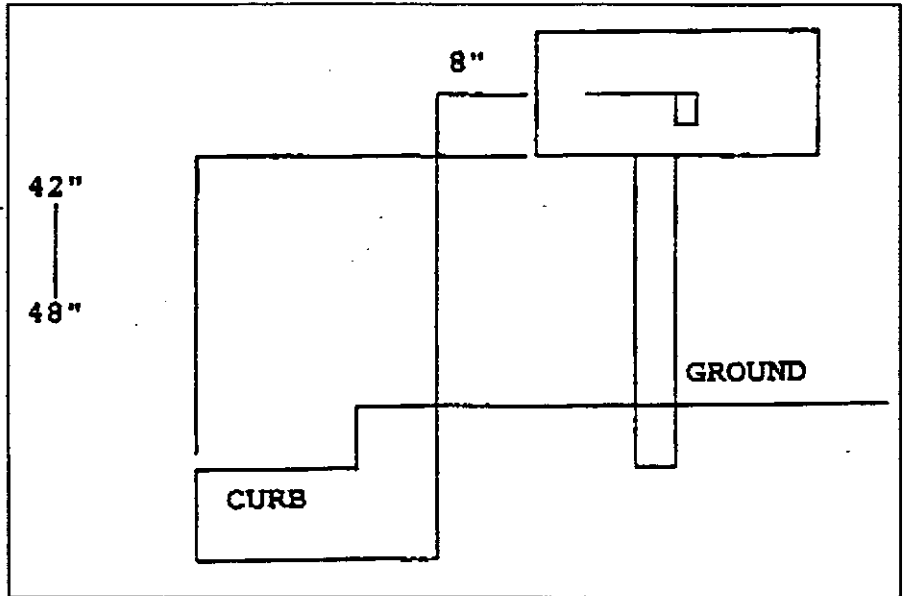
The Village of Bloomingdale contact for the Du Page County Highway project is Jim Monkemeyer, Assistant Director of Village Services 671-5692.





Timely Tips for Protecting Your Mailbox From Damage by Snowplows

The employees of Village Services, Public Works Street Maintenance Division and Utilities Division, take great pride in providing efficient, high quality snow and ice control procedures. Employees respond to snow and ice control demands as required day or night; their safety is of utmost concern. Further, maintaining the snow and ice control equipment in "ready" condition helps efficiency and quality of the service.

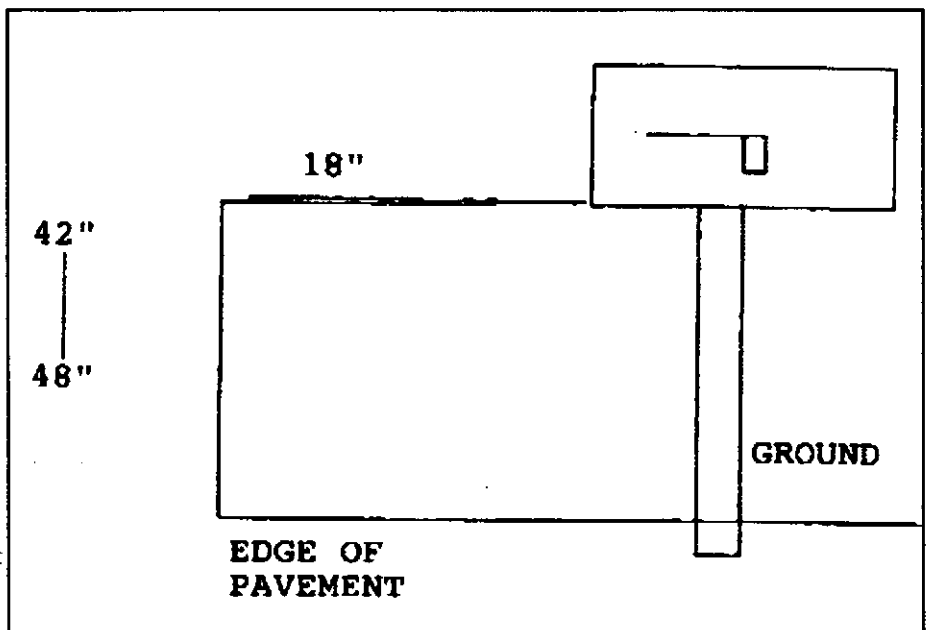


In order to provide for the safety of Village personnel, residents and motorists, to maintain high efficiency and quality, and to minimize equipment damage, all residents are asked to:

- Inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified.
- Relocate decorative stones, boulders or other possible obstructions to snow and ice control operations to a minimum of three feet from the street in areas without curbs.

Mailboxes should be repaired/reinstalled and stones/boulders should be relocated prior to October 30, 2001. Your voluntary cooperation in contributing to the safety of Village employees and equipment, and the efficiency of snow and ice control maintenance services, is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Ed Lewen, Street Maintenance Supervisor, or Dennis Szafran, Public Works Division Superintendent, at 671-5800.



Village Offers Temporary Part Time Employment

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal/temporary part-time positions in the Public Works & Utilities Divisions. Hours vary. Applicants must have a valid Illinois drivers license.

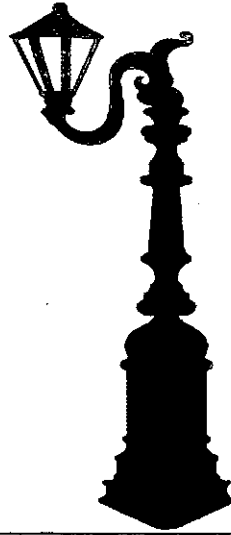
Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. For more information call 671-5692.

Street Light or Traffic Signal Out?

If you notice a streetlight or traffic signal that is malfunctioning, please call Village Services immediately at 671-5690.

If you notice a street or traffic sign that is damaged, please call Public Works Maintenance - Streets at 671-5800.

After hours or on weekends or holidays, call the Police Department at 529-9868.



Did you know . . .

The Village contracts street sweeping services. Streets with curb and gutter are cleaned periodically May through November.

Building & Zoning Division

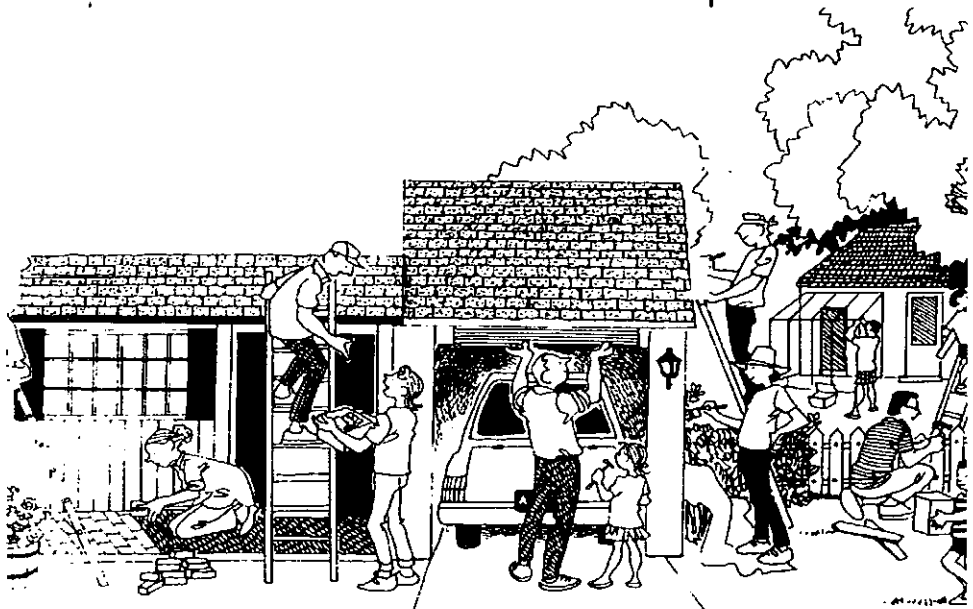
Village-Wide Property Maintenance Program Designed to Keep Bloomingdale Looking Its Best

The Village of Bloomingdale implements a property maintenance inspection to protect the integrity, safety and aesthetic image of the community. Village code enforcement personnel will be performing exterior property maintenance inspections throughout the Village. If violations are found, the property owner will be sent a letter requesting compliance within a reasonable amount of time, based upon the severity of the violation. Please take a few minutes to examine your property for potential violations.

Common property maintenance violations include :

- Grass/Plant growth exceeding ten [10] inches in height.
- Accumulation of trash and debris on the premises.
- Garbage cans left in the front yard.
- Vehicles parked in yards on unimproved surfaces [grass].
- Inoperable vehicles parked on the premises.
- Conditions of your home's exterior including, but not limited to, building paint or stain finishes, roofing and rain gutter systems, property drainage, etc.
- House address numbers that are not clearly visible from the street.

Both residential and commercial properties will be inspected as part of this program. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this program, please contact the Village Services Department - Building and Zoning Division at 671-5660.



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Trees, Mulch and More From the 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 671-5803 or slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us. 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.

TREE PLANTING

50/50 Tree Planting Program:

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

Parkway Tree Planting:

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

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

MULCH

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

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

