

Village of Bloomingdale *Almanac*

April 2002

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Even if the weather doesn't give it away, a dependable sign of the arrival of spring is road construction, and we are there. The construction on Army Trail Road has resumed. For more information, see page 5.

One of the traditions of spring many of us have come to look forward to is the Bloomingdale Historical Society's Memorial Day observance in St. Paul's Cemetery. This special gathering of the community is to honor the men and women who have served our country.

Many of the same elements of the past observances will remain, including the gun salute and the scouts placing flags on graves. One of the new features of this year's ceremony will be hearing the words of past veterans through the reading of excerpts of letters and poems written during wartime. These will date back as far as the Civil War.

This year a special invitation is being extended to all veterans living in the area in order that they might also be recognized for their years of service to our country. The idea was born last year when the committee realized how many vets were in attendance. Following the events of 9/11, this gesture will be even more meaningful to all of us.

The Memorial Day observance begins at 9:30 at St. Paul's Cemetery. The entire ceremony takes only about 45 minutes. Parking is available in business lots both east and west of the cemetery as the businesses will not yet be open at this time of day. This has been truly a moving ceremony. If you can make it, you will not be disappointed.

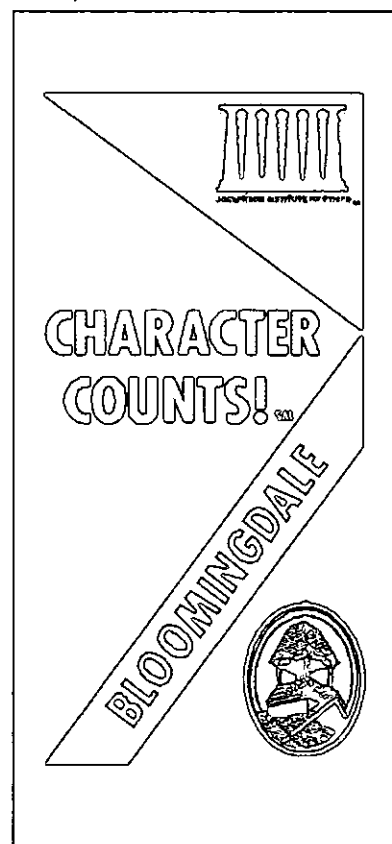
Just a note to many of you who have asked, Detective Gary Fuchs is improving, and as of this writing, he is at Marianjoy receiving rehabilitation. If anyone wishes to send Gary a get well card, please do so through the police department (201 S. Bloomingdale Road). We will see he gets them.

The Village of Bloomingdale will soon be hanging banners boasting that **CHARACTER COUNTS!** in Bloomingdale. They will feature the six colors representing the six pillars: Respect - yellow; Trustworthiness - blue; Caring - red; Fairness - orange; Responsibility - green; Citizenship - purple. Some 54 banners have been ordered and will soon be placed in several areas of town, where both residents and visitors alike can enjoy them.

One last thing. Many residents have been calling about the vehicle stickers which normally go on sale March 1. At this time the Village Board is hoping to be able to eliminate this annual expense to residents. The final decision will be made as they conduct additional meetings on the budget. You may even read about the final decision in the newspapers before this Almanac reaches your home. Rest assured, if the board does find it necessary to keep the vehicle sticker program intact, residents will receive plenty of notice about availability of stickers and due dates.

Happy Spring!

Mayor Bob 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

4th Tuesday of the month
March-December
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

BUSINESS PROMOTION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1st 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.*

RECREATIONAL PATHWAY COMMITTEE

As needed

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Robert G. Iden

Village President

Susan L. Bartucci

Village Clerk

TRUSTEES

Robert Czernek

Legal & Intergovernmental

John Dabrowski

Police

Patrick S. DeMoon

Finance & Personnel

James M. Gebis

*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

Judi Von Huben

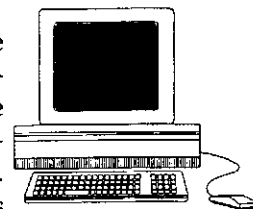
*Community Programs &
Special Events*

Gloria Reyes

Public Works & Services

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

If you're "surfing the
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:

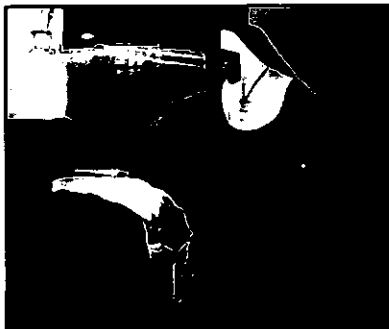
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**The deadline for
the June issue
of the
Almanac is
MAY 10**

Knights of Columbus Donate \$10,000 to Local Charities



The St. Isidore Knights of Columbus recently donated nearly \$10,000 to four local charities through their projects, such as the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Pictured from l to r are recipients: Reed Calahan of the Special Camps for Special Citizens, Downers Grove; Robert Pindar from South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation, Downers Grove; Cindy Ludwig of Marklund Charities, Bloomingdale; and Samuela Bovelli-Emrich from the Bartlett Learning Center, Bartlett. Knights' secretary Gene Osowski and Grand Knight Don Lively represented the St. Isidore's Council #8522.



Fun Rules at Late Nite Catechism!

"Late Nite Catechism" was a great success. As you can see from the pictures, the actress was able to draw several members from the audience into her comedy. The monies raised by the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Commission will go toward the next proposed statue which will honor our "everyday heroes," the local police and fire departments. The committee thanks all who supported this first fundraising effort toward the project.



Welcome!



Anthony Svoboda was sworn in as a Probationary Patrol Officer by Mayor Iden on February 11. He has just graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage.

The Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee Proudly Features Signs by Tomorrow

Signs by Tomorrow first opened its doors in 1991 at Old Town Square, occupying only 1200 square feet. The business was initially run by four family members, Gary Schellerer, his wife Carla, and their oldest son and daughter. After two expansions within the same mall, Signs by tomorrow now occupies 4,000 square feet and is currently in the planning stages for a larger facility.

Over the years, Signs by Tomorrow has managed to expand from a somewhat local market to a national clientele. Gary's two youngest sons have since graduated from school and now hold key positions in the business, along with the rest of the family. With an annual

growth of 15-30%, Signs by Tomorrow presently has 20 people on its staff, more commonly referred to as "The SBT Family."

On a typical day at Signs by Tomorrow, the energy is contagious as you experience the constant buzz of the phones ringing, the customers coming and going, and employees rushing to meet deadlines. However, despite their growth, Signs by Tomorrow still prides itself on being a family-owned business where you are always guaranteed to find the same friendly service and genuine concern for the customer's satisfaction.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection April 27

Get rid of all those old cleaners, poisons, expired chemicals and solvents that you are not using, **FREE OF CHARGE**, at this year's DuPage County Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

WHERE: College of DuPage
South of Roosevelt Road,
north of Butterfield Road
(near Lambert & Fawell Blvd.,
formerly 22nd Street)

WHEN: Saturday, April 27
8:00 AM-3:00 PM

WHAT: The following items will be accepted:

Cleaning solvents	Acids
Thermostats	Propane cylinders
Fertilizers/pesticides	Poisons
Household batteries	Automotive fluids
Thermometers	Asbestos
Mercury	Oil based paints
Insecticides	Car batteries
Wood stain & varnish	Pool chemicals
Fluorescent light ballast	Fluorescent light bulbs
Helium & freon cylinders	

DuPage County residents can drop-off HHW at the **permanent collection site** operated by the city of Naperville. The permanent HHW collection facility is located at:

Naperville Fire Station No. 4
1971 Brookdale Rd. (just off Route 59)
OPEN: Saturdays & Sundays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (except on holidays)

IMPORTANT: Please keep your household hazardous waste in the original containers.

Questions? Call the HHW Hotline at (630) 510-2810.

Bring your old cellular phones, cell batteries, and phone chargers!



Spring Branch Collection Already Underway

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division's Spring Branch Collection Program began on March 25.

PLEASE NOTE – To better serve our residents a summer pick-up is again being included in the program. Residents' branches will again be collected three times during the year, once during spring, summer and fall. The summer pick-up will take place during July. 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 630-671-5800 (or e-mail to priceh@vil.bloomingtondale.il.us) **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.

REMAINING SPRING BRANCH PICKUP SCHEDULE

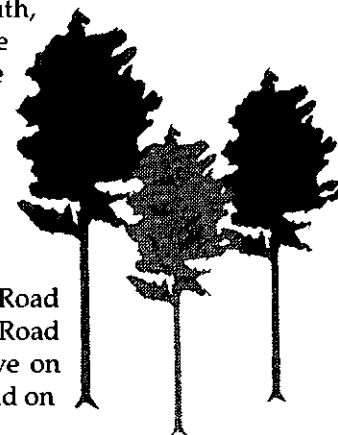
SECTION TWO: Pick-up begins April 1, 2002
Area bounded by Schick Road on the south, Gary Avenue/Cloverdale Road on the west, Lake Street on the north, and Bloomingdale Road on the east.

SECTION THREE: Pick-up begins April 8, 2002
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 FOUR: Pick-up begins April 15, 2002
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.

SECTION FIVE:
Pick-up begins April 22, 2002

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.



Army Trail Road Construction Resumes; Completion Expected In August 2002

The Du Page County Highway Department re-started construction on the Army Trail Road Widening Improvement Project (84 Court to Schmale Road) in March 2002. The project is 45% complete. Remaining work consists of finishing Phase Two in early spring and completing Phase Three and Phase Four thereafter. The Contractor, due to numerous utility conflicts, has requested the County to give them a six-week extension to complete the remaining work, which indicates a possible completion date in August 2002.

The project when complete will include:

- ☐ Curb and gutter and enclosed drainage system throughout the project.
- ☐ Additional lanes for turning at various locations.
- ☐ Burial of existing overhead cables:
 - Merbach Drive to east of St. Isidore's Parish
 - East of Butterfield to northeast corner of Schmale Road / Army Trail Road intersection.
- ☐ Relocation or adjustment of existing Village water and sanitary sewer lines.

Phase Two – Already begun - will consist of the following:

- ☐ Squeeze traffic onto the south side of Army Trail Road.
- ☐ Squeeze traffic onto the west side of Gary Avenue.
- ☐ Create a work zone on the north side of the road to finish pavement widening and curb work.
- ☐ Maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction.
- ☐ Maintain left turn lanes.

Phase Three – Army Trail Road Median Construction:

- ☐ Construction of barrier medians and left turn lanes.
- ☐ Phase three will limit traffic to one lane in each direction on Army Trail Road during median and left turn lane construction.
- ☐ Left turn lanes will be maintained at selected locations including 84 Court, Brighton Drive, Old Gary Avenue, Gary Avenue, Knollwood Drive, Springfield Drive, Butterfield Drive, Bloomingdale Court signal entrance, Martin Lane (limited to west bound to south bound), Schmale/Skylark Drive.
- ☐ Left turns will be prohibited at all other locations.

Phase Four

- ☐ Gary Avenue left turn lane construction.
- ☐ Landscaping.

RESIDENTIAL REPORT

The Village of Bloomingdale Engineering Division and Du Page County Department of Transportation will continue to monitor traffic patterns to ensure construction traffic delays are minimized and alternative routes are well-planned and maintained throughout the project. However, residents in close proximity to the construction may see heavier traffic due to the construction.

LOCAL BUSINESS REPORT

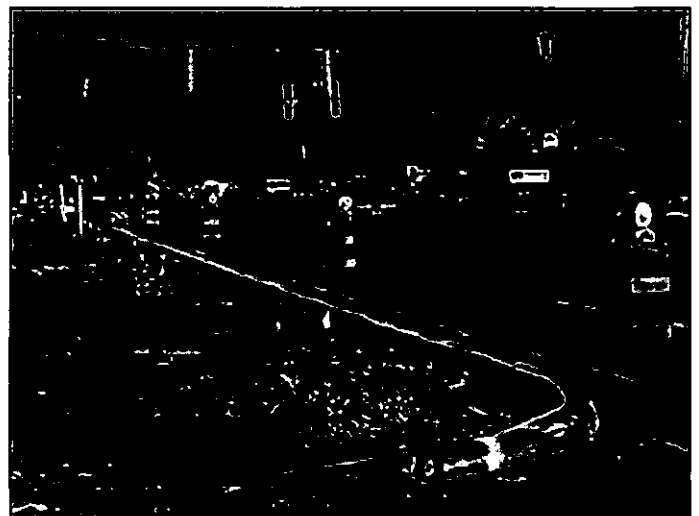
The Village of Bloomingdale is providing sign ordinance accommodations for all businesses fronting Army Trail Road and Gary Avenue north and south of Army Trail Road during the Army Trail Road construction. Please contact the Village of Bloomingdale Building & Zoning Division at 630-671-5660 for further details.

Questions or Concerns About the Army Trail Road Project?

The Du Page County Highway Department contact is Kent Kuper, Senior Civil Engineer (630) 682-7318.

The consultant contact for this project is Ron Anderson (630) 671-9596.

The Village of Bloomingdale contact for the Du Page County Highway project is Jim Monkemeyer, Assistant Director of Village Services (630) 671-5692.



Army Trail Road work resumes

Recreation Path: What's Been Done, What's Ahead

A citizens' volunteer committee (Recreational Pathway Advisory Committee) was formed in 1998. The members took several months to compile routes pedestrian and bicyclists might wish to have access to, but were not already accessible through pedestrian facilities.

The committee drafted a composite map and public hearings were held in 1998. That Fall, the Village adopted the final plan, which is now the village-wide multi-purpose recreation trail path. You can access the map of the plan online at www.hometown.aol.com/rfp1350/ncdrbe.html. Copies are also available at the office of the Village Services Department, lower level of Village Hall.

The following sections of the Rec Path have been implemented:

- 1998 Off-street path on Glen Ellyn Road from Lake to Ironwood as part of the golf course improvements.
- 1999 Off-street path on Byron Avenue from Glen Ellyn Road to Arbor as part of road improvement on Byron
- 2000 On-street marked path on all of Ironwood Drive
- 2001 On-street marked route on Meadowlark Road, Cardinal Drive, Raven Lane and Eagle Lane
New homebuilders provided recreation trail at Medinah Grove and Eastgate subdivisions at no cost to the Village
Forest Preserve District opened a new parking lot and trail in Meacham Forest Preserve, off of Circle Avenue, north of Lake Street.
Township built trail on Rosedale Road between Mensching and Lake Street
Village obtained a \$167,000 grant from Illinois Department of Natural Resources for the Lawrence Avenue trail between Gary and Springfield Drive. Construction for that mile-long section is planned for summer in 2002.

Currently, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Bloomingdale Township, along with the Villages of Bloomingdale and Roselle, are building the bridge at William Way and Lake Street which will connect the trail currently on Rosedale.

More information on what's coming soon on the rec path, as well as information on the Rec Path Committee, and how you can be involved, will be featured in the Special Spring Almanac, due in homes in May.



Mail Carriers' Food Drive on May 11

Gather those canned goods and non-perishables - the mailman is coming! Saturday, May 11, 2002 marks the 9th annual Bloomingdale Post Office and National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. "Last year, thanks to the generosity of our residents, over 6,300 pounds of food was collected for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry," said coordinator Darryl Miller.

Please leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on May 11. The Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry serves this area. The mail carriers thank you in advance for your participation.

Entry deadline is July 27

2002 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition Open to 16-20 Year Old Residents

Applications are now available for the 2002 Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale Scholarship competition sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale's Septemberfest Commission. This scholarship competition is open to young men and women who are residents of incorporated Bloomingdale and who are between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age. The recipients will be announced at the 30th Annual Septemberfest on **Saturday, September 7, 2002.**

Applicants will be judged on poise, civic involvement, and communications skills. All applicants must submit an essay of 300 to 400 words that describes the contributions that they feel they could make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. Judging will take place on **Saturday, August 10, 2002.**

The Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund funds the scholarships. Last year, scholarship winners shared \$10,000.00. Entry forms are due to the Bloomingdale Village Hall by **Saturday, July 27, 2002.**

Any questions please contact Irene Jones at (630) 671-5610.

**Don't miss this opportunity!
Fill out the form below and return it today!**

2002 MS. AND MR. BLOOMINGDALE SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM

I am a resident of incorporated Bloomingdale, between the ages of 16 and 20 years and would like to enter the 2002 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

School attending _____

Age _____

- ☐ I have attached a letter of 300-400 words to introduce myself to the committee and to describe how I can contribute to Bloomingdale in the role of Mr. or Ms. Bloomingdale.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 27 2002

Mail applications to:

2002 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition
c/o Bloomingdale Village Hall
201 South Bloomingdale Road
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Judging date will be **Saturday, August 10, 2002.** Winners will be announced at the Septemberfest event on **Sunday, September 7, 2002.**

ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIMITED TO FUTURE TUITION, BOOKS & FEES

Be a Part of Septemberfest!

The 30th annual Septemberfest will held on **Saturday, September 7, 2002** from **12 noon to 11 p.m.**

The event will kick off with a parade at noon followed by performances by various community groups and several bands. The event will also feature a classic car show.

The commission is looking for not-for-profit groups who would like to participate in the event, as well as participants for the parade or car show.

Any questions should be directed to Pam Hager at 529-4232 or to the Village Hall at 671-5630.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Bloomingdale Police Department would like to thank everyone involved with the Friends of Gary Fuchs Bowling Benefit and Fundraiser. It was a huge success and a fun evening for all. Photographs and a video tape of the event have been given to Gary so that he knows what he missed out on and that many are thinking about him during this time.

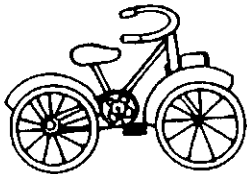


For those who missed the event or for those looking for something to do on a Friday evening, involving a good cause, the Bloomingdale Lions Club will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 19 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the Gary Fuchs Fund. Gary is one of our detectives who has suffered some serious health problems since an infection attacked his heart about two months ago.

The tickets for the Lions' traditionally delicious meal and an evening with friends in the community is \$8 per person, children under 8 are free. Tickets are available by contacting a Bloomingdale Lions Club member, or by calling Lion John Vertnik at 307-3479. We hope you will consider attending this worthwhile fundraising event featuring food, fellowship and fun. Tickets will also be available at the door.



The Bloomingdale Police Department will participate in a Bike rodeo at DuJardin School in May. Watch papers for details.



POLAR PLUNGE - Detectives Brian Healey and Dawn Odoi represented the Bloomingdale FOP Lodge 175 and jumped into Lake Michigan on March 2 in the name of Special Olympics. The duo raised \$500 for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty.



COPS & LOBSTERS

Bloomingdale Police acted as servers at Red Lobster on March 12 & 13 in order to raise money for Special Olympics. Those earning tips and garnering donations for the fund included Dawn Odoi, Brian Healey, Brian Siebrasse, Tony Pagan, Katie Klasen and Christine Bubacz.



The next general Neighborhood Watch meeting is being changed from April 19 to Friday April 26, to accommodate the many Neighborhood Watch members who may wish to attend the Lions Club spaghetti dinner fundraiser on the 19th.

Bloomingtondale Golf Club 2002 Greens Fees

	<i>Bloomingtondale Resident</i>		<i>Non-Resident</i>	
	<i>Walking</i>	<i>With cart</i>	<i>Walking</i>	<i>With cart</i>
Monday-Thursday				
18 Holes	\$24.00	\$39.00	\$30.00	\$45.00
18 Holes (senior/youth)	\$17.00	\$32.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
9 Holes	\$17.00	\$27.00	\$20.00	\$30.00
9 Holes (senior/youth)	\$13.00	\$23.00	\$16.00	\$26.00
Twilight	\$17.00	\$27.00	\$21.00	\$31.00
Earlybird (9 holes only)	\$12.00	\$22.00	\$15.00	\$25.00

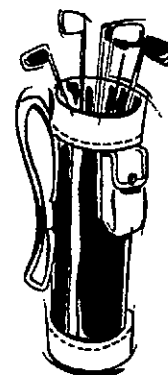
***18 Holes & Riding Carts are MANDATORY
before 2:00 PM on Weekdays & Holidays***



	<i>Bloomingtondale Resident</i>		<i>Non-Resident</i>	
	<i>Walking</i>	<i>With cart</i>	<i>Walking</i>	<i>With cart</i>
Fri., Sat., Sun. & Holidays				
18 Holes		\$44.00		\$50.00
18 Holes after 2:00 PM	\$29.00	\$44.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
9 Holes after 2:00 PM	\$19.00	\$29.00	\$22.00	\$32.00
Twilight	\$17.00	\$27.00	\$21.00	\$31.00
Earlybird (9 holes only)		\$25.00		\$27.00

Additional Charges:

Pull Carts	18 Holes \$4.00	9 Holes \$2.00
Club Rental	18 Holes \$20.00	9 Holes \$10.00
Riding Carts	18 Holes \$15.00	9 Holes & Twilight \$10.00



Reservations can be made 7 days in advance.

Weekend reservations require a credit card to guarantee tee time, 24-hour cancellation policy.

Children must be at least 8 years old to be on the golf course.

An adult must accompany all children under the age of 12.

Prices subject to change without notice.

Get in the Swing!

Golf season is almost here, so dust off those golf clubs and get back into the swing of things.

David Shallcross, our new golf pro, is offering group golf lessons for mixed adults, for women only and for juniors. Private instructions, lesson packages and club fitting also offered.

Call the pro shop at 529-6232 for details.



Arbor Day Observance Will Plant Trees In Tribute to Heros of September 11

As a memorial to September 11, a decades-old tradition may offer solace and hope for the future.

"A monument of trees in a well-ordered grove is human and humane. It speaks the language of freemen. It is full of solace and hope to the bereaved. As a living and a breathing thing, it speaks of victory over death. It is expressive of thanks and devotion by the people to its heroes dead and living."

— Richard Leiber, Secretary of the Indiana Board of Forestry.

That quote could have been written this fall, but in fact is more than 80 years old. Mr. Leiber's words come from post-World War I America, when a changed nation looked toward the future and a time of peace. Like then, our country today looks very different.

As a tribute to the heroes and as a memorial to the victims of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, twin Dawn Redwood trees will be planted at Bloomingdale Fire Department Headquarters Station #1, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road by V.F.W. Post 7539, the Bloomingdale Fire Department and the Village of Bloomingdale.

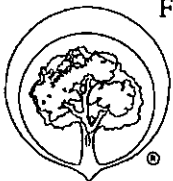
All residents are welcome to participate in the observance at 2:00 p.m. on April 11th.



Last Arbor Day, an Oak tree, chosen for its dependability, strength and longevity, was planted at the recently constructed Fire Department facility.

Bloomingdale Named Tree City USA

Bloomingdale has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. This is the seventh consecutive year Bloomingdale has received this national recognition.



The Village was presented the award by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on March 21, 2002 at the Morton Arboretum.

TREE CITY USA

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

"More than ever, today we understand the importance of trees to our cities and towns," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA recognizes communities that have proven their commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program."

Village Offers Seasonal Part Time Employment Opportunities

The Village of Bloomingdale is seeking individuals to fill seasonal part-time positions in the Public Works and Utilities Divisions. Hours vary. Applicants must have a valid Illinois driver's license.

Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM Monday through Friday and 8:00 AM to noon on Saturday.

For information, call 671-5692.

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Julia Sheldon, language arts and literature teacher at Marquardt Middle School, competed in her 4th Birkebeiner, a 32-mile cross country ski race in Hayward, Wisconsin. Some 4000 people took part this year. The avid runner and skier came in 8th for all the women participating from Illinois. Her time was 4 hours, 39 minutes. Sheldon said the race was especially slow-going because of the warm weather which made for very slushy snow.



St. Paul's Children's Center, 118 First Street, is accepting registration for fall. Openings are available in the 3-year old T/TH morning class and the 4-year old MWF morning and afternoon classes. For more information, call Director Victoria Melvin, 980-9196.

The Villagers of Bloomingdale are having a **fashion show** for their April 4th meeting. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Fashions will be provided by Magy's Closet Boutique in Schaumburg. All are welcome.

Marquardt Middle School will be presenting the play "**The Outsiders**," at 7:30 p.m. on April 19 & 20. The story is seen through the eyes of a young "Greaser," caught up in the territorial conflict between the "Socs," (the rich kids) and the tough underprivileged "Greasers." It's romantic, touching and full of action. For ticket information call the school at 858-3850.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will present over 100 fashions from area stores at the **28th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon** at Indian Lakes Resort on Saturday, April 20. This year's theme is "When the Stars Come Out" and the proceeds will benefit the Family Shelter Service of DuPage County along with other charities.

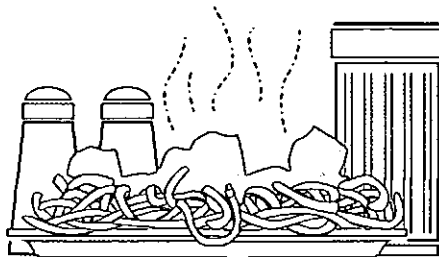
Fashions from casual to formal are from Foxtail Boutique, Catherine's, Kohl's, House of Brides Harold's, Gingiss Formalwear and York Furriers.

The doors open at 11 a.m. for cash bar cocktails, the luncheon is at noon with the fashion show following. Tickets are \$30.00; after April 11, \$32.00. For more information and reservations, contact Jennifer Hoffman at 630-510-3992.

Its corporate owner, Dress Barn Inc, has designated **Bloomingdale's Dress Barn** as a Red Star, or "focus" store. The newly relocated store at 346 W. Army Trail Rd. in the Bloomingdale Court Shopping Center will now offer its customers the highest level of merchandise, including ladies clothing in sizes 4-24, shoes and accessories.

In its quest to reach out to the community and generate enthusiasm for its clothing lines, Dress Barn will regularly hold fashion shows at its store location. For more information about Dress Barn and its fashion show schedule, contact Marianna Roszkowska at 924-0795.

The Bloomingdale Fire Department will be hosting an evening Open House on Thursday, May 25 at the Fire Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road. Watch local papers for dates and details.



The Bloomingdale Lions Club will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 19 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Proceeds from this dinner will be donated to the Gary Fuchs Fund. Gary is one of our detectives who has suffered some serious health problems since an infection attacked his heart about two months ago.

DuPage County Taking Steps to Control Gypsy Moths

The Gypsy Moth is a notorious pest of hardwood trees and in wooded suburban areas, trees are visibly defoliated during periods of infestation. Gypsy Moth populations are expanding in DuPage County and the Illinois Department of Agriculture will be providing control treatments to over 20,000 acres in DuPage County this year. In proximity to Bloomingdale, two areas will receive two aerial applications of *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* (Btk), a biological insecticide and the most commonly used pest control material for managing Gypsy Moth. Btk is active for three days and will kill any leaf-eating caterpillar feeding during that time. The best time to spray is just after egg hatch when the young caterpillars are most susceptible – depending on the warmth of spring, sometime after mid-May. The second application will take place one week later. Btk is only harmful to feeding caterpillars and not harmful to other organisms.

One of the areas includes Bloomingdale residents and totals 668 acres with the approximate boundaries of Lake Street, North Circle Avenue, Turner Avenue and Rosedale Avenue. A public information meeting on the spraying will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3rd at the Roselle Village Hall, 31 S. Prospect Street, Roselle. The second area totals 644 acres and includes Medinah and Nordic Hills Golf Courses.

The life cycle of the Gypsy Moth in northern Illinois begins in May when the larvae hatch from the eggs. It is during the larval stage that Gypsy Moths damage trees. Newly hatched larvae are about 1/8 inch long, hairy, and mostly dark brown to black. The larvae are voracious feeders and can reach up to 3 inches in length. Larger larvae have blue and rusty red spots on their backs. They typically feed in the treetops at night but migrate down the trunk to the ground each day to protect themselves from heat and birds.

In July, caterpillars change into pupae, the transition stage between larvae and moths. Pupae usually are found in crevices in the tree trunk or on larger branches. Pupae are dark brown, shell-like cases about 1 to 2 inches long and sparsely covered with hairs. Adult moths emerge from pupal cases and are present in July and August. Females have tan bodies, 1 inch or more in length, and cream-colored wings, but they cannot fly. Males are smaller, less than 1 inch long, dark brown with feathery antennae, and are good fliers.

In a week to 10 days after emerging, the females lay between 500 to 1,000 eggs. The eggs are covered with a dense mass of tan or buff-colored hairs. The egg mass is approximately 1.5 inches long and .75 inches wide. The eggs are the overwintering stage of the insect. The egg masses are attached to trees, houses, or any outdoor object.

For additional information, contact Larry M. Slavicek, Urban Forester at slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us or 630-671-5803, or visit the University of Illinois Extension web site at <http://www.urban.ext.uiuc.edu/gypsymoth/index.html>.

Attention, dog owners

Purchase your Dog Tag by April 30

2002 dog licenses are \$3 and should be purchased by April 30 for dogs over 4 months of age. A current rabies inoculation certification is necessary to purchase license. If your dog is picked up and does not have a license tag, you could be fined \$25.



Community Events

Student Art Show at Park District Museum

The 19th annual **Student Art Show** is currently running at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, through Saturday, April 27. Museum hours are Wed-Sat 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is by donation (suggested donation is \$3 for adults. Come see what our kids can do. You will be amazed!

Chamber Dinner & Dance April 6

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual **Awards Dinner & Dance** in 50's/60's Fashion at the Bloomingdale Golf Club on April 6. Dinner, Dancing & Entertainment. \$29.95 per person. Call 980-9082 for reservations.

"Club Drug" Program for Parents on April 9

As part of their Parent University, Lake Park Partners In Education and Lake Park High School are presenting a panel discussion **"Club Drugs - What Every Parent Should Know."** The session will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. April 9, at East Campus, Room 240. Please RSVP attendance at 295-5402.

Church of the Incarnation Art Auction April 12

An art auction will be held on Friday, April 12th at the Church of the Incarnation, 261 Army Trail Road. Advance previewing of the art begins at 6:30 p.m. The real fun begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple and includes wine and cheese. Call 351-3249 for more information. Tickets are also available at the door.

Historical Society Attic Sale April 12 & 13

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will have an **Attic Sale** on April 12 & 13 at the Old Village Hall on Lake Street. A variety of housewares, tools, office chairs and miscellaneous items will be featured at great prices. Sale runs 9-5 on Friday and 9-3 on Saturday.

Wildflower Program at Garden Club on April 17

The **Bloomingdale Garden Club** will feature a program on wildflowers on Wed., April 17 at 7:00 p.m. presented by the DuPage County Speakers Bureau in Library Room B. Saturday, May 4 marks the Plant Sale/Yard Sale from 9-4 at the southeast corner of Schick and Pleasant.

Historical Society's Memorial Day Observation May 27

The Historical Society will be hosting its yearly **Memorial Day** observation on Monday, May 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street. A special invitation is extended to all veterans in our community. For more information call 529-3120, ext. 710.

New Online Community Calendar -- Check it Out!

Go to Village website - www.vil.bloomington.il.us

The link is at the top lefthand corner. To submit your club's event, scroll to the bottom of the calendar page.

News from the Bloomingdale Golf Club

**We will begin taking
Mother's Day Brunch
reservations on
Monday, April 15th.**

Adults \$23.95

**Children 12 &
Under \$11.95**

**Children 5 & under
Free**





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This Week in FireHistory

March 3: In 1962, 31 people are killed in an explosion/fire on Aleppo Highway in Syria.

March 4: In 1908, a fire at Lakeview Grammar School in Collinwood, OH, kills 175.

March 5: In 1770, a false fire alarm leads to confrontations that become the Boston Massacre.

March 6: In 1971, a fire at a psychiatric hospital kills 28 in Burghoezli, Switzerland.

March 7: In 1931, a fire at Duplin County Prison kills 11 in Goldsboro, NC.

March 8: In 1924, a fire at Castle Gate #2 coal mine kills 171 in Castle Gate, UT.

March 9: In 1914, a fire at Missouri Athletic Club and Boatmen's Bank Building kills 37 in St. Louis, Mo.
(Source: NFPA)

Illinois Poison Center (IPC)

The Illinois Poison Center (IPC) provides free information and treatment advice to Illinois residents and health care professionals about overdoses, alcohol or drug misuse, medication problems, occupational exposures, bites and other poison-related concerns. Since 1997, the IPC has been a program of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council (MCHC), an association composed of more than 130 hospitals and health care organizations working together to improve the quality of health care services. The IPC operates 24 hours a day, every day, via a toll-free hot line, **1-800-222-1222**, TDD 312/906-6185. (The nationwide, toll-free poison center number, 1-800-222-1222, automatically connects callers with their designated local poison center, from anywhere in the U.S.; all calls placed in Illinois will be routed to the IPC. The IPC also will continue to be accessible through its previously published toll-free number.)

The IPC:

Is staffed by pharmacists, physicians, nurses and poison specialists who have received dedicated training in the field of toxicology

Provides state-of-the-art toxicology information using a number of current reference sources, including POISINDEX®, a computerized system that offers cross-references on 1 million poisonous substances and treatments, and Lexi-Comp Inc.'s *Poisoning & Toxicology Compendium*

Works with the Toxikon Consortium, a group of physician toxicologists from local medical centers who can provide phone consultations on complex cases

Is certified as a regional poison control center by the American Association of Poison Control Centers Is designated as a regional poison control center by the Illinois Department of Public Health

Maintains a list of antidote depots that distribute rare antidotes; also provides a chart for health care professionals on poison antidotes

Handled 84,151 cases in 2001: 72,429 exposure cases and 11,722 information cases (an average of 231 cases per day); staff also placed more than 52,000 follow-up calls to ensure the patient's safety

Reports more than half (55 percent) of the exposure cases in 2001 involved children under age 6; 14 percent involved those between the ages of 6 and 21; and 31 percent involved adults ages 21 and older.

Reports household cleansers, pain medicines and cosmetics/personal care products as the most common causes of poisoning, together accounting for approximately 30 percent of poisoning exposures

Handled 75 percent of human exposures in 2001 at the site of the poisoning without referral to a health care facility

Saved more than \$17 million in unnecessary ED and office visits in 2001 (for each \$1 spent for the IPC, about \$7 in unnecessary medical costs are saved)

Provides consultations to health care professionals, which account for approximately 24 percent of total IPC cases

Provides toxicology training for pharmacy students, medical students, emergency medicine residents and emergency medicine pediatric fellows

Distributes IPC telephone stickers, a toxic plant list and other poison prevention literature

Offers helpful information for health care professionals and the public on its Web site, www.mchc.org/ipc, including interactive learning games for children

Was established as the nation's first poison control center in 1953. The IPC is the only remaining certified poison control center in the state of Illinois; on a population-served basis, it is the largest poison center in the United States, as it serves the entire state of Illinois with an estimated population of 12.4 million people

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON OUR OPEN HOUSE FOR EMS WEEK IN MAY

Off the Shelf

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Summer Hours Begin May 26

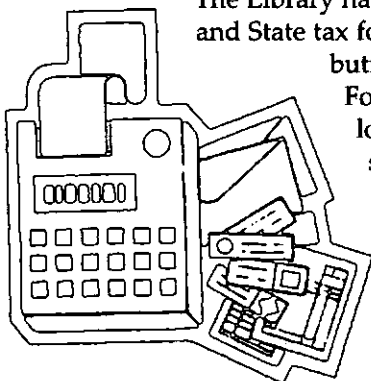
Starting May 26, the Library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 8.

The Summer hours are:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED



Federal and State Tax Forms Available



The Library has a variety of Federal and State tax forms available for distribution or photocopy.

Forms can also be downloaded from the IRS website by the librarians at the Reference Desk. The library will be open until 9:00 p.m. on April 15 to aid last minute filers to access forms needed.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

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| 1 | Bloomington Historical Society | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 7 | Chess Club (ages 8 and up) | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Bloomington Seniors | 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
| *9 | Adult Program - The People, Yes | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 10 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 11 | Writer's Workshop | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 13 | Writer's Workshop | 9:00 - Noon |
| *13 | Cool T-Shirt Design (4th - 6th grades) | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
| 15 | Writer's Workshop Essay Reception | 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. |
| 17 | Bloomington Garden Club | 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. |
| *18 | Book Discussion Group | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 21 | Chess Club (ages 8 and up) | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. |
| *23 | Adult Program - Eat Dessert First | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 24 | Friends of the Library | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 24 | Writer's Workshop | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *28 | Adult Program - Fish & Fetish | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. |

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| 5 | Chess Club (ages 8 and up) | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. |
| 6 | Bloomington Historical Society | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *8 | Creative Candleholders (3rd - 5th grades) | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. |
| *8 | Adult Program - Intro to Getting Organized | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 8 | Library Board Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Writer's Workshop | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 14 | Bloomington Seniors | 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
| *15 | Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul
(4th - 6th grades) | 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. |
| *16 | Book Discussion Group | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 19 | Chess Club (ages 8 and up) | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. |
| 22 | Friends of the Library | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. |
| 22 | Writer's Workshop | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. |
| *23 | Adult Program - Remembering the Eastland | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. |
| 26 | Library closed on Sundays for the summer | |
| 27 | LIBRARY CLOSED - Memorial Day | |
| 31 | LIBRARY CLOSED - Staff Inservice Day | |

*Registration required (630) 529-3120

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

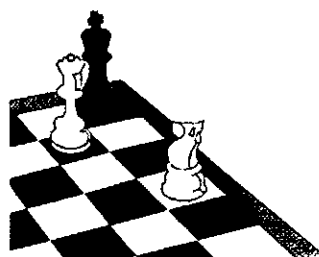
DROP IN PROGRAM

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM

CHESS CLUB (Ages 8 and up)

Sunday: April 7, April 21, May 5, and May 19
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Come join the Interlibrary Chess Club Champions. If you are eight years or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your chess skills. Beginning June 19, the summer session will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Watch for more details in the Summer Brochure.



Reading Road Trip, U.S.A **June 17 - August 3**

Travel to the Bloomingdale Public Library this summer and join the "Reading Road Trip, U.S.A." Summer Reading Program.

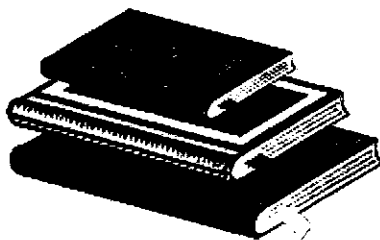
The Library Staff is busy planning the following summer programs:

- Baby Talk
- Beyond Baby Talk
- Toddler Time
- Preschool Storytime
- Twilight Tales
- School Age Programs
- Young Adult Programs

as well as special concerts, performances, and activities.

Watch for Youth Services Librarians who will be visiting Bloomingdale schools in May!

A brochure with detailed program and registration information will be mailed to Bloomingdale residents in late May.



REGISTER FOR **THESE PROGRAMS**

Register in person or by telephone (630) 529-3120, ext. 332. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

SCHOOL AGE **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

CREATIVE CANDLEHOLDERS FOR **MOMS & DAUGHTERS** (3rd - 5th grades)

Wednesday, May 8
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Bring your moms along for a "girls only" get together just in time for Mother's Day. Create a variety of cool candleholders, preview the library's newest books for girls, and enjoy some refreshments. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE **PRETEEN SOUL** (4th - 6th grades)

Wednesday, May 15
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Have you ever dreamed of getting your own stories or poetry published in a book? Come to an exciting workshop to learn how to submit your writing to the popular **Chicken Soup for the Soul** books and increase your chances of becoming a published writer! *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

VolunTEENS (7th - 12th grades)

Teens in seventh through twelfth grades looking for a volunteer opportunity are invited to join the Bloomingdale Public Library's VolunTEEN group. VolunTEENS help at Summer Reading Programs. Further details will appear in the Summer Reading brochure available in late May.

SPRING PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

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 at the end of each session. Non-residents will be added to a waiting list, and will be notified if space becomes available.

COOL T-SHIRT DESIGN (4th - 6th grades)

Saturday, April 13

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Limited to 12 children

Design your own cool t-shirts. Using the computer, we will be creating iron-on transfers. Please bring two clean, white t-shirts to this program.



COMPUTERS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

(Ages 3-5 and one parent)

Tuesday, May 7, 14, 21, and 28

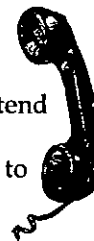
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Limited to 5 children/parents per session

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.

Please call ahead so we may assist you . . .

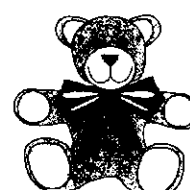
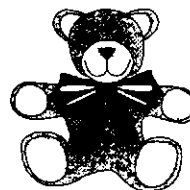
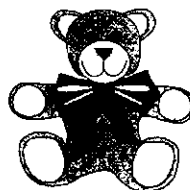
Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend Library programs and who require certain accommodations to participate are requested to call the Library, 529-3120 (TDD number 529-4739), 48 hours in advance of program date.



Do You Know Any New Or Expectant Parents?

Make sure their babies are BORN TO READ!

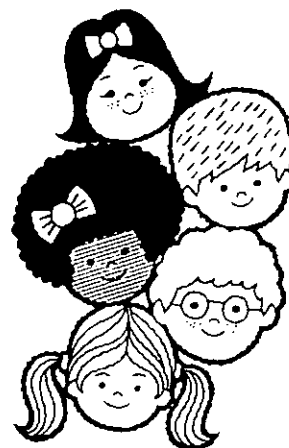
In order to promote the importance of reading to babies, the Bloomingdale Public Library is offering BORN TO READ packets to new parents in Bloomingdale. The new baby and its family will receive a congratulatory packet that will include a certificate for a free board book. If you, or anyone you know, is a new or soon-to-be parent, and would like to receive this service, please call the Library's Youth Services Desk at 529-3120 ext. 332.



Parents: Please Note the Library's Policy on Unattended Children

Children who are 8 and under may not be left unattended by a parent or adult caregiver at the library. If the child is attending a program that does not require parent attendance, the adult must remain in the building and return to the program area by the end of the session.

Please be aware of the library closing times. (Monday-Thursday, 9:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 5:00 p.m.) Announcements are made on the public address system to remind children to arrange for rides. No youth under the age of 16 will be left without transportation by staff. If children do not have a ride within 15 minutes of closing, two staff members will escort them to the Bloomingdale Police Department to keep until a parent or caregiver can be reached. For additional information, please consult the Unattended Children Policy brochure available at the library.



Adult Services Department

SPRING ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free of charge, but require registration either in person or by telephone, 529-3120, ext. 324.

The People, Yes by Carl Sandburg

Tuesday, April 9 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Performed by Theo Ubique Theatre Co., *The People, Yes*, is a staged adaptation of Carl Sandburg's anthem poem by the same name. The cast consists of four actors portraying various characters that include farmers, politicians, poets, mothers, the rich, the poor – the people. Plan to attend this dramatic performance celebrating the distinctive voice of Carl Sandburg, familiar to three generations.

Eat Dessert First! Life's Uncertain

Tuesday, April 23 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Audrey Beauvais from Apple-a-Day Baskets will be on hand to prepare 4-5 healthy fruit desserts. Attendees will be encouraged to sample these delicacies that don't have to be eaten at the end of a meal. Class size is limited to 30 people, so call early. Preference will be given to Bloomingdale Library cardholders.



Fish & Fetish: A lecture by Mary Kingsley

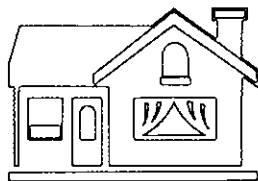
Sunday, April 28 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Actress Betsey Means brings British explorer Mary Kingsley to life at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Hear one of the lectures that helped finance Kingsley's travels in Equatorial Africa between 1893 and 1895. Before succumbing to typhoid fever in South Africa, Kingsley published two books in quick succession that earned her reputation as an authority on Africa. Don't miss this chance to hear about the life of one extraordinary woman.

Homebound Service

Are you.....

- A senior living alone without a car
- Physically handicapped
- Recovering from surgery
- Limited by illness AND
- A Bloomingdale resident?



If so, you are eligible to receive free delivery of library materials to your home. Call Karen Ludwikowski at 529-3120 ext. 327 for more information.

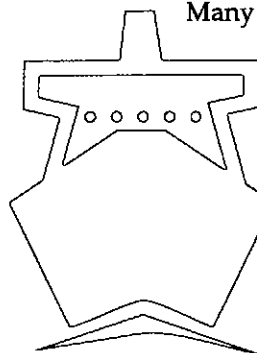
Introduction to Getting Organized

Wednesday, May 8 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Are you overwhelmed by stuff? Can't seem to get it together? Reme Aleck, The Clutter Cutter, will show you how to control clutter in your home, office and life. Learn how to file paperwork, use closet space more efficiently and make your home safer. Class size is limited to 40 and this class was very popular last year, so register early.

Remembering the Eastland

Thursday, May 23 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Many people remember the USS Arizona and the RMS Titanic. The people of the Eastland Disaster Historical Society also want you to remember the ship involved in Chicago's worst tragedy ever - the S.S. Eastland. Over eight hundred people lost their lives on July 24, 1915 - including 22 entire families. Please join the library for this interactive presentation that includes artifacts and displays.

Silk Scarf Painting

Tuesday, June 4 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tobi Abrams is back to teach another creative technique - silk scarf painting. All material will be provided. All you need to bring is your imagination. Let your creative juices flow freely as you draw designs and choose colors to make a unique article of clothing. The class is limited to 24 participants. Preference will be given to Bloomingdale Library cardholders.



Please remember . . .
The Library will be
closed on May 31
for a staff inservice day



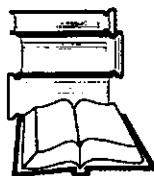
Adult Services Department

GREAT READING OPPORTUNITIES COMING YOUR WAY!!

UPCOMING ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Bloomington Library's Book Discussion group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month:

April 18



Go Tell it on the Mountain
by James Baldwin

May 16

Motherless Brooklyn
by Jonathan Letham

New members are always welcome. Books are available about one month in advance at the Adult Reference Desk. Any questions, please call 529-3120 ext. 324.

ADULT/TEEN

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 17- August 3

Adults and high school age teens are invited to participate in this year's summer reading program, "Reading Road Trip USA."

Each time you read or listen to a book between June 17 - August 3, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. For every five books read, you will receive an entry in our final drawing. Prizes are donated by local merchants, and are reserved for Bloomington Public Library cardholders only.

In addition, if you choose to read a book from our preselected list of "travel related" titles, you will receive an additional entry for the final drawing. You will receive one coupon for each title read from this list.

We will provide an optional review form for you to fill out and express your opinion about the books you read, so we can share your recommendations for good summer reading. The completed forms will be available for browsing to help you discover new titles and authors to enjoy.

Thanks

Thank you to Donna and Douglas Dwyer for their generous donation to purchase custom frames for the Local History picture collection.

VOICES OF VISION

TALKING BOOKS SERVICE

Talking books or Braille materials are available to residents who can no longer read conventional print materials because of physical or visual impairments. This service is offered in cooperation with the Library of Congress, which provides a free record and/or cassette player and other necessary equipment to hear the Talking Book. Current fiction and nonfiction titles are available. For more information, please see a Reference librarian.

NEW BOOKS ON TAPE SERIES

As part of a financial donation by the KARA Foundation, the library has purchased many new audiobooks from the Teaching Company, including these titles:

How to Listen to and Understand Great Music
Great Ideas of Philosophy
Great Presidents
William Shakespeare: Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies
The History of Ancient Rome
How to Listen to and Understand Opera
How to Read and Understand Poetry

Check them out!

AUTOMATIC HOLDS

The Bloomington Public Library has started a new Automatic Hold program for a preset author list. From this list, you may select up to ten authors, whereby staff will automatically place their new titles on hold for you when they are released. You will then be notified when the books have arrived. If you have already signed up for this program and selected any of the following authors, holds will be placed for you. If you would like to sign up, please stop at the Reference Desk.

April

Three Fates
Daddy's Little Girl
Body of Lies
The Pursuit
Kiss Remembered

Nora Roberts
Mary Higgins Clark
Iris Johansen
Johanna Lindsey
Sandra Brown

May

The Stone Monkey
Summer in Eclipse Bay
The Short Forever

Jeffrey Deaver
Jayne Ann Krentz
Stuart Woods

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

The following computer classes are recommended for ages 13 and older. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit for each class, due at the time of registration. Classes are limited to twelve participants. Residents of Bloomingtondale will be placed in the class (if space is available). Non-Residents will automatically be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if space becomes available. Residents on the waiting list will be given priority over Non-Residents on the waiting list. Please register in the Business Office of the Library beginning April 1.

PLEASE NOTE: Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

Adult Computer Courses

Thursday	April 4	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	April 5	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 11	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	April 12	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 25	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	April 26	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This six-session course will cover a wide range of computer topics. It is intended to give students a strong foundation in computing, teaching them general computer/Windows principles, using the Internet, and familiarity with Microsoft Office products. The skills learned here will help to prepare the student for whatever computing task interests them. Please see the following Course Outline for more information.

Adults Computer Course Outline

Sessions 1 and 2:

Very basic introduction to computers and how we use them. Topics such as learning how to use disks and CD-ROMs, becoming comfortable with the mouse, using windows, and running programs. Discussion will continue over first two classes with recommended practice exercises given after both session 1 and 2.

Sessions 3 and 4:

These two classes will introduce participants to using the Internet. Basic understanding of connecting and using the World Wide Web will be covered as well as more detailed E-Mail questions and introducing more complicated Internet topics such as downloading, searching, and using multimedia products online (music, movies, games, etc.).

The third class will cover most of the topics covered in "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" with a few changes to better suit the class. In the fourth session we will fill in E-Mail and Browser details missing from the third session and begin with the complicated topics discussed above.

Sessions 5 and 6:

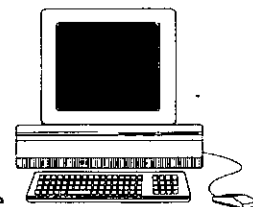
The final two sessions of this course will introduce the Microsoft Office Suite, paying particular attention to MS Word but also introducing products such as Excel, Power Point, and Publisher, while discussing the Office environment. These classes should provide enough comfort to get started in any MS Office program.

Understanding Windows 1

Saturday April 6, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of how to use Windows. Topics such as using the desktop, manipulating windows, and understanding files will be covered. This class is intended for those with little to no knowledge of computers.)



Using the Internet

Monday April 8, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover all from the most basic internet questions and topics to more intermediate material such as search engines, and downloading. This class is intended for those with little or no computer experience.

Understanding Your Computer 3

Wednesday April 10, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

The Final session of Understanding Your Computer will cover more advanced hardware topics. Learning to install, remove, and update components of the computer will be covered as well as understanding the basics of how they work. Understanding device drivers and why they're important will be covered. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1 & 2" is strongly recommended.)

Introduction to Microsoft Access

Monday April 22, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

(Course listings continued on next page)

Computer Programs for Adults & Seniors (continued)

Health Resources on the Internet

Thursday April 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Christophe

This class will focus on the use of library databases and web resources for health research. Participants will become familiar with the Health Wellness Resource Center database as well as some of the most useful web-sites available on the Internet. Those taking this class should have basic mouse and keyboard abilities and an understanding of how to navigate the Internet. Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and Email" or equivalent experience is recommended.

Intermediate Microsoft Access

Wednesday May 1, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover more advanced topics such as Edit Masking, creating Modules, using Wizards, and relational databases. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Access" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Thursday May 2, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will be aimed at those with little or no experience using Microsoft Word. Topics such as creating and saving files, formatting, and editing documents will be covered. There will be time available for questions and specific problems related to Word. (Having taken "Understanding Windows 1" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Using Email

Saturday May 4, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will introduce the students to creating an Email address, performing basic functions, and more advanced procedures such as using attachments and managing folders. (Having taken "Using the Internet" is recommended.)



Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Saturday May 18, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover the basic concepts creating and using spreadsheets. (Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)



Understanding Your Computer 1

Wednesday May 22, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class is the first of three sequential courses in which we will cover more advanced topics than those discussed in Understanding Windows or Introduction to the PC. This class will continue over three sessions and will allow more time for explanations. Topics to be covered include: Windows functions such as using/installing software, finding and organizing files, and more. We will also discuss basic hardware ideas and how to use disks, CDs, and the hard drive. (Having taken "Understanding Windows" is recommended.)

Using Microsoft Office

Wednesday May 29, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will cover advanced topics that involve one or more Office programs. Mail Merge and the use of Macros will be examined in detail. (Having taken "Intermediate Word" or "Understanding Your Computer 1" is recommended.)

National Library Week

April 14 - 20

Stop in the Library the week of April 14-20 and help celebrate National Library Week!

A special display highlighting the Library staff's favorite books may be found in the Adult Services Department. The Youth Services Department will feature a display of various new materials that may be checked out of the Library.

If you have not already signed up for a PIN number to access your Library account, stop by the Circulation Desk to get one and receive a coupon for a free video or DVD rental.



TOUCH a TRUCK DAY

**Saturday, June 8th
at Old Town Park**

*Family
Fun*

Is your child fascinated with trucks and large equipment? Come climb, sit, and play on a variety of trucks that will be displayed at Old Town Park. Parental supervision is required for this event. At 3:00pm, the "Jolly Jester" will entertain on the Old Town stage.

Concessions



Age:	All
Day:	Saturday, June 8th
Time:	12-3:45pm
Fee:	Admission is free (Concessions & Attractions available for an add'l fee.)

Moonwalk

Trucks



*Entertainment by
Jolly Jester*





Bloomington Park District

We're right around the corner!

Summer 2002 Program Guide on your Doorstep Soon!



Watch for our summer program guide to be in your mailbox at the end of April. Descriptions and details of hundreds of summer programs will be in this issue, as well as information on our parks, special events, pool, camps and rental facilities. Get ready for a season full of exciting summer fun! Check out our website at www.bloomingtonparks.org.

Friday Night Live

Hey kids in 4th-6th grades! Tired of spending Friday nights at home watching TV or talking on the phone? Get your friends together and come out to Friday Night Live from 7:00-9:30pm on the following dates:

April 12 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney

April 19 Free Spring Make-overs!

May 10 Dance Contest

May 24 End of Year Party-dance contest, prizes, & more!



Summer Dance Classes

The Park District offers a variety of dance classes including ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, and hip hop for ages 3-Adult. Classes begin in June; call the Park District for more information.



Coming Soon!

Summer Concert Series Returns

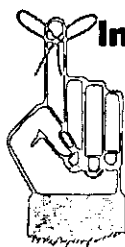
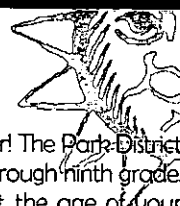
Beginning June 8, Old Town Park will be the site of the third annual concert series sponsored by the Park District. The opening act will feature the "Jolly Lester" at 3:00pm, a special time held in conjunction with the "Touch a Truck Day" event. All other concerts begin at 7:00pm. This series of free concerts will include a wide variety of music as well as a children's series. The concert schedule is available in your Summer 2002 Program Guide, or online by the end of April. Bring your chairs & blankets to sit on, and enjoy the summer nights at Old Town Park.

Pool Passes Go On Sale!

Nothing says summer like a refreshing, inviting pool, and ours will officially open June 1st! Season pool passes to the 250,000-gallon pool complete with water slide, sand volleyball, baby pool and concession area go on sale May 1. Both individual and family pool passes are available, as well as convenient coupon books. Buy a pass on or before June 8th, and you get entered in a drawing to win a FREE pool rental! So buy your pool pass early!

Summer Day Camps

What a great way for children to enjoy the summer! The Park District offers a variety of camps for children 4 years old through ninth grade. Each camp is designed with fun activities to suit the age of your child. The main focus of our camps is to provide a caring, fun, and safe environment. From Cat Tails Camp for children age 4 (entering Kindergarten) to Top Dog Adventure Camp (6th-9th graders), there's something for everyone. Registration is going on now!



Important Dates to Remember:

April 6	Swim Lessons begin
Now-April 12	Walk-in Day Camp registration for residents
April 13	Swim Team Registration 9am to noon
April 17	Swim Team Registration 7-9pm
May 1	Pool Passes go on sale
June 1	Pool Opens

The Bloomington Park District Museum presents...

19th Annual Bloomington Student Art Show

Now-April 27, 2002



and

Ha, ha, ha....!

May 11-June 29, 2002



"Ha, ha, ha..." is a juried exhibition of 2D & 3D humor-based work.

Entry forms are available at the Museum and the Park District office.

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

Thursday, May 2 - 4:00pm-8:00pm

Friday, May 3 - 10:00am-1:00pm

Saturday, May 4 - 10:00am-1:00pm

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 11, 5-8pm

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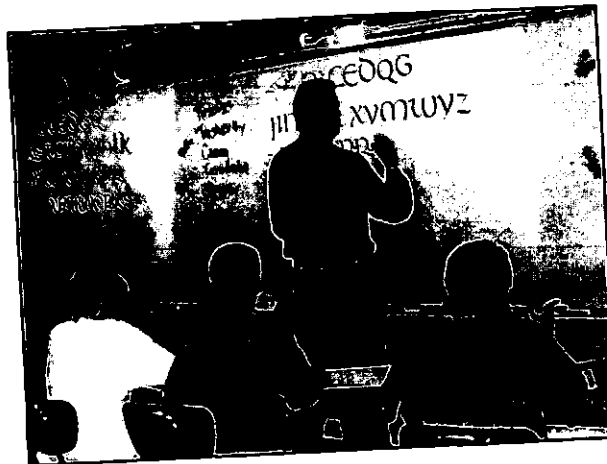
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Art Works 2002

Westfield Middle School's Art Works 2002 introduced seventh graders to a variety of careers in the arts.

Pictured here clockwise are Calligraphy, Clowning, Acting, Food Presentation, Tai Kwan Do, Jessie White Tumbling, Egg Carving and Hairstyling.

