

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

June 2002

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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Bloomingdale's **14th annual Family Fest** will begin Thursday, June 27 and run through Sunday, June 30 at the corner of Lake Street and Springfield Drive. Everyone is invited to four days of fun, food and entertainment.

Fest hours will be 5-10 p.m. Thursday, June 27th, 5-11 p.m. Friday, June 28th, and 1-11:00 p.m. Saturday, June 29th and Sunday, June 30th.

Windy City Amusements, Inc. will light up the Midway with exciting carnival rides & games for the whole family, and bounteous good eats will be served up by a cornucopia of food and beverage vendors.

This year discounted wristbands for unlimited rides will be available for purchase at the Village Hall and the Public Library for \$10 through Friday, June 21. This is a \$5.00 savings. An unlimited ride wristband can be used for only one of these special times: Thursday, 6-10 p.m., Saturday, 1-5 p.m., or Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The discounted price is available only through Thursday, June 21. There will be no ride tickets sold in advance. Wristbands sold on-site will be \$15. Please contact the library at 529-3120 for more information.

Animal Entertainments will present its wondrous Exotic Petting Zoo, along with pig races—five times each day—and continuous camel and pony rides.

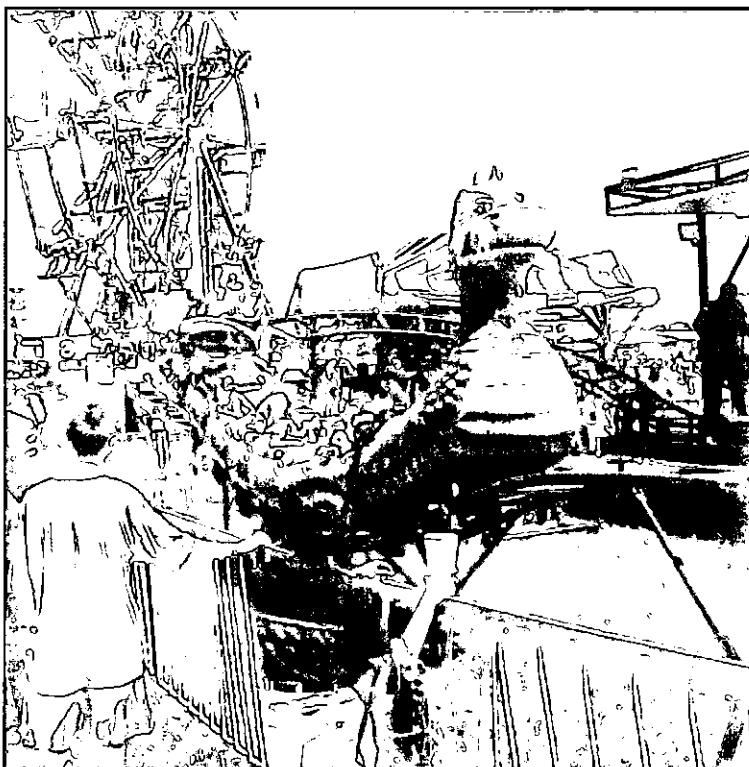
For those looking for a place to sit down, relax, and enjoy a friendly game, The Village Vocal Chords once again will sponsor the Bingo Tent on Friday, 5-11 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday from 1-11 p.m.

The Business Tents will feature local commercial exhibitors, and will be open at various times throughout the Fest.

Main Stage musical entertainment will include the following acts: *Off Broadway* on Friday, June 28th at 8:30 p.m., *The Ides of March* on Saturday, June 29th at 8:30 p.m. and *The Moods* on Sunday, June 30th from 8:00-9:30 p.m.

The Garden Stage will host a variety of acts including: *The Legends* on Friday, June 28th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and after the Main Stage show until 11:00 p.m. On Saturday, June 29th *Goin' South* will perform from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and after the Main Stage show until 11:00 p.m. Finally, the *Blooze Brothers* & the *Chicago Untouchables ShowBand* will perform Sunday, June 30th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. and after the fireworks display until 11:00 p.m.

Sunday's fireworks display, sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District will blast off at about 9:30 p.m. (continued on page 9)



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

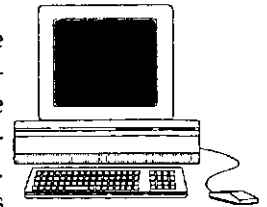
*Community Programs &
Special Events*

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 question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:



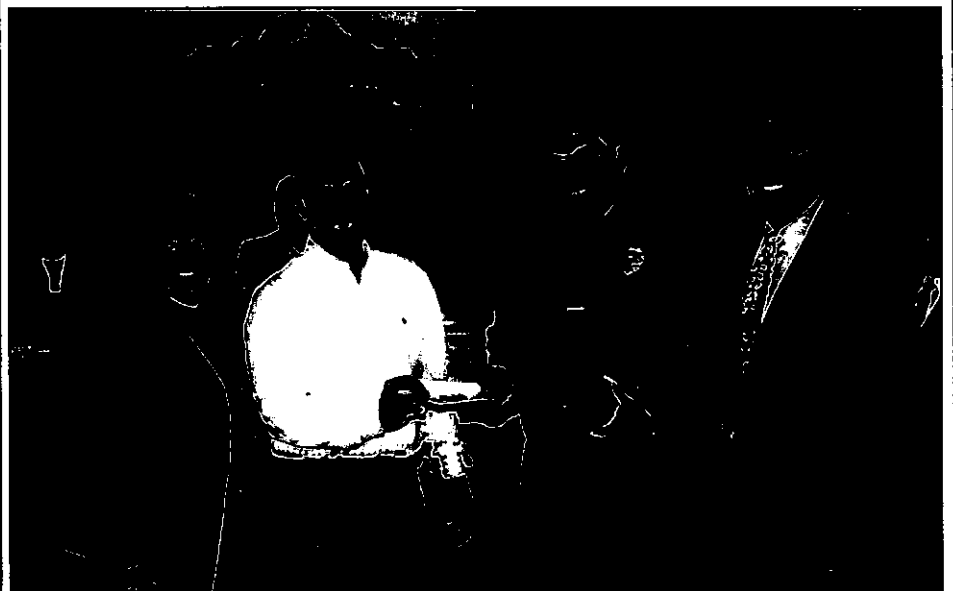
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Our website address is:

www.vil.bloomington.il.us

**The deadline for
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JULY 10**

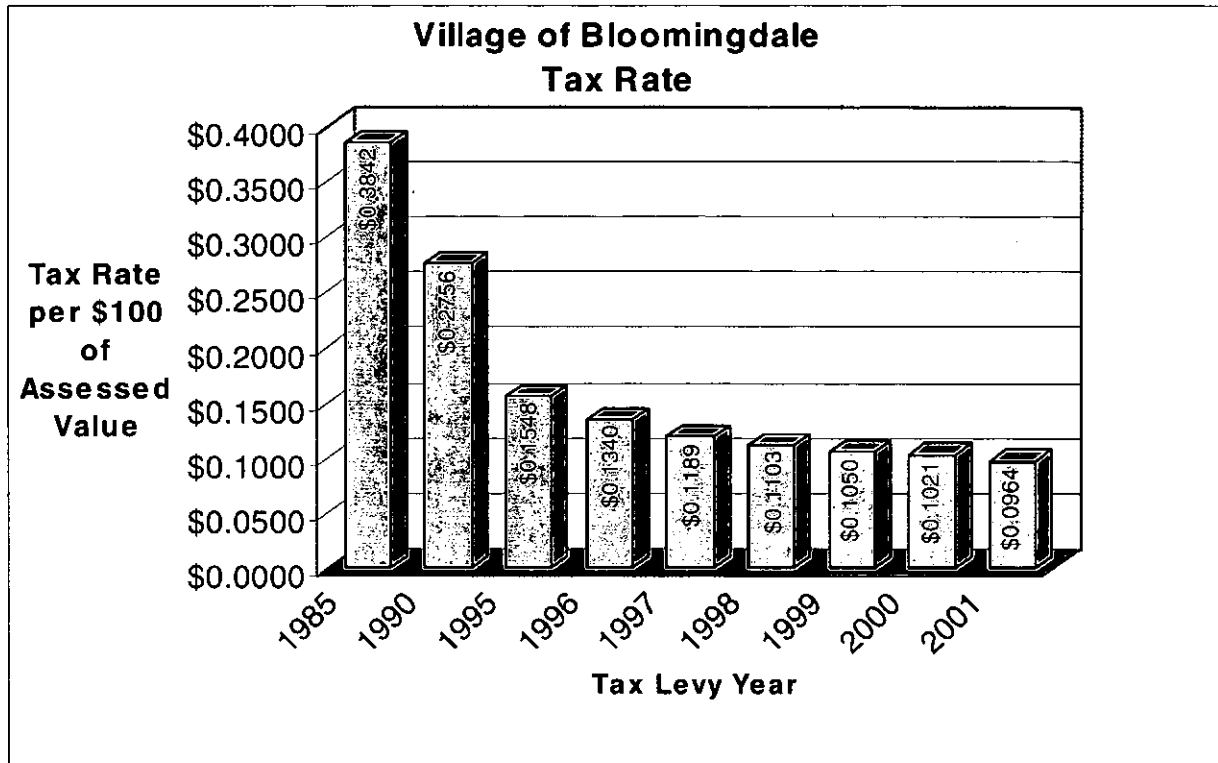
Rions Donate \$5,000 to Police for Special Camera



Residents Pam & George Rion presented a check for \$5000 to Watch Commander Frank Cudio and Chief Gary Schira for the purchase of a technologically advanced digital camera to aid in photographing crimes scenes, evidence items and recovered stolen property. Said Chief Schira, "George and Pam Rion have been longtime residents of Bloomingdale who have always been active supporters of the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Village, and this is a sterling example."

Bloomingtondale Is a Tax Friendly Community . . .

The Bloomingtondale Village Board is proud of its efforts to keep costs to residents and businesses down through annual property tax rate reductions.



The Village of Bloomingtondale provides additional tax relief by avoiding the following taxes:

- Utility Tax
- Real Estate Transfer Tax
- Infrastructure Maintenance Fee
- Vehicle Sticker

Municipality	Type of Tax			
	Utility Tax	IMF *	Vehicle Sticker	Real Estate Transfer Tax
Addison		X	X	X
Bartlett		X	X	X
<i>Bloomingtondale</i>				
Carol Stream	X	X	X	X
Glen Ellyn	X	X	X	X
Glendale Heights	X	X	X	X
Hanover Park	X	X		X
Roselle	X	X	X	
Schaumburg	X	X	X	X

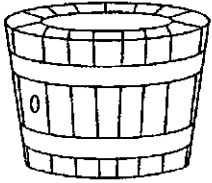
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* - Infrastructure Maintenance Fee

Mosquitoes Bugging You?

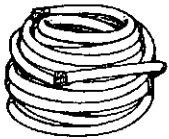
10 Quick Tips for Keeping Them Under Control

Bloomington Township, by contract with Clarke Mosquito Control, is the agency responsible for mosquito abatement services throughout the Township, which includes the Village of Bloomington. The product used by Clarke is environmentally safe for use in residential areas. This product is used in very low doses and therefore is considered not harmful to most adults, children and household pets. If there is any concern of allergy or of chemical sensitivity, residents can request to be placed on a call list for advance notice of pesticide use. Residents may report these and any other concerns directly to Clarke Mosquito Control at its "Mosquito Hotline," 1-800-942-2555.



Mosquitoes and summer go hand-in-hand. Mosquitoes are known transmitters of encephalitis, malaria and yellow fever to humans, and heartworm to pets.

A few simple preventative actions, if performed by all residents, can help reduce mosquito populations and breeding grounds, since many generations of mosquitoes can breed right in your own yard.

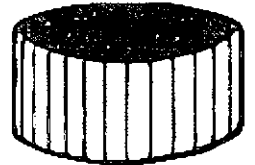


Standing water means you could be raising mosquitoes. While adult, flying mosquitoes may rest in tall grass and shrubbery, they do not develop there. All mosquitoes need water to begin and complete their life cycle. Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in just a day or two. Other mosquitoes may lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers. The eggs may remain unhatched for weeks or even months until they are covered with

water! Minimizing locations of standing water may reduce potential breeding ground for mosquitoes.

YARD & HOME CHECKLIST

- ☐ Remove and properly dispose of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
- ☐ Fill in or drain any low spots in your yard such as depressions or ruts, which create puddles.
- ☐ Keep yard drains, swales and culverts clear so water will drain away.
- ☐ Cover trash containers to keep out rain water.
- ☐ Repair leaky outside faucets.
- ☐ Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
- ☐ Make sure your backyard pool is properly cared for while on vacation.
- ☐ Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or dirt.
- ☐ Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays once each week.
- ☐ Keep grass cut and shrubbery trimmed around the house.



Together we can minimize potential breeding grounds and increase our enjoyment of the great outdoors.

For more information, visit Clarke's website at www.clarkemosquito.com.

(Reprinted courtesy of Clarke Mosquito Control)

Check That Calendar Before You Turn on the Sprinkler!



The Village is required by our Lake Michigan Water allocation to have a water conservation ordinance. The Village's Water Conservation and Control Ordinance is in effect each year between May and September. This ordinance limits use of automatic sprinkling devices and encourages conservation. The ordinance allows single-family residential use of automatic sprinklers for **ODD numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 5:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. or 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.** Single family residences with **EVEN numbered addresses, commercial, governmental, industrial, and office buildings are allowed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday during the same time periods.** Use of any automatic sprinkling device on Friday is not permitted.

Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus, a disease transmitted by mosquitoes, was first discovered in the Chicago area in 2001 after making its first U.S. appearance in New York City in 1999. The virus, which can cause encephalitis, is transferred when mosquitoes that have bitten a bird carrying the virus then bite a human. Crows, blue jays and hawks appear to be highly sensitive to West Nile Virus. For humans, the only risk of contracting West Nile Virus comes from mosquito bites – it is not spread by person-to-person or bird-to-person contact.

Symptoms of the disease are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, West Nile Virus can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious – even fatal – in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

What Can Residents Do?

In addition to the preventative measures listed above, Clarke Mosquito Control offers the following advice to residents to help protect themselves against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- Inspect all window and door screens to be sure they're "bug tight".
- Stay indoors at the times when mosquitoes are most prevalent: morning, dusk, and early evening. When you are outdoors, cover up with long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- Use insect repellents. Repellents deter mosquitoes from biting when applied properly to exposed skin and clothing. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET in accordance with label directions.
- For the latest information on West Nile Virus, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at www.idph.state.il.us.

(Reprinted courtesy of Clarke Mosquito Control)

Call to Have Dead Birds Tested

DuPage County Health Department is accepting dead blue jays and crows for testing.

Residents who find a dead blue jay or crow that appears to have died as a result of natural causes should contact Public Works Maintenance at 671-5800. We will assist residents in retrieval of the dead bird and provide notification of the DuPage County Health Department.

DuPage County Health Department offers this useful information for distinguishing crows from other birds with black feathers:

Adult crows are about 17 to 21 inches in length; they are all black including feathers, beak, legs and feet.

Grackles are also all black, smaller than crows, but larger than a robin (11 to 13 inches in length). The head has a purple or green iridescent sheen; the rest of the body is black or brown-black. The eyes are yellow. The tail feathers are nearly as long as its body.

Starlings are robin-sized birds with black spotted feathers, yellow beaks and yellow feet.

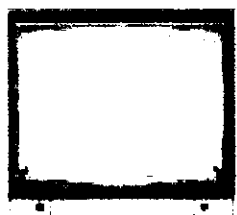


Mayor Iden congratulates Christine Bubacz after swearing her in as a probationary police officer at the April 22 Village Board meeting.

Cable Television Meeting June 10 at 7:00 p.m.

AT&T Broadband and Comcast are proposing a merger in 2002. A new company would assume control over the existing cable television franchise we granted to AT&T. This is a transfer of control, not a new or renewed franchise. Most all communities in the suburbs are considering this transfer, and have combined their efforts in the review of this merger.

For the purpose of giving our residents an opportunity to speak on cable issues, and to learn more about the merger, the Village has scheduled an open meeting on June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room. This will be held prior to our regular Village Board meeting which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. While many cable issues are not under Village control, we are providing this opportunity for public input on cable television.



Award Winning Art

Erickson fifth grader Blaine Szablewski created the winning logo for the Illinois DARE Officers Association 2002 Conference.

THINK MORE TREES . . . THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS

For the seventh consecutive year, the Village has received a Community Tree Planting grant from the National Tree Trust. The Village received 100 Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) and 100 River Birch (*Betula nigra*) seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. The National Tree Trust Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds and community parks.

On Saturday, April 27th, the 200 tree seedlings were containerized by the following volunteers:

Art and Pat Baker	Kelsey Davies
Jeanne Doruff	Ed Helgesen
Celine Hovde	Danielle Johnston
Dennea Johnston	Diane Johnston
Helen Price	



The Village Forestry Division thanks all for their time and hard work.

New Location for Mortgage Works

Mortgage Works recently moved to a new facility at 130 W. Lake Street. The first office was opened in 1999 by Pat Pieroni on Lake Street. Rapid growth of the business required a move which doubled the office space. In looking for a new location, Pieroni wished to remain in Bloomingdale. With more than 50 percent of the Mortgage Works business being the result of referrals or repeat clients, this growth reflects the commitment of staff to serve the needs of those seeking help. To contact the Mortgage Works, call 529-2200.

Village Bloomingdale Storm Water Management Activities

Subsequent to significant storms of September and October last year, the Village of Bloomingdale has been actively constructing a variety of storm and sanitary sewer projects to help mitigate the recurrence of flooding. The restoration work on projects that commenced in November of 2001 have recently been completed. These projects included:

Municipal Properties Storm Drainage Project

A joint venture to improve drainage collection and increase storm runoff capacity of the system serving the Village Hall/Public Library/Fire District Properties.

Local Storm Drainage Improvements

159 W. Schick Road – replace failed drain tile	270 Thrasher – replace failed french drain
262 Thrasher – installed yard drain	378 Meadowlark – installed yard drain
322 Cardinal – replace failed storm drain	Cardinal/Eagle – install pipe diverters
Install additional valve to weir plate at Lake Illini Outfall	
219 Lehigh/214-218 Lynbrook – provided inlet in rear yard and storm sewer	

Sanitary Sewer Projects – Suncrest Subdivision

Euclid Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension

Extend Sanitary Sewer from intersection of Euclid/Lake North under Lake Street to existing sewer near Springbrook. Contract awarded to Nickolson Construction, Inc. of South Elgin in the amount of \$101,406.87. Pending the receipt of permits from the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, work is scheduled to begin on June 15th with pipe installation completed at the end July and final restoration in September.

Overhead Sanitary Sewer Grant Program

Since October 2001, three residents have participated in the Village program to convert existing sanitary sewer services to 'overhead' services. For more information regarding this program contact Village Services – Utilities Division at 671-5830.

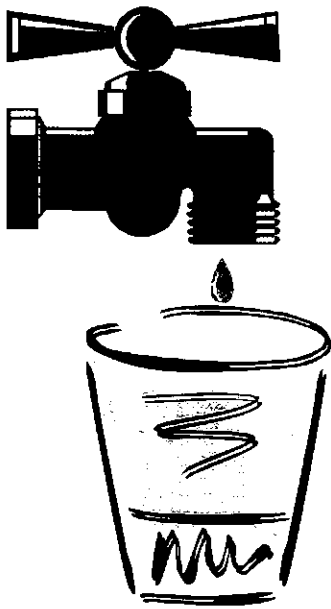
Sanitary Sewer Televising, High Pressure Cleaning and Sanitary Manhole Lining

Considerable infiltration and inflow of stormwater into the Suncrest Subdivision Sanitary sewer system from foundation drains, downspouts and directly into the collection system itself, unfortunately caused flooding of some residences last fall. In response, and also as part of routine maintenance, the Village cleaned, televised and performed root cutting and grease removal maintenance on 6,138 feet of sanitary sewer. Further, as part of on-going system maintenance over the past two fiscal years, the Village has constructed manhole lining on a total of 59 sanitary manholes to minimize the infiltration of stormwater into the sanitary system.

Village-wide on-going projects include sanitary sewer cleaning and TV inspection, sealing both sanitary sewer pipes and manholes found to allow undesirable infiltration of storm water. Also, the Village is researching the feasibility of a foundation drain disconnection program for the Suncrest subdivision which would facilitate the separation of foundation drain connections to the sanitary system that contribute to flooding in the subdivision.

2002 Culvert Repair Project

The Village needs to repair several large diameter corrugated metal pipe arch culverts in the Westlake Subdivision. The repairs, scheduled to begin in June, consist of the removal of debris and deteriorated pipe material from the bottom of the existing culverts, and placement of a reinforced concrete liner to restore the structural integrity to the nearly 30-year old culvert pipes. All work can be accomplished from the inside of the culvert, minimizing any disruption to traffic. Neighbors can expect only infrequent and partial lane closures. The culvert locations include twin culverts beneath Glen Ellyn Road between Byron and Edgewater, and single culverts crossing beneath Lakeview Drive between Edgewater and South Circle; Lakeshore Lane at Clearbrook; Edgewater Drive east of Royce and Greenway Drive at the west side of Winnebago School. The Contractor for the project will be Parkway Construction of Lewisville, Texas in the amount of \$165,800.



Village of Bloomingdale NOTICE TO WATER & SEWER CUSTOMERS

After nearly 12 years of service, Nicor Gas will begin eliminating its meter reading division and terminate its agreement to read the Village's water meters as of June 30, 2002. As a result, we will be going through a transition period until new, automated radio frequency water meters can be installed. During this transition period the Village must find other ways to collect water meter reading data. The water meter readings are necessary to determine your bill amount for both water and sanitary sewer services.

Over the past 18 months, the Village has been studying and evaluating alternative meter reading systems, as well as the age of all the water meters that are installed in the homes and businesses in the Village. This evaluation has determined that nearly 45% of the meters are older than 15 years and that the most efficient, economical and accurate way to collect water meter reading data is with water meters equipped with radio transponders. This type of water meter is capable of signaling a data collection device located in a vehicle or carried by a person as the device "drives-by" the water meter. The device collects water consumption data from your water meter via radio frequencies and stores the data in a memory pack. This data can then be used by the Village's utility billing software to prepare your bi-monthly water & sewer bill. This process has the advantage of increasing meter reading accuracy and significantly reducing the labor costs associated with collecting water meter readings.



The timeframe to convert to this automated radio read system is projected to be about two years and will begin this Fall. As you might imagine, it is a very involved process that will require direct access to the over 7,000 water meters that are installed in the homes and businesses in the Village. Because Nicor is ceasing its meter reading operation and the projected two year timeframe to convert meters, we are faced with the transition period discussed above. We fully appreciate the need to develop a convenient, practical and economical way to collect water meter readings. The solution may consist of a combination of ways, such as:

1. "Phasing-out" Nicor's water meter reading operations,
2. Hiring other contractors to read water meters,
3. Involving our staff to assist beyond their current customer service responsibilities,
4. Preparing estimated water & sewer bills based on each individual customer's billing history, and
5. Researching the potential of asking you, the customer, to read your water meter and submit it to the Village. If you are asked to read your water meter, we will attempt to make it as convenient and economical as possible for you to send your water meter reading to the Village.

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER IN FUTURE VILLAGE
ALMANACS AND WITH YOUR UTILITY BILL.**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE.

Living with Wildlife

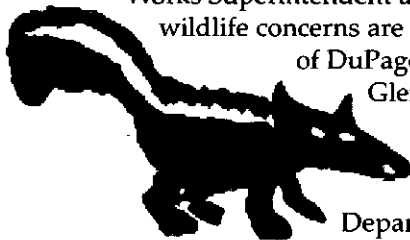
(Portions reprinted courtesy of the Willowbrook Wildlife Center)

The presence of wild animals in our village reflects their ability to adapt to the urbanization of their native habitat. Although it may seem that these wild animals use this urban environment at the expense of their human neighbors (creating a disturbance or causing property damage, earning the "nuisance" wildlife reputation), these animals are behaving naturally.

In an effort to limit human-wildlife conflicts, we encourage homeowners to take the following preventive action:

- ☐ Do not feed wild animals.
- ☐ Keep pet food/water dishes inside, especially at night.
- ☐ Clean up spillage from bird feeders.
- ☐ Keep grills/barbecues clean; even the smallest food scraps may attract wild animals.
- ☐ Keep trash cans inside if possible; if this is not possible, place ammonia-soaked rags on top of the lid and secure with bungee cords.
- ☐ Trim tree limbs that provide easy access to your roof.
- ☐ Repair broken, weak, or rotted areas on your roof, soffit and fascia.
- ☐ Install and maintain chimney caps.
- ☐ Use welded wire to exclude animals from underneath decks, elevated sheds, openings under concrete slabs and porches.
- ☐ Secure outside access to crawl spaces.
- ☐ Cover window wells – (if an animal falls in, carefully place a roughened board into the window well at a 45° angle so the animal can climb out).

Specific questions regarding nuisance wildlife can be addressed to the Public Works Superintendent at 671-5800. Suggestions for dealing with wildlife concerns are available from the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's Willowbrook Wildlife Center in Glen Ellyn at 942-6200.



A supply of Willowbrook's brochures is also available at the Village Hall, Police Department and Public Works offices.

Family Fest

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and continue until at least 10 o'clock.

There will be no on-site parking. There will, however, be ample secured parking with well-organized traffic control at five efficiently served shuttle bus pickup points located throughout the village. The parking locations will be:

Indian Lake Resort, 250 W. Schick Rd. (east end)
Stratford Junior High School, 251 Butterfield Dr.
Winnebago Elementary School, 195 Greenway Dr.
Westfield School, 149 Fairfield Way
DuJardin Elementary School, 166 S. Euclid Ave.

Special handicap parking accommodations must be arranged in advance by calling the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

See you there!

Mayor Bob Iden



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Lake Park High School recently honored volunteers for 2002. **Bloomington** residents **Ann Nebel** and **Gloria Reyes** were honored, as was **Braun Event & Tent Rental**. Nebel was named the Golden Lance Citizen of the Year. A constant advocate for the high school, Nebel is president of the Booster Club, a Lake Park Partners in Education board member and constant advocate for the high school. If there is something going on at Lake Park, you will find Ann there. Reyes was recognized as one of the Volunteers of the Year. She served as a member of the Facilities Planning Committee, then chairman of the Communications Committee for the referendum campaign. Her tireless work was applauded for successfully getting out the message on the referendum.

Braun Event & Tent Rental was recognized as a 2002 Friend of Lake Park. Residents **Gary and Valerie Braun** have provided their company's time and materials in support of Lake Park's cross-country and track programs. Braun also screened a large tent for Lake Park which is set up at all home meets, as well as labor to set-up other hosted events. Their company has contributed thousands of dollars in time and materials to Lake Park.

Bruce Fairchild was recently named managing director at Indian Lakes Resort. The 20-year veteran of the hospitality industry is taking over the resort while it is in the final stages of an \$18 million renovation to the entire 260-acre property.



The **Bloomington Chamber's** annual dinner in April featured a rock 'n roll theme bringing back the era of the '50s and '60s. Awards were presented to several members who have shown outstanding leadership and dedication to the chamber. The award winners were Ambassador of the Year **Vicki Hettlinger** of Hettlinger Painting; Business Person of the Year **Branka Poplonski** of



(top, l to r) Novak, Iden, Favarro, Umlauf, Mirea
(seated) Hettlinger, Poplonski

Century 21 Lullo; Business of the Year **Advantage National Bank** accepted by President **Gary Umlauf**; Rookie of the Year **Liana Mirea** with **Owen Wagener & Co.** Additionally, both a Lifetime Dedication award and Director Emeritus award were given to **Rae Novak** of **Westlake Graphics**, in recognition of her nearly 20 years of service to the chamber. Retiring Director recognition was given to **David Favaro** of **Padgett Business Services**. Special recognition was given to Mayor **Bob Iden** in the form of the Heritage Award, for his 25 years of commitment to Bloomington and his longtime partnership with the chamber.

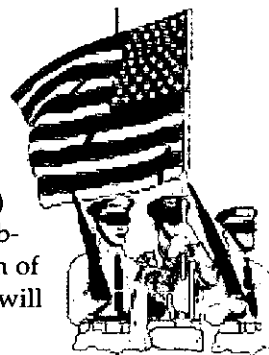
The **Bloomington St. Isidore Knights of Columbus** and their families recently held a party to honor **Father Joel Fortier**, pastor of St. Isidore. The well-loved priest served 12 years as pastor to the Knights and the parish. He leaves St. Isidore this month for St. Thomas the Apostle in Naperville.



Community Events

Serving Our Country

We would like to publicly recognize residents and children (grandchildren) of residents currently serving in any branch of American service. Please submit the name of the resident(s), the service person's name, their age, branch of service and location. We will publish these names in the August issue, but will continue to take names of the newly enlisted for later publication.



Passport Around the World

Bloomington Church, 264 Glen Ellyn, invites youngsters ages kindergarten through 6th grade to fly around the world with them on a charter flight of adventure at the free day camp, June 11 - 14.

This year children will enter the *Bloomington International Airport* (at Bloomington Church) to journey around the globe to Israel, Jamaica, Mexico and Italy to learn about character qualities, experience local customs, games, foods, etc. Each day's flight will be action packed full of crafts, Olympic games, drama and music from other countries.

"Flight" reservations for passengers who have completed Kindergarten - 6th grade are now being taken at Bloomington Church. The first day (Tuesday) registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a daily "gate departure" time of 9:45 a.m. Return "arrival time" each day will be 12:30 p.m. For more information you can call the church office at 894-0090.

"Super Science" at St. Paul Children's Center June 10-21

St Paul Children Center is now accepting enrollments for a special 2-week summer camp, "Super Science" for children 3-5 years old. Camp takes place June 10-21 from 9 a.m. to noon. There are three options for the two-week camp: Monday through Friday; Monday, Wednesday and Friday; or Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call Director Victoria Melvin at 980-9196.

Now Foods Hosts Health and Wellness Fair June 15

NOW Foods invites all to a free Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 15, from 10 am until 2 pm., at the corporate office, 395 S. Glen Ellyn Road. It will focus on physical, mental, and emotional health for all ages, and will feature a tour of the NOW manufacturing facility, music by M&R Music, children's activities, chair massages, vitamin and supplement information, snacks, and more. For more details, go to their Web site, www.nowfoods.com, or visit the Bloomington Fruitful Yield store.

Relay for Life June 21-22

The 2002 Relay for Life will be held June 21 & 22 at Lake Park High School, west campus, 500 W. Bryn Mawr. The American Cancer Society fundraiser traditionally attracts teams from civic groups, churches, businesses, families, etc. It is designed to honor loved ones and celebrate survivorship, as well as raise funds. For more information or to sign up call (630) 469-3011. Village of Bloomington employees will take part as they have for the last several years.

National Night Out Set for August 6

Mark your calendars for National Night Out on August 6 at the Bloomington Park District, 172 S. Circle. 6:30-9 p.m. Visit with our police officers and enjoy swimming, food, games and giveaways.

Thank you To the good residents of Bloomington . . .

Thanks for the food donations to the letter carriers food drive. Even in the cold, pouring rain, you donated 5400 pounds of food for the Bloomington Township Food Pantry. It will be greatly appreciated by the needy. Thanks to all of our fellow postal workers for all their help with collecting and sorting of the food. A job well done! Special thanks to the customers of carriers Rick Krajecki, Mike Slowiak and Bill Donnelly who were the most generous of all. See everyone again next year on the second Saturday of May.

-- Coordinators Bryan Toler and Daryl Miller

WANTED

by the Local History Room
(Bloomington Public Library)
Family Portraits (framed preferred,
but unframed welcome)

By July 25

These will be used as our own
part of a visiting exhibit,
"History of the Family
Photograph," opening in
August at the library. For more
information, call Annamarie
Erickson at 529-3120, ext. 341.

Support the 30th Anniversary celebration Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

The Septemberfest Commission encourages Bloomington residents and businesses to support the Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund which provides the scholarship awards to Mr. & Ms. Bloomington and their runners-up. Individuals or businesses donating \$20 or more will be listed on the donor signage at Septemberfest under the "Friends" heading.

To become a friend, fill out the form below and mail to the Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomington Road. Donations must be received by August 24 to be included on the donor signage.

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____

(evening phone) _____

I am enclosing a check for ☐ \$20 ☐ \$50 ☐ other

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2002 to:
Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomington, 201 S. Bloomington Road,
Bloomington, IL 60108.

Be in the Septemberfest Parade!!!

Septemberfest is
looking for businesses,
civic and sports
organizations to be in
the parade kicking off
at 11 a.m. on
Saturday, September 7.

Join the Bloomington
Chamber, Bloomington
Township, scouts,
cheerleaders,
Septemberfest
Commission,
Lake Park Lancettes
and the CHARACTER
COUNTS! Coalition as
they march. Call Debby
at 894-8309 for more
information and/or an
application.

Calling Candidates for Mr/Ms Bloomington

This scholarship competition is open to Bloomington residents between the ages of 16 & 21. Applicants are judged on poise, civic involvement and communications skills, as well as by an essay describing what contributions they could make as a representative of Bloomington's youth. Applications are available at the Village Hall, Bloomington Public Library, or by calling Irene Jones at 671-5610. Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, July 27, 2002.

Want to Take Part?

There are still openings for not-for-profit groups to participate in the event, scheduled for Noon to 11 pm on **Saturday, September 7.** The commission is looking especially for an organization to do some kid activities. Call Pam Hager at 529-4232 or the Village Hall at 671-5614.



Got an Old Car You'd Love to Show Off? Sign Up For Septemberfest Classic Car Show!

Bring your antique or classic car to the street dance and car show to celebrate the 30th annual Septemberfest. The show will run Saturday, September 7, 2002 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets.

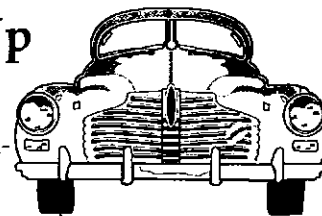
There is NO ENTRANCE FEE. All exhibitors receive commemorative dash plaques, and participate in the Mayor's Choice award, the Septemberfest Commission Best of Show Award, and cash prizes. However, due to space limitations, the show is limited to 40 vehicles.

The first 40 cars to meet the eligibility requirements listed to the right will be selected for this show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation.

Eligibility:

1. Cars must be at least 25 years old.
2. You must be able to drive your vehicle into the display area.
3. Cars must arrive by 5:30 p.m. for staging.
4. Cars must be suitable for display, i.e. no in-progress restorations or questionable graphics.
5. You must complete and return the application on or before August 24, 2002.
6. All cars must carry liability insurance, have safety glass, and have a working fire extinguisher inside the car during the show.

Questions? Call Gloria Tomaras at 980-8176.



2002 Septemberfest Car Show Application



Owner's name (please print)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Daytime phone

Evening phone

Vehicle make

Vehicle model

Year

Member of the following car club(s)

Insurance Carrier

Policy number

☐ Yes, I will participate in Saturday's parade.

Participants are invited to attend our parade on Saturday at 11:00 AM.

Mail your application to Septemberfest Car Show, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, IL 60108, Attention Lori. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2002. All information must be complete.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Chief Tim Marrocco

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Fire in the United States

The U.S. has one of the highest fire death rates in the industrialized world. For 1998, the U.S. fire death rate was 14.9 deaths per million population.

Between 1994 and 1998, an average of 4,400 Americans lost their lives and another 25,100 were injured annually as the result of fire.

About 100 firefighters are killed each year in duty-related incidents.

Each year, fire kills more Americans than all natural disasters combined.

Fire is the third leading cause of accidental death in the home; at least 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in residences.

About 2 million fires are reported each year. Many others go unreported, causing additional injuries and property loss.

Direct property loss due to fires is estimated at \$8.6 billion annually.

(Source: U.S. Fire Administration)

Safety on Wheels

Playing where you live is lots of fun, but you need to play safely. Obey the safety rules for everything that you do.

Wear protective gear before you use any kind of roller skate or a skateboard. When you skate you should wear a helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, gloves, and kneepads. Remember not to wear anything that keeps you from seeing or hearing well. Don't hitch rides on the back of buses, cars, trucks, or vans, and don't skate at night. Skate in a safe place. Avoid places where there is water, oil, sand, gravel or dirt. Never skate where there are cars. In order to have the safest and most enjoyable time skating, take lessons or learn from someone who can teach you the basics of turning, braking, stopping and controlling your speed.

About 1,000 American bicyclists die in crashes every year, about three-fourths of them die from head injuries. Hundreds more suffer permanent brain damage. Most of these head injuries can be prevented with bike helmets. When you ride a bike, be sure to wear a helmet that fits well and feels comfortable. It can protect you from serious injury in case of an accident. Fasten the strap securely. The helmet should sit evenly on the top of your head, not slide around your head or pull off with the strap fastened.

Before you ride your bike, check that: the **seat** is secure; the **wheels** have no loose or broken spokes; the **tires** are inflated to the proper pressure (this is printed on the tire); the **brakes** work smoothly and quickly; the **handlebar** is tight and in the correct position; **reflectors** are clean and on tightly; and that there are **no cracked parts** on the bike. If you find any problems, let your parents know immediately so they can decide if your bike is safe enough to ride. If there are any questions, have your bike inspected by a bicycle mechanic.

Be aware of traffic. Stop, look left, look right, and then left again for cars and other moving objects before leaving a sidewalk, driveway, or alley. Enter the roadway only when it is clear. When you ride in traffic, you can maneuver better than the cars around you. Most bicyclists get into accidents because they are tempted to ignore traffic rules. Being predictable is the key to safe bicycling in traffic. The basic rules for riding predictably are: **Get Smart** – know the rules, **Be Confident** – learn riding skills and always be courteous, and **Communicate** – make eye contact, signal your moves, and wave when someone yields.

By wearing the proper protective equipment at all times and being aware of what's happening around you, you can have a safe and enjoyable summer on wheels.

For further safety information on bicycling, contact the IL Dept. of Transportation, Div. Of Traffic Safety, 3215 Executive Park Drive, P.O. Box 19245. Springfield, IL 62794-9245 and request the booklet Safe Bicycling in Illinois.

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

3	Reading Road Trip U.S.A.—	
	Summer Reading Program Registration Begins	
3	Bloomington Historical Society	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*4	Adult Program — Silk Scarf Painting	11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
6	Writer's Workshop	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
8	Writer's Workshop	10:00 a.m. - Noon
11	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
11	Culture Club	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
17	Reading Road Trip — Summer Reading Program Begins	
19	Sunshine Serenades —	
	The Sting Rays	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
*19	Summer Chess Club Begins	
	(ages 8 and up)	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
*20	Book Discussion Group	7:30 p.m.
*25	Adult Program — Digital Route 66	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
26	Sunshine Serenades — Studio A	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
26	Storytelling Festival	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
26	Writer's Workshop	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
26	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

JULY

1	Bloomington Historical Society	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
3	Sunshine Serenades — Chapter 6	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
3	Library closes at 5:00 p.m.	
4	Independence Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
*8	Adult Program — Heartsteps	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
9	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
10	Culture Club	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
10	Sunshine Serenades —	
	Ainsworth Rose	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
11	Writer's Workshop	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
13	Writer's Workshop	9:00 a.m. - Noon
*16	Adult Program —	
	Inside, Outside and Under the Hood	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
17	Sunshine Serenades —	
	The Juke Box Band	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
*18	Book Discussion Group	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*22	Adult Program —	
	Find a Job @ Your Library	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
*23	Adult Program —	
	Fresh Flower Arranging	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
*24	Sunshine Serenades	
	Paul Allodi & A.C.E. Allstars	Noon - 1:00 p.m.
24	Friends of the Library Meeting	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

AUGUST

3	Last Day to Check-in Reading Logs	
5	Bloomington Historical Society	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
8	Ice Cream Social	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
9	5th Annual Roy's Famous	
	Friday Night Fish Fry	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

*Registration required (630) 529-3120

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



Important Dates to Remember

June 3	Registration begins for "Reading Road Trip U.S.A."
June 17	Summer Reading begins
June 17	First day to check-in reading logs for credit
June 26	Storytelling Festival
August 3	Last day to check-in reading logs for credit
August 8	Ice Cream Social
August 9	Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry

Library closings

July 3	5:00 p.m. closing
July 4	Closed all day

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

Summer Reading Brochures In the Mail

Detailed Summer Reading Program Brochures for adult and youth were mailed to each household. If you have not received your copy, please contact the library at (630) 529-3120.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Travel to the Bloomingdale Public Library this summer and join the "Reading Road Trip U.S.A." Summer Reading Program. Read for fun and earn prizes! Parents may register infants through children entering 8th grade in the Youth Services Department. Students entering 9th grade or higher may register for the Adult Reading Program in the Adult Services Department. Upon registration, you will receive a reading log with complete details regarding the Summer Reading Program.

The reading program is based on time spent reading. Each child completing the first 2 1/2 hours of reading will receive a specially designed "Reading Road Trip U.S.A." t-shirt, compliments of the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library. The grand prizes have also been generously donated by the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library.

Please note that in order to count toward the reading program, materials must be checked out from the Bloomingdale Public Library. Please save your receipts from check-out as they will be required when checking in your reading log.

Special Events & Activities

KIDSQUARE AT

STRATFORD SQUARE MALL (all ages)

Wednesday, June 26, July 10, and July 24

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Stories, music, crafts, and more will be presented by the Library's Youth Services staff at the Stratford Square Mall's KidSquare club. There will be prize giveaways at each program. Mark KidSquare days on your calendar and get ready to get silly!

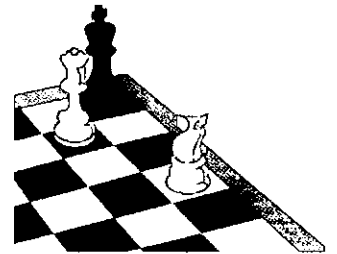
CHESS CLUB (Ages 8 and up)

Registration will be accepted in-person or by phone (529-3120 ext. 332) beginning Monday, June 3, 2002.

Wednesdays, beginning June 19

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

Come join the current Interlibrary Chess Club Champions. If you are eight years of age or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills. Players will compete with other club members and a ranking will be established. The Chess Club will compete in the Interlibrary Chess Club Tournament in August as the reigning champs.



TRAVEL KITS -- SIGN UP FOR YOURS TODAY!

Applications available June 3 - August 3

Looking for something to do during your vacation? Stop by the Youth Services Desk at least 7 days before the departure date of your trip and fill out an application for a TRAVEL KIT. When you are ready to leave, pick up your kit filled with books, audio materials, and games to entertain yourself while you are on the road. The books and audio materials need to be returned to the library when you are home again.

Pages, the library mascot, would love to travel with you this summer. Randomly selected travel kit applicants will have the chance to travel with Pages. The lucky traveler may keep Pages (small stuffed bear). If selected, we ask you to help Pages keep a travel journal, and you

have a chance to win a larger stuffed animal version of Pages. Completed journals will be displayed in the library for all to share in the summer adventures of Pages.

**TRAVEL KITS are for
Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.**

Applications will be available starting Monday, June 3, for pick-up dates of June 17 - August 10.

***Saturday, August 3, is the last day we will
accept applications.***

The Youth Services Department presents SUMMERTIME FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

Take a "family vacation" to the *Bloomington Public Library* and enjoy the following special entertainment events. Tickets are available for these programs at the Youth Services Desk one week before the program. Seating will begin 10 minutes prior to showtime and tickets will only be guaranteed until showtime.

American Eagle Productions Presents "The Great American Challenge"

June 17 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Test your knowledge of geography and participate in the excitement of a real live game show. Flashing lights and buzzers add to the fun of this fast paced program. Tickets available June 3.

Echos of Earth and Sky

June 24 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate traditional and contemporary Native North America with extraordinary dance, spectacular regalia, and ancient songs and stories, as performed by Jennifer Meness (Algonquin, of Ontario), and Rob Greyhill (Navajo, of Arizona). Tickets available June 17.

Dr. Gesundheit Presents "Our Kind of Town"

July 1 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mixing his trademark physical skills with verbal acrobatics and unique audience participation, Dr. Gesundheit's newest show celebrates America's greatest city with stories of the past and present. Audience members participate in the show, becoming the Sears Tower, Buckingham Fountain, and some amazing blues musicians. Tickets available June 24.

Melikin Puppet Theatre Presents "The Greatest American"

July 8 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

American History abounds with great Americans and it's up to Danny Doodle to find out just who is the greatest. That brings Uncle Sam to the rescue as he guides Danny through the pages of history. Tickets available July 1.

Measner Magic

July 15 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Travel to a magical world with John Measner. The stars of John's show include his repertoire of trained animals and you - the audience. Tickets available July 8.

American Eagle Productions Presents "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"

July 22 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join Mark Twain as he narrates his classic story of America's most beloved mischief maker in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, an original musical performance by American Eagle Productions. Tickets available July 15.

Marge Lautenschlager to Retire

Marge Lautenschlager, the library's Youth Services Assistant Department Head, will retire on June 29, 2002. "Mrs. L," as youth services department patrons fondly call her, has been at that post for almost 14 years.

Since coming to our library in September of 1988, as the second member of a two-member "Children's Department," (as it was known then) Marge's hard work and dedication contributed greatly to its expansion and conversion to computerization.

In addition to standing in as Acting Department Head on occasion, Marge's every-day duties have been many and varied. She's worked on: programming for all age groups—including Polar Express, Brookfield Zoo Community Tree, Halloween Party, Ice Cream Social—Toddler Time; school-age specials; selecting and ordering picture books, music CDs, board books, and items for the Donna Beth Froio Foreign Language and Cultural Collection. Marge also has represented our library at the Lincoln Story League, which is a group of northern Illinois children's librarians who meet on a regular basis to share ideas for and information about story-telling events and programs.

When asked, Marge unhesitatingly admitted that the

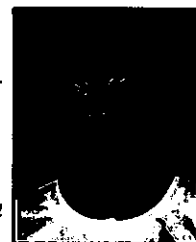
most pleasant parts of her job have been working with her fellow staff members and, most certainly, her interaction with the children.

"It's nice to come to work and be with friends," she said. "And watching the growth and intellectual development of the three-and four-year old children who began Story Time 13 years ago has been most gratifying. I'm going to miss everyone."

We'll all miss Marge too, but it will be nice to think of her spending many a sunny day happily putting in her garden or, perhaps, piecing a quilt in her sewing room. Another item on her retirement agenda is to hit the open road with her husband Jack to visit their three grown children and their families in Texas, Minnesota and New Mexico.

Marge, we wish you a flourishing garden, perfect quilt seams and a smooth road ahead wherever you may go.

An Open House in honor of Marge Lautenschlager's retirement will be held at the Bloomington Public Library on Thursday, June 13, from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Join us in writing the final chapter in Marge's book of Storytime by sharing fond memories.



Adult Services Department

SUMMER ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free of charge but require registration which should be made by calling the Reference desk at 529-3120, ext. 324.

Digital Route 66

Tuesday, June 25 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tom Teague, an Illinois Road Scholar, will be at the library to discuss famous Route 66 through Illinois. Route 66 rose from a mere concept in 1926 to become the world's most famous highway. Although the interstate system has replaced it, millions of people from all over the world still make pilgrimages along 66. Mr. Teague will present the history and examine the future of Route 66 in a digital slide presentation. This program was made possible with funding by the Illinois Humanities Council.

Heartsteps

Monday, July 8 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

One of the easiest and least expensive forms of exercise is walking. Please join the library as we host Kristen from the Du Page County Health Department in presenting "Heartsteps". Adopted from the American Heart Association's program, this presentation will help adults start a personal walking program or recharge a current routine. Participants will learn how to pick appropriate walking shoes, set goals and get the most out of a walking program. Additionally, Kristen will show us places to walk in our community.

Inside, Outside and Under the Hood

Tuesday, July 16 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Do you need a refresher course on basic automotive maintenance and repair? If so, Jeff Vogt from the Technology Center of Du Page in Addison will be at the library to show you hands-on how to change a tire, check fluid levels, and perform other routine maintenance. Whether you're a new driver or just want to review proper automotive care, this program will be helpful. There is no charge for this program but it is limited to 20 participants.

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.



Find a Job @ Your Library

Monday, July 22 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

This program will present resources available at the Bloomingdale Public Library to aid the job searcher. A librarian will discuss helpful print resources, web sites and subscription databases. We will cover sources to help you explore career options, present your resume, find job leads, and prepare for an interview. Find out how your Library can help you find that dream job! A basic understanding of how to navigate the Internet is suggested. Spaces are limited, so register early!

Fresh Flower Arranging

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

Would you like to learn how to create a beautiful floral arrangement from the flowers in your garden? If so, don't miss this class hosted by Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens in Elgin. She will show you techniques to make the best arrangement possible. For this class, please bring a vase approximately 10-12 inches in height and 3-4 inches in width. Also, a pruner or paring knife is needed. Peggy will supply all the flowers and greens. There is no charge for this class but it is limited to 25 participants.

Confessions of a House History Writer

Tuesday, August 27 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Betsy Green, a professional house history writer, will be at the library to give a fascinating talk on some of her experiences while researching homes in the Chicago area. A house history writer's job is to search many resources such as historical societies and property deeds to uncover as much information as possible about a house. Ms. Green's experiences include everything from ghosts and secret rooms to debunking myths and legends.

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



SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

Road Trip U.S.A.

**Bloomington Public Library
Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program
June 3 - August 3**

Adults and high school age teens are invited to participate in this year's summer reading program. Sign up beginning June 3. We will begin logging titles on June 17. Each time you read or listen to a book between June 3 and August 3, stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. After completing five books, you will receive a t-shirt. For every five books read, you will receive a coupon to enter our final drawing. Prizes are donated by local merchants.

In addition, if you choose to read a book from our list of travel-related titles, you will receive an additional coupon 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.

Wanted

Donations of used books for our ongoing Book Sale! Books may be left any time during library hours, or pickup can be arranged. Please call 529-3120 for more information.

People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program

The People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of Du Page is seeking volunteers to work with adults as tutor-aides in English as a Second Language (ESL), reading and basic math classes in Bloomington and nearby communities. Day and evening assignments are available. The next required 14 1/4-hour training series for ESL or math volunteers will be held on 3 consecutive Saturdays, beginning August 3.

Volunteers are also needed to register ESL students and proctor tests in Bloomington the evenings of June 11 and 13. On-the-job training is provided.

For more information on these opportunities, call (630) 942-3794 or 942-3788.

The Bloomington Public Library presents a

Storytelling Festival

June 26, 2002 6:30-9:30 p.m.

at the

Garden Stage area of Springfield Park, Bloomington

STORYTELLERS:

Megan Wells Linda Gorham Dennis Frederick of the Storyweavers

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Stories for the littlest ones (up to 2nd grade)
7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Stories for older listeners (3rd grade and up)
8:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Stories to make you shiver!

Bring your own picnic to enjoy

Chairs will be available, but bring your own blankets or lawn chairs if desired
(In case of rain, festival will be held under the tent)

This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council

Free light refreshments provided by Costco (while supplies last)

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 Bloomington 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 June 3.

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

Seniors Computer Course

Monday	June 10	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 11	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	June 14	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Monday	June 17	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 18	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	June 21	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. This class series requires a \$60 deposit (\$10 per class)

Seniors 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.

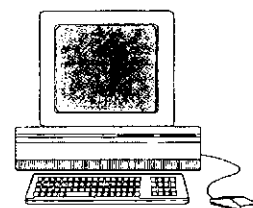
Understanding Your Computer 2

Wednesday June 12, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as changing settings, manipulating/customizing toolbars, properties screens and startup/recovery disks. (Having taken

"Understanding Your Computer 1" or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)



Introduction to the Personal Computer

Saturday June 15, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Introduction to Microsoft Access

Wednesday June 19, 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.)

Understanding Windows 1

Saturday June 22, 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.

(Course listings continued on next page)

Computer Programs for Adults & Seniors (continued)

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

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

Instructor: Sean

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

Using the Internet

Saturday July 13, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This course 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.

Intermediate Microsoft Access

Monday July 15, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Intermediate Excel

Wednesday July 17, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class covers more advanced topics in Excel such as formulas, graphs and linking between multiple worksheets. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Excel" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

Using Outlook

Saturday July 20, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Outlook can be much more than just an E-mail program. This class will introduce many of the different functions and tools that Outlook provides. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" and "Introduction to the Internet and E-Mail" is recommended.)

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Monday July 22, 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 Microsoft Word. (Having taken "Understanding Windows 1" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

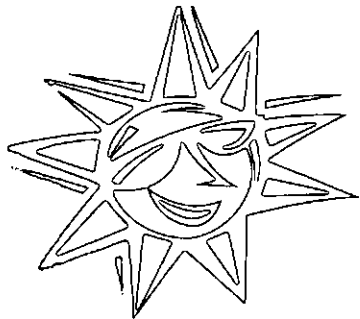
Understanding Your Computer 3

Wednesday July 24, 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.)





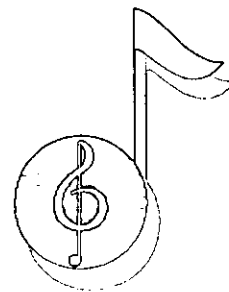
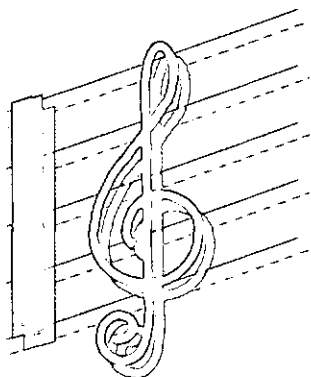
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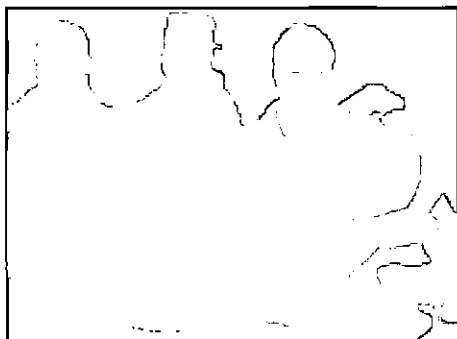
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Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket
Enjoy the sunshine, good company and lively music

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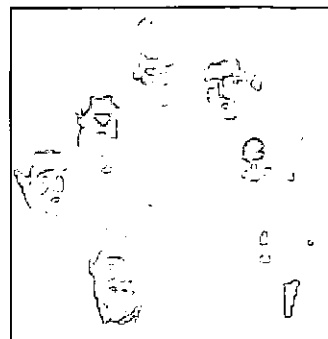
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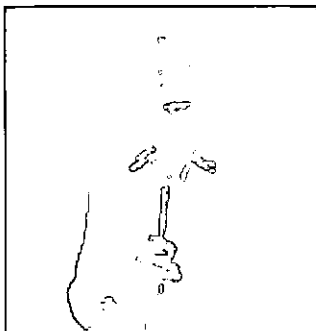
JUNE 19: THE STING RAYS
50a, 60s and 70s Rock and Roll



JUNE 26: STUDIO A
Irish and popular music



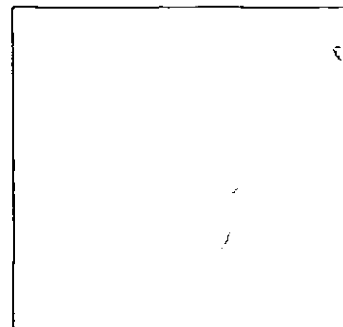
JULY 3: CHAPTER 6
Jazz to gospel, pop, rock & classical



JULY 10: AINSWORTH ROSE
Reggae, calypso, American pop, steel drum



JULY 17: JUKE BOX BAND
Rock, R & B, Blues, C & W, etc.



**JULY 24: PAUL ALLODI & A.C.E.
ALLSTARS** - Classic Rock, 80s & 90s.

FREE light refreshments provided by Costco (while supplies last) on 6/19, 7/3, 7/10, and 7/24

Thank you to the Gazebo Concert concessionaires:

Capone's Deli
Pizza

Friends of the Library
Frozen Novelties and Soda



* In case of rain, concerts
will be held in the
lower level of the library



Bloomington Park District

We're right around the corner!

Touch a Truck

June 8, Noon - 3:45pm

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, "Jolly Jester" will entertain on the Old Town stage to kickoff the 2002 Summer Concert Series. Lou Malnati's and Dippin' Dots will be onsite as well as Safetyville and a moonwalk! Admission is FREE, inflatable attraction and concessions are additional.



Summer Concert Series Begins!

Beginning June 8th, Old Town Park will be the site of the Summer Concert Series sponsored by the Park District and the Village of Bloomington. "Jolly Jester," with a special time of 3:00pm-3:45pm in conjunction with the special event "Touch a Truck," will kick-off the annual series. All concerts begin at 7:00pm - rain or shine, unless otherwise noted. June and July dates are as follows:

Family Series - Tuesdays

June 11.....	Tuneage
June 18.....	The Wild Ones
July 2.....	Planet Strange
July 9.....	Cirrus Falcon
July 16.....	American English
July 23.....	Video Stars
July 30.....	The Dooley's

Children's Series - Thursdays

June 8*.....	Jolly Jester
June 20.....	Chris Fascione
July 11.....	Dave & Jody: Music That Matters
July 25.....	Jim Gill

*Special kick-off time of 3:00pm

Come with your chairs & blankets to sit on, and discover summer nights at Old Town Park. Look for August dates in the next Village Almanac.

Pool Opens June 1!!

Season Pool Passes on sale now at the JRC (rate info listed in Park District brochure and online, or call 529-3650).

Purchase a 10-visit coupon booklet for only \$30.00



Pool Special Events

Come join us at the pool for a variety of special events. Participation in these events requires a pool pass, admission fee, or registration fee, with the exception of the Beach Party, which is FREE! A sampling of this year's events is listed below:



For more information on pool special events, please call the Park District office at 529-3650, or visit our website.

New Fitness Classes Begin

Take advantage of these new fitness offerings:

Pilates classes begin June 15

Tai Chi begins June 11

Call the park district for more information or visit us online at www.bloomingtonparks.org.



At the Museum...

Ha, ha, ha....!

May 11 - June 29, 2002

An all-media juried exhibition of 2D and 3D fine art that makes us laugh!
Come view this witty collection of "works with an edge!"



Bloomington Park District Museum
108 South Bloomington Rd. Ph. & Fax 630-539-3096
Hours: Wed-Sat, 10-4
www.bloomingtonparks.org

Bloomington Park District

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 8:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Twin Dawn Redwood Trees Planted on Arbor Day In Honor of September 11 Victims



Arbor Day was marked by the planting of twin Dawn Redwood trees in front of the Bloomingdale Fire Department headquarters as a tribute to the heroes and memorial to the victims of September 11. These trees were chosen because of their resemblance to the twin towers. Members of the Bloomingdale Fire and Police Departments, Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 and Village of Bloomingdale officials joined the Forestry Division in planting this living tribute. The VFW is currently collecting for a memorial marker for the trees. Inset - Megan Taugner and Lexxi Johnson help Jim Johnson plant flowers under one of the trees.

