

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

October 2002

Bloomingdale  
Paused  
to Reflect  
and  
Remember on  
September 11

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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

I hope you all had a chance to enjoy at least part of Septemberfest. From the first fire engine in the parade to the last song of Hi-Fidelity, the 30th annual Septemberfest was one to remember.

First, I need to thank the Septemberfest Commission members for their hard work in making the 30th anniversary so special. Barb Arrivi, Mary Jo Bailey, Debby Bodnar, Donna Fiedler, Karen Gerovac, Irene Jones, Mike Korney, Dolores Orlik, Anthony Puccio, Gloria Tomaras and Chairperson Pam Hager.

Also a special thanks to Bob Maguire & Vern Fasse, Village Services liaisons; Len Jaster, Police Department liaison, Mike Kelly, Chamber of Commerce, John Vertnik, Lions Club and Katie Schultz, Park District.

The parade at noon brought out the crowds and an incredible number of community groups. I think this was probably our best parade to date! You can see pictures on the back page.

This year Kathryn Marchi and Matthew O'Rourke were named Ms. & Mr. Bloomingdale. All the contestants were spectacular and the commission was able to give away \$10,000 in scholarship money for the Joe Draghi Scholarship. Learn more about our outstanding winners on page 11.

Winners were also announced at the car show. The People's Choice Award went to Perry Beal's '68 Chevelle. Ron Walski '61 Bonneville earned the Mayor's Choice, as well as the Women's Club Best Convertible. The Septemberfest Commission Best of Show went to Bob Flint for his '58 Buick Special. Paul Donato's '70 Chevelle was named Lions Club Best Muscle Car.

Bill Konieczny's '57 Mercury Cruiser was named Most Unique by the Bloomingdale Park District. The Knights of Columbus choice for Best Pre-World War II was Marty Windelborn's '37 Pontiac Coupe.

September also brought our 9-11 remembrances. The Fire Department's morning ceremony was touching and honored those who lost their lives last year. Fire Department administrative assistant Julie Koehn created a 40-foot memorial banner listing the names of each firefighter who lost his life on that awful day.



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Many scouts took part in the Candlelight Remembrance the evening of September 11.

## 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*

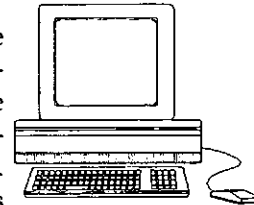
**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**Judi Von Huben**  
*Community Programs &  
Special Events*

**Gloria Reyes**  
*Public Works & Services*

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

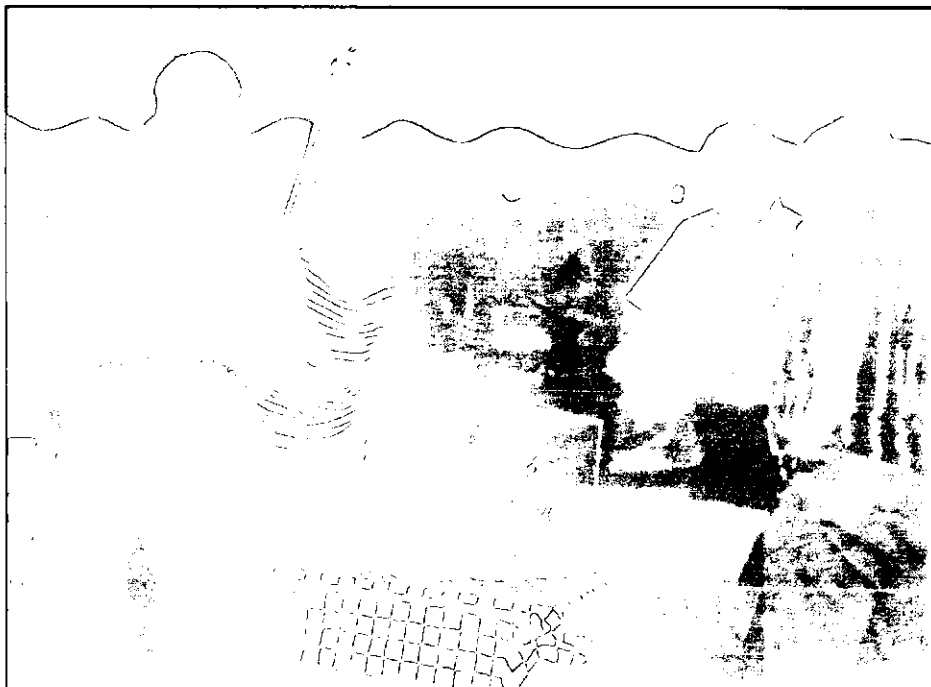


**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-net.att.net**

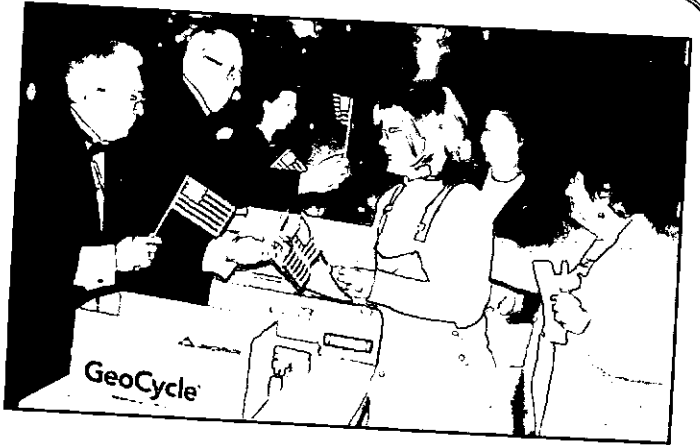
**Our website address is:**  
[www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomingtondale.il.us)

The deadline for  
the December issue  
of the  
Almanac is  
**NOVEMBER 10**

## Fire and Police Bear Sale Continues



Mayor Bob Iden bags up his two bears purchased at the Fish Fry. The Bloomingdale Fire & Police bears are on sale at the Village Hall, Library and Park District for \$10 each. Proceeds will go toward the life-sized "Everyday Heroes" statue to be placed on the south side of Old Town Park.



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## 2003 Tree Planting Program

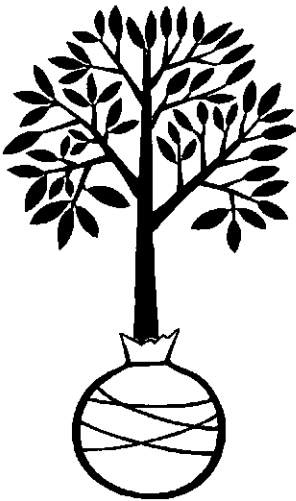


The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the fourth year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/commercial properties. Business/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Larry Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 671-5803 or [slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us](mailto:slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us).

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- ☐ Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2002. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2003.
- ☐ Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- ☐ The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- ☐ Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- ☐ Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- ☐ Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- ☐ We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- ☐ Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- ☐ For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.

If further information is desired, contact Larry Slavicek, Urban Forester, at 671-5803 or [slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us](mailto:slavicekl@vil.bloomington.il.us).



### New Business

## Graphic Design Business Delivers Corporate Identity Programs

Joann Lieberum's graphic design business, IDesign, offers a wide range of corporate identity products. Utilizing state-of-the-art technology, IDesign creates brochures, logos, corporate identity materials, catalogs, ads, posters and many more graphic presentations.

Lieberum's background includes 14 years of experience in corporate identity graphic design. Her extensive work includes illustrations for books, magazines, catalogs and advertisements.

"I work with clients to identify their corporate identity requirements and put together graphic presentations that will help them achieve optimum success," said Lieberum.

IDesign offers a free office consultation. Contact Lieberum at 630/893-0225 or email at [hisjoann@aol.com](mailto:hisjoann@aol.com) to schedule an appointment.

# 2003 Tree Planting Program -- Residential Request Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLANTING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate number of each type desired:

## PARKWAY

### \_\_\_\_\_ State Street Miyabe Maple

(*Acer miyabei* 'Morton')

Medium-sized Asian Maple with uniform broad-pyramidal form. Medium green leaves which turn butter-yellow in fall. Excellent adaptability and stress tolerance. Grows moderately to 40'.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Male Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)

Usually pyramidal when young; becoming wide spreading. Fan shaped leaves which are bright green on both surfaces and turn yellow in fall. A durable tree suited for urban conditions. Grows moderately to 60'.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

Not to be confused with Magnolias. Large tree with broadly conical top. Large bright green leaves turning yellow in fall. Grows fast to 80'.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*)

Matures into majestic tree with large trunk and broad crown. Dark green leathery leaves with white undersides which turn yellow sometimes with red in fall. Very tough and tolerant of heavy clay soils and/or poor drainage. Grows moderately to 60'.

### \_\_\_\_\_ Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

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

### \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Form River Birch (*Betula nigra*)

Pyramidal to oval tree of light texture. Lustrous green leaves change to a seldom effective yellow. Bark light reddish gray to cinnamon brown and peeling freely. Adaptable to wet soils. Grows moderately fast to 60'.

## FRONT YARD

### \_\_\_\_\_ State Street Miyabe Maple

### \_\_\_\_\_ Male Ginkgo

### \_\_\_\_\_ Tuliptree

### \_\_\_\_\_ Swamp White Oak

### \_\_\_\_\_ Bur Oak

### \_\_\_\_\_ Tree Form River Birch

### \_\_\_\_\_ Fallgold Black Ash

(*Fraxinus nigra* 'Fallgold')

Upright form. Excellent gold fall color. Seedless. Very adaptable to poor soils. Grows moderately to 50'.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 6' Multi-Stem Thicket Serviceberry

(*Amelanchier canadensis*)

Excellent multi-stemmed shrub with erect stems. White spring blooms and bright gold-orange fall colors. Grows moderately to 16'. adaptable to poor soils. Grows moderately to 50'.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 6' White Fir (*Abies concolor*)

Evergreen with symmetrical pyramidal shape. Soft, flexible gray-green to bluish needles. Grows moderately to 60'. Intolerant of poor drainage and/or heavy clay soil.

### \_\_\_\_\_ 6' Baldcypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

Deciduous conifer with pyramidal habit and buttressed trunk. Soft green needles which become a russet, soft brown before falling. Very adaptable tree which will tolerate wet soils and poor drainage. Grows moderately fast to 70'.



DELIVER OR SEND TO:

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

## Helpful Hints for A Safe & Happy Halloween

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

- ☐ NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- ☐ Discard any unwrapped items.
- ☐ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- ☐ Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- ☐ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- ☐ Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- ☐ Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- ☐ For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- ☐ Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.

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



## Bloomington Police Department Receives National Accreditation

The Village of Bloomington proudly announces that the Bloomington Police Department recently received national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Our department now joins an elite group of 515 law enforcement agencies to receive this prestigious international recognition. With 18,000 law enforcement agencies nationwide, only an approximate 2.8 percent of agencies realize this achievement.

There are three phases to the accreditation process which include self evaluation and a mock assessment, as well as an on-site evaluation conducted by a commission team. Following our on-site assessment this spring, our department was awarded accredited status.

The Bloomington Police Department received high marks for its community relations programs, such as Street Smart Seniors and the Citizen Police Academy. These were praised for providing excellent two-way communication with the community.

The benefits of accreditation include controlled liability costs, a stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints, greater accountability within the department, increased community advocacy, as well as recognition which symbolizes professionalism, excellence and competence.

Congratulations are due to Police Chief Gary Schira, along with the 49 sworn and 20 civilian members of the department, for a job extremely well done.

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## From the Mayor's Desk

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The evening candlelight remembrance ceremony at Old Town Park was also very moving and extremely well attended. Thanks to the Fire & Police departments, Library, Park District, VFW and Knights of Columbus for their work on this event. It was truly a "coming together" of the community.

Think about coming out to Old Town Park again on Tuesday, October 22 at 7 p.m. as the community gathers to celebrate with the Bloomington CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition as it honors a number of youngsters selected by their schools for exemplifying what CHARACTER COUNTS! stands for.

And finally - a call to all the businesses in town. Here's your chance to come talk to me and to department heads in the Village about things that are on your mind. The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee is hosting a Mayor's Forum on Wednesday, October 9 from 8-9:30 am at the Bloomington Golf Club. Check the Community Events on page 8 for more information.

Enjoy the cool weather and colorful days of fall. My best to all of you.

## Consider These Environmentally Friendly Options for Disposing of Leaves

What can be done with all those leaves? The fall color show is ending and all those leaves are cascading down – clogging the gutters and smothering the grass. The old fall tradition of burning leaves is outlawed so most homeowners bag them up to be hauled away at additional expense.

What a terrible waste! Leaves can be such a simple garden chore and an extremely valuable resource. How sad to waste them by throwing them away and paying for the privilege.

Leaves are prime organic matter! Grind them up with the lawn mower or shredder and put them back on the garden. There will be no waste to bag up and pay to haul away. **Note:** Leaves, fruit and twigs from trees and shrubs which experienced a fungal disease this season should be raked and discarded to prevent reinfection next year.

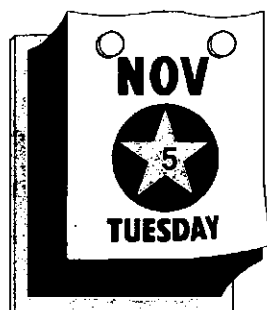
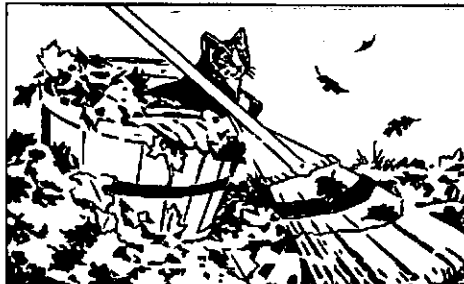
Leaves left in their natural state tend to flatten and glue themselves together into an impervious mat, suffocating the plants and soil beneath it.

The leaves need to be broken up – both to prevent this mat from forming and to expose more surfaces to the beneficial organisms that speed decay. The tiny, bent pieces provide space for oxygen and water drainage. As leaves decompose, they add valuable nutrients to the soil.

Grinding leaves up very fine with the lawn mower and leaving them right on the lawn is a lot easier than raking, and provides a nutritional bonus. And the biggest benefit of all to recycling leaves on the lawn and garden is that it is worm food. Worms digest leaves and leave behind rich castings full of fertilizer that is perfect plant food, and their tunnels aerate the soil. A garden rich in worms is very healthy indeed.

Squirrels and survivalists know that leaves bunched together in a pile make great insulation. This insulation quality can be used to protect delicate plants if the leaves are contained loosely in a wire cage around the plant – not piled on top of it. In spring, the leaves can be chopped up and used as mulch.

So, save some work and money by recycling your bounty of leaves.



### *Register by October 8*

The last day to register to vote or to transfer a registration (if you've moved) before the November 5 election is Tuesday, October 8.

Remember to vote on November 5!

### **American Cancer Society's 'Road to Recovery' Offers Transportation To Appointments**

The American Cancer Society wants Bloomingdale residents to know it offers a volunteer transportation program, "Road to Recovery." This program offers patients who are undergoing treatment transportation to and from their appointments in DuPage county. Undergoing treatment is enough stress for anyone. Now patients don't have to worry about how to get there. If you know someone who is interested in this service, please phone the ACS office at 469-3011.

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# Community Events Community Events

## Thanks from the Historical Society!

The Bloomingdale Historical Society thanks all those who purchased raffle tickets at the Fish Fry and at Septemberfest. Winner of the week's stay in Palm Springs was F. Neitzke of Roselle. Winner of the handmade quilt was Carol Carani, the tree skirt was Georgene Geils, and the Thomas Kinkade print was D. Peterson. Proceeds from the raffles, as well as part of the Attic Sale proceeds, are going to the group's Old Village Hall restoration fund.

## Preschool Screenings October 2-4

Pre-school screening will be conducted in School District 13 on October 2,3,& 4 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. For all children between the ages of 2.9 and 5.0 years old. The screening is to identify pre-school children who may have potential learning difficulties. Call the district office at 582-5130 to make an appointment for this free screening.

## Villagers Auction October 3

The Villagers will hold their annual auction featuring new and handmade items donated by members on Thursday, **October 3** at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Proceeds will benefit local charities. All are welcome to attend. Also available from the Villagers this fall are the **2003 large Entertainment Books** for \$20. Call Anita at 980-4576.

## Business Group Hosts Mayor's Forum October 9

**Calling All Businesses!** The Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee is hosting a Mayor's Forum on Wednesday, **October 9** from 8-9:30 am at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. Topics covered will include business coming into Bloomingdale, upcoming annexations, police department business services, such as safety assessments, and an Army Trail Road construction update from DuPage County. A continental breakfast will be served. There is no charge. Please call Mary Ellen in the Mayor's office at 671-5600 to RSVP.

## Child Safety Seat Check October 12

Last month Bloomingdale Police Department held a child car seat safety check at which time 64 car seats were checked. Of those only seven were installed correctly - and those were all booster seats. That is a 90 percent rate of seats installed incorrectly. In a cooperative effort, Bloomingdale is working with the Schaumburg Police Department on another **free child safety seat check on Oct 12** from noon-3 pm at the Babies R Us - Golf and Roselle Roads. As always, free car seat checks are available at our police department by appointment only. Contact Officer Jackie Slater at 529-9868.

## 'Fall Reflections' October 13

A poor struggling Abe Lincoln is the topic for **Fall Reflections** program on Sunday, **October 13** at the Bloomingdale Public Library from 2-4 p.m. Linda Tosch will tell the story of a man who could tell a good story "on the vulgar order" and his rise as a legislator, lawyer and president. Reservations required for this free program. Call 529-3120 ext. 324.

## VFW Post Sponsors Voice of Democracy

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 is sponsoring a "**Voice of Democracy**" audio essay contest about "Reaching Out To America's Future." The Voice of Democracy is a national audio essay program open to 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th graders across the nation.

Applications and audio essay must be postmarked by November 1, 2002. For more information and requirements regarding this \$500 prize, call Bill Bahr at 307-3634 or visit the VFW website at [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org).



# Community Events Community Events

## Come to the 'Pumpkin Patch' October 13-31

The ninth annual **Pumpkin Patch** at the **Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**, 261 Army Trail Road, takes place October 13-31. Hours Mon - Fri, noon to 8 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 10 am to 8 pm. For more information, call Perry Knutson at 630-894-7394 or [Lionperry@hotmail.com](mailto:Lionperry@hotmail.com). Proceeds from the sale of pumpkins, gourds, and corn stalks benefit church youth groups.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Meeting October 22

The Bloomingdale **CHARACTER COUNTS!** Coalition celebration program will take place 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 at Old Town Park. Youth character awards will be presented, in addition to presentations & entertainment by Bloomingdale youth. All are invited!

## Lions Spaghetti Dinner October 25

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will sponsor a **Spaghetti Dinner** from 5 to 8 pm on Friday, **October 25**, at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 N. Glen Ellyn Road. Tickets for the dinner are \$8 per person. Children under 8 are free. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit visually impaired and hearing impaired persons in the community as well as other local needs. For additional information, contact Perry Knutson at the 630-753-3067 or [lionperry@hotmail.com](mailto:lionperry@hotmail.com)

## Lake Park High School Goal Setting Meeting October 30

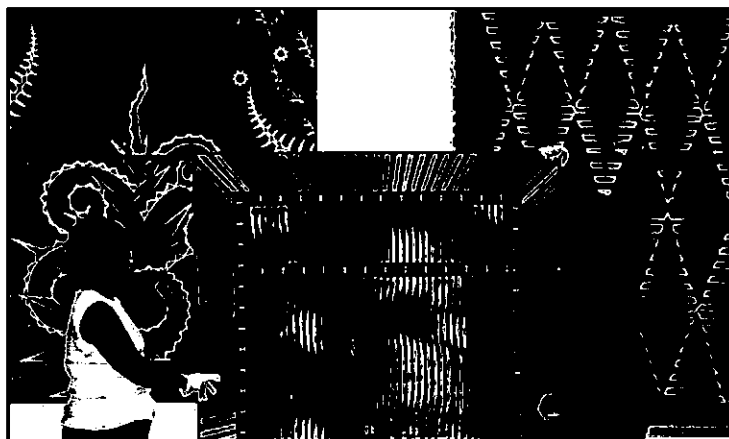
Lake Park High School invites parents and community members to participate in setting five-year goals for the high school. A special meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. Oct. 30 at Westfield Middle School, 149 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale and at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6 at Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, to collect community input. Everyone is invited to participate. These sessions will focus exclusively on setting educational program and student achievement goals that can be accomplished in the next five years. Help chart the course for the future of education! Bring your ideas and opinions to one of these important community forums!

## Villagers Housewalk November 15

The Villagers Club of Bloomingdale present its annual housewalk on Friday, November 15. Five local homes are dressed for the holidays and featured from noon - 9 p.m. See more details on page 12.

## Come See the Quilts!

Quilts for the Quilt National Show are hung by Bloomingdale Park District Museum curators Diane Duffy and Sidney Jostes. The exhibit runs through October 20.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collections October 5, 26

**Two Household Hazardous Waste Collection** events will take place from 8 am - 3 pm:

**Saturday, October 5** in Westmont at Ty Warner Park, corner of Plaza Drive and Blackhawk Drive (access is easiest from Cass Avenue).

**Saturday, October 26**, 8 am to 3 pm, Bartlett Public Works, 1150 Bittersweet Drive (south of Stearns Road between County Farm Road and Illinois Route 59).

HHW includes cleaning solvents, oil-based paint, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts, helium cylinders, household batteries, mercury thermometers, children's light up sneakers and more. Call the HHW hotline at (630) 510-2810 for more information and/or directions.

**Our Service Men and Women:** Twenty-year old **Thomas Warfel** is a Lance Corporal in the Marines. The 2000 Lake Park graduate completed his basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina and is currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. While in the Marines, the son of resident **Vicki Lamczyk** is getting his degree in sports medicine.

*If you have a son or daughter in any branch of the service, please let us know. We would be proud to list them.*

**Local Teen Crowned Miss DuPage County Fair:** Nineteen-year old **Amber Samuelson** was crowned Miss DuPage County Fair 2002 this past July. The college sophomore is a psychology major at Kent State University, Ohio, where she is on the Dean's List and a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Her college scholarships include Kent State University Founder's Scholarship, Founder's Book Scholarship, Honors College Scholarship, Honors College Residence Hall Scholarship and President's Scholarship.



A 2001 Lake Park High School graduate, Samuelson was an Illinois State Scholar, a member of the 5.0 GPA Club and named in Who's Who in American High School Students. She has also been a champion award winner at the DuPage County Fair. In addition to her many academic achievements in both high school & college, Amber enjoys dancing, swimming, antiques, movies and music. Amber was sponsored by law offices of David Dabertin.

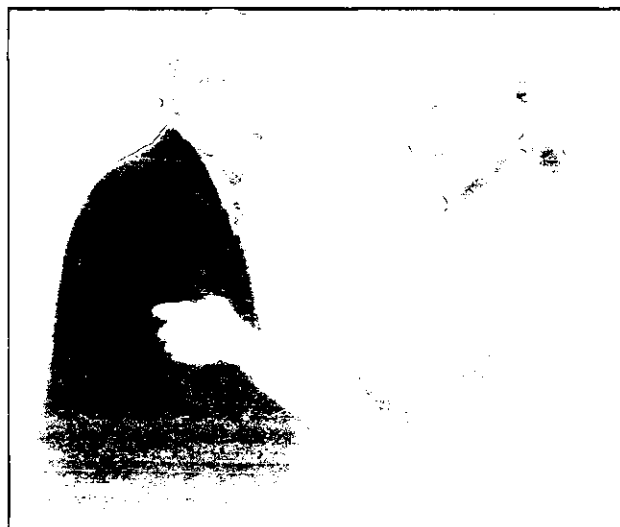
The daughter of **Alan & Rita Samuelson** will act as the DuPage County Fair's Goodwill Ambassador for the upcoming year. She will also compete in the Miss Illinois County Fair Pageant in Springfield in January.

## **Bloomington Teens Win Country Fair Talent Contest**

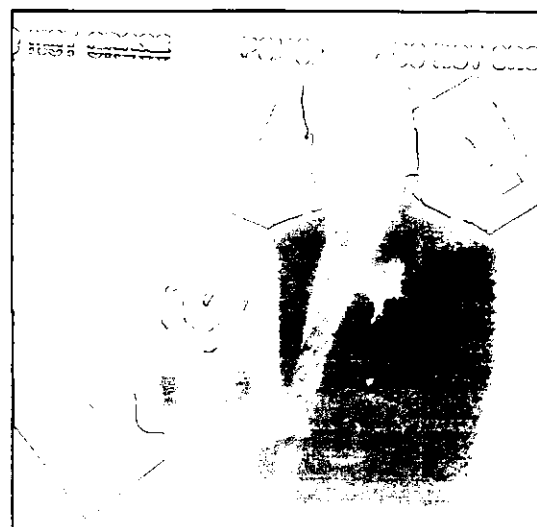
Also at the County Fair this year, two Bloomington 15-year olds took first place for the senior division in the first-ever DuPage County Fair Talent show with their dance duet to Whitney Houston's "How Will I Know?" **Katie Johnson & Lyndsey Van Wyk** will also go to Springfield in January to compete in the Illinois State Fair Convention talent competition.

## **Police Chief Gary Schira Celebrates 30th Anniversary**

Police Chief **Gary Schira** marked his 30th anniversary with the Bloomington Police Department in September. The chief began his career with our force as a patrolman and gradually worked his way up through the ranks. He has served as chief since 1983. Employees marked the occasion with a surprise luncheon for him.



Commander Tim Goergen shares a laugh with the Chief at the party.



Chief Schira received a clock commemorating 30 years on the job.

## And the Winners Are . . .

The Joe Draghi Scholarship awarded eight scholarships at the 30th annual Septemberfest. Mr. & Ms Bloomingdale were each awarded \$2000; 1st runners-up, \$1500; 2nd runners-up, \$1000 and 3rd runners-up, \$500.

Eighteen-year old Kathryn Marchi was named Ms. Bloomingdale. The 2002 Lake Park graduate finished 10th in her class of 611 students. In addition to shining academically, Marchi was a contributor to the school's creative arts magazine, and a volunteer in the community. Sports have been her passion and as a senior she was awarded a sportsmanship award by the Upstate Eight Conference. She is currently attending the University of Illinois majoring in business.

Mr. Bloomingdale, Matthew O'Rourke, not only excelled in academics while at Lake Park High School, but also was very active in a variety of extra-curricular activities. He has been a DARE role model, member of Peer Jury, twice-elected president of Student Council and an award-winning attorney in the Youth and Government program. The 18-year old is currently a freshman at Notre Dame, studying government, with plans to eventually attend law school.

First runner-up Logan Rogers is a 2002 graduate of St. Francis High School. In addition to her outstanding academic achievements, Rogers does a lot of volunteering including PADS, Central DuPage Hospital and the Y-Me Breast Cancer Race. She just began attending Benedictine University, majoring in biology, and minoring in Spanish, with the hopes of becoming a physician.

Twenty-year old Daniel Riemenschneider was also first runner-up. Throughout his life he has had many experiences in serving others from Habitat to Humanity to junior high camp counselor to helping the impoverished in Jamaica & Mexico. He is returning as a junior to Toccoa Falls College in Georgia where he also continues to work as a role model with a small group of inner city boys.

Second runner-up Nicole Sasser, is another outstanding student academically. But her passion lies in music. An accomplished trumpeter, she has performed in numerous school and community concerts, including playing taps for the last three years for Bloomingdale's Memorial Day observance. She passes along her love for music as she teaches several young trumpeters weekly. Sasser is a freshman at the Indiana University School of Music.

Thomas Arvanitis, also 2nd runner-up, graduated from Lake Park with honors, and shares Sasser's love for music. His favorite hobby is playing the saxophone, something he has not only done throughout our community, but also was able to do throughout France. He also now enjoys writing music and teaching saxophone to junior high students. Arvanitis is currently attending the University of Illinois-Champaign majoring in liberal arts.

Third runner-up Amy Riley just completed her Associate's degree at College of DuPage. Through her honors program and an Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Riley was able to be involved in community and volunteer projects. The 20-year old will continue to volunteer in areas, such as PADS, while she goes on to earn an associate's degree in interior design.

Eighteen-year old Brett Bartelli was also third runner-up. The senior at Driscoll High School holds leadership roles in organizations, such as National Honor Society, at his high school. He is also very active in his youth group and has participated in several service projects for the needy. Bartelli plans to attend Bradley University, majoring in secondary education, with a minor in math.



*Kathryn Marchi and Matthew O'Rourke – Ms. & Mr. Bloomingdale 2002*



*Amy Riley, Nicole Sasser, Logan Rogers, Kathryn Marchi, Matthew O'Rourke, Daniel Riemenschneider, Tom Arvanitis, Brett Bartelli*

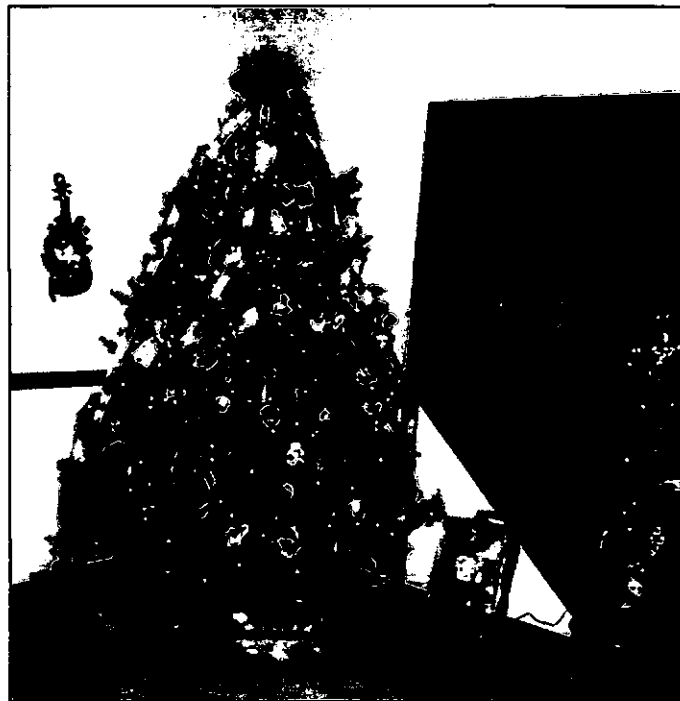
## A word of thanks

As Chairperson of the 2002 Septemberfest Commission, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge and heartfelt "THANKS" to all the members of the Septemberfest Commission and to the community for a very successful and fun event. It was obvious that the community likes a parade and enjoys an evening of good music. I would also like to thank all of the hard-working Public Works employees who were always there before they were needed. And a big "THANKS" to Bob Maguire and Vern Fasse. I would also like to thank the Police Department who once again kept the traffic moving smoothly while still insuring public safety during the event. And a special "THANKS" to Sergeant Len Jaster who anticipated questions before they were asked! Congratulations to our Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale 2002 and the other finalists. Thanks to the donors listed on page 24, the Commission was able to award \$10,000 in scholarships to the eight finalists. And a final "THANKS" to one and all in the community for their continued support!

**Pam Hager**

## Tour Five Homes Dressed for the Season at 'Walk Through the Holidays' November 15

Gathering decorating ideas? Whether your home is old, new or somewhere in-between, there are ideas galore at "A Walk Through the Holidays." Again this year, with the help of local businesses and decorators, the Villagers Club of Bloomingdale has dressed five homes for the holidays. Their doors will be open to the public on November 15, from noon to 9 p.m.



This year the Villagers Housewalk features three of the newest single family homes in Bloomingdale, as well as two elegant town-homes. Guests will see specialized painting techniques, storage space solutions, crafts and collections in daily use. Several homes display antiques and family memorabilia as part of their year-round décor. But now that it is Christmas in each home, trees, lights and flowers

embellish these lovely homes to provide a festive atmosphere.

Special music and entertainment will be featured at each home throughout the day. All Housewalk proceeds will be given to charity. Tickets are \$12 presale and \$15 the day of the walk. They are available at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, Bloomingdale Park District, 172 S. Circle, Bank One, 439 W. Schick Road, or call 307-8239. Restaurant specials will be offered on November 15, at Roosters, LaMargarita and Amore, with the presentation of a Housewalk ticket.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH,  
5 TO 8 P.M.

The event will be geared towards families and children and will include a display of emergency vehicles and other attractions. Everyone welcome!





# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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## Did you know . . .

At any given moment, nearly 1,800 thunderstorms are in progress over the surface of the earth.

On average, the United States gets 100,000 thunderstorms each year. Approximately 1,000 tornadoes develop from these storms.

The power of lightning's electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, split trees, ignite fires, and cause electrical failures.

More deaths from lightning occur on the East Coast. More forest fires are started in the West as the lightning season coincides with the dry season there.

Approximately 10,000 forest fires are started each year by lightning. Approximately \$100 million in annual losses result from forest and building fires caused by lightning.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency  
<http://www.usfa.fema.gov>

## OPEN BURNING AND DISPOSAL OF LANDSCAPE WASTE

The DuPage County Board adopted the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance on March 22, 1988. *Landscape waste* means all accumulations of grass or shrubbery cuttings, leaves, tree limbs, and other materials accumulated as the result of the care of lawns, shrubbery, vines and trees. *Open Burning* means the combustion of any matter in the open or in an open dump. *Refuse* means waste of all kinds. (definitions from Ordinance OWR-001-90, the DuPage County Waste Management Ordinance).

### What is Allowed:

Open burning shall only be allowed for recreational purposes. This is defined as an outdoor fire utilized to cook food for human consumption. Approved containers for cooking are those that are UL Listed and commonly associated with cooking, such as common barbeque grills.

Fires in approved containers shall be permitted, provided that they are not less than 15 feet from any structure. Approved containers are defined as UL Listed containers designed for this purpose. Examples are the Weber outdoor fireplace or other similar listed devices.

Any open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. Fire extinguishing equipment such as dirt, sand, garden hose, etc. shall be available for immediate use.

Within the village's boundaries, all open burning shall be confined to approved containers designed for the designated purpose.

On a case by case basis, masonry barbeque grills (not in-ground pits) will also be permitted for cooking purposes only.

If you want to have a bonfire for recreational, religious, or other purposes, you must first obtain a permit to do so and receive approval from the appropriate fire district and community development department.

### What is Not Allowed:

It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any open and uncontrolled burning of landscape wastes in the Villages of Bloomingdale and Glendale Heights or unincorporated DuPage County.

It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the burning of any refuse including landscape waste in any chamber not specifically designed for the purpose and approved by the Illinois EPA.

It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow the open dumping or disposal of any waste, including landscape waste, at any site in Bloomingdale, Glendale Heights or unincorporated DuPage County, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.

It is unlawful for any person to abandon, dump, or deposit any waste, including landscape waste, upon the public highways or other public property, except at a site approved by the Illinois EPA.

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

## SENIORS' EMERGENCY CHECKLIST: KEEP BY YOUR BED

Keys	Walker or Cane	List of emergency numbers	Hearing Aid
Eyeglasses	Flashlight	Telephone	
List of any medications taken		Whistle (something to make noise)	
Personal alert device to contact help, if needed			

# Off the Shelf

## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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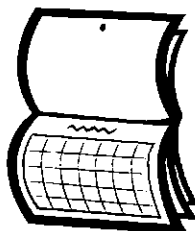
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Mark your calendars!

### UPCOMING EVENTS



Halloween Party ..... October 26  
Holiday Open House ..... December 3  
Polar Express ..... December 8  
Breakfast with Santa ..... December 14



### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Wednesday, November 27 Library closes at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 28 - **LIBRARY CLOSED** -  
Friday, November 29 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday, November 30 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 1 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### October

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|--|----------------------|
| *1 Historical Book Discussion Group          | 10:00-11:30 a.m.     |
| *2 Adult Program -                           | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| Humor as a Survival Technique                |                      |
| 6 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)                 | 2:00-4:30 p.m.       |
| 7 Bloomington Historical Society             | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| 8 Bloomington Seniors                        | 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. |
| 9 Library Board Meeting                      | 7:30 p.m.            |
| 9 Culture Club                               | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| 10 Writer's Workshop                         | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| 12 Writer's Workshop                         | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon |
| *13 Bloomington Historical Society           |                      |
| Reflections Program                          | 2:00-4:00 p.m.       |
| *14 YS Program - A Slice of Fun (1st-2nd gr) | 12:00-1:00 p.m.      |
| *14 YS Program - Smelly Rocks (3rd-5th gr)   | 2:00-3:00 p.m.       |
| *14 YS Program -                             |                      |
| Comic Book Workshop (6th-12th gr)            | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| 16 Garden Club                               | 7:00-9:30 p.m.       |
| 17 Haunted Coffee House (6th-12th gr)        | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| *17 Book Discussion                          | 7:30-9:00 p.m.       |
| 20 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)                | 2:00-4:30 p.m.       |
| *22 Lyric Opera Program - Sweeney Todd       | 7:00-8:30 p.m.       |
| 23 Writer's Workshop                         | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |
| 26 Halloween Party                           | 1:00-3:30 p.m.       |
| *29 Adult Program - 3D Movie                 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.       |

#### November

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|---|-----------------------|
| *2 Adult Program - Renaissance Art          | 2:00-4:00 p.m.        |
| 3 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)                | 2:00-4:30 p.m.        |
| 4 Bloomington Historical Society            | 7:00-9:00 p.m.        |
| 4 Teen Advisory Council (6th-12th gr)       | 7:00-8:00 p.m.        |
| *6 YS Program-Happenin' Crafts (3rd-5th gr) | 4:30-5:30 p.m.        |
| 7 Writer's Workshop                         | 7:00-9:00 p.m.        |
| 9 Writer's Workshop                         | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  |
| *11 YS Program - Fall Into Fun (1st-2nd gr) | 2:00-3:00 p.m.        |
| *12 Historical Book Discussion Group        | 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. |
| 12 Bloomington Seniors                      | 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  |
| *12 YS Program -                            |                       |
| Holiday Gift Making (6th-12th gr)           | 7:00-9:00 p.m.        |
| 13 Culture Club                             | 7:00-9:00 p.m.        |
| 13 Garden Club                              | 7:00-9:30 p.m.        |
| 13 Library Board Meeting                    | 7:30 p.m.             |
| *18 Zoo Ornaments Workshop (families)       | 7:00-8:30 p.m.        |
| *18 Bus Trip - Sweeney Todd Opera           | 5:15-11:00 p.m.       |
| *21 Book Discussion                         | 7:30-9:00 p.m.        |
| 26 Writer's Workshop                        | 7:30-9:00 p.m.        |
| 27 Library closes at 5:00 p.m.              |                       |
| 28 THANKSGIVING                             | <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> |

\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (630) 529-3120

Youth Services Department

## **FALL AND WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **DROP-IN PROGRAMS:**

*NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THESE PROGRAMS*

#### **Bedtime Stories** (All ages)

**Tuesdays, September 17 - November 26**  
**7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.**

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

#### **Chess Club** (Ages 8 and up)

**Sunday: October 6, October 20, and November 3**  
**2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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.

**Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Public Library Chess Team for winning  
2nd Place in the 19th Annual Interlibrary Chess Tournament!**

### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS**

*Register in person at the Youth Services Desk or call (630) 529-3120, ext. 332.  
Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.*

### **SCHOOL AGE SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

*The following school age programs are limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

***Sail over to the Bloomingdale Library on  
Columbus Day and discover fun!***

#### **A Slice of Fun** (1st - 2nd grades)

**Monday, October 14**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Come join us in celebrating "National Pizza Month." We'll read pizza stories, make a fun craft, and best of all eat pizza!!

#### **Smelly Rocks & Other Science Oddities**

(3rd - 5th grades)

**Monday, October 14**  
**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for an hour of science fun! You'll make scented rocks and then experiment with mysterious moving drops and magic gas.

#### **Happenin' Holiday Crafts** (3rd - 5th grades)

**Wednesday, November 6**  
**4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

Looking for cool gift ideas for the upcoming holidays? Come join us in creating a couple of fun and easy crafts that you can give to your family, friends, relatives, or teachers!

#### **Fall into Fun** (1st - 2nd grades)

**Monday, November 11**  
**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Join us for some fun printing with tempera paint. First we will create original designs with plastic foam and then we will print with leaves. This program is messy fun, so be sure to dress appropriately.

### **"Reading Road Trip U.S.A." Summer Reading Program**

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Youth Services Summer Reading Program! A total of 792 young people registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. By the end of the program, participants had read a cumulative total of 9,017.5 hours, and the total number of people attending summer programs was 4,763. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library and local merchants for their donations and continued support. They helped make the Summer Reading Program a success!

## **FALL AND WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **SPECIAL EVENT . . .**

#### **ZOO ORNAMENT WORKSHOP**

(families)

**Monday, November 18**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Once again the Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library will be co-sponsoring the Village of Bloomingdale Community Tree at Brookfield Zoo. All children and their families are invited to join us to make special ornaments for decorating Bloomingdale's 15th Annual Community Tree. Refreshments will be served. Register in person at the Youth Services Desk or call (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. All families who make ornaments are invited to help trim the tree at the Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, November 23 at 1:30 p.m.

### **TEEN PROGRAMS**

#### **CELEBRATE TEEN READ WEEK** **OCTOBER 13 - 19**

##### **Comic Book Workshop and Swap** (6th - 12th grades)

**Monday, October 14**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Be an artist and a writer for a night at the Comic Book Workshop. Show off your artistic skills and learn the basics of making your own comic book story. There will also be a comic book swap, so don't forget to bring your used comic books to trade for ones you have not read. The Comic Book Workshop is open to anyone in grades 6 - 12.

To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk. *Registration priority is given to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders. Nonresidents will be placed on a waiting list.*

##### **Haunted Coffee House** (6th - 12th grades)

**Thursday, October 17**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Get into the Halloween spirit with a hot cup of cider, coffee, or cocoa at the Haunted Coffee House. Bring your favorite original or published scary story or poem to read during the open microphone session. Bring your friends and enjoy door prizes, the mummy wrap, and other games and refreshments. The coffee house is free and open to teens in grades 6 - 12. No registration required, just come in and bring a friend. For questions or more information please call 529-3120 ext. 332.

#### ***Calling all teens in 6th - 12th grades, we need your input!***

Do you have suggestions on programs, books, and materials you'd like to see at the library? Your opinion matters and that's why you should join the Teen Advisory Council. We'll have food and fun while we discuss new ideas on how the library can be a more enjoyable place for you and your friends. Come to our meeting on Monday, November 4, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

##### **Holiday Gift Making Workshop**

(6th - 12th grades)

**Tuesday, November 12**

**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Are you strapped for cash this holiday season? Give a gift that comes from the heart. We'll be making inexpensive gifts that are sure to impress your family and friends. Join us to make chocolate spoons, cinnamon ornaments, picture frames, and snow globes. We'll also give a quick lesson on candle and soap making. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk. *Registration priority is given to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders. Nonresidents will be placed on a waiting list.*

#### **Thank You VolunTEENS!**

The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the teens that volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to the 28 teens who volunteered a grand total of 119.25 hours!



## **Adult Services Department**

# **FALL AND WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS**

**All programs are free of charge but require registration which should be made  
by calling the Reference Desk at (630) 529-3120, ext. 324**

### **Lyric Opera Lecture Series #1** **Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci**

**Tuesday, September 24**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

The Lyric Opera Lecture Series is back at the library for the 2002-03 season! Join Lyric Opera volunteer lecturer Arn Buonamici as he relates the stories behind the operas *Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci*. Learn about these two tragedies through musical selections and historical background. Arn is a wonderful and enthusiastic speaker whose knowledge of opera knows no bounds!

### **Humor as a Survival Technique**

**Wednesday, October 2**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Humor can be a powerful tool to release tension, relax muscles and calm nerves. Bill McNeil of Lifelink will be presenting a program on using humor as a stress management tool. Lifelink, located in Bensenville, is a not-for-profit health and human service organization which has been in existence since 1895. Mr. McNeil has been with Lifelink for 14 years.

### **Bloomington Historical Society Fall** **Reflections Program: We Knew Him When**

**Sunday, October 13**  
**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Join the Bloomington Historical Society and the Bloomington Public Library as they offer a joint program on Abraham Lincoln entitled *We Knew Him When*. Presented by Illinois Roads Scholar Linda Tosch, you will learn about Abe's early years as a poor, struggling and awkward young man. Her slide presentation will cover not only his time spent in the New Salem-Petersburg communities but also portions of his life in 1800's Illinois. A program for children and adults alike!

## **THANK YOU**

The Bloomington Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to Michael and Roberta Ratliff for their generous donation of \$500. The money will be used to purchase books about Illinois issues.

### **Lyric Opera Lecture Series #2** **Sweeney Todd**

**Tuesday, October 22**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Margaret Sinclair will be our lecturer as she tells us about the "demon barber of Fleet Street." Based upon an English folk tale, Sweeney Todd is a classic bogeyman. The plot begins in 19th century London where Sweeney Todd, a barber unjustly imprisoned by a lecherous judge, returns home swearing revenge. Teamed with the amoral Mrs. Lovett, Sweeney stalks the judge only to be cheated out of his prey at the moment of vengeance. Angry at all mankind, he sharpens his razor while Mrs. Lovett cheerfully uses the new results of his revenge in her hitherto meatless pies. Don't miss this chance to learn about this dramatic performance!

### **BUS TRIP:** **Sweeney Todd at the Lyric Opera**

**Monday, November 18**

**Leave Library 5:15 p.m.**  
**Return Approximately 11:00 p.m.**  
**Cost: \$40.00**

You've attended the lecture, now see the opera! Don't miss this chance to visit the Lyric and watch an opera in English with English subtitles (in case you miss something)! We will leave the library and travel by deluxe motor coach to arrive at the Lyric Opera House for a 7:30 p.m. performance. Our seats will be in the upper balcony but it still offers a great view. Don't forget those opera glasses. The trip is limited to 44 people so sign up early. Registration will be taken in the Business Office.

### **3-D Movie:** **It Came From Outer Space**

**Tuesday, October 29**  
**7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Premiering at the library for the first time - an authentic 3-D movie! Prepare to enjoy yourself as you sit back with popcorn, soda and funky red and blue glasses to watch the ever-popular, *It Came From Outer Space*. A surprisingly good movie, the plot centers around an alien spaceship which has crashed in Arizona. Even though the aliens say they only want to repair their ship and leave, townspeople are disappearing. It's up to one man to convince the town of the aliens' peaceful intentions and allow them to leave unharmed. Please join us for this unique event.

## **FALL AND WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS . . .**

#### **Evening Group**

This group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. Our Fall selections are:

October 17 - *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam

November 21 - *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler

#### **Morning Group**

This group generally meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. However, in November the group will meet on the second Tuesday. Our Fall selections are:

November 12 - *Burr* by Gore Vidal

December 3 - *America's Jubilee: How in 1826 a generation remembered  
fifty years of independence* by Andrew Burstein

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

### **Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and the Art of Late Renaissance Florence**

**Saturday, November 2**  
**2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Jeff Mishur from Art Excursions will present an interactive slide lecture on this exhibit coming to the Art Institute. Over 180 pieces will be on display which provides a detailed survey of the art and culture of Florence between 1537 and 1631. You will see artwork by Michelangelo, Bronzino, Cellini, Buontalenti and others. Many of these treasures have never before traveled outside of Florence. Besides discussing many of the pieces featured in the exhibit, Jeff will also provide essential background on one of history's most celebrated family dynasties, the Medicis.

### **Holiday Centerpieces**

**Thursday, December 5**  
**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Peggy Garvin of Garvin Gardens is back to show you how to make festive holiday centerpieces. She will be providing fresh evergreens, pinecones, holly, juniper, candles, ribbons and more. You will need to bring a low bowl (or other container) approximately 8 to 10 inches wide and 3 to 4 inches deep. It will need to hold water. The class is limited to 25 people and preference will be given to Bloomingdale library cardholders. A \$10.00 deposit will be required to register for this class. This deposit will be returned to you at the end of the class.

The People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage is seeking volunteers to work with adults as tutor-aides in English as a Second Language (ESL), reading and basic math classes in Bloomingdale, Addison and nearby communities. Day and evening assignments are available.

The next required 14-1/4-hour training series for ESL or reading volunteers will be held on 3 consecutive Saturdays, beginning November 2.

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



### **"Reading Road Trip" Summer Reading Program**

This year's 108 adult and 22 teen participants read a total of 774 books. Also, going along with our travel theme this year, participants read a total of 144 related books. Thanks to all who registered for the program and to our local sponsors who provided many wonderful prizes.

# **FALL AND WINTER PROGRAMS**

*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 September 30th. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.*

## **Adults Computer Course**

Please note: A \$60.00 deposit is required for this course

**Monday, Oct. 7**                2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct 8**            2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Monday, Oct. 14**          2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 15**        2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Monday, Oct. 21**        2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 22**       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.

#### **Introduction to Word**

**Saturday, Oct. 5**            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.)

#### **Intermediate Access**

**Wednesday, Oct. 9**        7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Instructor: Sean**

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

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.

#### **Using Power Point**

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**      7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
**Instructor: Sean**

Power Point can be used to create slides, overheads, audience handouts or on-screen presentations. This class will cover the basics of creating and organizing a presentation. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

#### **Introduction to Excel**

**Saturday, Oct. 19**           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.)

## FALL AND WINTER PROGRAMS

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### Databases for Investors

**Wednesday, October 30 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Instructor: Julie**

This program will explore the ValueLine.com database and the Business and Company Resource Center database. Participants will learn how to locate information in these databases that will help them make informed decisions about how to invest their money. We will explore the Value Line page, and learn how to research stocks and mutual funds. No investment advice will be given. Participants must be comfortable navigating the World Wide Web. Limit 12.

### Intermediate Excel

**Saturday, Nov. 2 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 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 the Internet

**Monday, Nov. 4 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.

### Using Email

**Tuesday, Nov. 5 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.)

### Advanced Excel

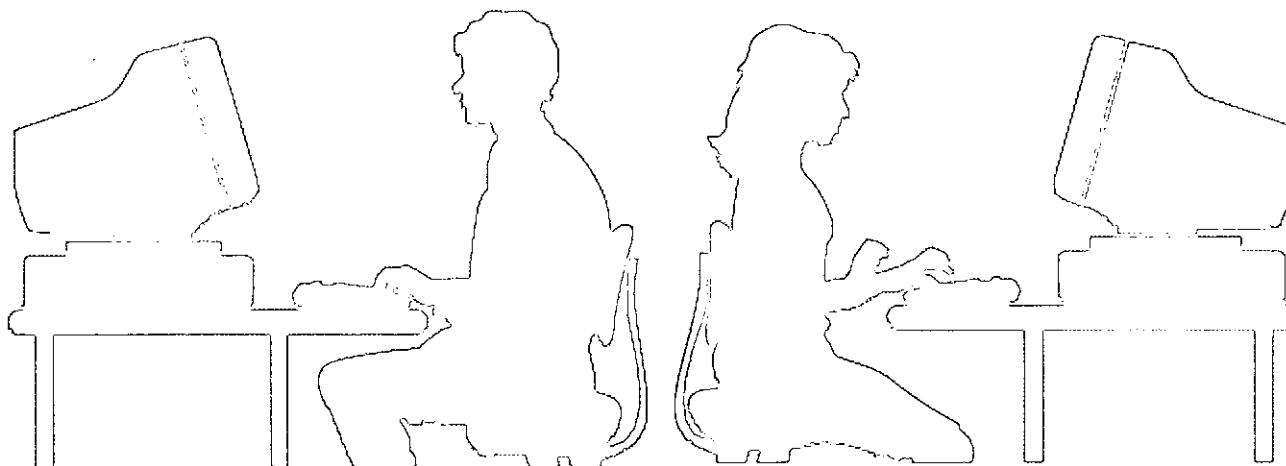
**Wednesday, Nov. 6 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Instructor: Sean**

This class will provide a deeper investigation of Excel topics introduced in the Intermediate Excel course, as well as examining other functions provided by Excel. (Having taken "Intermediate Excel" is recommended.)

### Creating Web Pages With HTML

**Wednesday, Nov. 13 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Instructor: Sean**

In this course we'll learn how to create basic web pages using HTML code. We will cover basic topics like inserting text, links, pictures, and background colors; as well as more advanced design topics, as time allows. While the library does not provide a location on the internet for students to post their web page, they will learn the skills required to develop one. This class is intended to be introductory but some internet experience may help to understand topics discussed. (Having taken "Using the Internet" is recommended.)



## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everyone is invited to attend the 14th Annual



### HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

**Bloomington Public Library**  
**Saturday, October 26, 2002**  
**1:00-3:30 p.m.**

Sponsored by:

The Village of Bloomington  
The Friends of the Library  
The Bloomington Public Library

The Halloween Party will be held outside under a tent,  
rain or shine!

Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

**GAMES**

**PRIZES**

**PUMPKIN MOONWALK**

**REFRESHMENTS**

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

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk  
at 529-3120 ext. 331 or 332.



5th Annual

### POLAR EXPRESS

Bring the family for a ride on "The Polar Express"  
*\*based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg*

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at

**1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8**

for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling,  
and a visit with Santa.

**Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for children**

You may purchase tickets in person beginning  
Saturday, October 5, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.  
in the Business Office of the Library.

**PLEASE NOTE: TICKET SALES ARE LIMITED TO  
BLOOMINGTON LIBRARY CARD HOLDERS ONLY**

Seats are limited for this event.

Groups wishing to sit together will need  
to purchase tickets at the same time.



9th Annual

### BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Sponsored by the  
Bloomington Public Library  
and the Bloomington Golf Club

**Saturday, December 14**

#### Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### Brunch

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Pages, the Library Bear is inviting children of all ages and their families to come to the  
Bloomington Golf Club for the 9th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa.

**Tickets will be available Saturday, October 5th in the  
Business Office beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00 per adult, \$7.00 per child (ages 4-12),  
and free for kids under age 4. Checks may be made payable to the Bloomington Public Library.

Photos with Santa will be \$5.00 each, payable at the breakfast.

# **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

## **SNOWMAN CROSSING**



The Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Public Library are pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk around the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available and the Village and the Library are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 27 and December 2, 2002. Trees must be completed by Monday, December 2, 2002 for the Village/Library Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, we may limit the number of trees a school or other group can decorate, so all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree

reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There is no required theme, however, there are certain rules:

Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 27 and must be completed by Monday, December 2, 2002.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from their trees between Thursday, January 2 and Sunday, January 5, 2003. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2003, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping. Chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village. Ornaments will not be saved.

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

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

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

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale

*Cordially invite you to attend our*

### **14th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2002  
6:30-9:00 p.m.**

#### **Activities**

6:30-7:00 p.m.

Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

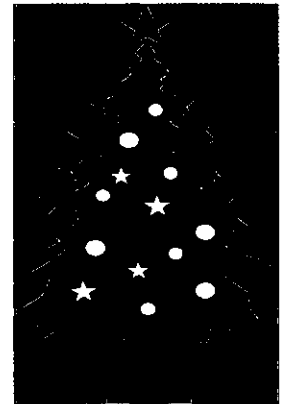
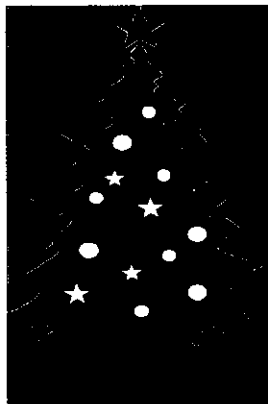
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Various activities:

Children's crafts, musical performers and refreshments.

Bring your camera and have your picture taken with a reindeer from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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





# Bloomington Park District

*We're right around the corner!*

## CHARACTER COUNTS!™ Celebration Night

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00pm

Celebration Week is October 15-19. Throughout this special week, the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship will be honored. The whole community is invited to Celebration Night in Old Town Park on Tuesday, October 15 for fun and entertainment. School children will perform and Park District tumblers will amaze spectators with a performance honoring each of the pillars. Don't miss this great event and your chance to show your support of the Six Pillars. The fun begins at 7:00pm.



## Fall Frenzy

Thursday, October 17, 6:00-8:00pm, Springfield Park

Calling all families: come spend a crisp fall evening in Springfield Park! Celebrate the season by taking hayrides pulled by a tractor and enjoy some fun fall entertainment and snacks by a campfire. Groups are welcome to sign up for the event. Families of four or more are \$14.00, and groups of 14 or more are \$40.00. Register now to come join the fun!

Age: All

Individual Fee: \$4/resident, \$9/nonresident

## Dinner with Drac

Wednesday, October 30, 6:45-8:00pm - Johnston Recreation Center



Come celebrate Halloween with the zany Wacky Drac as we dine on ghoulish pizza and sip vampire juice. After dinner, Wacky Drac will entertain us with his legendary music and songs and tell you some of his favorite Halloween tales! This is a family event. ALL persons must register. Parent tickets are \$4.00.

Ages: All

Fee: \$8/person-resident, \$13/nonresident

## Halloween Happening

Friday, October 25, 7:00-9:00pm - Johnston Recreation Center

Kids ages preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join us for the ultimate Halloween experience, our annual Halloween Happening! There will be lots of great ghoulish fun including a castle moonwalk, loads of games and prizes, performances by the crazy and unforgettable Wacky Drac, and who can forget the Trick or Treat Trail? Admission is free; tickets are sold for games and moonwalk. Make your Halloween a happening one!

## Gift Certificates Now Available!

Looking for the perfect gift? How about a gift certificate to the Bloomington Park District? Gift certificates are now available in quantities of \$5, \$10, and \$20 amounts. Purchase them at the front desk for use toward Bloomington Park District programs.

## Baby Signing Class Begins November 20!

Did you know that many children can learn to use sign language before they learn to use spoken language? Learn a more effective way to communicate with your child at an earlier age and grow together! This class is designed for both parent and baby. Call the Park District for more information.

## A Victorian Christmas in Old Town Park

Monday, December 2, 6:00-8:00pm

Spend an enchanted evening feeling like you went back to Victorian times. Old Town Park will be transformed into a shimmering display of lights and holiday magic. Victorian carolers will entertain while you stroll around the park enjoying refreshments, hot cocoa, and the Old Town Park holiday decorations. No one can walk away without taking a magical horse-drawn carriage ride around the park. A visit from Victorian Santa will enhance your holiday experience when we all come together for the annual lighting of the Christmas tree!



## Holiday Magic Open House

Saturday, Dec. 7, 11:45am-3:30pm, Johnston Recreation Center

Join us for a magical time packed full of special holiday fun! You and your family will walk through our holiday forest with a magical display of lights, enjoy refreshments, and kids can create a holiday craft and enjoy games. Also, you won't want to miss the spectacular performances of our singing preschoolers, dynamic tumblers, and energetic dancers as well as children's entertainment. Who could forget our special guest...Santa Claus? He will want to visit with all the good boys and girls, so make sure to bring your list, 'cuz Santa will be checking it twice!



## Town Meetings in November

The Bloomington Park District Board of Commissioners will be hosting two Town Meetings in November.

We invite the community to come out and tell us how we are doing. We look forward to discussing the District's parks, recreation programs, and facilities with a look to the future. This is your chance to directly voice your thoughts and opinions.

Join us on Thursday, November 7th at 7:30pm or Saturday, November 16th at 10:00am for this informal time of sharing at the Johnston Recreation Center, 172 S. Circle. If you have any questions, please call Steve Scholten at 529-3650 (steve@bloomingtonparks.org).

## Important Dates to Remember:

Score 6 Dates Oct 7th 6:30 Erickson School

Nov 20th 6:30 Erickson School

Final Basketball Registration October 15th 6:00-8:00 JRC

## At the Museum...

### Contemporary Art Quilts

September 7-October 20

#### Gallery I:

National Selections-by Caryl Bryer Fallert, Pat Kroth, and Jane Sassaman

#### Gallery II:

Quilt National-from the Dairy Barn Southeastern Ohio Cultural Art Center

Admission: \$3.00 adults (children under 12 free)

Hours: Wed: 4-8pm; Thurs.-Sat.: 10am-4pm

Special Sunday Hours for this show only: 12-4pm

Bloomington Park District Museum

108 South Bloomington Rd., Ph. & Fax: 630.539.3096

[www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org)



# Bloomington Park District

172 South Circle Avenue • Phone 630-529-3650

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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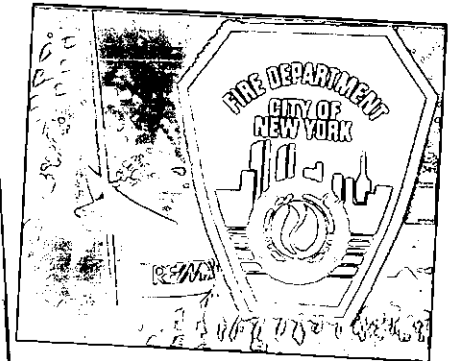
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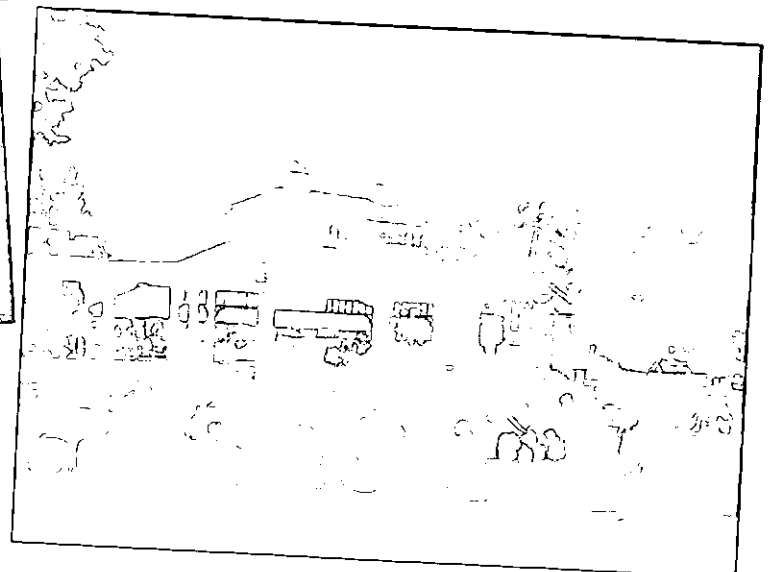
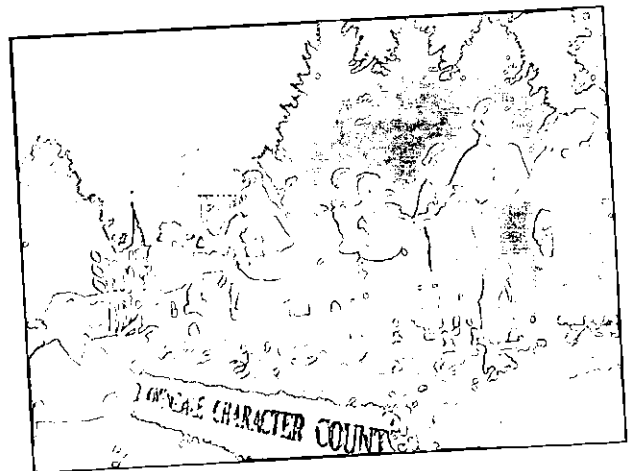
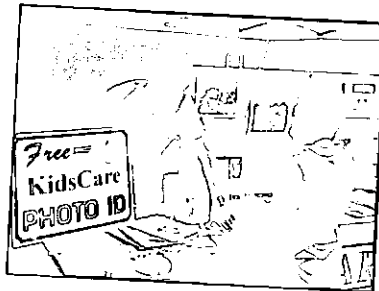
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