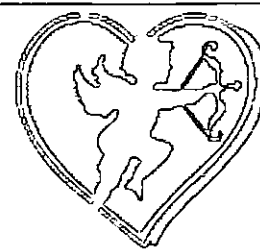


Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

February 2003



Happy
Valentine's
Day!

From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Although the new year is already one month old, I'd like to take one more look back to reflect on what we accomplished last year.

Despite the financial conditions out there, we had some very positive economic development take place in Bloomingdale in 2002. Marriott's Courtyard and Residence Inn both opened during the summer/fall of the year. Located just to the south of Stratford Square Mall, they are doing well.

Springbrook Shopping Center completed its redevelopment and the center is nearly filled. Sears, a major anchor at Stratford Square, held its grand re-opening following a renovation. Kohl's, another Stratford anchor, recently completed its interior renovation. A Lazy Boy retail store also opened on the mall ring road just in time for the holiday season.

We have actively pursued and are having great success in cleaning up the Lake Street corridor. Rosedale Estates has been approved for the Crane & Steel property at Rosedale and Lake, the empty Warnimont Hardware building, just to the south, has been demolished, as was the barn at Lake and Euclid, which housed retail for the last 15 years or so.

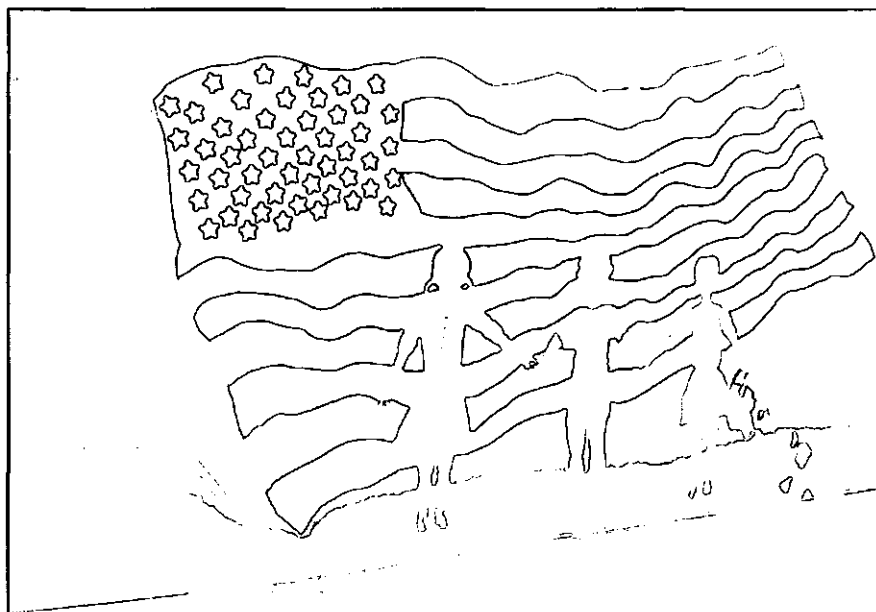
The year 2002 also saw our partnership with the Village of Roselle, Bloomingdale Township and the State of Illinois to build the Community Trail Bridge over Lake Street, adding another piece to the regional pathway.

At our own Bloomingdale Golf Club, 2002 marked the opening of our practice facility/junior course, as well as the completion of our golf course improvement program, wherein we redesigned and improved several holes.

Indian Lakes Resort also saw all of their rooms and the 50,000 square feet of meeting space remodeled, as part of a \$20-million renovation project. The plan includes the redesign of the resort's entire 36 holes. This past summer, the first nine holes of a new west course were opened.

In other areas, we undertook a sanitary relief sewer improvement project along Euclid from Schick to Lake Street in the South Suncrest subdivision. We also put a new stormwater pump station in the Indian Lakes subdivision.

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Pictured above is a 16-by 9-foot mural painted on a lobby wall at DuJardin School. The American flag waving in the breeze, with three children holding hands, was painted by Lake Park junior Ashley Cesario. The former DuJardin student was commissioned by the DuJardin PTO to re-create the design from a watercolor. It took her about 35 hours over winter break to complete the work. Cesario is currently working on a CHARACTER COUNTS! project painting student handprints all around the school.

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 3rd & 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

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION

3rd 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 --**

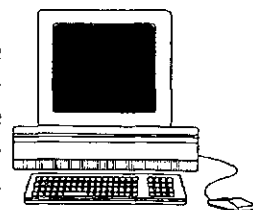
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net" and have a ques-
tion to ask or an issue
to bring to our atten-
tion, just E-mail it to us.

If you wish to send us
an electronic message, our address is:

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

Our website address is:

www.vil.bloomington.il.us



**The deadline for
the April issue
of the
Almanac is
MARCH 10**

Santa's Helper



Patrol Officer Anthony Svoboda lent Santa a hand giving out bears to young-
sters at the Bloomingdale Township office. Fifty Bloomingdale policeman
and firemen bears were donated to the township by the Bloomingdale Police
FOP Lodge 175. The occasion was Bloomingdale Township's annual holiday
distribution of food and gifts to low income families.

From the Mayor's Desk

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Looking ahead, this year will bring about the completion of single-family residential developments at two ends of town. Eastgate, Chateaus of Medinah, Vittoria Brooke and Medinah Groves II will all be completed this year along our eastern boundary. Seven Oaks and Rosedale Estates will bring a whole new look to the northwest corner of town.

Albertsons, owner of Jewel-Osco will be constructing a 219,096 square-foot office center, relocating its corporate headquarters from Melrose Park. In response to many questions we have received, the Meijers project on Gary and Schick is still a go, with construction slated for 2004.

DuPage County has told us the Meacham Grove Bridge will be constructed and finished in 2003. This will be an important link to the east and west sides of our town through the forest preserve trail. Several towns on the north end of the county have been working together to complete the recreational pathway.

We also have good news from AT&T/Comcast, our cable provider, regarding internet access via cable. They are projecting we will have high-speed data service available by June 2003. We have been receiving many inquiries about that capability and are happy to finally have a positive answer. See details on p.11.

We are also looking forward to the placement of our third bronze statue, which will be placed at the south side of Old Town Park. Entitled *Everyday Heroes*, this original sculpture will be a tribute to our police and fire personnel. The Bloomingdale Police Department and Bloomingdale Fire Protection District are both honored by, and supportive of the Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee's choice for this latest statue. The Committee is planning a series of fundraisers to complete this undertaking. See page 8 to learn about the first, a dinner at Jamada Restaurant.

Wishing all health and prosperity in 2003. Robert Iden

Tree Talk Tree Talk

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) and Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) — provided by the Village of Bloomingdale on Saturday, April 26th, from 10 a.m. – noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

The Village will be receiving 200 seedlings, soil and pots for the purpose of growing the seedlings into saplings for transplanting into the local community. Community Tree Planting involves a commitment from all participants to plant trees on public property, such as right-of-ways, school grounds, community parks, etc.

Participants are asked to bring gloves and enthusiasm. After this growing season, the trees will be planted in the Village's nursery for further growth.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800 or priceh@vil.bloomington.il.us

Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows?

Just in case our luck runs out and we do get some real snow-fall, please note – the Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations.

It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at 671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.



Tree Talk Tree Talk

GARDEN CALENDAR: FEBRUARY AND MARCH

Don't be fooled by warm, sunny days. It is still too early to remove mulches, screening, and other winter plant protections. Make sure they are still in place.

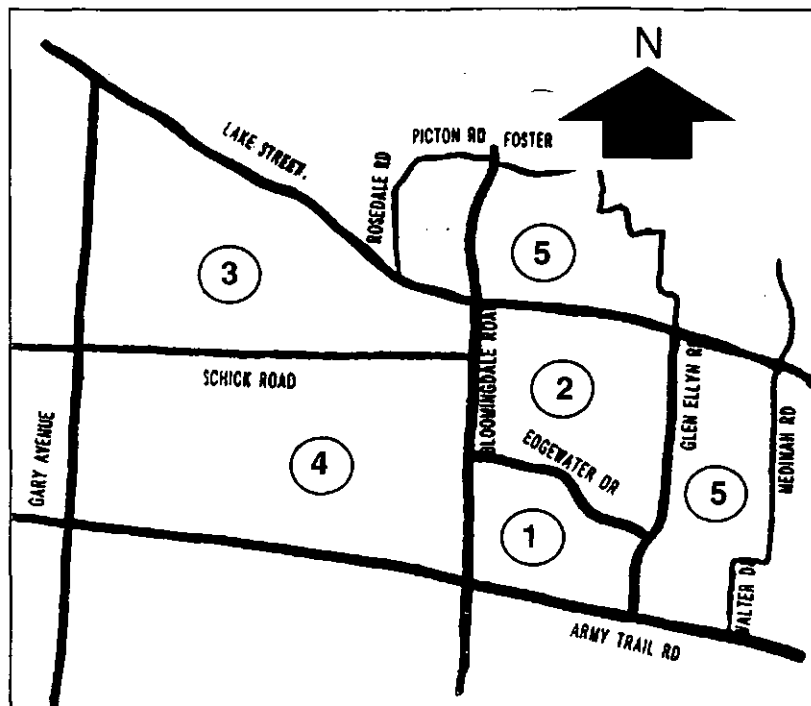
Prune trees* and shrubs. The ideal time to prune is in the dormant season, after the coldest weather and prior to new growth. For this reason, our Spring Branch Collection Program begins in early spring. Please consult the branch collection information and schedule in this Almanac issue to determine the collection date for your neighborhood.

Prune spring flowering plants (i.e., lilacs, forsythias) after they bloom to avoid removing this spring's flowers.

*Note to residents - please do not prune parkway trees. These trees are pruned regularly through contract and in-house programs. If you believe a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

SPRING BRANCH COLLECTION BEGINS MARCH 24

PICKUP SCHEDULE



Parkway Tree Maintenance

For any and all work by a resident or resident's contractor on a parkway tree, a permit is required by Ordinance No. 95-61, An Ordinance Regulating the Planting, Maintenance and Removal of Trees on Public Areas.

PLEASE NOTE -

Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to the tree. For those residents who have installed planter walls without permits, approval can be obtained by contacting James M. Johnson, Forestry Crew Leader, at 630-671-5804. The Village will be notifying residents of a violation when unacceptable planters are encountered.

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

SECTION ONE:

Pick-up begins March 24, 2003

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

SECTION TWO:

Pick-up begins March 31, 2003

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

SECTION THREE:

Pick-up begins April 7, 2003

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

SECTION FOUR:

Pick-up begins April 14, 2003

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

SECTION FIVE:

Pick-up begins April 21, 2003

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



The Branch Collection Program: What You'll Need to Know

The Bloomingdale Public Works' Forestry Division will be conducting its Spring Branch Collection Program beginning on March 24, 2003. **PLEASE NOTE** - To better serve our residents a summer pick-up is again being included in the program. Residents' branches will again be collected three times during the year, once during spring, summer and fall. The summer pick-up will take place during June/July. Large branches downed by storms will also be picked up. Small branches and twigs downed during storms should be bagged for BFI pick-up. For storm damage pick-up, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800 (or e-mail to priceh@vil.bloomington.il.us) **within 72 hours of storm for within 72 hours of storm for scheduling.**

The branch collection program is available to single family detached residences within the Village of Bloomingdale only. Residents of townhomes should contact their association regarding branch collection.

The following information shall assist residents regarding branch collection procedures:

☐ Branches must be out ***by 7 a.m. on the first day the pick-up is to begin*** for the section. Please note: **Our crew will be making only one pass down each block and will not return.** Branches should not be placed on the parkway more than 10 days before the scheduled beginning pick-up date for the section.

☐ Woody branches up to six inches in diameter and up to twenty feet in length are the only items that will be picked up. Long lengths are favored. Do not reduce the length for our benefit. Any branches exceeding six inches in trunk diameter will not be picked up. Our chipper is designed to chip woody limbs and branches. The equipment will not grind small, twigs, vines or other non-woody yard waste. **Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds will not be picked up** because the soft material clogs and damages our equipment. **If it is baggable, it is yard waste.**

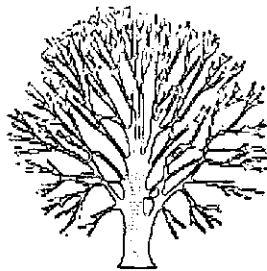
☐ All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and should be ***stacked in an orderly fashion*** with the cut or larger end towards the pavement. Small branches may be bundled with string. **PLEASE NOTE** - branches left out in a ***tangled mess will not be picked up*** due to time required for our crew to sort for loading.

☐ Branches with spikes, hooks or other metal objects will not be picked up. **Stumps, roots, root balls, wooden fence and construction lumber also will not be picked up.**

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

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

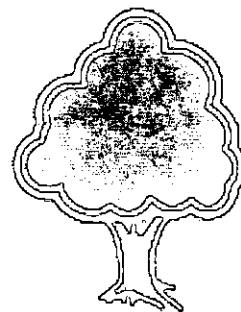
Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program. For further information, please call Helen Price at 630-671-5800.



Tree Pruning Underway

Nels J. Johnson Tree Experts of Evanston, Illinois will begin parkway tree pruning for the Village in February. All trees with a diameter at breast height of eight or more inches will be pruned to improve tree health and structure in a careful and systematic manner. Areas included in this year's cycle are:

Bloomfield Hills
Byron Avenue
Edgewater Drive
Greenway Drive



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

The Village of Bloomingdale and Bloomingdale Police Department publicly recognize and express sincere gratitude to the residents listed below. The time and talents they generously volunteer are a big part of the continued success of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Thanks to all of them for their efforts to keep our community safe.

Mary Albert
Hugh Bailey
Frank Bartolone
Robert Becker
Anna Marie Bergl
Pam Brewer
Mary Lynn Brown
Gregg Burgess
Andre Burke
Brad Butler
Gregory Carrol
Edward Christofano
Bart Cohen
Don Coleman
Carol Cosentino
Patricia Cox
Ginger Crissie
Susan Culhane
Ray Cullerton
Josephine Dabrowski
Janet Davitt
Bonnie Decoursey
Daniel Del Campo
Kort Dickson
Mary Ann Divenere
Monica Dolhun
Donna Doyle
Paula & George Duffey
Donna Dwyer
Patty Eagleton
Tim Ferner
Mary Sue Fornari
Amy Frane
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin
Laura Geraci
Sally Gill
Patrick Griffin
Charissa Hannigan
Jim Harris

Connie Hasselbach
Juanita Hathaway
Jacquelyne Hill
Rich Hodyl
Donna Hoidas
Jane & Dennis Hyde
Dorothy Jaskey
Gretchen Johnson
Henry Jones
Jennifer Jordan
George Kas
Joyce Klinowski
Kathleen Kohl
Alan J. & Lori A. Kramer
Joseph Kuzdzal
Rita & Frank Letizia
Anthony & Theresa Lobraco
Rozanne Malott
James Mandock
John Manos
Judy Martin
Mary McGowan
Patrick McNamara
Victoria Melvin
Jane & Gil Michelotti
Chris Monisco
Donald Napoli Jr.
Carol & Andrew Neff
Kathleen Nendze
Carol & Dennis Neri
Carol Nies
Georgette Nootens
Holly Paoletti
Elizabeth Pavia
Laurell Pearce
Sandra Perakis
Dawn Percudani

Sandy Polito
Dorothy Prohaska
Patrick Quigley
Bernard Rapacz
Virginia Riordon
Marvin Roehlke
Gail Rohlfing
Roger Rossi
Cynthia Rothamer
Judi Rotondo
Lewis Sapien
John & Bonnie Sassmann
Susan Schembari
Christine Butler-Schoaf
Rhonda Schubert
John Schultz
Kendra Siegle
Barb Soden
John Sofere
Nilofer Soheli
Juanita Soyaut
Carl Triana
Steven & Staci Usedom
Jeannie Van-Sky
Enza Vicari
Susan Voelker
Mary Theresa Wedel
Bob Wikrent
Louise Zeiton

Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

GENERAL MEETINGS
3rd Wednesday evening
of every other month at
7:30 PM in the Village
Hall Council Room:

March 19
May 21
July 16
September 17
November 19

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
AGAINST CRIME --
BLOOMINGDALE PARK
DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 5, 2003
6:00-9:00 PM

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

OUR SUCCESS IS
MEASURED BY THE
SCOPE OF YOUR
INVOLVEMENT

Sincerely,

Gary J. Schira,
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,
Detective

529-9868

Beware: Con and Scam Artists at Work

Some unscrupulous people spend most of their time inventing ways to trick people out of their money, particularly preying on senior citizens. Instead of using their energy toward positive ventures, they try to think of ways to catch people off guard and make some quick money for themselves. By reading the daily newspaper or watching the evening news, you can see/hear the stories about con artists working different scams. Usually, the stories that raise our awareness come from someone else's misfortune.



Recently, DuPage County Sheriff, John Zaruba, announced that his department has been investigating a number of Ruse Entry "Gypsy" Scams in unincorporated Glendale Heights, West Chicago, Warrenville, and Lemont. The suspects involved in these cases entered the residences of elderly victims by claiming to be from Commonwealth Edison or other utility services that provide yard clean-up or tree trimming. During the incidents, an individual would keep the victim preoccupied in conversation inside the home or

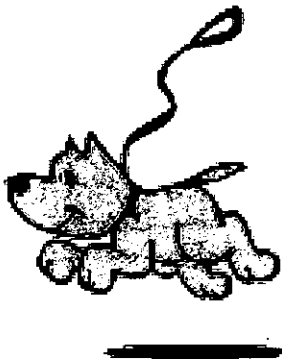
lure the victim outside, while other individuals would enter the residence and look for valuables. The reports have indicated that two to five male suspects may have been involved in these cases. The reports also describe the suspect vehicles to have been white mini-vans or cargo vans. Some of the victims reported that nothing was missing from their homes, others discovered personal checks and hundreds of dollars were taken from the bedroom areas.

The Bloomingdale Police Department wants all citizens to be aware of home repair fraud, phone scams, mail fraud, and to practice the following safety tips.

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Never open the doors to strangers. Ask service people for identification and call the company for further verification.
- ANY suspicious people or activity – contact the local police department immediately.
- Check with family, friends, the Village Building Department/Police Department for validity of a business.
- Don't give personal or financial information over the phone.
- Hang up on nuisance callers and report them.
- Consult with trusted individuals regarding any business / financial affairs.

Senior citizens are not always the victims in these cases, but they are generally targeted. In order to reduce victimization, please be alert and aware of your surroundings, utilize good safety practices, and keep in contact with your neighbors and your local police department. Being "the eyes and ears of the community" will help reduce victimization for you and others.

If you have any questions, concerns, or are looking for more information about crime prevention material, please contact Detective Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.



Attention, dog owners -

2003 dog licenses are \$3 and should be purchased by April 30 for dogs over 4 months of age. A current rabies inoculation certification is necessary to purchase license. If your dog is picked up and does not have a license tag, you could be fined \$25.

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671-5600

Anthony Hodges, Bryan Petrus Attain Eagle Scout Ranking:

Two more Bloomingdale young men have attained the highest rank available to Boy Scouts.

Anthony Hodges, Lake Park High School senior, has been active in several school activities, including taking a leadership role in peer mediation. In addition, he is very active in the Bloomingdale Church Youth Group, taking on leadership roles there also. His Eagle Scout project involved building a new picnic table, in addition to cleaning out and refurbishing the courtyard area for Bloomingdale Church.

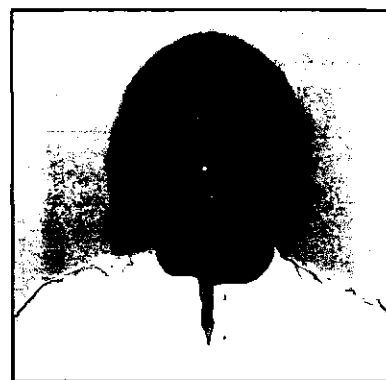
Bryan Petrus is currently a sophomore at the University of Illinois/ Champaign-Urbana, majoring in mechanical engineering, and a member of the Chancellors Honors Program. The 2002 Lake Park graduate is an Illinois State Scholar and National Merit Scholarship recipient who competed on the Math Team and Scholastic Bowl all four years. His Eagle Project was to direct the planting of native marsh plants as part of an erosion control project at Springbrook Nature Center in Itasca.

Matthew Alagna New Marketing Director at Indian Lakes

Matthew Alagna was recently named Director of Marketing at Indian Lakes Resort. Alagna comes to the resort from the Abby Group Resorts in Wisconsin where he was the director of sales. He has over 20 years of hospitality sales experience.

Gene Abbott Named Illinois Business Person of the Year

Longtime Bloomingdale businessman **Gene Abbott**, Chairman/CEO of Abbott and Associates, was recently named Illinois Businessman of the Year by the Business Advisory Council and the National Republican Congressional Committee. He received this honor because of his willingness to share his insight and expertise on tax cuts, economic growth and decreasing government regulation with the Republican Party. He will be recognized locally and nationally and will be listed in the Wall Street Journal as a top U.S. business leader who has successfully integrated business and financial success. He and other business leaders from other states plan to work closely with the Republican leadership in restoring American economic prosperity in 2003.



First Fundraiser for 'Everyday Heroes'

The Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee is excited to be partnering with Jamada Restaurant, 241 E. Lake Street, for their first major fundraiser for the latest statue in the works.

"Everyday Heroes," a tribute to our police and fire personnel is currently being commissioned. The original sculpture, which will feature a fireman and police officer, will be placed at the south end of Old Town Park, at Washington and First streets.

Hossein Jamali, owner of Jamada Restaurant, will be hosting a dinner for 200 people at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. Tickets are \$40 per person and will begin with three kinds of appetizers, followed by either New York Strip Steak or Grilled Salmon, vegetable and potato, apple tart and coffee/tea, plus a bottle of wine at the table. A cash bar will be available for additional alcoholic beverages. In addition, a jazz quartet will be playing at the restaurant.

Tickets are limited to 200 and are available at the Village Hall. Fifty percent of the ticket price will go to the statue project. The BPCD Committee is grateful to Mr. Jamali for his generosity. Don't miss this chance to have a fabulous meal, and help with the tribute to Bloomingdale's everyday heroes. Call Mary Ellen at 671-5600 for more information.

Scholarship Funds Available from Local Organizations

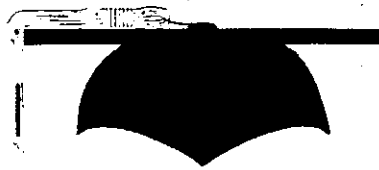
The following are scholarships available to Bloomingdale residents through local organizations.

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Bloomingdale. Community service will be a major component for awarding the scholarship.

Applications are available at the Village Hall, the Bloomingdale Public Library and in the guidance office of local high schools as well as in the Financial Aid Office at the College of DuPage. Applications can also be requested by writing to Bloomingdale Women's Club Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 271, Bloomingdale IL 60108. All applications are due back to the club by April 15, 2003. For more information, call Diane Kuhlmann at (630) 479-6795.

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business, or a 2 or 4-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomingdale resident or employee of a Bloomingdale Chamber member. Previous Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered.

Applications will be due back in mid-April. Call the Chamber office at 980-9082 for more details on requirements and to request an application.



Applications are also now being accepted for three \$500 scholarships for college-bound high school seniors who previously attended District 13 schools. The scholarships, made available by the district's parent-teacher organizations, may be picked up at Lake Park, Driscoll Catholic and St. Francis High schools, or at the District 13 schools. Applications must be returned to the sponsoring school. See application for deadline to return.

Students may apply for scholarships offered by either school they attended. Scholarship winners will be selected by a committee who evaluates the student's application, grade point averages, introductory letters and letters of recommendation. This is the eleventh year the PTOs have been offering the college scholarships.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2003 Mr/Ms Bloomingdale Scholarship competition, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Septemberfest Commission. This scholarship is open to residents 16-21 and awards a total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds to winners and runners-up.

Thanks

We extend thanks to the following individuals for their volunteer contributions during 2001 to Village Commissions and Committees:

Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger
Branka Poplonski
Georgene Geils

John Vertnik
Remo Turano
Bruce Fairchild

Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau

Frank Letizia

Louis Pavone

Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz
Steve Apostolopoulos
Shilora Larson

Mark Kreciak
Alan Birkley
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Jeff Dolce

Jim King
Guy Sanalidro
Ron Fangusaro
Rick Tayfel

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Mike Korney
Dolores Orlik
Gloria Tomaras

Debby Bodnar
Pam Hagar
Donna Fielder
Irene Jones
Anthony Puccio

Karen Gerovac

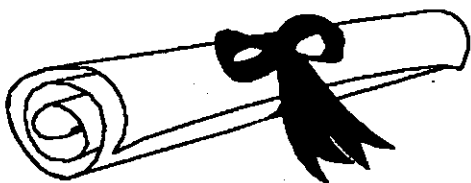
Family Fest Commission

Pat Cirrincione
Peg Hartnett
Mary Rodne

Milton Clark
Kandice Krettler
Guy Sanalidro

Planning on Sending your Child to Kindergarten?

Illinois law says a child entering kindergarten must be five years old, on or before September 1st. Parents residing in School District 13 wishing to have their child considered for early entry, must contact the district's gifted coordinator, Signe Noth at 529-6211 before February 21, 2003. Once contact has been made, all necessary documentation must be completed and submitted for review. Following the timeframe of the early entry process is vital in order to have your child considered. No child will be considered unless the gifted coordinator is notified of the request prior to February 21, 2003.



Three Trustees to be Elected April 1

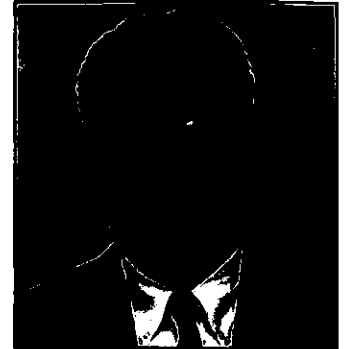
On April 1, 2003, voters are asked to go to the polls to elect three trustees to four-year terms. Running for the three positions are the three incumbents. Following is information on each of them.

The last day to register or transfer a registration countywide in order to vote in the April 1, 2003 election is Tuesday, March 4, 2003. Registration is available during regular hours at the Bloomingdale Village Hall and the Bloomingdale Public Library. Two forms of identification (one with your current address) are required.

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Bob Czernek, Village Trustee

Bob Czernek, his wife Barb and two daughters, have resided in Bloomingdale since 1986. Prior to becoming a trustee in 1997 Bob was a member of the Bloomingdale Plan Commission for two years. As trustee, Bob has worked hard to continue to reduce the property tax levy, supported economic growth, and has maintained the highest quality of life by supporting the golf course and other open space initiatives. He has served as the Bloomingdale liaison to Northern DuPage Cable Television Consortium working to provide quality cable programming and reasonable rates. As chairman of the Intergovernmental Committee Bob has networked with State, County, Township and other local taxing bodies to improve services and communication for the benefit of Bloomingdale residents.



Bob has operated a small distribution company for 16 years. Bob is currently Vice-Chairman of DuCAP, which works with underprivileged children in DuPage County. His past community activities include serving on the Bloomingdale Plan Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Old Town Review Committee, and the Bloomingdale Golf Course Advisory Committee. Bob is an elected Republican Committeeman for Bloomingdale Township.

"I am seeking re-election as trustee to continue my work on providing open space, prudent redeployment to protect the sales tax base, and to continue to be fiscally responsible. I believe the current board is working well together and I would like to continue to be part of the team."

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John Dabrowski, Village Trustee

John Dabrowski, a 27-year resident of Bloomingdale, is seeking a second term as Village Trustee. An electrical contractor, John manages and operates D. J. Electric with his wife, Jodi. They are members of St. Isidore Church in Bloomingdale.

In addition to living and working in Bloomingdale, John is very active in the community. He has been a member of the Village's Old Town Commission, Family Fest Committee, Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. He is an active supporter of the Bloomingdale Public Library, the Friends of the Library and the Bloomingdale Historical Society.

John is in his 15th year on the Board of Directors for the Fairfield Condo Homeowners Association and is also on the Board of Directors of the Roselle Chamber of Commerce.

During his first term as trustee, John has served two years as the liaison to Family Fest, Septemberfest and the Business Development Committee. He currently is serving as liaison to the Police Department.

"I remain committed to this community and will continue to work with local residents and businesses to address their needs and will continuously strive to keep property taxes low. Collectively as a board, we eliminated the Village Vehicle Stickers, provided a signalized intersection at Euclid and Lake Street for the safety of our residents and worked with a developer to get a supermarket back into the Springbrook Shopping Center."



Gloria A. Reyes, Village Trustee

Gloria A Reyes, is seeking re-election to a fourth term. As Village Trustee, she is Chairman of the Public Works and Services Committee which oversees and supports improvements of the Village's infrastructure which include street improvements and water treatment facilities, in addition to undergrounding of utilities. Recently she supported the Villages' Hi-tech Automated water meter program to provide a more efficient and accurate system, in addition to savings of personnel resources. Gloria supported the Bloomingdale Golf Course improvements and upgrades, which last year included the addition of a practice range to provide a full service golf facility. Gloria has supported numerous Intergovernmental agreements for overall community improvements.

Gloria is serving her eighth year as Village Liaison to the Bloomingdale Public Library, where she volunteers and is President of the Friends of the Library, who assist with funding of several of the Library's events. Gloria is a member of the Lake Park Parent Advisory Board. She was instrumental in the success of the Lake Park Classroom for Kids referendum, to help protect property values and a standard of education. Gloria is active in Bloomingdale's Character Counts organization and participated in St Isidore's Walk for Hunger. Prior to coming on the Board, she served on the Old Town and Family Fest Commission.

Trustee Gloria Reyes has lived in Bloomingdale 15 years, with husband John Ball and daughter Tiffany.

"My future Village contributions will focus on protecting the Village's business tax base, continued improvements in Bloomingdale's infrastructure, Old Town's assessment and improvements and the completion of the recreational pathway."

Internet Access to be Available in Bloomingdale Via Cable TV in June 2003

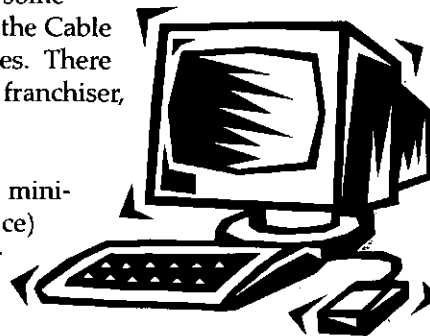
Many residents have inquired about getting internet access via cable, and we are pleased to report that AT&T/Comcast has just announced that service will be available by the end of June, 2003.

There are some minor upgrades needed to the system in order to provide the capability, which will be done over the next few months. Crews will be in the area working during that time. There will be some short-term interruptions of service as a result of these improvements, which will be minimized as much as possible.

High Speed Data service will be available to all locations where AT&T cable is now available, but you do not need to be a cable subscriber to get that service.

The recent rate increase has also generated some questions. Based on Federal Law, through the Cable Act of 1996, we cannot prevent rate increases. There is very limited authority granted to us as a franchiser, and we do exercise that authority.

Also, it should be mentioned that there is a minimum cable TV service package (Basic Service) available at a cost of \$11.52 per month. For more information on what that service includes, please contact AT&T/Comcast at 1-866-594-1234 (toll free).

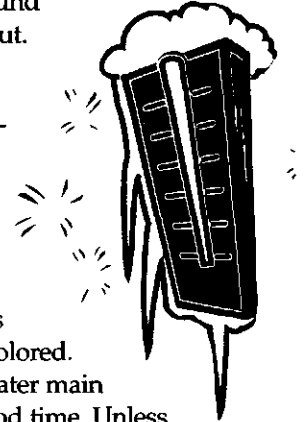


Winter Water Main Breaks

Winter is typically a busy time of year for our crews. Water main breaks occur year round, but are more frequent in the winter months. "Water main break" is a term frequently used to describe a variety of underground pipeline failures.

The Village water distribution infrastructure consists of approximately 122 miles of water mains, 1750 fire hydrants, 6,000 b-boxes, and 1500 valves to maintain and repair. These are generally located in the parkway in front of your home or in rear yard easements. Most water main breaks are easy to detect as the ground above the leak will swell and a constant flow of water will run out.

Repairs are typically scheduled by the severity of the leak with priority given to the safety of the water supply, potential for damage, and inconvenience to the affected customers. The time required to make repairs will vary due to conditions, such as weather, and conflicts with other utilities. To make a repair, the crew has to shut off the water main. Water is generally off 4 to 6 hours for the average repair. The crews typically knock on the doors of the homes of residents affected by the shut down, unless it's late at night. Once the water is turned back on, it may be discolored. This discoloration is generally due to mineral sediments in the water main which are disturbed by the repairs. This will settle in a short period time. Unless you are specifically notified, the water remains potable (safe to drink).



To report a water main break please call the Village Services – Utilities Division at 671-5830 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:00pm. After hours, the on-call person can be reached by calling the Police Department's non-emergency number at 529-9868.

Best Wishes to Shilora, Our Two-Time Retiree!

Our first female officer on the Bloomington Police Department has now officially retired, for the second time, as a Bloomington employee.

Shilora, Larson came to Bloomington in 1971 from Glendale Heights, where she was a juvenile officer. Bloomington's police chief was looking for someone with experience to start up Bloomington's own dispatch center. At that point, Roselle dispatched all Bloomington's calls.

So on Shilora's first day, July 16, 1971, she began working at 8 a.m. By noon, the Bloomington Police Department was taking its own calls and handling its own phones.

At this point Bloomington was a close-knit community of less than 3000. The Sunnyside area was just being built; Bloomington Road was only two lanes; Fairfield Way did not exist and Schick Road was just a dirt road west of Indian Lakes.

"We didn't deal with a lot of 'criminals'," she said. "In fact, Bloomington was well known as a speed trap. Lake Street was the only street with traffic, so you worked Lake Street."

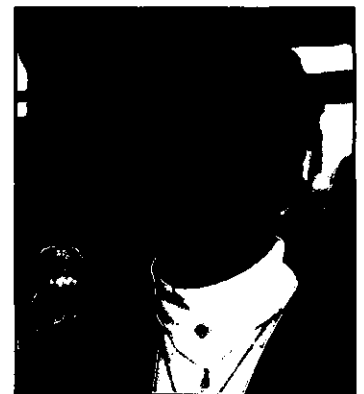
She remembers sitting at Lake and Maple and forgetting

to turn out the overhead lights in her squad car. "I still caught speeders," she laughs.

She also laughs remembering that there were times when she was the only officer working in Bloomington and Joann Kunz (now Deputy Chief Joann Drozd) was the only officer on in Roselle. If only the residents had known the only two police officers protecting them those nights were two women!

Larson retired from the police force December 6, 1991. The next day she began working full-time in a civilian position as the Records Division supervisor. Although Shilora loved being an officer, she found she really enjoyed the statistical work in records. And now, after 11 years as a civilian employee, Larson has once again retired – this time for good.

She and her husband, Bob, retired at the same time and have moved to Las Vegas. We wish them both all the best in their retirement.



Community Events

'Heart to Heart' Dance February 25

Saturday, February 25 marks the "Heart to Heart" Valentine's Dance at the Doral Eaglewood Conference Resort, 1401 Nordic Road, Itasca. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to Kids in Need (KIN), a not-for-profit charitable organization, founded by residents Warren and Barbara Gnau and dedicated to caring for kids in time of crisis. Tickets to the semi-formal dinner dance are \$50. Call KIN at 630-620-8434 for tickets or more information.

Villagers Announce Upcoming Activities

On the heels of a very successful Housewalk in November, the Villagers Club of Bloomingdale is planning the 10th annual Housewalk. Interested business sponsors, as well as residents who are interested in showcasing their home for this annual holiday event should call Paula Duffy at 894-0849. Proceeds from this event are always donated to local charities.

In the meantime, the Villagers have plenty to keep them busy. Monthly meetings are held at 7:15 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Bloomingdale Public Library. February 6 features a Heart Healthy Tea Party. The ladies will wear hats to mark the occasion. A representative from Glen Oaks Hospital will talk with members about women's heart issues.

March 6 marks Giveaway Night, when the club brings in representatives of the several charities who will be receiving monies from the club's fundraising efforts. On April 3, members will take to the runway as they model fashions from Maggie's Closet in Schaumburg as a fashion show is the program. Refreshments are served at all meetings. Call Villagers' President Margie Peterson at 351-8107 for more information.

Best Selling Author Coming to Erickson School April 15

School District 13 is very excited about an April 15 program featuring best-selling author Jim Trelease. He will speak on "Reading Aloud: Motivating children to make books into friends, not enemies." Trelease's anecdotal style is filled with humor and enthusiasm. Even though the program is about children reading, the content is aimed at adults.

The nationally recognized speaker notes that "...two-thirds of children don't like to read. No player in the NBA was born wanted to play basketball. The desire to play ball or to read must be planted. Shooting baskets with a child creates a basketball player; reading to a child creates a reader."

This enjoyable, inspiring, yet practical, program begins at 7 p.m. at Erickson Elementary, 277 Springfield Drive. It is free and open to the public. For more information contact Betsy Niemiec at 529-2223.



Bloomingdale Women's Club Fashion Show April 26

The Bloomingdale Women's Club hosts the 29th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "May All Your Dreams Come True," on Saturday April 26 at Indian Lakes Resort. The fundraiser will benefit the Fairy Godmother Foundation, which grants wishes to terminally ill adults. More information will appear in the April Almanac. For tickets call Jennifer at 510-3992.

Rotary Club Collecting Used Toner Cartridges

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club is looking for community support in its initiative to eradicate polio worldwide by 2005 through the donation of empty printer and toner cartridges. Forest View Technologies will donate anywhere between \$1 and \$8 to the club for each cartridge, depending upon type. Here's an easy way to make a difference.

Local Drop off Locations

Advantage National Bank
1350 W. Lake Street
Mon-Fri 8am-4 pm

Bloomingdale Park District
172 S. Circle
Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

**JAMADA Steak &
Sea Food Grill**
241 East Lake Street
Mon/Wed/Fri 9am-7pm

Check the website
www.brrotary.org for more
drop off sites or call Bill Bahr
at (630) 307-3634 or Rob
Burns (630) 980-2020, x105.



Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



Chief Tim Marrocco

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Firefighter Fatalities in 2002

102 firefighters died while on duty in the United States in 2002. Career firefighters comprised 37 deaths (36%) Volunteer, seasonal, and part-time firefighters accounted for 65 deaths (64%) Ten of these were seasonal or part-time wild-land firefighters. The vast majority of fatalities occurred in relation to a fire or medical emergency incident. 70% of the firefighters who died while on-duty suffered fatal injuries or illnesses in emergency situations. Heart attacks continue to be a leading cause of firefighter deaths, killing 31 firefighters in 2002. This represents almost one third of the 2002 totals.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency/U.S. Fire Administration.
For additional information contact the USFA website.

CHIMNEY FIRES

Sometimes these fires are noisy and dramatic enough to be detected by neighbors or passersby. Flames or dense smoke may shoot from the top of the chimney. Homeowners report being startled by a low rumbling sound that reminds them of a freight train or a low flying airplane. However, those are only the chimney fires you know about. Slow-burning chimney fires don't get enough air or have enough fuel to be as dramatic or visible. But, the temperatures they reach are very high and can cause as much damage to the chimney structure and nearby combustible parts of the house. A fire in the flue can raise the wood structures on the other side of the chimney to their ignition temperature so that they also start to burn.

When fires are not kept hot enough, unburned fire gases exit the fireplace or wood stove, and flow up into the relatively cooler chimney and condense. The resulting residue that sticks to the inner walls of the chimney is called creosote. Creosote is black or brown in appearance. It can be crusty and flaky ... tar-like, drippy and sticky ... or shiny and hardened. Often, all forms will occur in one chimney system. Whatever form it takes, creosote is highly combustible. If it builds up in sufficient quantities - and catches fire inside the chimney flue- the result will be a chimney fire.



Certain conditions encourage the buildup of creosote, restricted air supply, unseasoned wood and cooler-than-normal chimney temperatures are all factors that can accelerate the buildup of creosote on chimney flue walls. Here are some ways to avoid chimney fires:

- Use seasoned woods only (dryness is more important than hard wood versus soft wood).
- Build smaller, hotter fires that burn more completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, trash or Christmas trees; these can spark a chimney fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures where wood stoves are in use, so you can adjust burning practices as needed.
- Have the chimney inspected and cleaned on a regular basis.

Proper Maintenance

- Clean chimneys don't catch fire. Make sure a Certified Chimney Sweep inspects your solid fuel venting system annually, and cleans and repairs it whenever needed.
- Your sweep may have other maintenance recommendations depending on how you use your fireplace or stove.
- Use certified chimney sweeps, since they are regularly tested on their understanding of the complexities of chimney and venting systems.

What to Do if You Have a Chimney Fire

If you realize a chimney fire is occurring, follow these steps:

- Get everyone out of the house, including yourself
- Call the fire department.

If you can do so without risk to yourself, these additional steps may help save your home. Remember that *homes are replaceable, lives are not*:

- Call the fire department to insure that the fire is extinguished and has not extended.
- Discharge a fire extinguisher or carefully splash water into the fireplace or wood stove
- Close the glass doors on the fireplace
- Close the air inlets on the wood stove

After any fire, or suspected fire, contact a certified chimney sweep to clean the chimney and assess for any damage. Don't rekindle another fire until you have it serviced.

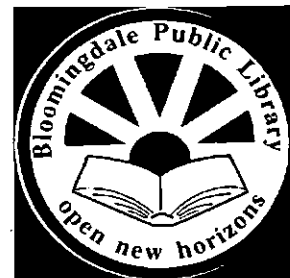
For additional information, contact a certified chimney sweep or chimney service professional.

Off the Shelf

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

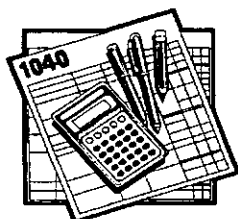
FEBRUARY, 2003

2	Chess Club (ages 8 and up)	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
3	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
4	Historical Book Discussion Group	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
*5	Adult Program - Homebuying Process	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
6	Teen Advisory Committee	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
6	Writer's Group Steering Committee	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
8	Writer's Group	9:00 - Noon
*9	Mother/Daughter Book Club (5th-8th gr.)	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
11	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 - 3:00 p.m.
12	Culture Club	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
12	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
*13	Teen Program - Valentine's Day	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
16	Chess Club (ages 8 and above)	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
19	Bloomington Garden Club	1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
*20	Adult Book Discussion Group	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
20	Teen Program - High School Coffeehouse	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
*23	Teddy Bear Hearts Tea (K-2nd gr.)	2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
*26	Adult Program - Lyric Opera	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
26	Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

MARCH, 2003

2	Chess Club (ages 8 and up)	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
3	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*4	Historical Book Discussion Group	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
*5	Adult Program - Paris	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*5	Computers for Preschoolers	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
6	Writer's Group Steering Committee	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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*11	Bus Trip to Chicago Flower Show	9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
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*20	Adult Book Discussion Group	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*26	Preschool Computer Class	10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
26	Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
30	Chess Club (ages 8 and up)	2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (630) 529-3120



Federal and State Tax Forms Available

The library has federal and Illinois income tax forms available to the public. The most common forms are free. The less popular forms may be photocopied from a master for 10 cents per copy, or downloaded from the IRS website at the Reference Desk. If you would like to download forms from your home computer, the websites are as follows: Federal, www.irs.gov, and Illinois, www.revenue.state.il.us. Look for the "forms" link to find the one you need.

New Database Available

The library has subscribed to a new computerized test preparation database, LearningExpressLibrary.com, which offers the opportunity to take many different types of tests and have them immediately scored. It also offers complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of your results. Some of the tests available include ACT, SAT, GED, GMAT, ASVAB, and ESL, among many others. The test database is available on the computers in the library lab, and also from your home computer on our home page www.bloomington.lib.il.us, then click on Databases.

Youth Services Department

WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THESE PROGRAMS



BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, January 14 - April 1

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. NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PROGRAM

FEEL FREE TO COME IN YOUR PAJAMAS.



CHESS CLUB (Ages 8 and up)

Sunday: February 2, February 16,
March 2, March 16, and March 30

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. No registration is required for this program-just stop by and check it out.

REGISTER FOR THESE PROGRAMS

Register in person or by telephone (630) 529-3120, ext. 332.

Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.



KINDERGARTEN KAPERS

(Kindergarteners)

Thursdays, February 6 - March 13

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

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Kapers is a six week morning or afternoon program for the kindergartener who has outgrown preschool story hour, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled hour of stories, crafts, and musical fun selected for their newly developing skills. In order to foster the child's independence, parents/caregivers and siblings are asked to remain outside the program area during the storytime. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*

TEDDY BEAR HEARTS TEA

(K - 2nd grade girls and their moms)

Sunday, February 23

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Moms, daughters, and teddy bears come dressed in your Sunday best and join us for a "Bears & Hearts" tea party. We will learn party etiquette, play parlour games and enjoy a selection of delicious morsels. Remembrance photos will be taken. *This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.*



YOUTH COMPUTER CLASSES

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

COMPUTERS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

(Ages 3-5 and a parent)

Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19, and 26

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

Limited to 5 children/parents per session

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

HOMEBOUND SERVICE

Are you . . .

- A senior without a car?
- Physically handicapped?
- Recovering from surgery?
- Limited by illness?

AND

- A Bloomingdale resident?

If so, you are eligible to receive free delivery of library materials to your home. Call Karen Ludwikowski at (630) 529-3120 ext. 327 for more information.



WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

WINTER READING PROGRAMS

Winter Reading Programs start on the day you register and end on Saturday, February 22.
PLEASE REGISTER IN PERSON TO GET YOUR MATERIALS.



"BOOKS ARE COOL!"

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

Families keep track of the reading and listening time on the log provided at registration. Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk on or before February 22 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.



"READ TO SUCCEED"

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

Participants in this reading program have the chance to win exciting prizes, such as Chicago Wolves merchandise! Turn in completed reading log to the Youth Services Reference Desk on or before February 22 to enter the PRIZE DRAWING.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

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

Do you have suggestions on programs, books and materials that you would like to see in the library? Your opinion matters and that's why you should join 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 Thursday, February 6, from 7-8 p.m. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.



HIGH SCHOOL COFFEEHOUSE

Thursday, February 20
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Are you funny, or a good singer, or write your own poetry? Here is your opportunity to share your talents among friends at the open mic session of the Library's Coffeehouse on Thursday, February 20 from 6:30p.m.-8:30 p.m. The audience will choose their favorite three performances and we will award them with prizes. We will be serving Gloria Jean's Coffee, hot chocolate and many other goodies. We will also have door prizes, board games, and an open mic. This is free and open to all High School Students. For more information, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk.

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE WITH COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

Wednesday, March 12
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Come and explore the educational opportunities and services of College of DuPage (C.O.D.). Steve Barleen, High School Project Manager at College of DuPage, will be here to discuss how to get started at C.O.D. and focus on the transfer process between C.O.D. and a four-year college. If you are interested in finding out what College of DuPage can do for you, register at the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332. All students and their parents welcome.



SWEET TREATS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

(6th - 12th grades)
Thursday, February 13
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Calling all chocoholics, this program is for you! We will be melting chocolate into candy molds to make beautiful chocolate creations for your special someone on Valentine's Day. To register, please call 529-3120 ext. 332 or stop by the Youth Services Desk. Registration is limited to 15 people.

Adult Services Department

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

THE HOMEBUYING PROCESS

Wednesday, February 5

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

Again, the library is offering this overview of the homebuying process. If you are considering buying a home and are uncertain of what the process entails, then you won't want to miss this seminar. On hand will be a mortgage lender representative, a realtor, an attorney, and an insurance agent speaking about each aspect of buying a house. Ample time will be provided for questions. This program has proved popular in the past. Don't miss this opportunity for free professional advice!



LYRIC OPERA LECTURE SERIES:

UN BALLO IN MASCHERA

(A Masked Ball)

Wednesday, February 26

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

Un Ballo in Maschera will be the last Lyric Opera lecture for this season. Here is the opportunity to discover this rich Verdi opera dealing with the supposed events surrounding the assassination of Gustavus III of Sweden. You will learn about the background of the opera, the life of Verdi and listen to wonderful arias and musical selections.

IN AND AROUND PARIS

PRESENTED BY AL AND GAIL POPOWITS

Wednesday, March 5

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

Join the library as we host popular speakers Al and Gail Popowits. As world travelers and avid photographers, they will be presenting a slide show of the sites to be found in and around Paris. Just as there is more to metro Chicago than the city, so it is with Paris. Versailles, Chartres, Giverny and Fontainebleau are only some of the places to be explored.



CHICAGO

FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

AT NAVY PIER (BUS TRIP)

Tuesday, March 11

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again! The incredibly popular Flower and Garden Show will be at Navy Pier from March 8th through the 16th. The library is hosting a bus trip to this year's event. A deluxe motor coach will leave from the library at 9:00 a.m. and return at approximately 1:00 p.m. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Lunch will be on your

own. The trip is limited to 55 people and preference will be given to Bloomingdale Library card holders. Sign-up will be taken in the Business Office. Please call the Adult Reference Desk if you have any questions.



AUTO DETAILING:

DO IT LIKE A PROFESSIONAL

Wednesday, March 19

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

Roselle resident Gary Kouba presents a unique class on car care and auto detailing. His presentation will include: the different products on the market today, the differences between waxes, polishes and sealants (and proper application), the effect contaminants have on your car and tips on keeping your car's interior looking good. This class has broken attendance records at other libraries so make sure you register early.

FIBROMYALGIA AND CHRONIC PAIN

Thursday, April 17

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

Rheumatologist and pain management specialist Carey Dachman, M.D., will present information on this often misunderstood disease. He will explain how fibromyalgia is evaluated and diagnosed as well as options available to manage symptoms. Dr. Dachman is board certified in internal medicine, rheumatology and clinical pain management. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

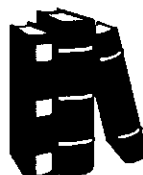
MAKING SUSHI WITH JONATHAN BEAN,

THE CHEF-AT-LARGE

Tuesday, April 22

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

Chef Jonathan Bean will be at the library to demonstrate the art of sushi preparation. Chef Bean is a spirited presenter and skilled chef with over 32 years of cooking experience. For the last five years he has been teaching cooking classes and performing demonstrations throughout Chicagoland. Please join us for this fun program. Seating is limited.



WANTED

Donations of used books for our ongoing booksale may be left at any time at the library. To arrange for a pickup call (630) 529-3120.

Adult Services Department

WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Book Discussion Groups

Beat the winter blues by joining a Bloomingdale Public Library Adult Book Discussion Group! Copies of our current book selection are available at the Adult Reference Desk. Join us for a fun and thought-provoking discussion. Newcomers are always welcome.

The evening group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Our selections for February and March are as follows:

February 20 *Magician's Assistant* by Anne Patchett
March 20 *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood* by Alexandra Fuller

The morning historical book group meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Book selections for February and March are:

February 4 *America's Jubilee: How in 1826 a generation remembered fifty years of independence*
 by Andrew Burstein
March 4 *Amistad* by David Pesci

Adopt-A-Magazine Thank You's

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the following for participating in the Adopt-A-Magazine program:

Bank One
Evelyn Deeke
Diane Doll
Vivian Krotz
Tony and Lucy Mettewie
James and Karen Petrus
Ethel Rathe
Michael and Roberta Ratliff
Michael and Nancy Reich
Joyce Reparsky
Gerald Revely
Guy Sanalistro
Harriet Smolla
Villagers Club of Bloomingdale

New Magazine Subscriptions

We have added some new subscriptions to our magazine area. Look for these next time you are at the library:

Budget Living
Chicagoland Gardening
Christianity Today
Conde Naste Traveler
Country Home
Traditional Home

Do you enjoy quilting?



If you would be interested in being part of quilting group that would meet at the library, please call Peggy Carlson at 529-3120 ext. 328. Possible activities could include fabric swaps, guest speakers, idea exchanges, etc.

People Educating People

The People Educating People Volunteer Program from College of DuPage is seeking volunteer classroom tutor-aides to work with adults learning English as a Second Language (ESL), reading and basic math in Bloomingdale, Addison and nearby communities. The next required 14 fi hour training series for-ESL or math volunteers will be held on three consecutive Saturdays, beginning March 1, 2003. The registration deadline is February 21. For more information on these opportunities, please call (630) 942-3794.

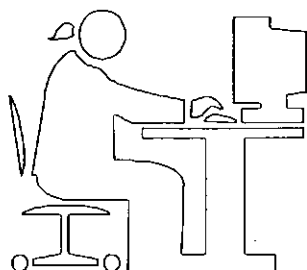
New Online Catalog

In early March the Bloomingdale Public Library and other libraries in the LINC consortium will be switching to a new online catalog, Ibistro. This system will offer many exciting new features such as pictures of the book jackets, book reviews and summaries, and bestseller lists. For books that are available but currently checked out, you can determine the estimated waiting time before placing an online hold. It will be available in the library, or from your home or office through our homepage, www.bloomingdale.lib.il.us

Computer Lab

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 February 3, 2003. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.



ADVANCED WORD

Wednesday February 12, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

This class will discuss the more complex features that Word provides. In addition to editing and creating documents, Microsoft Word has tools to create labels, envelopes, letters, and more. Mail merge and tables will be discussed. (Having taken "Intermediate Microsoft Word" is recommended.)

USING POWER POINT

Saturday February 15, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 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 THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

Tuesday February 18, 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 operations with a computer will be covered.

INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS

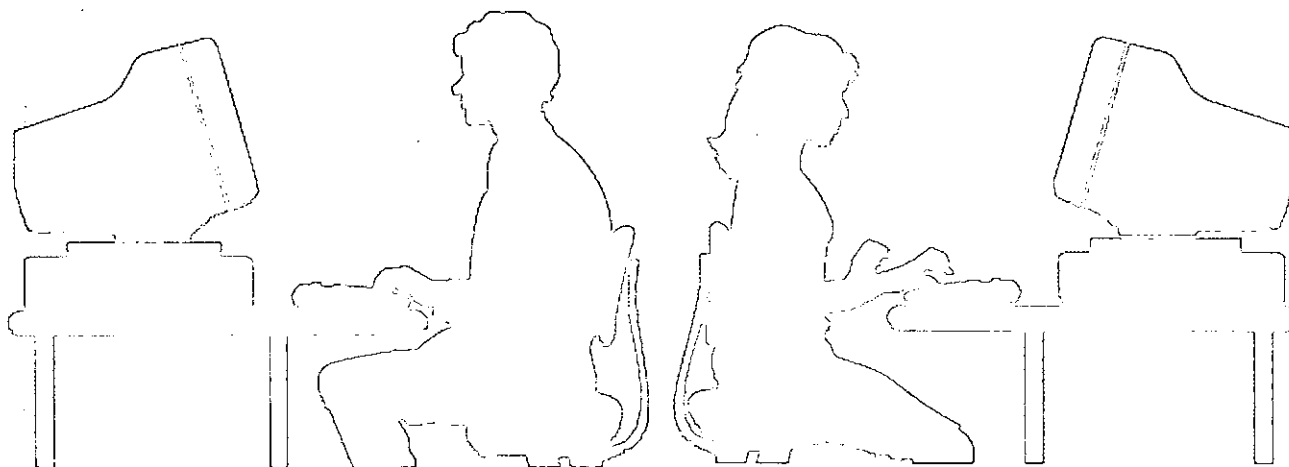
Monday February 24, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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 YOUR COMPUTER 1

Wednesday February 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean

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



Computer Lab

WINTER PROGRAMS

Adults Computer Course

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

Monday, March 3, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 4, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 17, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 18, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

Adults Computer Course Outline

Sessions 1 and 2:

Very basic introduction to computers and how we use them. Topics such as learning how to use disks and CD-ROMs, becoming comfortable with the mouse, using windows, and running programs.

Discussion will continue over first two classes with recommended practice exercises given after both session 1 and 2.

Sessions 3 and 4:

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

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

Sessions 5 and 6

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

USING SEARCH ENGINES

Monday March 10, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Karen

This class focuses on the use of search engines in retrieving information on the Internet. Participants will become familiar with the capabilities of search engines and will also be introduced to search strategies and evaluation techniques. Those taking this class should have basic mouse and keyboard abilities and a basic understanding of how to navigate the Internet. Having taken "Introduction to the Internet and E-mail" is highly recommended.

INTERMEDIATE ACCESS

Wednesday March 12, 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.)

USING MICROSOFT OFFICE

Wednesday March 19, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

GENEALOGY ONLINE

Monday March 24, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Annamarie and Barbara

Our local history librarians will demonstrate various genealogy online sources, highlighting Ancestry.com and Illinois databases. In addition, they will describe other resources such as Roots.web, the American Family Immigration History Center, Family Search, the National Obituary Archive, and the Master Cemetery Index.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 2

Wednesday March 26, 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.)

BLOOMINGDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INVITES NEW MEMBERS

The Bloomingdale Historical Society Steering Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at the Bloomingdale Public Library. Meetings are held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. New members are always welcome. For additional information, call (630) 529-3120 ext. 324.



The Bloomingdale Public Library
and the Bloomingdale Golf Club invite you to join us for our...

3rd Annual

Breakfast/Brunch with the Bunny

Held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club
181 Glen Ellyn Road
In Bloomingdale

Saturday, April 12, 2003



BREAKFAST will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

(Breakfast menu: cereal, eggs, bacon, ham, hash brown potatoes,
mini-Danish pastries and beverages)

Activities will be offered from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

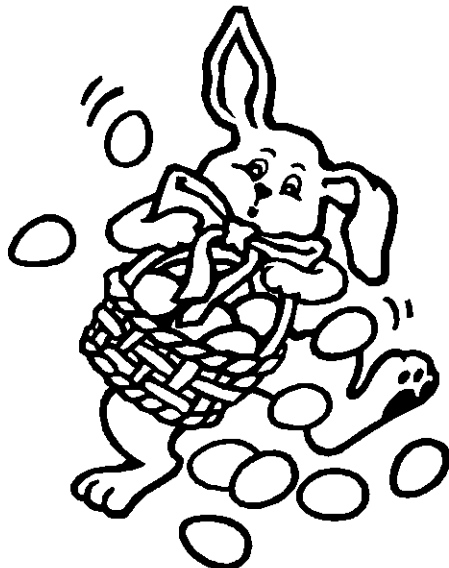
(Crafts, Egg Hunt, and visits with the Bunny.
Photos with the Bunny will be available, payable at the Breakfast.)

BRUNCH will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Brunch menu: cereal, eggs, bacon, ham, hash brown potatoes,
mini-Danish pastries and beverages)

Activities will be offered from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Crafts, Egg Hunt, and visits with the Bunny.
Photos with the Bunny will be available, payable at the Brunch.)



**Tickets will be available beginning
at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 8th
in the Library Business Office.**

The cost of the event is:

**\$10.00 per adult,
\$7.00 per child (ages 4-12)
Free for kids under age four**

(PLEASE NOTE: A ticket is required for all children under age four.)



Bloomingtondale Park District

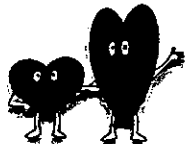
We're right around the corner!

Preschool Registration Begins in February

Preschool registration for residents for the 2003-2004 school year begins February 10. All classes are held at the Bloomingtondale Park District's Johnston Recreation Center and are offered two, three, or four days per week. **Intro to Preschool** classes are designed for 2.5 to 3 year olds, **Tiny Tot** classes are designed for 3 and 4 year olds and **Pre Kindergarten** classes are for those children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2004. Please call for specific days, times and fees.

Daddy Daughter Dance, Feb. 22, 7pm

This is the perfect evening for dads and daughters to spend together. The annual Daddy Daughter Dance is for girls age 3-12 and their dads. Register early to reserve your spot! The fee is \$22 per couple for residents, and \$27 per couple for nonresidents. Additional children are \$11 each. The Dance is held in the JRC gym.



Mom & Me Garden Tea Party Accepting Registrations Now!

Moms can get in the fun too and join us in the garden for an enchanting afternoon tea. The Museum will be transformed into a beautiful garden setting for mom and daughter to spend the afternoon together crafting, playing a garden game, and enjoying tea and sweets. Mom & Me Garden Tea Party is March 16 from 2-3:30 pm for ages 5-12 and their moms. Fee is \$18 per couple for residents, and \$23 per couple for nonresidents. Register at the JRC office or online at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org.



Summer Day Camp Registration Begins in February

Walk-in registration for residents will be accepted February 3. Call the Park District for details at 529-3650 or visit our website at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org.

Spring Break Camps Offered For Every Interest!

The following camps are offered March 31-April 4 for a variety of ages. Choose which camp your child would enjoy best!

- ☆ Roller Hockey Camp
- ☆ Baseball Camp
- ☆ Super Sports Camp
- ☆ Art Excellence Camp
- ☆ Spring Break Day Camp

Call the Park District at 529-3650 for more information, or visit us online at bloomingtondaleparks.org

NEW! Roller Hockey League

This spring the Park District will offer a roller hockey league open to all students in 6th-8th grades. If you are interested in joining the league, please call the Park District at 529-3650 to put your name on an interest list. The Park District will send more information to those who are interested.



Try Something New with Chess and The Art of Craft

Youth ages 7-12 who are chess beginners & novices alike will learn something new or more in depth at each class of **Chess**. Class will consist of approximately one hour of teaching/puzzle solving & one hour of head to head chess games. Chess is offered Saturdays from 12:45-2:45pm February 22-March 29 at the JRC. Fee is \$40-residents, \$45-non.



Youth in grades 1-5 who are aspiring artists/creators will enjoy **The Art of Craft** on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30pm, February 18-March 25 at the JRC. Students will be encouraged to use their skills & imagination to compose their very own masterpieces. Fee is \$45-residents, \$50-non.

Co-Rec Volleyball League for Adults



Enjoy an approximate seven to ten game volleyball schedule with the top four teams reaching a post-season tournament. Cash prizes will be awarded to the league's first and second place champions. The League is Fridays at Westfield Gym from 7:00-10:00pm February 21-May 20. The fee per team (includes \$50 forfeit fee) for residents is \$525, nonresidents pay \$550. Register today!

NEW! Adult Cooking Classes: Cooking with Camille

Dessert Night - Create delectable desserts including Tiramisu. Thursday, February 20, 6:30-9:30pm, \$35-residents, \$40-non.

Tasty Basics - Create calzone, a blend of ricotta, hot sausage, egg, and romano cheese in a dough made like a pie! Thursday, March 20, 6:30-9:30pm, \$35-residents, \$40 non.

Look for **Comfort Foods** in April, and **Gourmet Gathering** in May! Register today at the JRC or online.

Senior Walking Club Begins

Seniors, this is your chance to come together and pound the pavement at Westfield Gym's indoor track on Saturdays from noon-1:00pm. The fee of \$10 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents includes walking track pass (good for one year) and a Westfield 100 Mile Club t-shirt once the 100-mile mark is reached.

At the Museum...

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Now-March 8

20th BLOOMINGDALE STUDENT ART SHOW

Opening Reception:

Saturday, March 30, 2003, 1-4pm



We invite all Bloomingtondale students from Kindergarten through high school to enter their work in the 20th Annual Bloomingtondale Student Art Show. Help us make this the best year yet. Let's celebrate the arts in Bloomingtondale.

Bloomingtondale Park District Museum

108 South Bloomingtondale Rd. - Ph. & Fax: 630-539-3096

Bloomingtondale 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

Parks and Recreation...The benefits are endless!

visit us on the web at www.bloomingtondaleparks.org

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Bloomingdale Faces & Places



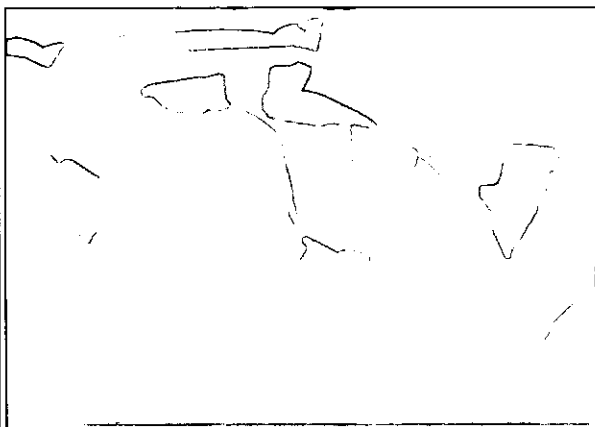
"My Heart Belongs to Daddy"

The Daddy/Daughter Dance, a Valentine's special event at Bloomingdale Park District, is a longtime favorite of Dads and their little sweethearts. See page 23 for more information on this charming affair.



Super Senior Decorators

Members of the Bloomingdale Senior Citizen Advisory Council were among the 21 local organizations who decorated trees for the library's Snowman Crossing.



These are two of the 108 pieces of photography included in Photo 2003, the juried photographic exhibit currently running at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum. The collection includes submissions in color, black & white and digital images and runs through March 8. Call the museum at 539-3096 for hours.

New York, N.Y. #2
Carol Hines
Digital Category
Color Giclee Archival

A Colorful Perch
Pat Badlamenti
Color print category

Show Us Your Class

The Bloomingdale Public Library is looking for class pictures from any of the Bloomingdale Schools. That is class pictures, not individual school pictures. If you have a class picture from Bloomingdale School, Central, Erickson, DuJardin, Westfield, Winnebago or Stratford Junior High, please lend it to the library's history room for scanning. The picture will be returned. The plan is to create an exhibit scheduled to open the night of Roy's Fish Fry in August. Last year's exhibit, family pictures of Bloomingdale residents, past and present, was a big hit.

Call Annamarie at 529-3120, ext. 341 with questions.