

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

April 2003



Golf season is  
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## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

In light of events these past few weeks, our thoughts go out to those who have relatives overseas in harm's way. Whether you agree or disagree with the decisions of President Bush, most of us want the men and women serving our country to know we are concerned about them and wish them the best. Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 has gone a step further and is sending goodies and messages to service people in Kuwait. See the back page of this Almanac to learn how you can help out this effort in a very simple way.

Here at home, the Bloomingdale Historical Society is making plans for its annual Memorial Day observance - "A Day of Remembrance," at St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street. The ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include a flag ceremony, message from the Bloomingdale Police Department chaplain, musical selections, gun salute and area scouts placing flowers on the graves of veterans. New this year will be a veteran from each war, beginning with WWII, speaking for a few minutes about his memories from his time of service.

The entire ceremony lasts less than one hour. There is limited seating provided, so feel free to bring lawn chairs. Parking is available in business lots both east and west of the cemetery as the businesses will not be open yet.

Every year this moving observance draws more people. It is truly a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for our freedom. I hope many of you will come by to be a part of it. Residents are also invited to come by the short ceremony provided at noon by the Bloomingdale VFW at the Veterans' Memorial, located at the gazebo just west of the library.

A couple of other special items I want to acknowledge - Congratulations are due to Chief Gary Schira and the Bloomingdale Police Department for making the year 2002 a record year for DUI arrests. The record number of 288 DUI arrests is up five percent over the 2001 total. I'm very proud to say our police department is very aggressive about taking drunk drivers off the street via arrest.

Special recognition also goes to the Finance Department, who for the 13th year in a row, has been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual report. Attaining this honor is a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

I especially want to congratulate Finance Director Gary L. Szott and his talented staff for consistently earning this highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

We have a fine staff working at the Village, and I welcome the opportunity to share these kinds of accomplishments with our residents.



The Bloomingdale VFW fired a gun salute at the Veterans' Memorial at Bloomingdale and Fairfield last Memorial Day.

## 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

2nd Tuesday of the month  
March-December  
7:00 p.m. - Village Hall

### BUSINESS PROMOTION & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1st Friday of the month  
10:00 a.m. - Village Hall

### BLOOMINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2nd Tuesday of the month  
7:30 p.m. - Firehouse,  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road

*The following committees meet on a less regular basis or as needed. Call the Village Hall at 671-5600 for the next scheduled meeting.*

### RECREATIONAL PATHWAY COMMITTEE

As needed

### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Six times a year or as needed

## VILLAGE OF BLOOMINGDALE ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Robert G. Iden**  
*Village President*

**Susan L. Bartucci**  
*Village Clerk*

### TRUSTEES

**Robert Czernek**  
*Legal & Intergovernmental*

**John Dabrowski**  
*Police*

**Patrick S. DeMoon**  
*Finance & Personnel*

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

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

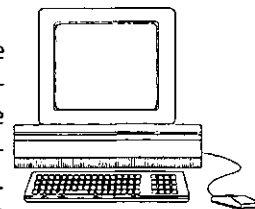
**Gloria Reyes**  
*Public Works & Services*

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

If you're "surfing the net" and have a question to ask or an issue to bring to our attention, just E-mail it to us. If you wish to send us an electronic message, our address is:

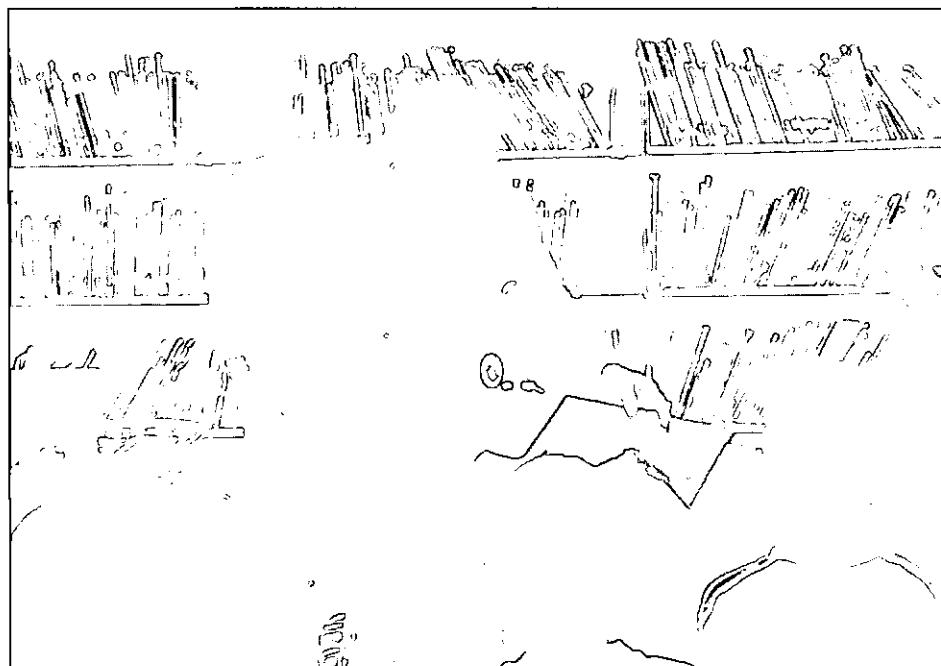
**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-  
net.att.net**

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



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

## Read Across America!



Firefighter Rich Kurka was one of more than 40 guest readers who read Dr. Seuss stories to students to celebrate the author's birthday and the joy of reading during Read Across America Week February 24-28. The event was sponsored by DuJardin School's Instructional Media Center (IMC) and Parent Teacher Organization.

## Village to Begin Enforcement of Off-Street Parking/Recreational Vehicle Ordinance

On November 25th 2002, the Village of Bloomingdale adopted Ordinance No. 2002-49 establishing new off-street parking and loading regulations. Placement of recreational vehicles and/or trailers (ie. boats, snowmobiles etc) on residentially zoned properties, along with site specific requirements, are now subject to the new ordinance regulations.

A key change in the regulations is the prohibition of parking a recreational vehicle and/or trailer in a front yard, including a front yard driveway. Corner property side-yards are regulated the same as front yards. Also regulated are allowable driveway pavement types, width, location and street access-curb cut allowances. Recreational vehicles and/or trailers are now required to be screened from view by means of landscaping or fencing, depending on site specific conditions, as outlined in the ordinance.

Building and Zoning Division inspectors will be performing property inspections and taking photographs for recreational vehicle ordinance compliance beginning in April 2003. If a violation of the ordinance is observed, an initial notice letter will be sent with copy of the applicable ordinance section in violation attached, along with a photograph of the observed violation.

The initial notice letter is expected to generate a telephone call from the resident to discuss and remedy the violation. Village Building Commissioner Mike Gricus will be responding to all questions related to this new ordinance at 630-671-5661.

A copy of this ordinance is available for review at the Village Hall - Village Services Department counter at 201 S. Bloomingdale Road.



## Bloomingdale Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary April 11-13

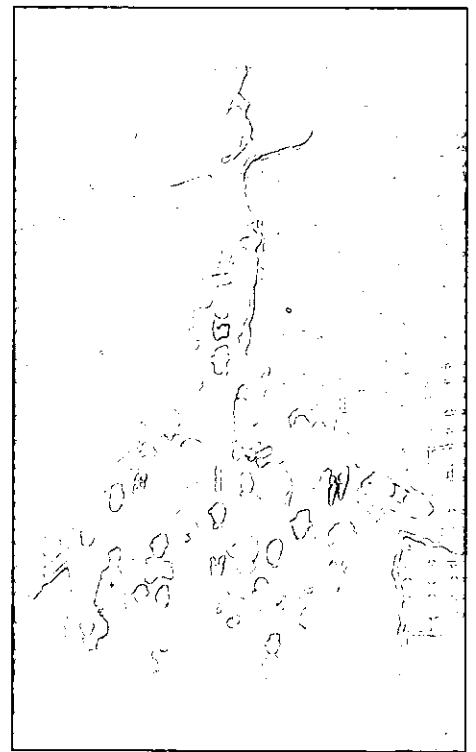
The congregation of Bloomingdale Church, 260 Glen Ellyn Road, invites residents to join them the weekend of April 11 - 13 to celebrate 25 years of worship.

The Bloomingdale Church began on April 2, 1978 with 21 people meeting in the Marquardt School. Pastor David Riemenschneider and his wife Marina were two of those charter members. He spent much time visiting the neighborhoods to invite people to the fledgling church.

The congregation grew slowly at first, but completed its initial building in 1979. As the congregation and commitment grew, Bloomingdale Church went through three more construction projects, adding on to the facility to meet a variety of needs. Over the years, the congregation has had an enlarging ministry in Bloomingdale and surrounding communities. The church's numerous programs are focused on children and teens, adult Sunday school, home groups and men's and women's ministries.

The anniversary celebration begins on Friday evening, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. with a praise, worship and prayer service. Saturday, April 12 features a prayer vigil from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Individuals may sign up for a prayer time at the church. Sunday's festivities begin with two expanded worship services with lots of music and personal testimonies. The first runs 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.; the second is 10:30 a.m. - noon. Beginning at noon, a brunch will be held in the gym, along with an open house involving tours of the church areas, including the parsonage and district office. There will also be representatives from the various ministry groups to talk with attendees about ministry opportunities.

The public invited to come to one or all of the events planned for the anniversary weekend. Call 894-0090 for more information.



*The church made of people has long been the logo for Bloomingdale Church - "Bloomingdale Church has a place for you."*

## ***The Mailman Cometh . . . .***

"The Mailman Cometh" – gather those canned goods and non-perishables! Saturday, May 10 marks the 10th annual Bloomingdale Post Office and National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive. "Last year, despite the cold and pouring rain, Bloomingdale residents still donated 5400 pounds of food for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry," said coordinator Darryl Miller.

"This year, with the economy in the shape it is, there are even more people needing the services of the food pantry," he added. The mail carriers encourage residents to continue to help out with this project. Please leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox by 9 a.m. on May 10. The mail carriers thank you in advance for your participation.

## **Summer 2003 Road Construction: Where It Is, How It Will Affect You**

### **Reconstruction**

Road reconstruction includes removal and replacement of the existing asphalt pavement including curbs and gutters, and road base. This year's reconstruction project will be:

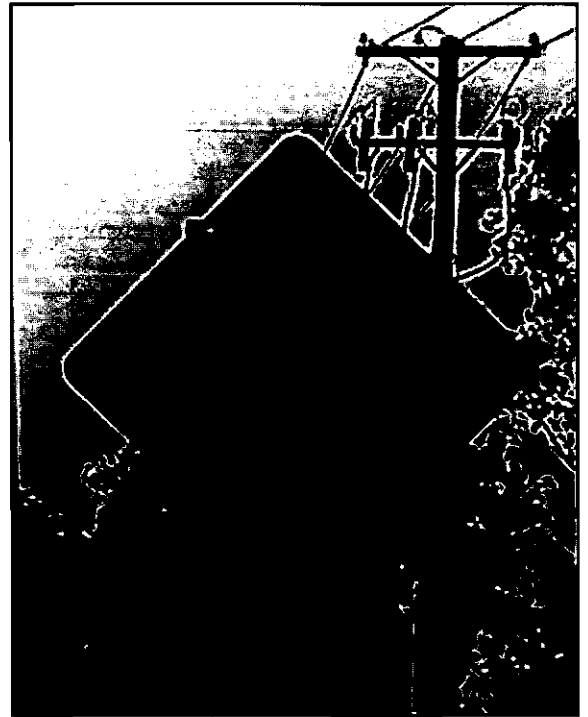
Manor Lane  
Edgebrook Drive  
Downing Drive

All work is funded 100% by the Village.

### **Pavement Overlay**

Overlay maintenance consists of pavement patching, curb and gutter repairs to correct drainage deficiencies, storm sewer repairs and a new asphalt road surface. The following streets will receive pavement overlay:

Spring Valley  
Prairie Avenue Broker to Park  
Pleasant Avenue  
East Park Avenue  
Nordic West of Euclid  
Tee Lane  
Crest Court  
Day Street South of  
Washington Street  
Greenway Drive  
Knollwood Drive  
Butterfield Drive  
Schick Road Bloomingdale  
Road to Ridge Avenue  
Ridge Avenue  
Colony Green  
Signature Drive



### **Westlake Townhomes**

This work includes pavement patching, removal of the existing curb and gutter and replacement with depressed curb and gutter – eliminating the bump at the end of the driveway, storm sewer repairs and an overlay of the existing pavement. Also, the Westlake Townhome Owners Association will be removing and replacing the concrete driveways as part of this project to minimize the impact to the residents. This work will occur on Colony Green Drive

This work will begin in early May and will take approximately 3 months to complete. During construction, these streets will be closed to through traffic. If you live in the construction zone, or on one of the adjacent streets you will be permitted to proceed past the barricades to reach your residence.

Motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the construction zone to avoid delays. Local detour signage consisting of "Road Construction Ahead" signs will be posted prior to construction.

If you have any questions regarding this project you may call the Village Services Department, Engineering Division, 671-5676.

## News on Saturday Hours At Village Hall

The Village will be expanding its weekend hours beginning in April. Residents will now be able to conduct business with the Village all day on Saturday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm and these hours will be available year-round! The hours will be available through the Police Department's Records Division, which is located in the Police Department's lobby immediately upon entering, to the left. Transactions that residents were able to have processed at Village Hall on Saturdays will now be able to be processed at the Police Department. With these expanded hours on Saturdays at the Police Department, the Village Hall will not be open.

Voter registration is possible on Saturdays at the Bloomingdale Public Library. During periods of Absentee Voting, the Village Hall will be open on Saturdays for residents to vote. Residents will be notified of those dates prior to an election.

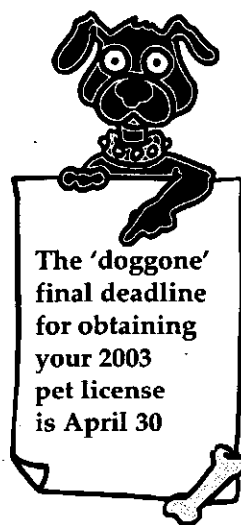
The Village Board is pleased with this unique opportunity to provide more service to residents, while at the same time, saving taxpayers money.

## Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste on May 31

**Household Hazardous Waste** is discarded consumer products with flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive ingredients. This spring **Bloomingdale** will host a one-day HHW collection event on **Saturday, May 31st from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Public Works Facility, 305 Glen Ellyn Road. More information on acceptable and non-acceptable materials will be featured in our special spring issue due out in early May.

## Attention Dog Owners: Your Pet Must be Licensed By April 30, But the License is Free

- ☐ All dogs over 4 months of age must be licensed with the Village by midnight, April 30, 2003. Dog owners who are currently registered should have received a letter in the mail regarding this year's license and other changes.
- ☐ The new license will be valid until April 30, 2004. A current rabies inoculation certificate number is required with each dog license application.
- ☐ **NOTE: There is no longer a fee for a dog license.**
- ☐ If your dog is not licensed, you may be subject to a citation of \$25.00 or more.
- ☐ If your dog is found to be running and is impounded at the Village's kennel, you will be subject to the kennel fee.
  - ☐ The kennel fee for the first 24 hours is \$32.00 for a dog with a license and \$35.00 for a dog without a license.
  - ☐ Kennel fee is \$15.00 for each additional twenty four hour period, or portion thereof.
- ☐ You may obtain your dog license either in person at the Village Hall Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by mail by calling 529-7000 ext. 5637 to have an application mailed out to you.

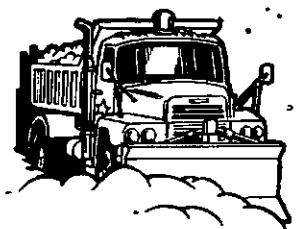


## Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows?

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.

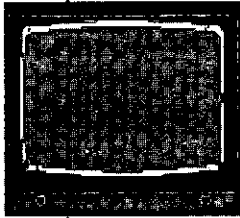
Please call the Public Works Division at 671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.



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## Comcast Announces System Upgrades In NORDCAT Communities

Comcast has begun a major cable system enhancement project to bring better service reliability and high speed internet service in its NORDCAT (Bloomington, Carol Stream, Wood Dale, Itasca and Roselle) communities.



Comcast is currently working in Bloomington. As sections of the community are completed, new services will be offered almost immediately. Comcast will be offering Comcast High-Speed Internet, which is substantially faster than a dial-up modem, and doesn't tie up a phone line.

Residents can expect to see Comcast crews working throughout the village to prepare the cable system for these new services. Comcast crews will notify residents with a door tag at least 48 hours in advance of any work in their yard. Construction crews will be identified with photo IDs and uniforms.

Should the project require Comcast to access the easement on a resident's property, Comcast assures residents that they will do their best to protect the lawn and will restore any property that has been disturbed during the construction process.

Comcast will try to minimize service disruptions to their customers, but customers may experience temporary disruptions of their service when crews are in their neighborhood.

During the winter months, Comcast has replaced sections of buried cable, but due to frost, those cables were temporarily laid on the ground. Please call Comcast at the number listed below to ensure that the cable is buried.

For any questions regarding Comcast services, residents are asked to call the toll-free customer care number, 1-866-594-1234.

## District 13 Names New Superintendent

Kim M. Perkins, Ed.D., of Lombard, has been named as the new superintendent for Bloomington Elementary School District 13. Current superintendent Jerome Gordon will retire in June after 25 years with the district, 18 as superintendent.

Dr. Perkins currently serves as assistant superintendent for human resources for St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 in St. Charles where he is responsible for recruitment, employment, evaluation and retention of staff.

Previously he was a principal for 18 years, serving at Haines Middle School in St. Charles, DuPage Elementary School District 44 in Lombard, and Johnsbury Community Unit School District 12 in McHenry. Perkins began his career as a junior high mathematics teacher.

He is also an adjunct faculty member at Aurora University, teaching school supervision, educational leadership, contemporary issues, and school community relations. He serves as a graduate student advisor and thesis advisor as well.

Dr. Perkins co-authored the book, "Not Just Another Science Fair," and a paper on "Middle School Teams: A Logical Context for Professional Development Schools," and has presented on Increasing Parent Satisfaction, Enhancing Parent Communication, and Teachers Encouraging Kids. He is active in many professional organizations and is also a member of the Teacher Certification Advisory Board for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Northern Illinois University.

Dr. Perkins earned his doctorate in Education from Loyola University with a concentration on school improvement, and his master's and bachelor's degrees from Northern Illinois University. He earned a specialist degree in educational administration from Northern as well. Dr. Perkins will begin his new role July 1.



## Kindergarten at District 93

Community Consolidated School District 93 holds kindergarten registration for the next school year at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 for children who turn five on or before September 1, 2003. Call 893-9393 for more information on

locations and documents needed.

## Auditions Held

The 2002 Grand Champions NW Elite Cheer & Dance holds auditions April 9 & 10 for 2003 Season. Freshman through Seniors, Male or Female. If interested call Gina at 630-582-0443.



The 20th Bloomingdale Student Art Show will hang at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale, now through April 26. Museum hours are 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, 10-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday. Call (630) 539-3096 for information.

## Activities & Services Abound at Bloomingdale Township Senior Center

The Bloomingdale Township Senior Center provides many services and activities and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The center is located at 6N050 Rosedale Road (off Lake Street) in Bloomingdale, and provides a clean, comfortable and safe place for seniors to participate in various activities. Some of the services and activities include:

- Congregate Meals
- Recreational Activities
- Health Services
- Rules of the Road Review
- Income Tax Assistance
- Notary Public
- Senior Discount Cards
- RTA Discount passes
- Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)
- Chore Program
- Temporary Handicapped Parking Permit
- Vehicle Stickers
- Voter Registration

The center is also home for the Bloomingdale Township Senior Council made up of individuals representing the center, as well as other senior organizations throughout the township. The Senior Council functions as a clearinghouse for activity information between the township and various other groups.

The senior center also publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, called "The Senior Connection," which is mailed to over 2,000 seniors. It lists various upcoming events, as well as articles of interest. The cost of providing this newsletter is partially offset by sales of advertising. If you would like to receive a free copy of this newsletter, stop by the center and sign up to receive future issues. To acquaint yourself with our center or for further information, call 630-529-7794.



## Yardwaste Pickup Begins April 1

B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups begin April 1st and continue through November 30th.

Small twigs, leaves and other yard waste may be placed in bags with tags for B.F.I. pick-up.

Questions concerning B.F.I. yard waste pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

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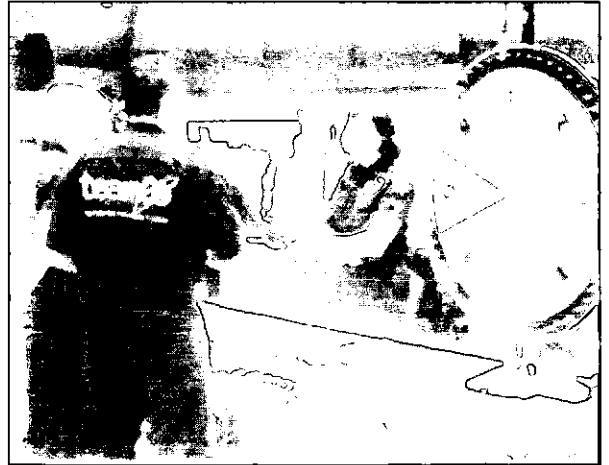
**671-5600**

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

### Tips to Keep From Being a Victim of Identity Theft

The Bloomingdale Police Department is asking for assistance to help curb one of the newest crimes in our community. This crime is Identity Theft. We are asking our residents to keep a sharp lookout when mailing bills out. It appears that several local communities have had incidences where residents left mail overnight in their own mailboxes, only to have the contents removed prior to the Post Office picking up their mail the next day. This is one way an individual gathers information on a potential victim. You can limit your risk by depositing bills and personal mail in a secure mailbox, or by depositing the mail in your box just prior to the mailman's delivery time. Also, keep your mailbox empty by checking the contents everyday. If you are going to be on vacation, please notify the Post Office so that your mail can be held at the main facility.

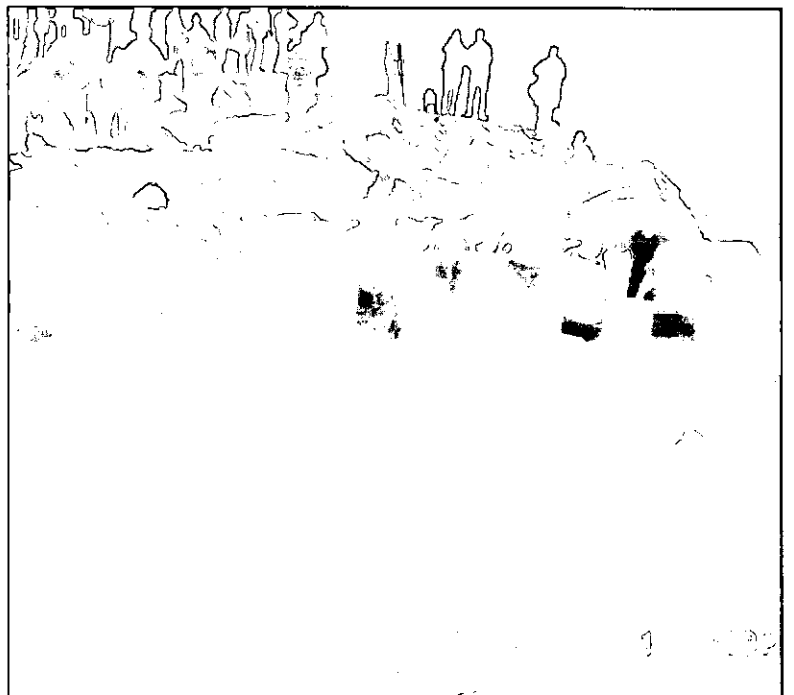
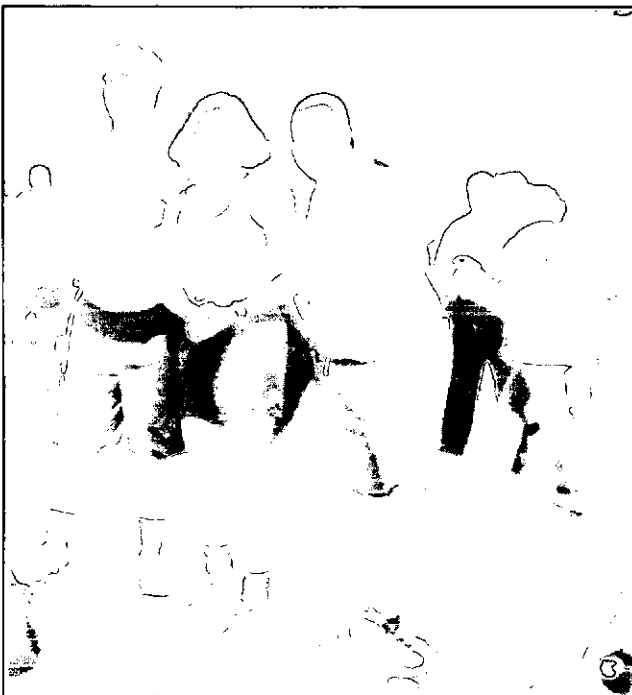
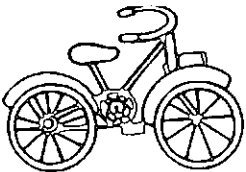
If you see anyone suspicious hanging out near mailboxes please give the Police Department a call, or if possible try to obtain a license plate and vehicle description. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Detective Bruce Beck (630) 529-9868.



*Detective Dawn Odoi represented the Bloomingdale Police Department at the recent 5-Star Expo, sponsored by the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.*

**Bring the kids  
to the  
bike rodeo!**

**A bike rodeo with a  
child safety seat  
inspection and child  
booster seat give-  
away will be held on  
May 10 at the  
Bloomingdale Park  
District. Watch local  
papers for more  
details.**



### Cops Take the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

*Detectives Gary Fuchs, Dawn Odoi and Brian Healey all plunged into Lake Michigan, along with 217 other law enforcement personnel, for the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics on March 1. Our three brave detectives earned \$375 for the cause. And yes, that is a lot of ice surrounding the plungers.*



**Entry deadline is July 26**

## **2003 Ms. and Mr. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition Open to 16-20 Year Old Residents**

Applications are now available for the 2003 Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale Scholarship competition sponsored by the Village of Bloomingdale's Septemberfest Commission. This scholarship competition is open to young men and women who are residents of incorporated Bloomingdale and who are between the ages of 16 and 20 years of age. The recipients will be announced at the 31st Annual Septemberfest on **Saturday, September 6, 2003.**

Applicants will be judged on poise, civic involvement, and communications skills. All applicants must submit an essay of 300 to 400 words that describes the contributions that they feel they could make as a representative of Bloomingdale's youth. Judging will take place on Saturday, August 9, 2003.

The Joe Draghi Scholarship Fund funds the scholarships. Last year, scholarship winners shared \$10,000.00. Entry forms are due to the Bloomingdale Village Hall by Saturday, July 26, 2003.

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

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

### **2003 MS. AND MR. BLOOMINGDALE SCHOLARSHIP ENTRY FORM**

I am a resident of incorporated Bloomingdale, between the ages of 16 and 20 years and would like to enter the 2003 Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale scholarship competition.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

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

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 26 2003**

**Mail applications to:**

2003 Mr. and Ms. Bloomingdale Scholarship Competition  
c/o Bloomingdale Village Hall  
201 South Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomingdale, IL 60108

Judging date will be Saturday, August 9, 2003. Winners will be announced at the Septemberfest event on **Saturday, September 6, 2003.**

**ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET.**

**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE LIMITED TO FUTURE TUITION, BOOKS & FEES**

### **Be a Part of Septemberfest!**

The 31st annual Septemberfest will held on Saturday, September 6, 2003 from

11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The event will kick off with a parade at 11 a.m. followed by performances by various community groups and several bands. The event will also feature a classic car show and a motorcycle show.

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

Any questions should be directed to Pam Hager at 529-4232 or to Lori D. at the Village Hall at 671-5614.

## Fandangles Opening Complements Guest Amenities At Indian Lakes Resort

Fandangles, a complete florist and gift shop, opened recently in the lobby area of Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomington. Fandangles is a full-service florist offering fresh cut flowers and arrangements for delivery in the resort or nationwide.

The Indian Lakes location also has gift shop sundry items, gifts, souvenirs, jewelry, snacks and beverages. Fandangles also specializes in unique gifts such as customized chocolates, gift baskets, and customized event decorating for wedding functions, parties and corporate events. The shop is operated by the DePinto family of Elk Grove Village. They also operate a store in Old Town Bloomington at 126 W. Lake Street.

Call Fandangles in the resort at 582-9193.

## Bloomington Chamber Leaders Honored

Awards for outstanding leadership and dedication to the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce were presented to chamber members during the club's annual Awards Dinner Dance in January. These awards included Ambassador of the Year to Al Spagnola with TRC Staffing Services; Business Person of the Year to Tom Itrich with Huskie Tools; and Business of the Year to Outback Steakhouse.



*Chamber leadership award winners: (l to r) Dr. Jerry Gordon, Amy Anderson with Outback Steakhouse, Al Spagnola and Tom Itrich.*

In addition, Bloomington School District 13 Superintendent Dr. Jerry Gordon was presented with two special awards: Director Emeritus Award in recognition of his 20 years of service on the Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the esteemed Heritage Award which represents an individual who consistently promotes and supports the Bloomington Chamber through personal service and dedication.

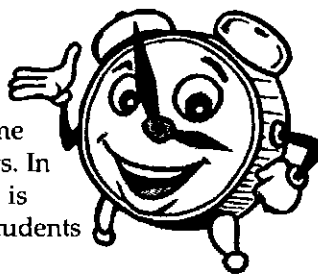


## Jailbirds for a Cause!

The two jailbirds shown to the left, Village Administrator Dan Wennerholm and Police Chief Gary Schira, spent time in a hoosegow located at Indian Lakes last month to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy. Between the two of them, they raised over \$3,000 in "bail money" for the charity during their incarceration.

## Timely Tidbits

**More about scholarships:** Last issue we featured some of the scholarships available to Bloomingdale students. In addition, Jay Perkins, Westfield social studies teacher, is offering two \$500 scholarships to former District 13 students in memory of his late wife, Patti.



Applications can be picked up at Lake Park, St. Francis, and Driscoll Catholic high schools; DuJardin, Erickson and Westfield schools; and the District 13 office, as well as online at the District 13 website, [www.sd13.org](http://www.sd13.org). Applications must be submitted by April 9. Winners will be notified in early May.

### **"Everyday Heroes" update:**

The Bloomingdale Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee continues with plans for the "Everyday Heroes" statue in Old Town Park. Art Myers, the sculptor who created "The Golfers" at Bloomingdale Golf Club will do our "Everyday Heroes" tribute. He is currently working on a scale model of his design.

**The Jamada dinner fundraiser was a great success!** Thanks to the many people who took part. The next fundraiser planned is a bowling event in spring. In the meantime, Bloomingdale Fire & Police bears are on sale at the Village Hall, Library, Park District, Indian Lakes Resort gift shop and at Sign-A-Rama, 369-24 W. Army Trail Road. T-shirts commemorating the statue tribute are available at the Village Hall for \$12. Sizes L, XL and XX.

**Please note that April 21 deadline for purchasing brick pavers.** Anyone interested in purchasing an engraved brick for either the library or the golf course statue location, must do so by Monday, April 21. This is the last chance to order an engraved brick for summer placement. Bricks will not be placed again until fall. For an application call the Mayor's office, 671-5600, or stop by the library or village hall.

**Be a Meals on Wheels volunteer!** The DuPage Senior Citizens Council is always in need of drivers for the "Meals on Wheels" program. Bloomingdale resident Tony Mettewie and Board member of the Council, encourages other residents to consider helping out. Meals are delivered to area seniors five days a week by local volunteers. Right now the Bloomingdale Township Senior Center needs a few volunteers. Delivery usually lasts one to two hours, starting at 10:30 a.m. Most volunteers only deliver one day per week. If you could spare two hours or so a week, please call Carol de la Rosa at 620-0804 or Bea Langendorf at 307-3403.

**VFW forming Women's Auxiliary:** The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 is in the process of starting a Women's Auxiliary. This is a volunteer organization and can be joined by wives, widows, mothers, foster and stepmothers, grandmothers, daughters, granddaughters, foster and stepdaughters, sisters, half sisters, foster and stepsisters of persons who were or are eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Members must be US citizens and at least 16 years of age. There are several Auxiliary programs, including Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Cancer Aid and Research, Community Service, Hospital and VA visits, Youth activities, etc. This is the best way we can show our support for our troops, especially with all the activity in Kuwait and other areas. The women's auxiliary will hold monthly meetings at the Bloomingdale Library. For more information, along with an application to join, please contact Chris Breyne at (630) 466-7816.

### **Village Offers Seasonal Part Time Employment Opportunities**

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

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

For information,  
call 671-5692.

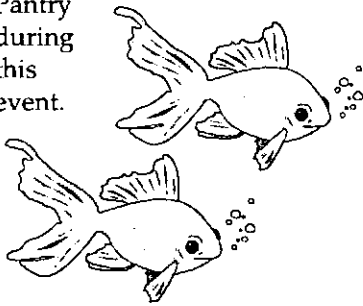


# Community Events Community Events

## Help Release the Fish!!!!

The Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary and Roselle's Park District are stocking Turner Pond on Saturday, April 5th at 9:30am and they need your help!!

Kids of all ages are invited to help release nearly 1000 fish into the pond! Come join in the fun! Be sure to wear party clothes! The Rotary Club will also accept donations for the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry during this event.



## Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt On April 9

The Lions hold their annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19 at 11:00 at Circle Park for little ones ages 2 - 5. Peter and Patti Cottontail will be on hand to join in the festivities. This time-honored tradition has been a Lion favorite almost since the beginning of the Bloomingdale Lions. They provide this activity for the little ones free of charge. Bring the kids and have a great time at this great community event.



## 'Container Gardening' at April 9 Garden Club Meeting

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will feature a Container Gardening program and demonstration on Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m., presented by Sandy Perakis, University of Illinois Extension Office Master Gardener at the Bloomingdale Public Library in Room B.

## Best Selling Author Coming to Erickson School April 15

Best selling author Jim Trelease will be addressing parents and the general public at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, April 15 at Erickson Elementary, 277 Springfield Drive. Trelease is the author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*. He will speak on **READING ALOUD: Motivating Children to Make Books into Friends, not Enemies.**



## Lions Club Hosting Spaghetti Dinner to be Held April 25

The Lions Club hosts its spring Spaghetti Dinner on April 25 from 5-8 pm at the Bloomingdale Golf Club, 181 Glen Ellyn Road. Tickets are \$8; children 8 and under eat free. For tickets call 630-894 7394 or e-mail [lionperry@hotmail.com](mailto:lionperry@hotmail.com). Tickets will also be available at the door.

## Celebrate Arbor day at DuJardin School April 25

Residents are invited to join the DuJardin School children and staff for the Village's Arbor Day celebration at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25. The Forestry Division will be planting a Swamp White Oak tree at the school, 166 S. Euclid. Bloomingdale continues to work together with the community to preserve the natural beauty of our neighborhoods.



- Golf fee schedule
- Golf practice facility
- Adult group lessons
- Junior golf lessons

**Plan on celebrating Easter and Mother's Day  
at the Bloomingtondale Golf Club  
with a fabulous brunch**

**Easter Brunch - Sunday April 20**

**Mother's Day Brunch - May 11**

**10 am - 2:30 pm**

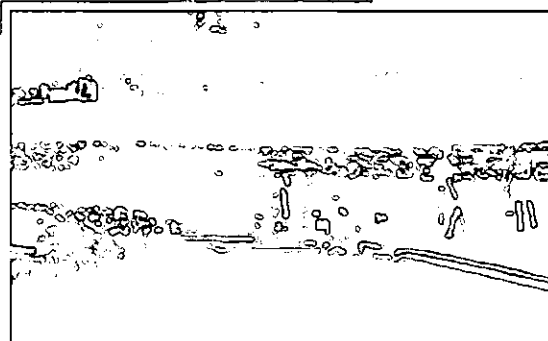
**Adults: \$26.50**

**Children 4-12 \$14.50**

**Children 3 & Under Free**

**Reservations are required**

**Call 529-3380**



#### **WHY HAVE A CDGA HANDICAP?**

- Tracks your scoring trend relative to par allows you to see how you are improving
- Opens up opportunities to participate in events that require a handicap
- You and your fellow competitors can compete on the same playing level

#### **SEASONAL FEE \$25.00**

Register in the golf shop and begin entering your golf scores beginning April 3rd.

Additionally, access your HDCP information and other good golfing "stuff" via the Internet. Web site information and procedure can be obtained from the golf professional, Dave Shallcross.

# **Bloomingtondale Golf Club 2003 Season**

**181 Glen Ellyn Road**

**630-529-6232**

# 2003 GOLF FEE SCHEDULE

## WEEKDAYS (MONDAY – THURSDAY)

		<u>Residents</u>	<u>Non-Residents</u>
Weekdays	18 Holes	\$25.50	\$31.50
Weekdays	9 Holes	\$18.00	\$22.00
Weekdays Twilight (4 pm)	Up to 18 Holes	\$18.00	\$22.00
Weekdays (Sr./Youth)	18 Holes	\$18.50	\$21.50
Weekdays (Sr./Youth)	9 Holes	\$14.00	\$17.00
Earlybird (6 am – 7 am)	9 Holes	\$13.00	\$16.00

## WEEKENDS (FRI., SAT., SUN & HOLIDAYS)

Weekends	18 Holes	\$30.50	\$36.50
Weekends (After 2 pm)	9 Holes	\$20.00	\$23.00
Weekends Twilight (After 4 pm)	Up to 18 Holes	\$18.00	\$22.00
Earlybird (6 am – 7 am)	9 Holes	\$16.00	\$18.00

**NOTE: RIDING CARTS MANDATORY ON WEEKENDS BEFORE 2 PM.**

	<u>18 HOLES</u>	<u>9 HOLES &amp; TWILIGHT</u>
Riding Carts	\$15.00	\$10.00
Pull Carts	\$ 4.00	\$ 2.00
Club Rental	\$20.00	\$10.00

### Guidelines and Procedure for scheduling Tee Times

Reservations can be made 7 Days in advance.

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

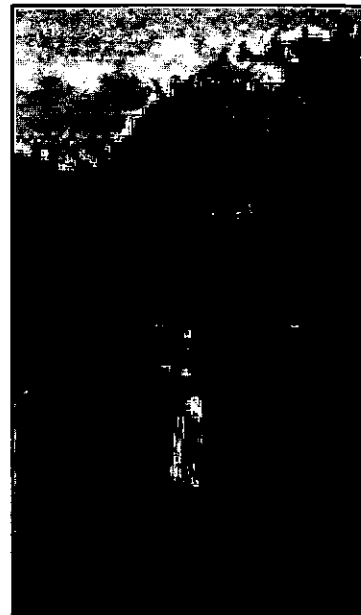
Children **MUST** be at least 8 years old to be on the golf course.

An adult **MUST** accompany all children under the age of 12.

Bloomington is a spike-less golf course.

Proper Golf Attire is preferred. Management has final decision.

Only two golfers per riding cart.



# GOLF PRACTICE FACILITY

This year will mark the 1<sup>st</sup> full season for our new dual practice range/six-hole junior course. The practice range has the flexibility to be used from grass or mats. Well-bunkered greens are located at various yardages to allow golfers to practice their distance and accuracy. The practice range can accommodate 12 golfers comfortably at any one-time.

The fee for a basket of range balls is \$4.00. A token for the golf ball dispenser can be purchased in the pro shop. Each bucket holds approximately 35 golf balls. If you are a die-hard when it comes to practicing your game, consider purchasing a debit key. This key works like a debit card. Once purchased, there is no need to go to the golf shop. One can go directly to the golf ball dispenser located at the range and insert the debit key in the designated area. The purchase of the range balls will be deducted from your debit key. When the debit key has been depleted, one can re-purchase more range balls on that same key or return it into the golf shop for a \$2.00 refund.

The fee for the range ball DEBIT KEY is:

<u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>SAVINGS</u>
\$40.00	420 balls (12 baskets)	Receive 12 baskets for the price of 10
\$60.00	630 balls (18 baskets)	Receive 18 baskets for the price of 15
\$80.00	840 balls (24 baskets)	Receive 24 baskets for the price of 20
\$100.00	1050 balls (30 baskets).	Receive 30 baskets for the price of 25

As for the six-hole junior course, the holes vary in length from 45 to 90 yards. These holes are ideal for both juniors and beginning golfers wanting to get started in the game, and experienced golfers wanting to fine-tune their short game. Access to the junior course will be Monday mornings, June 1st to September 1st -- 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The fee for using the short course is \$5.00 per player. Tee times may be made one week in advance.

# **2003 ADULT GROUP LESSONS**

## **at Bloomingdale Golf Club**

Registration for Adult group golf lessons will be held at Bloomingdale Golf Club. The Mixed session will meet for one hour, once a week for 4 weeks. Sessions are \$60.00 for residents and \$70.00 for non-residents. Classes must have a minimum of 4 students and will not exceed 8 students (subject to change). PGA Professional(s) will provide instruction. Registration begins 4/14/03 at the Bloomingdale golf shop.

### **Mixed Adult Group Lessons** **18 years and old**

#### **STAGE 1**

This class offers novices and beginners an introduction to the fundamentals of the game of golf. Instruction will cover putting, chipping, the full swing and general golf course etiquette. Please bring a set of clubs with you each week. Contact the golf shop if you do not have clubs. To reach that personal comfort level, this stage of instruction may be repeated as often as needed.

#### **STAGE 2**

This class is for students who have completed stage 1 or are confident that they have a good understanding of the fundamentals of the game. This class will focus on a review of the fundamentals, working on individual swing flaws, and simple golf course management. Please bring a set of clubs with you each week. Contact the golf shop if you do not have clubs.

	<b><u>Day and Date</u></b>	<b><u>STAGE 1</u></b>	<b><u>STAGE 2</u></b>
Session A	Thursday - May 1, 8, 15, 22	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	
	Saturday - May 3, 10, 17, 24	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	
Session B	Thursday - May 29, June 5, 12, 19	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
	Saturday - May 31, June 7, 14, 21	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Session C	Thursday - July 10, 17, 24, 31	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

## **PRIVATE GOLF LESSONS**

Receive individual attention from our PGA Club Professional by signing up for private golf instructions. Many options are available for your golfing needs.

### **ADULTS**

1/2 Hour Individual	\$40.00
1 Hour Individual	\$75.00
Package of 4 - 1/2 Hour Individual	\$145.00
1 Hour Tandem (2 Students)	\$35.00 each
1 Hour Trio (3 Students)	\$25.00 each
9 Hole Playing Lesson	\$110.00

Junior lesson and club fitting rates are available. For more information or to schedule a lesson, contact Bloomingdale Golf Club at (630) 529-6232.

# 2003 JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

## at Bloomingdale Golf Club

The junior golf program will consist of instruction by our PGA golf professional and actual play. The junior golfers will be introduced to safety, proper equipment needs, the basic fundamentals of the golf swing (full swing, chipping and putting), and rules of golf and etiquette.

Eligibility: Age 6 to 15 years. Each class will have a minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 students (subject to change).

Equipment: All students must have clubs. Contact the golf shop if you need clubs and we will arrange to have them available for the lesson. All students must wear proper attire, and golf shoes with soft spikes or tennis shoes.

Registration for residents will be held at the Bloomingdale Golf Club beginning May 1st. Non-residents can register beginning May 13th. Parent or guardian must be present to register.

### **RED GROUP** (Age 6-8)

Resident Fee: \$40.00  
Nonresident Fee: \$50.00

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

#### **Session I**

June 17, 19, 24, 26  
Tuesday and Thursday

#### **Session II**

July 8, 10, 15, 17  
Tuesday and Thursday

### **WHITE GROUP** (Age 9-12)

Resident Fee: \$60.00  
Nonresident Fee: \$70.00

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

#### **Session I**

June 17, 19, 20, 24, 26  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

#### **Session II**

July 8, 10, 11, 15, 17  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

#### **Session III**

July 22, 24, 25, 29, 31  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

### **BLUE GROUP** (Age 13-15)

Resident Fee: \$60.00  
Nonresident Fee: \$70.00

Time: 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

#### **Session I**

June 17, 19, 20, 24, 26  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

#### **Session II**

July 8, 10, 11, 15, 17  
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday



The last class of each session will involve taking the students onto the 6-hole golf course. In case of rain, a rain date has been set aside to be the last Friday of each session.



# Community Events Community Events

## Women's Club Fashion Show April 26

The Bloomingdale Women's Club will hold their 29th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "May All Your Dreams Come True," on Saturday, April 26 at Indian Lakes Resort. The event will benefit the Fairy Godmother Foundation and other charities. The Fairy Godmother Foundation grants wishes to terminally ill adults.

Fashions will be provided by Carson's in Stratford Square Mall, Gingiss Formalwear, House of Brides and York Furrier. The models' hair will be by Eddie Caruso Hair and Day Spa. Cocktails start at 11:00 a.m.; lunch is served at noon. Tickets are \$32; after April 15, \$35.00. For tickets and information, call Jennifer at 510-3992.

## Historical Society's Attic Sale May 2 & 3

The Bloomingdale Historical Society hosts its spring Attic Sale on Friday, May 2 & 3 at the old Village Hall on Lake Street. A variety of housewares, tools, and miscellaneous items will be featured at great prices. Sale runs 9-5 on Friday and 9-3 on Saturday.

## Relay for Life May 2 & 3

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Roselle, Bloomingdale, and Itasca will be held May 2-3, 2003 at Lake Park West Campus. Team members are needed to walk, cancer survivors to participate in the event, volunteers to help during the relay and corporate sponsors to help lead the way to another successful relay. For more information, contact Danielle Prestipino at your American Cancer Society (630) 469-3011.

## Garden Club Plant Sale Set for May 3

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will host its annual plant sale on Sat., May 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the southeast corner of Schick Road and Pleasant Avenue. The sale features annual flowers and hanging baskets.

## CHARACTER COUNTS! Recognition Breakfast May 3

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition sponsors its 2nd Recognition Program. Individuals are invited to nominate a member of the community who exhibits outstanding character. Nomination forms are available at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, Park District, Library, District 13 schools and Fire Department. Completed forms are due back by April 20. The nominated community members will be honored at recognition breakfast on May 3.

## Incarnation Church Art Auction to be Held May 9

Incarnation Church hosts its Art Auction on Friday, May 9, 261 W. Army Trail Road. Preview is 6:30-7:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person or 2 people for \$15. Includes appetizers, wine and soda. A painting to be raffled at the auction will be on display at West Suburban Bank in Bloomingdale starting April 21. Raffle tickets are \$5 for this painting, which is a \$400 - \$500 value. Winner need not be present at the auction.

## College of DuPage-Bloomingdale Grand Re-opening

The College of DuPage hosts a grand re-opening of its Bloomingdale Center for Independent Learning (CIL), 162 S. Bloomingdale Road. The three-year old facility recently underwent a 4,000 foot expansion, creating enhanced computer facilities, a new one-on-one instruction area, and rooms for GED and ESL classes, among other improvements. The event takes place 1:30-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26. Refreshments will be served.

## 'Bad Pants' Open To be Held May 26 At Indian Lakes

The "7th Annual National Bad Pants Open" takes place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26 at Indian Lakes Resort. The only golf tournament where the colors in a golfer's pants count more than his score is a fundraiser to benefit hearing and sight impaired children through the healthcare programs of the Lions of Illinois. To enter, call Indian Lakes at 800-334-3417 and ask for the golf shop.



*Last year's Bad Pants open winner (and, boy did he deserve it!), who came all the way from New York City to show off his outfit!*

# More Than Just a Library Director

By Adeline Dobbins

How does a community say goodbye to a special person who not only has been its library director, but also its neighbor, friend, advocate, and so much more for 16 years? "Not easily" is the only answer that comes to the minds of those who have had the pleasure of knowing or working with Mary Rodne since her arrival in Bloomingdale on December 16, 1986, until her departure for Colleyville, Texas on March 7, 2003.

On behalf of the community Mayor Robert Iden issued a proclamation, which he presented to Mary along with the Key to the City, at an open house hosted by the library board on March 4.

"We are grateful to Mary, not only for her expert leadership of the Bloomingdale Public Library, but also for her unwavering community spirit, which is evident through the many activities and events which she helped to design," said Mayor Iden. "We wish her all the best."

Bloomingdale Police Chief Gary J. Schira presented Mary with a Certificate of Appreciation for exceptional leadership in community activity events and dedication to the Village of Bloomingdale.

How does a library staff say goodbye to the person who has been their inexhaustible leader for 16 years? With a mix of emotions that include tears of sadness and heartfelt good wishes.

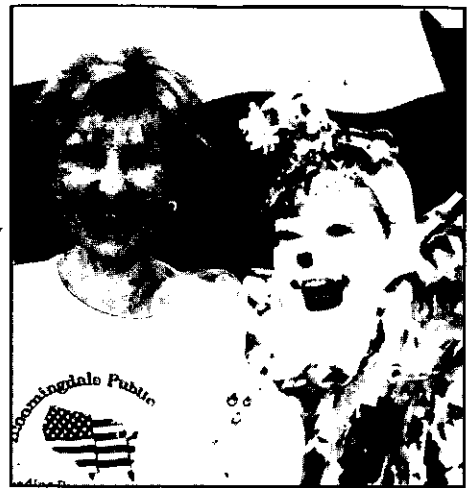
"I have enjoyed working closely with Mary over the past few years," said Kandice Krettler, administrative assistant. "She gave me many opportunities to take on new and challenging tasks. She is a dedicated, talented and dynamic leader who will be hard to replace."

Peggy Carlson, adult services department head and interim library director, also had high praise for her boss. "I will always be grateful to Mary who was very instrumental in my career development as a librarian. Her mentoring has provided me with a wealth of experience and the confidence to succeed..."

Adult reference librarian Julie Deeke added, "In the almost 15 years I worked with Mary, not only has the library grown into a vital community and cultural center for Bloomingdale, but many...who have worked under her leadership have also blossomed creatively and professionally."

Kandy Jones, the library's school liaison, said, "Mary Rodne has a gift for building a staff that becomes a team. She encouraged creativity and excellence...new ideas were encouraged and mentored. Mary's focus was always how the library could better serve the community with the highest standards."

Celine Hovde, business assistant, commented that "Mary was the heartbeat of the library. She made this a fun place to work and a fun place to be. Mary had more energy than two people put together. She accomplished so much...and started many traditions for the community. There will be big shoes to fill with her leaving. I will miss her."



And, how does Mary herself feel about pulling up stakes and moving to Colleyville, Texas to assume the post of Library Director for a library that she will help to build from the ground up?

"This was an extremely difficult decision, as I have thoroughly loved every aspect of my job here. The 16 years and two months I served as library director were exciting and challenging. It has truly been a pleasure working with such a great board, staff and community.

"No words can ever express how much I appreciate all the wonderful opportunities you gave me to grow as a library director. I am saddened leaving. These have been some of the happiest years of my life. Bloomingdale will always have a special place in my heart."

Now that all is said and done, Mary's presence certainly will be missed, but her legacy shall remain an integral part of the fabric of Bloomingdale. We'll not say "goodbye" to our friend, neighbor and colleague; we will simply bid her a fond farewell with best wishes for a happy, healthy, fulfilling future.



# Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



## SPRING CLEANING

Spring is the time to clean our homes and also a great time to check for fire hazards. Use this simple list to see how your home checks out.

Chief Tim Marrocco

Administrative Offices  
179 S. Bloomingdale Road  
Bloomington, IL 60108  
(630) 894-9080  
FAX (630) 894-8720

Station Two  
6N480 Keeney Road  
Roselle, IL 60172

Station Three  
246 S. Gary Avenue  
Bloomington, IL 60108

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### Some Suggestions from the NFPA on Dryer Use

Do not operate the dryer without a lint filter. Clean lint filters before or after each use and remove accumulated lint from around the drum.

Make sure that the dryer is plugged into an outlet suitable for its electrical needs as overloaded electrical outlets can result in blown fuses or tripped circuit breakers.

Turn the dryer off when leaving the home.

Keep the dryer area clear of combustibles (i.e., boxes or clothing).

Dryers should be installed and serviced by a professional.

Have gas-powered dryers inspected by a professional regularly to ensure that the gas line and connection are intact.

For additional ideas visit the NFPA website @ [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org)

- o Is your street number printed in block numbers, in a contrasting color, no less than 4" tall, and visible from all directions? Are the numbers visible at night?
- o Is there at least one OPERATING smoke detector on each level of your house?
- o Do you and your family know what the smoke detector alarm sounds like?
- o Are your smoke detectors checked regularly, preferably monthly?
- o Are the batteries in your smoke detectors replaced yearly? Select a special day, like a birthday or anniversary.
- o Is there a fire extinguisher in your home and does your family know how to use it?
- o Has your family practiced its own fire drill to be sure that you would know how to escape?
- o Does everyone know two ways out of every room in your house?
- o Does everyone know how to get out quickly and stay out of the burning building?
- o Does everyone know to crawl low under smoke?
- o Does everyone know the meeting place outside in case of a fire?
- o Do you and your family know how to call the fire department using 9-1-1 in case of an emergency?
- o Have all of the windows in your house been checked to make sure that they open easily?
- o Do all of the smokers in your house know not to smoke in bed or when they are tired?
- o Are all of the ashtrays sturdy and non-tip with holders for cigarettes in the center?
- o Are all electrical cords in good condition - not frayed or worn?
- o Are extension cords kept out from under rugs, carpets, furniture, off nails and pipes, or through doorways?
- o Are the electrical outlets or UL-approved power strips overloaded?
- o Is there a tight fitting screen in front of the fireplace?
- o Is your chimney and fireplace cleaned each year?
- o Are ashes removed from the fireplace or wood heater and placed in metal containers?
- o Is there proper spacing around wood heaters and their vents and combustible walls?
- o Is there enough room around water heaters, furnaces, etc.? (Recommended clearance distance should be listed on the appliance.)
- o Is the space around the water heaters, furnaces, etc., free from materials or liquids (i.e. gasoline, certain paints, thinners, etc.) that burn?
- o Are curtains, furniture, and clothing kept away from stoves and heaters?
- o Are your closets, attic, basement, garage, and utility room clear of newspapers, old rags, and trash that could easily burn?
- o Is the outside of your house clear of trash, high weeds, rubbish, etc.?
- o Are gasoline and other liquids that burn kept in labeled metal containers and not in glass or improper plastic containers? (They should be stored away from sources of ignition.) Never use or store gasoline inside the house.
- o Are the fuses or circuit breakers satisfactory for your home? Are they the correct amperage?
- o Are matches and lighters stored high, out of the reach of children?
- o Is only one heat-producing appliance (toaster, coffee maker, etc.) plugged into an electrical outlet?



**EMS OPEN HOUSE will be at the  
Headquarters Station, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road  
on Thursday, May 22nd from 5 to 8 PM.**



# Off the Shelf

## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

101 Fairfield Way, Bloomington, IL 60108  
Home page: [www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)

Phone: 630-529-3120  
E-mail: [bdref@linc.lib.il.us](mailto:bdref@linc.lib.il.us)



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### LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

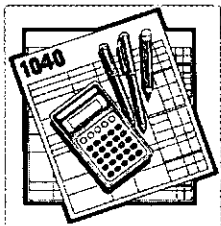
#### APRIL, 2003

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| *1 Historical Book Discussion Group             | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. |
| 7 Bloomington Historical Society                | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 8 Bloomington Seniors                           | 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.  |
| 9 Culture Club                                  | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 9 Garden Club                                   | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 9 Library Board Meeting                         | 7:30 p.m.          |
| *9 Young Adult Program -<br>Writing Your Resume | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| 10 Writer's Workshop                            | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| *12 Bunny Breakfast                             | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  |
| *12 Bunny Brunch                                | 11:30 - 1:30 P.M.  |
| 12 Writer's Workshop                            | 9:00 - Noon        |
| 13 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)                   | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.   |
| *13 Mother/Daughter Book Club                   | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.   |
| 16 Bloomington Quilters Group                   | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| *16 Young Adult Program - Resume Wizard         | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| *17 Adult Program - Fibromyalgia                | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| *17 Book Discussion Group                       | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 20 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED - Easter</b>               |                    |
| *22 Adult Program - Sushi                       | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| 23 Writer's Group                               | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 24 High School Poetry Slam                      | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| 27 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)                   | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.   |

#### MAY, 2003

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| 5 Bloomington Historical Society        | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| *6 Historical Book Discussion Group     | 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. |
| *8 Adult Program - Romance Writers      | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 8 Writer's Workshop                     | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 10 Writer's Workshop                    | 9:00 - Noon        |
| 11 Chess Club (ages 8 and up)           | 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.   |
| 13 Bloomington Seniors                  | 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.  |
| 14 Culture Club                         | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 14 Library Board Meeting                | 7:30 p.m.          |
| *15 Adult Book Discussion Group         | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| *16 Adult Program - Memory              | 10:30 - Noon       |
| *18 Mother/Daughter Book Club           | 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.   |
| *18 Adult Program - Antique Appraisal   | 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.   |
| 21 Bloomington Quilters Group           | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.   |
| 25 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>                |                    |
| 26 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED - Memorial Day</b> |                    |
| 28 Friends of the Library               | 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.   |
| 28 Writer's Workshop                    | 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.   |

\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (630) 529-3120



### Federal and State Tax Forms Available

The library still 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](http://www.irs.gov), and Illinois, [www.revenue.state.il.us](http://www.revenue.state.il.us). Look for the "forms" link to find the one you need.



### SUMMER HOURS

Starting May 25 the library will be closed on Sundays for the summer. Regular Sunday hours will resume on September 7.

#### The summer hours are:

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

## Youth Services Department

# WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS



### VolunTEENS (7th - 12th grades)

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



### DO YOU KNOW ANY NEW OR EXPECTANT PARENTS?

**Make sure their babies are  
BORN TO READ!**

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

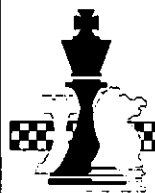
### Local History Department News

We are still looking to scan and return more school pictures from Bloomingdale students.

Please bring your class picture, recent and oldies in to be included in the photo show coming next summer.

Our new exhibit will be 1886, 1910, 1947, 2002 christening clothes passed down through one family. Come upstairs and see it!

Organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Senior groups can request a presentation of "The History of Bloomingdale" done with Power Point pictures and text by calling Annamarie Erickson, local history librarian at 529-3120 ext. 341.



**CHESS CLUB** (Ages 8 and up)  
Sunday: April 13, April 27, and May 11  
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 - just stop by and check it out.

### Mark your calendars!

Beginning June 18, the summer Chess session will be held on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Watch for more details in the Summer Brochure.*



## LIGHTS, CAMERA, READ!

**June 16 - August 2**

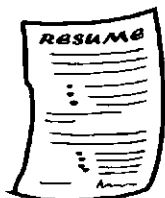
The Youth Services Department is busy planning this year's Summer Reading Program, Lights, Camera, Read! Special Features will include storytime programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarteners. Families, school age children, and teens will also receive red carpet treatment at special performances and activities. Watch for Youth Services Librarians who will be visiting Bloomingdale schools in May! A brochure with detailed program and registration information will be mailed to Bloomingdale residents in late May.

## Have you seen our new catalog, IBistro?

Our new catalog is available now both at the library and from your home computer (check our home page to access it at [www.bloomington.lib.il.us](http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us)). It offers many new features such as being able to see book jacket covers and reviews for many items, easy access to national best seller lists and it also indicates what are the most popular authors, titles and subjects among Bloomingdale patrons. If you previously had obtained a pin number to access your account, it will need to be reset. This can be done through our website. With this change, the entire library staff is also learning all new computer procedures to process and check out materials, place holds, etc. We ask for your patience as we all adjust to using this new system to serve you better! If you would like to attend a class regarding how to use the catalog, see the schedule under the National Library Week article.

Youth Services Department  
**SPRING YOUTH PROGRAMS**

**YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS**



**YOUNG ADULT  
RESUME WORKSHOP**

**WRITING THE RESUME** (ages 16-23)

**Wednesday, April 9**

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

Is graduation just around the corner or are you thinking about applying for a job or internship this summer? Take the first step to success with an impressive resume. Steve Provenzano, author of six bestselling books on the subject, will discuss what you should and should not put on your resume, plus other great tips on how to market yourself in the "real world." Please register at the Adult Reference desk or call 529-3120 ext. 324. Registration is limited to 25 people and is open to ages 16 - 23.

**RESUME WIZARD** (ages 16-23)

**Wednesday, April 16**

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

Are you ready to type up your smashing resume? Learn the different resume styles and how to use resume wizard. Registration is limited, so don't wait!! Register at the Adult Reference desk or call 529-3120 ext. 324. This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library Cardholders only and is open to ages 16 - 23.

**Adult/Teen Summer Reading Program**

**June 16 - August 2**

Adults and high school age teens are invited to participate in this year's summer reading program, "Lights, Camera, Read!"

Each time you read or listen to a book between June 16 - August 2 stop at the Reference Desk and we will record your title. This year we will have weekly prize drawings for both adult and teen participants. The drawing will be based on the entries for that week only, one entry per library visit. Weekly prize drawing winners may not win more than once during the program. All adults and teens will be entered in the final grand prize drawing to be held at the end of the program.



**HIGH SCHOOL POETRY SLAM**

(High School Students)

**Thursday, April 24**

**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Do you write your own poetry? Here is your opportunity to express your creative side among friends at the open mic session of the Library's Coffeehouse on Thursday, April 24th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Join us and choose your favorite three performances and we will award them with prizes. We will be serving Gloria Jean's Coffee, hot chocolate and many other goodies!! 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.

**Adopt-A-Magazine**

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to thank the Bloomingdale Garden Club for their donation of Organic Gardening.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Stop in the Library the week of April 6-12 and help us celebrate National Library Week. To focus on this special week, the library is offering the following:

Sign up for a class regarding how to use our new computer catalog, IBistro. A Reference Librarian will show you how to search and use the features unique to IBistro. Please sign up at the Reference Desk. There is no charge for this class and no registration limit. Class times are as follows:

Monday, April 7	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Saturday, April 12	11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

In the Circulation Department every patron who uses their card will be entitled to take an Easter egg from the basket. The eggs will contain one to three coupons for free video or DVD rentals.

The Youth Services Department will feature a Jelly Bean Guesstimation. Children can guesstimate the number of jelly beans in the jar. The closest guesstimate will win the jelly beans and a Plush Pages the Bear.

## **SPRING ADULT PROGRAMS**

### **Adult Book Discussion Groups**

The morning and evening Adult Book Discussion Groups always welcome new members. Copies of our current book selection are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

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

April 17	<i>Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague</i> by Geraldine Brooks
May 15	<i>House of Sand and Fog</i> by Andre Dubus III

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

April 1	<i>The All-true Travels and Adventures of Lidie Newton</i> by Jane Smiley
May 6	<i>Gods and Generals</i> by Jeff Shaara

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

### **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.

### **ROMANCING THE READER: ROMANCE AUTHORS SPEAK OUT**

Thursday, May 8  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The library is hosting a panel of authors who will come prepared to talk about their work and research methods. While most of the authors will be romance writers, they will address their approaches to research for historical and contemporary novels, what constitutes good writing and the book industry. Authors include Laurie Brown who has written *The Truth About Cassandra* and Catherine Andorka who has written *Once Upon a Secret*. Books will be for sale at the program.

### **THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**

Friday, May 16  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

In this educational and entertaining presentation, you will discover how memory works and the differences between sensory, short-term and long-term memory. You will find out how memory changes as we age and how to distinguish these changes from symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. You will learn how various lifestyle factors impact memory, and you will also learn strategies to improve your memory.

### **TREASURES FROM THE ATTIC**

Sunday, May 18  
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If you're interested in whether that old item is worth anything or has an interesting history, it might be worth your while to attend this program presented by Grace Dahlberg, a certified antiques appraiser. Please join us and bring along an item from your household. Things that can be brought: china, pottery, glass, dolls, pictures, books, textiles, silver and vintage clothing (pre-1960). Items that cannot be brought: stamps, coins or weapons of any sort. Class is limited to 60 so register early.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT LONG TERM CARE**

Friday, June 5  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Join attorney John Pankau and insurance agent Larry Beckwith as they discuss the importance of long term care insurance. Why is this important? As people are living longer and the number of people over age 65 is expected to double by 2050. Unfortunately, as people age, they are more likely to develop chronic illnesses. Long term care preparation can help avoid high costs associated with these illnesses. Please join us for this informative seminar.

Adult Services Department  
**SPRING ADULT PROGRAMS**



## **LIBRARIAN PICKS**

Each of our librarians has a specific subject area for which they select new materials. Here are a few of their recommendations for unique books that you might find interesting. Reserve them online through our IBistro catalog, or check our display in the library.

### **Barbara Taylor Bradford's Living Romantically Every Day**

By Barbara Taylor Bradford  
306.7 BRA

A beautifully illustrated book with wonderful tips and ideas to make life special. Also has a few special recipes for the romantic gourmet.

### **Morningstar Guide to Mutual Funds**

By Christine Benz  
332.6327 BEN

A well written book about strategies to help your portfolio during these difficult investment years, written by members of the staff of Morningstar, our most popular reference source regarding mutual funds.

### **The Travel Detective : Flight Crew Confidential**

By Peter Greenberg  
910.202 GRE

A unique compilation of travel tips about various cities and airports in the U.S. and abroad from the real travel experts - airline flight crews!

### **A Thousand Days in Venice**

By Marlena de Blasi  
945.31 DEB

Marlena crosses paths with Fernando on a trip to Venice. Within weeks he is visiting her at her home in St. Louis. They're as opposite as night and day—but could this unexpected romance really work?

### **The Mississippi and the Making of a Nation**

By Stephen E. Ambrose  
977 AMB

One of the late Ambrose's last historical works, this heavily illustrated book vividly details the importance of the Mississippi River in our nation's history. Find out how the river that divides the nation physically has shaped the culture and identity of the nation as a whole.

### **Home Almanac: Maintaining Your House Month by Month**

By John Gates  
643.7 GAT

Packed with beautiful photographs, this book is a month by month guide of home maintenance tips and how to prioritize essential tasks to keep your house in good condition throughout the year.

### **Art for the People: The Rediscovery and Preservation of Progressive and WPA-Era Murals in the Chicago Public Schools, 1904-1943**

by Heather Becker.  
751.73 BEC

If you went to Chicago Public Schools, you may have had a masterpiece in your school and not have known it! This book tells the story of the hundreds of Progressive and New Deal era murals discovered in Chicago Public Schools, and the many people who stepped in to restore and protect these national treasures.



## **Computer Lab**

# **SPRING 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 be placed on a waiting list and will be contacted if space becomes available. Residents on the waiting list will be given priority over non-residents on the waiting list. Please register in the Business Office of the Library beginning April 1, 2003. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.*

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSONAL COMPUTER**

**Tuesday April 8, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

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

### **USING THE INTERNET**

**Saturday April 12, 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.

### **INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL**

**Monday April 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 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.)*

### **INTRODUCTION TO WORD**

**Tuesday April 15, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

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

### **UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 3**

**Wednesday April 23, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

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

### **USING EMAIL**

**Saturday April 26, 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.)*

### **USING POWER POINT 2**

**Monday April 28, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

In this class we will extend on the basic skills taught in "Using Power Point". Students will learn to take more control over the layout and contents of their slides as well as learning more features for automating and enhancing their presentations. *(Having taken "Using Power Point" is recommended.)*

### **ADVANCED MICROSOFT ACCESS**

**Wednesday April 30, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Instructor: Sean**

This class will take the topics covered in "Introduction to Microsoft Access" and "Intermediate Microsoft Access" and show students how to extend them to be more useful at home and at work. More information will be given on Queries, Forms, Reports, and Relational Databases. *(Having taken "Intermediate Microsoft Access" is recommended.)*

### **INTERMEDIATE WORD**

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

**Instructor: Sean**

This class is intended for users who have some experience with computers and Microsoft Word. It will cover how to use the more advanced options available in Microsoft Word 2000. Lecture will include using outlines, adding images, and other formatting/design topics. *(Having taken "Introduction to using Microsoft Word" is recommended.)*



## **Computer Lab**

# **SPRING PROGRAMS**

### **INTERMEDIATE EXCEL**

Wednesday May 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### **UNDERSTANDING WINDOWS 1**

Wednesday May 21, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### **SENIORS COMPUTER COURSE**

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

Monday May 5, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 6, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday May 12, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 13, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday May 19, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 20, 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.

#### **SENIORS COMPUTER COURSE OUTLINE**

##### **Sessions 1 and 2:**

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

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

##### **Sessions 3 and 4:**

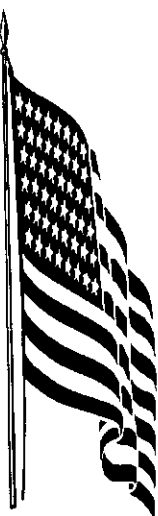
These two classes will introduce participants to using the Internet. Basic understanding of connecting and using the World Wide Web will be covered as well as more detailed E-Mail questions and introducing more complicated Internet topics such as downloading, searching, and using multimedia products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

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

##### **Sessions 5 and 6:**

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

## **REMEMBRANCE PROGRAM**



The Bloomingdale Historical Society and the Bloomingdale Public Library will again sponsor the yearly Remembrance program to be held on Monday, May 26, 2003. The Memorial Day observance will be held at the St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street in Bloomingdale at 9:30 am. This special gathering is to honor men and women who have served our country and a special invitation is made to all veterans in our community. The placing of flags, taps, and a gun salute by VFW Post 7539 will be part of the program. Limited seating is available, so please bring lawn chairs and remember umbrellas if needed.

For questions please call (630)529-3120 ext. 710.



# Bloomington Park District

*We're right around the corner!*

## NEW! Tour de BPD!

May 10, 10:00am-Noon

Care to put your biking skills to the test? Join us for the 1st Annual Tour de BPD Bike Rodeo in partnership with School District 13 and the Bloomington Police Department! You won't want to miss "Perfection on Wheels" a professional stunt biking team that is sure to amaze you! The stunt show will be 10:30-11:15am. Steer through obstacle courses, test your biking skills through various tests, and register your bike. This is a family event, so bring the whole gang and arrive on your bikes. Big Wheels are also welcome. A DJ, prizes, and food are also part of this exciting day!

**Location:** JRC Parking Lot

**R/NR Fee:** \$5/8 per family

## Klub Friday Nite

Hey kids in 5th-8th grades! Tired of spending Friday nights at home watching TV or talking on the phone? Get your friends together and come out to Klub Friday Nite from 7:30-10:00pm on the following dates:

**April 11** Lucky Duck Egg Pick

**April 25** Mystery Night

**May 9** Beach Party

**May 16** KFN Shirt Night

**May 23** End of Year Party - Surprise Guest! Dance contest, raffles throughout the night!

## Summer Dance Classes



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

## COMING SOON!

### Summer Concert Series Returns

Beginning in June, Old Town Park will be the site of the fourth annual concert series. All concerts begin at 7:00pm. This series of free concerts will include a wide variety of music as well as a children's series. Favorite "American English" will wrap up the series on August 19. Bring your chairs & blankets to sit on, and enjoy the summer nights at Old Town Park.



## Pool Passes Go On Sale!

Nothing says summer like a refreshing, inviting pool, and ours will officially open June 7th! Season pool passes to the 250,000-gallon pool complete with water slide, sand volleyball, baby pool, and concession area go on sale May 1. Both individual and family pool passes are available, as well as convenient coupon books. Buy a pass on or before June 7th, and you get entered in a drawing to win a FREE pool rental! So buy your pool pass early!

## Summer Day Camps

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

## Important Dates to Remember:

**April 15** Score 6 Meeting DuJardin School

**April 12** Swim Team Registration 9am to noon

**April 16** Swim Team Registration 7-9pm

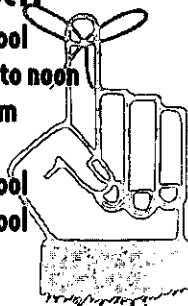
**May 1** Pool Passes go on sale

**May 7** Score 6 Meeting DuJardin School

**May 22** Score 6 Meeting DuJardin School

**June 2** Pool Coupons go on sale

**June 7** Pool Opens



## At the Museum...



**20th Bloomington Student Art Show**  
Now-April 26, 2003

**Not Just Another Pretty Face**

May 10-June 28

Interested in people? Come see  
"Not Just Another Pretty Face,"

a juried, mixed media art show of portraits and self-portraits

Reception - Sunday, May 18, 2-4 pm



# 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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## Collecting for Our Guys and Gals Overseas

The Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 has adopted an Army Unit (which is about 500 people), currently stationed in Kuwait. The Vietnam vets in the post remember what it's like to be fighting overseas, knowing that at home there was a lot of public sentiment against the war. It's because of that feeling that they want these troops to know there is support from people back here at home. They have been sending packages of food items and cards to these service people to bring them "a touch of home."



They have already received thank yous via e-mail from the soldiers.

*"I can't express to you how much the support of folks back home means to us, but somehow I think you know all about that. Thank you again for all you do."*

*"Thanks once again for the goodies. We are all doing great knowing you're supporting us back in the GREAT USA!"*

Collection boxes have been placed inside at the Fire Department Headquarters, 179 S. Bloomingdale Road, 8 am -10 pm; Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; and Public Works Building, 305 Glen Ellyn Road, 7:30 am - 4 pm.

### Here are some suggestions:

Food and Beverages: Vienna sausages, canned corn beef, Spam, canned tuna, peanut butter, beef jerky, granola bars, power bars, oatmeal & Ritz packets, popcorn (popped and microwave packs), dried fruit & nuts, processed cheese & crackers, hard candy (especially lifesavers), instant coffee and cocoa, tea bags, sugar packets, powdered creamer, sweetened kool-aid/iced tea/lemonade packets, bottled water, small individual servings of fruit. Any wrapped candy, and Power Bars are very popular, along with cheese and crackers. Small toiletries for men and women, toilet paper, and white socks are also very much appreciated.

Of course, cash donations to help cover shipping are also welcome. For more information contact Bloomingdale VFW at 630-894-5692 or e-mail [geocities.com/vfw7539](mailto:geocities.com/vfw7539)

