

Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

August 2003



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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

First things first - Weather warning sirens have been a topic on the news as of late. Here in Bloomingdale we have allocated funds in this year's budget for tornado sirens. Right now we are in the process of researching them in conjunction with our adjoining municipalities, as well as with the Bloomingdale Fire Department. I should also note that last year, we worked along with the Bloomingdale Park District and School District 13 in a successful intergovernmental project to place lightening detectors at Bloomingdale Golf Club, as well as at the parks and schools. I will keep you posted on the progress of the tornado sirens.

Well, we're about into the "dog days of summer," and Family Fest is already just a happy summer memory. My thanks again to Chairperson Kandice Kretler and her committee for bringing it altogether. More thanks to individuals and sponsors can be found inside this issue. You'll also find lots of info here on the upcoming Septemberfest, which is only a month away!

Also coming up in September is a special golf outing which promises to be a lot of fun, while providing funds toward the next statue being planned by the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee.

Their latest endeavor is a tribute to the police and fire personnel here in Bloomingdale. The statue, "Everyday Heroes," will be created by artist Art Myers, who also provided us with the incredible "Mayor's Bench" golf statue, which sits in front of the Pro Shop at Bloomingdale Golf Club. If you haven't seen it yet, check it out. You'll be blown away by the detail right down to the names on the scorecard!

In an effort to show residents what this new statue will look like (and to give Art Myers a real look at the details), the committee enlisted the help of Patrol Officer Bill Darre and Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Herrick to illustrate the pose. The idea is to show the spirit of cooperation between the two public safety groups. The statue will be placed in Old Town Park.

The golf outing fundraiser will take place on Sunday, September 21 at Indian Lake Resort. In support of this statue, Indian Lakes is providing a great deal. For \$75, golfers get greens fees, cart, lunch at the halfway house and a cookout dinner. There will also be some fun games and special prizes. Dinner only is \$30. Registration begins at 11 a.m., with play starting at 1 p.m., scramble format.

Another exciting element - the outing will take place on Blackhawk Trace, which is the newly renovated course. Here's an opportunity to golf the new course at a great price, plus take part in an official thank you to the men and women of our fire and police departments. Space is limited to 144 golfers, so don't wait to make your (continued on page 8)



Darre and Herrick illustrate the pose for the police/fire tribute statue.

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

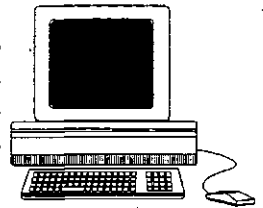
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

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.bloomingtondale.il.us

**The deadline for
the October issue
of the
Almanac is
SEPTEMBER 10**

Brian Khoury Wins Illinois DARE Award



Erickson fifth grader Brian Khoury was the 2003 Illinois DARE Officers Association artwork contest winner. His artwork will be featured by the organization for one year. Here is his winning design, as well as a picture of the Khoury family and Detective Brian Healey, Brian's DARE teacher. Brian was honored at a Village Board meeting, and will also attend a special luncheon in Peoria where his DARE artwork will be recognized.

Neighborhood Watch: Keeping You and the Community Safe!

WELCOME
Bloomingtondale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department

The Bloomingdale Police Department is offering two worthwhile academies that provide citizens a rare opportunity to gain a working knowledge of the policies and procedures of the police department and to meet the officers who serve their community in a positive environment. More importantly, the programs increase not only an information base, but encourage and promote safety practices, create an awareness in which to reduce victimization and enhance the police department's understanding of the citizen's daily concerns.

The classroom series of instruction and discussion opportunities are held once a week, in which the sessions meet for (3) hours with scheduled break times included (food and juice provided).

The participants receive related handout material for each topic and a certificate, lapel pin and a gift related to the particular academy upon the program's completion.

The **Street Smart Seniors Program** will meet Wednesday mornings 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. beginning September 3rd through October 8th 2003. The topics include the following: Police Department Policies and Procedures, Diversionary Thefts (Scams), Gang and Drug Awareness, Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse, Home/Vehicle/Personal Safety, Fire Safety Protection, and Village Services.

The **Citizen Police Academy** will meet Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. beginning September 4th through November 13, 2003. Rather than the usual 11-week program, the CPA will be held in a five-week and a six-week session, with the various topics divided between the two. Residents are welcome to sign up for one or both sessions.

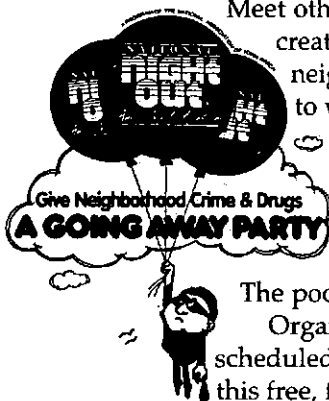
The topics include the following: Tour of the Police Department, Administrative Services, Community Oriented Policing, Radar Enforcement, Constitutional Law, Juvenile Law, Auto Theft, Accident Investigation, D.U.I. Enforcement, Use of Force, Violence Awareness, Gang Awareness, Drug Identification, Interviewing Techniques, Crime Scene Processing, and Tour of the DuPage County Crime Lab.

Anyone interested or seeking further information, please contact Detective Dawn Odoi of the Bloomingdale Police Department at (630) 529-9868.

20th National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 6:00-9:00 PM
Bloomingtondale Park District

Meet other active residents and create partnerships with your neighbors and Village agencies to work together in maintaining the quality of life in this community.



Food will be provided free of cost 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The pool is open to all attending event.

Organized games and prizes are scheduled. Please consider joining us for this free, fun family event and help us give crime a going away party.



Sign Up for These Police Department Programs:

Street Smart Seniors

Wednesday mornings
9 - 12:00 Noon
**September 3-
October 8, 2003**

*Safety presentations and
discussion
opportunities.*

Citizen Police Academy

Thursday evenings
from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

1st section

**September 4 -
October 2**

2nd section

**October 9-
November 13**

*Offers insights into
policies and
procedures of law
enforcement officers.*

Interested? Contact
Detective Dawn Odoi
at 529-9868.

Be in the Septemberfest Parade!!!

Septemberfest is looking for businesses, civic and sports organizations to be in the parade kicking off at 11 a.m. on **Saturday, September 6.**

Join the Bloomingdale Chamber, Bloomingdale Township, scouts, cheerleaders, Septemberfest Commission, Lake Park Lancettes and the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition as they march. Call Debby at 762-1125 for more information and/or an application.

Support the 31st Anniversary celebration

Be a Friend of Septemberfest!

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

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

Name (as you wish it to be listed) _____

Address _____

(daytime phone) _____

(evening phone) _____

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

Mail your check or money order made payable to Septemberfest 2003 to:
Friends of Septemberfest, c/o Village of Bloomingdale, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road,
Bloomingdale, IL 60108.

New This Year -- Septemberfest Motorcycle Show!!!

Got a motorcycle that you love to show off? Well, we would love to see it. The motorcycle show will run Saturday September 6, 2003 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., also in Bloomingdale Old Town. The first 50 bikes to meet eligibility requirements will be selected for the show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation. Call Mark Garrison at 630-688-8428 for information and/or an application.

Show Off Your Vintage Vehicle at Classic Car Show!

Bring your antique or classic car to celebrate the 31st annual Septemberfest. The car show will run Saturday, September 6, 2003 from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. in Bloomingdale Old Town, Third and Franklin Streets.

The first 50 cars to meet eligibility requirements will be selected for the show. You will receive written confirmation of your participation. Call Gloria Tomaras at 630-980-8176 for information and/or an application.

Want to Take Part?

There are still openings for not-for-profit groups and crafters to participate in the event, scheduled for 11 am to 11 pm on **Saturday, September 6.** The commission is looking especially for an organization to do some kid activities. Call Pam Hager at 529-4232 or the Village Hall at 671-5614.



Septemberfest 2003 -- 31 Outstanding Years of Celebration!

By Sandy Raucci

Bloomington prides itself on being a community where you can still find the small town feeling, so with that in mind we give you Septemberfest for the 31st year. We hope you, your family and friends, can join us for a day of fun and entertainment on Saturday, September 6, 2003 in Bloomington Old Town (Lake Street and Bloomington Road).

We will start off with the Annual Septemberfest Parade. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. leaving from DuJardin School on Euclid and heads north on Euclid to Schick Road, then west on Schick Road into Old Town. There are assorted floats, bands, and groups already lining up for the parade. We are looking for more applicants for the parade. If you would like to participate, please contact Debby at 630-762-1125 for all the information.

The parade will finish up in Old Town where you will enjoy a day filled with a variety of entertainers, including several bands. These include The Wildones playing at 3:30 p.m., and The Battle of the Bands Winner, Mutopia, playing at 6:30 p.m. Finishing up will be Hi Infidelity at 7:30 p.m. There will be other stage performances throughout the day.

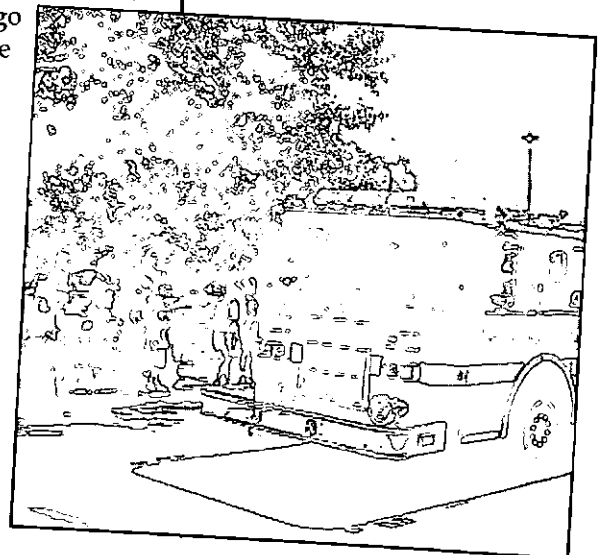
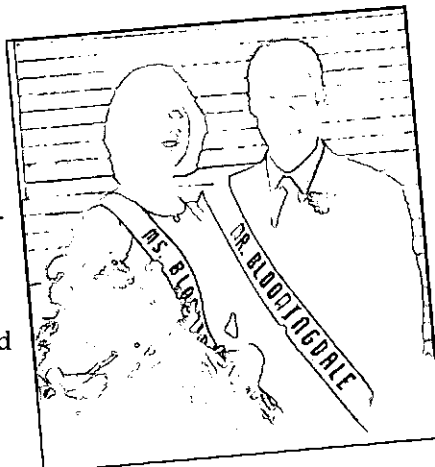
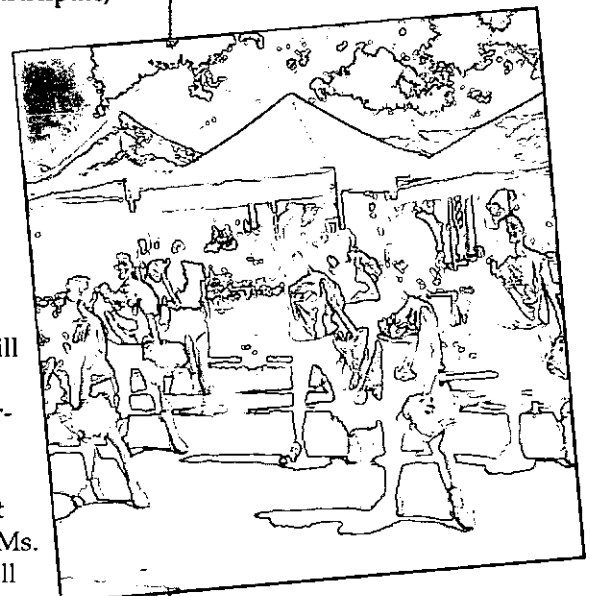
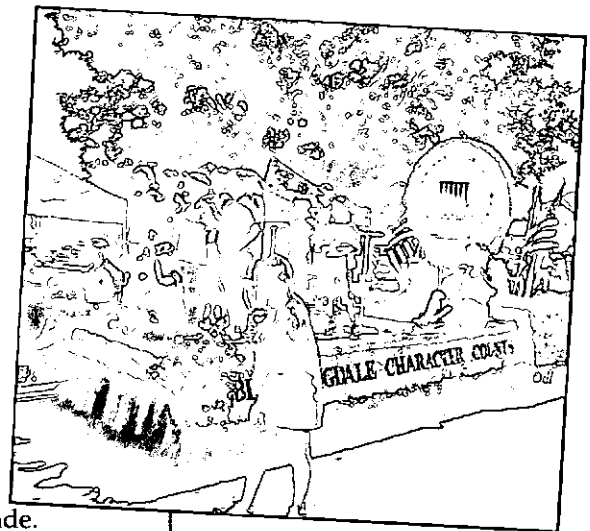
New this year will be a Motorcycle show; we have some beautiful bikes lined up for you to see. If you are interested in showing your motorcycle, please call Mark at 630-688-8428 for information. The motorcycle show will run from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Of course, we will still have the Antique Car Show Contest which starts at 6:00 p.m. and runs until 10:30 p.m. For information, please call Gloria at 630-980-8176.

Our highlight of the day, the Mr. & Ms. Bloomington Contest, will start at 5:30 p.m. It is because of the scholarship funds given away via the Mr. & Ms. Bloomington Contest, that Septemberfest exists today. So Thank You to all who have given so far. As we all know, college costs a small fortune these days and the young men and women who apply for these scholarships are doing all they can to apply themselves in preparing for all those expenses.

Please consider becoming a "Friend of Septemberfest". Your name will be listed on signs posted throughout the fest as a donor and your charitable contribution will go a long way and always be remembered in helping young lives create a future for themselves. You can find a form to donate in this newsletter on page 4.

Don't forget to enjoy the great food and assorted drinks available throughout the day and evening. There will also be arts and crafts for sale. For information on getting a booth please call Lori at 630-671-5614. Please come and join us for a day of entertainment and some terrific food. Relax and enjoy the day while you stroll through beautiful Old Town and look at motorcycles and antique cars.

Hope to see you there!



Fall Branch Collection Week October 20-24

Branch collection service will be provided by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc., a qualified, experienced contractor hired by the Village, working under the direction of the Village Forestry Division.

This program is only available to single family detached residences. Residents of townhomes should contact their association regarding branch collection.

The fall collection week is October 20th through October 24th. Residents are encouraged to complete tree and shrub pruning in the preceding week.

Construction Ahead: Schick/Springfield Intersection Improvements Now Underway

Pending the award of the contract and notice to proceed from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the construction work at the intersection of Schick Road/Springfield Drive began in late July. The work entails the construction of left turn lanes serving northbound and southbound Springfield Drive Traffic and a traffic signal upgrade to provide dedicated left-turn arrows. The contractor for the project is R.W. Dunteman, Inc. of Addison, IL. The scheduled completion of this highly anticipated construction project is November 25, 2003. The Village has received 70% federal highway grant funding for construction of this \$680,000 project. The Village will fund the remaining 30% and engineering expenses. During the project motorists can expect delays caused by lane closures.

Direct any questions regarding the project to the Village Services Department - Engineering Division at 630-671-5676. Your patience is appreciated.



Local Groups Award Scholarships

Each year Bloomingdale local organizations are pleased to be able to award scholarships to our own college-bound and continuing education students.

The Bloomingdale Chamber initiated its Scholarship Program in 1990 and this year awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to young people in the Bloomingdale area.

Lake Park graduate Joel David Riemenschneider will attend Wheaton College with plans to become a doctor or high school math teacher.



Nicole Sasser, Joel Riemenschneider and Maria Perna

Maria Perna is also a 2003 graduate of Lake Park High School. She plans to attend Loyola University in the fall, with the goal of becoming a registered nurse.

Nicole Elise Sasser currently attends Indiana University working on a dual degree in trumpet performance and jazz studies.

The Parent-Teacher Organizations of Bloomingdale School District 13 also awarded scholarships this spring.

Joel Riemenschneider was the recipient of scholarships from both Westfield Middle School's STP (\$750) and DuJardin's PTO (\$500).

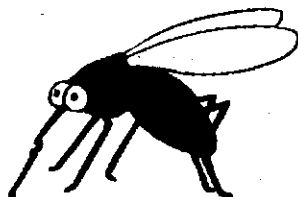
Lake Park graduate Seacel Ho was awarded a \$500 scholarship from Erickson's PTO. She has been accepted at five universities and plans to major in finance. She hopes to become a financial expert and an international businesswoman.

Rachel Soden, also from Lake Park, was awarded a \$750 scholarship given by Westfield social studies teacher Jay Perkins in memory of his late wife, Patti. Soden plans to attend Wheaton College to earn her bachelor's degree in psychology, then continue working toward her master's and doctorate. She hopes to become a clinical psychologist.

Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus

Clarke Mosquito Control offers the following advice to residents to help protect themselves against infection and assist in the fight against West Nile Virus:

- ☐ Inspect all window and door screens to be sure they're "bug tight".
- ☐ Stay indoors at the times when mosquitoes are most prevalent: morning, dusk, and early evening. When you are outdoors, cover up with long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.
- ☐ Use insect repellents. Repellents deter mosquitoes from biting when applied properly to exposed skin and clothing. Apply mosquito repellent with DEET in accordance with label directions.



For the latest information on West Nile Virus, consult the Illinois Department of Health website at www.idph.state.il.us, or DuPage County Health Department website at www.dupagehealth.org.

Residents who find a blue jay or crow that appears to have died as a result of natural causes should contact Public Works Maintenance at 630-671-5800. We will assist residents in retrieval of dead blue jays and crows and provide notification to the DuPage County Health Department. We regret that we are unable to assist in the disposal of any other dead birds.

Household Hazardous Waste Q & A

Q. What is Household Hazardous Waste?

A. Discarded consumer products with flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive ingredients.

Q. How can I avoid Household Hazardous Waste?

A. Use it up! If you use all of a product with hazardous ingredients in accordance with label directions, there is no HHW to manage. Containers that once held a hazardous product are not considered HHW if they are completely empty. If you can't use it up, see if someone else can use the remaining product. Buy safer products. Seek out and purchase products without hazardous ingredients. If no safer alternative exists, purchase only as much of a hazardous product as you need to do the job. Avoid large, economy size containers unless you are sure you can use it up.

Q. How can I dispose of Household Hazardous Waste safely?

A. Because some hazardous products can't be safely used up or recycled, DuPage County provides a permanent HHW collection site, operated by the City of Naperville. It is located at Naperville Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road (just off Route 59).

DuPage County also conducts one-day HHW collection events at temporary sites throughout the County.

For locations of one-day HHW collection events or more information, contact: HHW Hotline at 630-510-2810 or DuPage County's web site at <http://ec.dupageco.org/solidwaste/>.

Planning a Garage Sale? Here's What You Need to Know

In its efforts to keep Bloomingdale from becoming an aesthetic eyesore and to prevent traffic nightmares in residential areas, the Village adopted Ordinance #85-14 which outlines certain provisions for conducting garage sales.

Some of the key provisions are as follows:

Any person who is conducting a garage sale within the Village should notify the Police Department at 630-529-9868 prior to the commencement of the sale.

Signs should not be placed on any street light poles, utility poles, street or traffic sign poles, on or within a vehicle, or be placed in such a location as to cause an obstruction to vehicle traffic.

Signs should have the address and dates of the sale legibly printed on them.

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Trash Talk

Garbage containers, recycle bins and refuse may not be set out earlier than 6 p.m. on the night before collection.

All containers must be removed no later than sundown of the day the scavenger has collected.

According to Ordinance No. 98-12, refuse containers may not be stored in the front yard, including that area between the building and front yard, or stored in the corner-side or side yard of any property unless they are screened from view from the street.

Parking Across Sidewalks: It's Inconsiderate and Potentially Dangerous

Village Ordinance 9-3-1.11 prohibits the parking of any vehicle "on any sidewalk or parkway." This includes that area which extends across one's driveway, as well as the driveway apron. Parking a vehicle on or across sidewalks makes it impossible for pedestrians or bicyclists to use the sidewalk, as well as creating a safety hazard.

Part of this problem occurs because many garages throughout the Village are used for storage or to store vehicles which are not used regularly. The Village and Police Department encourage residents to clean out their garages and/or to relocate infrequently used vehicles so that their vehicles can fit legally on driveways and in garages.

The Bloomingdale Police Department enforces this parking ordinance. In order to educate the public, police officers will attempt to warn first-time offenders, either verbally or in writing. The Village and Police Department request the cooperation of all Village residents to comply with this ordinance.

From the Mayor's Desk *(continued from page 1)*

reservations. You will find a form on page 13 for reserving tickets.

A word to the wise now, the BPCD Committee is also planning an enormous Las Vegas Nite on January 24, 2004, also at Indian Lakes. The Bloomingdale Lions Club (well known for their great casino nights) and the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce are also collaborating on this exceptional event. Indian Lakes is offering fabulous packages in conjunction with the evening, and other special activities are being planned to make this a huge event you won't want to miss.



School Days, School Days, Good Old Golden Rule Days . . .

Bloomingdale School Pictures Exhibit opens August 8 in the History Room of the Bloomingdale Library. Come see the classes of Bloomingdale dating back as far as 1874. (This one is from Central School -1937). The exhibit will run through October.



A Familiar Face Serving as a 'Celebrity Chef'

Mayor Bob Iden served as "Celebrity Sous Chef" to Indian Lakes Executive Chef, Eric Kelly, in a recent "Masters of the Grille" charity cook-off at Indian Lakes Resort. Pitted against 10 of his colleagues from other Levy restaurants, Kelly was voted "Grille Master" for his chipotle pork tacos with black bean mango salsa. About 200 people attended the event to sample items grilled by the chefs and to raise funds to benefit Marklund Charities.

Tempted to Park Illegally in a Handicapped Parking Spot? Think Twice Before You Do -- Police Will be Ticketing Violators

The Vehicle Code of the State of Illinois and the Village of Bloomingdale (9-1-11-1301.3) prohibit parking in ALL properly designated handicapped areas throughout the Village except for those vehicles properly displaying a handicapped placard or disability license plate. The placard must be displayed in clear view hanging from the rearview mirror or placed on the dashboard of the vehicle.

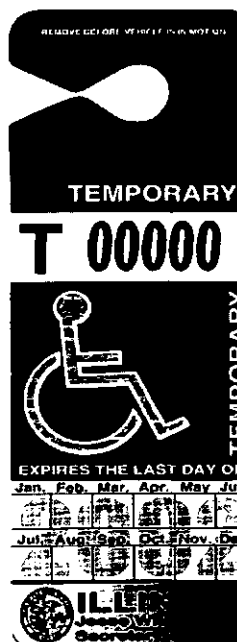
Vehicles properly displaying a placard or disability license plate are exempt from time limitations on parking except at signs with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.

The authorized holder of a placard or disability license plate must be present when parking in a handicapped space. It is a violation to use a placard or disability license plate without the authorized holder being present.

The authorized holder must exit or enter the vehicle while it is parked in the designated handicapped area. To clarify, if the authorized holder is dropped off and picked up outside of a designated handicapped parking area, the vehicle cannot be parked in a handicapped area and the vehicle is in violation.

Parking is not allowed in any access aisle which is defined as the vertical lines adjacent to the parking space for persons with disabilities. It is a violation to park any vehicle in an access aisle whether the vehicle is displaying a placard or disability license plate or not.

The Police Department enforces strictly any of the above violations on both public and private property and the minimum fine as authorized by State statute is \$100.00. Please preserve these handicapped parking spaces for those who truly need them.



Car for Sale?

Remember, it is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle upon any street for the purpose of displaying it for sale.



Community Events Community Events

Come to Roy's Famous Fish Fry!

It's time for Roy's Famous Friday Night Fish Fry, the nostalgic recreation of an old Bloomingdale favorite.

The fish is provided by Rooster's Restaurant; the music is courtesy of the Grand Avenue Big Band.

It all takes place Friday, August 8 at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Advanced tickets available at the library - \$12.00/adults & \$4.50/children 4-12. At the door - \$15.00/adults; \$5/children 4-12; free/under 3.

Lions Charity Golf Challenge August 8

Friday, August 8 marks the 7th annual Bloomingdale Lions Club Charity Golf Challenge at the Bloomingdale Golf Club to raise funds for the sight and hearing impaired in our community. The tournament begins with a 1:30 pm shotgun start, and includes a lunch, an after-tournament dinner and prizes, plus a prize of a 2003 Ford Car from Friendly Ford for a hole-in-one at a selected hole during the tournament. For additional information, contact Perry Knutson at the 630-753-3067 or lionperry@hotmail.com or Paul Becker 630-868-2571.

Historical Society's Attic Sale to Help Fund Old Village Hall Restoration

The Bloomingdale Historical Society will hold its fall Attic Sale on Friday, September 5, 9 am - 5 pm and Saturday, September 6 11 am - 5 pm on Third Street in Old Town. The group earmarks 50 percent of the proceeds from its sales toward the restoration of the Old Village Hall.



The spring Attic Sale was held in the Old Village Hall.

Check Out New Art Exhibit at Park District Museum

"THE NEW COMMUNICATION" - Paintings by Marcia Babler and "CULTURAL PASSAGES" photography by fotoMuses are on display at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road, now through Saturday, August 23.

St. Paul United Church of Christ Celebrates 125th Anniversary

St. Paul's United Church of Christ is celebrating its 125th anniversary in September. The congregation will host a special dinner on Saturday, September 27, followed by a 7 p.m. service. There will also be a special service held on Sunday, September 28. For more information about the church or the celebrations call Kathy Kreis at 529-6173.

WCA DuPage Center Seeks Volunteers

You can help! Join the YWCA's volunteer service, DuPage Women Against Rape (DWAR) and become a resource for survivors of sexual assault. You can work for change! Volunteer opportunities include 24-Hour Crisis Intervention Services, Medical/Police Advocacy, Prevention Education and Anti-Violence Volunteers. DWAR volunteers are committed to increasing the community's awareness of issues surrounding sexual assault.

Volunteers for 24-hour crisis services and prevention education programs are required to complete a 40-hour training. The 2003 Training begins September 3, 2003 and the 2004 Training begins January 24, 2004. No training is required to become an Anti-Violence Volunteer. If you are interested in more information please call the YWCA DuPage at (630) 790-6600, ext. 231 or e-mail Julie.KasakMartin@ywcachicago.org

Community Events Community Events

The Baddest of the Bad Pants!

Ken Novak of Lemont, Illinois was the winner of the day in his eye-popping, digitalized, pixilated yellow, gray, black and blue pants for the 7th annual "Bad Pants Open" held on Memorial Day at Indian Lakes Resort. The annual fundraiser, which benefits the health care program of the Lions of Illinois Foundation, is the only golf tournament in the world where the colors in the players' pants count more than their scores.

St. Isidore Parish Fest Set for August 9

St. Isidore Parish Fest takes place Saturday, August 9 from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. on the church campus, Army Trail Road & Gary Avenue. Fun for all ages is promised – from music and wacky challenges led by M&R Music, to a wide variety of children's activities, an assortment of food and beverage and auction items. There will also be a raffle for cash prizes, thanks to the generosity of Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Countryside Funeral Home & Crematory and Brust Funeral Home. At 5 p.m. Mass will be held under the tent (weather permitting). The event is open to the whole community.

Villagers Club Ice Cream Social August 19



The Bloomingdale Villagers Club invites all women in the area to attend an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 19, to meet the members and explore the club's activities. The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. For more information call Bette Thorpe at 924-6861 or Gerry Blum at 924-4932.

AARP Welcomes All to Its Upcoming Meetings

Bloomington's Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) invites residents to its next two meetings at the Bloomingdale Township Senior Center, 6N 050 Rosedale Road. Friday, August 15 features Beverly Magsamen, a representative of the State of Illinois Police Department. She will speak on the problem of identity theft, which can cost consumers thousands of dollars. On September 19th, Bloomingdale Mayor Bob Iden will join AARP members for a continental breakfast and an informal discussion of living in the community as a senior. Both meetings start at 10:30 a.m.

Ooh . . . Ahh . . . the Family Fest Fireworks

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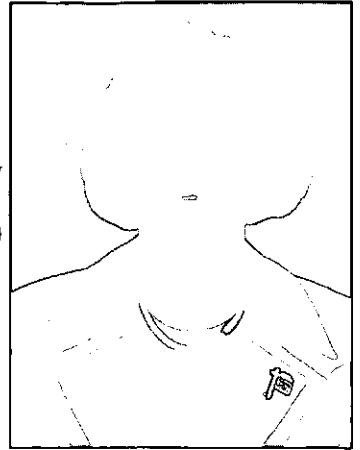


Lemont, Illinois resident Ken Novak took top honors in the annual Bad Pants Open.

Century 21 Lullo Office Awards

Bloomington resident **Branka Poplonski**, agent for Century 21 Lullo in Addison, was honored by the Century 21 Real Estate Corporation at the annual regional award dinner-dance in Chicago. She was awarded Centurion Status for the third consecutive year, which is the highest production award that can be bestowed on an agent. Poplonski was Century 21 Lullo's top selling sales agent, producing \$10 million in sales in 2002. The Lullo office also won the Centurion Office Award with more than \$80 million in sales in 2002.

In addition, Poplonski also received the top sales award at the Floyd Wickman's Master Sales Academy awards ceremony in Las Vegas. This sales academy recognizes the top sales agents from across the country and from a multitude of sales offices.



Brad Seigfreid Earns Eagle Scout Award



Brad Seigfreid, member of Boy Scout Troop 20, earned an Eagle award, the highest ranking a Boy Scout can achieve at an Eagle Court of Honor on May 3 at Springwood Middle School. The Lake Park graduating senior has been active in several school activities, including playing varsity soccer for three years. A member of the 5.0 Club, Seigfreid's academics earned him National Merit Scholar status, as well as the Founders and University Scholarships for Syracuse University.

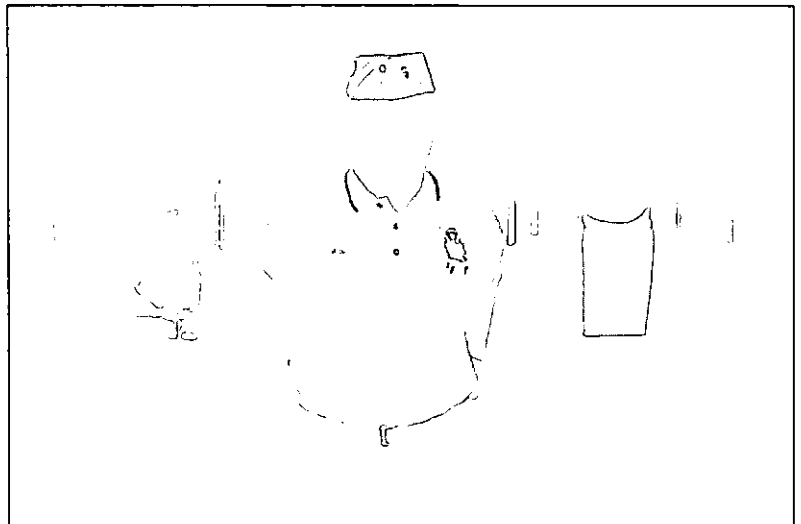
Brad's Eagle Scout project was a prairie restoration project at the Springbrook Nature Center in Itasca which included taking out weeds and non-native plants, tilling the areas and planting native species. The young man has been accepted into the Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University, where he will major in broadcast journalism and management.

Marquardt Middle School Instructor Participates in Regional Seminar

Nancy Salvato, Marquardt Middle School Literacy Skills instructor, was selected to participate in the Center for Civic Education's Southeastern Region Summer Institute. Centering on a "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" program, the seminar focuses on the US Constitution and Bill of Rights, providing information and instructional techniques to help foster civic competence and responsibility among students in private and public schools nationwide. Congratulations to Ms Salvato on being selected for this prestigious program.

VFW Post Honors Two Local Journalists

Both Almanac Editor **Mary Ellen Johnson** (l) and Bloomington Press columnist **Sue Crossen-Knutson** (r) were recently honored by the Bloomington VFW Post #7539 for their efforts in publicizing the many activities of the local post. They are pictured with Post Commander **Joe Franzese**.



**Bloomington Public Safety
Tribute Statue**

Golf Outing

September 21, 2003

**Indian Lakes Country Club
250 W. Schick Road, Bloomington**

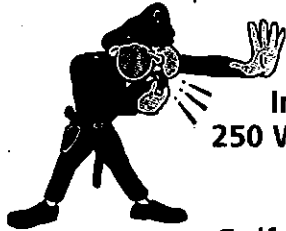
Registration 11:00

Golf - 1:00 P.M. (Scramble Format)

Lunch Provided

Cash Bar: 6:00 P.M.

Golfer's Cookout - 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.



**For More Information Contact: Tim Marrocco/Julie Koehn
630-894-9080
Mary Ellen Johnson
630-671-5600**



REGISTRATION FORM

Quantity of Tickets

**Group or Individual Names
(Please Print)**

_____ Golf & Dinner @ \$75.00 = \$ _____	1. _____
_____ Cookout Only @ \$30.00 = \$ _____	2. _____
	3. _____
	4. _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

**Make Checks Payable to: Village of Bloomington
Mail to: ATTN: Mary Ellen Johnson • Village of Bloomington
201 S. Bloomington Road • Bloomington, IL 60108**

**Barking Dogs
Bothering You?
Report it to the Police
Department**

The Police Department reminds residents who own dogs to make sure that their dogs are not creating a nuisance by barking at all times of the day and night.

Village Ordinance 81-40, Chapter 15-1-5 states that "No owner shall permit a dog to bark, whine, howl or make other noises excessively; or to create noxious or offensive odors." This applies to any time of the day or night.

With summer upon us and doors and windows open, the noise of a barking dog can carry for some distance, especially in the late evening or early morning hours. Please be both a responsible dog owner and a respectful neighbor and not allow your dog to bark excessively. If you would like more information about our dog ordinance, or if you have a complaint, please call the Police Department at the non-emergency number - 529-9868.

**Governor Signs Bill to Allow Officers
To Stop Motorists for Seat Belt Violations**

Recently Governor Blagojevich signed Senate Bill 50, which allows for the police to stop a vehicle solely on the basis of a seat belt violation. This law went into effect immediately. Please remember to "buckle up."

Information on other traffic safety bills passed which go into effect January 1, 2004 will appear in the special Fall Almanac issue, due out in September.

Governor Rod Blagojevich is flanked by Bloomington Sergeant Randy Sater and Chief Gary Schira on July 3 on the occasion of the signing of the three new traffic safety bills at the National Safety Council in Itasca.





Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Finding Your House

- Your street number should be printed in block numbers that are no less than 4" tall and in a contrasting color.
 - The numbers should be visible from all directions of travel for at least 150 feet.
- It is also important that the numbers be well lit at night.
- The numbers can be posted directly on your house, business, or anywhere else that can easily be seen from the street.
 - House numbers should be posted on both sides of the mailbox.
 - You should also list your complete address, including any county numbers, i.e. 28W334 Parker.
 - If your house does not face the street on which it is addressed, it might be a good idea to include the street name on the address sign.
 - If your home or business is set back from the street or road, post your address at the entrance of your driveway.

According to the National Fire Safety Council and Shriners Hospital, bathroom accidents account for approximately 25% of all household accidents.

Bathroom Safety

Falls, scalds, shocks, and poisonings are among the most common bathroom accidents. Safety experts agree that by taking a few safety precautions, the number of bathroom injuries suffered each year could be greatly reduced.

- ☐ Showers and tubs should have non-slip treads and grab bars where necessary.
- ☐ Electrical appliances should never be used while the user is wet or near water (sinks, tubs, and toilets). Unplug and store all appliances (blow dryers, curling irons, etc.) when not in use.
- ☐ Electrical heaters and extension cords should never be used in the bathroom.
- ☐ Never leave a child alone in a tub – it only takes a few inches of water for a child to drown.
- ☐ Install ground fault outlets or circuits where required by law. Test these on a regular basis.

Burns

About 1/3 of all burn victims are children and most of the burns are scalds from spills or bathroom accidents. The easiest way to prevent scald injuries is to lower the thermostat on your water heater so that tap water is no higher than 120° F.

The young and elderly are particularly vulnerable, suffering more than three times the number of scald injuries than any other age group.

- ☐ In just 1 second, exposure to 156°F water can cause a 3rd degree burn.
- ☐ At 145°F, it takes only 3 seconds.
- ☐ At 140°F a serious burn can occur in 5 seconds.
- ☐ At 130°F a serious burn can happen in 30 seconds.
- ☐ This time may be reduced by 50% or more for children under the age of 5 and adults over 65.

A temperature of 120° - 125°F should provide plenty of hot water for normal household activities. The maximum temperature should not be higher than 125°F.

Bath Time Safety

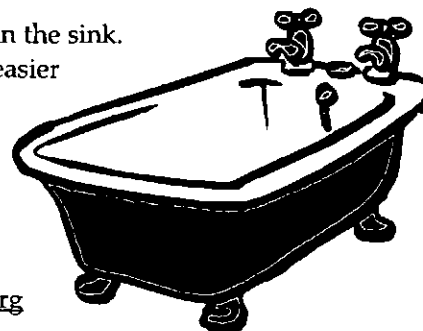
- ☐ Generally the water in a child's bath should not be hotter than 100°F.
 - ☐ Run cold water into the tub first, then add hot water to reach a safe temperature. This will prevent a scald burn if the child should fall into the tub while it is being filled.
 - ☐ Before placing the child into the bathtub, check the temperature of the water by moving your hand through the water for a few seconds. If the water feels hot, it is too hot for the child.
 - ☐ Face the child away from the faucets and keep them closer to the other end of the tub (away from the faucets).
 - ☐ Consider installing "anti-scald" devices on tub faucets and showerheads to prevent accidental scalds.
 - ☐ Use extreme caution if bathing small children in the sink.
- Many sinks have single lever faucets, which are easier for small children to turn on.
- ☐ For additional information contact your local fire department or visit the following websites:

Shriner's Hospital for Children:

<http://www.shrinershq.org>

Illinois Fire Safety Alliance: <http://isfa.org>

National Fire Safety Council, Inc.: <http://nfsc.org>



An Open Letter of Thanks From Family Fest 2003 Chairperson

Family Fest was held on June 26, 27, 28 and 29. The whole event ran smoothly and this was due to the fine planning, cooperation, and hard work of a number of individuals who deserve special recognition for their almost year around work on the Fest. I would like to thank the following individuals who served on this year's Family Fest Committee:

Milton Clark	Peg Hartnett	Guy Sanalistro
Dennis Szafran	Kurt Willer	
Sandy Raucci, Recording Secretary	Judi Von Huben, Village Board Liaison	
John Dabrowski, Village Board Liaison	Gary Szott, Village Hall Finance Liaison	
Ed Lewen, Public Works Liaison	Sgt. Randy Sater, Police Department Liaison	
Mike Sletten, Park District Liaison	Asst. Chief David Christensen, Fire Department Liaison	
Fire Marshal James Bollow, Fire Department Liaison		

Additional acknowledgements are in order for: Dennis Szafran, Ed Lewen and the staff of the Public Works Department, who did a wonderful job setting up the Fest Site and making sure the grounds were in great shape during and after the Fest; Sgt. Randy Sater and the staff of the Police Department for the fine job done with security during the Fest; and finally, the Board and staff of the Bloomingdale Public Library for their cooperation and assistance in the preparations for this event.

The many volunteers who helped out on site in the Information Tent and with Glowstick Sales: Bhavna Agarwal, Sam D'Amico, Peggy Carlson, Bob Cohen, Carly Coleman, Sandy Dauber, Patty Eagleton, Stacy Eagleton, Sara Eagleton, Annamarie Erickson, Art & Alex Gorr, Charissa Hannigan, Erin Hartnett, Mary Hudspeath, Elizabeth Jones, Kandy Jones, Frank & Rita Letizia, Carolyn Mertz, Tony & Lucy Mettewie, Earl Miller, Sandra Pratl, Susanne Reece, Bonni Rothbaum, Joanna Seebeck, Kiran Shah, Kusum Shah, Sonia Singh, Lauren Szrmiak, Colleen Stick, Sharon Weitzman, Lisa Wilk, and Anna Wilmes.

I would also like to thank the following who contributed much to the success of the Fest:

- The Bloomingdale Park District for the use of the land
- Village of Bloomingdale and the Bloomingdale Park District for the spectacular fireworks display
- Village officials for their support
- Staff of the Village Hall
- Pat Barnoski for creating and designing all of the brochures and fliers
- Adeline Dobbins for writing the Fest press releases
- Tantillo Homes for the use of their property
- Shannon Sosa and the staff of the Lone Star Steakhouse, as the Fest beer vendor
- All vendors and sponsors

In closing, I hope everyone who attended Family Fest had a great time. We're looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at Family Fest 2004.

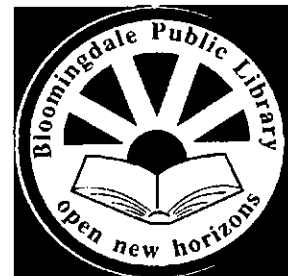
Kandice Krettler
Family Fest Chair

Off the Shelf

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Brookfield Zoo
Garabaldi's
DuPage Children's Museum

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Saturday, August 30	9-5
Sunday, August 31	Closed
Monday, September 1 (Labor Day)	Closed

*Sunday hours resume on
September 7 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST, 2003

4	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*5	Historical Book Discussion Group	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
7	15th Annual Ice Cream Social	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
8	6th Annual Roy's Famous Fish Fry	6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
9	Writer's Group Workshop	9:00 a.m. - Noon
12	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
*13	Mother/Daughter Book Club Info Meeting	7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
13	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
*14	Adult Program - Perennials	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
15	Inservice Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
20	Bloomington Quilt Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*21	Adult Book Discussion	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
*27	Writer's Group Workshop	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER, 2003

1	Labor Day	LIBRARY CLOSED
*2	Historical Book Discussion Group	10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
7	Sunday Hours Resume	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
8	Registration begins for Fall Storytime Programs	
8	Bloomington Historical Society	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
9	Bloomington Seniors	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
10	Culture Club	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
10	Library Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
11	Writer's Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
13	Writer's Group Workshop	9:00 a.m. - Noon
*14	Mother/Daughter Book Club	2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
17	Bloomington Quilt Group	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
*18	Adult Book Discussion	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
24	Writer's Group Workshop	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
24	Friends of the Library	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED (630) 529-3120

**THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON
AUGUST 15
FOR A STAFF INSERVICE DAY**

Youth Services Department FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB (grades 5 - 8)



This book discussion group for girls in grade 5 - 8 and their moms will meet for three Sunday afternoons to share satisfying conversations about literature and life! Come to an Informational Meeting to learn more about this popular book discussion format, to pick up the first title, and to vote on future titles. Register now at the Youth Services Reference Desk in-person or by phone at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. If you are unable to attend the Informational Meeting, please let us know and our program instructor will contact you with details. This program is limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.

Informational Meeting	Wednesday, August 13 from 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
First Discussion	Sunday, September 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Second Discussion	Sunday, October 19 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Third Discussion	Sunday, November 16 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR FALL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

In-person registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 8. Phone-in registration will be accepted after 10:00 a.m. that same day at (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. Please have your library card when you register.

Please note that selected programs are open to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only. We regret that we cannot accommodate non-resident attendance at all programs. Please refer to the registration information provided for each program.

All programs, except Bedtime Stories and Family StoryTime, require registration and no siblings are allowed at registered programs.

The following age appropriate programs are intended for the registered child. Please make alternative arrangements for siblings.

Fall Programming begins the week of September 22

Fall Programming ends the week of October 27

STORYTIMES

Programs for Newborns through Kindergarteners

Registered storytimes are limited to Bloomingdale Public Library cardholders only.

ROMPER RHYMES (Birth - 15 months)

Tuesdays, September 23 - October 28

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The best way to start "reading" to infants is not really reading at all! Romper Rhymes is a language-enrichment program in which nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays are shared with babies and their caregivers. The program is designed to engage parents/caregivers and children in a bonding experience while allowing participants to meet other caregivers and share information. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

BUDDING READERS (16 months - 23 months)

Tuesdays, September 23 - October 28

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Budding Readers is a transition class designed to prepare toddlers for our two year old storytime. Children and their parents/caregivers will enjoy nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays in addition to stories and flannel boards. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

TIME FOR TWOS (24 months - 30 months)

Wednesdays, September 24 - October 29

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Time for 2's is a 30 minute program of stories, tunes and interactive flannel board activities for children two years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Please make other arrangements for the care of siblings, so that the parent/caregiver may be able to share this special time with his/her child.

JUST THREES (31 months and older)

Wednesdays, September 24 - October 29

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Just 3's is a 30 minute storytime for children almost 3 and newly turned 3 who are not ready to be alone in preschool storytime. This story program is designed to help children develop listening skills and features stories, songs and musical activities. Bring only the child that is registered. Please make other arrangements for siblings so parents/caregivers can participate with their child.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (ages 3 - 5)

Mondays, September 22 - October 27

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Thursdays, September 25 - October 30

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Preschool Storytime includes a variety of book sharing, flannelboard stories, videos, filmstrips, and musical activities. 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 preschool age children. For those children going into Kindergarten, please see Kindergarten Kapers program information.



Youth Services Department

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

KINDERGARTEN KAPERS (Kindergarteners)

Wednesday, October 1 - November 5

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Kindergarten Kapers is a six week program for the kindergartener who has outgrown preschool storytime, but not outgrown the library. The children will enjoy a fun-filled session 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.

DROP-IN STORYTIMES

The following two storytimes do not require registration

FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Mondays, September 22 - October 27

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Family Storytime is designed to serve families with babies, toddlers and preschoolers who want to attend afternoon storytime together. Children will enjoy a variety of book sharing, flannel stories, musical activities and/or puppets during these sessions.

BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, September 23 - October 28

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

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



DROP-IN CRAFT (ALL AGES)

COLORFUL FALL WREATH

Monday, September 22

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

Drop in anytime during the above hours to make a fun craft to take with you. In the spirit of the fall color season we will be making leaf wreaths. The craft is designed to require little supervision; however, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult.



VolunTEENS

Students in grades 7-12 that are interested in volunteering to work with the Youth Services Staff during the school year should register at the Youth Services Desk beginning September 8. There are only ten positions available for this session which

will be from September until December. Sign up is on a first come first serve basis. To register, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 529-3120 ext. 332. Look for our next session of VolunTEENS in the January Almanac.

AFTER SCHOOL SPECIALS

UNLOCK THE TREASURES OF THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, September 17

For 2nd and 3rd Graders 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For 4th, 5th and 6th Graders 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

These workshops will assist students in locating resources within the Youth Services Department. Registration is required as space is limited to 12 students per class. Each student will work on their own computer.

PLEASE SEE THE COMPUTER SERVICES CLASS SCHEDULE PAGE FOR PROGRAM DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR BOTH OF THESE PROGRAMS.

FROEBEL BLOCK WORKSHOP (2nd - 3rd Graders)

Tuesday, September 30

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Calling all future architects to learn how to use the same kind of blocks Frank Lloyd Wright used. This Froebel Block Workshop will be presented by the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust. In this single session workshop, children will be introduced to the geometric shapes that underlie nature, art, and design. If you love building with blocks and/or legos, this workshop is for you.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8 IN THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT. PROGRAM LIMITED TO BLOOMINGDALE CARD HOLDERS ONLY.

BILINGUAL STORY TIME

(Birth - age 5 with a parent)

Wednesday, September 24

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

This 30 minute program will offer stories and songs in English and Spanish for children from birth to five years of age with their parents. *Registration is not required.*

EL TIEMPO DEL CUENTO BILINGÜE

(Nacimiento - 5 años con un padre)

miércoles, 24 de septiembre

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

30 minutos de cuentos y canciones en Inglés y Español para niños desde nacimiento hasta 5 años de edad con un padre. *No es necesario a registrar.*

Adult Services Department

FALL ADULT PROGRAMS

ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

Evening Group

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month.

August 21 - *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell
September 18 - *The Nine Tailors* by Dorothy L. Sayers

Morning Group

Meets from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month.

August 5 - *Diary of a Shirtwaist Striker* by Theresa Server Malkiel
September 2 - *Rising Tide: the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How it Changed America*
by John M. Barry
October 7 - *Mt. Vernon Love Story* by Mary Higgins Clark

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



SURE-FIRE PERENNIALS FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Thursday, August 14
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Join Warren Senneke of the Master Gardener Extension Program as he presents a slide lecture on perennials, the cornerstone of any successful garden. He will focus on season of bloom, propagation and harmony. Warren has been a master gardener since 1987.



BRIGHT START COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM

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

Administered by Illinois State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, Bright Start is a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code and is specifically designed to help build college savings. But what does this mean, exactly? Join us as we host a representative from the treasurer's office to explain this exciting program.



EUROPE THE EASY WAY: HISTORIC LONDON

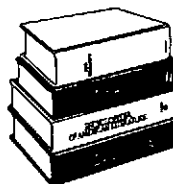
Thursday, October 23
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Welcome back Al and Gail Popowits as they take you around historic London. During their slide presentation you will see Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, the Tower of London, Madam Tussaud's Wax Works and much more. Al and Gail have lived and traveled in Europe for the last twenty years and their photographic images are not to be missed.



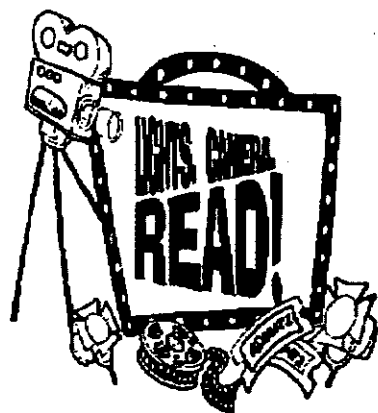
We Can Do More Than Just Reserve DVD's and Videos!

The Adult Reference Desk is usually staffed with two librarians who have a master's degree in library science, which requires extensive training in searching for information. If there is a topic that you would like to research more fully, don't hesitate to call us or stop by to help you get started. We love a challenge! Our phone number is 529-3120, ext. 324.



BOOK RESERVATIONS

Are you aware that you can reserve books before they are available for purchase? Many patrons called us in advance to reserve a copy of the latest Harry Potter book and were first to receive it when it was available. The library purchases many copies of popular titles. Advance reservations help us to plan how many copies to have available so patrons don't have a long wait on a reserve list. We also have an automatic hold program for popular fiction authors, so you can be put on the waiting list whenever they have a new title available. Call the Reference Desk for more information, 529-3120 ext. 324.



Bloomington Public Library
presents the
15th Annual Ice Cream Social

Join us for the
FINAL SCENE
of our production of
Lights, Camera, READ!
Thursday, August 7, 2003

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information, contact the
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Computer Lab

FALL 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 August 4, 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 August 12, 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 the basic functions of a computer will be covered. There will also be discussion of computer terms.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 3

Wednesday August 13, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

Saturday August 16, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

USING THE INTERNET

Wednesday August 20, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL

Saturday August 23, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

USING EMAIL

Wednesday August 27, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

ADVANCED EXCEL

Wednesday September 3, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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



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SENIORS COMPUTER COURSE

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

Monday	September 8	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 9	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	September 15	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 16	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Monday	September 22	2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 23	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 sessions 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.

UNLOCK THE TREASURES OF THE LIBRARY

After School Special for 2nd and 3rd Graders

Wednesday September 17, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

In this workshop, students will use computers to locate resources in the Youth Services Department. It will provide a hands on introduction to the online library catalog, and the opportunity to look for a fiction, nonfiction, and biography book of their choice.

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4th, 5th and 6th Graders

Wednesday September 17, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

In this workshop students will use computers to locate resources in the Youth Services Department. It will provide a hands on introduction to the online library catalog, and the opportunity to research databases available at the library from home. If time allows, students will be allowed to search for and find a book of their choice in the library's collection.

USING OUTLOOK

Wednesday September 24, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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



NEW ONLINE DATABASE

The library has begun subscribing to the Morningstar online database. This product covers both stocks and mutual funds and offers screening and analytical tools to plan your investment portfolio. It also contains analyst reports and also has a feature which enables users to input their mutual fund/stock portfolio and analyze whether there is overlap between holdings. It is available only in the library's computer lab.

If you would like more information about this product, please stop by the Reference Desk.

GENEALOGY ONLINE

Monday August 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Instructors: Annamarie and Barbara

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

Bloomingtondale Park District

We're right around the corner!

Don't Miss Out On These Great Fall Happenings...

Doggie Dip

September 3, 6:30-8:00pm

The popular Doggie Dip is back for 2003 at the Bloomingtondale Park District Pool. Bring your dog for a refreshing evening of swimming. There will be special doggie giveaways and plenty of splashing fun. All dogs must remain leashed while on the pool deck and have current shots. Dog handlers must be 16 or older. The fee is \$3 per resident dog, and \$5 for nonresident dogs. Deadline to register is August 28.



Preschool Openings for Fall

Walk-in registration is currently being accepted for the 2003/2004 school year. Tiny Tots and Pre Kindergarten classes begin September 2; Intro to Preschool classes begin September 9. Hurry and register now at the Park District to reserve your spot as spaces are filling quickly. Call 529-3650 for more information.



Bloomingtondale Beat Dance Company Tryouts

Classes including ballet, tap, jazz, funk, combo classes for ages 3 - adult and a new Ballet Fit class for adults start September 11. For the dedicated dancer who is interested in competing and performing, the Bloomingtondale Beat Dance Jazz Company tryouts are September 4 and 5, call for an audition time. See our selection of dance shoes and apparel at prices you can't beat!

Westfield Track Memberships On Sale

The track is for use by persons 16 years old and over; children 12 to 16 years old may be accompanied by an adult. A track pass is good for one year, and can be purchased in the gym office at Westfield. Passes are \$5 resident, \$20 nonresident.



Attention! Westfield School Teachers Early Morning Yoga



The Park District is offering a new early morning yoga class starting September 9 from 6:00-7:00am at the Westfield Gym. Call the Park District at 529.3650 for more information.

Make a Difference 5K Fun Run/Walk:

Be sure to register early for the Bloomingtondale Park District's 2nd Annual "Make A Difference" 5k Fun Run/Walk! Registration begins 8/4/03. Race day is September 27, 2003.

Make a Difference Day & Scout Jamboree

Ferris the Frog, mascot of the wetlands is looking for you again! The Parks Foundation will host the annual event the evening of September 26 and the morning of September 27. Scouts will camp out at Springfield Park and enjoy games and activities; in the morning, all are invited to take part in activities consisting of cleaning the wetlands, collecting seeds for future plantings, making crafts, and more!



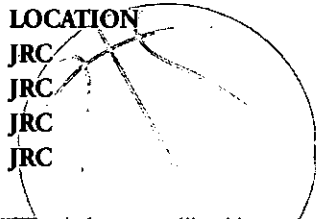
Roller Hockey League Begins Soon!

Register early for this exciting league. Roller Hockey League includes 2 divisions, one for ages 7-10 years and the other for 11-14 years. Practice is held one night per week, and games are every Saturday. The first practice is the week of September 8 at the Circle Park Roller Hockey Rink on Fairfield Way. Call the Park District for details at 529.3650.

Youth Basketball Registration Dates

It's time to register for basketball! Registration is on the following days at the Johnston Recreation Center. Resident registration is \$65 per player and nonresident is \$70 per player:

DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday	9/13	9:00-12:00pm	JRC
Monday	9/22	6:00-8:00pm	JRC
Thursday	10/2	6:00-8:00pm	JRC
Tuesday	10/14	6:00-8:00pm	JRC



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