



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

SPECIAL EDITION

Fall 2004

Count Me In!

If you will be out of town on the day of the upcoming November 2 General Election, you can still vote. There are four ways to do this.

- The Village of Bloomingdale has Application for Absentee Ballot forms available. The registered voter must complete the application and mail it to the DuPage County Election Commission. The Election Office will then initiate the absentee voting process.
- Call the DuPage County Election Commission at **630-407-5600** and ask that a ballot be mailed to you. The Commission staff will mail out an Application for Absentee Ballot form along with an actual ballot (when the ballot is available) to the address you provide. You, in turn, must send the completed application and ballot to their office by Noon of the day of the election.
- The Village of Bloomingdale will be providing in-house Absentee Voting for **Bloomingdale residents only** starting Tuesday, October 12, 2004 through 3 p.m. Monday, November 1, 2004 at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 South Bloomingdale Road. The Village Clerk's office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. **Please note that on the last day of absentee voting, Monday, November 1, 2004, absentee voting will close at 3:00 p.m.**
- In-person absentee voting will also be held at the Du Page County Election Commission at 421 North County Farm Road, Wheaton, IL beginning October 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon through Monday, November 1, 2004.

Remember you need to be a registered voter in order to vote. The last day to register to vote in the November 2nd General Election is **October 5, 2004**. You may register to vote at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or at the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday. For more information call the Village at 671-5610.



Honoring Our Everyday Heroes

Engraved bricks are being placed at the police and fire statue site.

Sidewalk Projects

SPRINGFIELD DRIVE SIDEWALK

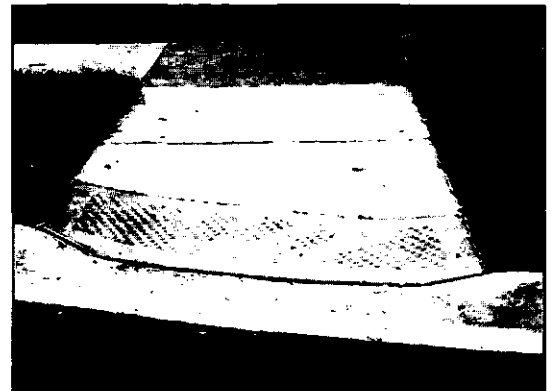
The Village will begin construction of a sidewalk to connect the Heritage at Stratford Subdivision to the Lawrence Avenue Recreational Trail. The five-foot wide sidewalk will be located on the West Side of Springfield Drive. The north end of the new sidewalk will begin at the pedestrian signal crossing of Springfield Drive near the north end of Springfield Park and will connect to the end of the existing sidewalk at the north end of the subdivision. The sidewalk will be located approximately 5-18 feet west of the curb of Springfield Drive. The work is scheduled to begin in September and will be completed in the Fall of this year.

SCHICK ROAD SIDEWALK

The Village will begin construction of a sidewalk on the north side of Schick Road between Bloomingdale Road and First Street. The sidewalk will be located on the north side of Schick Road. The sidewalk will be constructed with brick pavers consistent with the Old Town theme. The work is scheduled to begin in September and will be completed in the Fall of this year.

ADA RAMPS

Earlier this year, the Illinois Department of Transportation issued revised standards for handicap ramps addressing the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Illinois Accessibility Code. The standards require handicap ramps at streets to have certain slopes, texture and color. The Village follows these standards and will implement changes as ramps need to be replaced. You may notice the new texture and color most during the ramp replacement. The ramps will include a texture having truncated domes and the edge nearest the road being a shade of "red" in color. The texture and color are intended to help visually impaired individuals become alerted to the street intersecting the sidewalk.



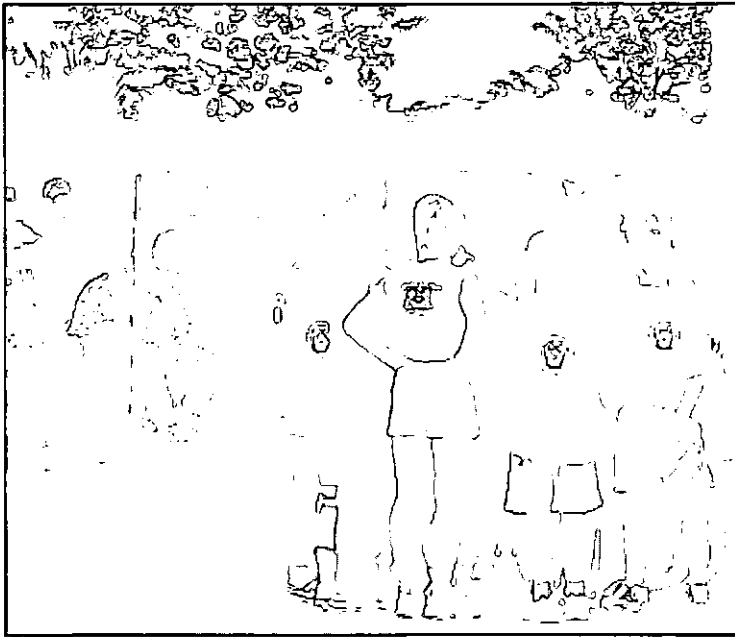
Medinah Road Construction

The following area is not located in the Village of Bloomingdale. However, as many of our residents will be affected by this project, we wanted pass on the following information.

The DuPage County Highway Department will begin reconstruction of Medinah Road between Lake Street and Thorndale Avenue. During construction of this project, lane closures will occur. Work is planned to begin after Labor Day and will end in the summer of 2005. The lane closures will be announced by the DuPage County Highway Department in advance using the changeable message boards alongside the road.

In the fall of 2004, Medinah Road between Lake Street and Irving Park Road will be restricted to northbound traffic only. Rohlwing Road (Illinois Route 53) is the designated detour. The lane closure is necessary to install the underground storm drainage system and widen the pavement. In 2005, Medinah Road is planned to be a two-way road, with traffic restricted during the construction project to "Local Traffic Only."

Additional lane closures will include a complete closure to both lanes of traffic on Medinah Road at the bridge crossing over Spring Brook (about 1/2 mile north of Lake Street). Exact dates of this closure will be announced by the County at a later date. Questions concerning this project should be directed to Mr. Paul Krueger of the DuPage County Highway Department at 630-682-7318.

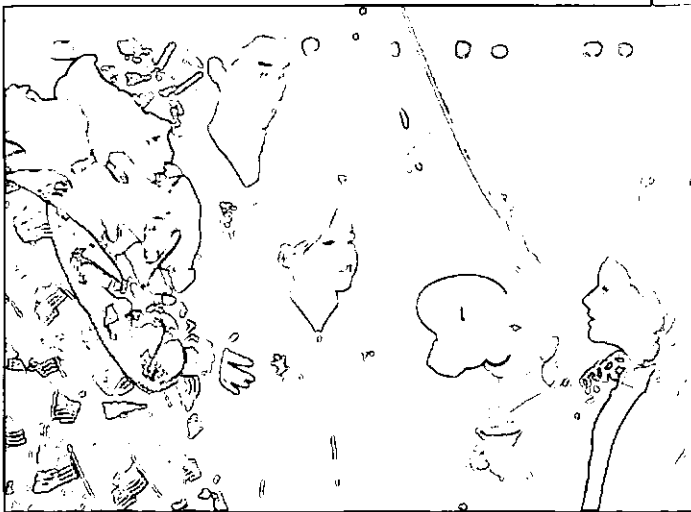


Softball Showdown

The Heroes vs Half-pints softball game, organized by the Bloomingdale Park District, was a great success. Seventeen members of the Bloomingdale Police Department faced 16 ball players from the Bloomingdale Park District day campers ages 11-13. Here the Half-Pints talk a little strategy on the field. Whatever they decided, it worked. The Half-Pints beat the Heroes 7-6. The defeated team bought the ice cream.

16th Annual Ice Cream Social Was A Sweet Success!

The Bloomingdale Public Library and Village co-hosted the library's annual ice cream social last month. The cool weather may have caused a lighter attendance, but it didn't diminish the enthusiasm of the those who attended.



Street Closings for Septemberfest Parade on September 11

On Saturday, September 11, the Septemberfest parade will step off at DuJardin School on Euclid. It will go west on Schick Road, cross Bloomingdale Road and turn right on Third to end at the pavilion in Old Town Park.

These areas will be closed to traffic from 11:00 a.m. until approximately noon to accommodate the parade. The Septemberfest Commission apologizes for any inconvenience.

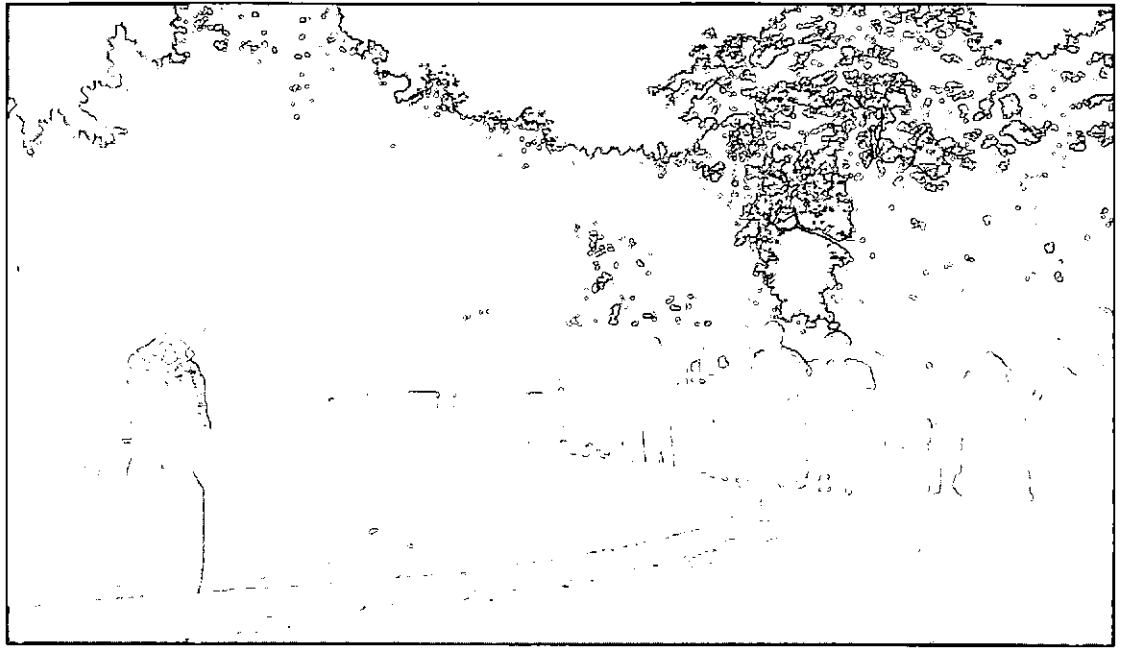


Did you know . . .

The Village provides street sweeping services through a private contractor periodically throughout the year.

Several sweeps are scheduled to take place in the fall.

Street sweeping maintains the Village's attractive appearance, while reducing the potential for flooding caused by debris at curb lines.



TREEmendous!!!

Bloomingtondale was honored to be highlighted this summer by the Morton Arboretum for our diverse, innovative and well-maintained urban forest. The Village was chosen as a destination on a tour for the Metropolitan Tree Improvement Alliance (METRIA) as part of its international conference. Larry Slavicek, our former forester, was asked to conduct the tour because it was his passion for trees and plants that took us from three species in roughly two-thirds of the tree population to over 160 different species and hybrids we can boast of today.

Leaf Collection Options: Leave Them at the Curb in Bags or Cans

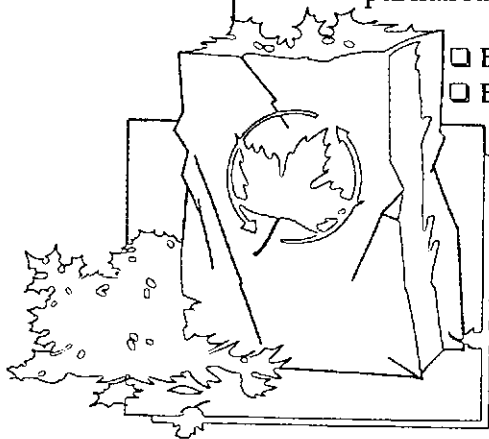
The Village does not provide leaf collection services, and residents are reminded that raking and/or blowing leaves into the street is a violation of Village Ordinance #2000-10, which prohibits the dumping or placing of any waste upon any Village street or other public property.

Residents are encouraged to participate in BFI's yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by BFI on regular trash days through November 30th. Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$1.37 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at the Bloomingtondale Village Hall or:

- Bloomingtondale Pharmacy, 156 S. Bloomingtondale Road
- Butera Foods, 550 Lake Street, Roselle
- Dominicks, 325 Army Trail Road, Glendale Hts.
- Dominick's, 144 S. Gary Avenue, Bloomingtondale
- Jewel, 2164 Bloomingtondale Road, Glendale Hts.

Questions concerning BFI's yard waste/leaf collection program can be directed to BFI at 847-429-7370.

Information regarding the Village's fall branch collection program can be found on page 12 of this *Almanac*.





Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Be Fire Safe

The Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 and the National Fire Protection Association encourage you to know the facts and to have working smoke detectors on every level of your home. Knowing the facts is the key to fire safety.

Fire Deaths

- In 2002, 79% of fires in the United States occurred in the home, resulting in 2,670 fire deaths.
- In the U.S., someone dies from a home fire roughly every 197 (2002) minutes.
- In Canada, someone is fatally injured in a home fire roughly every 31 hours.
- Roughly half of all home fire deaths in the U.S. resulted from fires that were reported between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. But only one-quarter of home fires occur between those hours.
- Although children five and under make up about 9% of the country's population, they accounted for 17% of the home fire deaths.
- Smoking was the leading cause of home fire deaths overall, but in the months of December, January and February, smoking and heating equipment caused similar shares of fire deaths.

Smoke Alarms

- Since the 1970's, when smoke alarms first became widely available to households in the United States, the home fire death rate has been reduced by half.
- Nineteen of every 20 homes (95%) in the U.S. have at least one smoke alarm. A significantly higher percentage of those with a greater number of people living in the dwelling (3+ vs. 1-2) have a smoke detector (99% vs. 92%). A significantly higher percentage of those with children in the household have a smoke detector in their homes (99% vs. 93%). Of those who do not have a smoke detector, more than half (54%) have considered installing one.
- More than half of home fire deaths result from fires in the 5% of homes with no smoke alarms.
- In one-quarter of the reported fires in homes equipped with smoke alarms, the devices did not work, most often because of missing, dead or disconnected batteries.
- In a 1999 survey, only eight percent of those whose smoke alarms had sounded in the past year initially thought that a fire had caused the alarm to sound and thought they should get out of their homes as a result.
- Smoke alarms that are 10 years old have a 30% chance of failing to work properly and should be replaced.

First Thought When Smoke Detector Went Off


- The largest percentage of respondents (40%) at first thought were unconcerned as they knew what caused the detector to sound. Sixteen percent thought they had burned food.
- Only 8% of the people first thought that a fire had started and that they should get out of the building.

Fire Action When Smoke Detector Went Off

- More than one of every six (18%) people stopped their smoke alarm by dismantling it. Over half (53%) took action necessary to clear the smoke from the detector. These actions include waving a hand or magazine, turning on a fan, or opening a window or door. Only 5% left the house immediately or called 911.

For further information, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at www.nfpa.org, and go the link for Public Education. You can also visit the Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 website at www.bloomingtonfire.com.

Fire Prevention Week
October 3-9, 2004
"Test Your Smoke Alarms"



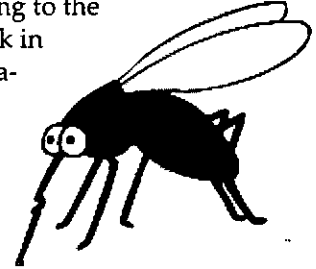
It's Fire Prevention Week
Test Your Smoke Alarms
OCTOBER 3-9 2004
NFPA

The Bloomington Fire Protection District #1 Open House for Fire Prevention Week will be Thursday, October 7th from 5—8 PM at the Headquarters Station at 179 S. Bloomington Road. Join us for an evening of fun and learning.

NFPA has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) since 1922

Mosquitoes and the West Nile Virus: Here's What You Need to Know and What You Can Do

West Nile Virus, a disease transmitted by mosquitoes, was first discovered in the Chicago area in 2001 after making its first U.S. appearance in New York City in 1999. The 2002 outbreak resulted in over 800 confirmed cases in Illinois. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the 2002 outbreak in Illinois occurred during a summer with above normal temperatures. In contrast, summer 2003 was cooler than normal and there were far fewer cases in Illinois.



Although we have not had a hot summer this year either, the West Nile virus is still a threat in Illinois. Because the number of mosquitoes increases during July and August, so also does the percentage of infected mosquitoes. The risk of West Nile Virus infection is the greatest from August 1 through September 15. Clarke Mosquito did have three positive finds (an infected mosquito) in Bloomingdale, one the last week in July and the other two during August.

Although these mosquitoes were found at the outskirts of the Village, personal protection measures must continue to be taken. Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk - particularly small children. Wear long sleeve shirts/long pants if you must be outdoors at these times. Carefully use repellent containing DEET, particularly with small children.

The virus, which can cause encephalitis, is transferred when mosquitoes that have bitten a bird carrying the virus, then bite a human. The virus is not spread by person-to-person or bird-to-person contact. Symptoms of the disease are initially similar to the flu, with muscle weakness and disorientation. Though the majority of those infected will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all, in some individuals, West Nile Virus can cause inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) and in severe cases, paralysis, coma or death. The disease is most serious - even fatal - in those with compromised immune systems and the elderly.

Adequate mosquito control is important. Bloomingdale Township, by contract with Clarke Mosquito, is the agency responsible for mosquito abatement services throughout the Township, which includes the Village of Bloomingdale. Clarke's mosquito abatement services include chemical larviciding (eliminates mosquito larvae, reducing the number of future adult biting mosquitoes) and spraying (reduces the local adult biting mosquito population).

Mosquito Abatement Service Paid for by Bloomingdale Township

Bloomingdale Township contracts with Clarke Environmental Services for mosquito abatement. Prior to 1997, the township only sprayed in unincorporated areas and each village in the township paid for its own mosquito abatement service. The Bloomingdale Township Board of Trustees and the Highway Department determined that this was double taxation because citizens of the township were paying taxes to both the township and to their own villages toward this service.

Since 1997, the Bloomingdale Township government chose to pay for all mosquito abatement services township-wide. In 2004, the mosquito abatement program cost the Township \$418,840.00. Of that, \$75,391.20 was for the Village of Bloomingdale's mosquito abatement.

Thank you to Bloomingdale Township for that service.

Tips To Prevent Mosquito Production And Prevent Mosquito Bites:

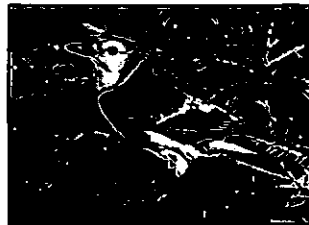
- Remove and properly dispose of old tires (hundreds of mosquitoes can come from a single discarded tire), tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers.
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts, etc.) in your yard.
- Keep drains, ditches and culverts free of weeds and trash so water will drain properly.
- Keep roof gutters free of leaves and other debris.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use.
- Unused swimming pools should be drained and kept dry during the mosquito season.
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water.
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week.
- Keep grass cut and shrubbery well trimmed around the house.
- Make sure ornamental ponds have fish that will eat mosquito larvae.
- Repair window screens.
- When outdoors in the evening or when mosquitoes are biting, use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites (proper use of insect repellent and appropriate clothing).

More information can be found at the Illinois Department of Health website at www.idph.state.il.us, or DuPage County Health Department website at www.dupagehealth.org.

Birds and the West Nile Virus

Blue jays and crows appear to be highly sensitive to West Nile Virus. 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 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.

Blue jay: 12", bright blue above with much white and black in the wings and tail; dingy white below; black facial markings; prominent crest.



Crow: 17" to 21", stocky, all black, including feathers, beak, legs and feet.



(Grackles are smaller than crows, 11 to 13 inches in length. The head has a purple or green iridescent sheen; the rest of the body is black or brown-black. The eyes are yellow. The tail feathers are nearly as long as its body. Starlings are robin-sized birds with black spotted feathers, yellow beaks and yellow feet.)

Nonchemical mosquito control

Mosquito larvae must live in still water for five or more days to complete their growth before changing into adult biting mosquitoes capable of transmitting disease. Often, the number of mosquitoes in an area can be reduced by removing sources of standing water around residences.

Neighborhood Watch: Keeping You and the Community Safe **Back to School Safety Tips for Parents, Kids and Motorists**

Another new school year has begun and it is an excellent time to review school safety with your children. "Common sense" rules can help promote safety at school and at play. Here are a few simple safety tips that can benefit children of all ages.

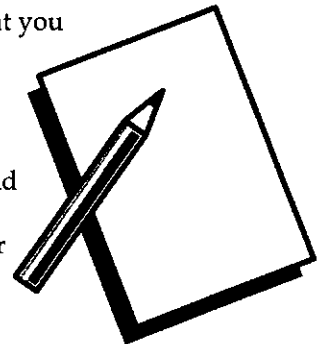
Walking to and from school:

- Choose a safe route for walking to and from school. Avoid walking by vacant lots, fields, or other areas where there aren't many people around.
- Use the buddy system. It is safer to walk in a group than by yourself.
- If you bike or skate to school, wear a protective helmet on your head. Don't forget to lock up your bike or skates at school.
- Cross the street at corners or crosswalks.
- Be careful when crossing the street; remember to stop and look in all directions.
- Never talk to strangers or accept gifts or rides from people you don't know. If a stranger approaches you, **RUN- YELL- TELL** an adult or call 9-1-1.
- Let your parents know if you need to stay late at school or if you plan to go to a friend's house instead of going straight home.
- If you see something that you think isn't right, tell a teacher or your parents right away.



On the bus:

- While waiting for a school bus, be sure that you are in a safe place away from the road.
- Be on time and only ride the bus that has been assigned to you.
- Once the bus arrives, enter in an orderly fashion. Be courteous to the driver and do what you are told at all times. Take your seat quickly and stay in your seat for the entire ride.
- Keep your arms and head inside the bus and never throw anything out of the windows. Help keep the bus clean by picking up trash and throwing it in a garbage can. Never write on or tear the bus seats.
- When you exit the bus, be very careful if you have to cross the street in traffic. Do not depend on traffic to stop because sometimes it doesn't pay attention as it should to the actions surrounding a school bus. Always cross the street in front of the bus, and look both ways for cars before you cross the street.

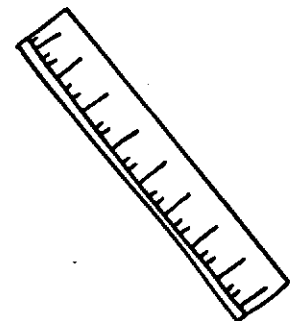
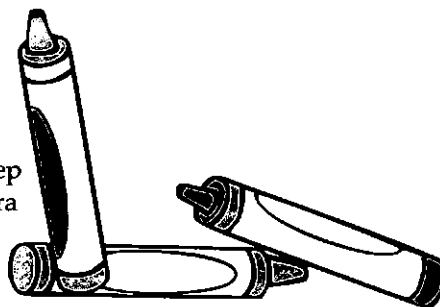


At school:

- Stay away from strangers who hang around the playgrounds or bus stops. A stranger is anyone that you do not know very well. Do not accept anything from a stranger and tell an adult immediately if a stranger is bothering you or other children.
- If you see something that makes you uneasy or you think isn't right—a stranger hanging around school, a bully bothering other youths, vandalism or graffiti—tell a teacher or your parents right away.
- Learn to settle arguments with words, not fists. Walk away from an argument instead of fighting. Never bring weapons of any kind to school and tell a teacher immediately if someone else has a weapon.



With schools back in session, we want to remind everyone to be careful when traveling through these areas during school hours. Kids are not only active before and after school, but also during recess and physical education classes. Students acting as crossing guards are responsible for the safety of others in school zones and residential areas. The school zone speed limit is twenty (20) miles per hour. Please keep this in mind when traveling near school and take extra precaution for the sake of the children.



Thank you and have a safe school year.

Be a "Seasoned" Driver

Here are some basic defensive-driving tips for the fall season:

Children crossing

The beginning of the school year brings a new group of children who are unfamiliar with crossing streets. Sure, there are crossing guards in many areas and school-bus drivers do their best to monitor their riders as they get on and off the bus. But for children of all ages, having fun takes precedence over safety. Remember that:

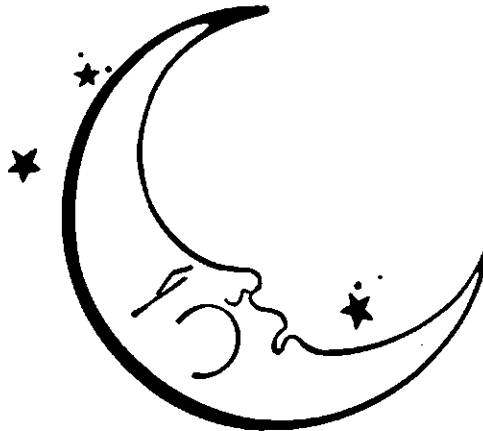


- Children often do not understand the real-life dangers of motor vehicles. They often see cartoon characters go unscathed after they are smashed, bashed and run over. Children don't comprehend the real consequences.
- Small children have a tendency to dart out in front of a moving vehicle without looking. Unless they look directly at you, assume they haven't seen you. Even then, be cautious because their judgment of speed and space is often not keen.

The darkest hours

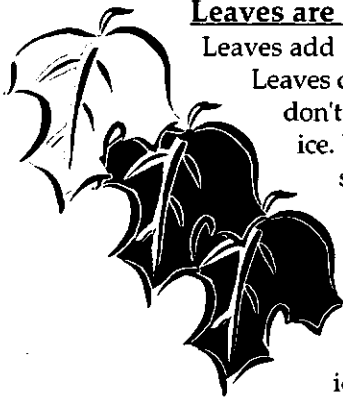
Be prepared for the lessening daylight hours:

- Keep your lights clean -- all of them. Not only do you want to see, but you also want to be seen by others. Keep your windows and mirrors (inside, too) clean.
- Never wear sunglasses at night. While they may cut down the glare of oncoming traffic, they also hamper your overall vision.



Leaves are falling

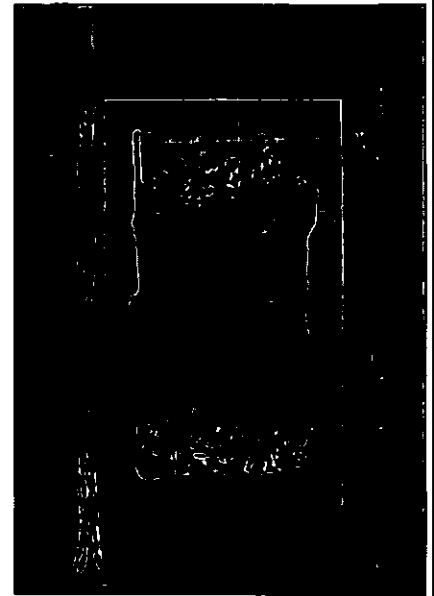
Leaves add another hazard to driving during the fall season. Leaves contain plant oils and, as we all know, oil and water don't mix. Stopping on wet leaves can be like stopping on ice. Be aware of the road conditions and adjust your speed and following distance accordingly.



Changing weather

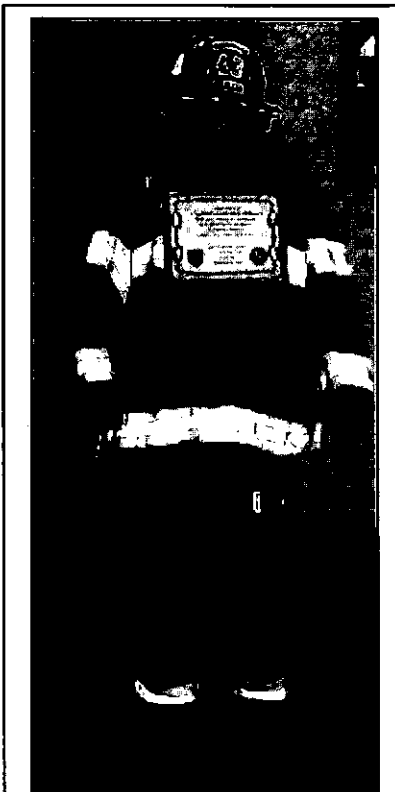
Fall is also a time of changing weather. One day can be warm while the next day may be cool. Some areas become foggy. Other areas develop icy conditions after dark.

September 11th marks the opening of Quilt National '03 and the Midwest Regional Fiber Art Show at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. In Gallery I, "Inspired by Nature" is a contemporary view of nature through the vivid imagination of six award-winning regional quilt and fiber artists. Quilt National '03 is on loan from the Dairy Barn Collection in Ohio in Gallery II.



Resilience, by Bloomingdale resident Barbara Albrecht, is one of the fiber art works on display in Gallery II.

Remember, when driving during the fall season, be extra cautious and be prepared for the changes in weather, light and driving conditions.



Hometown Hero

The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District is very proud to have Firefighter/Paramedic Matt McAloon serving in Iraq as a combat medic for the Marines. The department has put his uniform on display in the fire station where it will remain to keep him in their thoughts and prayers until he returns home safely.

The *Village Almanac* would be happy to print the names and/or pictures of any other residents or relatives of residents who are serving in harm's way. We will keep them each in our thoughts until their safe return.

Illinois Law Specifies Regulations For Paint Ball Guns

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
community



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our Police Department

Reports of Criminal Damage to Property involving paint ball guns have been occurring in Bloomingdale and other villages throughout the summer. In response to the questions and concerns of Bloomingdale's residents, the Bloomingdale Police Department provides the following information relating to the Illinois State Rifle Act and Bloomingdale's local ordinance regulating and limiting the Use of Weapons.

Under the Illinois Criminal Code Air Rifle Act., an "air rifle" includes any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, B-B gun, paint ball gun, pellet gun, or any implement that is not a firearm, which impels a breakable paint ball containing washable marking colors or a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead, or other hard materials with a force that is reasonably expected to cause bodily harm.

- It is unlawful for any person under the age of 13 to carry an air rifle on public streets, roads, highways or public lands, unless the rifle is unloaded.
- It is also unlawful for anyone to discharge any air rifle anywhere except on a safely constructed target range, that has been designed as such.
- An air rifle should be kept within the house of residence or other private enclosure and it should not allow any projectile to pass over any grounds or space outside the limits of such grounds or residence.

Bloomingdale Local Ordinance 75-49 regulating and limiting the use of weapons relating to air guns states the following in summary.

- No person shall have in his possession, except within his own domicile, or carry or use, a revolver or pistol of any description, shotgun or rifle, or any air-gun, B-B gun, gas operated or spring gun, including paint ball guns, or any instrument, toy or weapon, slingshot or "beany", or bow made for the purpose of throwing or projecting missiles of any kind by any means whatsoever, whether such instrument is called by any name set forth above or by any other name.
- The only other place that above listed items may be possessed, carried or used would be in licensed shooting galleries or in private ground or premises under circumstances when such instrument can be fired, discharged or operated in such manner as not to endanger persons or property; and that the carrying and transportation of such items should be not concealed, unloaded and properly cased, to and from any range or gallery.
- Every person convicted of a violation of this Ordinance shall forfeit to the Village such dangerous or deadly weapon so concealed or displayed. In addition, any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

Household Hazardous Waste: What It Is, How to Dispose of It

Q. What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

A. Discarded consumer products with flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive ingredients are called household hazardous waste (HHW).

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 some-one else can use the remainder of the product.

BUY SAFER PRODUCTS. Seek out and purchase products without hazardous ingredients. If no safer alternatives exist, purchase only as much of the hazardous product that you need to do the job. Avoid large, economy size containers unless you are sure that you can use it all. DuPage County offers a booklet entitled A Guide to Safer Household Cleaners, which offers non-toxic and safer, less toxic cleaning recipes. Please call 630-682-7130 to request a copy of this publication provided by the DuPage County Environmental Committee.

TRY TO RECYCLE. Many local businesses recycle leftover products with hazardous ingredients. Refer to the DuPage County 2004-2005 Recycling Guide (available for viewing and printing at www.dupageco.org/dec) for information on recycling and other disposal options for certain types of HHW, including automotive products, fire extinguishers, etc.

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

A. Because some hazardous products cannot be safely used up or recycled, there is a regional HHW collection facility and a mobile HHW collection program to serve DuPage County residents.

REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY. Residents from throughout the state can drop off HHW at the regional collection site operated by the City of Naperville. The regional HHW collection facility is located at Naperville Fire Station No. 4, 1971 Brookdale Road (just off Route 59) and is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on holidays.

MOBILE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM. DuPage County conducts one-day HHW collection events at temporary sites throughout the County. Future events will be posted on the County web site at www.dupageco.org/dec.

STATE-SPONSORED HHW COLLECTION EVENTS. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) also sponsors one-day HHW collections throughout the state. Future events will be posted on the IEPA's website at www.epa.state.il.us/land.

Acceptable wastes include: cleaning solvents, mercury, acids, oil based paints, thermostats, asbestos, propane cylinders, car batteries, fertilizers/pesticides, wood stain, varnish, household batteries, pool chemicals, automotive fluids, fluorescent light bulbs, thermometers, helium and freon cylinders.

Unacceptable wastes include: latex paint, fireworks, business wastes, agricultural wastes, explosives, regular garbage, fire extinguishers, ammunition, smoke detectors, radioactive material, medical waste.

Need to Dispose Of Leftover Paint?

Latex paint is not accepted at the regional HHW Facility or at the mobile HHW Collections. Latex paint, which does not contain the solvents found in oil-based paints, can be dried out (in a well-ventilated area away from children and pets) with an absorbent material such as sand, sawdust, oil dry, or kitty litter. Dispose of the hardened/dried out paint with the lid removed, in your regular garbage. (Refer to the DuPage County 2004-2005 Recycling Guide (available for viewing and printing at www.dupageco.org/dec)



2004 Fall Branch Collection Program

Following the success of our spring and summer programs, Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. will work under the direction of the Village Forestry Division to complete the 2004 branch collection. The fall collection commences on Monday, October 18.

Note: The program is only available to single family detached residences. Townhome residents should contact their association regarding branch collection.

Fall guidelines:

- Branches must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday, October 18.
- Woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter are the only items that will be picked up. (Note: any spikes, hooks or other metal objects must be removed).
- Long lengths are favored provided branches do not block sidewalks and pedestrian access.
- All branches should be placed at the curb or pavement edge and stacked in an orderly fashion with the cut or larger end towards the pavement.
- Thorny tree branches should not be concealed inside piles. These require special care as to not cause injuries to the workers.

The following items are unacceptable:

- Branches left out in a tangled mess.
- Woody branches under 1/2 inch in diameter.
- Leaves, vines, small (under 1/2 inch in diameter) flexible willow stems, herbaceous plants and weeds.

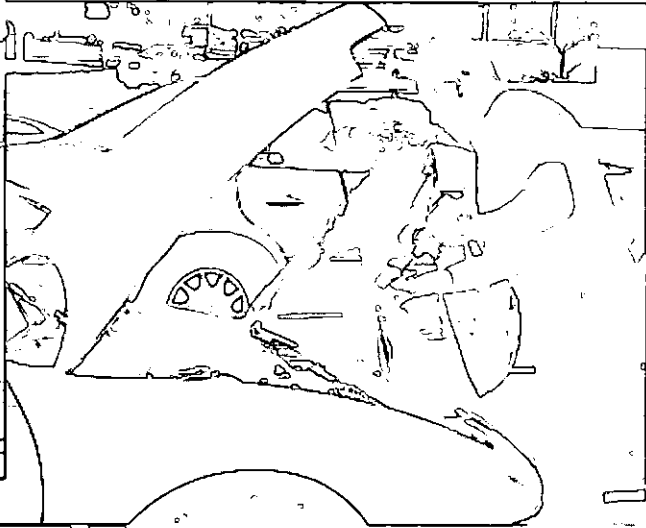
The above items are considered yard waste and may be placed in bags or cans with tags for Browning Ferris Industries pick-up (our refuse hauler). BFI yard waste pick-ups continue through November 30th. Questions concerning BFI pick-ups should be directed to 847-429-7370.

Large stumps, roots and root balls are considered trash and do not require a yard waste tag, provided each item is of manageable size and under 50 pounds. **Wooden fencing and construction lumber** are also considered trash, but require a special pick-up. Contact BFI for more information.

In the event of severe storms, the Village will provide storm damage collection of woody branches 1/2 inch to 6 inches in diameter. Please contact the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800 within 72 hours of storm for branch collection.

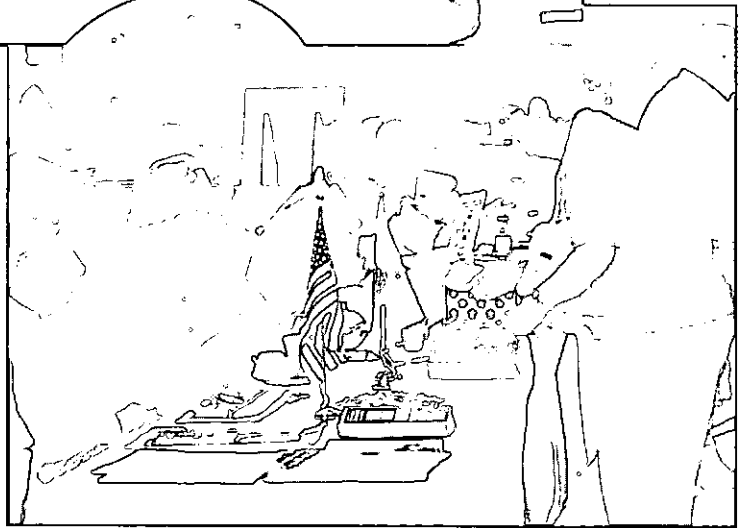
Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will ensure a successful program.





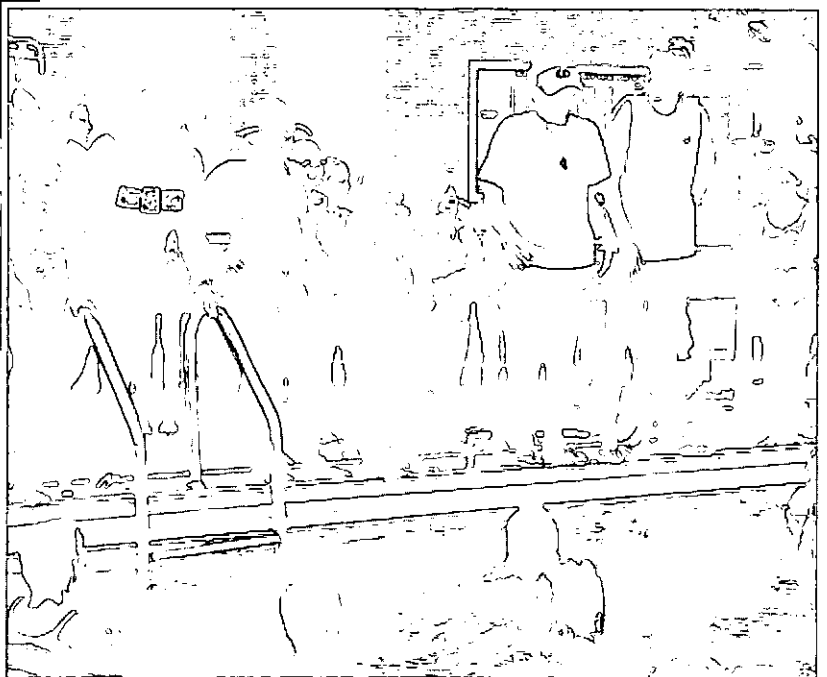
Super Senior Fair!!!

The 2nd annual Senior Fair held was cosponsored by the Bloomingdale Police Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Council in July. Approximately 110 senior participants visited with some 40 service agencies, including the Social Security Administration and our two drug stores, Bloomingdale Pharmacy and Walgreen's. Representatives from State, County, Township and Village offices also shared resources with those in attendance.



National Night Out Against Crime 2004

This annual joint effort with the Bloomingdale Police Department, Neighborhood Watch Program, and Bloomingdale Park District, featured a cookout, open pool and games for the kids. Over 500 people attended the 2004 National Night Out.



Avoid Flooding Problems

In spring and fall we tend to get some pretty good rainstorms in the Midwest. With these heavy storms, homeowners sometimes experience flooding problems. Village Services provides some tips to help alleviate potential problems.

Did you know?

Most people think that the definition of a 100-year rain is one that will occur once in a hundred years. What a 100-year rain really means is that every year there is a one percent (1 in a 100) chance that a "100 year storm" will occur.

- Make sure the sump pump is working properly and is large enough. Many times smaller pumps or older pumps cannot handle large amounts of water which results in an overflow.
- Sump pumps should be connected to a backup source of power such as a battery or generator in case of an electricity failure. Make sure the pump and sump-pit are clear of debris.
- The sump pump or other foundation debris should not be connected to the sanitary sewer. If this connection is made it will cause the sanitary drains (toilets, sinks, basement floor drain, etc.) to backup during heavy rains. This may also cause an overload in the main lines and contribute to backups to your home and neighboring homes.
- To prevent leakage from basement window wells, installing new windows or glass block windows should help solve the problem. However, homeowners should check with Building and Zoning Division to make sure they are following proper building codes to maintain escape exits and ventilation requirements.
- While some landscaping may prevent flooding for homeowners, it might also cause their neighbor's property or home to flood. Landscaping, fences and other obstacles are usually to blame for blocking the designed overland flow routes. When performing such work on your property be aware of, be careful not to alter, the drainage patterns in your yard.
- Waterproof cracks around pipes in basements from the outside or inside to prevent seepage. This can be done in some minor cases by the homeowner, or by a waterproofing contractor.
- Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover property for flood damage. Homeowners should check with their insurance company for proper flood coverage.

Civil War Re-enactors at St. Paul Cemetery

Just a reminder - The Bloomingdale Historical Society will be rededicating the gravestones of four Civil War soldiers buried in St. Paul Cemetery on Lake Street. Civil War re-enactors, a canon salute and featured speaker, President Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Max Daniels, are all part of the event.

The 1st Illinois Light Artillery will provide the cannon salute in honor of all Civil War soldiers buried in the cemetery. Civil War re-enactors will serve as honor guards and will also visit with interested parties after the ceremony. As seating for the half-hour ceremony is limited, lawn chairs are encouraged. For more information please contact Kandy Jones at the Bloomingdale Public Library - 529-3120.

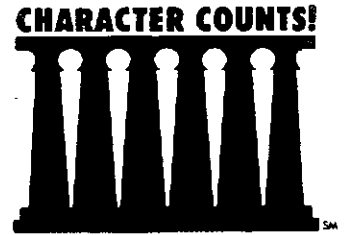
The Bloomingdale Historical Society also invites you to attend a reception to honor the "Sponsor a Soldier" donors on Monday September 13, from 7 to 9:00 PM at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Meet President and Mrs. Abraham Lincoln (Max & Donna Daniels). The donors helped the Society obtain pension records and new headstones for Civil War veterans buried in St. Paul cemetery. Refreshments will be served.



Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS!sm Coalition
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Charity Walk and Celebration Program,
"Celebrating Our Diversity"
in honor of
National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week
October 17-24, 2004



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- WHO:** Open to all area community members
- WHAT:** CHARACTER COUNTS! Charity Walk and Celebration Program
- Charity Walk
 - Charity Presentation
 - Youth Character Awards Presentation
 - Community Organization Proclamations
 - Entertainment by Bloomingtondale Youth Groups
- WHEN:** Tuesday, October 19, 2004 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** Bloomingtondale Old Town Park, Franklin and Third Streets
- WHY:** To raise funds for charity, to support our community, and to reinforce the six pillars of character: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship**
- HOW:** (1) Send contribution payable to Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition to:
Charity Walk 201 Bloomingtondale Road, Bloomingtondale, Illinois 60168
(2) Attend the Celebration Program and participate in the Charity Walk

Luminary bags representing each donation will light the Charity Walk pathway, kicking off the evening's program. The more donations received, the longer the path will be. The specific charity will be chosen based upon the selected student essay. Essay forms are available at local schools, the Bloomingtondale Library, the Village Hall, Fire & Police Stations, and the Bloomingtondale Township offices.

Questions? Call Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition at 630-671-5613

Bloomingtondale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition Charity Walk

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Donation Amount Enclosed: ___\$5 ___\$10 ___\$15 ___\$20 ___\$25 \$___ Other

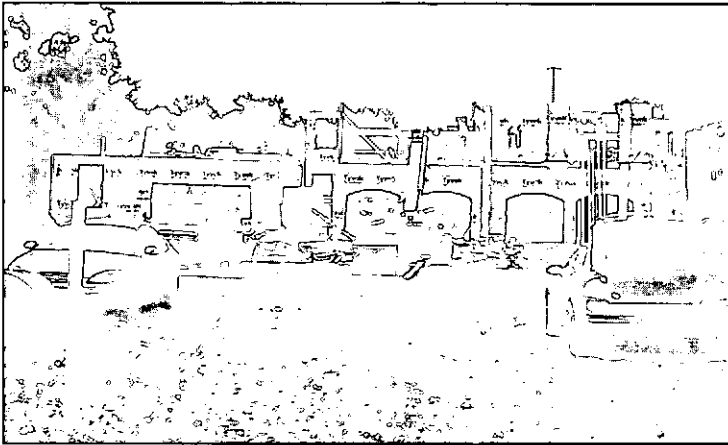
On the line below please state exactly what you would like printed on your luminary bag.
(Examples: The Chestnut Family, Ms. Johnson's 1st Grade Class, Bob's Plumbing)

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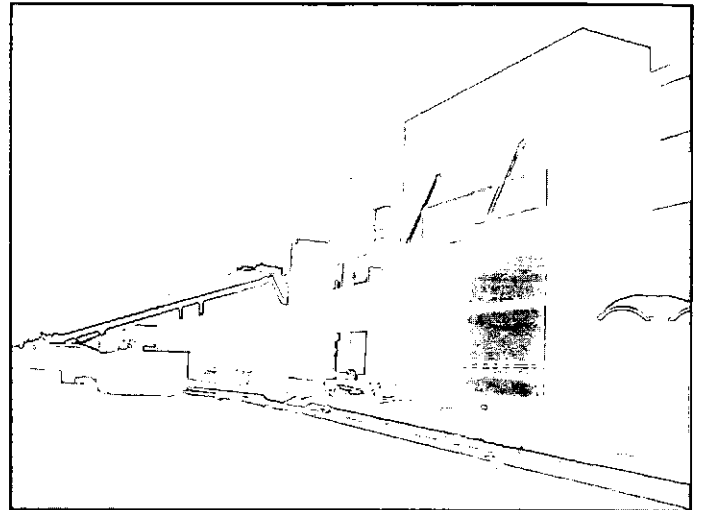
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Here is the first row of townhomes in Villa Veneto, at the intersection of Lake Street and Rodenburg Road, built by Realen Homes. There will be 74 townhomes altogether, with an Italian piazza, complete with fountain, as the centerpiece. The sales office is located across the street from the development, with base prices estimated at \$320 - \$350,000.

What's Going Up?



Under construction is the new facility for Envision Graphics. They are relocating from Bensenville to the Bloomingdale Corporate Center business park on Madsen Drive, north of Costco. This 50,000 square foot facility will enable them to expand their business of printing brochures for corporate clients.

Good-bye old Pool - The Oasis is Coming!

This is the future site of the Bloomingdale Park District's new pool, The Oasis. The new facility was named by winning entries from the Giles Family and the McClimans Family, who both won family pool passes for their ingenuity. The site will feature an 8-lane competitive pool, a zero-depth entry leisure pool, a sprayground, slides, diving boards, concessions, a bath house, and a pool mechanicals building - to be completed by Summer 2005.

