

# Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

February 2005



Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!

## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

Another new year has begun – 2005 – it seems incredible we are this far into the millennium already. Each new year marks new beginnings and this year, the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1 is experiencing an exciting new beginning.

Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1 Chief Tim Marrocco retired on January 3, 2005 after 8 years with the Bloomingdale Fire Department. In that relatively short time, Marrocco made his mark on the department and the community.

He came to Bloomingdale after rising through the ranks of the Streamwood Fire Department, where he started as a firefighter/paramedic and ended up as Deputy Chief. Under his watch, our fire department formed stronger and more cooperative bonds with Village of Bloomingdale entities, as well as with the neighboring communities, built a new headquarters and station and raised staffing levels on all shifts so there are 14 firefighters on hand instead of 10.

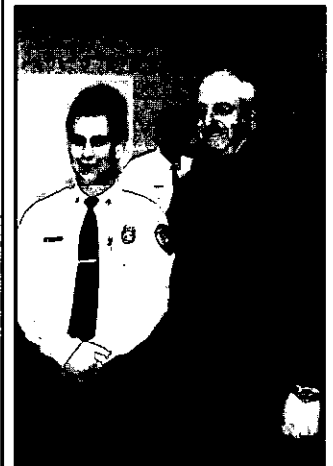
Chief Marrocco was also a member of the Village's Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee. He sat in on a couple meetings as the group prepared to commission the "Everyday Heroes" statue. Rather than simply serve as a representative from the Fire Department, Tim volunteered to become a full member of the committee.

He became a vital part of the project from working on the design to the dedication ceremony. Tim inspired the firefighters to enthusiastically embrace the project, solicited support from several areas, took charge of the golf outing fundraiser and played an integral part in the casino night fundraiser.

Marrocco plans to spend time traveling, playing golf, fishing and visiting family, which includes definitely spending more time with his four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Police Chief Gary Schira and I both made presentations at Tim's retirement dinner, as did Remo Turano, chairman of the Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee. On behalf of the citizens of Bloomingdale I thanked Fire Chief Tim Marrocco for his dedication, leadership and contributions to Bloomingdale.

Former Assistant Fire Chief David Christensen has been promoted to Chief. Christensen has come up through the ranks of Bloomingdale fire Protection District #1. He began his career in Bloomingdale in 1981 as a firefighter and paramedic. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1985, then to Assistant Chief in 1998. He officially became Fire Chief on January 3. (continued on page 5)



Bloomingdale Fire Protection District #1 Chief Tim Marrocco (right) with new Fire Chief David Christensen



Retiring Chief Tim Marrocco waves during the Septemberfest parade as his car passes the old fire station.

**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

**SEPTEMBER FEST 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**

**Bill Bolen**  
*Legal & Intergovernmental*

**Robert Czernek**  
*Finance & Personnel*

**John Dabrowski**  
*Police*

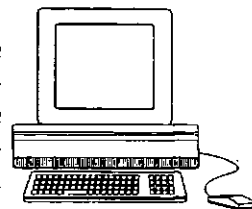
**James M. Gebis**  
*Planning, Zoning  
& Environmental Concerns*

**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  
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tion to ask or an issue  
to bring to our atten-  
tion, just E-mail it to us.  
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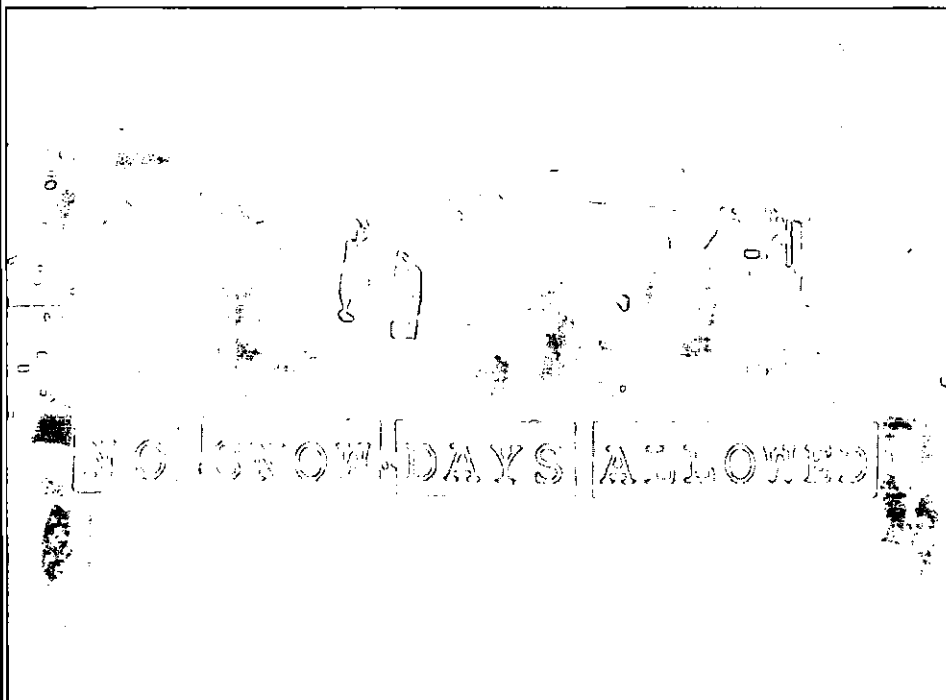


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[www.vil.bloomington.il.us](http://www.vil.bloomington.il.us)

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

**Here's a message to the school kids of  
Bloomingdale from our ace snow plowing team!**



Pictured left to right are Al Bruno, Ed Lewen, Andy DiBasilio, Mark Mason,  
Chris Mitchell, Paul Dublin, Dave Fuersich, Jim Horvath, and Jim Johnson.

## Welcome . . . Pizzeria Pronto!

Pizza lovers looking for something a little bit different might find it at **Pizzeria Pronto**, which opened in January at 160 S. Bloomingdale Road in the Town Square Shopping Center.



As its signature pizzas, Pizzeria Pronto offers gourmet, Mediterranean-style pizzas with an extra-thin crust in seven varieties such as Margherita, Shrimp Diablo, Portobello Mushroom, and Roasted Vegetable. The menu also includes pizza, salads, sandwiches, dinners, and Italian catering. "Everything is made fresh daily, and everything is made in-house," says co-owner John Miulli, a Bloomingdale native. Miulli is a chef with 20 years of experience in fine dining and corporate dining. His silent partner is an executive chef at a country club.

Pizzeria Pronto, which means "ready when you are," is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and is closed on Sundays. For information, call 980-7383.

## HOUSEWALK TO RETURN IN 2005

For over 10 years the Villagers Club of Bloomingdale has hosted an annual Holiday Housewalk. In 2004, however, the event did not take place as they were unable to secure a firm commitment from each homeowner in sufficient time to insure a successful housewalk.

Since the club is supported by membership dues, it does not retain any of the proceeds from the housewalk. That means 100 percent of the proceeds go to Bloomingdale and local DuPage county charities. Over the years hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised and donated through the years.

The Villagers are interested in proceeding with this very successful and enjoyable community event in order to continue to benefit the area charities, while spreading the holiday spirit.

Happily, preliminary planning for the November 2005 will begin shortly. If you or someone you know is interested in having their home considered for the housewalk, contact Villagers Club president Corinne McCoy at 585-8264.

## Kim Seigfreid Winner of VFW Post Voice of Democracy Contest

Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 is pleased to announce Lake Park senior **Kim Seigfreid** is its first place winner for the 2004-2005 Voice of Democracy Contest. She won a \$1000 savings bond. The 1st runner-up is Lake Park junior **Conor P. Grealish** who won \$100 in cash. Kim also won 8th place and \$100 in cash from VFW District 19 at the district awards ceremony.



*Thanks, Paul Johnson! Post Commander Ed Aubin of Bloomingdale VFW Post 7539 presented resident Paul Johnson of Fundways of Illinois with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution of games and prizes for the post's Septemberfest booth.*

## Winter Phone Numbers

### Village of Bloomingdale

**Snow Phone . . . . (630) 671-5800**

Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to advise exactly when your particular street will be plowed.

### Village of Bloomingdale

#### Police Department -

**Non-Emergency . (630) 529-9868**

Call this number for non-emergency general information.

### Bloomington Fire District -

**Emergency . . . . . 911**

### Illinois Department of

**Transportation Information Line . . . 312-DOT-INFO**

**(312-368-4636)**

Call this number for information on State roads (i.e., Lake Street)

### The Illinois Department of

**Transportation** also offers weather/road condition information on their web site:

<http://www.dot.state.il.us/tpublic.html>

### Division of Transportation -

**DuPage County . . 630-407-6920**

Call this number for information on DuPage County Roads (i.e., Army Trail Road, Bloomingdale Road, Gary Avenue, Schmale Road)

### Illinois Tollway Roadway

**Information Line . . 800-865-5394**

Call this number for tollway information including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often if weather conditions warrant.

### Weather

### Information

**630-976-1212**

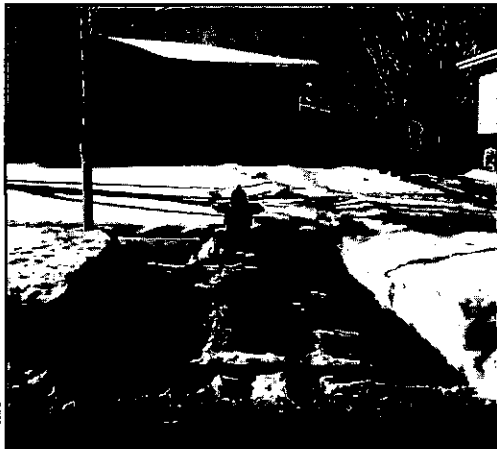


## Be a Friend to a Fire Hydrant

For the convenience of firefighters - if an emergency should occur (maybe at your address), dig a path to the fire hydrant in front of your house from the street.

Dig out around the fire hydrant too. If firefighters can see a hydrant, they can get to it more quickly.

Better yet, adopt a hydrant near your home and see that it is accessible.



## Ann Christensen Retires After 11 Years of Service to Village

Ann Christensen, Legal Department, retired last month after nearly 11 years with the Village. Ann started with the Village in summer of 1993 working the front desk for the Building & Zoning Division. Among the first things we learned about her was that she could handle numerous phone calls at once, was able to keep her cool under pressure and that she was an incredible baker - the last of which was appreciated by all the employees.



Building Commissioner Mike Gricus, who was her immediate supervisor, can't say enough about Ann. "She is an incredible employee - she'd have things ready for me even before I asked for them. I am sorry to see her leave the Village; we will all really miss her!"

After three and a half years, Ann came upstairs to work as Village Attorney Tom Howard's secretary. Ann's attention to detail, her skill at multi-tasking, her ability to anticipate what was needed - all contributed to the great working relationship she and Tom developed. When he retired, he too, had many words of praise for her. He noted she was the best legal secretary he had ever worked with.

For those many employees who call her "friend," we appreciate and will miss so many of her other qualities. She has encouraged, inspired and helped us in countless ways.

Ann and her husband, Jim, have already moved to Bristol, Wisconsin, which is just over the Illinois border. She plans to have more time for the sewing and quilting she loves, as well as keeping up with her bowling and pinochle.

Annie, we will miss you, but of course, we all wish you a fabulous retirement!

P.S. Any time you want to send a CARE package of homemade chocolate chip cookies, we won't refuse delivery!

## Register for District 13 Kindergarten This Spring!

Kindergarten Registration Round-Up for School District 13 will be held February 22 through 25 at the elementary school the child will attend (DuJardin or Erickson).. Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2005, are eligible for kindergarten for the 2005-06 school year. If you do not know which school you should attend, contact the school district at 893-9590. Registration will be held at each school from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 22, 24, and 25. Evening hours will be available on Wednesday, February 23, with registration available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Parents will need to bring the child's original birth certificate. In addition, parents who do not already have a child attending District 13 schools also need to bring two of the following documents for proof of residency: a real estate tax bill, mortgage papers, signed lease, agreement of sale, driver's license, auto registration, voter registration, a library card, or a public aid card.

Parents who want to complete the forms at home before attending the Kindergarten Round-Up may pick up a packet of registration materials from the school offices at DuJardin or Erickson, or at the District 13 office at 164 S. Euclid Avenue.



## Hats Off to Our Dedicated Village Employees!

Congratulations to the following Village employees who were recognized for their years of service at the end of 2004.

### 35 years

Ellie Alumbaugh - Police

### 30 years

Jim Pluess - Water Reclamation

### 25 years

Dan Wennerholm - Administration  
Shirley Burger - Water Reclamation

### 20 years

Dennis Szafran - Public Works  
Helen Schober - Village Services  
Dolores Orlik - Finance  
Gary Fuchs - Police  
Ed Lewen - Streets

### 15 years

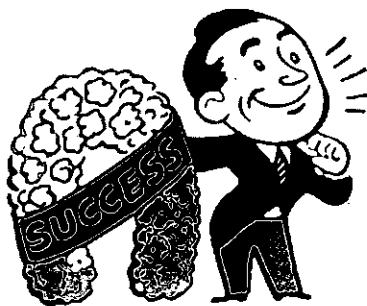
Tom Anzelmo - Police  
Vince Bruett - Police  
Pat Maranto - Utilities  
Joe Chambers - Vehicle Maintenance  
Lynn Heitz - Police  
Denise Doherty - Utilities  
Duane Kroll - Police  
Mary Ellen Johnson - Administration  
Judy Ritchie - Building & Zoning  
Bob Prohaska - Engineering

### 10 years

Tim Roberts - Police  
Calvin Boyd - Building & Grounds  
Helen Price - Public Works  
Tari Bregman - Police

### 5 years

Ben Koechling - Police  
Tony Pagan - Police  
Wendy Reiter - Police  
Matt Wolenberg - Police  
Michael Young - Water Reclamation



## From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden *(continued from page 1)*

He has been a valuable asset to the fire district over the years. One of the many projects overseen and accomplished by Christensen as Assistant Chief was to complete a Village-wide emergency plan. Christensen is looking forward to the challenges of his new position.

"The Bloomingdale Fire Protection District No. 1 is entering our centennial year aggressively. Our personnel are progressively adapting to the demands and the changes that have occurred in the delivery of emergency services and prevention.

"Last year the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District reduced the ISO Classification Rating from a 4 to a 3. We have increased our work force and changed the organizational structure within the Department including the promotion of three battalion chiefs. Three members have also retired after years of dedicated service including Chief Tim Marrocco, Assistant Chief William Wolff and Firefighter Thomas Petges," he said.

Christensen referred to the promotions of Lieutenants Nels Olson, Mike McNamara and Wally Beahan to battalion chiefs, which were retroactive to June 1, 2004. At that time, Firefighters Randy Gieseke, Al Svihla and Rich Kurka were also promoted to the rank of lieutenant.

In addition, Gary Kostal was hired as Fire Prevention Director on September 1st. Kostal came to the district from Carol Stream with 28 years of experience.

Internal promotions that coincided with Christensen's promotion were Nels Olson to Assistant Chief, Keith Boehne to Battalion Chief and firefighter Jeffrey Janus to lieutenant. Dennis Kuntzman, Jr. was also hired as a new firefighter.

I have known Dave Christensen since he started with the district; he will be a great chief. We look forward to working with him.

## Hey Kids! It's Not Too Late to Enter This Contest

The Bloomingdale Historical Society is sponsoring a poster contest for students ages kindergarten through eighth grade, attending any school, which serves Bloomingdale. Grade school entries from the three levels (K-1), (2-3), (4-5) should be a poster depicting any part of Bloomingdale history, whether an event, building, person or collage. Entries from the Junior High level (6,7,8) may depict any of the same, plus a one-page outline of what is depicted in the poster.

Entries must be received at the Bloomingdale Public Library by Friday, February 18, 2005 and become the property of the Bloomingdale Historical Society.

Winners will be announced on Sunday, March 13, 2005 at the Founders Day Reflections event.

Copies of the rules are available from schools, the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way, or at the Bloomingdale Village Hall, 201 S. Bloomingdale Road. A \$100 savings bond for first place and a \$50 savings bond for second place will be awarded in each level.

Contact the Bloomingdale Public Library's local History Room at 529-3120, ext. 341 with questions.

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# Residents Will Go To The Polls on April 5

*On Tuesday, April 5, residents will have the opportunity to elect a Mayor, Village Clerk and three Village Trustees. Following is a brief overview of the candidates running.*

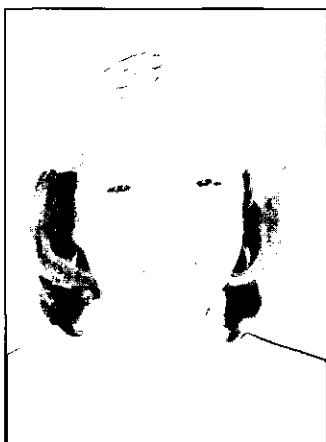
## Robert G. Iden, Village President ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Bob, his wife, JoEllen and their two daughters have made their home in Bloomingdale since 1968. Over the years he has seen much change in the landscape of the Village, and is proud of the part he has taken in bringing about that change.

Bob was first appointed Acting Village President in 1992, after serving 14 years as a Village Trustee. He has since been re-elected for three four-year terms. In his nearly 30 years on the Village Board, Bob has fostered a good working relationship with the other governing bodies in Bloomingdale, such as the library, schools, park district, fire department and township, as well as with the Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce.

He has served on the DuPage Regional Planning Commission for most of his mayoral tenure, and is currently its secretary/treasurer. Bob also continues to be an active member of the DuPage County Mayors and Managers Conference, and currently serves as the Deputy Director of the group's Planning Committee.

"Preserving open space within our boundaries remains a high priority. I also intend to maintain the high level of Village services, as well to continue monitoring the quality of our future development."



## Susan L. Bartucci, Village Clerk ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Susan has resided in Bloomingdale for over 26 years. She has three daughters: Angela, Gina, and Cara.

She was appointed to the Village Clerk position in January, 2001, to fill the vacant office and was elected to this position in April, 2001. Currently she is employed as a Project Associate at Convergys in Itasca. She brings extensive experience and a strong administrative background to the Village Clerk position.

Susan has been involved in various community activities in the Village, serving as a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years and a Bloomingdale Bears Cheerleading Manager for 3 years. In addition she held many volunteer positions at the schools her daughters attended.

"I have been impressed with the current administration's open space policy, the tree planting program, and the continuous effort to preserve the village appearance. I am committed to maintaining the quality of living we have in Bloomingdale."

## Bill Bolen, 4-year Trustee ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Bill Bolen was appointed in 2003 to fill the vacancy of Patrick S. DeMoon. Bill and his wife, Marla, have lived in Bloomingdale with their children, Kelly and Ryan, since 1990. Bill works for the US Environmental Protection Agency as a manager in the Emergency Response Program.

Bill has been very active in many community endeavors, especially in youth sports and other park district groups, including the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation and Friends of the Park. He has held offices in the Youth Basketball Association, Bloomingdale Baseball and Softball Association and Cub Scouts. He has received numerous awards in recognition of his volunteer efforts.

Since his appointment to the Village Board, Bill has served as the lead trustee on legal and intergovernmental issues for the village.

"I am committed to maintaining the outstanding level of Village services, while keeping tax rates as low as possible. I also believe in protecting and maintaining open and recreational space for our residents."



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# To Elect Village President, Clerk and Trustees

## James Gebis, 4-year Trustee ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Residents since 1977, Jim and his wife Carol raised their three children in Bloomingdale. Jim has been active in the community for 27 years, including the past 16 years serving as a Village Trustee. His engineering background has been an asset to him while serving the community in various projects.

Over the years, Jim has served as chairperson for the Golf Course Development Committee, Planning and Environmental Concerns Committee, and the Public Works Committee. He has also served as the Board's liaison to the Plan Commission since 1991.

Jim has been especially committed to both planning and environmental issues, including quality development, extensive landscaping, traffic concerns and undergrounding of utilities. He has also been a major proponent of the recreational path linkages throughout Bloomingdale. "I am committed to protecting our environment and neighborhoods when private and public projects are developed in Bloomingdale."

Jim believes continued redevelopment of the Lake Street corridor, protecting open space, working cooperatively with other governmental agencies, infrastructure improvements and protecting sales tax base through commercial redevelopment will be the primary areas to focus efforts on in the next four years.



## Judi Von Huben, 4-year Trustee ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

Judi is seeking re-election for a second term. As a Village Trustee, she is the liaison to the Business Promotion and Cultural Development Committee, in addition to the Family Fest and Septemberfest commissions. Judi was a member of the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for five years, as well as serving as Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Old Town Review Committee. She also served on the Recreational Path Advisory Board.

Judi and her husband David have been residents of Bloomingdale for 19 years. She has worked as a product marketing manager in the electronics industry, as well as in computer sales. Currently, she is employed doing marketing and computer consulting for small companies.

Judi has remained committed to carry on the Bloomingdale tradition of quality development. She supports numerous intergovernmental agreements for overall community improvement. She also has a passion for open space and environmental issues.

"I wish to continue to give residents strong fiscal management and sound planning. We have a dedicated team of people, who care about our village and actively work at quality of life issues. I want to continue to work on open space issues and provide a strong sales tax base."

## Larry Wagner, 4-year Trustee ☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆☆

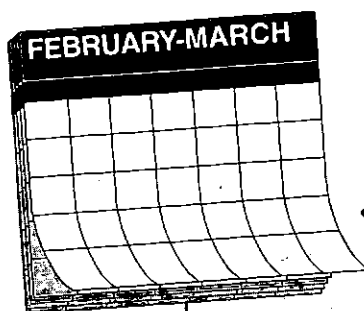
Larry Wagner and his wife Chrissie have lived in Bloomingdale since 1997. Son Nathan is a Petty Officer in the US Navy stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Daughter Chelsea is a freshman in the College of DuPage Nursing School and son Chad is a senior at Glenbard High School.

Larry is a Chief Estimator/Designer for Nesko Electric Company, which is an electrical design-build electrical contractor for commercial and industrial entities. His professional affiliations include membership in the NECA National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and in Local Union 701 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

He has always liked the Bloomingdale community and was glad to be able to locate his family here. The Wagners are members of St. Isidore Catholic Church. Larry is interested in seeing Bloomingdale continue to thrive and prosper and wants to give some of his time back to the community.

"I have a genuine desire to help improve our community and assist in maintaining the standard of living and quality of life that we continue to enjoy. I would like to contribute as best I can as a Trustee."





## Garden Calendar

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

- Prune trees\* and shrubs. The ideal time to prune is in the dormant season, after the coldest weather and prior to new growth. For this reason, our branch collection program takes place in early spring.

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

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



**Spring branch collection is slated for the week of April 18. More information will follow in the April issue of the *Almanac*.**

### Contract Tree Pruning to Begin in February

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

- Glen Ellyn Road
- North Circle Subdivision
- Fairfield Way
- Westlake Highlands



## Tree Talk

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### VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

The Village Forestry Division is looking for volunteers to plant 200 seedlings, including Sargent Crabapples, Swamp White Oaks and Japanese Tree Lilacs, on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Facility, 305 S. Glen Ellyn Road.

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

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

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Helen Price at 630-671-5800.





## LaSalle Bank Provides Funds for Two Swans



*LaSalle Bank's Chris Jordan presents check to Director of Parks & Planning, Ed Reidy of the Bloomingdale Park District.*

On January 5, 2005, The Bloomingdale Park District was presented with a donation of \$1,000 from Chris Jordan of LaSalle Bank to purchase two new swans to be added this spring to the lake at Westlake Park. The new swans will join the two that already call Westlake home.

Swans are not only beautiful, but they also help reduce the number of geese that visit the lake. Park visitors are asked not to feed the swans, as human food is harmful to a swan's digestive system.

For more information about the swans or to become involved in "Club Swan," please call the Bloomingdale Park District at 630-529-3650.

## Learn More About CHARACTER COUNTS!

The Bloomingdale CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, made up of citizens and representatives of Bloomingdale organizations, has been in existence in Bloomingdale for nearly six years. Its mission is to actively build and nurture trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship throughout the community. The group believes it is everyone's responsibility to model good character in their everyday lives. CHARACTER COUNTS! has an active presence in the schools, park programs, and in other areas of the community, as well as being endorsed by many local agencies. Anyone interested in learning about becoming a part of this dynamic group which meets once a month can call Barb Weber at the Bloomingdale Village Hall 671-5613.



## Parkway Trees: What You Need to Know About Planter Walls and Pruning

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

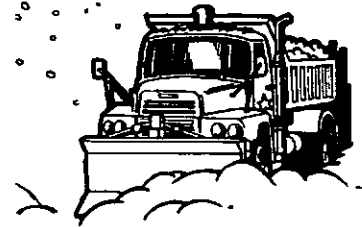
**PLEASE NOTE:** Installing planter walls around parkway trees is work which requires a permit. The Village discourages the installation of planter walls around parkway trees because the parkway is Village property and the typical installation of a small diameter ring filled with soil is injurious to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

The Village has a comprehensive, systematic pruning schedule which ensures each tree is trimmed every five years. Contract tree pruning occurs during February through April. In-house trimming can occur any time during the year. If a resident believes a parkway tree requires pruning, please contact the Forestry Division at 671-5804.

## Parkway Damaged By Snow Plows?

The Public Works Division understands that there could be some damage to parkways due to snowplowing operations. It is Village policy to repair parkways in April, May, and early June, weather permitting, as this is the best time for the germination of grass seed.

Please call the Public Works Division at 630-671-5800 to inform us about damage to your parkway so we can put your location on the list.



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## Snow Slowin' You Down?

For problems or questions  
on Lake Street or any  
other state road, call the  
Illinois Department of  
Transportation  
Information Line at  
(312) 368-4636.

For problems or questions  
on DuPage County roads  
-- Army Trail,  
Bloomington, Gary,  
Schmale --  
call Division of  
Transportation - DuPage  
County, at (630) 407-6920.

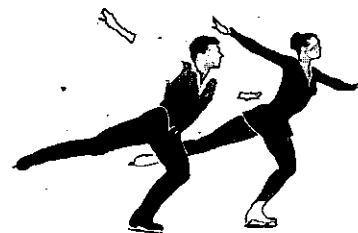
## WELCOME Bloomington is a CRIME WATCH COMMUNITY



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our police department

## Warning: Thin Ice Can Put You on Very Dangerous Ground

The winter season brings with it snow, cold weather and outdoor activities, which for many people might include ice-skating, snowmobiling and hockey.



If the water has turned to ice and it has been cold for a few days, the ice must be safe to use, right? Wrong! Unfortunately, people find this out the hard way year after year. Just because the water freezes over does not make it safe to walk or skate on. The International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists' manual on ice rescue states that there are seven different types of ice. Clear ice is generally the strongest - it is new ice, formed by a long hard freeze, and new ice is stronger than old ice.

The strength of ice, however, cannot be judged by appearance alone; a hole should be drilled in the ice to check its thickness. Ice does not necessarily have the same thickness in all locations either, due to the fact that the water seldom freezes at the same rate in a body of water. Daily temperatures, sun, water on the ice and even waterfowl or fish can prevent ice formation or cause thinner formations of ice.

General guidelines say that clear ice can support the following:

- 2" - Walking
- 4" - Fishing
- 5" - Snowmobiles

Children should stay off the ice until an adult checks it, but the only absolute in ice safety is stay off it.

If the ice has been determined to be safe, there are a few safety precautions still to consider. They are the same as those used for swimming:

- ▲ Never skate alone
- ▲ Have life rings or hooks on shore for emergency use
- ▲ If the water is used for boating, keep a rowboat near the shore for quick emergency use
- ▲ Have a cellular phone available for emergencies

If someone is on or around ice, they should always watch for signs of weak ice. Some of those signs include:

- ▲ Ice that is of a different color, such as gray
- ▲ Ice that is near obstructions
- ▲ Slush or snow on the ice
- ▲ Bubbles or water on the ice surface
- ▲ A porous look to the ice
- ▲ Cracks in the ice
- ▲ Water running underneath the ice
- ▲ Pressure cracked shore ice
- ▲ Open water in the middle of a deep lake
- ▲ Water near a dam or spillway that will be weaker than the rest of the ice



The Bloomington Police Department and Bloomington Fire Protection District wants everyone to enjoy the season, and if some simple safety rules are observed, it will be a safe season as well. If any further information is needed, please call the Bloomington Police Department at (630) 529-9868 or the Bloomington Fire Protection District at (630) 894-9080.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

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

Mary Albert	Patrick Griffin	Dorothy Prohaska
Bill Bahr	Eric Growney	Patrick Quigley
Hugh Bailey	Charissa Hannigan	Bernard Rapacz
Frank Bartolone	Connie Hasselbach	Marvin Roehlke
Robert Becker	Juanita Hathaway	Gail Rohlfing
Anna Marie Bergl	Jacquelyne Hill	Roger Rossi
Pam Brewer	Rich Hodyl	Cynthia Rothamer
Mary Lynn Brown	Donna Hoidas	Judi Rotondo
Gregg Burgess	Jane & Dennis Hyde	Lewis Sapien
Andre Burke	Dorothy Jaskey	John & Bonnie
Brad Butler	Gretchen Johnson	Sassmann
Gregory Carrol	Henry Jones	Susan Schembari
Edward Christofano	Jennifer Jordan	Rhonda Schubert
Bart Cohen	George and Gloria Kas	John Schultz
Don Coleman	Joyce Klinowski	Kendra Siegle
Elizabeth Colmenero	Kathleen Kohl	Barb Soden
Carol Cosentino	Alan J. & Lori A.	John Sofere
Patricia Cox	Kramer	Nilofer Sohel
Ginger Crissie	Joseph Kuzdzal	James Soss
Susan Culhane	Rita & Frank Letizia	Juanita Soyaut
Ray Cullerton	Anthony & Theresa	Carl Triana
Josephine Dabrowski	Lobracco	Enza Vicari
Janet Davitt	Rozanne Malott	Susan Voelker
Bonnie Decoursey	James and Jackie	Mary Theresa Wedel
Mary Ann Divenere	Mandock	Bob Wikrent
Monica Dolhun	John Manos	Bill Wirkus
Donna Doyle	Judy Martin	Louise Zietoun
Paula & George Duffey	Patrick McNamara	
Donna Dwyer	Jane & Gil Michelotti	
Patty Eagleton	Carol Nies	
Tim Fenner	Nancy O'Leary	
Mary Sue Fornari	Holly Paoletti	
Amy Frane	Laurell Pearce	
Mitch & Vivi Frumkin	Sandra Perakis	
Laura Geraci	Dawn Percudani	
Sally Gill	Sandy Polito	

## Neighborhood Watch Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

March 16  
May 18  
July 20  
September 21  
November 16

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
AGAINST CRIME –  
BLOOMINGDALE PARK  
DISTRICT**  
Tuesday, August 2, 2005  
6:00-9:00 PM

**WELCOME**  
Bloomingdale is a  
**CRIME WATCH**  
community



We immediately report  
all suspicious activities  
to our Police Department

**OUR SUCCESS IS  
MEASURED BY THE  
SCOPE OF YOUR  
INVOLVEMENT**

Sincerely,

Gary J. Schira,  
Chief of Police

Dawn Odoi,  
Detective

529-9868

# Community Events Community Events

## Lions Easter Egg Hunt March 19

The Bloomingdale Lions Club will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at Circle Park in Bloomingdale, IL starting at 11am. Children ages 2,3 & 4 participate in the Egg Hunt in the playground area. Children ages 5-6 and 7-8 will participate in the Egg Roll Race on the field. For additional information, contact Perry Knutson at 630-753-3067 or [lionperry@hotmail.com](mailto:lionperry@hotmail.com)



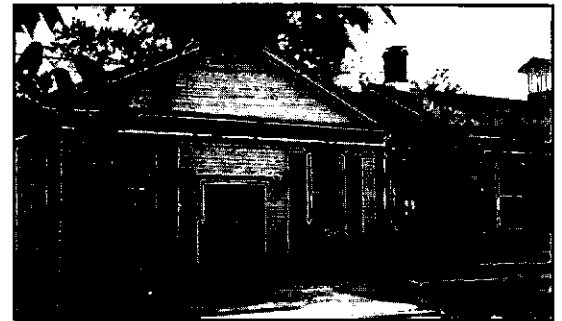
## Park District Featuring Juried Photo Show

IMAGES AND IMAGINATION, a juried contemporary photography show, runs through February 26 at the Bloomingdale Park District Museum, 108 S. Bloomingdale Road. Eight-two pieces of work were juried into the show by Father Michael Komechak OSB of Illinois Benedictine University. Komechak, the curator of Benedictine's art collection, distributed awards for Best of Show and 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in three categories, as well as nine honorable mentions. Most of the work is for sale. In a new concept, the photographers were also invited to provide several extra pieces of their unframed work for sale for the public to view. Please join us in this extraordinary show to support our local artists. Show hours are Wed: 4-8p.m; Th/Fri 10-4p.m. and Sat 12-4p.m. For more information, call the museum at 630/539-3096 or the Park District at (630) 529-3650.

**STUDENT ART SHOW** - One of the museum's best attended shows will be returning March 19 - April 23. See artwork of students kindergarten through high school senior from at least 10 area schools.

## Special Senior Days at Museum

On February 3, March 24, and May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, seniors age 62 and better are invited to the Bloomingdale Park District Museum for FREE admission to the exhibits as well as complimentary refreshments. The Bloomingdale Park District Museum is located at 108 S. Bloomingdale road, just one block south of the intersection of Lake Street and Bloomingdale Rd. Call the Bloomingdale Park District at 529-3650 for more information.



## Learn About Spa Treatments at Women's Club Program February 10

The Bloomingdale Women's Club invites all area women to learn about Spa treatments from Lori Vargas at Indian Lakes. She will be giving free hand massages to the women at the February 10 meeting. The club meets the second Thursday of the month on the lower level of the Bloomingdale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way. For more information call Mary Rose at 980-1173.

The club will be having the Spring Craft Fair on April 9 from 10 am to 4 pm at Westfield Middle School at Schick and Fairfield. They are looking for crafters to exhibit their crafts. This year there will be music, children's activities and crafters, as well as food catered by Capone's Deli. Mark your calendars for this fun day. Questions? Call Rosie at 291-3667.

## February 16 Garden Club Program Features Garden Annuals

The Bloomingdale Garden Club will host "Unusual Annuals in Your Garden", presented by Debra Phillips of Sentimental Gardens in St. Charles. The program will be held at the Bloomingdale Public Library on Wednesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. For membership information contact Marian Jonas at 529-1165.



## Congratulations St. Isidore DARE Graduates!

Officer Gary Fuchs with his DARE class from St. Isidore School last month. This is Fuchs' last graduating class. The 20-year veteran has taught DARE for the last 15 years.

## Scholarships Available to Graduating High School Seniors

The **Bloomington Women's Club** will award two \$500 scholarships to high school seniors residing in Bloomington. Community service is a major component for awarding these scholarships. Applications will be available after February 15 in local high school counselors' offices and at the Bloomington Village Hall. They are due back to the club by April 15. For more information call Rosie at 630-291-3667.

The **Bloomington Chamber of Commerce** will also be offering scholarships to graduating seniors and continuing post secondary students for vocational, business or a two- or four-year college. Candidates must be a Bloomington resident or employee of a Bloomington Chamber member. Previous Bloomington Chamber of Commerce scholarship winners will not be considered. Applications will be available at the Chamber office, 109 W. Franklin, on the website, or at the Bloomington Village Hall after February 1. Call the Chamber office at 980-9082 for more information.

College-bound high school seniors who have attended District 13 schools are invited to apply for scholarships available through the district. Two \$500 scholarships are being offered by the **DuJardin and Erickson elementary schools' Parent-Teacher-Organizations**. Westfield Middle School is offering two \$750 scholarships this year: the annual scholarship from the Student-Teacher-Parent organization, and one from former Westfield Social Studies teacher Jay Perkins, in memory of his late wife Patti.

Past students of both DuJardin and Erickson may apply only to the school most recently attended. Students who attended one of the elementary schools and Westfield may apply to the elementary school as well as to Westfield.

Applications can be downloaded from the district's web page, [www.sd13.org](http://www.sd13.org). Applications must be submitted by April 4. Winners will be notified in early May. For more information, contact the District 13 office at (630) 893-9590.

The **Bloomington VFW Post 7539** is helping to sponsor the 2004-2005 Paul Powell Essay Contest for students in the State of Illinois. It is open to all four grade level high school students living in or going to school in Bloomington, Roselle, or Medinah. The theme for 2004-2005 is "WHY IS THERE A GRADUATED DRIVERS LICENSE SYSTEM."

Applicants must submit the essay, 150 words or less, typewritten and double-spaced on one side of the paper by April 11, 2005. For contest rules and other information, call Bill Bahr at 307-3634 or check the VFW website at [www.vfw7539.org](http://www.vfw7539.org).

Final judging will be at the state level. First Place, \$500.00 Scholarship; Second Place, \$400.00 Scholarship; Third Place, \$300.00 Scholarship. Checks will be sent to the school of the winner's choice at the time he or she enters college.

Watch the April issue of the Almanac for information on the 2005 Joe Draghi Septemberfest Scholarship available to Bloomington residents.

# Thanks!

The Village of Bloomington depends on the efforts of a variety of commissions and committees during the year. Each serves a specific purpose and is made up of volunteers, many of whom contribute a good deal of time to carry out the work of the commission. We extend thanks to the following individuals who have given so freely of their time during 2004.

### Business Promotion & Cultural Development Committee

Jacki Unger	John Vertrik
Branka Poplonski	Remo Turano
Georgene Geils	Tim Marrocco
Dan Smith	

### Board of Fire & Police Commissioners

Warren Gnau	Frank Letizia
	Louis Pavone

### Police Pension Board

Jeff Fritz	Tim Goergen
Steve Apostolopoulos	Alan Birkley

### Plan Commission

Mauro DeFalco	Jim King
J. Thomas Brice	Guy Sanalitra
Jeff Dolce	Ron Fangusaro
Rick Tayfel	Dale Wilson

### Septemberfest Commission

Bill Ford	Debby Bodnar
Jennifer Hall	Pam Hager
Dolores Orlik	Irene Jones
Gloria Tomaras	Anthony Puccio
Sandy Raucchi	Karen Gerovac
Jackie Lic	Jill Mixer

### Family Fest Commission

Kurt Willer	Milton Clark
Tim Jarzemyk	Kandice Krettler
Julie Deeke	Allison Dasbach

Guy Sanalitra

## Not Registered to Vote? Do It By March 8

March 8 is the last day  
to register to vote or  
transfer registration in  
order to vote on April 5.

Absentee voting will be  
available at the Village  
Hall from 8:30 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m. Monday  
through Friday and  
Saturdays 8 a.m. – Noon  
beginning in  
mid-March.

## Outstanding Chamber Members Honored

The Bloomingdale Chamber of Commerce has a tradition of annually honoring a number of its members for their contributions in the preceding year. This year five awards were presented at the annual holiday luncheon.

**Karen Lawler**, Executive Director of the Glen Oaks Hospital Foundation was named **2004 Ambassador of the Year**. The award is presented to a chamber member, who furthers the growth and fosters the development of business in Bloomingdale. She was recognized for her ability to reach into the community to get to know its leaders in a helpful way and to promote their development. It was said that wherever she goes, she builds bridges for the Chamber as well as for her employers.

The **Rookie of the Year** for 2004 was **Franco Coladipietro** who just joined the Chamber this past summer and almost immediately began proving how much a single person can impact an organization. He stepped forward to help with the Wreath Sale, was the first person to become a major sponsor for the Golf Outing and is consistent with his attendance to detail at Board meetings as well as general membership meetings.

Named **2004 Business Person of the Year** was **Bob Allen**, general manager of Stratford Square Mall. It was noted that under his leadership, ties have been established with all the sectors of business in Bloomingdale. Under his direction, Stratford has been a strong supporter of the Chamber of Commerce, and has connected with the community through participation in a variety of programs, including those sponsored by the library and area schools.

**Bloomingdale Bank & Trust** was awarded **Business of the Year** due to its strong support of Chamber programs and participation in a wide variety of local events, such as Career Day, Septembefest, Viva Las Bloomingdale Casino Night, Family Fest and much more. The bank also made a substantial donation to the building of the Miracle Field in Roselle which serves handicapped athletes from the entire area.

The prestigious **Heritage Award** has only been presented three times before. The honor is given to a special person who has given of him or herself over many years to make our entire community a better place to live and work. **Ed Levato** was presented with this award for more than 20 years of dedication to the Chamber, his 16 years of leadership as a board member of Bloomingdale School District 13, his contributions to the revival of the Old Town area as a service-oriented center, and his 8-year commitment to Bloomingdale Township as a township trustee.

Ed Levato also received recognition as a Director Emeritus for having served 22 years on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Retiring at the end of 2004, he was the last remaining member of the original board of directors from the Chamber's beginnings in 1982.

Also singled out were **Judy Rio**, former president and resigning Board member, **Vicki Hettlinger**, resigning Board member and **Al Spagnola**, immediate past president.



Seated: Hettlinger, Lawler and Rio. Standing: Allen, Spagnola, John Rose (BB&T), Levato and Coladipietro.

# Off the Shelf

## BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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

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



### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alice Spanos .....President  
Bonni Rothbaum .....Vice President  
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Linda Szramiak .....Trustee  
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Brian Meyer .....Computer Department Head  
Madeline Reed .....Youth Services Department Head  
Melissa Willer .....Circ./Tech. Department Head



### FEDERAL AND STATE TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

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

### ADOPT-A-MAGAZINE THANK YOU

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

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



### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 10-16, 2005

Books. Magazines. CDs. Videos. Databases. Special Collections. Reference Services. You name it. Libraries provide access to all people - no matter their age, ethnicity, physical ability, income, language, or geographic location. Libraries are part of the American Dream, places for education, self-help and lifelong learning. If you haven't been to your local library lately, stop by and discover the world of opportunity that awaits you!

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK KICKOFF CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 10  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Library representatives will be on hand to meet and greet patrons, promote library services and hand out giveaways.

#### AFTERNOON MOVIE: THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW

Monday, April 11  
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

#### JACQUELINE KENNEDY: THE AESTHETICS OF STYLE

Wednesday, April 13  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur examines Jacqueline Kennedy's impact on culture in America during her tenure as first lady.

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT: THE JAZZ LIZARDS

Saturday, April 16  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Jazz Lizards perform jazz standards including those of such composers and songwriters as Cole Porter, Ira Gershwin, and Duke Ellington.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005  
IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER SUNDAY

## Youth Services Department WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR SPRING STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Bloomington Library cardholders may register for storytimes at the Youth Services Reference Desk, or by telephoning (630) 529-3120 ext. 332. Please have your library card when you register.

Please note that selected programs are open to Bloomington 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 siblings may not attend registered programs.

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

Spring Programming begins the week of March 14.

Spring Programming ends the week of April 25.

Storytimes will not be held during the week of March 28.

### STORYTIMES

Programs for children ages three months through five years.

Registered storytimes are limited to Bloomington Public Library cardholders only.



#### ROMPER RHYMES

(3 months - 15 months)

Tuesdays, March 15 - April 26

(except for March 29)

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

Thursdays, March 17 - April 28

(except for March 31)

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, March 15 - April 26

(except for March 29)

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 2'S

(24 months - 35 months)

Wednesdays, March 16 - April 27

(except for March 30)

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

Time for 2's is a storytime for children two years old accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This program is designed to help children develop listening skills, and features stories, flannel board interplay and musical activities. 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.



#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

(ages 3 - 5)

Mondays, March 14 - April 25

(except for March 28)

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

Thursdays, March 17 - April 28

(except for March 31)

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 Primary Connections program information.



#### PRIMARY CONNECTIONS

(K- 1st )

Mondays, March 14 - April 25

(except for March 28)

4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Primary Connections is a six week program for the child 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.





## Youth Services Department WINTER YOUTH PROGRAMS

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration is required for the following programs, unless noted otherwise.  
Register in person at the Youth Services Desk or call the Youth Services Department at 529-3120, ext. 332.  
Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.



#### CHESS CLUB

Ages 8 and up

Mondays

4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Registration is not required.

If you are eight years of age or older and know a little or a lot about the game, this is your chance to sharpen your skills.



#### SEARCH HOMEWORK CLUB

Ages 9 - 14

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30

Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:30

Registration is not required

Need a place to study? Not sure how to find what you need in the library? We are proud to announce a new club to help you use the library for your schoolwork. Twice a week we will have a room available, complete with snacks, table space, and the help of a librarian. If you have a paper coming up and need to do research, or a group project and you are looking for a space to meet, or a place with a table big enough to work on your posters, we have the spot for you. Remember, this is not a tutoring service, but rather a place and time for you to get help using the resources the library has available. You don't need to register, just drop by with your homework, your own supplies, and a willingness to work.

### DROP-IN STORYTIMES

The following storytimes do not require registration.

#### BEDTIME STORIES (All ages)

Tuesdays, March 15 - April 26

(except for March 29)

7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

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

#### FAMILY STORYTIME (All ages)

Fridays, March 18 - April 29

(except for April 1)

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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



#### FLEECE CRAFT

Grades 4 - 8

Tuesday, February 15

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration is required

Have you seen the fleece throws with fringed edges? Would you like to learn to make one?

Sign up to attend our craft club. You can join others for conversation and company as you work on your creation-much like an old-fashioned quilting bee.

Please bring YOUR OWN FLEECE. We recommend:

For a baby or toddler: 1 yard each of 2 different patterns, one solid and one print that will look good together. OR

For a child or young adult: 1 ft or 2 yards each of 2 different patterns, one solid and one print that will look good together. We also suggest that you bring a 6 or 12 inch ruler and good scissors.

Refreshments will be served.



#### AMERICAN GIRLS'

#### READER'S THEATER

Grades 3 and up

Wednesday, February 23

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Registration is required

If you like the American Girls and you like to perform, join us for a series of American Girl plays which you will read, and then perform for the group.

It will be a Reader's Theater style so you won't have to memorize any lines. It promises to be an evening of fun. The first play will be Tea for Felicity on Wednesday, February 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Watch for Addy's play in April.



## WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS

### ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

The adult group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 and the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Our selections for February and March are as follows:

February 16, 17  
March 16, 17

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon  
The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

The morning historical book group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00.

March 1  
April 5

William McKinley by Kevin Phillips  
Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

### CALLING ALL CHOCOLATE LOVERS!

Monday, February 7  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

'Tis the season for chocolate and there is no shortage of that in this program! Chef Jonathan Bean will share a number of delicious recipes that you can take home and impress your family and friends. Audience members will not only get to enjoy his witty presentation but also the finished products! There is a non-refundable \$2.50 tasting fee for this presentation due upon registration. Please register in the Business Office. Bloomingdale residents get priority. Max of 40.



### WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 12  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Retired Chicago police officer Pat Collins will address personal safety issues, fear management, use of personal protection devices and other self protection strategies including awareness, avoidance, verbal skills and escape. During the final hour of the workshop participants will apply their newly learned skills on a heavily padded assailant. This class is for ages 13 and up. Those under 18 will need a parent or guardian to fill out a waiver prior to the class. There is a non-refundable \$5.00 fee for this class due upon registration. Please register in the Business Office. Bloomingdale residents get priority. Max of 12.



### WEALTH BUILDING FOR 2005 AND BEYOND

Monday, March 14  
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Credit card debt getting you down? Looking into getting a home equity loan to pay off debts with a higher interest rate? Join us as David Cuzman, a local financial expert, discusses bad debt, good debt, zero debt, investments and looking ahead into your financial future. Bring any questions you have regarding this important topic!

### eBay Basics

Wednesday, March 30 (Buying on eBay)  
Thursday, March 31 (Selling on eBay)  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Want to make some extra money on eBay?? In "The Basics of eBay" you will learn how to: open an eBay Buyer and Seller Accounts, complete a purchase & learn about payment options, create listings, improve your listings with better descriptions and photos, set pricing that sells, open and use a PayPal account, monitor your eBay listings and complete your transactions. Brian Gugala is an Education Specialist trained by eBay. He will present the class in an easy-to-follow, fun learning format. Beginners are welcome. No eBay experience required. In just a few hours you can learn how to get started making some extra money on eBay.

### DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES

Fourth Wednesday of the Month, February - May  
6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Starting in February and thru May, the library will be showing a series of documentary films on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Refreshments will be provided.

#### SUPERSIZE ME (2004)

Wednesday, February 23rd

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock embarks on a journey to find out if fast food is making Americans fat. For 30 days he can't eat or drink anything that isn't on McDonald's menu. He treks across the country interviewing a host of experts on fast food and a number of regular folk while downing McDonald's to try and find out why 37% of Americans are now overweight.

#### TOUCHING THE VOID (2004)

Wednesday, March 23rd

In 1985, two young British friends traveled to a remote corner of Peru. Ambitious mountaineers, their aim was to conquer the unclimbed west face of a notorious 21,000 ft. peak "Siula Grande". Their story has become part of mountaineering legend.

Adult Services Department  
**WINTER ADULT PROGRAMS**

PEOPLE EDUCATING PEOPLE

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom aide. We're seeking experienced volunteers to help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL). Class sites include Addison, Lombard, Glen Ellyn and Warrenville. Day and evening assignments are available. If you have prior tutor training or a teaching background and are interested in volunteering, call (630) 942-3788 for more information.

NEW MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

American Patchwork and Quilting  
Economist  
E-environmental  
Electronic Gaming  
Frommer's Budget Travel  
India Today  
Wired

**HOMEBOUND  
SERVICE**

Are you . . .

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

AND

- A Bloomingdale resident?

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



TEEN PROGRAMS



VALENTINE TREATS

(6th - 12th grades)

Thursday, February 10  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make some fun and special treats for your valentine this year. You can sample the demonstrations and then take home the recipes to make your own delicious valentine goodies. Registration is limited to 15 participants. To register call 529-3120 ext. 324, or stop by the Reference desk.



TEEN BOOK CLUB

(7th - 12th grades)

Thursday, February 24  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Do you love books? Would you like to get together with other teens that enjoy reading and discuss interesting or unusual books in a relaxed atmosphere with drinks & munchies? If the answer is "Yes!", then call 529-3120 ext. 324 to sign-up for the first club meeting and help us pick out the great books we will read.

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

(6th-12th grades)

Thursday, March 10  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Do you have suggestions on events, books, and other materials you'd like to see at the library? Your opinion matters and that's why you should join the Teen Advisory Council. We'll have food and fun while we discuss new ideas on how the library can be a more enjoyable place for you and your friends. Teen Advisory Council is also a way you can earn service hours for school or other organizations. Come to our meeting to find out more!

LUCKY BINGO

(6th - 12th grades)

Thursday, March 17  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and play LUCKY bingo at the library! Don't miss this fun opportunity to win some LUCKY prizes! Refreshments will be served. Please register by calling 529-3120 ext. 324 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk.



## Computer Lab

# WINTER PROGRAMS

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. Please register in the Business Office of the Library, beginning Saturday, February 5, 2005. Please note: Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

### ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE

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

Monday, February 14	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Monday, February 21	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 23	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Monday, February 28	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 2	6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

#### ADULTS COMPUTER COURSE OUTLINE

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.

##### Sessions 1 and 2:

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

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

##### Sessions 3 and 4:

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

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

##### Sessions 5 and 6

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



#### USING POWER POINT

Saturday February 12, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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

#### KEYBOARDING

Tuesday March 8, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

A basic course to teach those who are uncomfortable typing on a computer the basics they need to know to type more efficiently. In addition to classroom instruction, students will be shown how to use the library's typing tutor program to learn on their own.

#### INTRODUCTION TO WORD

Wednesday March 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

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

#### USING POWER POINT 2

Saturday March 12, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Sean

Extending on the basic skills learned in "Using Power Point", this class will teach students to make their slide shows more dynamic and complex. Going beyond the presets and designing your own slides, creating slide transitions, sounds, animations, and slide show options will all be covered.



## Computer Lab

# WINTER PROGRAMS

### INTRODUCTION TO THE PERSONAL COMPUTER

Tuesday March 15, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

### WINDOWS XP

Tuesday March 22, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will examine the new features of Windows XP to help you take advantage of them. The instructor will also illustrate specific differences between XP and older versions of Windows to help users adapt to the changes. (Having taken "Introduction to the Personal Computer" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

### USING PUBLISHER

Wednesday March 23, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This desktop publishing program can be used to create newsletters, brochures, cards, banners, etc. The class will cover basic techniques needed to create professional publications. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" is recommended.)

### INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS

Wednesday March 30, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

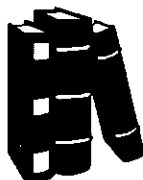
This class will provide a basic understanding of using Microsoft Access. Topics such as creating Tables, Queries, Forms, and Reports will be covered. (Having taken "Introduction to Microsoft Word" or equivalent experience is recommended.)

## LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Local History will be exhibiting AERIAL pictures of Bloomingdale and DuPage County from Jan 15, 2005 - March 31, 2005. Many are from the 1940's, 1950's and 1970's.

Contributors are the Bloomingdale Historical Society, Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, DuPage Airport and the Illinois State Library.

Interested in participating in an evening Historical book group? Our current morning group has read books relating to American history, starting in pre-Revolutionary War to the present. Books to be selected would include some biography, history books and accurate historical novels. Please contact Annamarie Erickson - 630-529-3120 x 341 in the Local History Room for more information.



## WANTED

Donations of used books for our ongoing Book Sale! May be left any time at the library or can be arranged for pickup. Call (630) 529-3120.



## MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

(Grades 4-8)

We continue our book club at this time for moms and daughters who enjoy reading for fun. We will meet for the following three Sunday afternoons, share satisfying conversations about the month's selection and life, based on group-selected popular titles.

First Discussion  
Second Discussion  
Third Discussion

Sunday, February 20  
Sunday, March 20  
Sunday, April 17

If you would like to learn about the book club format and would like to attend please register now at the Youth Services Reference Desk in person or by phone at (630) 529-3120 ext. 331 or 332.

5th Annual

## Breakfast/Brunch with the Bunny

Sponsored by the  
Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club

Held at the Bloomington Golf Club  
181 Glen Ellyn Road  
in Bloomington

Saturday, March 19, 2005

### Breakfast with the Bunny

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

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

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

(Crafts, outdoor egg hunt (weather permitting), and visits with the Bunny.  
Photos with the Bunny will be available, payable at the Breakfast.)

- OR -

### Brunch with the Bunny

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

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

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

(Crafts, outdoor egg hunt (weather permitting), and visits with the Bunny.  
Photos with the Bunny will be available, payable at the Brunch.)

Tickets will be available beginning  
at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 12th  
in the Library Business Office.

#### The cost of the event is:

\$11.00 per adult,  
\$8.00 per child (ages 4-12)  
Free for kids under age 4

(PLEASE NOTE: A ticket is required for all children under age 4.)

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE EGG HUNTS.  
TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED WITH EACH CHILD'S TICKET  
AT TIME OF PURCHASE.



# Bloomington Park District

*We're right around the corner!*

## Oasis Season Passes Go On Sale March 1

Sign up early and save money! The Park District's brand new beautiful water park is scheduled to open June 2005 - don't delay!



## Daddy Daughter Dance

Feb. 19, 6:30pm

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



## Mom and Son Dance

March 24, 7:00pm

Have a fun night spending time together dancing, playing games, and having refreshments. Mom and son will receive a memorable photo so dress your best! The fee is \$22 per couple for residents, and \$27 per couple for nonresidents. Additional children are \$11 each. Registration deadline is March 10.

## KEEP THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

### Get Fit in 2005!

#### GOALITY - NEW!!

A progressive and customized 60 minute strength and conditioning class that focuses on abdominal training, upper and lower body training, and cardiovascular conditioning.

Feb. 15 - Mar. 10; 12:30-1:30pm

R/NR Fee: \$50/55

March 15 - April 7; 12:30-1:30pm

R/NR Fee: \$50/55

#### Yoga

Choose from a variety of days and times to fit your schedule beginning Feb. 28.

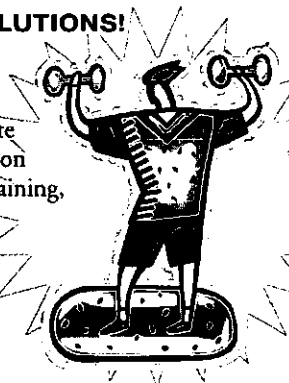
#### Co-Rec Volleyball League

Feb. 25 - May 13

League includes an approximate seven to ten game schedule with a post-season tourney for the top four teams. R/NR Fee: \$525/\$550 per team.

#### Seniors Open Gym

Adults 62 and better can enjoy open gym at the JRC for a \$1 fee from 9:30-10:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tuesdays are Open Volleyball, and Thursdays are Open Basketball.



## Upcoming Registration Dates:

### Preschool Registration

New Students (Residents) - Feb. 8 through March 1

Priority for Returning Nonresident Students - Begins March 14

Open Registration Begins March 28

### Summer Day Camp Registration

Residents - Begins Feb. 2

Nonresidents - Begins April 7

## TRIPS!

### Pullman Historic District

March 3 9:15am-2:45pm

R/NR Fee: \$43/48

Registration deadline is Feb. 10

### Flower & Garden Show

March 16 10:00am-6:00pm

R/NR Fee: \$65/70

Registration deadline is Feb. 14

### Chicago Bulls Trip

April 11 5:00-11:30pm

R/NR Fee: \$32/37

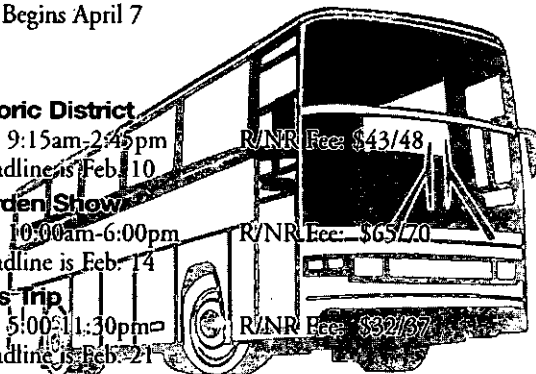
Registration deadline is Feb. 21

### Milwaukee Casino

April 12 11:00am-7:00pm

R/NR Fee: \$35/40

Registration deadline is March 15



## New Senior Programs at BPD!

Seniors can try a variety of programs at the Park District including scrapbooking classes, Gentle Yoga for Seniors, oil painting, Seniors Open Gym, crochet classes, and more! Seniors also receive 20% off of selected senior programs. See your Winter/Spring Program Guide for details, or call the Park District at 529-3650.

## At the Museum...

### Images and Imagination Photo Show

Now-February 26

Expert photographers will display color, black and white, and digital photography.



### 22nd Bloomington Student Art Show

March 19-April 23

This 22nd annual show will feature the creative talents of students ranging from Kindergarten through high school representing the Bloomington area schools.



### Senior Days at the Museum!

Feb. 3 & 24, and March 24 - 10:00am to Noon

Free admission and refreshments!

### Bloomington Park District Museum

108 South Bloomington Rd. • Phone & Fax 630.539.3096  
Hours: Wed. 4pm-8pm; Thurs. & Fri. 10am-4pm; Sat. 12-4pm  
[www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org)

## Bloomington Park District

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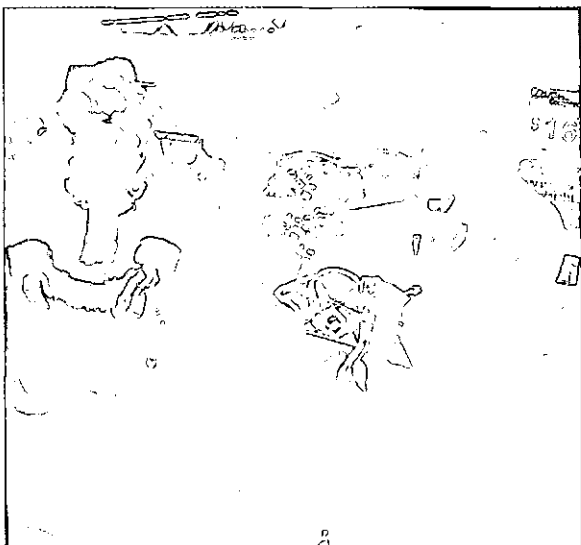
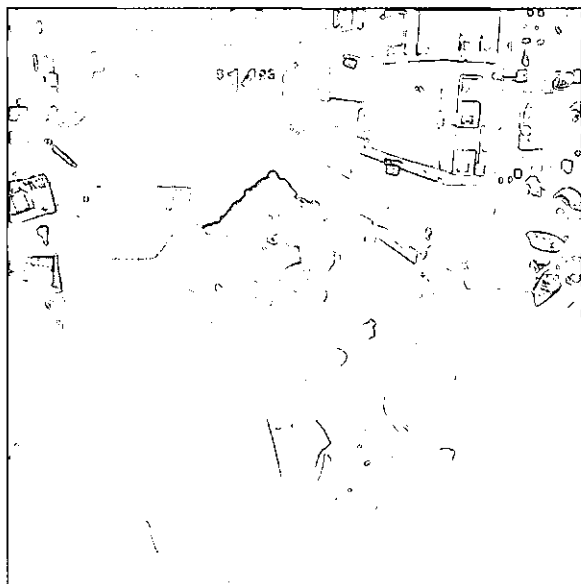
172 South Circle Avenue • Phone 630-529-3650

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 7:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
visit us on the web at [www.bloomingtonparks.org](http://www.bloomingtonparks.org)

## 'Cops & Kids' Program Brightened the Holiday Season For Nine Local Children

The Bloomingdale Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #175 hosted a "Cops & Kids for Christmas" program during the holiday season. Eleven officers took nine youngsters shopping at the Bloomingdale WalMart for presents for family members and something for themselves. All were treated to a pizza lunch thanks to the generosity of a local business.

Bloomingdale FOP President Tim Roberts noted they were able to do more this year thanks to the generosity of the Bloomingdale Parks Foundation, and money raised through the schools and local community. The group was also pleased to make this a very local program as all the youngsters were from Bloomingdale.

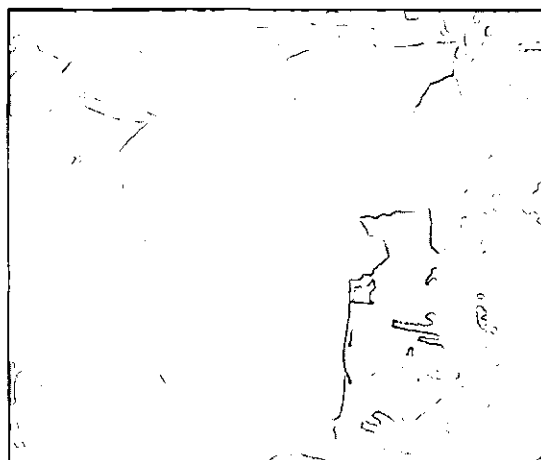
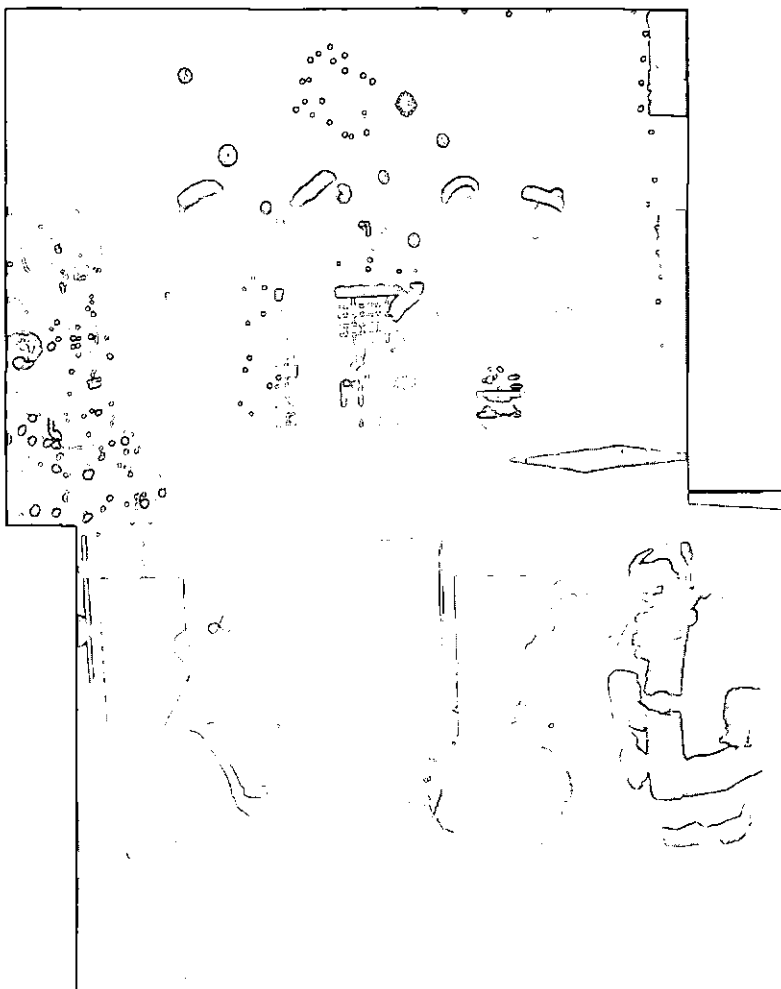


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## Park District's 'Magic of the Season' Holiday Open House



## Scouts & Seniors Decorate DARE Tree

Members of Cub Scout Pack 414 help decorate the DARE tree at Snowman Crossing, alongside members of the Bloomingdale Police Department Senior Citizen Advisory as they decorate their own tree.