



Village of Bloomingdale Almanac

OCTOBER 2005

Bloomingdale
comes to the
aid of
Hurricane
Katrina
victims.
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From the Desk of Mayor Bob Iden

This unusually busy, as well as exceptionally destructive, hurricane season was a major news topic for much of the month of September. There is no doubt the New Orleans and the Gulfport areas will be working at rebuilding for a long time. The initial shock and empathy for those many people who lost everything was felt throughout the country and many grassroots projects sprung up to help out.

The Village of Bloomingdale was no exception. Recently retired Assistant Fire Chief Bill Wolff came to my office the week before Labor Day to suggest a Village-wide effort with the help of our many community organizations to collect and send items desperately needed to those towns in most need. Within a few days representatives of various organizations and interested residents came together and a plan began.

We made contact with officials from Wiggins, Mississippi, the County Seat of Stone County, just north of Gulfport. Beginning on Saturday, September 10 and continuing through September 24, we compiled over 100 skids of new and used clothing, shoes, toiletries, housewares, toys, food, cleaning products and school supplies. Our residents and those of neighboring towns were very generous. So too, were several businesses in Bloomingdale and the surrounding area.

Starting with Monte & Rick Strusiner of Craig Stevens Development who graciously allowed us the use of the empty Sears Hardware store, the following companies lent us or donated items to the cause - everything from trucks and pallets to boxes and packing tape to snacks for volunteers:

Allied Waste Systems
Bloomingdale Bank & Trust
Bloomingdale Wal-Mart
Breda Moving Co.
Budde's Print Shop
Caputo's Fresh Market
Carriage Wash
Chicago Area Building Specialties
Chicago Party Rental
Craig Stevens Development
Daily Herald
Dunkin' Donuts
Excelsior Mfg & Supply Corp.
Home Depot
Jewel/Osco
McDonald's (Bloomingdale & Lake)

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**VILLAGE BOARD,
COMMISSION & COMMITTEE
MEETINGS**

*The public is encouraged to attend all Board
and Commission meetings*

**REGULAR MEETINGS
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**
2nd and 4th Monday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
1st, 2nd 3rd & 4th Mondays of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

PLAN COMMISSION
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Village Hall

**BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE
COMMISSIONERS**
3rd Wednesday of every month
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

POLICE PENSION BOARD
Quarterly beginning in January
4th Monday
5:00 p.m. -- Village Hall

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2nd Wednesday of every month
7:30 p.m. -- Library

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Board of Directors Meeting
1st Thursday of every month
8:00 a.m. -- Indian Lakes

FAMILY FEST COMMISSION
3rd Wednesday of every month
9:30 a.m. -- Library

SEPTEMBERFEST COMMISSION
2nd & 4th Thursday 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

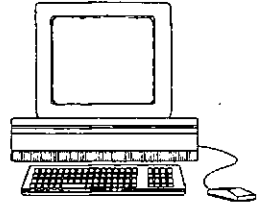
James M. Gebis
*Planning, Zoning
& Environmental Concerns*

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
net" and have a ques-
tion to ask or an issue
to bring to our atten-
tion, just E-mail it to us.
If you wish to send us
an electronic message, our address is:

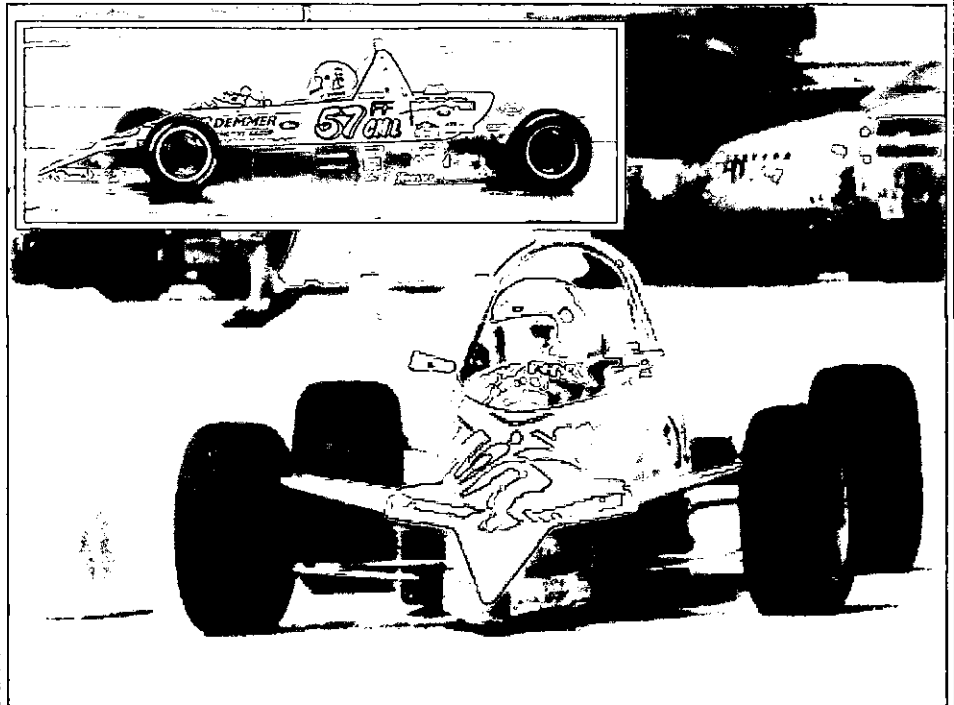


**VILLAGE.BLOOMINGDALE@world-
net.att.net**

Our website address is:
www.vil.bloomington.il.us

The deadline for
the December issue
of the
Almanac is
NOVEMBER 10

A Racy Detective!



Detective Dawn Odoi recently competed with 1100 other race car drivers in the "Tire Rack" Solo National Championship in Topeka, Kansas. She has been competing for 8 years and has won both local and regional racing events. She also took the championship in her class in 2000. Detective Odoi is our Community Relations Officer.

Having ICE Programmed Into Your Cell Phone Could Make a Life or Death Difference in an Emergency



A new statewide initiative is encouraging Illinoisans to save "In Case of Emergency" entries in their personal cell phones under the acronym "ICE". That information could then be accessed by emergency personnel at an accident scene or in the hospital emergency room to contact a family member or friend, who could provide potentially life-saving medical details about the incapacitated victim.

Cell phones have become extremely common – everyone from school-aged children to senior citizens carry phones most of the time. That makes cell phones an ideal place to store critical contact information that could help save a life in an emergency situation. Statistics indicate that in 2003, over 900,000 emergency room patients could not provide contact information because they were incapacitated.

When seconds matter, having ICE contacts in your wireless phone may mean the difference between life and death. Paramedics, police and firefighters often lose valuable time trying to figure out which name in a cell phone to call when disaster strikes. ICE contacts will enable emergency personnel to quickly obtain vital information from a loved one about such things as medications and allergies.

Cell phone users can easily create entries such as "ICE – Mom" or "ICE – Katie" to let emergency workers know quickly who to contact if they are unable to communicate. Additional emergency contacts can be listed by simply noting ICE1, ICE 2, etc.

Although word about ICE is spreading quickly over the Internet on a grassroots basis and in news reports, Illinois is the first state to officially launch a program to promote it. Governor Rod Blagojevich has directed all state emergency personnel to look for ICE numbers when helping individuals who are unconscious or otherwise unable to provide personal information. Roadside signs maintained by the Illinois State Tollway Authority and the Illinois Department of Transportation now flash reminders to motorists to add ICE information to their cell phones.

Join us for Character Counts Celebration Week 2005



Tuesday, October 18th is CHARACTER COUNTS!sm DAY in Bloomingdale. To celebrate and promote the six pillars of character, our annual celebration will be held at the Old Town Pavilion in Bloomingdale at 7:00pm. This year's theme is Building Character Hand by Hand.

The recipients of the 2005 American Youth Character Awards from Erickson, DuJardin, and Winnebago elementary schools, as well as from Westfield Middle and St. Isidore schools will be announced. Performances by the Bloomingdale Park District tumblers, Westfield Band, and musical arrangements by each of the schools will be featured. There will be refreshments and surprises for everyone, and the program will end with the ever-popular Character Counts Shuffle. All are encouraged to bring donations of non-perishable food to be taken to the Bloomingdale Township Food Pantry.

Please join us in this special community event.



CHARACTER COUNTS! -- Septemberfest Parade

WOW!!!

The response to our Hurricane Katrina Collection was overwhelming!

Thanks to the generosity of so many people we were able to help even more people than anticipated!



▲ On Wednesday, September 21, we sent a 28-foot truck with 10 pallets of clothing, food, personal hygiene products, baby supplies and household goods to Aurora where families are being relocated from Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. There are currently 20 families there, with 130 more on their way. The Marywood Apartments have set aside a total of 150 apartments for evacuees. They have been arriving with no more than a duffle bag, and the clothes on their back. Three of the ladies are expecting any day.

▲ On Thursday, September 22, we added three pallets of clothes and two pallets of toys to a truck bound for Clarksdale, Mississippi being sent by School District 15. The teachers and school children of the district adopted the school district in Clarksdale and had been collecting school supplies, clothing and money to send to these youngsters and their families.

▲ On Sunday, September 25, we sent a 53-foot truck to Stone County Fairgrounds in Mississippi filled with clothing & shoes, bedding, non-perishable food, baby supplies, cleaning supplies, toys, school supplies, personal hygiene products, tools, pet food and supplies, over-the-counter medicines and medical supplies.

▲ The last 53-foot truck left later during the week of September 25 to take the last truckful (and we do mean full) of the rest of the donations as listed above to the Gulfport, Mississippi area, just south of Wiggins. There are several small towns in that area which are in great need.

Thank you, Bloomingdale!!!

From the Mayor's Desk

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Medinah on the Lakes Homeowners Association
Meijer
Now Natural Foods
Peacock Relocation Services
Pickens Kane Moving & Storage Co.
Press Publications
Roselle Custom Woodwork
Signs By Tomorrow
Speed-o-Lite Printing
St. Charles Wal-Mart
Stratford Square
Turtle Wax
York Corrugated Container Corp.



Many members of local organizations, residents, business people, scouts and teens came to help with the sorting, box building, packing, sealing, stacking and palleting of the donations. I am deeply grateful to everyone who helped – and there were many of you who donated numerous hours over the two weeks. There are way too many people to mention, and I wouldn't want to leave out anyone's name, but I do need to recognize six people who almost lived at the site and were instrumental in keeping everything moving in the right direction. They are Bill Wolff, Michael Marchi, Barb Nudo, Chuck Franzen, Bonnie Homola, and Kristi Starodub.

I should also note the Bloomingdale Public Library donated several computers to the Pine Forest Regional Library System which has a library in Wiggins. We put these on the truck, along with our donated goods.

Thanks to the overwhelming response to our project, Bloomingdale was able to help, not only the people of Wiggins, but also some of the other small towns in the Gulfport area, as well as a Mississippi school adopted by Marquardt School District 15 and some of the families who were relocated from New Orleans to the Aurora area.

Although our collection of supplies is over, monetary gifts are still being accepted to the "Bloomingdale Hurricane Relief Fund," at Bloomingdale Bank & Trust, the Village Hall, Public Library and Park District offices. Again – THANK YOU to all who helped in any way. It was wonderful community effort.

Mayor Bob Iden



Mark Your Calendar for Fall Branch Collection Program Week of October 17

Fall branch collection will be once again be performed by Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. under the direction of the Village Forestry Division. Branch collection week begins on Monday, October 17.

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

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

Questions? Call the Forestry Division at 630-671-5800.

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2006 Tree Planting Planting Program

The Village Board has again allocated funds for this very successful program which was started in 1982. For the seventh year, additional funds have been included for business/commercial properties. The program provides trees, including planting, at a 50/50 cost sharing with the Village. The trees will be planted next Spring and are available for street parkways, residential front yards and business/school/commercial properties. Business/school/commercial properties that wish to participate should contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

The following are the guidelines of the program:

- ☐ Since the budget is limited, the program will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be submitted by December 1, 2005. No payment is required at this time. Bills will be sent about February 1, 2006.
- ☐ Trees will be 2 1/2 inch caliper, unless stated otherwise. Trees will be quality nursery stock but not specimen plants.
- ☐ The Village reserves the right to disapprove requests based on conflicts, safety, or proper spacing.
- ☐ Removal of dead trees, stumps and/or large roots is not included and must be performed by participants before March 15th.
- ☐ Each residential parcel will be limited to two trees per year. Each business/commercial property will be limited to four trees per year.
- ☐ Participants will be given the opportunity to mark the desired location for the tree; however, the Village retains the right to change the location, if necessary.
- ☐ We anticipate the cost of 2 1/2" caliper trees to be between \$250 and \$350 each, with the Village paying half of the amount.
- ☐ Trees will be guaranteed for one year. Participants are responsible for all watering which will be described in instructions furnished by the Village.
- ☐ For trees to be planted in the public parkway, this application will serve as the permit requirements of the ordinance regulating trees on public areas.



Japanese Lilac Tree

If further information is desired, contact Jim Johnson, Urban Forester, at 630-671-5804.

2006 Tree Planting Program — Residential Request Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

PLANTING ADDRESS: _____

Indicate number of each type desired:

PARKWAY

_____ **Autumn Blaze Pear** (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Autumn Blaze')
Pyramidal shaped with more horizontal branch formation. Glossy green leaves change to reddish-purple in fall. White flowers from late April to early May. Matures to a height of 35'-40' with a 15' spread.

_____ **Japanese Tree Lilac** (*Syringa reticulata*)
Small tree with stiff, spreading branches that develop an oval to rounded crown. Cherry-like bark and white, fragrant flowers in late June. Matures to a height of 20'-30'.

_____ **Autumn Blaze Maple** (*Acer x freemanii* 'Autumn Blaze')
A tree that lives up to its name. It exhibits brilliant and long lasting orange-red fall color. It combines the best characteristics of the Red and Silver Maples. Grows moderately to fast with a mature height of 40'-50'.

_____ **Prairifire Crabapple** (*Malus* 'Prairifire')
Prairifire is red-budded, with dark pinkish-red flowers and 3/8"-1/2" diameter red-purple fruit. It is highly resistant to disease. It matures to a height of 20' and a width of 20', with a rounded growth habit.

_____ **Greenspire Linden** (*Tilia cordata* 'Greenspire')
This littleleaf Linden is distinctly pyramidal in youth, becoming pyramidal-rounded with age. Yellowish fragrant flowers in June; dark green leaves turn yellow in the fall. It grows to a height of 60' and a width of 30'-40'.

_____ **Red Oak** (*Quercus rubra*)
Unique among the landscape oaks because of its rounded habit. Grows 60'-70' tall. Dark green leaves in summer change to red in fall.

FRONT YARD

_____ **Autumn Blaze Pear**

_____ **Japanese Tree Lilac**

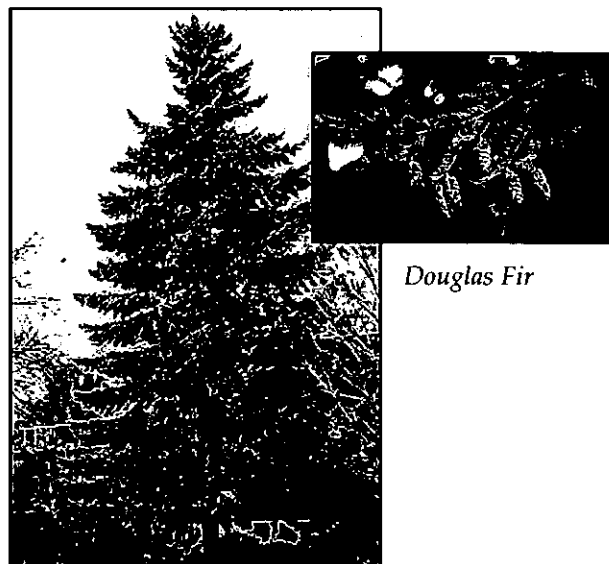
_____ **Autumn Blaze Maple**

_____ **Prairifire Crabapple**

_____ **Greenspire Linden**

_____ **Red Oak**

_____ **Douglas Fir** (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*)
A great tree for the northern states, it is tall, airy, spirelike and soft-textured. Douglas Fir grows 40'-80' tall and 12'-20' wide in maturity.



Douglas Fir

DELIVER OR SEND TO:
DEPARTMENT OF VILLAGE SERVICES, BLOOMINGDALE VILLAGE HALL
201 S. BLOOMINGDALE ROAD, BLOOMINGDALE, IL 60108
Deadline is December 1, 2005

Another Great Septemberfest!

The 33rd annual Septemberfest celebration was blessed with great weather, a unique opportunity to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District, and a wonderful turnout of community members..

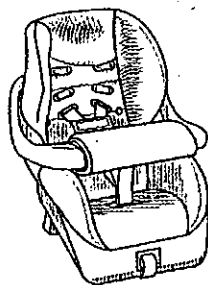
We were fortunate to be able to celebrate with the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District's 100th Anniversary. This included a larger number of fire apparatus in the parade as well as a show of antique and modern fire protection equipment. And the celebration was highlighted by the dedication of our newest fire truck to a person who is very special to the Septemberfest Commission, our own retired assistant fire chief, Bill Wolff. Bill is a very dedicated and caring member of our community and we are all blessed to know him. Congratulations, Bill!

As always, the event would not be as wonderful without the efforts of our Village Services employees and our police officers. A special "thanks" to Bob Maguire, Vern Fasse, and Bruce Beck for all of their assistance. These people were instrumental in providing traffic and crowd control as well as other "essentials." And thank you to the Bloomingdale Fire Protection District for providing medical services throughout the event.

As always, we are grateful for the continued support of our Mayor and Village Trustees and all those sponsors who donated to our event.

And finally, congratulations to our five scholarship winners who received \$2,000 awards from the Joe Draghi Memorial scholarship: Courtney Noonan, Rachel Soden, David Riley, Sara Zanghi, and April Samuelson.

Pam Hager, Chairperson



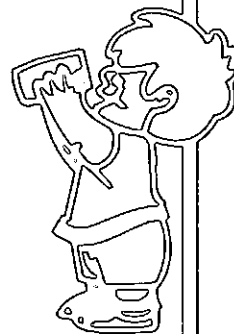
Over 90% of Child Seats
are installed incorrectly
in vehicles –
Is your child safe?

**Free Child Safety Seat Inspections
Sponsored by the
Bloomingdale Police Department**



**Saturday, October 8th
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

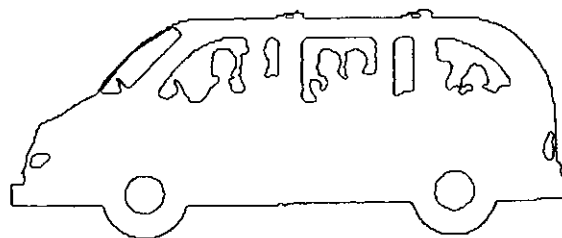
**Toys R Us
404 W. Army Trail Road
Bloomingdale**



**Certified Child Passenger Safety
Technicians will check your child seats
to ensure:**

- ✓ Your child seat is installed correctly
- ✓ Your child seat has not been recalled
- ✓ Your child seat meets safety standards

**Buckle up – Everyone –
Every time**



Leos Shine!

The Bloomingdale Lions Club recently sponsored a Leos Club, which is open to people as young as 12. Leos are also service- and community-oriented.

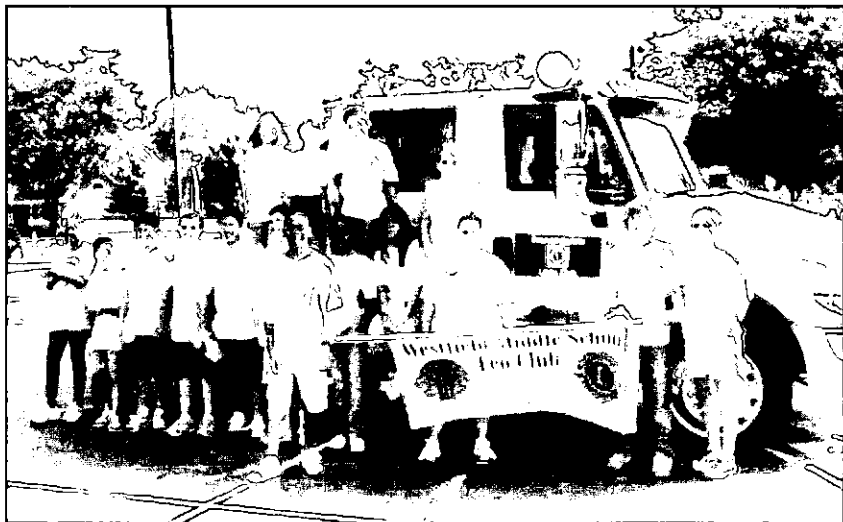
The Bloomingdale Leos Club

meets at Westfield Middle School and is made up of sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Teacher Carri Mueller serves as advisor to the Leos. Lion Mandy Bertrand serves as the liaison between the school and the Lions.

There are 39 boys and girls in this club, which held its first meeting in September. Their first project was to help out at Septemberfest; members walked in the parade handing out flyers about the Hurricane Katrina collection center. Their second community project was to work at the collection center – sorting items, packing boxes and stacking containers for shipping.

The Leos' installation meeting will take place this month. Officers elected for this newly-founded club are: Adam Zeitoun, president; Kelsey Mixer, vice president; Brian Victores, secretary; and Roger Jenisch, treasurer.

The group continues to look for opportunities to do community service. For more information contact Mandy Bertrand at Mandy2575@aol.com.

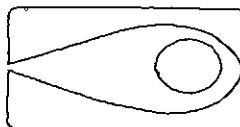


Keep Your Trick or Treaters Safe & Happy This Halloween

- ☐ NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- ☐ Discard any unwrapped items.
- ☐ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- ☐ Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- ☐ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- ☐ Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- ☐ Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- ☐ For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- ☐ Remind children to cross only at corners, and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk – never run – across streets.

**TRICK OR TREAT HOURS ARE
FROM 3:00-7:00 PM
ON
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**

WELCOME
Bloomingdale is a
CRIME WATCH
COMMUNITY



We immediately report
all suspicious activities
to our police department



THE BLOOMINGDALE



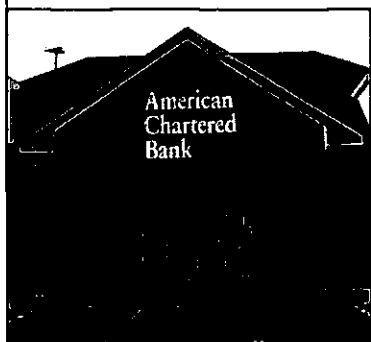
BUSINESS BEAT

The Business Beat is a new addition to the Almanac. We plan to feature news about businesses - newly opened ones, those under construction and those who have something special to tell the residents about - awards won, charitable fundraisers hosted, recent major remodels, etc. Retail businesses provide a significant part of the village's tax base. Supporting them helps keep your Village portion of your property tax bill low.

Remember - BUY IN BLOOMINGDALE.

NEW BUSINESSES

Schaumburg-based **AMERICAN CHARTERED BANK** announced the opening of its new Bloomingdale branch at 485 West Army Trail Road, just east of Costco, on September 21, 2005.



"Bloomingdale is an ideal location for American Chartered Bank to open its 11th branch because of its traditional neighborhoods and thriving businesses, both retail and commercial," said Lynn Tumminaro, branch market manager.

American Chartered Bank, with assets of \$1.9 billion, is

different from other banks because it has been privately held, as well as locally owned and operated since 1987.

"We are as invested in the communities we serve, as the people and businesses that reside there. Our commitment is to provide the complete banking value each customer needs - including more service options, great rates, easy accessibility, and always, expert personal attention," Tumminaro explained.

American Chartered Bank has built its reputation on outstanding value, innovative technology and personal service. For more information, call Lynn Tumminaro, Branch Market Manager, at 630-510-4400, or check out their website, www.americanchartered.com

Locally owned and operated; Equal Opportunity Lender; Member FDIC

PIED PIPER GROOMING SHOPPE, 266 Glen Ellyn Road, is under new ownership. The groomers are both graduates of the Academy of Dog Grooming Arts, as well as being Illinois Certified Groomers. They are also certified in canine CPR.

This neighborhood dog groomer offers full grooming services, including ear cleaning, nails and pads trimmed, bath, brush, blowing out undercoat and hair cut. They are offering specials through the month of November. Call 980-4767 for details or an appointment.

GIVING BACK

Frank Useni, owner of **ROSEWOOD RESTAURANT**, 142 E. Lake Street (in the Springbrook Shopping Center) has been hosting a month-long fundraiser for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. All monies collected from the "All you Can Eat" pasta dinners will be donated to the Bloomingdale Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

All You Can Eat
Spaghetti, Mostaccioli, Fettuccini or Linguini
Soup or salad
Soft drink or coffee

Adults \$7 per person
Children under 12 \$3 per person

Sundays only 1-9 p.m.

Now through Oct 16th
307-9100

IT'S HAPPENING AT STRATFORD SQUARE!!

STRATFORD SQUARE is offering schools extra points for donations of gently worn children's shoes during October and November. One hundred extra "Shop Stratford for Schools" points will be awarded to the school of your choice for each pair of gently worn shoes brought to customer service during mall hours. All shoes will be donated to "Share Your Soles." This organization is working hard to get shoes to all suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. For more information, to volunteer or to donate cash, visit www.shareoursoles.org or call 708-448-4469.

STRATFORD SQUARE is planning its third annual **Night of Giving** for Sunday, November 20th. This popular charity shopping event kicks off the holiday season and gives local non profit organizations the opportunity to raise money. Tickets go on sale in October. Interested organizations should contact Kristen Erickson in the mall marketing office at 630-351-2800 for an information packet.

The Teeing Ground

In this issue we would like to provide you, the golfer, with a little bit of insight from our golf course grounds department. Now that the golf season is winding down and the fall season is upon us, we encounter two evil necessities; aerification of greens and tees and frost delays.

The first necessity many golfers ask is, "Why do you have to aerify the greens and fairways"? Here are two primary reasons:

- Compaction of the turf and soil as a result of equipment, cart and player traffic is alleviated, allowing for healthier turf.
- Over time, the accumulation of organic matter, such as thatch and fine particle (silt and/or clay), accumulates and produces a surface that is less porous. Aerification opens up the surfaces and allows for air, moisture, and fertilizer to reach below the surface.

The other common question or issue is, frost delay. Why are golfers delayed from playing golf on a bright, crisp sunny morning with frost all around? The answer to that question is simple. The golf course superintendent is protecting the health of the turf. What is occurring when you see frost is that ice crystals have formed on the surface of the grass blades making them brittle enough to break off at their base when stepped on. When this grass is walked on, unsightly damage is done to the turf, which can take a long period of time to recover. Have you ever walked on your lawn when it was covered with frost and a few days later you see your foot prints? There is your answer.

As for golfing, here is some upcoming information and activity.

Beginning the second week of October, fall golf rates will take effect. Here is the breakdown:

	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
18 holes	\$22.00	\$25.00
18 holes (Sr./Junior)	\$17.00	\$20.00
9 holes	\$12.00	\$15.00
9 holes (Sr./Junior)	\$10.00	\$13.00
Twilight – determined by Daylight	\$14.00	\$17.00
Riding Cart (per person)	18 Holes \$11.00	9 Holes/Twilight \$7.00

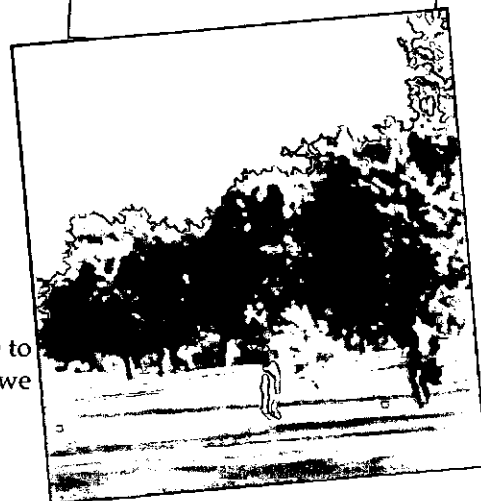
On Sunday, October 23rd, Bloomingdale GC's annual fall scramble event will take place. This is a fun and popular event where winning is not everything! Entertain your good friends and neighbors. Included are the following:

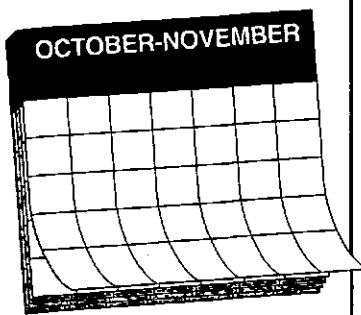
- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Continental Breakfast
- Lunch and buffet dinner
- Prizes and contests
- Open bar

Time: 10 am Shotgun start (hopefully no frost delay)
Cost: \$90.00 per person – Must sign-up as a 4-some
Format: 4-person scramble
Number of entries: 36 foursomes (We fill up fast!)
Registration forms are available in the Pro shop.
Payment must be received with registration.

Finally, we are approaching that holiday shopping season and what a better place to shop than your local golf pro shop. Stop by and take a look. If we don't have it, we will try hard to get it. If you are trying to simplify this year's shopping, keep in mind we offer gift cards that can be used for golf or merchandise.

Happy Golf!





Fall Garden Calendar

For timely information and gardening tips, visit the University of Illinois Extension Office web site - www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/hort/index.html. Topics include: perennial plant division, flowerbed preparation, choosing and planting spring flowering bulbs, composting falling leaves, and lawn repairs.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers good practical advice on trees and tree care. A new feature has been added to help consumers learn the basics of shade tree pruning. Sounds and animation make the tutorial enjoyable and effective. You can even use pruning tools to try your hand at improving an unkempt tree. To get started, simply go to www.arborday.org/pruning.

Don't miss the season's fall colors! Here's where to learn about some great places to enjoy them!

Chicago Botanic Garden at 847-835-5440 or www.chicagobotanic.org

Morton Arboretum at its Bloom'n Color Hotline 630-719-7955 or www.mortonarb.org/color/index.html.

The USDA Forest Service at www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/.

Bloomington Historical Society Notes

by Annamarie Erickson for the Bloomington Historical Society

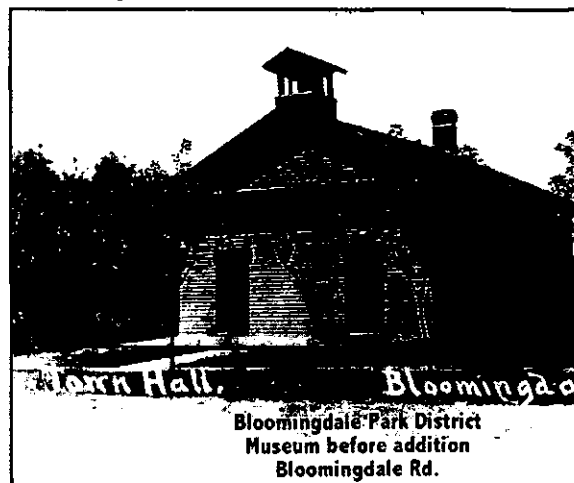
Did you know that Bloomington is 172 years old? It's true - we were the third town to be platted in DuPage County! The Bloomington Historical Society is interested in preserving and presenting the history of Bloomington (all 172 years of it!) by working with the Bloomington Library to save historic documents, as well as to save and preserve historic artifacts in a safe, accessible location for all residents to enjoy.

The group meets on a monthly basis, but will soon be hosting several programs a year to acquaint people with a variety of historical subjects both local and general. Whether you are a history buff - or would just like to know more about the old red schoolhouse on Lake and Third streets, the Bloomington Historical Society might be your kind of group.

For membership inquire at the Local History Room - Bloomington Public Library, 630-924-2765 or call Emil Zidek at 529-8919.

According to DuPage Roots the First Baptist Church was organized at the home of Noah Stevens on March 24, 1841. A. W.

Bulton and Joel Wheeler officiated over the seventy members. Hiram Goodwin purchased the lot at Franklin and Bloomington from Dr. Silas Meacham and his wife Rebecca for \$1,100.00 then donated the lot for the new church. The building was completed early in 1849. (*DuPage Roots* by Richard A. Thompson & Contributors. *DuPage Historical Society*, 1985.)



What is this? Find out in the next Almanac's Historical Society's Note.



Congratulations to Our 2005 Septemberfest Scholarship Winners

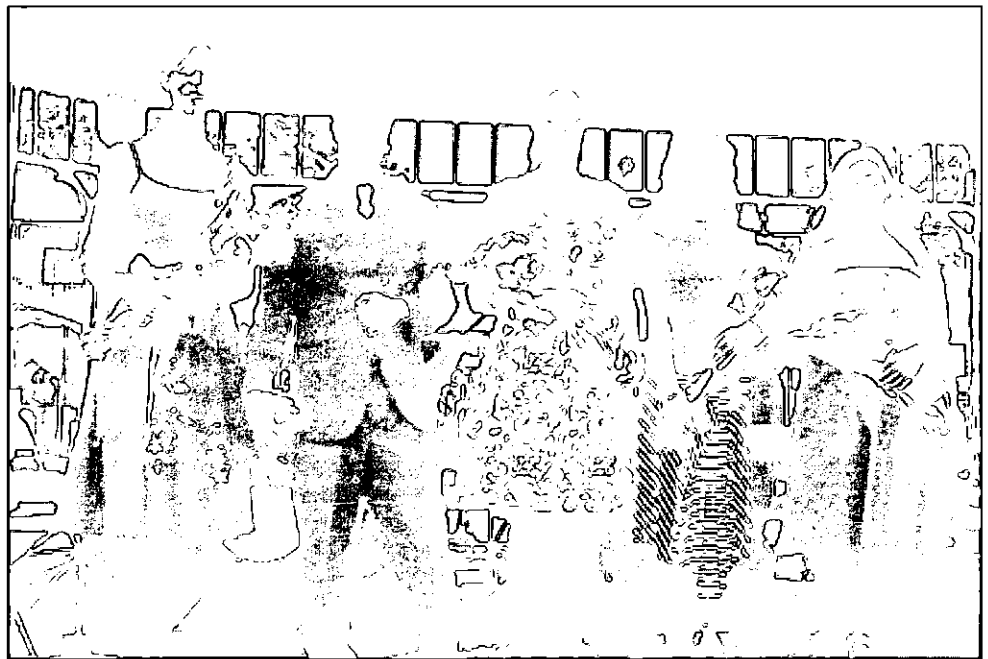
Rachel Soden is a 2003 Lake Park graduate. During her high school years, she was active in both school and church activities, assuming a leadership role in many of these. A senior at Wheaton College, she continues to hone her leadership and mentoring skills as she serves as a resident assistant for 45 underclassmen girls. Rachel will graduate with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a certificate in Family Studies from the sociology department. She intends to pursue a master's degree in social work and plans to serve as a child or family and marriage counselor for a church or non-profit organization.

Courtney Noonan is currently a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is a bilingual education major. It was an internship in her former elementary school that led her to her career choice in education. The leadership and community service that marked Courtney's Lake Park High School years have continued into her college career. She has had the opportunity in Texas to donate her time and talents to children, including volunteering to assist children and families with both mental and physical disabilities.

Sara Zanghi is currently a Lake Park High School senior. She is active in high school sports and National Honor Society, as well as holding down a job. In between, she finds time to volunteer in the community. Since Sara grew up participating in many of the Bloomingdale Park District sports and activities, she felt it only fitting that she give back to the organization that gave her so much. For the past two seasons she has served as a volunteer coach for youth basketball through the park district. Although Sara has not yet decided on a major for college, she plans to attend a 4-year college in the Midwest.

David Riley is currently attending Illinois State University, after having earned an associate's degree in arts from the College of DuPage. The part-time jobs he has held over the years have all led him to community service in one way or another - from the "Chore Program" for Bloomingdale Township seniors, to representing Jewel at a number of charity fundraisers to working at a multi-needs camp for a local park district. David's experiences with children with special needs both here and in educational settings have convinced him to seek a career in a multi-needs classroom.

April Samuelson's life has been filled with community service since her earliest years accompanying her mom to one of the local nursing homes to help entertain the seniors. She went on to find many of her own volunteer activities from Student Council and Girl Scouts to church activities and drug abuse education efforts. Now as a sophomore at Kent State University in Ohio majoring in public relations, she has found many ways to contribute on the college campus. After graduation, April hopes to work as a lobbyist for anti-drug activities or eventually open her own public relations agency.

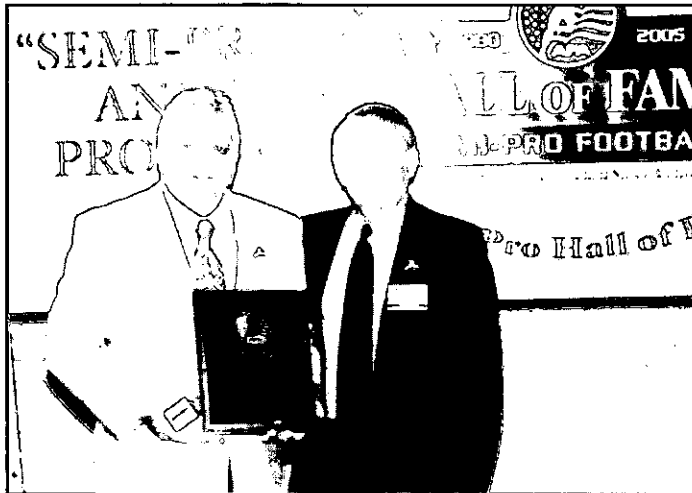


The 2005 Septemberfest Scholarship Winners: April Samuelson, David Riley, Courtney Noonan, Sara Zanghi, and Rachel Soden.

Cadet Christopher Bahr, son of residents **William and Mary Bahr**, was once again named to the Dean's List at the U.S. Military Academy. This summer Chris served as part of the welcoming cadre for the new cadet candidates of the USMA class of 2009.

He also graduated and received his wings on August 12 from the U.S. Army Airborne School in Ft. Benning, GA. Chris is looking forward to classes and rejoining the Army Rugby team, which is occasionally rated #1 in the nation. The 2003 Lake Park alumnus plans to graduate from West Point in 2007 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Danielle Torres, daughter of **Deno and Laura Vercillo**, will be competing in the Miss Illinois USA Pageant in November at McCormick Hyatt Regency Place. Danielle is a graduate of Lake Park High School currently studying at the College of DuPage. Good luck, Danielle!



Norm Nissen and Roman Strzala

The American Football Association held its 25th Semi-Pro Hall of Fame induction ceremony this past June in Oak Brook Terrace. Among the inductees to the "Class of 2005" was Bloomingdale resident **Norm Nissen**. He was presented by Class of 2002 Hall of Famer **Roman Strzala**, also a Bloomingdale resident. The two were teammates on the Elmhurst Travelers in the 1950's and 60's. This semi-pro team competed in the Bi States, Tri States and Central States Leagues. Both gentlemen emulate the AFA motto of being "Semi-Pro and Proud" and wear their Hall of Fame rings proudly.

Bob Chambers, one of our senior citizen volunteers to the Bloomingdale Police Department was recently honored to be presented a Senior Citizen Volunteer Award by the Illinois State Triad. The Triad is an organization which brings together Law Enforcement officers, State's Attorneys and Senior Service Specialists to network in order to address the needs of and improve the quality of life for senior citizens.

Bob has been an integral and valuable member of our volunteer team almost since its inception. Much of his volunteer work consists of computer input, including detective activity reports and juvenile data reports, but he frequently volunteers to also help out Detective Dawn Odoi with our many community outreach programs. He enjoys interacting with both adults and youngsters as they ask questions about the Police Department.

Bob is admired for his work ethic by both fellow volunteers and department personnel with whom he works. We are extremely proud to have had Bob Chambers publicly recognized by the Triad for his tireless efforts.



Kathy & Bob Chambers, Police Chief Gary Schira and Volunteer Coordinator Marv Roehlke

Community Events Community Events

See Da Bears

Meet Chicago Bear Jerry Azumah and former Bear and media personality Tom Waddle at the Glendale Heights Jewel-Osco on Tuesday, October 4. They will be signing autographs 5-7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Midwest Dairy Association.

District 13 Offers Preschool Screenings

Bloomingtondale Elementary School District 13 will conduct preschool screenings for children ages 2.9 through 5 years on October 12, 13 and 14 at the Bloomingtondale Public Library, 101 Fairfield Way.

These screenings, offered at no cost to District 13 residents, assess gross and fine motor skills, speech and language skills, social-emotional skills, and vision and hearing skills. To schedule an appointment, call (630) 582-5130.

Garden Club Program to Feature Garden Lilies

The Bloomingtondale Garden Club invites all to its October 19 meeting at the Bloomingtondale Public Library at 7:00 p.m. "Garden Lilies" will be presented by Woody Imberman, past president of the Illinois-Wisconsin Lily Society. True lilies are one of the truly great garden plants, with elegantly beautiful flowers. By selecting from among Asiatics, Orientals, Trumpets, Orienpets, species, and hybrids, you can create an extended bloom season and add sweet perfume to your garden.

On November 16 "What's New in 2006?" will feature exciting new annuals and perennials at the Bloomingtondale Public Library at 6:15 p.m. Kristin Ludwig of Ball Seed is a frequent guest speaker and instructor for the College of DuPage and the Chicago Botanic Garden, and is responsible for sourcing, evaluating and developing new plants at Ball Seed. This program is hosted jointly by the Bloomingtondale Garden Club and Bloomingtondale Public Library. For information on the above programs, contact Helen Price, Bloomingtondale Garden Club, 630-980-6585.

DuJardin Elementary PTO Hosting Holiday Bazaar

The DuJardin Elementary School PTO, hosts a Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show on Saturday, November 12th from 9 am to 5 pm. in the school, 166 S. Euclid. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some holiday shopping among dozens of unique gifts and goodies. The PTO still has spaces available. All crafters, in-home sales consultants and non-profit groups are welcome. For applications or additional information, please call Sherrill at (630) 307-9407.

Bloomingtondale Women's Club Hosts Get Acquainted Coffee on October 13, Fashion Show on November 19

The Bloomingtondale Women's Club hosts a membership drive on Thursday, October 13 at Sunrise, 129 E. Lake Street. This "get acquainted" evening will be an international coffee from Starbucks Coffee. The club is looking for area women who want to have fun, lend a helping hand, make friends and make a difference in our community. For more information, call Violette at 673-0119 or Mary Rose at 980-1173.

Get ready for "Putting on the Glitz," on Saturday November 19 at Indian Lakes Resort. The Bloomingtondale Women's Club 2005 fashion show and luncheon will feature fashions from Carson Pirie Scott, Mona Lisa Boutique, Total Wedding, Gentlemen Quarters, Jack & Jill and York Furriers. Cocktails start at 11 a.m.; luncheon at noon. Great raffle prizes. Call Rosie at 630-291-3667 for reservations.

Sign Up for 'Strictly Drawing' At Park District Museum On October 15

A workshop for children (7-12 years) called "Strictly Drawing" will be held on Saturday, October 15th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Bloomingtondale Park District Museum in conjunction with the exhibit being held there from the Alumni of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

A wonderful opportunity for young artists, the workshop will be a guided experience in drawing using a variety of media. Each artist will have the opportunity to learn about works in the current drawing exhibition.

John Tuleweit, a working artist and alumnus of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago will conduct the class and help students create a still life in his or her own style.

Participants will need to bring an object such as a toy or a household item to draw.
Min/Max: 5/20 Residents \$22 -
Non-residents \$27. Call the museum at 630/539-3096 and leave a message for curators.
Sign-up closes Wednesday, October 5.





Street Sweeping

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.

Leaf Disposal

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 Allied Waste Industries' (formerly BFI) yard waste/leaf collection program. Leaves and yard waste placed in yard waste bags or cans (with handles) will be picked up by Allied Waste on regular trash days through November 30th. Weight limit of each bag or can is 50 pounds. A yard waste sticker (\$1.58 each) must be affixed to each bag or can. Stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall, Bloomingdale Pharmacy, and local Butera, Dominicks and Jewel Food Stores. Questions concerning the yard waste/leaf collection program can be directed to Allied Waste at 847-429-7370.

Avoid Flooding Problems

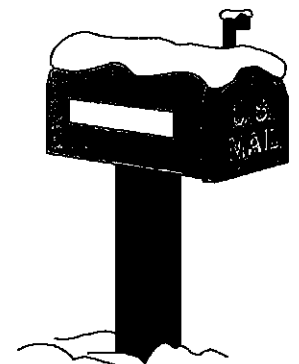
If we get some typically heavy fall rainstorms, homeowners could experience flooding problems. Village Services provides some tips to help alleviate potential problems.

- 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.

Before the Snow Flies . . . Please Winterize Your Mailbox

Residents are requested to inspect mailboxes and posts to ensure sturdiness and compliance with the postal service installation requirements, and correct any problem identified. If you have questions as to whether or not your mailbox is in compliance with Village requirements, you may contact the Village Services Department – Street Maintenance Division at 671-5800.

Also, if ornamental rocks or planters are used for landscape beautification, residents need to ensure that they are a minimum of three feet in back of the curb or pavement on non-curb streets. If deemed necessary for safe snow removal operations, these obstacles will be removed by the Village.





Bloomington Fire Protection District #1



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Carbon Monoxide

Each year, hundreds of people in the U.S. die from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the home. Thousands more become ill and require medical treatment. Some people, like children and unborn babies, older people, and people with heart and lung diseases are at a greater risk for CO poisoning.

CO is an odorless, colorless gas produced by burning fuel. In the home, dangerous levels of CO can occur if fuel-burning appliances are not working properly or are used incorrectly. Furnaces, water heaters, and other appliances can all be sources of CO if they are improperly installed or maintained, damaged, malfunctioning, improperly ventilated, or used other than for their intended purpose. Read the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Any appliance or vehicle that runs on oil, natural gas, kerosene, propane, wood, or gasoline can produce CO. Common sources around the house include: furnaces and water heaters, fireplaces and wood stoves, gas stoves and ovens, gas dryers, space heaters, charcoal and gas grills, vehicles, and yard equipment like lawn mowers and snowblowers. Ventilation problems from chimneys, flues, and vents used with furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, or wood stoves can also cause a build up of CO. When installed and/or maintained properly, fuel-burning appliances and vehicles produce very little CO. If, however, they are being utilized improperly or incorrectly, they can produce dangerous amounts. The signs and symptoms of CO poisoning may be mistaken for flu or other illnesses. At low levels, the symptoms may include: headache, fatigue, sleepiness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, confusion, tightness in the chest and trouble breathing. At high levels, loss of consciousness, coma, and death can occur in a short time. Exposure to lower levels of CO over several hours can be as dangerous as exposure to higher levels for a few minutes.

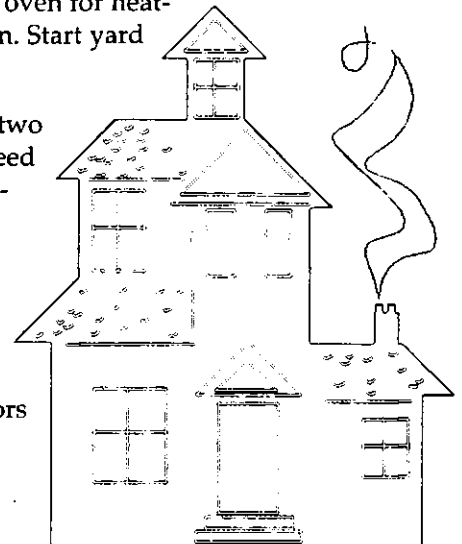
If the CO detector activates and anyone has symptoms, get everyone out of the building immediately and seek medical attention. If no one has symptoms: open your windows and doors to ventilate the house, turn off all fuel-burning appliances and vehicles, contact the fire department, and watch for any symptoms of CO poisoning. If anyone exhibits any signs or symptoms, even if the alarm did not go off, contact the fire department by dialing 911. Never ignore the alarm. Do not reenter your house until any problems have been corrected.

Use fuel-burning appliances and vehicles correctly to avoid trouble. Follow all manufacturers' instructions. Keep the owner's manual handy in case you have questions. Never ignore safety warnings. Never use a charcoal or gas range indoors (this includes in a garage). Vent a fuel-burning heater to the outside. Vent your gas stove to the outside. Crack a window and run the exhaust fan whenever you cook. Never use a gas stove or oven for heating. Never leave a vehicle running in a garage – even if a door or window is open. Start yard equipment outdoors, never in a garage, basement, or other enclosed area.

Install at least one CO detector in your home near your sleeping areas. There are two main types of CO detectors: plug-in models and battery-powered models. You need to consider the benefits of each type before purchase. Make certain that the detector you choose is listed by a qualified, independent testing laboratory. Check the manufacturer's instructions for proper installation and placement.

Prevention is the key to keeping your family safe from carbon monoxide. Have fuel-burning appliances inspected and installed by professionals. Follow all instructions when using any fuel-burning appliance or vehicle. Know the symptoms of CO poisoning and what to do if anyone exhibits them. Install CO detectors in your home and test them on a regular basis.

For more information on how you can keep your family safe from the dangers of carbon monoxide, contact the Bloomington Fire Protection District at 894-9080.



Off the Shelf



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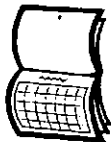


THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Wednesday, November 23	Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24	- LIBRARY CLOSED -
Friday, November 25	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 26	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 27	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS



HALLOWEEN PARTY
October 29

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
November 29

POLAR EXPRESS
December 4

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA
December 10

Youth Services Department
YOUTH FALL PROGRAMS

PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

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 924-2740. Please have your library card ready when you come in or call.

Please note that each program will begin on time, and registrants will not be admitted after the program begins.



SUD-SATIONAL SOAPMAKING

(Grades 4-6)

Saturday, October 8

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

Registration is required.

Limit: 10 participants.

Tired of using the same old soap every morning? Want to make your shower time more interesting? Sign up for this fun and informative workshop on homemade soap. Participants will learn how soap was made in the past and make their own bars of soap using the tried and true melt and pour method.



TALES FOR TAILS

(Grades 2-6)

Mondays, November 7, 21, and 28,
and December 5

7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

In-person registration is required.

Bond with a four-legged pal and strengthen your reading skills. Rainbow Animal-Assisted Therapy will provide the dogs. Pick your tale and entertain your tail-wagging pal. You will read to your friend after a brief sniff and pet. Children must commit for the four weeks and must be on time for their designated time slot. The slots are limited and tardiness will result in loss of your time for that session.

Registration for this program must be made in-person and a parental waiver must be signed at the time of registration.



ANIMAL ORIGAMI

(Grades 4-6)

Tuesday, November 8

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

Registration is required.

Limit: 20 participants.

Join us for a workshop exploring the art of Japanese paper folding. Participants will learn about the history and basics of Origami and make several of their own creatures. Beginners and experienced folders are welcome!



**ZOO ORNAMENT
WORKSHOP**

(Families)

**Monday, November 14
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Registration is required.

Once again the the Friends of the Library
will be sponsoring the
Bloomingdale Public Library Community Tree
at the Brookfield Zoo.

You are invited to come create a craft
that will be on display at the
Brookfield Zoo.

The families of all who have created
ornaments are invited to
come and decorate the tree on
Saturday, November 19, 2005
from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
Registration is required.



YOUTH FALL PROGRAMS



"BE A SUPER READER" SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program. A total of 594 children registered for the program and earned prizes based on the amount of time they spent reading. By the end of the program, participants had read a total of 5968 hours. Thank you again to the Friends of the Bloomingdale Public Library, local businesses, and the Daily Herald and its "Big Ticket" program for their donations of prizes. They all helped make the Summer Reading Program a success.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Bloomingdale Public Library staff would like to thank the 21 teens who volunteered their time and talents during the summer reading program and at the Ice Cream Social. These great young people worked a total of 81.75 hours, and they all were of tremendous help in making the Summer Reading Program a success.

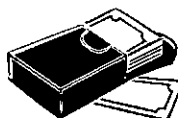


Help us decorate the Youth Services holiday tree.

Create your own ornament
at home and bring it to hang
on the Youth Services Department tree.

No ornaments will be returned.

Hand in your creation by
Tuesday, November 22nd
and see the result at the
Holiday Open House
on
Tuesday, November 29th
from 6:30-9:00 P.M.



YU-GI-OH AND MAGIC CCG GROUP

Do you like to play Yu-Gi-Oh, Magic, or other CCG's but don't have anywhere to play? If you are 9 years old or older, join the Bloomingdale Public Library CCG Group.

We meet on the first Tuesday (6:00 - 8:30 PM) and the Third Saturday (1:00 - 4:30 p.m.) of the month.

Please contact Bill Forgette at 630-924-2766 or wforgette@linc.lib.il.us to register or for more information.

JOIN OUR FRIENDLY SENIORS!

The Bloomingdale Seniors Club meets at 11:00 a.m. at the Bloomingdale Library on the second Tuesday of every month. Join them for conversation, informational speakers, bus trips, and card playing.



Come join the fun and activities!

Adult Services Department

ADULT FALL PROGRAMS

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP NEWS

New members are always welcome! Books are available approximately one month in advance at the Adult Reference Desk. Any questions, please call 924-2730.

ADULT BOOK GROUP

Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and the previous Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

October 19 and 20
Book of Illusions by Paul Auster

November 16 and 17
Into Thin Air by John Krakauer

HISTORICAL BOOK GROUP

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

November 1
Lewis and Clark in the Illinois Country -
The Little Told Story by Robert E. Hartley

December 6
Martin Van Buren by Edward L. Widner

ADULT PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to everyone. Please call the Adult Services desk to register, 924-2730 unless noted otherwise.



JOURNALING FOR SENIORS

Friday, October 21
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Naazish Yarkhan of the Writer's Studio will assist you so that you may give your children and family the gift of your experiences and life stories. Yarkhan will help you to share a host of memories and advice; stories of hard times, challenges met, victories won, tender romances and familial love. This is a hands-on workshop, so bring your stories and ideas! Class size is limited to 35 participants. Sign up early to save your spot!



THE FACTS ABOUT ADHD

Wednesday, October 26
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

People with ADHD tend to show hyperactive and impulsive behavior. They may also have problems paying attention and concentrating. ADHD is an under-recognized condition and less than half of the affected individuals receive the appropriate diagnosis and treatment. Join Dr. Miksis and learn the symptoms and treatments that can offer help for people with ADHD. Sponsored by the Alexian Center for Mental Health. Registration required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). (Program at the library).



NUTRITION FOR A HEALTHY HEART

Wednesday, November 2
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join a registered dietician from Alexian Brothers Medical Center for an informative discussion on eating and cooking for a healthy heart. She will discuss nutrition guidelines that support heart health and will discuss low-fat cooking techniques. She will also provide recipes for low fat, delicious foods to include in your menu planning. Registration required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). (Program at the library).



ELDERHOSTEL

Thursday, November 10
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Heard of Elderhostel but don't know quite how it works? Join us as an Elderhostel Ambassador visits the library to discuss the following: the history of Elderhostel, what a program consists of, the registration process and personal Elderhostel experiences. In addition, time for a question and answer period will be allotted.



WHAT'S NEW FOR 2006

Wednesday, November 16
6:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

This lecture concerning new gardening trends, co-sponsored with the Bloomingdale Garden Club, will be presented by Kristin Ludwig, a Ball Seed representative.



PROTECTING YOUR ASSETS AND ELDER LAW

Wednesday, November 30
6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

This seminar will help Seniors and their children understand everything from basic estate planning, power of attorney, trusts, wills and trusts. In addition you will also find out how to protect your assets so you can qualify for Medicare and Medicaid if you or your loved one has to enter a nursing home or go into an assisted living situation.



MAGNIFICENT MILE BUS TRIP

Thursday, December 1
9:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Shop 'til you drop or just enjoy the window displays along Michigan Avenue. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. and will return to the library by approximately 5:30 p.m. There is a \$5.00 non-refundable fee for this program. Please register in the Business Office. Registration limited to 23 participants. Registration deadline is Friday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m.



OSTEOPOROSIS SCREENING

Wednesday, December 14
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Osteoporosis develops over time, and often, the diagnosis occurs after a bone fracture. Early detection of osteoporosis is crucial. Women over 35 are invited for a free bone density ultrasound screening. Limited appointments will be available. Registration required. Call AlexianConnects at 1-866-ALEXIAN (253-9426). (Program at the library).



Adult Services Department

TEEN FALL PROGRAMS

TEEN PROGRAMS



TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (T.A.C.)

(6th - 12th grades)

Thursday, October 13

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 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 T.A.C. 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. T.A.C. is also a way you can earn service hours for school or other organizations. Come to our meeting and find out more! To register call 924-2730 or stop by the Reference Desk.



TEEN BOOK CLUB

(7th - 12th grades)

The Teen Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! Books are available about one month in advance at the Adult Reference Desk. Any questions, please call 924-2730.

Tuesday, October 18th

The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman

Tuesday, November 15th

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

TEEN READ WEEK

OCTOBER 16 - 22

The theme for Teen Read Week 2005 is **Get Real @ Your Library!**

Join us for these fun Teen Read Week Events!

FREE MOVIE CHECKOUT

During Teen Read Week teens (6th - 12th grades) get one free DVD/Video checkout coupon when they check out materials at the library. You can only get one coupon per day, per checkout, per card. Don't forget to visit the library!



OPEN CRAFTS (6th - 12th grades)

Wednesday, October 19th

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Bored? Looking for something different to do? Stop by the library with your friends after school on Wednesday, October 19th anytime between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and make something fabulous. We'll provide supplies, and you can let your creative side run wild.



YOUR REAL LIFE: PHOTO COLLAGE (6th - 12th grades)

Saturday, October 1st - Start picking up disposable cameras at Adult Reference Desk

Wednesday, October 12th - Cameras due at Adult Reference Desk

Thursday, October 20th 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Your Real Life: Photo Collage making party!

Share your "Real Lives @ the library" through photography. Beginning October 1st disposable cameras will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to interested participants. Take pictures of willing friends, teammates, family, pets, your everyday life. Bring the cameras back no later than October 12th for picture development. (The library will take care of the development fee.) Then return on October 20th to help create a photo collage, which will be displayed in the new YA Spot teen area in November!

Please stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up your disposable camera. There will be a 12 person limit. Teens who register are pledging to participate in taking photographs (nothing offensive or objectionable, please) and in the creation of the photo collage. For questions, call 924-2730 or stop by the Reference Desk.



GOT TAPE? (6th - 12th grades)

Thursday, December 1

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

Are you strapped for cash this holiday season? Give a gift that will really impress your friends and family...a gift made of duct tape! Duct tape, you ask? Yes! Join us to make purses, coasters, wallets and possibly other creative gifts. To register stop by the Reference Desk or call 924-2730. Registration is limited to only 12 teens, so don't forget to sign up.

FALL 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 October 5. Deposits will not be refunded unless cancellation is made at least 24 hours in advance of the class start time.

BEGINNERS COMPUTER COURSE

Monday,	October 31	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	November 1	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday,	November 7	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	November 8	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday,	November 14	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday,	November 15	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sean		



This new six session course will provide the basic tools needed for the areas of computer use that people are most interested in. Getting comfortable with Windows and the mouse while learning about the Internet, email, word processing and printing will be the primary focus. This course is intended for anyone, whether they're interested in refreshing old skills or have never touched a computer before. Much of the class will be devoted to questions and all topics will include hands-on practice. (No previous experience necessary.)

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

WINDOWS XP

Tuesday, October 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will examine the new features of Windows XP that casual users are likely to notice and would have the opportunity to take advantage of. We 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.)

INTERMEDIATE EXCEL

Wednesday, October 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 1

Wednesday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

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

UNDERSTANDING YOUR COMPUTER 2

Wednesday, November 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

Class will cover more advanced Windows topics such as changing settings, manipulating/customizing toolbars, properties screens and startup/recovery disks. (Having taken "Understanding Your Computer 1" or equivalent experience is strongly recommended.)

ACCESS QUERIES

Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Sean

This class will focus on the use and creation of Queries when working with Access databases. The class's limited scope will allow much greater depth to be given to this versatile and effective tool. Extensive examples will be used and students will create and edit many of their own queries.



FALL PROGRAMS

THANK YOU!

The Bloomingdale Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to Michael and Bertie Ratliff for their generous donation of \$500. The money will be used to purchase books for our foreign language collection.

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

The Local History Department has area maps on exhibit. The earliest reproduction maps are from the 1830's, others are village (1874), Township (1904), Land Use Plans (1977, 1998), and Election Districts. Stop in and see the display!



"Be a Super Reader " Summer Reading Program

This year's 126 adult and 78 teen participants read a total of 1123 books! Thanks to all who registered for the program and to our local sponsors who provided many wonderful prizes.



PEP PROGRAM

Join the People Educating People (PEP) Volunteer Program from College of DuPage as a volunteer classroom aide. Aides help adult students learn English as a Second Language (ESL), reading, writing or basic math. Volunteers work once or twice a week for two to three hours. Day, evening and weekend classes for ESL and GED are held throughout DuPage County. Bilingual skills are needed only for Spanish GED.

The next training series for ESL and reading/math volunteer classroom aides will be offered on consecutive Saturdays, November 12 and 19, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Glen Ellyn campus. The deadline to register is October 28. Spring assignments begin January 17.

For more information, call Joan Morris, PEP Volunteer Mgr., at (630) 942-3788.

IMReference

Beginning Monday, October 3, 2005, Bloomingdale Public Library will be providing a new service. IMReference is another way for patrons to contact the library with reference questions. IM, also known as Instant Messaging, is a program that allows users to have private, real-time, text conversation online. The service will be available Monday through Thursday afternoons from 3 - 5 pm. This program is in addition to the email electronic reference service already in place, "Ask a Librarian" on the homepage. IMReference accepts Instant Messages from AOL, Yahoo, MSN and ICQ. For more information see the library website at <http://www.bloomington.lib.il.us/>.

IM the Library at:

AOL Instant Messenger: BDLibrarian
Yahoo Messenger: BDLibrarian
MSN Messenger: BDLibrarian@hotmail.com
ICQ: 319632035



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Everyone is invited to attend the 17th Annual

HALLOWEEN PARTY

at the

Bloomington Public Library
Saturday, October 29, 2005
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.



Sponsored by:
the Bloomington Public Library,
the Friends of the Library,
and the Village of Bloomington

The Halloween Party will be held outside
under a tent, rain or shine!

Children are encouraged to wear costumes.

**Tickets for games will be available
from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**The event will feature storytelling, free games,
free refreshments and much more!**

Please call the Youth Services Reference Desk
at 924-2740 for more information!



8th Annual

POLAR EXPRESS

Bring the family for a ride on "The Polar Express"
*based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg

We'll meet at the Roselle Train Station at
1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 4
for a trip to the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).
We'll have a storyteller, treats, caroling, and pickup a
special visitor at the North Pole (Elgin Train Station).

**Tickets are \$8 for adults and
\$6 for children (eleven and under).**

You may purchase tickets in person beginning at
9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2005
in the Business Office.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING POLAR EXPRESS:

Ticket sales will be limited to Bloomington residents only
(valid photo id required). Seats are limited for this event.
Groups wishing to sit within the same train car will need to
purchase tickets at the same time.

Due to the seating configuration on the train cars, some
passengers may be seated in the upper level of the train car.
Further, there is no guarantee that groups who purchase tickets
together will be seated next to each other.

12th Annual

BREAKFAST/BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Pages, the Library Bear, is inviting children of all ages and their families to come to the
Bloomington Golf Club for the 12th Annual Breakfast/Brunch with Santa.

This event is sponsored by the Bloomington Public Library and the Bloomington Golf Club.

Breakfast and Brunch will be held at the Bloomington Golf Club:

181 Glen Ellyn Road in Bloomington

Saturday, December 10

Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

(Food will be served from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)
(Activities will be offered from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

Brunch

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Food will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
(Activities will be offered 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)



Tickets will be available at the Library on Saturday, October 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
The cost of the breakfast is \$11.00 per adult, \$8.00 per child (ages 4-12), and free for kids under age 4 (a
ticket is required). Checks may be made payable to the Bloomington Public Library.

Photos with Santa will be available for purchase at the event.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SNOWMAN CROSSING



The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are pleased to announce the Seventh Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree Program. The holiday trees will be displayed along the sidewalk at the Library. Twenty holiday trees will be available. The Library and the Village are inviting community groups, classes, and clubs to participate by decorating a tree between November 23 and November 27, 2005. Trees must be decorated by Monday, November 28, 2005, for the Library/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. outside the Library.

Trees will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, the number of trees a school or other groups can decorate will be limited, so all areas of the Village are represented. Each participating group will receive a location map of its tree and a list of the rules and regulations. Once your tree reservation is received and confirmed, you may begin planning your decorations. There is no required theme. There are, however, certain rules all groups must follow:

Decorating may not begin until Wednesday, November 23 and must be completed by Monday, November 28, 2005.

Groups must remove their own ornaments from their tree. Decorations must be removed from the trees between Saturday, December 31, 2005 and Sunday, January 1, 2006. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 2, 2006, all remaining decorations will be removed and discarded from trees in preparation for chipping (chipped trees are used as mulch throughout the Village). Ornaments will not be saved.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged decorations.

This event is open to Bloomingdale clubs, groups, and/or classes. The groups must either be from Bloomingdale or be Bloomingdale residents in order to participate. If groups wish to laminate ornaments, the Library has a laminator available. Please call to reserve a time.

We are very excited about the Seventh Annual Community Decorated Holiday Tree program. If you have any questions and/or if you wish to participate, please contact the Business Office at (630) 924-2720.

The Bloomingdale Public Library and the Village of Bloomingdale

Cordially invite you to attend our

17th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Open House

**Tuesday, November 29, 2005
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Activities

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

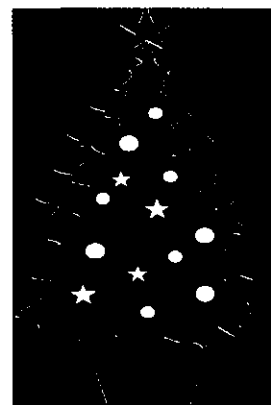
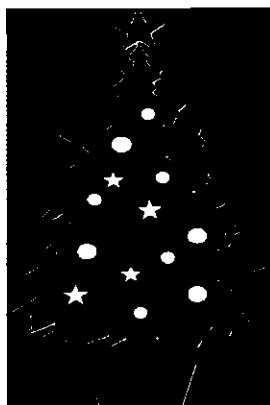
Community/Village Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Various activities:

Children's crafts, musical performers and refreshments.

Call the Library at (630) 529-3120 for more details.



Bloomington Park District

We're right around the corner!

172 S. Circle Avenue

Ph. 630.529.3650

Office Hours:

M-TH: 8:30am-7:00pm

F: 8:30am-4:30pm

SA: 9:00am-1:00pm

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



Make a Difference Day 2005

October 22, 2005

9:00am- Noon

Springfield Park Pavilion

Make A Difference Day is the most encompassing national day of helping others-a celebration of neighbors

helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Make A Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

In Bloomington, community members will join forces to clean up and beautify the Springfield Park Wetlands and Nature Area. All ages are invited to participate, everyone can lend a helping hand. Service groups, local businesses, scouts, families, and individuals are welcome to participate. All participants will receive a free t-shirt. After the clean-up is completed volunteers are invited to stay for refreshments and enjoy a Spirit of the Eagle Native American storytelling presentation.

Please call the Bloomington Park District, 630-529-3650 to register for this event.

Bob the Builder Party

Saturday, October 22, 11:00am-12:15pm

Dad & Munchkin Party Does your munchkin love 'Bob the Builder?' This is his or her chance to come join the fun and build a project with dad. Each child will receive a construction hat and a goodie pouch filled with tools just like Bob the Builder uses.



Registration deadline is October 14.

Location	Age	R/NR Fee	Code #
3PD Museum	2-5 yrs.	\$15/20	101105-A1
108 S. Bloomington Rd.			

Mr. High Yoga

Tuesdays, October 25-November 29, 3:45-4:30pm

Yoga is for every age. Learn techniques to make your life happier and healthier. Learn how to breathe through stress, stretch, and strengthen your body. Noncompetitive and fun! Dress comfortably. Mats are provided, or you may bring your own.

Location	Grade	R/NR Fee	Code #
ARC Aerobics Studio	6-8	\$35/40	102326-A2

Register for programs at the
Johnston Recreation Center,
172 S. Circle Ave., or online at
bloomingtonparks.org

ADULT & SENIOR TRIPS

Noble Horse Theatre-Tuesday, December 6, 10:30am-3:30pm

Come experience the Nutcracker on horseback! This riding hall, established in 1871, is the last horse performance stable in Chicago. At the end of the show the audience is invited to meet the horses and riders. Fee includes transportation, lunch, and performance.

Registration deadline is November 22.

Location	R/NR Fee	Code #
JRC Parking Lot	\$48/53	103241-A1

Shop 'Til You Drop-Wednesday, December 7, 8:15am-4:15pm

Join us for our popular annual holiday shopping trip downtown on State Street. See all of the beautiful holiday decorations and magical lights, do lots of shopping, and enjoy lunch on your own at one of the wonderful restaurants in the city.

Registration deadline is December 1.

Location	R/NR Fee	Code #
JRC Parking Lot	\$12/17	103238-A1

Shop 'Til You Drop 2-Tuesday, December 13, 2:00-9:00pm

This unique counterpart to "Shop 'Til You Drop" allows you to experience the delight of the holidays in Chicago during the evening hours. You'll be dropped off near Water Tower Place shopping center, and be on your own to enjoy shopping and have dinner. Venture down Michigan Avenue to take a closer look at the lights after shopping, before heading home.

Registration deadline is December 6.

Location	R/NR Fee	Code #
JRC Parking Lot	\$12/17	103239-A1



Bloomington
Parks Foundation

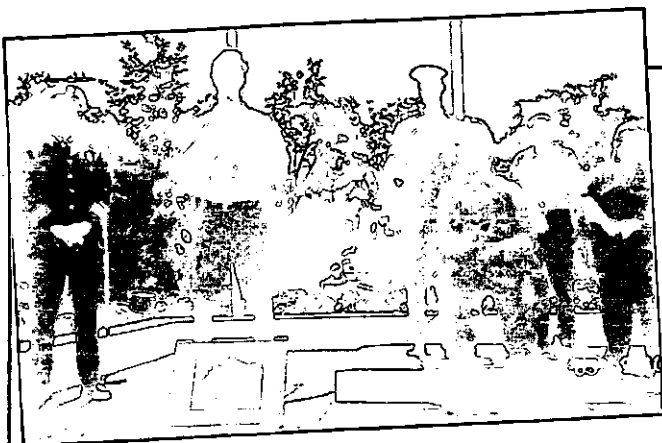
10TH ANNUAL RECOGNITION DINNER

November 11, 2005

6:30pm Fellowship
7:00pm Dinner
9:00pm Entertainment

Indian Lakes Resort
250 W. Schick Road

Bloomington Parks Foundation 172 S. Circle Ave. Bloomington, IL 60108 630.529.3650
www.bloomingtonparks.org



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